



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

A QUICK MEETING & THEN OFF TO "FIRESIDES"

President Kelvin welcomed 34 people including PDG Ross Pinkham visiting us from Taradale Rotary.



AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

President Kelvin acknowledged this monthly theme by asking John Mackintosh from the Membership Committee to speak to the group.

John emphasised that this was an opportune occasion being 'Membership' month in the Rotary calendar.

He said that from the surveys completed in the focus groups earlier in the year the main points to come out were:

- Who are we?
- Is our club attractive?

Out of this came 'Blueprint 2024'.

We had no new members in the 2022-2023 Rotary year in fact we lost members, and in 2023-2024 we need to reverse that trend.

He stated that, "90% of you here tonight are here because someone invited you to come along. We all need to be recruiters".

The 'Roadblocks' to this happening are that we say we have no one to ask or that we have a fear of being turned down.

Speaking to this, our own "Salesman" President Kelvin stated that "everyone is in sales."

We have three key areas we need to keep in mind:

- Identify who might like to be involved in Rotary.
- Just ask them along – you don't have to sell anything, as they will realise, we are a community minded organization.
- Then follow up.

Key people to target could be:

- People who are recently retired
- Solo people
- People who have recently moved to Napier.
- People recently moved into a Retirement Village

He challenged the members, "Let's induct 12 new people into our club in this Rotary year?"

He added that it's good to call on the membership committee to assist if there is someone whom you feel may be a prospective member. He finished by saying, "Each One Bring One" – the International Rotary President's message from two years ago.

(NB In that light next week has a great speaker. This could be the opportunity for some "ones" of us to bring one. Advise numbers to GR.apologies though ↑ Ed.)



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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor	Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect	Nick Dangerfield
Area Asst. Governor	Phil Crombie

President	Kelvin Winnie
Secretary	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
ClubAdmin&PE	Chris McKenna
Mem/ship, PI & TRF	John Macintosh
	Geoff Bibby
Service Projects	Brian Hall
Youth	Graeme Muir
ArtEx	Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall

Wednesday 6.00pm

Fellowship 5.30pm

Firesides: 1st Wed

Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

ArtEx in revival 13th – 15th October

Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

Bruce Martin - 19th July to 9th Aug

Gill Scarlet - 12th July to 27th Sept

Pete Thompson 9th Aug to 4th Oct

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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WELFARE

Continuing the recent path of “wellness” Stuart told us that Wally Drayton was his only report and that he is making good progress though wasn't present tonight due to the cold weather..



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Guy Garth then reported that he and Mary-Anne had recently been to Patoka, an area hit badly by the recent floods. The school principal asked if we would have members willing to go up and assist in tidying up the garden at the entrance to the school. He said that Red Cross is willing to donate the plants. Garth also thought it could be a good idea if we endeavoured to build a sandpit at the school, and we could perhaps do this in conjunction with another Rotary Club.

President Kelvin then asked that Fireside meetings look at the proposed annual budget to be signed off, and referred particularly to the two funding requests which need to be considered. He also informed the members that he wants to develop a ‘What’s App’ group for easier notifications to club members.

Stewart Skeet then spoke of his proposed train trip on the Indian *Pacific* from Perth to Adelaide in 2024 and wondered if any other members might like to join him. (*Good trip. Ed has done it.*)

Pres. Kelvin concluded by farewelling Peter and Donna Thompson on their upcoming nine-week trip to Europe.

Three Minute Speaker

Alan White discussed the Proposed District Plan and urged people to have a good look at it before September 21st 2023. He stated that as ratepayers and Napier citizens it is our responsibility to look at this process reviewing the new Resource Management Act and other national plans. He stated that we all have a responsibility to look at is being suggested in this plan: to attend the meetings and to make submissions – “*Make sure that you participate*” was Alan’s message.

Sergeant

Lynne Gibson had a ‘Rotary Terms’ theme, following along the Membership topic. She discussed ‘Sergeant at Arms’, Stewards, Historians, Inductions, International Youth Exchanges, Classifications and Shrapnel. We had all done those things in the past and thus paid for them now.

Thoughts this week – Robert Pearson

Opening:

Three things in life you cannot recover: The word – after it's said; the moment after it's missed; time after it's gone!"

Closing:

"Some people want it to happen. Some people wish it would happen and some people make it happen."

Words for this week

The words came from our skilful scribe Jenny but this is her last contribution for a while as she is off overseas. Can you take up the pen and replace her while she is away? Enquire now.



CANCER SOCIETY COLLECTION

Good support from members - thanks, however we have three vacant 1 hour shifts. 2-3pm, 3-4pm and 4-5pm on **Saturday 26th August** at Mitre 10 Mega. (Great collection site- plenty of activity to watch, and people you know trying to avoid catching your eye!)

Last shift, take the table, chair, Rotary banner etc. with them. Denise will arrange collection.

IF YOU CAN FILL ONE OF THESE ROSTERS, PLEASE CONTACT DENISE AT:

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Date	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Nigel Avery Chef de Mission NZIOC	Hinewai Ormsby AG Phil Crombie (visit)	Johnny Dryden Te Kuiti Rotary
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Garth Eyles Neil Smith Brian Peploe Gail Kelly - Kevin McCormack	Brian Hall Bob Brady Brian Anstis Helen Tattersall - Curly Carpenter	Geoff Bibby Graeme Muir Mark Dickerson Bruce Martin - Steve Gillum
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Denise Brown Fred Staples	Edwin Brown Judy McKelvie	Chris McKenna Judy McKelvie

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

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

It's not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting. If you are going to be absent in the future – let the Apologies Member know or seek Leave of Absence so that necessary amendments can be made to the roster.

WOMEN IN ROTARY

Like many organisations in the early 20th century, Rotary initially restricted its membership to men. Although there was a strong and growing movement from clubs in all parts of the world to change Rotary's all-male position, the organisation fiercely resisted the admission of women. This came to a head in 1987 when the first three women were inducted into the Rotary Club of Duarte (California). Rotary's international Board of Directors officially acted to revoke the club's charter.

The Duarte club then sued Rotary claiming discrimination based on gender. Rotary resisted every judicial appeal, until the case landed in the US Supreme Court. In 1987, the US Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, ruled against Rotary.

The Supreme Court ruling was a "wake-up" call for Rotary, but it had an immediate positive impact, not only on Rotary, but on other service clubs and organisations throughout the USA. The Rotary Board of Directors amended the constitution and by-laws to admit women, and opened the door to women in Rotary worldwide.

This landmark Supreme Court ruling continues to play a major role in protecting and advancing the rights of women at many levels - far beyond what the three first women Rotarians in Duarte could have envisioned.

Today women are a driving force in Rotary. In most clubs women make up a significant part, and in some cases a majority, of the membership. Women serve as club presidents, district leaders, district governors, and on the Rotary International Board of Directors. As an organisation, Rotary champions the ongoing struggle for gender equality at the club and international level.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



Next Wednesday at our regular venue and with a Sporty Speaker

