

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

# 8 December My Russian Connection Artem Axenov

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# Christmas Lunch For members and friends. See last page for details.

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Apologies and guests advise rotary@kaysan.co.nz by 10 A.M. Wednesday

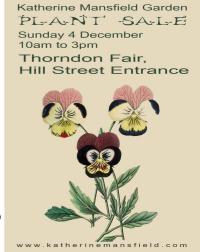
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## **TODAY**

Vice President Lionel Nunns welcomed us on the first day of summer. He welcomed Glenda Kropp, Maureen Toomath, Ken Irwin and John Handiside all of whom are participants in the Reading In Schools Programme and came today to share their

experiences.

Emma Anderson told us that Katherine Mansfield House is now open again. She said that the annual Katherine Mansfield Garden Plant Sale will be at the Thorndon Fair on Sunday 4 December from 10am to 3pm at the Hill Street Entrance. Plants from its Garden of National Significance for \$5 each or five for \$20. All sales will go towards fixing up the earthquake-damaged garden.



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A fair amount of happiness today. Colin Lawton was happy for the cricketers success, David Pickering was happy to be home and to find it unscathed. And we know we should not laugh at others missteps but we

all did when Graeme Waters started to tell us of a funny thing that happened to him this morning but then found he had no memory of what it might have been.

## TODAY'S SPEAKERS READING IN SCHOOLS

David King introduced Maurice Scott and Graeme Waters. The visual part of Maurice's carefully prepared audiovisual presentation stubbornly refused to appear and he handed over to Graham Waters. Maurice, Pat, Lionel Nunns, Kerry Ansell, and Adrian Ellingham have all taken part in the programme at Ngaio with children who are 6 or 7. Maurice said that this is not a low decile school but even high decile schools have a need for someone to listen to children reading aloud and this improves fluency and understanding. Biggest challenge is to remember names of children in the class in which we work with 25 to 30 children and build up rapport with individual kids. Our club has been doing this at Ngaio since 2013.

Graham then spoke about Ngati Toa which is a lower decile school.



He introduced Glenda Kropp and Maureen Toomath who were recruited by the McMasters to join them in the programme. Again they deal with children of 6 or 7 years some of whom appear to have arrived at school without ever encountering a book of any sort. Tony Fryer will be joining next year.

Glenda and Maureen enjoyed taking part and said they saw real improvements over the year.

Then we heard from Ken Irwin and John Handiside. They deal with Wainuiomata Intermediate and cater to older children who will soon by going to high school. The school is decile 4 but John described it as very mixed. Instead of dealing with a group of children they take children one at a time for 30 minutes for one on one attention and take notes for use the next week. Some can scarcely read at all.

Ken said they are making a positive difference to 30 kids a year and the changes are lasting. He said the programme improves reading, resilience and relationships and the most important of these is resilience. Resilience is a skill, not an aptitude and instilling it in these kids is the most important thing the programme does.

Members who have also taken part at Wainuiomata

include Kerry Ansell, Michael Gorman, Steve Brazier, Roy Ferguson, Terry Dyke and every second year his Ferrari.

Kerry Ansell and Pat Helm spoke of the personal satisfaction they gained from taking part and the appreciation they received from staff and pupils.

Maurice Scott concluded by recounting how a teacher promoted to a Hutt Valley School had asked him how she could get the programme there. He put her in touch with two Hutt Clubs and they have responded positively. Laury Sinclair proposed a vote of thanks.



## **NOTICES**

## Christmas Lunch 15 December

Wellington Bridge Club

17 Tinakori Rd

Cost:

\$25

Christmas Lunch with a slightly upgraded menu at little extra cost at our usual lunch venue. Partners and friends are invited.

Members need pay only \$5 if they have an automatic payment for meals.

Please advise Sandy Brucesmith as soon as possible if you are bringing a guest or if you will be absent.

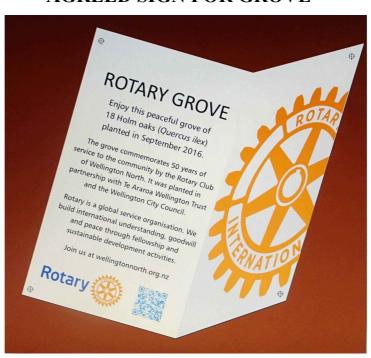
## **BOARD MEETING**

1 PM Wednesday 7 December

David Bennett's Office Booth House 202 Cuba Street

Tea and Coffee provided.

## AGREED SIGN FOR GROVE



An unveiling ceremony or a bit of a do or some such will be arranged next year.

# PARTING THOUGHT Workers of the world untie.

-from Ross Foubister

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