



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

TALK ABOUT GETTING PICKLED!!

So – this was not about preserving pickles at all (though someone did have a cat called pickles.) However our subject actually related to what is said to be the fastest growing sport in the US, namely “Pickle Ball.” It seemed to have been developed by accident and may have had something to do with some US parents meeting over homemade pickles and kids batting a ball around during that get together. Rules gradually developed, as did the bat (paddle) the net & the name (also may have something to do with a dog called “Pickles.”)

Our speakers were HB residents Steve & Gill Norman who once owned the (US made) *Airstream Caravan* franchise for NZ which took then between our two countries. In their travels they bought some golf clubs, played golf and somehow saw pickleball players somewhere near the 15th Tee and decided to try that as well. They enjoyed it, the players were so friendly and they eventually bought some gear and came back to NZ with it. They discovered there was already some pickleball being played in Rotorua but got so carried away themselves that they sold their airstream business and set themselves up as the picklball players and importers of the required equipment.



Some disused netball courts in Hastings were “acquired” and repainted into 10 courts for pickle ball and 7 – 8 are used regularly. Those courts are outside but indoor ones are now coming up. There are 50 members in their club and there are believed to be over 1000 players in NZ overall.

Gill has become the NZ pickleball champion (well she invented the game remember!) Their address finished with a vast array of questions and comments from our members.

Welcome



President Helen had welcomed 31 people who included our two guest speakers plus partner Alison Morrison who came to see what we were up to.



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Officer Holders 2022-23

District Governor	Kevin Forgeson
Dist. Gov. Elect	Bill Robinson
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:

Dolbel BBQ meeting – TBA
(we are just waiting on the weather)

Leave of Absence

Ian McKelvie, Kevin McCormack,
Trevor Powell, Doug Neilson - Ongoing
Chris, Curly & Bruce Martin to 3 May

Website/Club Contacts

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Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Colin Clarke has spent some time with Gaye in her retirement village; Trevor Powell was awaiting further results; Don McKenzie was in Auckland for further treatment and all good with everyone else as far as was known.

Announcements

Pres. Helen told of the Stortford Lodge quiz night on 20 May which raises funds for programmes related to Youth Suicide, Life Education and Brain Injury. (See below)

She also spoke about the District grant of \$13,500 allocated to the Napier clubs for dispersal. The groups that we are looking at supporting are Age Concern, Puketapu Parents League, Waiohiki Marae, Bay View Community Trust and the Salvation Army. One of the conditions will be feedback for District and publicity opportunities for the clubs.

Gail Kelly advised that Carol Hall from Napier Rotary had thanked us for our help at the Mission Concert and that further assistance for this might be required again in September (a fair level of *agility* is useful but remember that you get free admission!)

Garth Eyles reported that John Mackintosh's previous Rotary Club in Riccarton has a Trust fund for youth affected by adverse events and wished to make a contribution to H B youth following our cyclone.

A process was discussed and decisions made to work with schools in the Napier area whose students had been impacted. Discussion with local Principals' suggests that assistance with school camp fees would be appropriate. Eight schools have submitted costs for 70 students.

In addition, Eskdale School asked for assistance with the cost of a bus to transport their students to Petane Domain for P E for Term 2 as their own school field is still unusable. Riccarton Rotary agreed to fund the total cost - \$15,640. Schools are supplying their bank account details and these signify agreement with the conditions of the funding assistance. Once done the agreed amounts will be deposited into the school accounts.

Steve Gillum said he had stuff outside in a Holden – for some reason (so I hope you got it!)

P.E. Kelvin reminded of the upcoming District Training (13 May) for club officers – and others interested. (See notice with last week's bulletin.)

Project Director Fred said that the EIT Awards may be delayed until June.

Editor Ian said that our club had received some good "Cyclone Gabrielle" publicity in the RDU Magazine just published, and commented that we should also note that our meeting was being celebrated on what would have been the 155th anniversary of the birth of Rotary Founder Paul Harris. Who would have thought that a little club he set up nearly 120 years ago with four members, would now have 1.2 million members all over the world – doing good!

Sergeant

Mark Dickerson, apparently recovering from surgery, thought that instead of telling us "*about his operation*" he would penalise anyone else who had undergone some medical procedure at some stage of their life. Pretty much everyone had received replacements of hips, knees, ankles, etc. (though hair replacement was denied) and he finished with a "corny joke" about the Priest who was consoling a patient for whom surgery did not work and who asked the patient what he would like as he departed this life. "*Just hold my hand*" said the patient!

Thoughts this week (Gail Kelly)

Opening:

"Life is like looking for your phone, most of the time it's in your hand."

Closing:

"My mother always used to say - The older you get, the wiser you get, unless you are a banana."

(Betty White)

Words for this week

Were provided by the Editor himself – probably obvious to all the readers when you see the bumbling efforts. Your anxiety can be overcome however by simply becoming a "scribe" yourself and thus improving on what is said – or written. Just ask the Editor or any of the scribes how you can get a chance for this exciting opportunity.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 26 th	May 3 rd	May 10 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Brian Peploe - topic tbc ("Peploe's Pleasant Platitudes Presented"??)	Firesides	Louise Miller Napier CC CEO
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Les Mockford Bryan Matthews Fred Staples Judy McKelvie None Graeme Muir	Brian Hall - - Gill Scarlet Jenny Robertson Peter Thompson	Edwin Brown Frank Heuser Lynne Gibson Curly Carpenter None Alan White
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Bob Morrison * Graeme Ryan	Garth Eyles Brian Anstis	Chris McKenna Robert Pearson

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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA

APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH







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*"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter,
friends and family."*

Marlo Thomas




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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



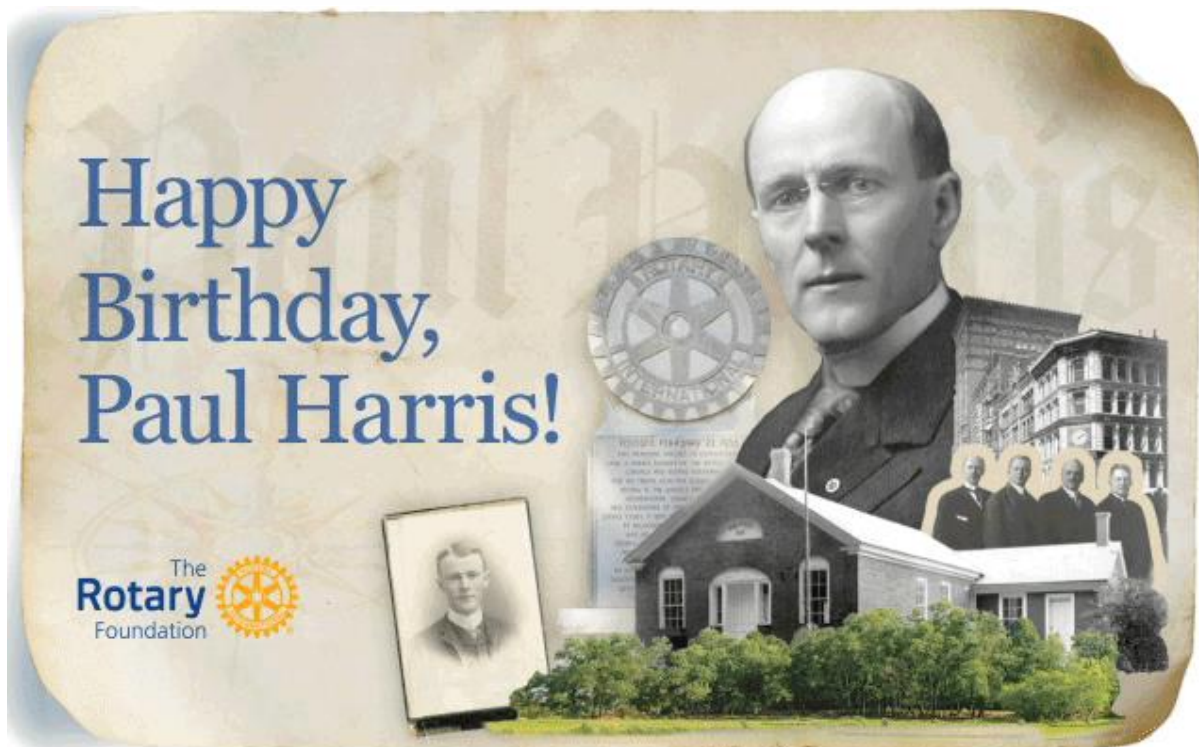
**The Rotary Club of Stortford Lodge
Charity Quiz Night**

Lindisfarne College, Hastings

Saturday 20th May 2023

Doors Open at 5.00pm. Quiz starts 5.30pm
Teams of up to 8 people. \$30 per person

- Raffles
 - Silent and live auctions
 - Nibbles and light meals
 - Cash/eftnos bar



Rotary has been creating connections and making an impact for more than a century.

Our 1.4 million members join community leaders, friends, and partners in a global network that is addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man—Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 to exchange ideas and form meaningful friendships. He saw Rotary as a force for ethical leadership, civic service, and peace—ideals he would promote throughout his life.

Next Wednesday at our regular venue – Peplow and the Four Pees?

