



# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



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

**TODAY**

President Graeme Waters welcomed us. Brian Poole introduced his guests Rev Ryhan Prasad and David Young.

**5 May**

### **Membership Report** **Decisions**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>Denys Pinfeld</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>Chris Tempest</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>Paul Coutts</i>
<b>Bring a Friend</b>	<i>Margaret Emerre</i>
<b>Cash Desk</b>	<i>Pat Helm</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<i>David King</i>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Ian Kennedy</i>
<b>Tables</b>	<i>Colin Lawton</i>
<b>AV</b>	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

President Graeme said that next week's meeting will be used to consider the Membership Report which was distributed for but not dealt with at the recent forum. The Board meets on Monday. On Tuesday evening there will be a meeting in the Khandallah Town Hall organised by the RC of Karori with the objective of starting a new Rotary Club in the area from younger people. Members are welcome to attend.

Changeover is confirmed for Wednesday 6 July in the Khandallah Town Hall.

**12 May**

### **Te Araroa Trial Project** **Reports and Funding**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>Brian Poole</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>David Bennett</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>Terry Dykes</i>
<b>Bring a friend</b>	<i>Roy Ferguson</i>
<b>Cash Desk</b>	<i>Pat Helm</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<i>David King</i>
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In answer to a query President Graeme said the raffle had been dropped after members forgot to provide prizes and it had been replaced by rostering one person a week to bring a friend if they could. So far no one has but if and when they do they may win a prize.

There being time for a Rotary question Denys Pinfeld took the floor. He said he had forgotten to put any fish in his car and then he asked his question. The amnesia outbreak spread and it took a long time to get any answer.

**Apologies and guests advise**  
[scottfam@paradise.net.nz](mailto:scottfam@paradise.net.nz)  
**by 10 A.M. Wednesday**



Grandchildren figured largely here including from Steve Brazier who was also happy to to be in Wellington on a Thursday. Aruna was happy that homeless numbers are reducing.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

**HANLIE BOOYSEN**

**SYRIA**



Rory O'Connor introduced Hanlie Booysen.

She was a South African diplomat and served in Palestine, Syria and Jordan. Now in NZ with her husband she is doing a PhD at Victoria researching the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood's discourse and policy on governance.

She took us through events in Syria since the first protests in early 2011 until the present day. Most of the events she told us of would not be new to any one who follows international news but having them related in chronological order by someone who has lived there, has a knowledge of the language and the various religious traditions enabled us get a better handle on the events and a clearer impression of the big picture.

Events in Syria have escalated from peaceful protests by a few locals to widespread conflicts between local and foreign people, sects and nations both large and small. And much of the rest of the world is affected by 5 million refugees and those Syrians who have stayed in the country also suffer.

Hanlie did not presume to have a solution. She did observe that the current talks are better than no talks but with an imperfect ceasefire, protagonists who will not talk directly to each other and the Security Council members on opposing sides a happy outcome is not expected. She hopes that somehow the fighting can stop and the voices of the people of Syria can have the security to address their own problems rather than provide the battleground for the multitude of parties fighting there.

Stephen Spence moved a vote of thanks.





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## DIARY

2 May Board Meeting

3 May Interest Meeting for Possible New Club Khandallah Town Hall

6-8 May District Conference

28 May – 2 June Korea Rotary International Conference

26 June District Changeover Tawa College

6 July Club Changeover Khandallah Town Hall

## PARTING THOUGHT

Funerals are a matter of reciprocity, if you don't go to the other guys  
he won't go to yours.

*from Stephen Spence*

*-Yogi Berra*

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

**ENGAGE ROTARY - CHANGE LIVES**

[rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

[www.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org)

**DISTRICT 9940**

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

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