



# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940

4 August 2016



FERONIA in the Strait

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

## TODAY

Lionel Nunns introduced Lynn Brown and Sheryl Fryer, Lane Mohi and Margaret Robertson were introduced by their husbands.

**Thursday 11 August**  
**Aaron Evans**

Introduced by	Shane Chisholm
Vote of Thanks	Ian Kennedy
Parting Thought	Lionel Nunns
Bring a Friend	Brian Poole
Cash Desk	Peter Shanahan
Attendance	Laury Sinclair
Fellowship	Stephen Spence
Tables	Graeme Waters
AV	Maurice Scott

President David Bennett reminded us that the new Kaukau Club will be holding its inaugural meeting on Saturday 13 August. President David said he will be absent working in Fiji and elsewhere for the next two weeks.



Pat Helm was happy because the play at Khandallah School on the evening of 22nd July raised \$1,345.00 profit for the club

charity; Tony Fryer was happy because of the Hurricanes win "next Saturday" evening; Rory O'Connor because of the Hurricanes win last Saturday evening; Morris Robertson because it was the first time he had sat at the top table for ages (He was to introduce the speaker); and John Mohi because his wife, Lane, had come to the meeting with him.

**Thursday 18 August**

**TBA**

Introduced by	Paul Coutts
Vote of Thanks	Colin Lawton
Parting Thought	Rory O'Connor
Bring a Friend	Morris Robertson
Cash Desk	Peter Shanahan
Attendance	Laury Sinclair
Fellowship	Stephen Spence
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### THE TIMOR LESTE HOSPITAL PROJECT

Lynne Brown spoke of the hospital developments in Timor Leste and thanked the club for our contributions and assistance. All the equipment provided for the hospital has been installed and tested with the assistance of expert staff from Wakefield and Bowen Hospitals. On-going staff training at Timor Leste is being organised with the assistance of our ambassador in Dili and MFAT through scholarship. There are still language requirements to be met and these are being dealt with. All round the project outcome should be positive.

**Apologies and guests advise**  
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**by 10 A.M. Wednesday**



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### MARTIN GARCIA

**District Governor Martin Garcia** was introduced by Morris Robertson who provided a brief outline of his background. DG Martin and his wife are both members of the Rotary Club of Tawa. He was born and originally resided in New Plymouth, studied in Sydney and has held a number of government positions in Wellington. They have six grown-up children. More details are on pages 1 and 21 of the 2016-2017 District 9940 Directory, a copy of which members should have received a couple of weeks ago.

DG Martin acknowledged the three past DGs present at the meeting, Ross George, Morris Robertson and Tony Fryer and observed that we appeared to be the only club in District 9940 to have three DG members. He was pleased to have attended our club's 50th anniversary and recognised the efforts of Lionel Nunns and Margaret Robertson who were involved in District work.

He also spoke briefly of his father coming to Taranaki in 1902, his family and his upbringing. He was first a member of the Rotary Club of Inglewood in New Plymouth and that is where the 2016-2017 Annual Conference will be held next year.

He then addressed the development of Rotary and the influence it has had on the lives of people and the world in general. He referred to Paul Harris and how he created and developed Rotary; the diversity of people who joined and their occupations; the emphasis Harris placed on service as the main ingredient, both at home and overseas; the subsequent development of the Rotary code of conduct and influence around the world; and especially the influence of Rotary at the end of the Second World War when the United Nations was being formed.

DG Martin pointed out that in New Zealand we are very privileged, especially through Rotary. Billions of people overseas are seriously disadvantaged in many ways which is why we must and do contribute to their assistance. This is despite some of the appalling occurrences in many countries that we may not like. The only problem is that many people, especially in countries such as New Zealand, do not realise the work that Rotary does. That is why he finds it good to see Rotary taking part in activities around the country and he cited the Round the Bays run with club members wearing the Rotary shirts publicising our involvement. People don't otherwise know of our existence and what Rotary does.

He then pointed out a number of important aspects of Rotary:

**Integrity:** This leads to Rotary receiving all sorts of support. People, such as Bill Gates, have donated enormous sums of money to Rotary projects, such as Polio+, because they know that it will be used responsibly.

**Leadership:** The knowledge and experience of Rotary and its members to mentor young people and others to succeed.

**The Future:** There are many challenges in the world which need addressing and because of Rotary's experience and connections it is very worthwhile to be involved with Rotary as a

member and in other ways.

DG Martin then mentioned a number of specific projects that Rotary has undertaken for the benefit of the whole world and his main example was the Polio+ project. Untold millions of dollars have been raised and spent ridding the world of this disease. The cost of the vaccines averages out at only 15 cents per dose. In 1985 there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. By 2015 the number had dropped to 70. Within the next three years the disease should be completely eradicated, just as smallpox was. However, care must be taken to see that it does not arise again from natural sources. Rotary should then look to dealing with other problems, perhaps malaria or similar diseases.

He then addressed the need for Rotary to grow through the increase in club membership, the formation of new clubs and “satellite” organisations, and the further development of Interact clubs, and the young peoples organisations already associated to Rotary. He said District is offering two free registrations to attend the 2016-2017 District Conference to the club within District 9940 which has the highest percentage membership increase, but did not specify the date by when this should occur. Perhaps this will need to be by a date shortly before the conference.

Finally he passed comment and appreciation on the many beneficial activities our club has been involved in. In particular he mentioned Healthy Heroes, noting it has now spread to Australia, the Scholarship Trust, Reading in Schools, and the Timor Leste project. Finally, he reminded us that next year Rotary will mark the 100 year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

In conclusion DG Martin presented President David with a Centurion Club Certificate in recognition of the club recently contributing more than \$100 per member to the Rotary Foundation.

*David King proposed a vote of thanks.*

## PARTING THOUGHT

**The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough for those who have too little. - Honorary Rotarian, Franklin D. Roosevelt.**

*-from Ross George*

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Today's reports from Adrian Ellingham

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