



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

THIS WEEK - MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME

First up President Kelvin welcomed 29 members and two visitors being Shona Bayliss and Johnny Dryden, local and district membership officers for Dist. 9930. President Kelvin also welcomed Ross Pinkham into the club, now as a member, and also acknowledged Doug Neilson visiting as an honorary member.



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart welcomed back Fred Staples, informed the members that Brian Hall is laid low with the "lurgy," and Don McKenzie is not present which is a worry. He also informed us that Denise Primrose's mother-in-law has recently passed away.

Announcements

Pres. Kelvin then proceeded to take us through a short history of famous International Rotarians and Rotary International, and then claimed that the Rotary Four Way Test had a 5th item - namely: **"Let's have fun!"**

Bryan Matthews spoke for ArtEx Director Steve requesting spare extension leads and **multi boxes** to be used at Elephant Hill for the lighting. He also stated that they will all have to be tested. (**Bring them next week.**) He also informed the members that tickets for the soiree are available now.

Judy McKelvie informed us that we have 131 pictures this year and 13 sculptors taking part.

Jenny Robertson thanked the members for their generosity in donating money for plants for the Women's Refuge (she got \$210 during the evening) and requested help especially from female members to sort donated clothing at the refuge next Thursday afternoon.

Helen Tattersall told us that Exchange student Bianca has been accepted to be hosted by a particular club in Switzerland.

Alan White wanted to thank Geoff Bibby and the Rotary Foundation for their donation to 'Cycle Without Age'. He told us about a wheelchair bike which is being made available for those less mobile with a winch to complement the trio bikes.



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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect Nick Dangerfield
Management of 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:

DG Visit 4th October.
ArtEx in revival 13th – 15th October
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Carol C & Frank H to 27/09
Pete Thompson to 4/10

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Pres. Kelvin then returned to inform us of a fundraiser being organized by Ahuriri Sunrise in the form of a show in Hastings called *'Blue Eyes'* with the funds going to *'Lifting the Lid on Youth Suicide'*.

(NB: It appears to coincide with our regular meeting night on 1 November)

He also asked if anyone wanted to rattle the buckets for Napier Rotary at the Robbie Williams Mission concert in November.

He then read out a thank you note from Patoka School for the work our club completed on their gardens, and thanked Garth for his organisation of this project.

Sergeant's Session

Garth confessed that he had done no research for the sergeant session, but Jenny Robertson was the first one to be fined for timetabling a working bee at the same time as the All Black versus Italy match on Saturday. He then went on to fine people for allegiance or lack of it to the Wallabies, the Silver Ferns and any other sporting occurrence he could lay his hands on. Once again – we paid!

Alan White introduced the guest speaker Johnny Dryden.

"EACH ONE BRING ONE"

Guest Speaker Johnny Dryden the District Membership Chair, then took up the microphone and power point screen. He has been a Rotarian for seven and a half years, is domiciled in Tokoroa, belongs to the Te Kuiti Rotary Club, and is a radio broadcaster in Mangakino.

He acknowledged the two past District Governors in the room – Ross Pinkham and Ian Holyoake.

He observed that the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows is in good health, stating that club culture relies on fellowship.

He thinks that, *"Make Rotary the community connection"* is a good catch phrase.

He likened a Rotary club to a softball team with a backstop, a pitcher and everyone in the diamond doing a damned good job.

As Membership Officer he asked who would you bring to a Rotary meeting?

- A family member
- A neighbour
- A work colleagues.
- A friend

They would ask – Why Rotary? And he would answer:

- Friendship
- Fun
- Putting others first
- Doing good in the world

He feels we need to be in the media more – we need to be telling people what we do – we need to harness every member's potential. We don't sell our features and benefits enough.

He feels all clubs need club mentors – one mentor to five members in a club our size and share the load.

He also feels that every club should have membership goals and track where we're going.

Projects are reliant on the next generation of Rotarians – not us.

Questioned - he was asked on his view on so many Rotary clubs in one city fighting for the same membership – answering "there is definite room in Napier for a satellite club, maybe somewhere like Clive".

Bring them in on one project and give them mentors and you may keep them.

Asked "What does Rotary look like in 10 years' time? He answered by saying "there is huge growth coming from Asian countries and non-gender biased groups."



Thoughts this week (No appearance?)

Opening thought: Not given.

Closing thought: Pres. Kevin closed the night with the thought:

“Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it.”

The Writer This Week

Was our Jubilant Jenny – bringing her education and organisational skills to her pen and pad and put all this together in timely fashion. She is looking to train a new writer when one volunteers. Is that you?

Drinker; Drained!!

The Board has considered the costing of the drinks at the Club meetings and it was shown that the wine was costing money.

It was resolved that while the beer and spirits costs would remain at \$5, the price of a glass of wine would increase to \$8 and soft drinks increase to \$2.

An audit may be undertaken to see what difference this made – from last week.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th
Programme: Guest Speaker	DG Gill Robinson Followed by Firesides In the hall	TBC	TBC
Host + Thoughts	Neil Smith	Bob Morrison	Gail Kelly
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	Bryan Anstis	Garth Eyles
Vote of Thanks	-	Fred Staples	Graeme Muir
Cashier	Gill Scarlet	Judy McKelvie	Alan White
Three Minute Speaker	Edwin Brown	-	-
Sergeant	Denise Brown	Graham Ryan	Bob Brady
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Lynne Gibson Les Mockford	Bruce Martin Mark Dickinson	John Mackintosh Brian Peploe

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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

ArtEx connections

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nationalartexhibition/>

Ticket Sales: <https://nationalartexhibition.co.nz/opening-night/>



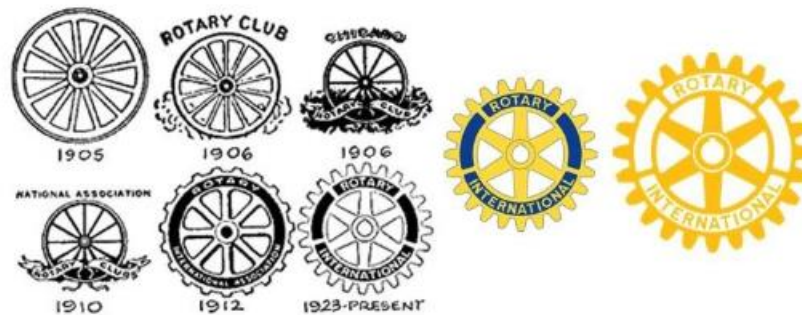
ROTARY BRANDING

Members may have noticed in recent times that Rotary has changed its “branding” and we are often urged to make sure we get ours up to date. Actually the change happened about ten years ago – and we are still trying to catch up! The badge on our rostrum (often hidden by the theme banner) has recently been re-painted. Some members have asked “*Is this really necessary?*” Our international organisation would argue that we have to keep up to date and the item below is some general Rotary Information that shows how this came about and the changes that have been made over our 118 years of existence.

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1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary

The origins of the Rotary wheel



The first Rotary Club in Chicago began by using a cart wheel that symbolized civilization and movement. Shortly thereafter, the words "Rotary Club" were added above it.

Each new Club created chose this emblem, often supplemented by the name of its city.

In 1910, the Philadelphia Rotary Club proposed the cogwheel, illustrating the joint work to achieve a goal.

In 1912, the Association of Rotary Clubs validated this wheel, adding "Rotary International"

For several years, the number and shape of teeth varied, until the adoption of a new wheel at the Dallas Convention in 1929, which is still in use today.

It includes:

1. 6 spokes
2. 24 teeth symbolizing the spirit of service at any hour of the day
3. As well as a keying groove to lock the wheel on its axis and makes it functional

(This Rotary Minute is a creation of District 1700, France. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com)

Don't forget, District Conference next year. Are you coming? What are we going to wear?

Next week at home for the official visit by our District Governor Bill Robinson – followed by brief Committee Meetings in the Hall

**2024 District 9930 Conference
Cambridge**

Good news stories for an optimistic future
Mark the dates in your diary, make sure your club gets involved and join us for the world-class speaker line up, great social programme and fantastic location.

Yours truly,
Bill and Deb Robinson

Save the Date
17-19 May 2024

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