



Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for April 2017

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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,
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Presidents Monthly Report

May was another busy month for our Club.

We held the annual speech contest, which took up 2 evenings, had a club meal in Waipu, and Maurice is organizing the changeover evening for next month.

Due the sale of the RSA complex we are looking for an alternative venue.

Guest Speaker – David Moss – Travel Consultant

Started in travel 35 years ago with Roseman & Warren.

Here to talk about You travel which started a year ago and was named from United Travel which is 35 years old, so they adapted “you” from the “U” in United. United travel were taken over by several NZ then Australian companies and finally after discussion the waters parted and “You Travel” was formed from the Original “Roseman & Warren” which is over 70 years old and is still the Company name but trade under “You Travel”

So you want to travel the world which sound romantic.

However the harsh reality settles in and you start with this heading to the Airport. David gets 2 or 3 call a year from customers saying they’re stuck in traffic and their flight leaves soon. Most people don’t know but this is covered by travel insurance.



Then there are the lines at the checkouts, being seated next to a screaming kid or a large person. Immigration can be frustrating. Must say NZ immigration is pretty good, unlike the US security. Finally, losing your luggage.

So Travel, why would you even bother with all the above frustrations.

David is out to create experiences, that his primary job. He has been in the travel business for a long time and like to concentrate on interesting locations and tens to steer away from the package deals that are available.

So David has a bucket list and enjoys ticking off this list and adding more and helping customers to do likewise.

Great Wall of China

Absolutely amazing, if you go to the right place there are no queues and the sky is clear contrary to popular beliefs. There are parts of the wall that haven't been restore yet but you can still walk them. They are perched on the top of shear wall cliff and are spectacular.



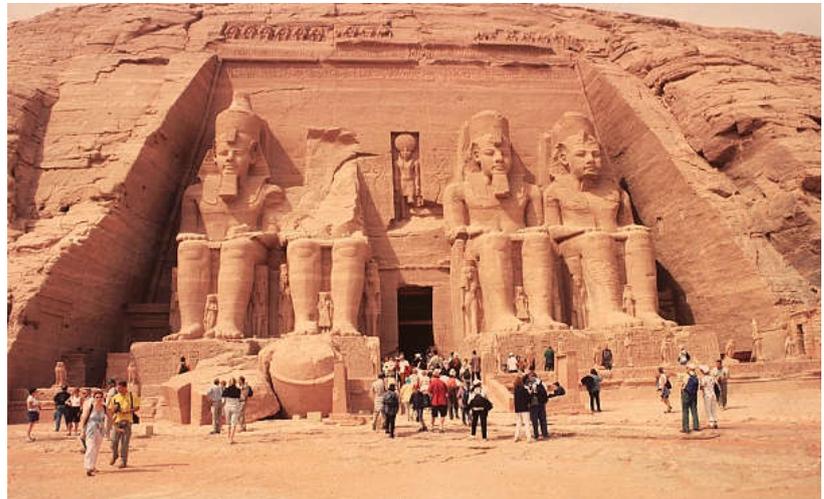
Safari in Rajasthan



This is a safari where you shoot (with a camera) leopards, tigers and even Asiatic lion. There is only one park where all three can be seen.

Temple of Ramses II

This takes a 3hr trip on a bus through the desert with the Nile on your left and the Sahara Desert on the right. On the right you see all there camels by the road. The road is too hot to cross over to the Nile so they sit down and the heat, wind & sand mummifies them so you see all these mummified camels dotted along the road.



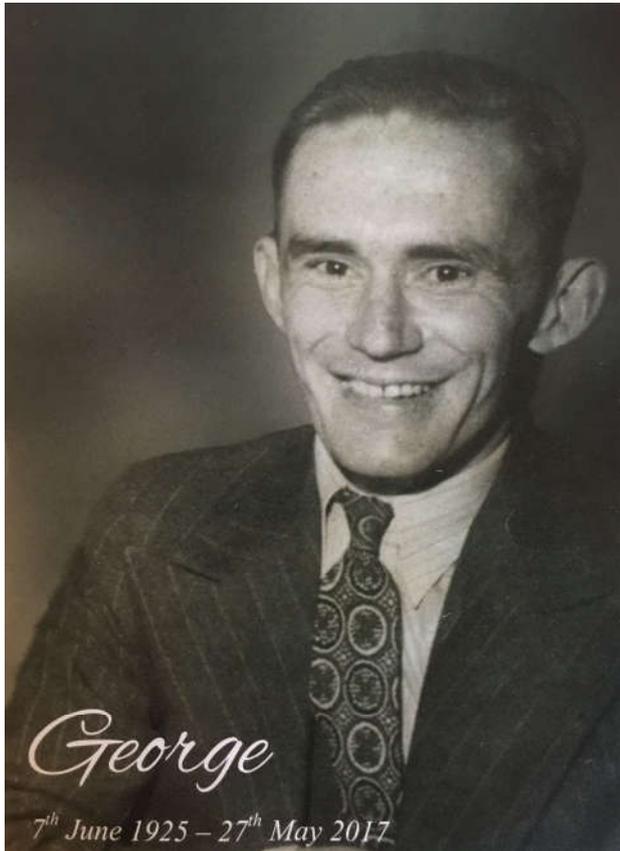
Napier Art Deco Weekend

This is another bucket list must They put on a cruise from Whangarei. This year 47 people took advantage of this P & O Cruise which included a Great Gadsby evening dressed up in the 1920's gear. In Napier, all the locals get behind this weekend and dress up in the appropriate clothes and ride around

Davis has many more on his bucket list such as diving with the Whale Sharks which he is doing later this year. Davis tries to travel at least one trip a year and tries to tick off something on his bucket list. He has been doing this since he was 17 and likes to give his customers a similar experience.

A most interesting talk and got all our travel bugs excited.
Roger Barber thanked David and agreed with all 15 of his Bucket lists.

George Wilson



From Mike Elrick on behalf of Whangarei Rotary 2/6/17

George followed in the footsteps of his father and his brother. His father joined the Club in 1931 and was president in 1949/50. His brother joined in 1961 and George was inducted into the club in 1965. George was a very low-profile member of the club but was also a powerful advocate for the ideals of Rotary. He was a great mentor for new Rotarians. Lloyd Morris and I both joined the club in 1976 and quickly became aware of the value of George who gently introduced us to Rotary with his caring, great sense of humour, fine example and extensive knowledge.

He was very reluctant to take on the responsibility of a directorship in the club because of his hearing difficulties.

However, he was appointed director of the international services committee in 1970/71 just 5 years after joining the club. He never aspired to be President.

George was one of those committed Rotarians who was prepared to undertake any task that he was asked to do.

He was always the first person to volunteer his services for any task the club was undertaking like working bees, collecting money on street collections, assisting in the club fund raising projects, hosting visitors and many others.

George was always first to offer his home for meetings and many of the club members will remember being hosted by George and Trish on the farm in Three Mile Bush and at their home in Headland Farm Park. The fireside meetings and social occasions were always enjoyed by those attending.

George was always looking for projects that the club could be involved in, many of these being focused on his passion with conservation.

He was instrumental in getting Pohutukawa trees planted along the Beach Road between Waikaraka and Parua Bay which included maintaining them, for a number of years – many working bees were undertaken by the club on this project.

He was the driving force behind getting the club involved in the Quarry Gardens project and, in particular, the creation of the pond and waterfalls and providing the Rotary Bridge that spans the stream.

George was responsible through his connections and with members of the Club in establishing a large bush covenant in perpetuity on a property being developed in Helena Bay.

Through the Rotary Club activities George became involved in a project in the Pacific Islands, started by another member, Bernie Bowden, who gave freely of his time providing eye surgery for the island people. George took up this challenge and did the same with his hearing specialty. When Bernie passed away a trust administered by Rotary, was formed to provide health care education to the people of the Pacific Islands. Along with a bequest from Bernie Bowden, George was a major contributor to the establishment of the trust and its works in health care education which is still operating today.

Probably the largest project that was instigated by George which involved the whole Rotary Club was the establishment of a new building for the League for the Hard of Hearing. This building was to replace the old cobblers building on their site on Mill road opposite the Anglican Church. The Club was involved in a major fund-raising campaign for the construction of the new building. During the whole process, George was the driving force, encouraging everyone in his quiet, gentle yet authoritative way. He even sourced a new secretary for the Hearing Association through his contacts in the club who just happened to be my father in law. George was very proud of his achievements but was absolutely devastated some years later when the League for the Hard of Hearing broke up and the building was sold.

George was always involved in the club activities. He talked to the club on several occasions about the interesting trips around the world that he and Trish had done. They were always keen to attend all the social functions the club organized and she obviously enjoyed himself.

Lloyd Morris said to me the other day that one of the funniest things he had seen about George was a photograph of him at a Rotary social dancing around a maypole in a pair of brief, frilly shorts.

George surely was a true Rotarian, living the Rotary motto of, “Service Above Self”

We will miss you George

Arohanui – Rest in peace

Whangarei McCoy Speech Contest

This year the contest was held in May at the request of the colleges.

We held our Zone competition on May 17th and we had three contestants.

Two from Whangarei Boys High and one from Whangarei Girls High



The final competition was held in May 31st



The winner was Cailyn Prisk from Whangarei Girls High and the runner up was Michaela Jenkins-Stevenson from Dargaville High

President elect Morris & DG Peter presents the winner with the trophy and \$1000 and the runner-up with \$500.

This year the McCoy Trust has sponsored the contest and will continue the sponsorship into the future.

The contest was very close and the quality of the speeches was high. The impromptu speeches probably separated the winner.

This is the second year in a row that WGHS has won, so well done to them.

Thanks to all the members that helped to make this another successful event.

A Blast From The Recent Past

Dear Friends
Maurice and Debbie

With much affection we greet you, we have been very ungrateful to you, for not having written before.

But our thanks and beautiful memories with you, make us remember them a lot.

We returned to Easter Island, with our children very happy to be reunited.

Carlos also reunited with his beloved pet ... Pascual (sent you a photo)

Carlos came to take up his studies at his school, he is not the child before ... now he is a young person with more personality and opinion ... although Carlos still does not decide that he wants to study in the future, but we do not want to pressure him. ... the best thing is that Carlos's English is very good he is following with English classes to perfect and maintain everything he has learned ... even if he is preparing to take an international English test and have The opportunity to study outside Chile ...



For me and Maritza, it was a pleasure to meet and share them at your house we felt very welcome also, we want to thank you for everything you and Debbie did for Carlos for him, you were excellent Host parents ... the best ... and he has with you beautiful memories of the activities you shared with him. Thanks Maurice

I would like to send a warm greeting to all members of the Rotary Club of Whangarei, who have always supported Carlos ... especially those who accompanied us to your house and the President of the Club ... she is very charming ... Maurice , Tell everyone that Carlos gave his presentation at Club Rapanui, about his experience during his student exchange. I send you same photo as remembers..

We will also write to Peter and Margaret soon to greet and send them more photos
Thanks again for all friends and we keep in touch.
Remember that you have us in Chile for anything



PD: Carlos took some of the Rotary Rapanui Club banners as a gift to you and to the Rotary Whangarei club ... but ... he lost the banners inside all his luggage ... so ... we will send them The pennants, by "courier". Excuse Carlos ...

June Duty Roster (a.m – noon for 12:30, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) R.S.A.					
Lunch first, dinner second – 1st Wed lunch 2nd dinner etc					
Duties	7 Jun (am)	14 June (pm)	21 Jun – (am)	28 Jun – (pm)	
Speaker	Dinner in Waipu	Deb Forman Kamo Wild Life Sanctuary	Lunch forum	Chloe Hollows Stroke Foundation	
Host	None	Mike	Everyone	Alison	
Thanks	None	Mike	None	Alison	
Reception	None	Mike	Everyone	Alison	
Parting Thought	None	Mike	President	Alison	

Parting thought

