



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2020-21</p> <p>President Frank Heuser Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan Directors: Club Service Jenny Robertson Art-x Brian Mathews Community Mark Dickerson International Helen Tattersall Vocational Gill Scarlet Youth Penny Park</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p>Firesides: First Wednesday of month</p> <p>Directors: Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p>Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>International Committee Night – 24 Feb RYPEN – 9-11 April District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May</p> <p>Leave of Absences: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Curly Carpenter – Ongoing Alan White – 27 Jan to 8 Apr Noel Mann – 3 Feb to 24 Feb</p>

Meeting held 17th February 2021

President Frank opened the meeting by announcing that there would be a different format for the meeting and called Ken Hunt forward.

Ken reminded members of the history of the prestigious Paul Harris award which is named after Paul Harris who, along with 3 business colleagues, founded the Rotary organisation that is now established throughout the world.

Ken explained that the award is given to people whose actions reflect the ideals that are enshrined in the objectives of the Rotary Foundation.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	February 24th	March 3rd	March 10th	March 17th
Programme: Guest Speaker	International Committee	Firesides	Donna Congalton Heart Foundation	Visit to Regional Sports Park
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	International Committee	Artex Committee	Edwin Brown Geoff Bibby Barry Keating Gail Kelly Bob Morrison Bob Brady Brian Peplow	Tba
Stewards	Denise Brown Mark Dickerson Bruce Martin Bob Morrison Gill Scarlett	Stuart Cheyne Hayley Gibson Bryan Matthews Kevin McCormack Doug Neilson	Brian Anstis Garth Eyles Chris McKenna Dennis Thetford Peter Thompson	Tba

NB IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Frank of the change

Ken then advised that the latest recipient is a dedicated and active member and summarised his roles within Greenmeadows Rotary. He invited Peter Thompson forward.

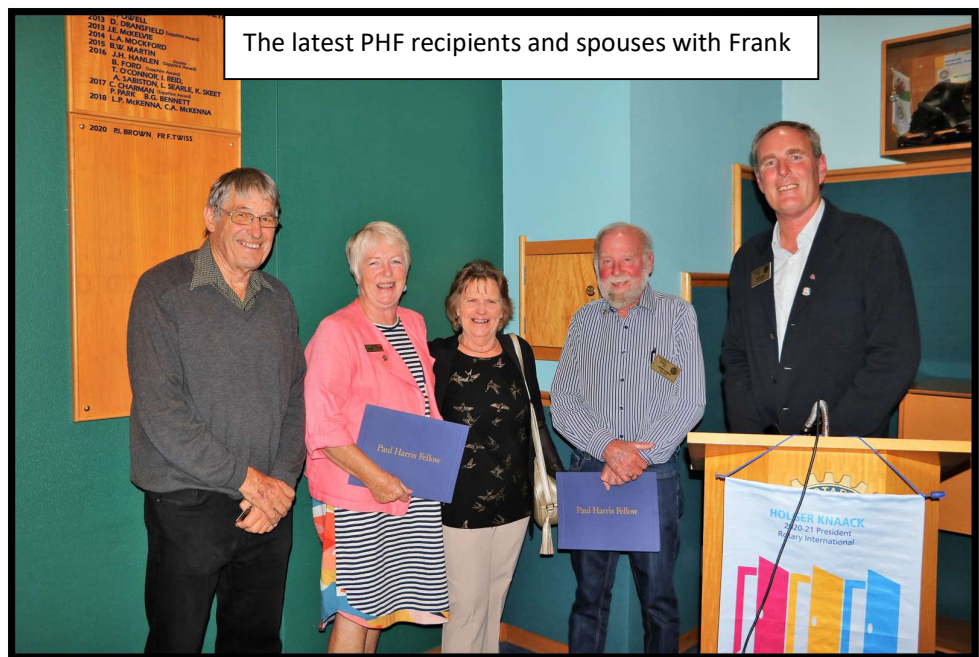
Ken explained that it was during Peter's time as President in the 2019/20 year that his real commitment and empathy towards the Club and its members really came to the fore. Peter worked tirelessly to keep the Club active and engaged. This was of course the year that the Covid 19 struck the world. It would have been very easy simply to "close" the Club down for the duration however Peter worked tirelessly to keep the Club active and engaged.

Peter put considerable hours and thought into ensuring the Club's members were both safe and connected. He was a frequent visitor to some of the Club's more elderly and maintained a constant phone connection with many others to ensure that they had all they needed during the lockdown period. He went far beyond what is accepted as the norm for Club Presidents.

Peter has always demonstrated the Rotary motto of "Service above Self" by his activities both within and outside the Club. He is a regular volunteer for all aspects of Rotary life and a regular at the likes of RYPEN, Dolbel plantings and Club fundraising activities. One aspect of his commitment is his willingness to help others who, through unexpected circumstances, require assistance. His regular and frequent assistance to these people is perhaps unequalled within the Greenmeadows Rotary.

President Frank then presented Peter with his PHF pin and certificate as members stood and applauded.

Ken again came forward and explained that the next recipient is someone who has clearly demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate, these Rotary ideals over an extended period. Even in school this person was showing leadership and innovation gaining awards in a variety of fields. In 1986 she was appointed a JP and must have been one



of the youngest JP's ever. In 1992 she was awarded a Palmerston North Civic award for her work with children's health and safety and wellbeing.

He invited Mary Anne Eyles and Garth to the stage.

The Eyles moved to Hawkes Bay in 1993 where Mary Anne continued her JP work and served on the HB JPs association. She was President from 2004 to 2007, a ministerial trainee and a teacher/mentor of provisionally appointed JPs and is still a practising JP.

In 2012 Mary Anne was appointed onto the HB Ethics Committee which she served on until it was disbanded in 2018. Also in 2012 she joined the Red Cross Napier Branch and is still an active member.

A committee member from 2012 and Branch president from 2014 – 2020 (a maximum 6 year term) Responsible for the management of volunteers (over 200) and coordinating the running of the Red Cross shop. As Area Chairperson her role is to coordinate the activities of the Eastland Area including 3 day courses for "at risk" children in the Gisborne region.

Mary Anne is a person well worthy of a Paul Harris Award.

President Frank then presented Mary Anne with her PHF pin and certificate as members again stood and applauded.

Other Matters

Welfare

Stuart reported that Bill was now in a room on his own and was a little better but will likely transfer to the hospice. Mort is off back to Auckland on Thursday and Stew Skeet was due to have surgery today. Ken has been in and out of hospital.

Curly thanked members for all their good wishes and his new hip is going very well.

International Committee

Helen asked members to stay on for a quick meeting after the club meeting.

Community

Denise Brown advised she will circulate a list of street collections shortly.

Artex

Bryan advised quick meeting of committee after meeting.

President

Frank noted it was a real shame that Art Deco had to be cancelled for the city and our club. He thanked Ken and Carol for all of the work they had put in organising the security project.

The club has ordered 12 copies of the centennial book which will be available in about 3 months.

He reminded members of District Conference in May and reported that Alan White was in Te Aroha having biked 74km that day and successfully negotiated the Auckland border controls. You can follow Alan's progress on Facebook under The cycling Rotarian.

Guest Speaker

Brian Peplow was introduced by Penny. Brian was born in Dannevirke but the family moved to Central Otago and Brian commenced his early working life on farms around Queenstown. He gave an interesting account of the area and his experiences. However his father suggested that since he would not be able to afford a farm he take up his other career ambition of teaching instead which he did and finished up back in Hawkes Bay.