



Whangarei Rotary

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District 9910



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Editors Report

Our club can't be accused of sitting around doing nothing.

We had an invigorating meeting with a Pipe band after giving them financial help.

We were approached to help with some money to immunize Hikurangi Primary School.

We were given a talk by a young couple about their efforts in cleaning up Whangarei and have managed to supply them with a \$5,000 covered trailer.

Participated in several street collections

Sponsored Schools to MUNA

Attended a Dinner/ Show at the Octagon

We met for several BBQ's at members houses and eaten out at many restaurants.

We inducted a new member... and another one is joining.

Held our 59th annual speech contest

It is bloody tough being a Rotarian, but soooo rewarding.

See full details below

Andrew Bax

Whangarei Pipe Band

After being approached by the Whangarei Highland Pipe Band to assist with them attending a international get together in Christchurch we decided to give them \$500. They were blown away with our generosity and that allowed several members to attend. Mike organised them to give us a little performance to show their gratitude. We all met at the Masonic Village Hall with the locals waiting in anticipation. Well, 10 members turned up and met a Shirly's place then see lead them into the hall. It was very impressive to say the least and they gave us a real concert for about 30mins.

They were introduced and most of them were at the Christchurch gathering and were very grateful for the assistance and found it very worthwhile and came away with improved skills and enthusiasm.



At the end they stripped down the pipes and showed us how the inner workings gave us the tunes and showed us the difference between each instrument. Some were owned by their grandfathers and some were made from modern materials.

I think it is fair to say that all members were blown away.

President Maurice Inducted a new Member



We welcomed Rhonda into Rotary in a very formal way which I think is worth showing:-

FIRST SPEAKER (THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB)
[ASK INDUCTEE TO COME FORWARD AND FACE THE MEMBERS]

Rhonda Dredge, you are about to become the newest member of the Rotary Club of Whangarei. The Rotarian who proposed you for membership paid you a great compliment. They saw in you those characteristics which would make a fine Rotarian. You have been approved by the responsible committees of the club, by the board, and by the members.

And now, four of our members will formally induct you into our club.

SECOND SPEAKER (Shirley Faber-STAND IN FRONT, FACING INDUCTEE)

Welcome to Rotary, Rhonda Dredge, where you will be called by your first name. I stand before you, to lead you into a new, great adventure in friendship and in

service to your vocation, to your community, and to your fellow man. You are joining 12 Rotarians in our club, and over 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries. All are business and professional people united by the common "Ideal of Service."

THIRD SPEAKER (Andrew Bax -STAND TO ONE SIDE OF INDUCTEE)

Rhonda, In 1905, Paul Harris, a young lawyer in Chicago, experiencing the loneliness of a newcomer to a big city, wanted to become acquainted with individuals in other businesses and professions. On the evening of February 23, 1905, he met with three friends to discuss his ideas. From this beginning, they invited others to meet with them, and began to rotate the meetings among each others' offices. From this "rotation" came the name Rotary. Their number soon became too great to meet in each others' offices and a luncheon club was formed.

FOURTH SPEAKER (Frank Jackson -STAND BEHIND INDUCTEE)

Rhonda, I speak from behind you to urge you forward in a new and great adventure, to become a Rotarian. First, there are things you must learn. Most important is the object of Rotary International, which is to "encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." Related to the ideal of service is our commitment to "service above self", and our belief that "he profits most who serves best". And, of course, the famous Four Way test of the things we think, say, and do,

- First Is it the truth?
- Second Is it fair to all concerned?
- Third Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Fourth Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Then there are many books you can read. "My Road To Rotary" by our founder Paul Harris is one of the best. Here, in his own words, you can learn the basic philosophy of the fellowship. Most important is participation, which begins with regular attendance. Make Rotary an important part of your week. Learn how to make up attendance by visiting other clubs. To appreciate the broad scope of Rotary, attend the district assemblies and conferences and, if possible, an International Convention.

Rhonda, Soon you will hear the words "Rotary Fellowship". Fellowship begins with acquaintance, so your first assignment in the club will to be on the fellowship committee, greeting members and visitors as they come to our meetings.

FIFTH SPEAKER (Gail Taylor-STAND BESIDE INDUCTEE)

I stand beside you, Rhonda, representing the members of our club, to walk with you in this new and great adventure. Here is your lapel pin- wear it proudly. (**Gail or Rotarian who proposed inductee for membership should pin on the pin now**). With this pin you can attend meetings of any Rotary Club in the world. Rhonda, you have been accepted as our newest member. Each member is an experimental venture in service and the other high ideals of Rotary. The experiment starts now. You can become our greatest Rotarian. If you will take this step in Rotary, please step forward with me and let our members welcome you to the Club.

Hikurangi Primary School Immunization

A couple of months ago Dr Shane Reti approached Shirley asking if Our club could help to fundraise to immunise the School. Shane is driving a campaign to get all children immunized, not just up to 5 years and over 13 years. It was going to cost the thick end of \$20,000. Our initial discussions seemed to be saying, its a lot of money but let's not write it off.

Shona from the School came to our club and told us what she was doing.... She started trying to get together fund to get her children immunized but felt a little selfish and wanted to get all 200 at her school imunized. Shona had raised \$6,000 with cake stalls and garage sales and donations etc but still needed another \$14,000. Shane managed to arrange the vaccines at a reduced rate so now we needed \$12,000. Peter said he would approach the Harold Thomas Trust and see if they would help. We agreed to give

\$1,000. Next thing the District Governor gave us \$2,500 from his discretionary fund. Hello we had \$3,500. Then we hear back from Harold Thomas Trust saying they would match whatever we could raise. So, we used another \$2,500 from our McCoy Trust which gave us \$6,000, that was matched to give us \$12,000 and Shona's \$6,000, Bingo we had \$18,000.

It was them all go, and Dr Shane Reti gave his time to spent a day immunizing all the school.

This is Rotary working at its best!!

Whangarei Rotary McCoy Speech Contest

The 59th contest held on 8 June 2019

We had interest from 8 Schools but in the end, there were 4 who entered.

From left to right:- with topic

Shi-on Ko - Whangarei Boys High
"Privacy is on the verge of extinction"

Sophie Saweirs – Whangarei Girls High
"Speaking for Justice, working for Unity"

Hannah Watson – Kerikeri High School
"This speech has no topic"

Ella Hague – Bream Bay College
"Radical Feminism"



Judges-Roger Barber, Pat Carrol, Dr Shane Reti

The Judges summed up saying that every year they say "this was the best competition", and it can't get much better, but this year was the highest standard so far and Pat, (head Judge) has been involved for many years, said "it was a very close call indeed."

Everyone was a winner

1st Sophie Saweirs (\$1000.00)

2nd Hannah (\$500)

3rd Ella (\$250)

4th Shi-on (\$100)



MUNA



This year we sponsored Tikipunga High and they represented Tonga. Teachers Rina Hudson, and Fiona Rowse gave us a summary of the students experience at MUNA and were very excited about the positive effects the whole weekend had on the students. Rubbing shoulders with people from all over the country and making friends from different walks of life has only had positive outcomes.

The students went in very nervous but are now very keen to enter next year.

Rina & Fiona thanks our club for helping them send the students and very much appreciate the opportunity, not only this year, but over the past years as well.

Reminder of New Format for 2019

We collectively decided that our lunchtime meetings were generally a social get together and many members drive long distances to attend or work and found it difficult to find time to attend, so we have removed lunchtime meetings. We decided that the BBQ meetings were fun so would like to keep them going.

So here is our new format:-

2nd Wednesday of each month – A formal dinner meeting with quest speaker -organised by Mike

4th Wednesday of each month – BBQ meeting at members house – rotated around.

5th Wednesdays, when applicable - Meal out at restaurant- organised by Mike

We can conduct formal business at any of the above meetings (with quorum) that will be recorded by the secretary and distributed to members.

If any members require transport to meetings, please contact the president who will make arrangements.

Parting thought – From President Maurice at the Speech Contest.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”

Malcolm X