



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



Turning!

NL 68 27th Sept 2021

September is-

27th September 2021 Zoom Meeting

Members: 24

Apologies:

Ernie Meyer, Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari.



Rotary



SEPTEMBER IS
EDUCATION & LITERACY
MONTH

"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN
USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."
- NELSON MANDELLA

We will have to stop meeting like this! People are talking!



Presidents Announcements:

President Robin drew our attention to the food shortages experienced in the Southern Auckland district and suggested we might like to think about how we can help.

The changes to District organisation, (not Club organisation), is still in the draft planning stage and we will be advised when the plan is available.

The proposed changes to our Club name and website are ongoing and will be addressed at a club forum and tabled at the AGM on the 29th of November 2021.

One minute spot Noel Carey. Noel advised that we had booked 2 spots for the **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** week on the 1st to the 8th May 2021 held again at Muriwai Surf Life Saving Club.

He will be on the lookout between now and Christmas time for two outstanding, or potentially outstanding young people between the ages of 20 and 28, who aspire to leadership please. We prefer to have more than two so that we can select the best two from a group. It would not be easy during lockdown level three to be interviewing via video to find suitable candidates, but we do have plenty of time to be able to conduct the interviews at a different Covid level.

Tony Rayner suggested we might like to ask John Tapu for suggestions from his contacts.

Guest Speaker:

Three 5 minutes from Paul Jenner, Brian Williams, and Lloyd Albiston

Paul Jenner provided an interesting synopsis of milestones of his life during his time as a member of Rotary. Paul joined Rotary as a foundation member of the One Tree Hill Club in 1978.

His son David was born in January 1979. Paul reminisced on a couple of amusing stories about those early days. In 1984 he found himself in the Sales of Flexible Hoses and Couplings followed by the purchase, with a couple of partners, of a furniture importing and manufacturing business. After deciding this was not what he was interested in he sold the business and found a niche market in manufacturing Flexible Hoses and Couplings in NZ. In 2002 they sold their house in Three Kings and after renting for 12 months purchased their current house in Green Lane. In 2019 Paul was approached by his neighbour, and asked if he wanted to sell the business, Reht Stevens is his name, and he intends to join our club in the near future. Paul agreed to sell and is still providing some assistance to the business supporting the purchase and setting up of a new machine that will do double or treble the rate of the previous machine. This is providing some 'respite' from retirement.

Paul provided an anecdote on the changing face of NZ manufacturing.

There are quite a few companies in New Zealand dealing with engineering work in Asia. That is now changing due to the evolution of the CNC, (Computer Numeric Control), machinery, coming into New Zealand. We now have really, really fancy stuff

One guy in particular, probably got \$20,000 a month done in Asia, in Indonesia or Philippines. One day had a really urgent job. He found that there was a Laser cutting provider locally, and went to him and said, "I am the neighbour down the road, I've got this little job I want. And I want them today. it's just an urgent thing we need made this afternoon".

And the owners first statement was, "do you do any other work?" In all honesty he told him that they get a lot done overseas. The owner said, "I'll do that for you. But you've got a guarantee to bring your drawings for me to quote.". Three weeks later, this guy had all the work because he was between seven and 9% different. There were no hassles to get the weekly delivery. You could go there and alter something really quickly. And this guy was over the moon, and this is what's been happening in NZ over the last five years. There's a laser cutting engineering shop down Mount Maunganui somewhere and the machine takes the sheet off the rack puts it into the machine cuts out the work, takes the excess sheet away, and selects the next big sheet and loads the next program into the machine and then starts. And that runs 24 hours without anyone

touching it. And this country is getting better and better with that machinery and bringing stuff back into the fold. As far as we were concerned, the product that I was manufacturing, in my business probably had 100 to 200% cost of the product in freight. So, we are still a lot more expensive than in China. But our service is second to none. There were five companies importing the product when I started. And now there's only one. The good thing about it is the production rate is pretty much maintained between 90 and 95% of the turnover that I had, even during lockdown.

Brian Williams

Brian is a new recruit to only Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary having been a Rotarian for 20 years with Epsom rotary who have recently disbanded. Brian was given 5 minutes by Bede to speak on his background and past. He was born in Dunedin, the Edinburgh of the south, in 1940 an only child. He was educated at the Christian Brothers school. His first job in 1960 was with National Mortgage, the largest stock and station company in NZ at that time. In 1962 he was transferred to Auckland, a bit of a shock for a young fellow from the deep south. His role was with Windtest Industries which was at that time manufacturing, Tents Tarpaulins clothing and polythene bags.

.In 1965 he was transferred to Wellington in a sales role for the lower half of the North Island. his interest in playing Rugby and Rowing meant he mixed and mingled with the locals.

. Over the years he was involved with rugby clubs in Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland.

1968 saw him back in Auckland and in 1970 he met Sharon and they were married the following year. The current Covid lockdown has prevented us from celebrating 50 years of marriage last month as we had planned.

He resigned from National Mortgage in 1975 and became a commissioned agent for 2 years representing 9 companies. He joined N K Archibald and company Hand Tool importers where he worked until retirement in 2012. During these years he meet Neil Reid and Colin Tea. They have lived in Epsom for 48 years. Their son and daughter were both educated locally and after university they spent a number of years in the UK which gave them the opportunity to visit them and explore UK and Europe. They returned to NZ, married, and had children and now settled in Mt Eden. As a family they have enjoyed mountain life as members of the Whakapapa ski club and Alpine sports club. To make all this possible he ran with the Auckland joggers. With the family living so close it has meant Sharon and himself have been very involved with school, preschool, church, and sporting activities with their 4 grandchildren.

Over the year they have enjoyed trips to Australia, South Vietnam, South America, Canada, Alaska, and Asia. Their last trip before Covid closed our border was to Dubai and the Danube. Finally he is glad to be joining he Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary club as I feel this provides the fellowship and organisation worldwide, so important at these challenging times. Thanks for the welcome to your team.

Lloyd Albiston

Lloyd started by saying he was not going to talk about himself and that we would all agree that we are living in some strange and unsettling times with Covid. He talked about some of the negatives and positives around that. Reduction in pollution, quieter environments, also more active bird life as noted in his daily walk into Cornwall Park and One Tree Hill Domain.

Lloyd decided to use his 5-minute spot to talk a bit about the some of the features and history of the 2 areas.

Lloyd highlighted the size and importance of One Tree Hill/Maungakiekie to both the early Māori occupation and early European settlers Lloyd detailed some of the early history of the Maunga, including the largest and most important Pah

.It was estimated to have had a Māori population of between 4000 and 5000 people. Many of the Pah features from that time are still visible in the remnants of the terraces.

He also pointed out a little-known fact, that there had been a Huge Greenstone Gong installed at the summit, during the Māori Pah occupation, which when sounded could be heard for many miles around, possibly to call surrounding Iwi to a meeting.

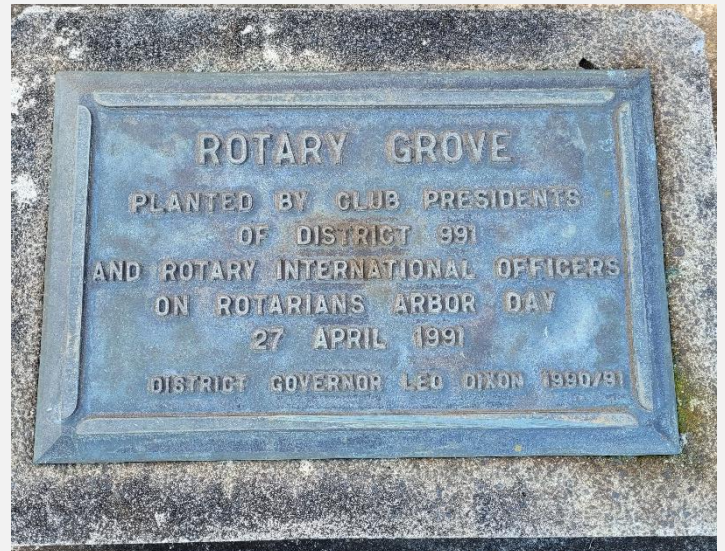
Lloyd talked about the role of Sir John Logan Campbell in the development of the area and his installation of the Memorial to Māori at the Summit.

Rotary has a presence on the Manukau rd side with the installation of Trees forming a Rotary Grove. The Plague can be seen at the site, just past the Auckland Observatory.

The Park has been host to many uses over the years including the Golf courses, Archery Club and Wartime American Hospital.

Lloyd described the extent of the hospital and the changes of its operation over the years until the buildings were demolished in 1975.

It was apparent that from the discussion that followed that a great number of members have an association with, and knowledge of the Parks.



Acacia Cottage



Memorial to Māori



Early View from Maungakiekie



Cornwall Park Hospital



Tony Rayner raised the point that we are not paying our meeting costs and there was discussion on whether we could help the community in some way with the money saved. The outcome was that members, if they wish, could deposit their saving into our trust fund and a decision made when we establish how much we get to distribute. We used a similar process last lock down.

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District Announcement from DG Grant Smith

Due to the challenges and uncertainty presented by the current Covid-19 alert level settings, we've made the difficult decision to postpone this year's Clean Up event until 30 October to still be part of New Zealand clean up week which runs from 25-31 October 2021. We recognise that this date may clash with some club's other activities but will still do our best to get as many clubs involved as possible.

Guest Speakers October:

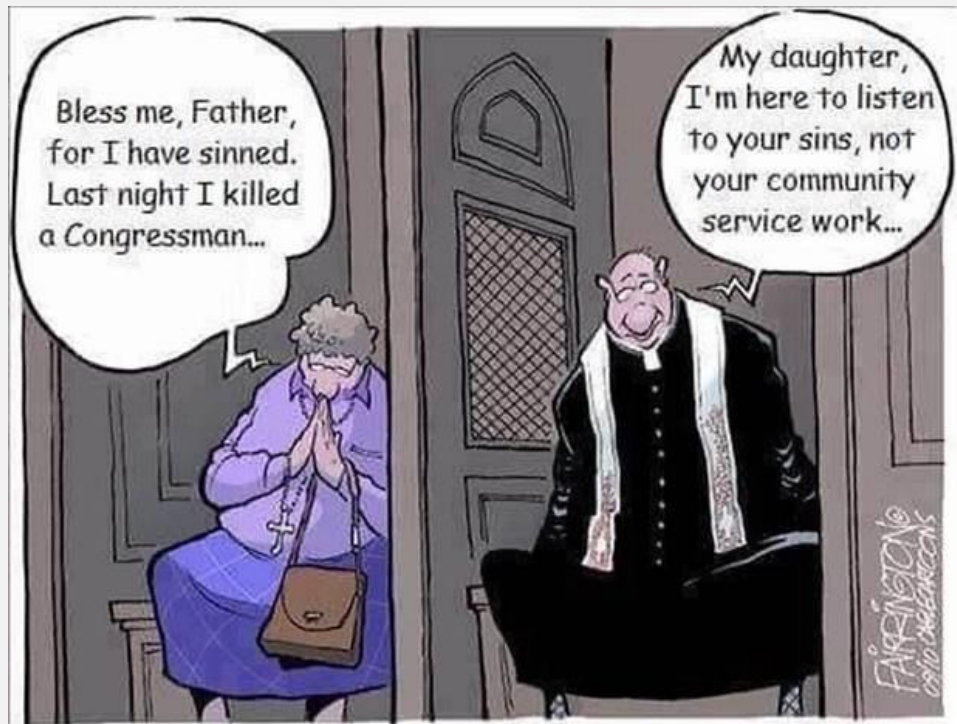
Oct 4th two 5 minutes from: Rob Lyons "About Me"
and Tony Rayner "About Me" and "Honiara"

Oct 11th Viv Beck CEO Heart of the City



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Touch of Humour



The kids won't move back home if **they can't find it.**



Tip of the day: blow on **the wine in your coffee mug** to convince the rest of the zoom meeting that it is tea.



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