



Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for June 2017

Int President John Germ

President – Maurice Schicker, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer – Bill Rossiter, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner – Graeme Corbet, Website - Andrew Bax, Youth – Maurice Schicker,
District Governor – David Oliphant, Assistant Governor – Brian Burnett

Presidents Monthly Report

Thanks for electing me as your president.

We are off to a busy start with changing our meeting venue to Kamo Club, and looking forward to the DG visit next week. I will also be attending Area 2 presidents meeting this week in Dargaville.

Now we have to focus on the Trailer Raffle and the next round of AK Franks applications

I want to concentrate on getting new members to join our club, so ask a friend or colleague to attend one of our meetings

Changeover– 5 July 2017

A great turnout at Café Nania for our Changeover dinner.
A superb meal and great company.

Good to see Bert & Frank there along with our guests.
We had Latoya who spoke to us about RYLA, Peter from Mitre 10 and Margaret from NDHB who both received “Community Service awards”

SURPRISE!!!

Early in the evening Mike was asked to say a few words about Bert and his history in the Club.....

BERT BOSWELL joined Rotary 30 May 1978
President Whangarei Rotary Club in 1994

Held the posts of secretary, newsletter editor and chairman at various times of all four committees

- Oversaw the organization of the rotary speech contest for 20 many years
- assisted in the fund raising for the hospital helicopter pad.
(was present when the 1st helicopter landed to officially open the facility)
- acted as Santa Claus on several occasions at Maunu health camp rotary Christmas party.
- Organized the fundraising for the children’s playground at the town basin.
- Organized pooh sticks competition at Mair park.
- Helped run the annual wine festival at Glenbervie and remained sober (he always assured me!!!)
- Helped organize the annual bike-a-thon through the Glenbervie forest



Bert attended international conferences at Norfolk island and Noumea as well as some in New Zealand. In Noumea, Malvina major was the special guest.

Has fond memories of monthly fireside committee meetings

Bert was the principle at WPS for (ask Bert) and we often run into people who say “Bert Boswell”, he taught me 40 years ago.

Bert was our link to the newspaper and always sent in articles telling them about our projects and most of them were published.

He was presented a Paul Harris in 1996

Bert’s eye sight started deteriorating many years ago, but that didn’t stop him from attending Rotary meetings. He was still and active members even when he couldn’t see much but his hearing & brain are perfect which allowed Bert to contribute towards the club.

Our impression of Bert, and I’m sure everyone who knows Bert would agree.

Honest, Humble, cup half full attitude, Friendly, high standard of ethics, approachable, reliable, Hardworking, Lived by the 4 way test.

Bert epitomizes what Rotary stands for and we are very honored to know Bert.

This sounds like a eulogy but I assure you he’s not quite dead yet, but its always better to hear these thing thoughts about you while you can.

Bert we all Love you very much

Bert was then presented a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin



CHANGEOVER



Then it was time for the official changeover, Shirley thanked all the members for their help over the year and was happy to hand over the reins to Maurice.

Maurice gave is inaugural speech.....

“Hi everyone and thanks for attending tonight. Thanks to Shirley for all the work she has done in the last 12 months, and also a big thanks to the committee members. For the amount of members, we have, we have achieved a lot.

- Red Nose Day, Daffodill day, Polio collections
- Annual speech Contest
- AK Franks Grants
- Helping out other Rotary Groups
- Our main revenue earner, the trailer Raffle & BBQ, with many thanks to Mitre 10 for their support.

Here’s hoping our revenue opportunities will open up to us this year.

I’m grateful to all members who will support these events as best as they can and realizing that not all can commit fully to everything but we always manage to achieve.

This year I would like to see the Club committing to increasing our membership numbers and continue supporting youth and the global eradication of Polio.

I would like to thank Mark and the staff for the meal they put on tonight and to Pat for organizing the Raffle.

That's it from me, so here's to an enjoyable Rotary year."

Guest Speaker

Latoya Hood show a PowerPoint presentation of her experience on the RYLA course.

Latoya found RYLA to be an amazing experience (her words). She wasn't sure what to expect but RYLA motivated her and gave her more self-confidence. The group of people who attended were all positive and Latoya has made some lifelong friends and they have already planned a reunion. The week long course was filled with challenges, both mentally and physically and very motivational & emotional. Teamwork was a strong underlying theme and she realized that everyone has some skill to offer from cooking to music.



PRESENTATIONS

Two more presentations were made by Maurice to Gail & Peter

Both were presented with "Paul Harris Fellows" in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



The Club felt that Gail & Peter have been very active members and always get involved with any activities our club carries out. You can always rely on them to volunteers for collections and BBQ duties. Both have been president of our Club for 2 years and have very high attendance figures for meetings. They have both been committee members since they joined Rotary. Peter Joined in 2009 and Gail in 2010

Peter is chairman of the Bernard Bowden Trust and Gail has been a volunteer driver for the Hospital for several years.

They are truly committed Rotarians and put “Service Above Self”

Tikipunga High School MUNA Students



Our club Sponsored two teams from Tikipunga High to attend MUNA. The teams gave a presentation and were very grateful for the opportunity. Three of them went last year so were able to help prepare for this year's meeting. They represented South Korea and Kazakhstan. The students were billeted and enjoyed the experience. They all agreed that their self-confidence has improved and are not so shy. They dressed in their country costumes and had to do a lot of research about their country and Kazakhstan won best in roll for the meeting.

The team thanked our club for sponsoring them and really enjoyed the challenge although they admitted they were out of their comfort zone initially but soon were made to feel comfortable.

Aug Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for Noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) KAMO club					
Lunch first, dinner second – 1st Wed lunch 2nd dinner etc					
Duties	2 Aug (am)	9 Aug (pm)	16 Aug – (am)	23 Aug – (pm)	30 Aug – (pm)
Speaker	Lunch forum	DG visit	Lunch forum	Diane Stoppard	Dinner at No8
Host	None	Maurice	Everyone	Peter	None
Thanks	None	Maurice	None	Peter	None
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Peter	None
Parting Thought	Andrew	Maurice	Andrew	Peter	None

Parting thought – From Maurice

**“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone”
-Ronald Regan**