

Onehunga-One Tree Hill Rotary Club



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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!
February is-
NL 83 21st February 2022



Apologies: Trevor Mosley, , Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, , Derek Neutze, Derek Atkinson, Cat Levine ,Neil Reid, Bill Grayson. Rod Kestle, Diedre Shea, Alistair Grundy, Colin Tea

Members: 20

Visitors: Guest Speaker Phil Sai Louie
Sergeants Fines:



Presidents Announcements

President Robin welcomed Gary Hayes, our new member . Ernie is to update the Rotary Honors board.
Next Board meeting rescheduled for the 14th MARCH.

1-Minute

Noel announced that there were now two applications for RYLA

Trevor thanks those members who provide him with hospital transport on 3 occasions each week.: Bruce, Lloyd and Paul. He also sends his apologies.

Barry noted the photo of the Bridge arch in today's paper. The Bridge group is looking for history, photos, and stories on the bridge. He has unearthed a note about how the Māori were able to cross at the site of the bridge by wading up to their chest at low tide. There was a basalt ledge at the time that is now destroyed.

Peter spoke of how, with the Child Cancer collection cancelled, the club may need to distribute flyers asking people to contribute.



5-minute Speaker Ernie has a book from 1971 about the first 50 years of Rotary in New Zealand and this was the year he was inducted. In it are stories about the various clubs and how they started, and it makes good reading. The history of the Palmerston North club was particularly interesting as this was Ernie's home. PN was and still is a farming town but also a city of government institutions such as Massey, the Teachers College and the DSIR. The name Blair Tennent comes up as he was District Governor in 1949. He was notable as a City Councilor, Mayor and Chairman of the regional Education Board. He was a man of many hats, but the one Ernie remembers was after his mother was told that Ernie was the only dental patient he knew, who could talk with a drill in his mouth!

Guest Speaker: Phil Sai Louie

Lloyd introduced the speaker as a man of many interests.

Phil grew up in Onehunga, having attended Onehunga Primary and Intermediate schools. He has worked in Insurance, Banking, Walking tours as well as a rugby referee.

The topic was Auckland Place Names

Phil started his talk by adding more roles to this list:

President, Secretary, and sole member of the "Auckland Place Names Enthusiasts Club"

Starting with Māori place names, he explained that the names can be

1. Very crude
2. Difficult to find out what the name means

An example of crudity is that Kumeu translates to "For a woman to pull her breast", an act considered an insult in Maoridom.

Remuera translates to "burnt buttocks", a reference to a particular woman who was cooked and eaten.

Waiheke means "descending waters", a euphemism for urination.

The language can be ambiguous because unlike with English, there are only 80 syllables, therefore each syllable can have many meanings.

Onehunga means either Sandy beach or Burial place.

Rangitoto is often said to mean "Blood Red Sky", because the locals would have seen its last eruption.

Another interpretation revolves around a story of a philanderer named Tama te Kupua who had his face bashed and bloodied, which in Māori becomes "Te Rangi totonuia a Tama te Kupua" or Rangitoto for short.

He then spoke of the Pakeha names. Lord Auckland, whose family name was Eden, was Lt. Hobson's boss back in London.

Blockhouse Bay was named after the blockhouse that was torn down 65 years before. The blockhouses were defensive shelters placed also in Jellicoe Park, Panmure, Otahuhu and Howick.

Sylvia Park was named after Thomas Morrin's thoroughbred mare who begat Carbine, a winner of the Melbourne Cup, hence Carbine Road.

Bastion Point was named for the defences set up on the top, but as Bastion Rock was in the way, it was removed with explosives. The remains being used for Tamaki Drive.

The Noises were a poor translation of Le Noisettes, named by D'Urville to mean little nuts,

Castor Bay was either named after the castor oil plant or by the ship HMS Castor.



Phil then showed old photos to see if anyone could recognise the site. Royal Oak showed an extremely ugly monument to Seddon that was mysteriously and mercifully lost by the Council.

Lake Eden became Eden Park and Cabbage Tree Swamp became Kingsland, though the residents were hoping it would be named Beverly Hills. Morningside was named by the angry brothers of developer Allen Kerr Taylor after the Scottish town that held a lunatic asylum.

Phil then paid homage to Historian Lisa Truckman who he said had far more Auckland knowledge than he did.

Thought for the week David Taylor

honoured the “**Courage, Optimism and Creativity**” of the recent Olympians.

Duties for February - March

Date: 28th February

ZOOM MEETING

Attendance 1 n/a

Attendance 2 Verifier and Vaccination List Ticker Off: n/a

Equipment: n/a

Hospitality: **5-Minute Speaker** Barry Stafford

Guest speaker: PDG Peter Garnett

Subject: ROMAC

Host: Tony Rayner

Thanks: .Quentin Jay

Thought for the Week: Bill Appleton

Date: 7th March

Attendance 1 Paul Jenner

Attendance 2 Verifier and Vaccination List Ticker Off: Bruce Murdoch

Equipment: Gary Hays

Hospitality: Ernie Meyer

5-Minute Speaker Bede Brittenden

Guest speaker: Jeanette Thorne

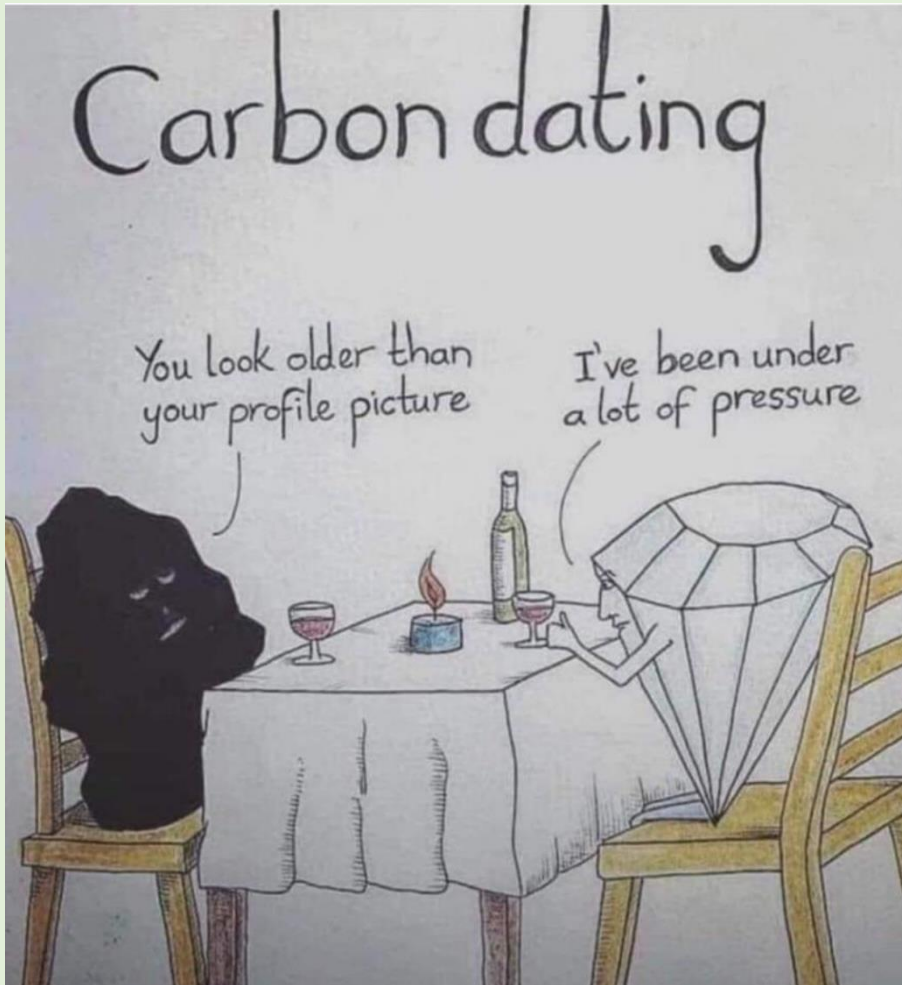
Subject: Community Gardens

Host: Gwynyth Carr

Thanks: . Barry Stafford

Thought for the Week Trevor Mosley

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



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