



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

WE RECOGNISE WORLD POLIO DAY

Welcome

President Kelvin welcomed around 40 members and spoke of the “polio flavoured” meeting we were going to have. In that light he announced he had two *left over* items he wanted to sell with proceeds to Polio Plus: They were the square Gin from Wim’s evening last week, and one copy of the book, *Taste Waikato*, by Jan Bilton.



Announcements

He went on to tell us that the 8th November meeting will be hosted at Tamatea High School, with the food cooked by their students. Cost the same as normal.

His next challenge was some questions of NZ; the most golf courses and pipe bands per capita in the world; how many official languages we had (two – Maori and sign language - English is not an official language)

Gail and Carol will represent our Club at Pakowhai School next week.

Jenny sought volunteers next Wednesday for work at the Women’s Refuge. (See her subsequent email) Work includes painting a fence, gardening and sorting clothes – sounds like something for everyone.

Secretary Ken will be emailing info re the voting for Rotary Regional Council. Kelvin had voted for the only NZer to put his name forward.

Pres. Kelvin resumed control and requested donations (we aren’t allowed to hold an auction for alcohol), towards a bottle of Chinggis Vodka donated by the recent speaker from Mongolia, with the proceeds going to Polio Plus. Spirited offers from Kevin and Steve with \$200 raised – we can’t announce the winner as the rumour is that it for his wife’s Christmas present.

Welfare

No one was reported as sick or injured, those who had been seemed to be with us during the evening and no one was known to have succumbed to polio.
Which brings us to -

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Officer Holders 2023-24

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| 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 |
| Membership, Image & Foundation | |
| 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:

Tamatea High School – Next week!
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 2pm Tue)

THE STORY ON POLIO



Foundation Committee at the top table

Club Foundation Director Geoff who recognised that the previous day (24 Oct.) was “World Polio Day” and said we wished to acknowledge that this evening. He provided brief details on what is polio. (See the end of this Bulletin for more info.) Geoff then spoke of his friend who contacted Polio when she was seven in her birth country of Canada. She had a paralysed leg, spine with four surgeries and on her back for 9 months. During this period, she read a lot, and later completed two degrees - Science and Town Planning. Geoff met her in Gisborne, and now she lives in retirement locally, but is still a high achiever.

Pres. Kelvin had researched and with the help from Bob, showed us a Video “Drop to Zero” from Rotary International. In 1978 Rotary commenced Polio eradication to celebrate Rotary 75 years. Initially with no other support, but when the World Health Organisation saw that we had immunised 6m children in Indonesia, and eradicated Polio there, the WHO came on board in 1988. By 2002 only nine countries still had Polio. Now, with only 7 reported cases this year, only Pakistan and Afghanistan remain with the virus.

Committee Member Ian Holyoake spoke of his early school days (1940’s) and close downs due to polio. Twenty years ago in “his DG year,” our District raised \$400K in a major push to eradicate polio but we still did not make it. We are close now though (99.9%) with only two countries (Afghanistan & Pakistan) having polio (only seven cases this year)

Committee Member Ross Pinkham advised the Club that two years ago he took on the role as District Foundation Administrator, overseeing fund raising. Ross also showed the Club a Certificate he was given by Te Awamutu Club last week, in lieu of a gift as a speaker. The certificate recorded that the Club had donated funds to Polio Plus in lieu of a “speaker’s gift.” On the tables, were instructions on how to donate to either Polio Plus or the Annual Fund of the Foundation.



He won the vodka



Director Geoff talks polio



Ian adds his thoughts
On polio over the
years



Sergeant's Session

Against all that polio background the sergeant's session went without a single fine but all members, overcome with the magnitude of what they had heard about polio (and their earlier received instructions) dipped into their pockets and "donated" over \$500. When added to the earlier "vodka debate" receipts, a total of \$740.00 (possibly a Club record) was received. *Thanks to all contributors.*

Reference was made to the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation* (who contribute two dollars for our one BUT increasing to three) meant that our NZ\$740 could convert to US\$ *something or other* and then triple and some other government grants could double that again!!! Phew – that was worthwhile.

Polio Virus – the Symptoms

Most people who get infected with poliovirus **will not have any visible symptoms.**

About **1 out of 4 people** (or 25 out of 100) with poliovirus infection **will have flu-like symptoms** that can include:

- Sore throat
- Fever
- Tiredness
- Nausea
- Headache
- Stomach pain

These symptoms usually last 2 to 5 days, then go away on their own.

A smaller proportion of people with poliovirus infection **will develop other, more serious symptoms** that affect the brain and spinal cord:

- **Meningitis** (infection of the covering of the spinal cord and/or brain) occurs in about 1–5 out of 100 people with poliovirus infection, depending on virus type
- **Paralysis** (can't move parts of the body) or weakness in the arms, legs, or both occurs in about 1 out of 200 people to 1 in 2000 people, depending on virus type

Paralysis is the most severe symptom associated with poliovirus because it can lead to permanent disability and death. Between 2 and 10 out of 100 people who have paralysis from poliovirus infection die, because the virus affects the muscles that help them breathe.

Even children who seem to fully recover can develop new muscle pain, weakness, or paralysis as adults, 15 to 40 years later. This is called post-polio syndrome.

Note that "poliomyelitis" (or "polio" for short) is defined as the paralytic disease. So only people with the paralytic infection are considered to have the disease.

Thoughts this week (Gail Kelly)

Opening:

Polio's pretty special because once you get an eradication, you no longer have to spend money on it; it's just there as a gift for the rest of time.

(Bill Gates)

Middle:

If you want to save your child from polio, you can pray or you can inoculate. It's important for children to be vaccinated so that they have the opportunity to become adults.

Misinformation or distrust of vaccines can be like a contagion that can spread as fast as measles.

Closing:

Reaching every child every time, with the polio vaccination, is not only necessary, it is our duty. This disease can't deter us; we will defeat it. We need a steely resolve, not simpering fear. Nothing is going to stop us.



Words & Photo This Week

Came from the pen and lens of Brian Hall – with some amateurish input from you Editor.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

| Date | November 1st | November 8th | November 15th |
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| Programme: Guest Speaker | Firesides | Visit to Tamatea | TBC |
| Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant | Mark Dickerson*** - - Kevin McCormack Jenny Robertson Fred Staples | | Helen Tattersall Frank Heuser Edwin Brown Robert Pearson - Peter Thompson |
| Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end</i> | Bryan Matthews Neil Smith | | Lynne Gibson 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.**

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



The Rotarian
Minute
Essentials

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

Paul Harris founder of Rotary

Paul Harris was born on April 19, 1868

After studying law at the University, he opened a law firm in Chicago in 1896

He then brought together several friends and evoked the idea of an organization for local professionals who shared the values of professional ethics and friendship, in order to improve morality in business.

February 23, 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey, who represented four professions, four national origins and three religions, met in an office, for what is considered the 1st meeting of a Rotary club.

In 1907, Paul Harris started the tradition of dinner meetings and worked to expand Rotary beyond Chicago.

In 1910, the 16 existing clubs held their 1st Convention and elected Paul Harris as President.

In 1911, Paul Harris wanted to send a message to every Rotarian and created a publication that would become The Rotarian.

He died on January 27, 1947 in Chicago.

Next week home with a "Shout" & Fireside Meetings

