



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## Welcome

President Christine welcomed 35 members and 25 visitors and that included 12 Rotarians on the Rotary Friendship exchange from Wisconsin, USA, plus some of our member's wives, Rotarians from Ahuriri Sunrise hosting the RFE Rotarians and (at the last minute) the family of Mark Dickerson!



## Opening thought

**Bob Morrison** in his headmaster's hat, welcomed the members and guests with some philosophical thoughts.

## Paul Harris Award

With the Dickerson family making an unexpected entrance through the door, Bryan Matthews presented a very surprised Mark Dickerson with a very well-deserved Paul Harris award. Bryan cited Mark's continued community work, including the Weka Point Scout Camp, Wim's seat at the Dolbel Reserve, constructing a Rotary shelter on the Rotary pathway, as some of many of the projects that Mark has supported locally, and his ongoing support at Camp Kaitawa. As well he has held many offices at the Club, including President and director of many of the club's committees.



## Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** told us that Don McKenzie has had to have surgery on his other foot, said that he had been unable to check in with Jenny regarding how Hugh is doing though thought that she might be attending the BBQ this coming Saturday. (Sadly, not seen.) Stuart also said he had bumped into John Hanlon who reported that Jill had received good news regarding her breast cancer.



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## Officer Holders 2024-25

District Governor Nick Dangerfield  
Dist. Gov. Elect Ken Smith  
Community Leader Grant Spackman

President Christine McKenna  
Secretary Ken Hunt  
Treasurer Graeme Muir  
PE & Club Admin Carol Charman  
Membership & PI John Mackintosh  
Service Projects Denise Brown  
Youth Gill Scarlett  
Foundation Ross Pinkham  
ArtEx TBA

## Meetings

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

## Coming Up:

Tamatea H.S. visit Next Wed – 20th  
Christmas Function @ Linden Estate  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Leave of Absence

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

## Website/Club Contacts

Our Facebook site  
<https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

Our website  
[www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz](http://www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz)

President Chris:  
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Secretary:  
[administrator@greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz](mailto:administrator@greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz)

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



## Announcements

Members were reminded that when attending the last meeting on the year on December 11th, they were to bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$10 for the secret Santa.

**Stuart Cheyne** reminded members about the BBQ to be held at Cheyne Estate on Saturday 16th Nov. *(We've now had it. Read on!)*

**Gill Scarlett** collected numbers for the dinner at Tamatea High School next Wednesday, in lieu of the regular meeting at the club rooms. *(Further details below)*

**President Christine** spoke of a regional district meeting recently attended. While she will update Directors at their next meeting in two weeks' time, she spoke of two potential projects that she feels would be a good fit for our club.

## Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant Frank Heuser** fined members on their knowledge (or lack of) regarding the State of Wisconsin, which is where our special guests were from. Monies raised from the Sergeants session and the special raffle held on the evening, with least half a dozen prizes, went to Rotary Foundation *(a total of over \$320 was raised!)*

## The Program - Rotary Friendship Exchange

**PDG Ross Pinkham** spoke about November being Rotary Foundation month and congratulated Mark on his Paul Harris award, reminding members that these awards are as a direct result of each \$1000 US donation made to TRF.

He then introduced the 12 Rotarians visiting District 9930 on a Rotary Friendship Exchange from District 6250 in Wisconsin, US. Ross had done some research about Wisconsin and shared this.

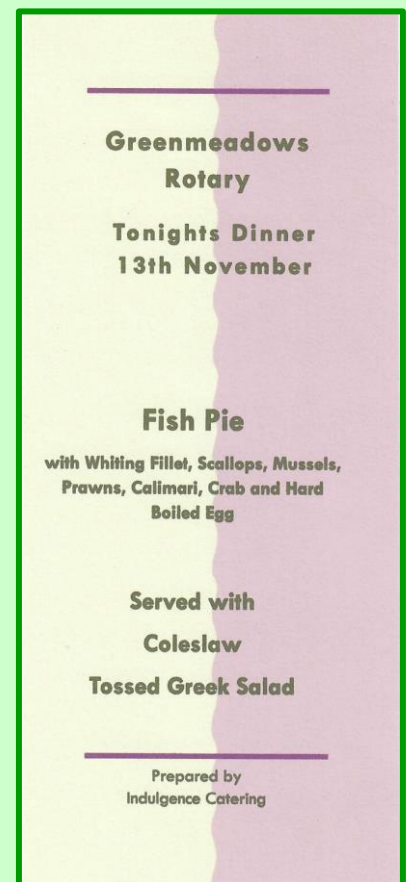


The team leader, Mark Ertheum, on his 14th friendship exchange, joked that Ross had pretty much given their whole presentation! However, he did share some more information about Wisconsin: the state bird is the American Robin, it has a population of approximately 5.9 million people, it is famous for its beer and cheese and is known as America's Dairyland, producing 3.37 billion tons of cheese! The number one industry in Wisconsin is agriculture, closely followed by tourism. The state is the number one producer of cranberries in the US. The state is also known as the "badger state," so called because of the 1820's lead miners who worked under

## WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from with a radiological flavour and from the x-ray pen of Helen. The photos came from the body camera of a "retired" but still active famous detective.

## The Food this week



**This had to be tasted to be believed!**



ground, not unlike badgers.

The rest of the friendship group introduced themselves and shared information about themselves and their families and how long they have been Rotarians. For some of the members this is their first friendship exchange. Half of the visitors were from La Crosse in the south west of the state, and the remainder from Maddison, the state Capitol.

The group arrived in Auckland on 6th November and Hawkes Bay is the third stop on the tour, and covering Tauranga, Bay of Plenty and Taupo. They are all looking forward to seeing more of our beautiful province and some more of North Island before setting off back home at the end of the month.

**Closing thought:** (Headmaster Bob again)

***“The greatest gift in life is friendship” and “The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love”***

(Herbert Humphrey, former US Vice President, 1965-1969)



**Bob & Pres. Chris thank the RFE team and a bewildered Mark thanks the club for his PHF**

### ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 20th	November 27th	December 4th
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Tamatea School Visit and Dinner</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Firesides</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Geoff Bibby - - Steve Gillum Ian Holyoake Peter Thompson	Curly Carpenter - - Judy McKelvie Denise Brown Mike Owen
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table &amp; the named Members to clean up.</i>		Helen Tattersall Robert Pearson	John Reid Gill Scarlet

#### **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.”***



# MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

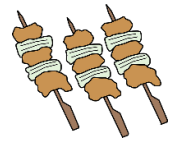
## A RANDOM RHYME

Rotary has activities across quite a large range  
But how many of us knew of “Friendship Exchange”  
Twelve members from Wisconsin came to visit us  
Travelling by plane and car and some maybe by bus  
A few days in our city but not much time to burn  
But about us and Art Deco, they sure did learn

(From *Pat the Poet*)

### BBQ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

We've had it. If you weren't there, or (for some reason) cannot remember what happened, here is a record which reveals that we “Rugged Rotarians” from Greenmeadows, actually went out into the meadows, regardless of the weather!



Earlier in the week Friendship Exchange paused their tour at a local distillery



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

### Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

### What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

## 2023-24 Grant Summary

**485**

district grants

**106**

disaster response grants

**1,287**

global grants

**1**

programs of scale grants

**\$30m**

program awards

**\$4m**

program awards

**\$72m**

program awards

**\$2m**

program awards



### 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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Reference: Your name

Code: Foundation or Polio

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.

### Our annual Dinner Meeting at Tamatea High School is on this Wednesday.

Fellowship and Club notices from 5.30-6pm followed by dinner prepared and served by students. Always a lovely meal and nice to visit the school we support each year.

There are still two members who, due to absences, have not confirmed with Gill ([gills833@gmail.com](mailto:gills833@gmail.com)) or registered apologies ([gr.apologies@gmail.com](mailto:gr.apologies@gmail.com)) Can Peter Manson Neil Smith do that as soon as they read this?. *Gill Scarlett - Youth Committee*

**So next week - our annual visit to Tamatea High School**

