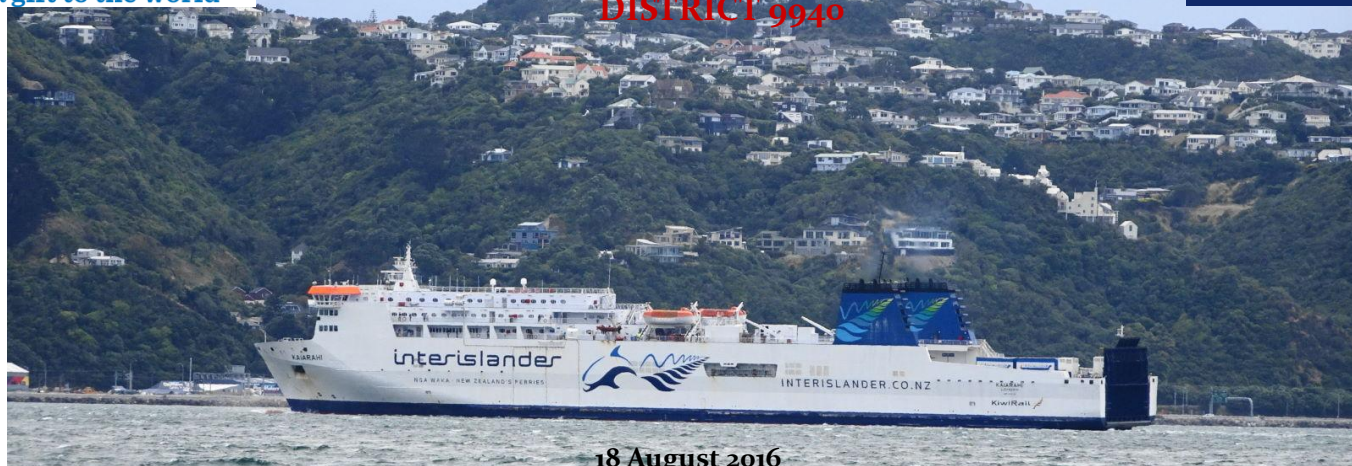


THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



18 August 2016

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

25 August

TBA

Introduced by	<i>Adrian Ellingham</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Bob Laybourn</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Denys Pinfold</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Maurice Scott</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Attendance	<i>Philip Greene</i>
Fellowship	<i>Pat Helm</i>
Tables	<i>David King</i>
AV	<i>Ross Foubister</i>

1 September

TBA

Introduced by	<i>Margaret Emerre</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Maurice Manttan</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Peter Shanahan</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Graham Waters</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Attendance	<i>Grant Hassell</i>
Fellowship	<i>David King</i>
Tables	<i>Colin Lawton</i>
AV	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

TODAY

(with thanks to Bob Laybourn for the notes)

In the absence of President David, Vice President Lionel presided.

Ross Foubister introduced his wife Rosemary and Laurie Bond introduced his guest Darren Young.

Lionel reminded us about the DCM book Fair on Sat 27 August at Shed 6. 8:00am to 8:00pm. This is the biggest book fair of its type in Wellington, so with around 90,000 books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, puzzles and games, there should be something to suit all interests.

Denys provided the question to which the answer was:

The Rotary Foundation has raised three billion dollars since its inception

Happy \$

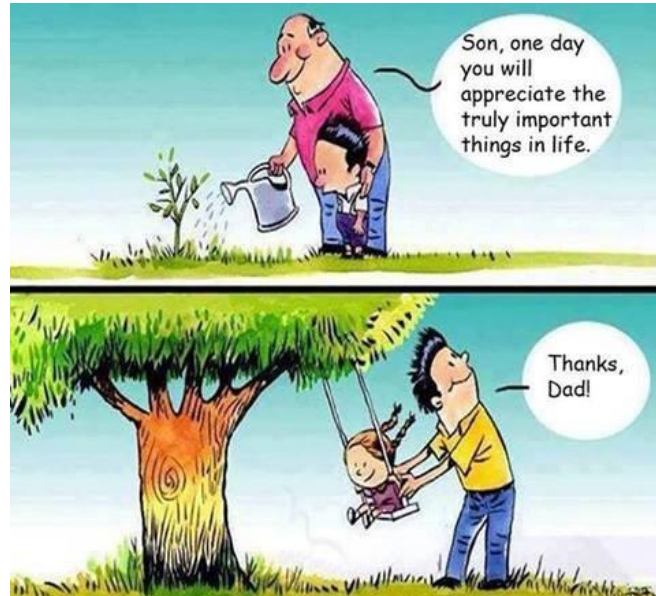
Roy Fergusson was happy to be back in NZ, Brian Pool is happy that Alan Fraser has assisted to remove his tree-trunk, Margaret is delighted that Emma had agreed to join the Scholarship Assessment committee, Sandy is happy and proud that his 16 year old grandson has been granted a scholarship to an American university, Maurice Manttan celebrated arrival of a grand-daughter and Jeremy is happy to be back from overseas.

Apologies and guests advise
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by 10 A.M. Wednesday

The Te Araroa Walkway

David King reminded us that the grove of trees was to be planted within the next month and the opportunity to sponsor a tree was open.

He recounted a saying “*A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.*”



REMEMBER.....The sponsorship of a tree can be shared by a group.

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Today's speaker, our own Maurice Manttan spoke about his tour of Iran two years ago.

The group landed in Tehran and toured the south east region accompanied by their guide, Professor Harry McQuilliam who was employed for many years in Iran as a Geologist in the oil fields and as a professor at the University of Shiraz..

Maurice's address included comments on; **Politics** (the government has a political system which is paralleled by a religious system); **religion**(other religions are tolerated); economics of oil (Iran is No 3 in the world for oil reserves and No 2 for natural gas); **the Silk Road** (The Silk Road passed through Iran. So did Alexander the Great); **The role of women** (women in the touring party were required to wear local clothes so to be covered); **Iranians are not Arabs**. **Silk carpets** (still a home industry); **Lack of grapes in Shiraz** (there is no sign of Shiraz grapes in Shiraz. Not surprising as only Australia calls Syrah grapes Shiraz) **Afghan Refugees** (there are one million Afghan refugees are in Iran); **infrastructure**, (the oil revenue enables the country to maintain good infrastructure. Water reticulation and natural gas reticulation are widespread) **cultivation** (Apart from the mountain areas the landscape is arid but is cultivated).

He emphasised that his comments were based only on a tourist's impression and we were welcome to challenge them.

Colin Lawton proposed the vote of thanks.

PARTING THOUGHT

‘I have a quote for every occasion. It saves thinking’: *Dorothy Sayers*.

From Bob Laybourn

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