



Newsletter to Keep the Wheel Turning



President: Jeanette Thorne

Secretary: Richard Ryan

Meeting location: Royal Oak Bowls, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Time: Monday evening 5:30pm for 6 p.m. start to 7:30pm, includes \$21 dinner

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**JULY IS
LEADERSHIP MONTH**

"IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE AND
BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER."
- JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

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Present: 21

Apologies: George Arulanantham, Gwynyth Carr, Bruce Clegg, David Eastwood, John-Paul Goulding, Gary Hays, Shameen Hayat, Robin Hulford, Rod Kestle, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Peter Mayow, Richard Ryan, Colin Tea, Sharlene Wagner.

Sergeant's fines: \$107.60

WELCOME MADAME PRESIDENT

Our new Club President Jeanette Thorne was warmly welcomed by members for her first time behind the club's podium and as the third woman President in the club's 76-year history.

President Jeanette has had a varied range of jobs in health, education and general management and leadership across the public and private sectors.



Jeanette went to Epsom Grammar and then became a physio working mainly in elderly health. She was the business manager of the Onehunga Emergency Clinic, CEO of a company that matched nurses to employers, an Air New Zealand reservation consultant, member of the Auckland Grammar Rowing Club, Physio again and obtained an MBA in Sustainability. She undertook a Primary Teaching degree but was eventually put off by having to teach multiple, violent 6 year olds. She then spent time with her family and then became a Green Party campaigner.

More recently Jeanette organised the launch of the Oranga Community Garden and latterly has been a member of the Onehunga District Community Organiser of Social Services (ODCOSS).

Learning about our new President was coincidentally in keeping with what we were about to hear from the 2023-24 RI President, Gordon R. McNally regarding encouraging more women to be involved in leadership and unlocking their potential.

Fittingly before our club dinner and in honour of the new RI President, grace was given in Scots by Past-Club Secretary and Scotsman, Iain McCrea who recited Robbie Burn's Selkirk Grace (also known as the Galloway or Covenanters' Grace).



Bill reminded all to mark **24-26 November** in our diaries for the **Book Fair weekend**.

This year Bill has secured Room 7 in the Onehunga Community House which will be the Sorting room. We get access from Mon 13th Nov. *(If only Bill could have acquired the Hogwart's Sorting Hat, too – Ed).*

Books have started to arrive at the Community House. None will be recycled from last year which will make the Book-buyers happy.

1-MINUTE SPOT

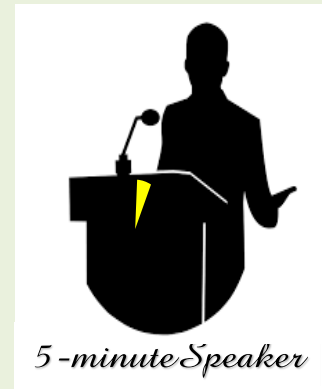
Quentin is to decide whether to retain his local membership, as it depends on the result of upcoming Hokitika contract renewals.

Sergeant Noel updated us on the whereabouts of members: Gwynyth had an op. on Friday, Colin is in Aust., Gary is in Taupo with grandchildren and Rod while awaiting results is off to the Gold Coast for - surfing lessons?!!



CRAIG JONES

My Job in Geneva



Craig told of a tale that took place post 9/11, when he was flown to the Geneva Convention Centre to manage the electrical installation of a large exhibition for Transend. Back then, Transend was a wholly owned subsidiary of NZ Post, which was marketing its modern postal system, worldwide.

The 2-story display was one of the largest in the huge exhibition hall. The hall had a 35-ft high ceiling and floor area that spanned the size of three football fields. The gear and display arrived in two 35-ft containers and Craig was part of the team of five who had two days to install it all. They had the biggest display which glowed with the brightest lights and interactive TVs. This attracted a degree of interest from the other installation teams (which were 3-4 times bigger) who watched with interest to see whether it would be completed in time. It was enjoyable yet tiring work, and yes, it was installed on time and all worked fine.

One night around midnight just after Craig had gone to bed, he heard a click as his door lock went. A young woman entered, crossed the room, slipped into his bed. She slid her hand across Craig's hairy chest, stopped, slipped back out and made a hasty exit. The next morning Craig wondered if it was all a dream - until he found a pair of discarded knickers lying on the floor.

This brought much hilarity from members who speculated what type of chest the mystery visitor was expecting.



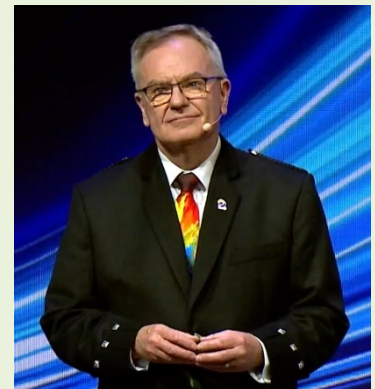
guest
speaker

GORDON R MCINALLY
2023-24 RI President
31st May 2023
Rotary International Convention,
Melbourne

Iain McCrea introduced the [video](#) (CTRL click to play) with a precis of Gordon McInally.

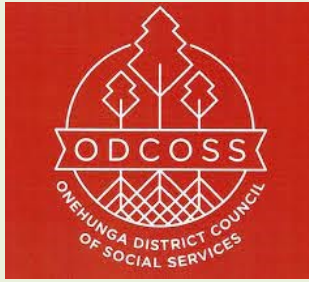
Gordon was born in Portobello, Edinburgh, in 1955. He is married to Heather and has two daughters. Gordon's father worked for a manufacturer of Glenmorangie whisky and his mother ran a private nursery. Gordon practised dentistry for 30 years before retiring with Heather on the borders of Scotland. Gordon joined Rotary at the age of 26yrs after being persuaded by a farmer friend at his church. He is a passionate follower of rugby. Both he and Heather love haggis and have been known to pick it up on their travels and microwave it in their hotel room.

RI President Gordon's hope and call to action for the world is reflected by the 18th-century poet, Robbie Burns who spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth."



Key takeaways from Gordon's address were:

- To "Create Hope in the World" through our actions.
 - Unlocking the potential in women and girls.
 - Elevating the status of young people, empowering Rotaractors with Global Grants.
 - Taking a strong stand and support of diversity, equity and inclusion and to expand a sense of belonging.
 - Polio remains Rotary's top corporate priority and to raise \$50m USD each year.
 - Use the full potential of Rotary to promote peace through International exchange.
 - Ask each other "How are you, really?" to strengthen our friendships through acts of kindness.
 - That Mental Health care fits well within Rotary's Areas of Focus. Gordon cited the work that District 9910 and Cat Levin are doing in New Zealand and others are doing in areas around the world. It is Rotary's aim to prioritise this in 2023-24 and in the years ahead.
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EVENT

Jeanette invited members to join here at an event members may be interested in at the Onehunga Community House.

Catering is provided.

Event: Senior Citizens Health and Retirement Living - Course
Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm
Date: Thursday, 20th July 2023
Venue: Onehunga Community House, 83 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

Speakers: Dr Richard Busfield (GP)
Jeanette Thorne (Ex-Physiotherapist)

Synopsis: This course is for senior citizens and retirees, their families and caregivers who will have an opportunity to ask questions from the panel regarding related health (physical/mental).

RSVP: Jeanette Thorne
Mb: 021 128 4493
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COMING UP



Peter Mayow has asked members to pencil **Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of August** into their calendars.

We need 12 or more collectors who will be stationed at a stand outside the Onehunga Countdown. Volunteers would be rostered on one or more 2hr shifts.

This is a most enjoyable and fun experience especially when meeting the very friendly and supportive Onehunga community.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK (Phil Aish)

What you see and what you hear depends a great deal on where you are standing. It also depends on what sort of person you are.

C.S. Lewis, The Magician's Nephew

DUTIES

Unable to attend? Apologies to Noel Carey: noelcarey@hotmail.com

Unable for a duty? Arrange your own replacement & text Noel Mb: **0274 509 845**

Meeting: 6pm Mon. 10th July 2023

President: Jeanette Thorne
Sergeant: Noel Cary
Attendance: Bill Appleton
Hospitality: Ernie Meyer
Equipment: Rob Lyons
Scribe/Photos: Tony Rayner
5-min speaker: Rob Lyons
Guest speaker: (Club Forum)
Thought: Alan Bannin

Meeting: 6pm Mon. 17th July 2023

President: Jeanette Thorne
Sergeant: Noel Cary
Attendance: Bill Grayson
Hospitality: Rhett Stephens
Equipment: Derek Neutze
Laptop: Bill Appleton
Scribe/Photos: Lloyd Albiston
Host: Earnie Meyer
5-min speaker: Richard Ryan
Guest speaker: Maria Meredith
 Local Board Chair, Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board: Draft Local Board Plan
Thanks: Duncan Macdonald
Thought: Robin Hulford



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