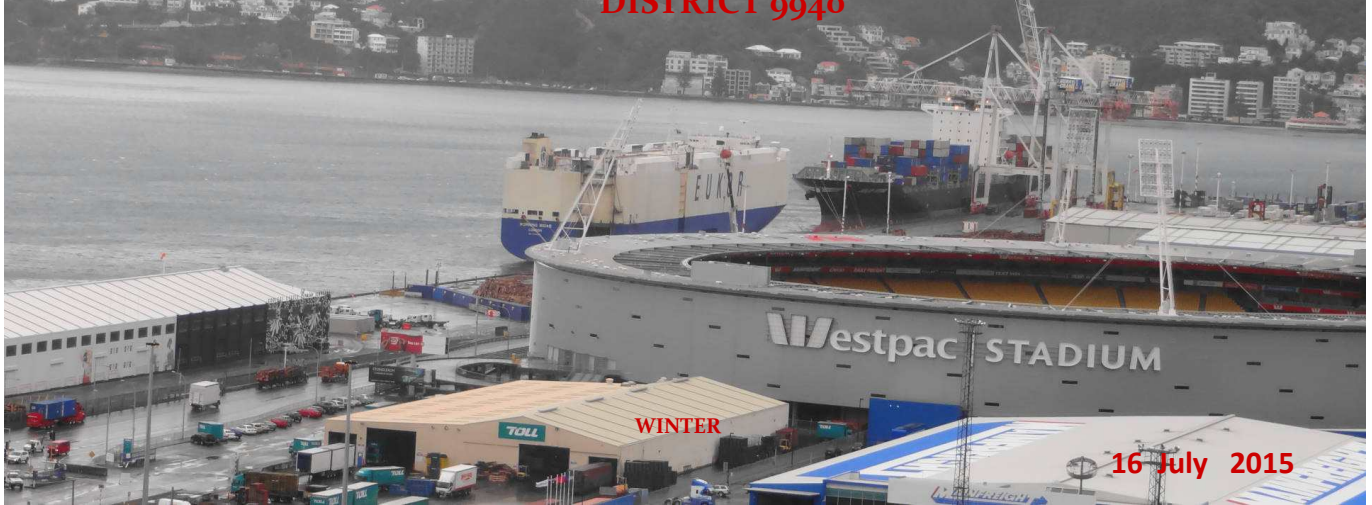




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# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



**Weekly Meeting Thursday**  
**Wellington Bridge Club**  
17 Tinakori Road  
Noon for 12:25 PM

**23 July 2015**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proposals**  
**Margaret Emerre with**  
**Steve Brazier and Rory O'Connor**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>Alan Fraser</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>Pat Helm</i>
<b>Raffle Prize</b>	<i>John Mohi</i>
<b>Cash Desk</b>	<i>Shane Chisholm</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<i>Denys Pinfold</i>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Brian Poole</i>
	<i>Roy Ferguson</i>
<b>Tables</b>	<i>Ross Foubister</i>

**30 July 2015**

**Aaron Evans**  
**Private Life of Bees**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>Steve Brazier</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>Tony Fryer</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>David King</i>
<b>Raffle Prize</b>	<i>Lionel Nunns</i>
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**Apologies, Visitors**  
**& Guests advise**  
[rotary@kaysan.co.nz](mailto:rotary@kaysan.co.nz)  
**by 10 A.M. Wednesday**

## TODAY

President Graeme Waters welcomed us and asked us for a minute's silence to remember Alan McMaster whose funeral a good number of club members attended the day before. He welcomed Paul Tipping, Jeremy Spanjaard's wife Vivienne, and Assistant Governor Lionel Nunns who told us that this was his first visit to us in that role. He looks after the cluster two clubs and has been to each of their changeovers.

Morris Robertson said he would tell us a fable but his iron fist showed through. He wants responses to the request published in last week's Bulletin for material he can use in his club history project. His plea is published again this week. Please help him.

H.E. Virginia H. Benavidez Philippines Ambassador and our speaker today drew the raffle twice. The first winner Francis Small received the usual sort of prize and the second winner Ross George received pearls donated by the ambassador. And she gave us some more which we can use in future. Thank you.



The first happy chappy today was Kerry Ansell who said that while buying a new car he found that his wife had bought one too. Happiness comes in many forms and this seemed to extend the possibilities.



## TODAY'S SPEAKER

### H.E. Virginia H. Benavidez Philippines Ambassador

Kerry Ansell introduced our speaker H.E. Virginia H. Benavidez Philippines Ambassador who was appointed to NZ in December 2011 and had previously served in Malaysia and Brunei. She and her husband have three children. She has been a Rotarian in a previous posting.

There are 40,000 Filipinos in NZ and she told us that her president told all their ambassadors that the rights and well being of overseas Filipinos was their first priority. There are ten million Filipinos living overseas. In NZ they contribute to the I.T., Christchurch reconstruction and dairy industries amongst others and some are students.. The 2013 census recorded 32,793 in the North Island and 7,551 in the South Island. She referred several times to the relationship between our countries as a people to people one. She made some complimentary references to our employers and officials and said that most problem that her countrymen sought assistance on could be resolved by discussion.

She said 17,000 people from NZ visit the Philippines in a year and 11,000 from there visit NZ. There is a working holiday scheme for young people between eighteen and thirty years old and is widely popular with Filipinos but there has so far been little interest by New Zealanders and she is keen to promote this. In answer to a question she said that there are employment opportunities for young people from here in in I.T. and voice services for those with language ability.

She said that some ninety NZ companies were doing business in her country and she mentioned Prime Foods, Akaroa Salmon and Goodman Fielder as among NZ companies that Philippine companies had invested in.

The inset tells of steps taken to fulfil the priority of looking after Filipinos.

President Graeme proposed a vote of thanks and Ian Kennedy gave the ambassador some publicity material about our club.

#### STEPPING UP PHILIPPINES-NEW ZEALAND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONNECTIVITY

**"The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand: Serving with a Smile, Going the Extra Mile and Reaching Beyond Our Grasp" mobile consular services, direct and on site consular missions;**

- Now on its fifth year, the Philippine Embassy's first ever mobile consular services continue to effectively and efficiently serve Filipino communities throughout New Zealand and countries in the Pacific Islands under its jurisdiction;
- To date, the Philippine Embassy has conducted a total of forty-three (43) mobile consular missions and has served 44.35% of the total number of 41,129 Filipinos in New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji and Cook Islands.



## THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CLUB HISTORY REQUEST FROM MORRIS ROBERTSON

In looking at the overall plan there are some gaps I would like to fill. For these I will be contacting some individual and past members over the next few days but, generally, I am seeking additional information or anecdotes on the following topics

Exchange students hosted or selected for their year away.  
Ambassadorial Scholars hosted  
Memorable speakers  
Social events  
District Conferences  
International Conventions  
Careers evenings [1970's early 1980's]  
Thorndon lunches  
National Library building open day  
Nauranga Motorway Over bridge walk  
Awatere Ferry open day  
RYLA [when organised by Wellington North]  
Any other projects  
Club contributions to District Committees  
Past Presidents – something memorable from your year

Early photographs – can be scanned and returned.

Thank you for your assistance. As my target is to complete the writing and gather illustrations by the end of July your urgent attention would be appreciated.

**-Morris Robertson**

## PAYSCOPE

The payscope in the upper cable car station suffered a malfunction. The mechanism needed to be taken apart and the opportunity has been taken to purchase a different coin mechanism from the manufacturer so that like the previous payscope at the lookout it will require a \$2 coin instead of a \$1 coin. It will be installed next week.



Some shrewd pensioners getting a free view in the interim.

# PARTING THOUGHT

*Give me ten thousand Filipino soldiers and I will conquer the world.*

*-Douglas Macarthur*

*-from Phil Greene*

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ID=322](http://www.rotary.org.nz/function.cfm?ID=322)

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