



**SUMMER? VISITORS - DAWN PRINCESS & LEGEND OF THE SEAS**

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

**TODAY**

**2 February**

**1. Annual General Meeting**

**2. Ray Mudgway Centreport**

**Earthquake consequences and recovery**

Vice President Lionel Nunns welcomed us and members introduced their guests. Roy introduced son David, here with his family on a brief visit to NZ, Maurice Manttan introduced wife Lynn, and Dianne Small and Vivienne Spanjaard also accompanied their husbands.

Introduced by	<i>Denys Pinfold</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>David Young</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Pat Helm</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Peter Shanahan</i>
Attendance	<i>Jeremy Spanjaard</i>
Fellowship	<i>Kerry Ansell</i>
Tables	<i>Sandy Brucesmith</i>
AV	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

Maurice Manttan confirmed that a Forum will be held on 17 March and start at 7 P.M. The meeting place will be advised next week. At the Forum he will present changes that are now possible to the ways clubs are run and examples of what other clubs are doing that may complement what we do or serve as examples of what we could do. The evening will look ahead over the next five years.

**9 February**

**Science and technology student**

**Stephanie Cheevers**

**RYLA participants Lucy Stannard-Ryan  
and Logan Byrne**

Bob Laybourn said that next weeks speakers were now at the programmes we sponsored them to, Stepanie Cheevers at the National Science and Technology Forum and Lucy Stannard-Ryan and Logan Byrne at RYLA. Next week they tell us about their experiences.

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President-elect Ross Foubister reminded us of District Conference in April. So far only three members are registered for this.

Denys Pinfold conducted a test. He announced in advance of the quiz question that he had no chocolate fish. He got no correct answer to the question. Interesting.



Phil Greene found a lot of happy members, some because they had grandchildren staying and others whose grandchildren had gone home. For the sake of domestic harmony they will not be named here.

**Apologies and guests advise**  
**[rotary@kaysan.co.nz](mailto:rotary@kaysan.co.nz)**  
**by Noon Wednesday.**

## **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

### **Roy Ferguson ex NZ Ambassador to Washington. The USA Presidency: have we been here before?**



Rory O'Connor introduced Roy Ferguson a member of our club who served two terms as Ambassador to Washington and then a period as Director of the Intelligence Coordination Group.

He spoke about the recent Presidential election, the candidates, the campaigns they ran and the conditions in the USA which led to a lot of people who had been doing okay becoming fearful about their present and likely future prospects. It seems that Roy was as surprised as most people that this led to many traditional Democrat supporters voting for a person who relied largely on tweeting slogans rather than announcing policies and who had some obvious character flaws. Roy said that although spending on building new infrastructure may be beneficial to those people the overall effect of policies he has advocated is not likely to help them.

He said that sudden changes had happened before and instanced Nixon, Clinton and Obama. Clinton ran against George H W Bush who was very popular but with the end of the cold war voters were looking for a peace dividend and went for Bill Clinton and Obama when there was a financial crisis. Trump's foreign policies are creating fear around the world and his economic policies may hurt other countries. Roy said that the USA needs radical change to several aspects of its government but Trump will not bring them. He concluded by saying that the checks and balances in the system that have caused gridlock may count against the excesses of Trump.

An interesting question and answer session followed

Maurice Scott proposed a vote of thanks.

## **Rotary Peace Fellowships**

Please think of any young people you know who might be interested in a Peace Scholarship. Suitable candidates are likely to be recent graduates with good degrees and outstanding personal characteristics.

### **ROTARY PEACE CENTERS**

The [2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) application is now available! Our [new online application](#) will streamline the submission and review process and help districts manage the increasing number of Rotary Peace Fellowship applications.

Users of the new application can expect:

- Better functionality and design
- A district dashboard for reviewing and endorsing applications and communicating with applicants
- Automated email communications from the platform
- Technical support and training from our platform provider, Embark
- A sign-in process that is separate from My Rotary and other Rotary databases and applications

Please note that the application is in English only, and we will no longer be able to accept PDF applications. As a Rotary leader, you play a key role in communicating information about the peace centers program to club and district leaders, who help identify and nominate candidates for the fellowships. We encourage you to use and share these resources:

- The [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide](#) — information on eligibility requirements and finding qualified candidates
- The [application video](#)— explains the steps to completing the application
- Webinars for applicants (Chicago time, UTC-6, for all listings):

#### [All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)

10 January, 09:00-09:30

#### [Applying for the Rotary Peace Fellowship: Tips From Current Fellows](#)

24 January, 09:00-09:30

#### [Rotary Peace Fellowships: How to Strengthen Your Application](#)

7 February, 09:00-09:30

The [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#)— follow us and spread the news about our program

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Should you need technical support in this transition, please

contact Embark at [support@embark.com](mailto:support@embark.com). General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org). We thank you for your dedication to the Rotary Peace Centers and your continuous support in educating the Rotary network about the fellowships!

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

The annual general meeting will be held at 1 P.M. On Thursday 2 February 2017 at 17 Tinakori Road.

### Agenda

Presentation and Adoption of Accounts  
Nomination of President Nominee

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## CLUB FORUM IN MARCH

Maurice Manttan told us that he will present changes that are now possible to the ways clubs are run and examples of what other clubs are doing that may complement what we do or serve as examples. He told us he is determined to prevent the energy at this Forum being sucked up by impractical pie in the sky dreams or captured by a random bee in some fellow's bonnet.

He wants a volunteer to choose a venue for the forum and set it up for the. Tentative date is 16 March.

## DISTRICT 9940 CONFERENCE

This is on 21-23 April in New Plymouth. If you have not learnt about this weekend event then find out at <http://rotarycommunity.org.nz/District+9940+Conference+2017+New+Plymouth>

Surely more than you expect.

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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## Parting Thought

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step towards knowledge.

- *Disraeli*

-from Peter Gibbons