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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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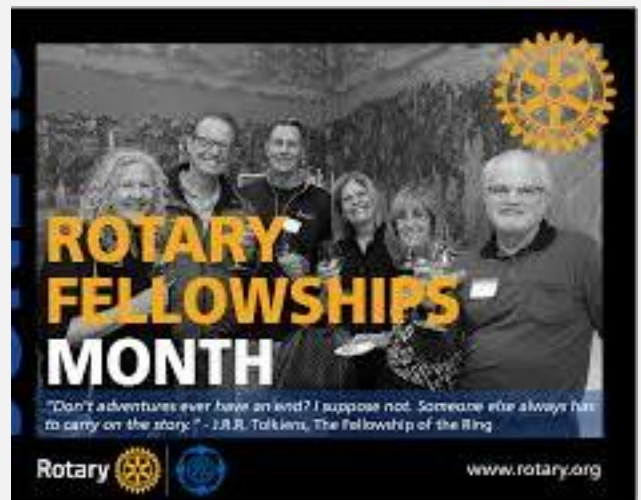
Turning!

June is-

Meeting Report ---

21st June 2021

Scribe Quentin Jay



Attendance

Members 22

Visitors: Rhett Stephens

Apologies: Derek Neutze, Trevor Mosley, Neil Reid, Bill Grayson, Paul Jenner, Tony Rayne, George Arulanantham.

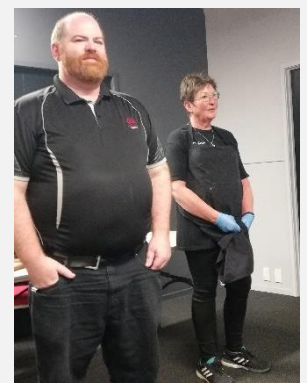
Sergeant: Sunshine Fund Collection – produced \$87.00



President's announcements: President Bruce's last act as president was to thank our venue caterers Ben and Julie for another year of fine drink and dining.

One Minute Spots

Bruce asked all members to update their membership details if they have changed.





Five Minute Speaker: Parehuia Enari spoke of her experience with Te Reo, both as a reluctant learner and as a passionate teacher. Her Grandmother had explained how in her day speaking Maori was forbidden at school, with getting strapped a possible consequence. Her parents would never learn to speak it. She learned basic Maori at school and was put into a total immersion teaching program at the University of Waikato. Many of her classmates are now Principals at their schools. Since then, she and Fatu have spent 20 years teaching children confidence in identity, culture and leadership. After introducing the concept of “Tangata Tiriti”, Parehuia gave a lesson in Maori pronunciation with a rousing song sung by all.



Guest Speaker Rod re-introduced Karim Rostami, who spoke once before about his successful campaign to raise money for charities through long distance swimming. This talk would be his amazing accomplishment since then. Karim grew up in Afghanistan where at age two he developed Polio, which has left him unable to use his legs properly. Entering New Zealand as a refugee, he has faced many challenges but has managed to own a successful café at the end of Point Chevalier Road. His exploits as a long distance swimmer started with a swim across the Waitemata to raise money for Surf Lifesaving. Because of his disability, which prevents him from using his legs to swim, he was able to gain enough publicity to raise \$97,000 for the cause. He next decided to swim from Waiheke to Auckland, thereby gaining more publicity and raising more funds. Next task was to do an Iron Man. When asked how he could possibly do this, his answer was “I don’t know”.

When asked why, the answer was “to inspire others”.

Unable to properly run or to ride a bike, he crossed the line as last person counted just inside the cutoff time!. His inspiration raised \$46,000 for Polio Eradication.

he was invited into a “crazy idea” of swimming the 100 kilometers between Great Barrier Island and Takapuna with 5 legends of sport.

The 3 hour boat trip gave a chilling reminder of how far this was. The day of the swim was marked by 22 knot winds and a 2 ½ meter swell but the swimmers were not deterred. They were also blessed with sightings of dolphins and whales. Swimming at night was not only calmer but beautifully marked by phosphorus blooms. Daybreak saw Takapuna in sight but the tide was against them and it was a very long time before they reached the beach.

The \$360,000 raised bought St Johns two new ambulances.

His next challenge is to swim Cook Straight, with the recipient for the funds raised yet to be announced. Karim has plans now to achieve the “Oceans 7” around the world.

Duncan thanked Karim for his presentation.

Thought for the week

Wisdom from Colin: “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world:”
 . N .Mandela.



Robin and Paul
 Welcoming new Members



Duties

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



5th July

Equipment: Colin Tea
Attendance: Fatu Enari
Hospitality: Alistair Grundy
5 Minute Speaker: N/A
Guest Speaker: DG Grant Smith
Subject: District 9910
Host: Robin Hulford
Thanks: Robin Hulford
Thought for the week: Neil Reid
Scribe: Barry Stafford

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

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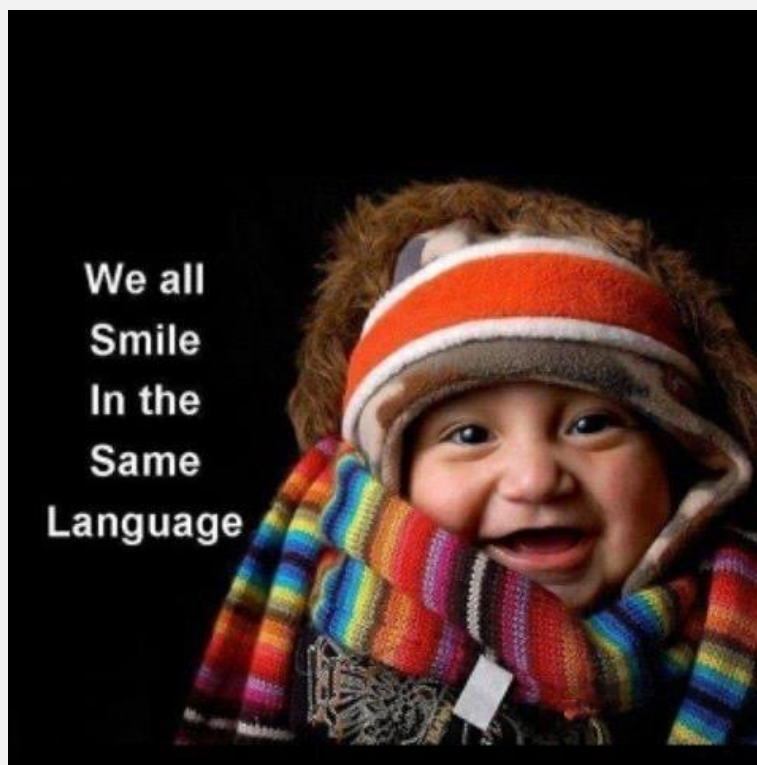
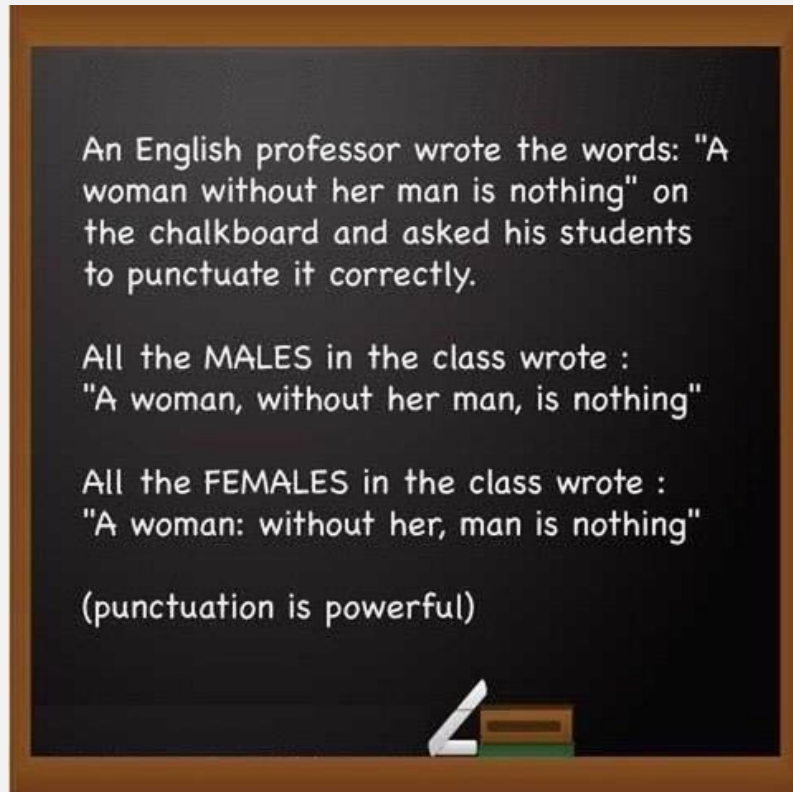
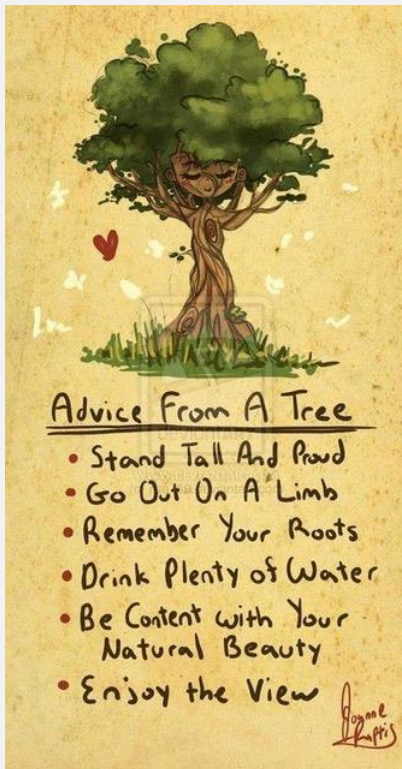


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'Touch of Humour'



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