



MEADOWS MATTERS

This bulletin is the newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



Speaker (“Use your Imagination!”) DG Kevin Forgeson

Ian Holyoake introduced DG Kevin and in so doing stole part of his address, advising that Kevin and his wife Dianne have been married for 35 years and are Lawyers together from when he joined Rotary at the age of 24 and arrived in Te Kuiti. He has been Club President three times, and Rotary Youth District Chair for some years, amongst other roles. Their two daughters have excelled with the eldest admitted to the bar, but after five years switched to front line Policing. (*Wise choice.. Ed*) Youngest daughter has a Master of Psychology. He apologised for his wife Dianne not being present – for she was at home running the firm!



DG Kevin opened by acknowledging the work each Member contributes to our Community. He then went on to tell us that the hardest job he has done in Rotary, was as Chair of Youth Exchange when Covid broke out, liaising with Parents and Students then getting all Inwards and Outward students’ home over a 6 – 8 week period.

At an international level, and in the Theme of “Imagine Rotary,” all Clubs Members are asked to “Think Big”, look at new Club models, and also consider how we can improve our Ethnicity, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. (A new District Committee is formed to lead this target.)

International President Jennifer Jones has provided to all District Governors a print which they can either keep, or use as a fund raiser. DG Kevin will use his as a \$5.00 raffle, to be drawn at District Conference, beneficiary: Polio Plus (whereupon we all bought a ticket!) DG Kevin’s goals for our District are:

- Keep things simple
- Don’t reinvent the wheel
- Focus on Mental Health

With this in mind members should prioritise: First Family, second work, and third Rotary. Share the load.

We are asked to have one fund raising event this year for his preferred Charity, **AnxietyNZ Trust**, who support mental health.

On membership - it is the responsibility of every Member to ask friends and acquaintances to join Rotary, then when they do, ask them for their expectations from Rotary and follow through on them. “*Make our Clubs fit our members, not members fit our Club.*”

Youth Exchange recommences with Inwards students July 2023, Outwards 2024. All Clubs are asked to do one environmental project this year.

Conference 21 – 23 April 2023 in Te Kuiti. Kevin mentioned it was his Club’s payback to his Community by holding it in his home town, not away. Theme – “**Rural New Zealand, triumph over adversity.**”

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Officer Holders 2022-23

President	Helen Tattersall
Secretary	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
Club Admin & PE	Kelvin Winnie
Membership & PI	John Macintosh
Service Projects	Fred Staples
Youth	Chris McKenna
Foundation	Lynne Gibson
Artex	Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm
Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

BBQ - Guess who’s coming 18 Sept
Ten Pin Bowling – 31 August

Leave of Absence

Denise Primrose 13/9
Gill Scarlet 11/10
Geoff Bennett 11/10
Barry Keating ongoing
Ian McKelvie ongoing
Don McKenzie – 01/11
Doug Neilson - 31/10
Kevin McCormack – 01/11

Website/Club Contacts

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President Helen

The numbers attending continue to build with President Helen welcoming over 40 Rotarians, including DG Kevin Forgeson and his “technical support person” Bruce, also AG Phil Crombie.



Opening Thought

By Winston Churchill (through the lips of Bruce Martin) “Ask me to speak for an hour and I’ll need two minutes to prepare, but ask me to speak for two minutes, and I’ll need an hour.

Welfare

Stuart reported that Colin is much the same, but Gaye not quite so well. Don McKenzie had some issues with his “good” leg, but is on track for a visit to Wellington next week for his new leg. Wim after his hospital visit, has had more tests and stated “it is hard getting old”. Pat Peplow had knee treatment today.

Guess who’s coming to a BBQ - 33 names down from last week, the list went around again.

Announcements

Denise advised the Ladies Group donated \$60.00 to the Salvation Army who were delighted with the donation. And the Salvation Army donated a part filled tin of coffee for Camp Kaitawa.

The Directors have approved \$500.00 for airfares for Hayden, the Tamatea High student heading to Christchurch, with the proviso that if it is surplus to requirement’s, the funds be returned. Also, after his trip, he is to speak to the Club.

Projects Director Fred thanked those who are supporting the Daffodil day appeal this Friday, Cranford Parking at Chesterhope on 10th September & 9th October. (He also mentioned assisting at the Magpies game on Saturday afternoon – *but you are too late now!!*)

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Graeme Ryan based his session on his life story. Born and educated in Palmerston North, Ruby too rough so he switched to soccer. Age Group rep through to trialist for the All Whites. His early Bank career involved a spell in Manganui, Northland where to help the family budget, he cleaned the Bank. As a youngster he suffered 80% third degree burns after walking into a fire pit. Against that background he fined for any members with scars and caught most of them.

LATE BREAKING NEWS (Sat 27th)

The previously published Ten Pin Bowling for next Wednesday (7th) has been cancelled. The venue could not accommodate us at the required time. We will now have a “special planning meeting” at our regular venue. See Roster below.

Melbourne Convention 27 – 31 May 2023

If interested visit this website –

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

and let Ian Holyoake know

Closing Thought

(Again from Bruce Martin.)

Arguably the most valuable advice I ever received was to always surround myself with people who are better than I am and, over the last 30 years, one of the best ways I’ve found for doing that, has been through membership of Greenmeadows Rotary. For that, I thank you all.

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Helen of the change.

It’s not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.

Roster of Duties

Date	August 31 st	September 7th	September 14 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ten Pin Bowling XX Special Club forum to cover Regionalisation, Member- ship, Club styles, etc	Firesides (Membership & PI Committee)	Janice - Cranford
Host+Thoughts (open & close) Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	No duties allocated (except cashier) volunteers appointed as needed.	Gail Kelly None None Judy McKelvie John Macintosh Brian Hall	Peter Thompson Wal Drayton Graeme Muir Steve Gillum Nil Bryan Matthews
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	All volunteers, (including one to take the vacuum cleaner away from the president who thinks she is going to do the clean up!!)	One per table + Mark Dickerson Geoff Bibby Brian Anstis	One per table + Hamish Lack Bruce Martin Jenny Robertson

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters



District Governor Kevin Forgeson seated at the top table for dinner at Greenmeadows and accompanied by President Helen Tattersall and PDG Ian Holyoake, both of whom were “appropriately dressed” for the occasion.



Granma Gail, overjoyed (as we all were) to see Jinice & Hamish at Rotary, seized a chance to mentor and feed “our” Rotary granddaughter.

Looking at changes in the world (& Rotary) we note the advances in Communications.



Next meeting – now at “home” and discussing the “new stuff” in Rotary