



Rotary



Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill Inc.

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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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Turning!

June is-

Meeting Report ---

14th June 2021

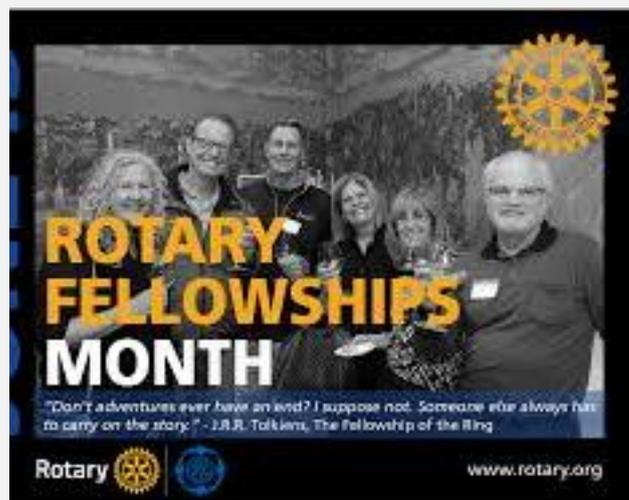
Scribe Lloyd Albiston

Attendance

Members 26

Visitors:

Apologies: Deidre Shea, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Rhett Stephens, Duncan McDonald.



Sergeant: Sunshine Fund Collection – produced \$171.30

President's announcements: President Bruce in his ebullient way welcomed everyone to the meeting with special mention to visitors. He extended two cordial invitations to members... firstly to attend the Rotary District 100-year centennial celebrations on Friday 25 June at the Aotea Centre – cost is \$125 p.p. and secondly to the official opening of the new classrooms at Oranga Primary School on Tuesday 27 July.

One Minute Spots

Neil Reid advised the 'Sandpit Diggers' he spoke of several weeks ago were under construction but they needed volunteers to paint the finished product. Please let Neil know if you are available to help out.

At the board meeting this week it was unanimously decided that we officially welcome members of the Rotary club of Epsom into our club meetings.

Epsom have struggled this year and have decided to hand their charter back and wind up the club; this is not an easy decision.

On our part we will start sending the Onehunga One Tree Hill weekly bulletin to Active and Honorary members of the Epsom Club

An email has been sent to the Active members inviting them to attend our meetings and suggesting if they wish to continue their Rotary, they are more than welcome at our club.

Incoming President Robin has indicated a commitment to carry on Epsom projects; however, we need the former Epsom members to help in the continuance in this area.

Five Minute Speaker

Pat Anelay told us that he and his wife Elaine frequent Waiheke Island usually 5/8 times per year, a favourite destination of theirs. A highlight is the annual Onetangi Beach races run by the Rotary Club of Waiheke Island as a fund raiser. He described it as a wonderful family day out, usually attracting a great crowd who enjoy a variety of races up and down the 2 km Onetangi beach. Pat shared photos of the event showing horse and buggy races, tractor racing, amphibious boats (or were they cars?) and a new class of thundercats (high speed boats) who get up to 90 kms per hour through the surf. All in all, he said it was very exciting with proceeds going to local charities. Highly recommended. Next year's event is scheduled for 13 February 2022.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker **Karen Chhour** was introduced by **Peter Mayow** who described her as a new Member of Parliament for the Act Party sitting at number 7 on their List rankings. She was elected at the 2020 elections and is Act Spokesperson on Social Development, Children and Child Poverty reduction. She was previously self-employed in the NZ clothing industry, is a mother of 4 and has been a volunteer for St John's for 18 years where she helped many young people.

Karen described herself as an advocate for children. She was born in Australia of a Maori mother and lived in Northland for a number of years experiencing state care which has influenced her passion to making a better world for kids who are left down and out. She feels many children are suffering because no-one is listening to them and taking ownership of issues. She believes it is often the failure of parents that result in kids going into state care. Karen very firmly believes there is a need to change the system in regard to state care through the Government agency Oranga Tamariki. Her goal is to make life better for the next generation.

In respect of her new parliamentary world, she said her maiden speech was one of the hardest things she has had to do to date. Notwithstanding she felt very proud of her maiden speech. She has found the parliamentary institution at times quite intimidating but is not afraid to ask hard questions although this can be challenging being in a minority party.

During question time a number of our members asked her about her thoughts, goals and vision. Here is a sample of them:

1. Act Leadership - "David Seymour is a very good person and leader, and I am proud to be part of the Act party."
2. Family – "My kids are very proud and supportive of their Mum."
3. Women speaking on Maraes – "I'm happy for each Iwi, Hapu and tribe to make their own decisions on women's speaking rights".
4. Teachers – "Too often teachers take too much responsibility on their own shoulders, much more than is expected. They work long hours and have hard jobs. Maybe there should be counsellors at primary and intermediate levels."
5. The Oranga Tamariki Act – "Is 495 pages long which is unnecessarily excessive and difficult to administer. The principle of 'the best interests of the child is critical and paramount to any decisions. The complexity of the OT Act often makes it difficult to get 'the right' decision. A

child should be treated as a child and shouldn't be treated on the basis of colour. Too often the OT Act looks backward instead of looking at what's happening now." Karen said she has a private members Bill in the 'biscuit tin' to make changes to the OT Act for the betterment of children.

6. Social Welfare – “ has not always given Maori dignity”.

Finally, Karen said she wants people to know she is genuine and firmly believes” it only takes 1 person to change someone else's life.”

Karen was thanked by Derek Neutze for her time, and her most interesting and informative talk. He complimented her on both her passion and vision around children and their future.

Duties

21st June

Equipment: Colin Tea

Attendance: Fatu Enari

Hospitality: Gwynyth Carr

5 Minute Speaker: Parehuia Enari

Guest Speaker: Joseph Mayes

Subject: IHC in the Community

Host: Rod Kestle

Thanks: Duncan McDonald

Thought for the week Colin Tea.

Scribe: *Quentin Jay*

28th June

ONEHUNGA ONE TREE HILL ROTARY CLUB CHANGEOVER DINNER

Selwyn Heights

42 Herd Road, Hillsborough

6.15pm for

6.50pm

**Welcome Robin
as our new
President**

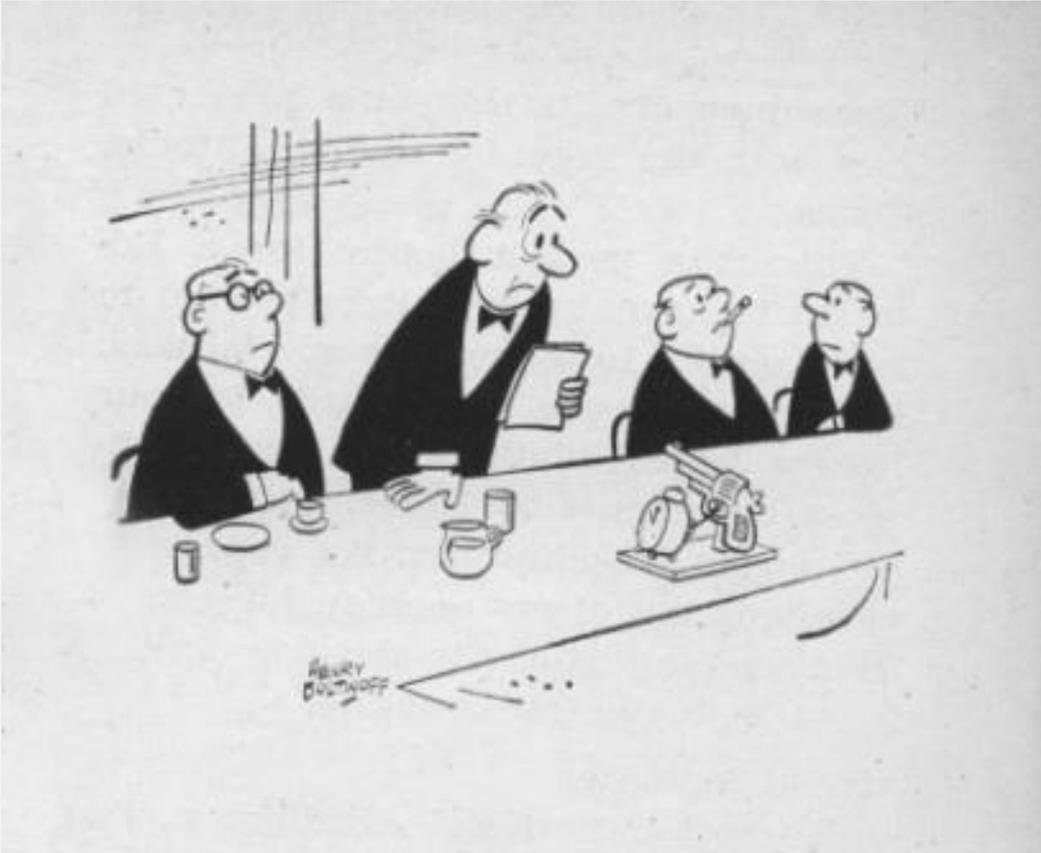


(Remember, if you are **not available for a duty, **please organise a replacement** and advise Alan and Noel.)**



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Bede's 'Touch of Humour'



**Bede's time
keeping!!!**

A will is a dead giveaway.

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- > With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
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- > Police were summoned to a day-care centre, where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
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- > Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
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- > A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
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- > The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
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- > He had a photographic memory, but it was never fully developed.
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- > When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
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- > Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
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- > I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
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- > Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
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