

Welfare – Stuart Cheyne advised that he was unable to contact Mort Nikolaison but hoped that Carolyn’s surgery had gone ahead today; he had visited Don Mckenzie who was making good progress; Les Mockford had visited Colin Clarke and found him okay; Bob Morrison was making good progress; with Jill Hanlen status quo; and we could see that Wal Drayton was good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Deco Ken Hunt advised that he had confirmation of the dates for next year, namely weekend of 17-20 Feb. Club members needed to assist this major fundraiser. (Denise is taking over from Ken.)

Walk-a-thon – Kelvin Winnie told us to keep training and turn up at Anderson Park on Sunday at your allocated time (and others) and help out.



Sally Army Christmas Bags – Alan White said it was going OK & would update next week.

Club Raffle – Gill said half the raffle stubs had been returned and that she needed them all in next week for the draw on December 8th.

Pres. Jenny thanked Carol for collecting the \$500 from the theatre tickets for the previous night, and also the **Membership and PI** committee for getting a lot of good publicity in recent weeks, the latest being a full page in the Australasian Rotary Magazine **“Rotary Down Under.”** (By jove – they are good!!) At that point Gail advised of the positive publicity we also got on Sponsors Night from the wrong name being used to introduce the Breeze Radio staff. It later got Rotary some good “on air” humorous publicity.

Directors Reports:

VP Helen announced that there would be a Secret Santa at our Christmas meeting. Other Directors eluded to their Fireside Meetings next week. **Carol** told us of RYEN on 9-11 April next year and that as visitors and helpers need to be “police vetted” she will be collecting names in the New Year.



These notices finished with a stunning finale in the form of an announcement that Hamish and Jinice were expecting a baby (maybe the first one to be born to a GM Rotarian??) There was jubilation and a number of members hastily nominating themselves to be “honorary” grandparents.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pres. Jenny proposed that we move into the AGM and this was approved and apologies accepted

Treasurer Graeme Ryan presented the Financial Statements (previously circulated) mentioned that some adjustments had been necessary in the light of reduced income (due to covid) and some of our “reserves” were used to assist, particularly with funding Shelter Box and TRF (Foundation). He made all sorts of explanations (& I believed them) following which the Club and Charitable Trusts Financial statements were adopted. Previous Treasurer Graeme Muir was thanked for his input.

In General Business PP Frank’s Annual Report was read and received; Trustees Ken and Carol “retired” and were re-elected; and VP Helen announced that her “Board” establishment for next year was a “work in progress” and would be dealt with later.

The AGM concluded and we returned to a normal meeting with the –

Three Minute Speaker John Nelson, who announced that he would be speaking on the creation, setting up and long term effects of “Rogernomics!” Noting that several members immediately fell asleep, he changed his topic to “*Summerset in the Palms*” a retirement village that he has shifted to out at Te Awa that is seeking to accommodate GM Rotarians! John described the village as a “Resort” – not a “last resort” as some would claim. He said they were heading to 100 villas finished soon (and hopefully the dust would stop) and that the “care facility” would be finished by the end of 2022 or early 2023. He told

us the lawns were mowed for you and windows washed but the main reason for being there was the proximity to the golf club and that you did not need to lock your house (*scribe cannot handle that!*).

The Raffle was won by Kelvin with ticket No. 85 and then –

Sergeant Les fined members for badge loss, dehydration and their (or his) complete lack of understanding of the new covid traffic light rules. Some more study is needed on this!

Closing Thought from “Parents to be” Hamish and Jinice

*Happiness keeps you sweet; Trials keep you strong; Sorrow keeps you human;
Failure keeps you humble; Success keeps you glowing; **But only Love keeps you going.***

Party Time:

At this point, Secret Santa’s elves appeared out of the blue, and produced a handsome “Rotary” birthday cake to the complete surprise of President Jenny who, as it happened, was celebrating a birthday! Some speculated that it represented $\frac{3}{4}$ of a century (*but your scribe does not believe that!*) At this point it was realised that we had no meal prepared for us at the venue, and so we quickly adjourned to the Thai Lotus Restaurant out in the main street and enjoyed a splendid meal and a glass of wine - or three. And we had the cake and ate it to!



November is Rotary Foundation Month. Here are the various levels of contribution



Coming up

Give Every Child a Future Raffle. Next meeting ticket butts back to Gill - 021 148 5821

Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park, Tomorrow, go there (in the morning) if you are going to the Godwits in the afternoon!

Christmas Lunch, 12 December at the Mission Estate

Maraenui Clean-up Project - Monday 20 December