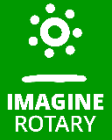




MEADOWS MATTERS



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

PEPLOE'S PAST

Bryan Matthews introduced the speaker saying that Brian Peploe attended Teachers Training College before he (Matthews) was born and that he was going to speak to us on his "Life in Education." And he did – and included "footy." He recalled being a five year old in Invercargill where four or five kids he knew went on to become School Principals – like him!. His brother had polio, the family shifted to Dunedin and Ross Pinkham's father was at that school. So was Les Mockford!

He became a teacher himself with his first school being Dannevirke, then into the Army for CMT, followed by being appointed to Gisborne but changed it (somehow) into Waipukurau (covering from Primer Three to High School. Was a Ross Sheild coach from 1957. Met his wife, was at Bledisloe (where young Jenny Roberston was a pupil). Then he threw in Dannevirke (or thought about it) Havelock North and Westshore schools. He skited about lots of All Black connections that he had.

His Rotary life began in Dannevirke (a long time ago) and he joined Greenmeadows in 1979. The highlights of Rotary have been the stock drive for polio, the early days of ArtEx, Camp Kaitawa (since 1969) and his wife getting Wednesdays off cooking! He has met Rotrians from all over the world and occasionally while travelling, has found himself the "surprise" guest speaker at Rotary Clubs. Once in the US he ran across someone he had earlier taken to Mission Winery (*Ed can also recall these latter happenings in his Rotary travels!*)

He has been retired for 30 years and now finds pupils from his early days are living (like him) in retirement villages!

Welcome

In the absence of Pres. Helen, VP Kelvin was in the chair and he welcomed just 26 members. *[In that "welcoming" light your Editor acknowledges that in last week's "record of opening" we recorded partner Alison as a guest, but completely forget to acknowledge the presence of PDG Ross Pinkham visiting us from the Taradale Rotary Club. We now acknowledge his presence and infamy.]*



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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:

Focus Groups of Membership 10 & 17/05. ArtEx in revival

Leave of Absence

Ian McKelvie, Kevin McCormack, Trevor Powell, Doug Neilson - Ongoing
Chris, Curly & Bruce Martin to 3 May
Wal Drayton to 7/6 Ken & Carol to 28/6

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Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Colin Clark was okay; that Don McKenzie was back from Auckland and that Trevor Powell was “recovering and awaiting results.”

Judy McKelvie made a personal report advising that Ian had suffered a stroke and was now in the stroke ward at the HB Hospital. She said he was “brassed off” and thus has the determination to survive!

Garth Eyles reported that Wal has had his hip replaced and was also in hospital.

Announcements

VP Kelvin read a letter of thanks from Marty Hantz Taradale Intermediate for the \$1350 gifted for the school camp. Really appreciated because of the Cyclone.

He then put up on the screen, pictures from the recent *Rotary Down Under* magazine that with the accompanying words from Brian Hall and (E & OE) set out a great account of Cyclone Gabrielle and the 422 hours of voluntary work by Rotarians. Special mention to Mark Dickerson on the digger.

ArtEx Director Steve advised that there was a further meeting this week & they were getting things going.

Three Minute Speaker

Past Pres Jenny reported on the strategic plan that was being developed for GM Rotary and emanating from the Membership Committee led by John Mackinstosh, aided by other club experts. Focus groups are being established and on the 10th & 17th of May members will be invited to come an hour early or stay an hour late to take part in these. (Change of Duty Rules apply – if you can’t come - swap!) The outcome from these meetings will go to Committees and the “Think Tank.” *[Support our club’s survival!!]*

Sergeant

Sergeant Graeme Muir told us (for some reason) that a Subaru can go anywhere – but it has to be cleaned and then in a twist that was lost on your scribe, changed his theme for fines to haircuts. He then claimed funds from members who themselves (or their parents & siblings) had developed Pudding-bowl cuts, Afro, Dreadlocks, Man buns, Beetle cuts, Liz Taylor, Princess Di, Dianna Lee or a beard or moustache!

Thoughts this week (Les Mockford)

Opening:

“Don’t count the days – make the days count!”

Closing:

“You only live once. If you do it right, once is enough.”

Words for this week



Were provided by the Editor again. You can probably tell. Roving Reporters will return to the screen soon. Watch this space. It **WILL** get better.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Louise Miller Napier CC CEO	TBC
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Hall - - Gill Scarlet Jenny Robertson Peter Thompson	Edwin Brown Frank Heuser Lynne Gibson Curly Carpenter None Alan White	Bob Brady Brian Peplow Mark Dickerson Jenny Robertson - Gail Kelly
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Garth Eyles Brian Anstis	Chris McKenna Robert Pearson	Fred Staples Gill Scarlet

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




**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/leaves bar

**Felt
uncomfortable
driving into the
cemetery. The
gps blurted out
you have reached
your final
destination.**



Ukrainian Relief Aid Appeal

Rotary New Zealand World Community Service continues to partner directly with Rotary Ukraine as donations are remitted. Senior Ukraine Rotarian IPDG Volodymyr Bondarenko manages the New Zealand response and sends regular updates, often reporting his community is under rocket fire. Initially our donors funded essential medicines, medical equipment, food, water, clothing and linen, followed by powerful diesel and gasoline generators delivered to communities and hospitals across 11 cities where the electricity grids had been destroyed. Subsequently installing modular buildings to replace family homes. The overall worldwide Rotary target remains to build 300. Lately New Zealand donors have provided a much-needed ambulance.

New Zealand Donors will now provide a Ford Ranger all-terrain vehicle, for a special subdivision of rescuers-deminers engaged in civil demining of the de-occupied territories in Donetsk region.

With no end in sight, please continue to support the appeal <https://www.rnzwcs.org/appeals>




The Rotary Foundation

This Month's Theme

APRIL DESIGNATION IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

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

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

Donation to Annual Fund SHARE

Donation is invested for 3 years; growth supports Foundation operations.

SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED

- World Fund** (Trustee discretion)
GLOBAL GRANTS AND PROGRAMS*
- District Designated Funds (DDF)** (District discretion)
DISTRICT GRANTS
GLOBAL GRANTS

*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

Next Wednesday home at our regular venue – then Firesides

