



THE BULLETIN



ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH



23 February 2017. Happy 112th Birthday Rotary

Weekly Meeting
Wellington Bridge Club 17 Tinakori Road
Noon for 12.25 PM

2 March
Katherine Mansfield Russian Exhibition –
Emma Anderson

DUTIES



Speaker Introduced by	Peter Shanahan
Vote of Thanks	Denys Pinfold
Parting Thought	David King
Cash Desk	Paul Coutts
Attendance	Roy Ferguson
Fellowship	Alan Fraser
Reset tables	Michael Gorman
AV Set-up	Ross Foubister

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

EDITORIAL – TIME FOR A CHANGE?

Astute readers will notice that this Bulletin looks a little different. As the last fallback Editor I don't have the usual template, thus giving me the wide-open field but, I promise, no Fake News.

The Forum, scheduled for Thursday 16 March, gives club members the opportunity to review the Club's structure and how it is organised. Maurice Manttan's plan for the Forum is outlined in the next item.

When I joined the Club in 1978 membership was 70 plus, about 80% of whom were in employment, generally holding key positions in business and Government. The average age would have been somewhere in the 50's. Attendance rates were high and the club attracted good speakers. Roll on 50 years and membership is about 50 minus, most are retired and attendances of around 30 don't bode well for attracting good speakers. The current average age of members could now be in the 70's.

QUESTION - Given the current demographics do we need to move to a more appropriate operational model for the club, as now allowed under the RI Constitution?

Up until about 1987 the Bulletin was printed and mailed to all members. The first revolution was to send it by fax, thus reducing effort and printing and postage costs. About 2000 the Internet started

to take hold and by the end of the decade email communication had almost totally taken over. It doesn't stop there. New forms of social media have emerged, as have the means for specifically targeting and directing readers, listeners or viewers of the message. Yet, apart from the introduction of photos in 2001, the Bulletin hasn't differed greatly from the original 1966 design.

QUESTION? - Do we need it weekly or could be better suited by a monthly, more comprehensive, edition interspersed with, for example, short sharp news briefs using contemporary technology?

Club projects often work in silos, with the bulk of the membership having limited or no feeling of ownership. The former system of every member being allocated to a Committee was, when working well, a conduit for inclusiveness.

QUESTION? - Is it time to introduce a revamped form of the committee structure?

Like the turning of an ocean liner it will take us some time to plan and achieve a new course. If we start now we can get there before we hit the rocks.

Morris Robertson, Acting Editor

Forum 16 March 2016

The purpose of Forum is to provide members with the opportunity to advise the Board of their



priorities and concerns for the success of the Club going forward.

It is also an opportunity to enjoy fellowship in an informal and well-catered evening meeting, at the Khandallah Presbyterian

Church Lounge at Ganges Road. The meeting will start at 6.15pm and conclude at 8:30pm. Key items raised for discussion will be:

- Member feedback on what they want from our Club going forward.
- What other Clubs in our area are doing, especially since the rules governing Club structure and meetings have changed
- In light of the first two items, discussion/reconfirmation of the Club's vision and goals. Note: A briefing paper will be emailed to all members that will include details from the future direction report by the planning and finance committee in 2011.

Maurice Manttan

NOTICES

Rotary Club of Courtenay Place Big Dig
Sunday 11am – 1pm, Oriental Parade.
Great prizes on offer

A new Probus club is being launched on 17 March at Wesley Hall, Taranaki Street.

30 March. Club visit to Soundline. How to listen to Music and experience the latest technology. Limited to 30 people. Contact Graeme Waters.

John Mohi and Lionel Nunns participated in the multi club presentation which, combined with Beca and ANZ, funded a new St John Ambulance.

Rapidly Round the Bays



Near perfect conditions greeted the 14,300 starters in this year's Round the Bays run and walk, with three distances on offer: 6.5km, 10km or 21.1 km. Our club was represented in the 21.1 race, the Rotary-logo's T-shirt (thank you Ross Buxton) being sported amongst an array of commercial and community brands.



You'll be pleased to know our runner made it across the line in 685th place in a field of 1675, and 11th in class.

Thanks to all club members who generously threw in a \$10 note to sponsor the event for the benefit of our Charitable Trust, funds bound for the Rotary Foundation.

A good day all round!

*Lionel Nunns**

**Also the winner of Denys's chocolate minnows*

THE MAIN EVENT

Prior to the presentation of Wellington North Tertiary Scholarships, Laury Sinclair gave an address on the value of education. He said that investment in education could lead to a better future. "Education is magic as it enlarges vision, expands and explores the value of life. Think, research and wonder about the world around. Education is life itself and dare to dream."

Laury stressed the message for the recipients to report back at the end of this academic year.

Margaret Emerre introduced the presentations noting that, while there were 13 cheques being presented, there were a further 33 who could not be present as they were now studying elsewhere in the country or had lecture commitments. Those present were reminded of the opportunity to apply for further consideration in a following year.

THE RECIPIENTS

Eunice Greco – Year 3 VUW, B.Com with a planned career as a Chartered Accountant

Amy Taylor – Year 1 Otago Polytechnic, Wellington, Midwifery



Nicole Mount – Year 3 VUW, BA LLB, planning for either a Law or Police career

Katheryn Edwards – Year 5 VUW, PhD in Cognitive Development aiming to work with problem children.



Sarina Hutton – Year 2, Weltec, Bachelor in Applied Management, Human Resources and Strategic

Management. Ultimate goal to work with a development agency.

Dinura Perera – Year 4 U. of Auckland, BE Hons, career in software or civil engineering.

Daniel Gamboa-Salazar – Year 3 VUW, BA in Political Science seeking a career as a Politician or Public Servant



Reuben Lauridsen – VUW Year 2, BArch for a career in Architecture

Kate Ashoff – VUW year 1, BA in Sociology for a career in social policy and Advocacy

Kane Hailwood-Tunbridge – Taratahi Trades Academy, Masterton, for a career in Agriculture

Grace Timelo – Year 3 Whitireia, Bachelor of Nursing

Tangimoana Te Moauni - Year 3 Whitireia, Bachelor of Nursing Maori seeking a career in Nursing for Mental Health

Janine Usoalli - Year 3 Whitireia, Bachelor of Nursing



Response

Janine Usoalli thanked the club on behalf of the recipients. She stressed how valuable the scholarships were as they covered the cost of fees, books, some at \$300, and nursing uniforms.

With a short time available for additional comments, three of the recipients gave a brief addition to their experiences.

Amy Taylor said that, as a midwifery student, she was frequently on call day and night. Her scholarship enabled her to pay for childcare.

Nicole Mount, noting Wellington North's programme, reported that, with a group of friends, she had started a reading programme at Mt. Cook School. She planned to expand the group by recruiting Rotaractors.

Tangimoana Te Moauni told the club that she had been kicked out of secondary school and, subsequently, raised nine children. With the help of the grant it was now time to complete her education.

FROM THE FRONT LINE

EVANSTON, Ill. (17 January 2017) — Rotary today announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced today (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July 2014. With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, and conflict zones. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed. In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.

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YOUR FORUM



THURSDAY 16 MARCH 6 – 8.30 PM
KHANDALLAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL