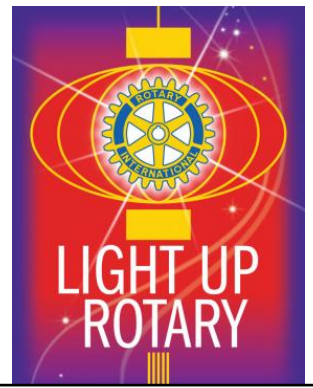




The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 26 November 2014

Int President Gary C.K. Huang

President – Gail Taylor, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer - Peter Bayne, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Board Member – Bill Rossiter, Board Member – Maurice Schicker, District Governor – Bruce Rasmussen, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

President Gail welcomed members and Guests Mike & Liz Beasley

Apologies :- Jack & Babara Lucy, Roger, Alison

1 minutes Notices:-

- Trailer raffle sorted and ready for the summer show.
- Christmas lunch is set for 10 Dec, same food as last year, Gail will co-ordinate a cold lunch with Ham, salads etc
- 14 Dec is our breakup function at Mike & Pats batch in Moureeses Bay, Whananaki, meeting at 1:00pm for BBQ lunch and on until the wee hours of the morning!!
- 7 Dec, Summer show with the trailer raffle, roster has been sent out.

Guest Speakers Mike & Liz Beasley – Solomon Islands

Mike is a quantity surveyor and volunteered to help build a convent in Honiara. Mike was being hosted by the local nuns and it was prudent for Kay to go along as a chaperone. Honiara has a population of 60,000 and they lived in a compound that had security fences surrounding it.

Mikes job was to liaise with building suppliers, Engineers & Council etc, however it became apparent to Mike that the building site was not big enough for the proposed building so set about arranging a survey. This proved to be a waiting game and Mike will have to return to Honiara to finish the job.

Meantime Liz being a school teacher decided to offer her services at the local school of about 300 plus students. She started in the Library where there were boxes of books that had been donated. The locals had categorised them into the boxes they came in so there was no logic. Then they decided to utilise her teaching ability where she noticed that the students has problem, so Kay then became the school Councillor and the students poured out, very openly, problem from incest to abuse. Remedial reading was another area that needed attention so Kay naturally got involved. Classes of 50 were usual but they were segregated. The casual attitude from both student & teachers was apparent and from day to day you never knew what students or teachers would turn up.

Meals were basic and Mike & Liz lived on tin tuna & rice. The community was poor but no-one went hungry as the land is fertile so fruit & veg grows abundantly.

Mike & Liz showed us several photos of their experience and could have talked for hours and the questions from members were abundant.

We look forward to hearing when the convent is finished

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)				
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc				
Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)				
Duties	3 Dec (am)	10 Dec (am)	Hospital	
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Christmas Lunch	Gail	
Host	None	Everyone		
Thanks	None	Gail		
Reception	None	Everyone		
Parting Thought	Andrew	Gail		

Parting Thought Peter via Mike

“Generally speaking, you’re not learning much if your lips are moving”