



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 217

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OUR CLUB WERE GUESTS OF ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

Apologies: Iain McCrae, Bill Appleton, Trevor Mosley, Rod Kestle, Jeanette Thorn, Alan Bannin, George Varghese, Tony Rayner.

Visitors: Maureen Meyer, Leanne Jenner, Kelly Stephens, Sharyn Williams, Maureen Hays, Debbie, , Marnie Lyons, Judith Jones, Bev Stafford, Anne Arulanatham.

Club members, partners and guests were greeted on campus and warmly welcomed to the Hospitality School by Staff and Prefects who did a waiata followed by each Prefect doing a formal introduction of themselves. The dining room was set up to simulate a high class restaurant with tables covered in starched white tablecloths, a printed menu and a flower centre piece.....just beautiful !

Head Prefect Lila Rose Sinisa briefly informed us of the program for the evening, the main purpose of which was a thank Rotary for all the support we give to OHS. She said the evening would also include brief addresses on the recent school experience at MUNA and a trip to China by a student.

Following grace, the meal was served by students of the Hospitality School which consisted of 2 choices of a Main and a Dessert. Meals were served individually and were very generous, tasty and by common consent much enjoyed !

Aubrey Mason, Deputy Principal then addressed us extending an apology from Shameen Hayat, School Principal who was regrettably unavailable. She introduced 2 of her Senior Leadership colleagues Matthew Haines and Adam Simpson who outlined their specialist roles in the school community e.g., pastoral care, attendance NCEA etc.

Vinnie Carter, one of the Prefects then spoke of his recent attendance at MUNA which he and other students were sponsored by our Club. He represented the country of Belarus and spoke eloquently on his subject of choice being 'freedom of internet'. He said the experience was stimulating. He met and mixed with many other students from other secondary schools and clearly enjoyed the programme. Vinnie thanked our Club and challenged us to continue the sponsorship of MUNA.

Vinnie was followed by Jacob Cooper, another Prefect who regaled us with his recent school trip to China. Being a student of the Chinese language, he found it very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. He described how the school team explored the 'Great Wall', visited Beijing, saw the Terracotta Warriors, and learned about Chinese history and culture. He stated he was very fortunate to go on the trip which he described as an amazing experience. It has inspired him to continue his Chinese studies.

Following our 2 students DP Aubrey Mason thanked Rotary for the long-standing support they provide the school. She also acknowledged the teaching staff who "support and mentor these students day in and day out." She then asked her Deputy Principal colleagues Matthew Haines and Ryan Thom to address us who thanked the Hospitality team for their great organising, planning, preparation and delivery of the meal in their 'pop-up' restaurant.

President Craig concluded the evening by thanking the school Senior Leadership team, the hospitality and kitchen staff and the numerous teachers present for what he described as "a very enjoyable evening in a wonderful venue". He stated the Rotary Club will continue to support OHS whenever it can.

All in all, a great night ! Thanks, OHS.



Future Programme: 9th June, 2025

Guest Speaker: Peter Garnett MBE Subject: ROMAC

Deputy Chair and New Zealand Regional Chair, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

Duties. President – Craig Jones
Attendance – Brian Williams
Hospitality – Phil Aish
Meals - Gwynyth, Bill Grayson
Scribe - Bill A
Host – Barry Stafford
Thanks – Lloyd Albiston
Thought For the Week – Gary Hays
Apologies to Noel before 5pm Friday



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End note: *Rotary International President Elect is Mário César Martins de Camargo to be 2025-26 Rotary President. Mário César Martins de Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, Brazil, has been selected as president of Rotary International for 2025-26.*

Smile: It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

A man went on a ski trip and was knocked unconscious by the chair lift. He called his insurance company from the hospital, but it refused to cover his injury.

"Why is the injury not covered?" he asked.

"You got hit in the head by a chair lift," the insurance rep said. "That makes you an idiot, and we consider that a pre-existing condition."

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot.

She said, "Darling, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom, I KNOW they're my feet!"

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

~Abigail Van Buren