



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 23RD FEBRUARY

President Kelvin greeted about 35 people at our meeting this week, acknowledged Brian Hall's wedding anniversary "shout" and, as is his custom, alluded to the significance of the date of 23rd February. Having covered a range of activities that occurred on that day over the years, a couple of Past District Governors present pointed out that it was also the "official Rotary Birthday." (And Assistant Governor Phil Crombie also in attendance for this purpose, acknowledged that it was also the founding date of our own club – 48 years ago!)



A cake and candles appeared in the hands of our Chef (to celebrate all of these things) and an embarrassed Brian Hall sought to extinguish the flames – with limited success.

(Editor's Note: "Rotary" is in the blood of Brian Hall, for his father and

grandfather were Rotarians, but who would have thought that Brian would have married Margaret - on the Official Rotary Birthday?)



WELFARE

Stuart Cheyne told us that Loretta Pearson was okay and on that, Robert thanked members for the assistance they had provided to them. Stuart concluded that all else was okay in the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny advised that the Women's Refuge "working Bee" date was now the 13th – not the 6th.

Brian Hall thanked members who had helped with Art Deco, acknowledged that there had been problems and then proceeded to "Thank the Goodies" for their assistance. They were all named and received "sweets," with Les getting a double reward and Pres. Kelvin being complimented for doing a "double shift!"

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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
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:

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P & Lynne G – Ongoing;
Carol/Ken to 20/03, Les M & Mark D 27/03, Neil S to 01/05

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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Garth Eyles apologized for forgetting the collection and thanked those who had helped. He spoke of the Godwits scheduled departure – which may have some connection to an Air NZ booking!

John Mackintosh advised that the RYLA nomination closing date had been extended to the 15 March, and qualifying age extended from 26 to 27 years. We have one possible candidate and welcomed more.

Denise Brown – told us something about Grey Power!

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Sergeant Helen resorted to “Uncle Google” to discover apparent misdemeanors of our members – with rather dubious results. Indeed it was difficult to align the “offences” with the members we thought we knew in Greenmeadows, but there were some hilarious commentaries. These included Ross’s arrest and Helen’s own “connections!” The raffle was drawn a couple of times before No. 45 was accepted as the winner.



RURAL SUPPORT TRUST

Our Speaker was *Jonathan Bell* from the *Rural Support Trust*. He told us there were 14 such trusts in New Zealand and they were “*Rural people helping rural people.*” With personal experience with Cyclone Bola, he spoke of Cyclone Gabrielle and how they “communicated” what was happening because they “existed.” They deal with health, well-being, finance, employer support, employee support and are even a “Good Yarn Workshop!” He mentioned the input from TV host Matt Chisholm a farmer himself. He described the simple things that count – like a personal “thank-you” (and a voice in the room echoed that experience.) A further practical example of existence was the thousands of plants being donated – and planted, and more are coming. In particular Jonathan covered the *Five Ways of Well Being* (See insert at right above – and more below). There were numerous questions asked and stories told – including one about the very generous *loaning* of diggers during the Cyclone Gabrielle clean-up! In concluding there was reference to when caring for farmers and asking - not if you are alright BUT are you REALLY alright? And the comment that this was also the personal mantra of the current Rotary World President. (Maybe he was a farmer to! Ed)



*Connect,
Take
Notice,
Give,
Keep
Learning,
Be Active*

Thoughts for This Week (Bob Morrison)

Opening

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is – *What are you doing for the others?*”

Martin Luther King

Closing

“*There could be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others.*”

George W. Bush

District Conference 2024

We have pretty good numbers registering and/or booking accommodation.

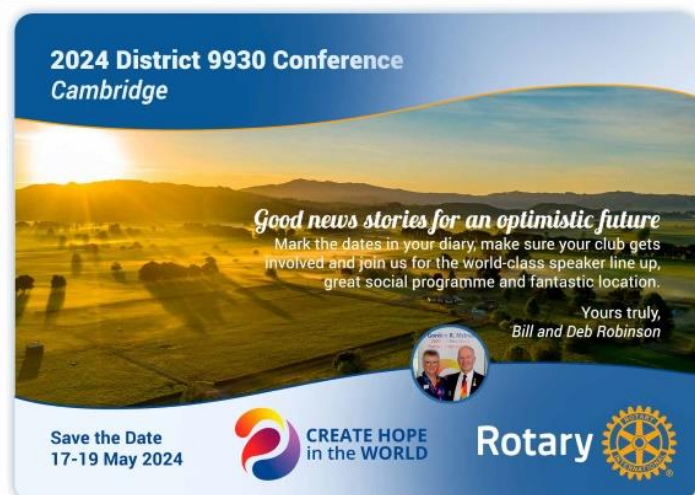
Ian Holyoake will update on this at our meeting next week. It’s looking like a pretty smart event. Don’t leave it too late to declare your interest.

More information by clicking on this link

<https://www.9930conference.co.nz/registration>

WHO WROTE THIS?

Your words this week came from the pencil of the Editor himself (hopefully he will improve) and pictures came from the ever present (and secret) lens of Ross Pinkham.



ROSTER OF DUTIES


Date	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Jo Ann Young Napier Port	TBC
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Peploe - - Peter Thompson Brian Anstis Wal Drayton	Bryan Matthews Garth Eyles Frank Heuser Gill Scarlet -- Graeme Ryan	Chris McKenna Bob Morrison Alan White Gail Kelly - John Mackintosh
Stewards <i>Named Members clean up</i>	Gail Kelly Bob Brady	Fred Staples Judy McKelvie	Brian Hall Robert Pearson

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

From the speakers power point



1.


Making friends and spending time with your mates makes a big difference to how you feel. Even when life is busy, try and make it a priority. The rewards will be huge.






2.

Take notice of the small things in life that make you happy. Each day take a few extra moments to stop and appreciate the good things that are happening for you.





3.


When you give to others, not only do they benefit, but it also makes you feel a lot happier. Consider ways you can give back to the people around you and don't forget about yourself too.






4.

Being curious and learning new things on or off the farm, will help you farm smarter. At whatever age learning new things, keeps your thinking open and flexible.





5.

Keeping active is a great way to feel good. Working up a sweat releases endorphins that make you feel fresher and better able to cope with challenges.





Have you ever heard of Rotary and the United Nations?



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1st to discover an aspect of Rotary history

Rotary and the United Nations

Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California, USA (commonly called the UN charter conference).

Additionally, many Rotary members and honorary members from around the world attended the conference as members of and consultants to their nations' delegations.

Rotary and the United Nations remain committed to creating lasting change that enhances international relationships, improves lives and communities, and creates a more peaceful world.

Today, Rotary International holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council (UNESCO).

The Rotary Representative Network, established in 1991, maintains and furthers this relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies.



United Nations

The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

Next week at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, with no speaker but an early finish and our monthly Fireside Meetings

