



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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**AUGUST IS
MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

"IT HAS BEEN THE WAY OF ROTARY TO FOCUS THOUGHT UPON MATTERS IN WHICH MEMBERS ARE IN AGREEMENT, RATHER THAN UPON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY ARE IN DISAGREEMENT."

- PAUL HARRIS

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Present: 21

Apologies: George Arulanantham, Gwynyth Carr, Bruce Glegg, David Eastwood, John Paul Goulding, Shameen Hayat, Robin Hulford, Rod Kestle, Rob Lyons, Duncan Macdonald, Ant Martin, Tony Rayner, Richard Ryan, Sharlene Wagner.

President's Announcements

President Jeanette warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. She advised we will have a few special visitors to our Club meeting next week on Mon 14th Aug, namely **four North American Rotarians as well as the President to the Greenwoods Business Association**. Members are encouraged to invite their partners to what should be an excellent night.

Jeanette asked Board members to please note there is a Board meeting next Monday evening pre-Club meeting at 4.15 pm.



Finally, Jeanette reminded members of the **fund raiser Movie night on Monday 21 August** and asked everyone to get behind it by ordering tickets (more info tonight from Organiser, Gary Hays)

Barry Stafford advised he is looking for Speakers.

**1-MINUTE
SPOT**

The next couple of meeting nights are covered but he has a Guest Speaker vacancy on **28th August** and suggested the meeting be used to update last year's **Strategy Plan** promulgated and distributed to members recently by former Secretary Iain McCrae, along with Tony Rayner's discussion paper on the club.

In the interim if you have someone or know of someone who is a **potential speaker**, please contact **Barry**.

Barry took the opportunity to update us on the **Summer Science Program**. Program material along with Applications have been forwarded to all Secondary Schools. Regards timing we need to receive applications from schools by 25 August with Club final applicant recommendations due at District by 25 September.

Gary Hays confirmed the **Club Movie Night on Monday 21 August** at the Lido Theatre, Epsom for a special showing of the recently released movie 'The Miracle Club' featuring Dame Maggie Smith, Kathryn Bates and Laura Linney. He described the film as an Irish Comedy set in the town of Ballygar where the women have a dream to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes helped by a little benevolent interference from their local priest...

Gary advised we have 140 tickets to sell at \$16 each and is asking members, friends of members and friends of friends to buy tickets to fill the theatre. Proceeds go to the Club Charitable Trust.

Sergeant Noel Carey advised the 'Kids to Camp' program this year has been emailed to Onehunga and Te Papapa Primary schools' seeking nominees. This year's camp will be a Willow Park between 1 October and 5 October. Our aim is to have 4 children attending.

Phil Aish gave us an update on his Hawkes Bay post **Cyclone Gabrielle cleanup**. It appears things have slowed down considerably with Phil having no work assigned to him for 3 days. Accordingly, he repatriated two of his excavators back home.



However there is still a huge amount of remedial work to be done and he mentioned Hick Bros Civil Construction who have been removing silt in a big way. Volunteers have assisted greatly but numbers vary on any given day making it often difficult to plan. Other issues such as the emotional impact on homeowners is proving very painful as personal items are recovered from the silt.

Phil concluded by saying Rotary Maungakiekie & Stortford Lodge clubs can be very proud of what they have done in the Hawkes Bay. In his words "we have bought hope". He thanked everyone for the support both financial and otherwise during the time he spent in 'the Bay'.

Lloyd Albiston is now kick starting the successful **70's Club fundraiser** for the new Rotary year and circulated a numbers spreadsheet. Tickets are selling fast (27 so far). If you have a favourite number/s between 1 and 77 please let Lloyd know so he can lock you in. Cost remains \$120 per entry.

Cat Levine spoke to us about her 'Think and Be Me' mental health program which has stalled following her recent health problem.

Her back hasn't been responding to Physio treatment to the point where the pain prevented her from walking and standing. Painkillers were of some help but a visit to A&E resulted in her being administered stronger drugs.



Eventually she was admitted to Middlemore Hospital where she underwent emergency surgery for the herniation of a disc in her back. Being the determined Cat we love and admire, she was discharged after 8 days (normally at least a fortnight) and with the aid of a highly decorated 'bling' crutch she is now walking and able to drive.



This all meant her Northland Mental Health program was delayed, but the good news is she is about to recommence school visits. Her original plan was to visit 40 schools in 2024, but this has now been extended out an additional year to 2025 which Cat is very happy about. She mentioned she is in high demand with the Hawkes Bay wanting to adopt her program as well as receiving requests to speak at various Rotary conferences next year.

It was great to see Cat up and about, moving relatively freely and looking ahead with enthusiasm. In her words "I was very stressed for the first 6 months of the year, but my health issues have allowed me to regroup. I am now stronger in myself."

Paul Jenner thanked Cat for the update and informed her "she was doing a brilliant job, to keep it up but not at the expense of yourself."



Due to the unforeseen, tonight's Speaker was unable to attend and is being rescheduled for another time.

guest
speaker

In the interim please contact Barry if you have someone or know of someone who is a potential speaker

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK (Gary Hays)

Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.

Nido Qubein - (Lebanese American businessman and motivational speaker)

COMING UP



Movie: The Miracle Club

When: 6:30 pm, Mon 21st August (in lieu of club night)

Where: Lido Theatre, 427 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland.

Club Event: Fill the whole 140-seat theatre. Invite neighbours, friends and friends of friends to achieve 140 sales.

MAKE IT A SELLOUT

Synopsis: There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime. A little Irish film with a better cast than most about four women on a trip to Lourdes.

Starring Kathy Bates, Laura Linney and Dame Maggie Smith.

Tickets: \$16.00 each

Payment to: The Maungakiekie Rotary Club

BNZ a/c: 02-0208-0417745-00

Particulars: Lido movie

Reference: (your name)

Code: -

Contact: Gary Hays (ghays@xtra.co.nz) with numbers you will have attending.



Cancer Society Daffodil Day

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 time together especially when meeting the very friendly and supportive Onehunga community.



DUTIES

Unable to attend > apologies to Noel: noelcarey@hotmail.com

Unable for a duty > arrange own replacement & text Noel: Mb: 0274 509 845

Meeting: 6pm Mon. 14th Aug. 2023

President: Jeanette Thorne

Sergeant: Noel Cary

Attendance: Barry Stafford

Hospitality: Trevor Mosely

Equipment: Iain McCrea

Scribe/Laptop: Tony Rayner

Host: Brian Williams

5-min speaker: tbc

Guest speaker: Dominique Bonn
President of the Greenwoods Corner
Epsom Business Association plus
Michael Jones Rotarian from Olympia,
USA

Thanks: Colin Tea

Thought: Craig Jones

6:30pm Mon. 21st Aug. 2023
MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

LIDO Theatre

(in lieu of Meeting - see details above)



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An elderly man rear ends a young man driving an expensive sports car.

Enraged, the guy hops out of his car and confronts the old man. "Look what you did to my car" he yells. "you're gonna give me \$10,000 right now or I'm gonna beat you to a pulp!" "Oh my" says the old man, "I don't have that kind of money. Let me call my son, he trains dolphins and he'll know what to do." "Dolphins...", the other driver huffs, while rolling his eyes.



The old man pulls out his phone, dials his son and just as the son answers, the irate man snatches the phone away from the old man. "So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh? Well, your old man here just rear ended my car and I need ten grand right now or I'm gonna beat you AND your old man to a pulp. So you better train those dolphins to bring you some cash!" "I'll be there in 10 minutes." says the voice calmly on the other end.

Exactly ten minutes later a pickup truck pulls up. A huge guy hops out and proceeds to walk calmly towards the bully. Before the enraged young man can speak, the man smoothly rams his head against the other man's forehead.

The bully crumples like paper and the other man catches him, leaving him in a heap on the side of the road. When he's finished, he walks over to the old man and says: "For the last time dad... I train seals... Navy Seals.... NOT Dolphins."