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Club Meets at Royal Oak Bowls 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Each Monday evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm, including dinner.

Newsletter to keep the Wheel

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YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Meeting Report --- 17th May 2021

Scribe: Lloyd Albiston

Attendance

Members 26

Visitors: Luke Taumihau

Apologies: Pat Anelay, Peter Mayow, Tony Rayner, Derek Neutze

Sergeant: Sunshine Fund Collection – \$108.50

President's announcements President **Bruce** in his typical sunny fashion welcomed everyone to the meeting with special mention to visitors and our potential new member Rhett. He gave a special word of thanks to **Neil Reid** who did a marvellous job organising last week's New Members Interest meeting (watch this space for outcomes).

One-minute spots:

70's Club Draw

Lloyd Albiston announced the 3rd draw for the year and reiterated how the 70's Club had raised over \$50,000 since inception for the benefit of local charities.....an amazing sum. He thanked all those who bought tickets. Congratulations to winners on the night being **Barbara Murdoch, Noel Carey and Rod Kestle**. The 4th and final draw for the year will take place on Changeover night in June.



Turning!



5-Minute Speaker:

Colin Tea told us of a memorable holiday he and wife Hazel undertook to Kasaba Bay on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Africa. They had the choice of a 3-day Land Rover ride or flying in an old noisy Dakota...they chose the latter. Their lodge was situated in bush surrounded by wild animals including elephants who routinely walked through the camp site in search of food especially bananas. Colin described a wild boat ride on the Lake and how a storm left him with a 'sore bum'. They tried swimming but were warned of Hippos lurking 100 meters offshore and the dangers they presented. Their hosts fired a volley of gun shots to frighten them off. Whilst they avoided conflict with the Hippos a snake caused them to very quickly abandon their swim.

Back to the elephants, Colin recalled how a giant tusker invited himself to dinner one night and took all their buns. One evening just as they were about to turn in he looked outside to see a herd of elephants next to their lodge with one ceremoniously scratching itself on the thatch of the lodge. Colin and Hazel were wary of the elephants and spoke of an incident one morning when an elephant ripped out a window of a concrete and steel frame store and another occasion when a 2-tonne trailer was tipped over by elephants who absconded with all the camp yeast resulting in no bread for 5 days.

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker **Madison Chang** was introduced by **Neil Reid** who described Madison as a Water Safety Consultant primarily to the Asian community. In this capacity Madison's main function was to educate people using programs to prevent drownings. He is the President elect of the Rotary Club of South Auckland.

Madison began his talk by saying he was frequently asked if he was a lifeguard (he is not). He then asked members for their experiences on near drowning events. His programs were designed to educate people on how to prevent drowning and were aimed at the workplace, the community and schools. He was funded by the Education Dept and Water Safety NZ. He quoted statistics on drownings saying that 400 people had lost lives in the past 5 years with 100 in the Auckland region. 37% of drownings were European, 17% Asian, 13% Pacifica and 4% Maori. He was concerned at the growing trend of drownings especially as the NZ population grows towards an expected 6 million people by 2035. A shocking statistic was that drownings in NZ in the past 5 years were equal to the total drownings in Canada and Australia.

New Asian immigrants were at high risk as they were not used to water/swimming and were particularly vulnerable when fishing off rocks which was a favourite pastime of theirs. Madison then went on to discuss the merits of water safety especially in the use of life jackets. He said that 92% of people survive drowning if they were wearing an adequate life jacket. He then demonstrated a selection of jackets with the assistance of 7 of our members who donned jackets. He showed them how to when selecting a life jacket, they should wear one size smaller than their normal shirt size to ensure a tight fit. Likewise, when in water with others if everyone is wearing a Life Jacket to surround the weakest in a tight huddle, swapping places as necessary.

Madison informed us that if you fall out of a boat you only have between 20 – 60 seconds to save yourself before hypothermia sets in. In this event of in the absence of a Life Jacket to grab anything that floats to save yourself e.g., a bait box or cushion. Raising your hand high to alert others was critical....but not to wave it as that signals you are ok.

Finally, Madison said he would like to see penalties introduced to NZ for not wearing a Life Jacket whilst boating as they do in Australia. He recommended boaties invest in their water safety by buying premium life jackets and regularly reviewing their function.....as he stated, “ a quality life jacket doesn't cost anywhere near the price of a car, and it may save your life.”



Madison was thanked by Robin Hulford for his most interesting and informative talk. Robin spoke of an experience he had in Cook Strait when a person drowned because of a lose fitting life jacket.



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Duties

24th May

Equipment: Ant Martin
Attendance: Alistair Grundy
Hospitality: George Arulanantham
5 Minute Speaker: Lloyd Albiston
Guest Speaker: Dr Simon Thornley
Subject: Auckland Public health
Host: Duncan McDonald
Thanks: Rod Kestle
Thought for the week: Neil Reid.
Scribe: *Quentin Jay*

31st May

Equipment: Paul Jenner
Attendance: Bruce Clegg
Hospitality: Alan Bannin
5 Minute Speaker: Pat Anelay
Guest Speaker: Linda Walls- Consultant
Subject: Business and Stress
Host: Trevor Mosley
Thanks: Quentin Jay
Thought for the week: Deidre Shea
Scribe: *Barry Stafford*

(Remember, if you are **not available for a duty, *please organise a replacement* and advise Alan and Noel.)**

Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Facebook page Link: (ctrl and click to follow link)
<https://www.facebook.com/rcooth/>

Program for the balance of this Rotary year

31-May-21 Linda Walls- Consultant / Business and Stress
7-Jun-21 **Queens Birthday**
14-Jun-21 Karen Chhour MP Act Political Party
21-Jun-21 Joseph Mayes IHC Consultant / IHC in the Community
28-Jun-21 **Changeover Meeting**



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This group will be talking to our Club in August. It is suggested that we make this Ladies Night!



No industry or country can reach its potential until women reach their full potential. This is especially true of science and technology, where women with a surplus of talent still face a deficit of opportunity.

~Sheryl Sandberg~



My name is Christabel. I work with BeyondWater as the administrator. I have travelled to Rwanda to look at a possible Girl Project program in Kigali. My work involves but is not limited to writing the newsletters, updating our social media pages and ensuring that the Girl project programs run efficiently. I have been with BeyondWater for 6 years now and the work we've done during this time has been life changing.

So, if you've been wondering who's the face behind the newsletters that you get every month, there it is!

The Girl Project program has also been running for six years. Over this period, we've graduated more than 50 girls from the program. We started the program as a trial and error but along the way we found ourselves coming with ideas that have enabled us to see young ladies from rural and slum areas grow to

become very strong and confident women.

Empowering girls is a continuous thing and every day we discover new ideas and programs that we can teach them. Along the way, we learned that most of these girls had zero knowledge about computers. In the 21st century you'd think that everyone knows how to operate a computer, but that's not the case. So, we started teaching the girls who had completed high school basic computer skills.

Beatrice(above photo) was among the group that took part in the computer course last month. Beatrice says she had never touched a computer before until the day we started teaching her. Beatrice enjoyed Microsoft PowerPoint because it's more practical and entertaining at the same time. Beatrice would like to become a Marine Engineer, so learning computer programs is not an option but a requirement.

This was the happiest we saw Beatrice, she used to come very early in the morning to remind herself what she'd learned the previous day. And she was eager to know more than what was being taught.

The use of computer and the internet is growing day by day at a high speed. Almost all businesses, companies and schools use computers for various official operations. So, we are on the track by teaching these girls.

Technology changes every day and by learning how to use computers girls are a step higher. Rotary clubs are great supporters of community developed, and this is an opportunity for you to tap in.

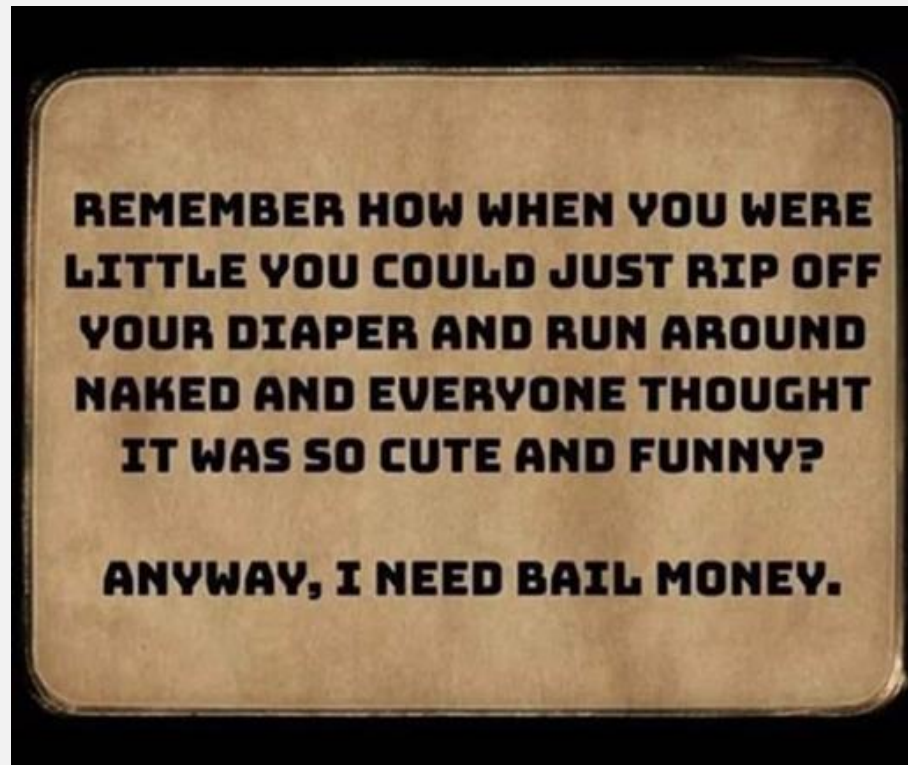
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Bede's 'Touch of Humour'





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