



THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



16 February 2017

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

23 February
Wellington North Rotary Scholarships
presentations

Introduced by	<i>Maurice Scott</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Rory O'Connor</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Laury Sinclair</i>
Attendance	<i>Pat Helm</i>
Fellowship	<i>Steve Brazier</i>
Tables	<i>Margaret Emerre</i>
AV	<i>Ross Foubister</i>

2 March
Katherine Mansfield Russian
exhibition – Emma Anderson

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Apologies and guests advise
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by 10 A.M. Wednesday

TODAY

In light of the losses that people have suffered in fires in Christchurch and Hawkes Bay, **President David** suggested we take a moment and reflect on the things that are important to each of us - family, friends and living in a country that values honesty.

Bob Laybourn advised that the closing date for Rotary Youth Exchange applications is the end of March. Candidates will be 16 – 18 years of age and it does not involve receiving a student back in return. He suggested a student with good NCEA passes in year 12 might choose to go on an exchange in year 13 without impacting their future education prospects. See more details below.

Maurice Manttan requested that members respond to the questionnaire sent out seeking input on future club activities. The results will provide a base for discussions at Forum on 16 March.

A plea from **Ross Foubister** – District Conference is in April and we only have three attendees. Give some thought to this and **ENROL**.

Graeme Waters reported that the Mayor had been approached to be present at the opening of the Wellington North Rotary Grove and a possible date for this might be Thurs 9 March. This would be a picnic event. More on this later.

Margaret Emerre called for volunteers to host the students at next week's scholarship award meeting – and immediately announced she had filled the quota.

We were advised that **Emma Anderson** has been appointed to a new position and we will be leaving the club. Her address on 2 March will be her final day with us.

No Denys this week so no Rotary question.

NZ STUDENTS NEEDED for OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

This year, more than 8,000 young people around the world will have the opportunity of a lifetime - a chance to live in another country and see the world from a new perspective through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Expressions of interest are due in by 5pm FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2017 and the selection weekend will be held 27-28th MAY in Feilding. This is for student departures in January 2018.

See our club website for further information.

www.wellingtonnorth.org.nz/rotary-youth-exchange

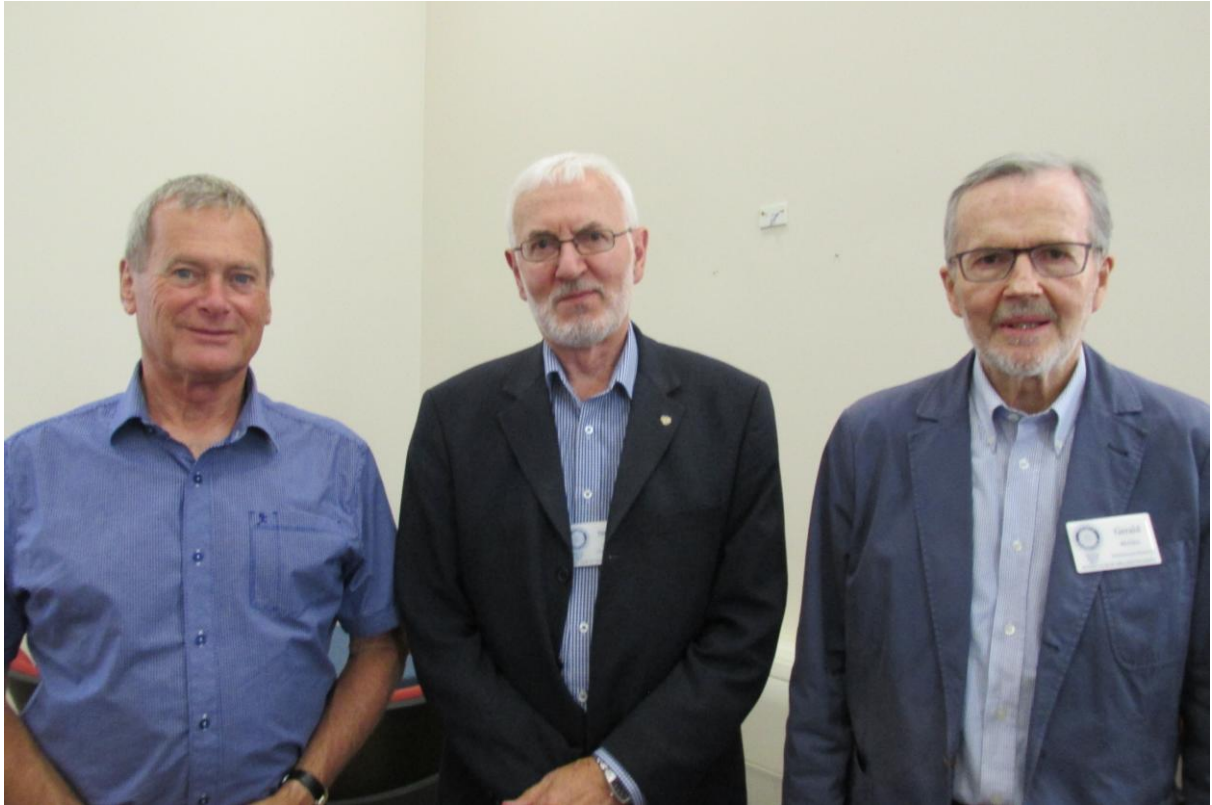
HAPPY \$\$\$\$\$\$ this week was dedicated to supporting Vice President Lionel on his half marathon run on Sunday.

Will he still be smiling at the end of the run????



“These are NOT running shoes”

TODAY'S SPEAKERS



Steve B

Steve S

Gerald

Three for the price of one!! Morris Robertson introduced our three guest speaker members using information gleaned from the internet. There were 57 **Steve Brazier's** including a martial arts expert/bantamweight fighter, accountant and high spec transport advisor. **Steve Spence** shared his name with 340 LinkedIn professionals including a London barrister, Professor of Fluid Mechanics in Belfast, architects and a deceased "life and soul of the party" who was a Butlins Redcoat. **Gerald McGhie** was listed in reference to Mfat, foreign policy matters and as Sergeant of Rotary Club of Wellington who "adds levity to fund raising". Morris named Gerald as the Googlewack prize winner for being the most unique of the speakers.

Steve Brazier spoke about an assignment he undertook at Air New Zealand advising them on emergency management and offered some insights into the company. Air travel by its nature is a high risk operation conducted and Air NZ has 300 domestic flights daily so safety is their first consideration in everything they do. They have 400 staff trained to respond to critical situations and maintain a central group who operate 24/7 to deal with incidents. Steve highlighted the effect of delaying flights and closing airports on international flights. This can ripple back to overseas airports and cause problems for them. Air NZ's second priority is customer service followed by profitability. Steve has a high regard for the company and he believes we would have a lower level of service if Air NZ was sold to another airline who did not subscribe to the New Zealand mores.

Gerald McGhie retired 15 years ago and about 3 years ago finally got around to starting to write the book he had thought about when he retired but have never go around to. The subject is based on his experiences working around the world with Mfat including Samoa and the Soviet Union. He was fortunate to be in the position of observing first hand the transition from the Soviet Union to Russia. Following rejection by a couple of undiscerning publishers, Gerald has found a publisher and the funding to turn his work into reality. He is currently working on rewrite and proofing and we look forward to seeing the fruits of his labour in April.

Steve Spence, who is a civil engineer, has been with Wellington City Council for over 30 years working in the transport area and is currently the council's Transport Advisor. Over time he has been involved with most projects in Wellington that have a transport aspect. (At one point he even had responsibility for parking meters.) He is currently, amongst other things, involved with the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) project, the airport runway extension, Shelly Bay revamp and the issue of street parking around the Wellington airport area. The transport area is both complex and contentious with competing demands from various interest groups for improvements to roads, bus services, parking, cycling safety at the same time as council is trying to reduce expenditure. Steve has a good regard for councillors he liaises with and finds them businesslike and pragmatic.

Peter Shanahan gave the vote of thanks.

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16 MARCH KHANDALLAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL

6PM

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