



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22 President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan Directors: Club Admin Helen Tattersall Membership and Public Image Kelvin Winnie Projects Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews	MEETINGS Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm Firesides: First Wednesday of month Directors: Second Wednesday of Month Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	UPCOMING EVENTS Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett – 2 June to 15 October Colin Clark – Ongoing Gail Kelly 23 June to 14 July Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

Meeting 14 July 2021

President Jenny opened the meeting with a welcome to Guest Speaker, the Rev. Barbara Walker plus visitor Natalya Latysuba, the “passer-by” from last week, and as well two further “prospects” Hamish and Janice who accompanied Stewart Skeet. The latter is Stew’s audiologist.

Curly Carpenter delivered “*Action is the foundational key to all success*” as an **Opening Thought**.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	July 21 st	July 28 th	August 4 th	August 11 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Hamish White CEO NOW	Maxine Boag (NCC Councillor) TTM Project	ARTEX COMMITTEE Firesides	Cancer Society
Opening thought	Haley Gibson	Brian Hall)	Stewart Skeet
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Bruce Martin	Denise Brown) Artex Committee	John Neilson
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Bibby	Mark Dickerson)	Denise Primrose
Cashier	Judy McKelvie	Kelvin Winnie	Judy McKelvie	Alan White
Club Host & Closing Thought	Kevin McCormack*	Denise Primrose*)	Neil Smith
Three Minute Speaker	Chris McKenna*	Nil) Artex Committee	John Mackintosh *
Sergeant	Edwin Brown	Nil)	Noel Mann
Stewards	Wal Drayton Noel Mann Les Mockford Neil Smith	Steve Gillum Helen Tattersall Ian Holyoake Denise Primrose	Chris McKenna Bob Morrison Robert Pearson Bob Brady	John McIntosh Wim Snijders Pete Thompson Hayley Gibson

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

Welfare: *Stuart Cheyne* reported (with Heather checking) that Mort was in Auckland – nothing to report; he had seen Colin Clark, actually having a day at home; and pointed out (to a round of applause) that Don McKenzie was present for the meeting.

Report from Firesides Pres Jenny advised that the “problem pondering” revealed that there were mixed feelings on the **Shrapnel Box** but the majority steered towards retaining it (with explanation to new members especially) until small coins “disappeared.” The **Three Minute Speech** was well supported but with stricter timing and a 2 ½ minute bell.

Against that background, our rostered **Three Minute Speaker** Kevin McCormack, gave us an update on the “*Open Minded Project*” (OMP) that he has, for around 15 years, been involved in, in Thailand often visiting there 2 – 3 times a year before Covid-19. He talked of his working connection with Aussie airline pilots and that they are now drawing up plans for a newer and more manageable building with a hoped for Rotary connection through our club.

Sergeant Frank pointed out that it was the 196th day of the year and thus we should be able to get French wine for \$1.95 per bottle. (He did not reveal where one actually does that though!) Claiming the obvious connection to Bastille Day he emptied lots of pockets. One important feature was his supervising the raffle draw which resulted in your scribe making another not infrequent “win”- before deciding that he had actually bought the ticket for Stewart’s guest Janice so she happily left with a meat voucher.

Guest Speaker



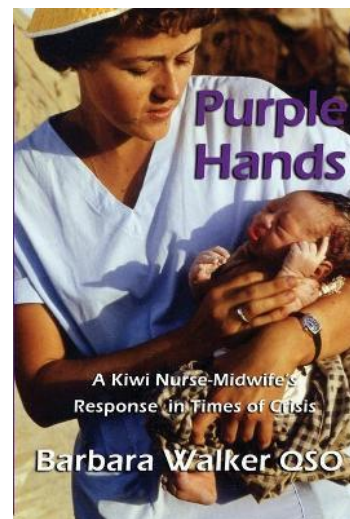
The Reverend Barbara Walker was introduced by Bruce Martin who told us she was a nurse, eye surgeon, midwife, anaesthetist, international aid worker, health manager, missionary and Anglican priest! She then calmly set out to tell us how she had performed those roles in some of the most dangerous spots in the world. She talked of death threats (over wages) in Mozambique; rescuing “boat people” with a frigate in the South China Sea, said something about 80,000 refugees in a camp in Somalia and getting three million refugees across the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan – or something like that.

She has a Master’s Degree in Medical Anthropology (gained somehow around or between an Aids epidemic in Tanzania & Uganda) and was also awarded a QSO in the Queens Honours over 20 years ago. In more recent times she had a few weekends & holidays to spare, and so she wrote her autobiography “*Purple Hands*” – and shown here. She

said she had even been a Rotarian herself down in Otago (no surprise – she’s done everything else!) and admired the many things that Rotary does around the world.

She explained how one day she had a vision and saw a rainbow and God. And last Wednesday evening, I felt we did to. What a lady! *Serving to Change Lives!*

The book will tell this story better than this mere mortal. Order one with Barbara through revbjwalker@xtra.co.nz (with your address) and bank \$35.50 for one copy (includes p&p) at her bank 03-1736-0037214-00



The **Vote of Thanks** was given by Stewart Cheyne however even his well-chosen words struggled to do justice to this speaker.

Parting Thought:

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” Nelson Mandela via Barbara Walker