



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



WORLD POLIO DAY RECOGNITION

Welcome

Pres. Chris back in the Chair, welcomed 34 people including partners Heather Cheyne (and friend Lilian Welby whose late husband was a polio survivor) Meda Hawkins, and the guest speaker Mary Ellen Warren who was being looked after by Jenny on behalf of Geoff Bibby. Respecting the evening theme and her medical background, Chris spoke of working in the 70's still with signs of polio, affected people & corrective surgery that she knew.



Opening Thought (Wal Drayton – polio themed)

"If the eradication of polio efforts stopped today, within 10 years polio could paralyze 200,00 children each year!"

Welfare

Stuart Cheyne gave a practical demonstration of "a need for medical assistance" by experiencing a coughing fit. Deputy Almoner Heather intervened, Stuart made a miraculous recovery and he then told us that Hugh Robertson is much the same and Geoff Bibby is progressing well. We all heaved a sigh of relief – for those involved in this.



Announcements

Pres. Chris advised us that as the speaker next week needs to leave early, she would speak first – so the meeting order will differ. She also advised that she would miss the 6 November meeting and we also learned that for the Rotary Foundation "Donors Dinner" on 4 November at the Napier Conference Centre, there were six club members attending.

Polio Painting Auction

Past Pres. Kelvin then put on his Auctioneer's hat and took bids for the picture donated by our speaker as a polio fundraiser. As bids drifted in, we learned that the sick or wounded Geoff Bibby, was secretly bidding by phone and he finished up the successful buyer of the Pania picture for \$100 towards polio.



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Foundation	Ross Pinkham
ArtEx	TBA

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm
Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Club BBQ @ Cheyne Estate 16 Nov.
Christmas Function @ Linden Estate 15th Dec.

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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PDG Ross (for The Foundation Committee) then spoke on the polio recognition day (24th Oct.) thanked members for their contribution (and upcoming with fines) told us that 13 members from our D.9930 were travelling to Auckland to ride on the “Rotary Polio Train” and told us to take a free polio shirt for further display or fundraising. Most importantly, he pointed out the donations slips on each table for us to use. *(Also reproduced below.)*

The Club BBQ at Cheyne Estate on 16 Nov. was confirmed. At \$15pp (for meat & charcoal) bring your wine, salad to share and a seat to sit on. Former members are invited. A Board went around for bookings. (Must confirm the week before – for catering purposes.)

Sergeant’s Session

Sergeant Curly took up the challenge, Frank with Ticket No. 96 won the raffle and then Curly took us back through time on an America’s Cup history tour. He alluded (for some reason) to ‘bare breasts’, the NZ sailing teams, nominated tables that were the “sailors” the “design team” the “countries” competing and then somehow (confirmed by calculations) some \$343 dollars was raised for the polio campaign. *(And added to the auction \$100.)*



POLIO – FROM ONE WHO KNOWS

Introduced by Steve Gillum (who recalled his own poio memories, NZ last case n 1998 and now 99.9% eliminated in the world) he told us Mary Ellen Warren was from Canada.



With the aid of slides, Mary Ellen told us about growing up in Ontario, Canada (in the Niagara area) and how in 1952 she contracted polio, got sick and missed school for some years. She described her symptoms including her heart stopping and of her parents only being able to look through a glass window when visiting her! There were nine others similarly affected in the ward. She went home (in a Cadillac car) with calipers after three months. Her family had great assistance from friends with rides to the hospital and an Aunt sent her a postcard every day for nine months. Insurance only paid for part of her treatment and her family went without a house (or car) and with heavy debt to pay for her treatment.

She spoke of the songs that had been written that related to polio, the polio book “*Autumn Ghost*” and that the disease was not new for records of it have been found in the tombs in Egypt! She told us of the developments that had arisen, like the creation of the hospital ICU and the Salk Institute. Long ago coming to NZ she had continued her interest in polio and fighting it. Got involved trying to light up the Tom Parker Foundtain (in Napier) and even tried (without success) to light up the Auckland Harbour bridge, has belonged to a “Cup of Tea Polio Group” and recognises the great work Rotary has done with the polio project and “sticking with the campaign!” *(Some picutres below show her efforts.)*

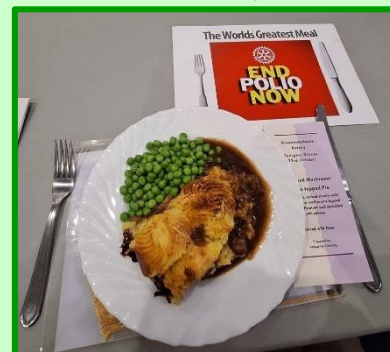
Ross Pinkham thanked Mary Ellen and gave her a bottle of wine – not as a cure but as a contribution.

As a Parting Thought, Wal Drayton reminded us that **for every dollar Rotarians contribute for polio, it will be matched by two further dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.**

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Again, the words this week came from the blunt pencil of the Editor himself, and the images were produced from the secret camera of a nearby friend!

The Food this week



Potato, meat & mushroom



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 30th	November 6th	November 13th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ruth Spicer Field Worker	Firesides	Foundation Speaker Ross Pinkham & Wisconsin RFE
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bruce Martin Frank Heuser Steve Gillum Judy McKelvie - Alan White	Brian Peplow - - Edwin Brown Geoff Bibby Garth Eyles	Graeme Ryan Mark Dickerson Bob Brady Les Mockford - Frank Heuser
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Bryan Matthews Gill Scarlet	Bryan Matthews Lynne Gibson	Gail Kelly John Reid

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY or an ABSENCE COMING UP

*If you cannot perform a rostered duty, YOU must arrange a substitute and advise the President of this.
If you are going to miss a meeting, email the apologies link and if you have a long-term absence planned,
write to the Secretary seeking "Leave of Absence."*

POLIO PICTURES



- Polio '52 in Ontario Canada
- 4 surgeries
- Missed 4 years of school
- March of Dimes, Westpark Ca
- Since 2010 Polio NZ
- Doing World Polio Day Oct 24th



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

A RANDOM RHYME

Originating from Canada she said Hi Ho
And told us about her having polio
The pain and effects were hard to believe
But offset by the help that she did receive
Then she came to New Zealand and did not pause
And continues to pursue the polio cause

(From *Pat the Poet*)



The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund & Polio

The Rotary Foundation is our Charity of Choice

Donations can be made to the 9930 District Foundation bank account.

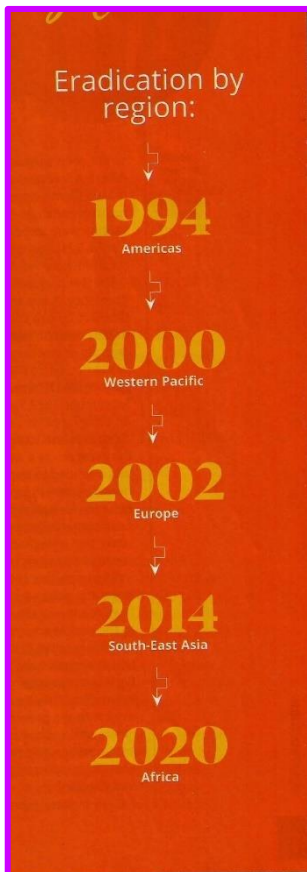
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Donations to the Foundation and Polio are eligible for a Tax Refund. A receipt will be issued showing the date in which the donation was banked.

POLIO IMAGES





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1' to discover Rotary news

Minneapolis to host 2028 Convention

Rotary International has announced that Minneapolis, Minnesota, will host its convention in 2028.

This major global event attracts tens of thousands of Rotary members, along with their friends and families, from around the world each year.

The Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are excited to showcase their beautiful metropolitan area and highlight the incredible community service projects they have underway.

Originally, the Rotary International Board selected Minneapolis to host the convention in 2029.

However, the shift to 2028, with the convention scheduled for May 27-31, provides members with the opportunity to explore an additional location in 2029 before Rotary's 125th anniversary convention in Chicago, Illinois, in 2030.

As of now, a replacement host city for the 2029 convention has not yet been determined.

This adjustment in scheduling allows Rotary members to enjoy an enriching experience in Minneapolis while looking forward to the significant anniversary celebration in Chicago.



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

Next week at home but - with a worker in the field!

