

Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill Inc.

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Club meets: Monday 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm at

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PARTNERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME



BULLETIN NO: 192028

Monday 17th February 2020

PROGRAM

24th February 2020

Attendance Gwynyth Carr

Hospitality: Colin Tea

Equipment Trevor Mosley

5 Minute Speaker Ernie Meyer

Host : Bede Brittenden

Speaker: Tony Walker

Subject : Financial Planning

Thanks: Alan Bannin

Thought for the Week:

Anthony Martin

PROGRAM

2nd March 2020

Attendance: Bruce Clegg

Hospitality : Colin Tea

Equipment : Bruce Murdoch

5 Minute Speaker :

Trevor Mosley

Host : Bede Brittenden

Speaker: TBA

Subject:

Thanks: Alan Bannin

Thought for the Week :

Ernie Meyer

APOLOGIES

If you can't make it, or, wish to bring a partner &/or visitor to our meeting, please advise

Alan Bannin
abannin2013@gmail.com

09 624 9020,

Before Noon of the Friday preceding the meeting so our caterers can provide.

Failure Will Incur a Meal Cost!!!

DUTIES: If you can't perform your duty, please arrange a substitute & advise Secretary **Gwynyth & Sergeant Noel**

CLUB ALMONER is **Robin Hulford**. Please ring him if any member, (past or present), or their families are suffering illness, injury, bereavement or having a happy event

LAST MEETING: 17th February 2020

Attendance: 20 Members present.

Apologies Barry Stafford, Duncan McDonald, Peter Mayow, Deidre Shea, Alan Bannin, Bede Brittenden

Sergeant Collected --No serg. session

February 2020
Peace and Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution Month

23 February —
Rotary's
Anniversary

Program 2020

18th – 19 April BOOK FAIR

Meeting Report 17th February

President Bill spoke of the merger between the Onehunga Club,(not Rotary), and the RSA. The consolidated club will meet in the RSA building.

A stern reminder from **Trevor** emphasized the importance of reporting apologies on the Friday before the meeting as the cost to the club can be up to \$80. Similarly, events like the barbeque need RSVPs from everyone.

Neil thanks members who have contributed Membership Candidates and reminds others to please contact him with more names and contact details to make the meeting a success.

We will have our membership meeting on Wednesday 1st April this year, likely at the Onehunga Community House.

Gwyneth is collecting money for the barbeque and, also reported mention of Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Club in the Onehunga Community News and the OHS Christmas newsletter

Lloyd described how seeing his 2 young Grandchildren at a 5th birthday brought home the importance of the **Child Cancer Foundation**. The fundraising collection on the **28th and 29th of this month** still needs 7 more names. The sign in sheet was passed around for more volunteers.

Bruce Murdoch conducted the 70s club draw with winnings for Bruce Passau, Lloyd and Leanne Jenner

Bruce Murdoch also announced that \$500 would be given from the club to the Child Cancer Foundation.

5-Minute spots

Fatu gave a stirring account of the **Malaga program** which took 18 students to Samoa and Tonga.

Reports follow on pages 3-6.

The purpose of the trip was to allow the Pacific Island students to see where their values come from. The kids would spend time in a Family house, attending prayer time, the morning Cava ceremony and meals where they would be served by the local kids. Much was learned just from the etiquette behind the serving of food and how to serve joyfully. This was followed by a 45 minute Umu/hangi. At the closing ceremony, a physically disabled child acted as MC for the prize giving and made his Mum very proud.

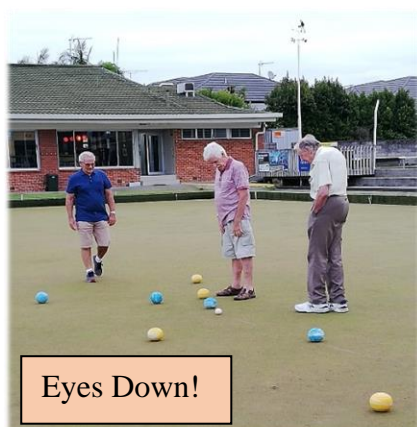
Fatu explained how the program was also very valuable for the professional development of staff.

Parents fundraised for a good part of the trip expense, but thanks were given to Rotary which was able to fill in the gap.

Rod Kestle described progress on the VETS program in **Vanuatu**. Funding from 3 separate global grants providing a total \$440k are going towards Water Harvesting structures, that can be used for VETS training program students.

Our club is contributing \$5k and Bossley Architects are contributing a plan that follows previously engineered structural design. To resist wind loads, in situ walls 200mm thick with heavy D12 reinforcing will be built using student labour and local project management. Rod expects a 3 year involvement in this stage.

After this, the club retired to the green for an evening of **BOWLS!**



Eyes Down!

That looks like a long way!



Past Pres. Swabbing the deck!



Greetings from our end!



President Elect checking out the wildlife.



Right back at you from our end

2019 MALAGA PASIFIKA TOURS

REPORT TO THE BOARD, February 2020

Very special thank you to our Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Club for their support throughout this journey. The growth in each and every one of our staff and students that attended is beyond words. We trust that each trip has a greater purpose than what we foresee and for that we are so grateful for your constant giving to the future of our taura. Fa'afetai lava !



TONGA

The objectives set out for our overseas excursions were largely based upon providing an experience within the context from which all our practices and customs at PASS derive from . For some it looked like returning to their place of birth and others visiting the place of their parent's birth for the first time. A few were visiting for a second time. The process of heightening responsibility began at Auckland airport with currency exchange and personal check ins all without any adult supervision for most. Arrival in Tonga went smoothly, it was amazing to see students meeting aunts, uncles and cousins for the very first time.



Our accommodation at the Village Backpackers was perfect with the host being fluent in Tongan and English. Mia was able to give a brief history talk in relation to youth development in the Kingdom. She proved to be a great sounding board each evening as we had authentic Tongan dishes, she would host Q&A for the day's experience. Historical sites, Po Fiefie watching authentic Tongan performances in a cave after a marvellous meal of Tongan delicacies, were a few of the highlights of the students. Travelling to historical sites and hearing the korero whilst diving into ice cold waters tying the learning opportunity to a tangible learning experience was so powerful for our various learning styles.

The most talked about highlights were the Tongan Museum Cultural Experience and the Umu making in the bush. Both involved the students making umu. First umu the students were guided and instructed through the process. They also received a very hands-on workshop on Tongan formal wear. The second umu was created from scratch with students fully in control. This was an experience they will never forget. The students were able to experience a full day as a young Tongan their age might experience when out in the plantation. True connection with the fanau was achieved.



STAFF PD - FEEDBACK

Jeanie Hansel - "Being in Tonga and seeing how they go about their everyday lives and also family organisation really helps me understand our families and kids back in Otahuhu. It all just makes sense now."

Parehuia Enari - Experiencing Tonga opened my eyes to the diversity of the people and culture. Ranging from traditional through to contemporary and then witnessing the heavy influence of western culture on the talavou.

My perception of the Tongan culture was stretched and updated which really helped me to better understand our kāinga back in Otāhuhu. Being amongst the haves and

have nots, and observing the youth stretching the boundaries of their culture and identity whilst socialising on their beautiful beaches and water caves.

My highlight was the presence of 'whakairo' (carvings) around the island that depicted Māui and the significantly large 'tekoteko' monuments. An immense connection immediately revealed, followed by the epiphany of our ancient whakapapa.

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Living in with a family on arrival to Samoa was an amazing experience. Our tour party was able to observe the daily happenings of a Samoan family from dusk till dawn for 3 days. Sharing meals, chores and lotu provided the learning by doing experience that is priceless. All the while the host who is fluent in English and Samoan is providing full explanation as to what is happening and why it is happening.

A ceremony that provided connection to the land and culture was the Ava Feiloai (Welcome) with Matai of the village. Students were able to participate in an Ava ceremony usually not afforded to children of their age. For all this was a first-time experience.

Making umu's from scratch. Not just being instructed or just watching, but actually making the umu themselves was again a priceless experience. They later ate of these umu and so reinforced a rich learning experience.

They heard about the best piece of the pig going to the faifeau, then they walked to the faifeau's house with it in hand. The group also got to participate with the local untitled men in a village working bee. This helped the young people witness and participate in the village organisation in action.

To sit in the evening with only the light of a massive rising moon as we sang and prayed in the fale Samoa in Samoan alongside the whole village was a moment in time that moved our tour group to another level of connection to the country. Being served with traditional woven tables on the floor by people their age demonstrated tautua better than any academic written explanation. Having the demonstration of how you would serve your elders and chiefs done to you and not explained to you was a powerful learning experience.

These overseas excursions are so powerful as they provide the intense growth experiences in the relevant context to PASS values. We are so grateful to all that assist in making these trips possible.



STAFF PD - FEEDBACK

Fiona Fono "I honestly thought our trip was going to be too short, but by the time we were into our 3rd day we had done so much. The kids were like wasted and I was starting to feel it too. My gosh we did so much it was just the right amount of days."
"Seeing these guys grow right before my eyes is an amazing privilege. I have been blessed to even be a part of an ava ceremony."

Brian Enari "I have learnt so much about how much of a blessing Samoa was for me in my childhood and being able to witness these guys grow through each experience."
"Wow, I got to participate and speak at my first Ava ceremony."

Dinah Lusitini "Being able to live in Savaia with Taulā and Helen with their family was such a blessing. People do not live like this in many places in Samoa. We got to see the real thing and be a part of it."



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