



# Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 28 Sep 2016

## Int President John Germ

President – Shirley Faber, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer – Bill Rossiter, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Youth – Maurice Schicker,  
District Governor – Peter Smith, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

**President Shirley welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

### **Apologies:-**

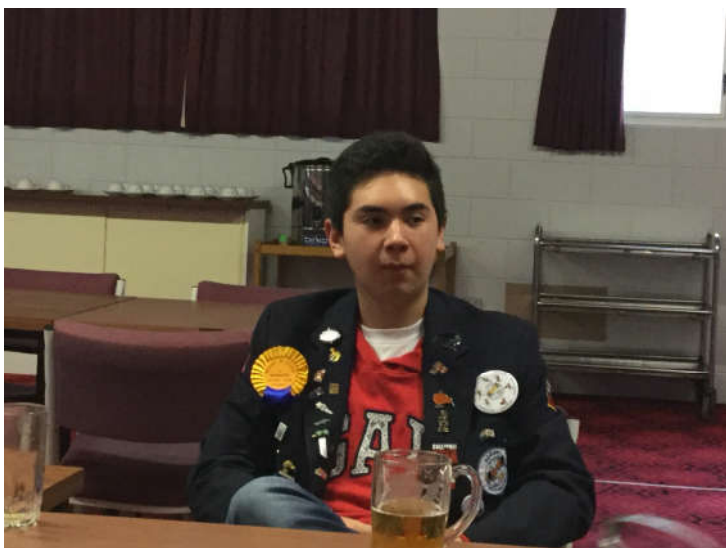
George, Gail & Brian, Bill & Alison, Jack & Barbara Lucy

### **One minute notice**

- 1 October we are manning the Blood pressure stand.
- 7 October we are manning the Blind Foundation stand
- Speech Contest is underway- Andrew sorting, Semi final on 19 Oct and Final 26 Oct. will be held at the RSA upstairs, keep those dates free and please bring a plate.
- Trailer Raffle is underway, we will be needing bodies on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Dec (Summer Show), at Mitre10 for sales and BBQ on 18, 26 & 31 Dec
- Xmas Lunch for Widows & Widowers will be 10 Dec at the Masonic Hall Maunu Road. Members \$20 per head and will be catered by Inner Wheel.
- Roger spoke about a possible project in Vanuatu – detail to follow
- We are hosting the combined clubs dinner on 29 Jan – at RSA
- Pop up shop coming – John attended a meeting on 29 and will report back
- 12 October will be our AGM – all members to turn up please, evening meal at RSA
- AK Franks will be advertised Beginning of October.

**WOW- our sleepy little club is flat out – well done team**

**Guest Speaker – Our very own Carlos Soto**



Born in Santiago, Chile, lived there for 10 years

Moved to Easter island with a population of 8,000.

A friend went to France on a rotary exchange and convinced Carlos to apply.

He wanted to improve his English so Carlos picked NZ as it was a safer than USA or South Africa.

When he arrived he felt lost, new language, far away from home, with a tear in his eye having left the nest, but after a month settled down and his English has improved.

“Hey dad – that’s Peters beer!!!”

First impression was the abundance of trees in NZ.

First day of school he was a bit lost too, being shy and lacking confidence. Carlos was befriended by two other international students, now has plenty of friends.

Went to Wellington and loved the city, "most beautiful city in the world" was his comment.

Traversed the Tongariro crossing and is going to the South Island in November, he is looking forward to that. Wants to do a Bungy jump.

**Footnote:**

We have seen the confidence in Carlos grow during his stay and his English is very good. It is also worth noting that he is doing very well at College too.

<b>Duty Roster (a.m – noon for 12:30, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) R.S.A.</b>			
<b>Lunch first, dinner second – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner etc</b>			
<b>Duties</b>	<b>5 Oct (am)</b>	<b>12 Sep – (pm)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Lunch Forum</b>	<b>AGM</b>	Gail
<b>Host</b>	Everyone	Everyone	
<b>Thanks</b>	None	None	
<b>Reception</b>	None	Everyone	
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Graham	Shirley	

Parting thought from Andrew

**"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."**