



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

BACK TO SCHOOL – TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL



President Kelvin welcomed about 30 club members, perhaps half a dozen school people led by Principal Robin Fabish, and in particular two "Greenmeadows Scholars." He also noted another dozen "background kitchen students" and all of us there for our annual visit to Tamatea High School. Kelvin reminded the Club that we had a long association with the school as we bought the first set of 1st XV uniforms. Once again this proved a very successful and informative event.



The Principal opened with a Karakia and then drew our attention to two key students Angela Dean, this year's recipient of the Greenmeadows Rotary Scholarship and also Chloe who was the recipient last year.

Brian Peploe spoke about the scholarship and then made the presentation to Angela. After the presentation Robin conducted a clever interview with the two girls as to what they will achieve or have achieved as a result of our sponsorship of them.



Angela explained she would attend Otago University to study Health Sciences with the objective of becoming a physiotherapist. She obviously is a worthy recipient as not only is she Dux but she is the student

member of the school's Board of Trustees. From Chloe, last year's recipient, we learned of what she had done and that she was now busy with her Business Studies at EIT.



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Officer Holders 2023-24

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

Christmas Lunch & Mission 17/12
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Edwin Brown 25 Oct – 22 Nov
Gail Kelly to 29 Nov

Website/Club Contacts

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Following those formalities we moved to the dining end of the room, gathering up a beautiful roast dinner as we did and were then waited on by the ten pupils dressed appropriately for the occasion who delivered drinks as required and then a wonderful two choice dessert.



Club members enjoyed their meal and reflected on the difference between it and that they received at their school “back in the day”. President Kelvin then called the “waiters” to the room and thanked the school and students for hosting such an enjoyable evening

Announcements

Pres. Kelvin gave us a rundown on the distribution of Cyclone Relief funds to date. (See photo below for one of them.)

Kelvin then told us that the 15th December – our last meeting this year, will be a “fish and chips” evening. However a special guest speaker will be a Rotarian from UK, Dr Michael Goodfellow-Smith, an environmental Engineer who is touring NZ with his wife, visiting Rotary Clubs and especially seeking involvement with environmental projects that clubs are involved in.

Bob Morrison advised the opening date for Maggie’s Way walkway extension did not occur last Tuesday due to the fear of bad weather. The revised time will be **10.30am this coming Tuesday**, at the end of Dolbel Street. As morning tea is going to be provided, book in please to Bob.

Welfare

Nothing of great concern know to our Almoner – other than that Graeme Muir now has Covid - passed on from Sally! Everyone else is understood to be okay.

Conclusion

While perhaps late for a school day, the meeting finished in good time for us, and those not on the Board of Directors, went home for a completely unneeded supper.

Eskdale School (Cyclone Relief Funding)

Carol Charman with Eskdale Principal Tristan Cheer, handing over a donation of \$2,000 of fuel cards for ten displaced Eskdale families to help with the daily transporting of children to school. The cards were to be distributed by the school.



Thoughts this week (With a youthful flavour)

“It would be nice if life’s problems could hit us at 18 when we know everything!”

“It takes half your life to realise that your father was right, and in the next half of your life, your son is telling you that you are wrong.”

Words & Photos

This Week the words were thought of by Brian Hall, written by Garth Eyles and photographs taken by Ross Pinkham (& the Editor) and then subject to the imagination of the Editor and his trusty Proof Reader.

No correspondence will be entered into and you may rest assured that no AI (Artificial Intelligence) was used in this production.



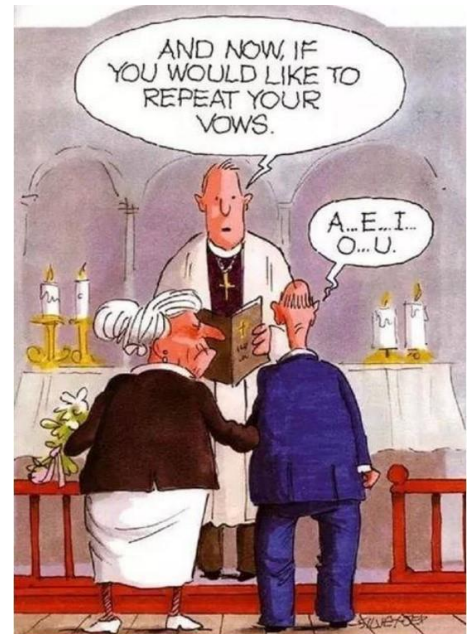
ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 15th	November 22nd	November 29th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Rotary Foundation Ross Pinkham	AGM	TBC
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Helen Tattersall Frank Heuser Bob Morrison Robert Pearson - Peter Thompson	Brian Peplow - Judy McKelvie Geoff Bibby	Graeme Muir Curly Carpenter Jenny Robertson Brian Anstis - Edwin Brown
Stewards <i>One per table & the named Members to clean up.</i>	Lynne Gibson Judy McKelvie	Garth Eyles Steve Gillum	Gill Scarlet Denise Brown

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

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



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

Rotary

The next Rotary International Convention is in Singapore next year.

Ever thought about what it means? Click on the link above (left) for a two minute review.

If that doesn't work for you, make a note (left) of the District Conference in Cambridge next year for many of us are going to that.

If all else fails – consider a quiet time at home and perhaps a renewal of your marriage vows from yester-year, as shown above (right)





1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary

What is Rotary?

All members of Rotary, during a conversation with friends or relations, have been asked to answer a question that seems very simple: **What is Rotary?**

The simplicity is only apparent because it is difficult to answer such a question briefly. However, the interlocutor is rarely willing to listen to a long presentation. It is therefore a question of improvising, **in a few dozen words**, an answer which summarizes what Rotary is.

Many answers have been proposed, each as good and relevant as the last. Here's our one:-

Rotary is an international network of professionals who give meaning to their lives by promoting friendship, ethics and service to others.

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Recognising that November is Rotary Foundation Month, we earlier learned about the Polio Eradication Programme, and now we are going to extend our knowledge by learning about overall Foundation itself. And who better to do that than our own club member (& Past District Governor) Ross Pinkham who is also currently the District Administrator for the Rotary Foundation in District 9930.

If you want to get prepared for this and think up some questions, click on the link below for some further information about what is one of the most significant charity organisations in the world.

Foundation Grants video (1.13min): <https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/1b0kYS70llLdsqu21RjURV9enLU74>

So next Wednesday at home in the Taradale Town Hall

