



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



No. 2021-44				27 May 2021	
OFFICE HOLDERS 2020-21		MEETINGS		UPCOMING EVENTS	
President	Frank Heuser	Weekly:		Plate Debate – 9 June	
Secretary	Ken Hunt	Taradale Town Hall		Artex – 18-20 June	
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan	Wednesday 6.00pm		Changeover – 27 June	
Directors:		Fellowship 5.30pm		Leave of Absences:	
Club Service	Jenny Robertson	Firesides:		Kevin McCormack – 2 June to 30 Sept	
Art-x	Brian Mathews	First Wednesday of month		Geoff Bennett – 2 June to 15 October	
Community	Mark Dickerson	Directors:		Ian McKelvie – Ongoing	
International	Helen Tattersall	Second Wednesday of Month		Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing	
Vocational	Gill Scarlet	Apologies to:			
Youth	Penny Park	GR.apologies@gmail.com			
		(before 8.00am on Wednesday)			

Meeting 26 May 2021

Guests – President Frank welcomed Steve and Di Gillum, Julie Warnes, Ken Haines, Ruby Kaotira and Jordan Gympies.

Welfare – Stuart reported Doug Neilsen much improved but status quo for other members.

Induction – Bryan Mathews invited Steve and his wife Di to come forward noting that Steve would be a second generation member as his father had been a member and of Greenmeadows Rotary and the 5th President. Bryan thanked Steve for choosing our club and highlighted the benefits of being a Rotarian including being welcome at any Rotary club around the world. Steve was then formally inducted and welcomed by the members.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	June 2nd	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd
Programme:				
Guest Speaker	Firesides	Plate Debate Taradale Club	TBA	Byron Buchanan
Opening thought	Directors		Robert Pearson	Gill Scarlett
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	“		Garth Eyles	Fred Staples
Vote of Thanks	“		Alan White*	Neil Smith
Cashier	Geoff Bibby	Youth Committee	Kelvin Winnie*	Brian Anstis
Club Host & Closing Thought	Directors		Penny Park	Bruce Martin
Three Minute Speaker	“		Edwin Brown*	Geoff Bibby
Sergeant	“		Trevor Powell	Mark Dickerson
Stewards	Brian Anstis Barry Keating Judy McKelvie Brian Peploe Denise Primrose	NA	Jenny Robertson Wim Snijders Helen Tattersall Dennis Thetford Peter Thompson	Bob Brady Wal Drayton Curly Carpenter Judy McKelvie Les Mockford

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

Dolbel – Garth advised there would be a working bee next Monday to clean around plants; bring a spade or clippers and be at end of O’Dowd road at 9am.

Artex – Bryan asked members to complete the form that was circulating with the roster for shifts for the Saturday and Sunday. 4 members are required for each shift along with 2 from surf lifesaving as there is a larger area to supervise in the War memorial Centre.

Over 50% of the tickets have been sold for the opening Soiree on the Friday night. Tickets are

available through the website or direct from Bryan and he has flyers courtesy of Kevin for members to take and display to advertise the event. There have been 29,300 looks on facebook over the last 3 weeks.

6 donated paddles to be auctioned at the Soiree have been painted by local artists and look stunning. They will on display at Royston prior to the event.

Penny and Gail will again be organising the pack-up on Sunday afternoon.

Covid 19 Vaccination – Chris advised members that anyone in Group 3 could get the first vaccination at the Taradale Club on Saturday afternoon from 1pm. You don’t need a booking but there could be a wait.

Presidents Announcements – Frank thanked Gill and the Vocational Committee for a very successful EIT Awards night and said EIT are wanting to expand it further next year. Frank showed a large format cheque provided gratis by Napier Signs to represent the donation from Alan’s cycle ride to Australasian Rotary’s centennial project, Give Every Child a Future. The “cheque” was used for a special presentation at the District 9930 Conference.

JR McKenzie Trust – Ken Braines from Stortford Lodge Rotary advised that the Trust has considerable funds available for helping needy students at school. District 9930 was initially focused on the Waikato and working with Government and NGO’s involved with youth but more recently have been working directly with schools. Ken has application forms and happy to help with completion if the club wished to apply for a relevant project.

Guest Speaker – Ruby Kaotira from Tamatea High School who had been sponsored by the club to attend the 2 week Rotary National Science and Technology Forum at Auckland University spoke on her experience. Ruby thanked the club for sponsoring her to the forum where she met like-minded students from all over NZ. They attended numerous lectures, visited Massey University, AUT and Auckland School of Medicine but also had time for recreational activities. As a result of the forum she is now looking to study Health Science at either Otago or Auckland.

District Conference – Penny, Alan and Jenny each gave a brief report on different aspects of the conference. Frank has kindly provided the following report on the conference and I have received numerous photos from different sources most of which feature Frank.



Di and Steve and with Bryan



The 2021 District Conference was held at Toitot Events Centre in Hastings, 21st -23rd May 2021 Hosted by District Governor Grant Spackman and his Havelock North Rotary Club and attended by 350 registered Rotarians. The conference theme "Bridging the Gap".

Friday evening meet and greet was held on the stage in the Opera House, showcasing the wonderful recent restoration of this beautiful venue to district attendees.

After the official morning welcome the Saturday speaker lineup included presentations by NBHS/NGHS Interact, Mutes (a band from Auckland with disabilities), Adrian Gregory - lifting the lid on youth suicide, a live zoom with Stephanie Woodard - Seven Woman Project in Nepal, Ben Evans - Taekwon Do, Dr Robbie Francis Watney - disrupting ableism while bridging the gap, Professor Paul Spoonley - a new New Zealand, Frances Benge - Sir Bob and his Rotary Legacy 50 years on.

The evening dinner and entertainment theme was 'mid-life crisis' whilst our club scratched our heads on what to wear, the ladies got President Frank into tails with a cap and sexy sunglasses to parade him as their Greenmeadows 'toy boy' - was a fun night with lots of fellowship and dancing. Sunday morning began with a roll of honour followed by a presentation on the Faces Project in Brazil, Michelle Tanner updated us on the Rotary Give Every Child a future project, followed by a



Frank and his Harem

special presentation by our Club. President Frank and Alan White presented a 'transfer fund' of \$20,000 to this centenary project. It received a standing ovation from the audience. Alan in his humble modest way still declared 'he just rode the bike'- yeah right!

Korin Barrett gave an inspiring presentation on Living Life Unlimited.

The final entertaining speaker was Peta Mathias - Age only matters if you are a cheese.

Conference closed with acknowledgements to all who were involved with the planning and implementation concluding with addresses by district governor elects.

The conference weekend was professional, slick, inspiring and humbling. Rotary opens Opportunities and Grant Spackman certainly Bridged the Gap for next year's conference in Napier. Congratulations to all involved you did Hawke's Bay Proud!