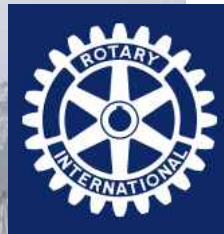




THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

Peter Rider
Germany caught between Brexit and a
Hard Place
6 April 2017

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| <i>Introduced by</i> | <i>Graeme Waters</i> |
| <i>Vote of Thanks</i> | <i>Steve Brazier</i> |
| <i>Parting Thought</i> | <i>Gerald McGhie</i> |
| <i>Cash Desk</i> | <i>Pat Helm</i> |
| <i>Attendance</i> | <i>Colin Lawton</i> |
| <i>Fellowship</i> | <i>Maurice Manttan</i> |
| <i>Tables</i> | <i>John Mohi</i> |
| <i>AV</i> | <i>Maurice Scott</i> |
| <i>All</i> | <i>Bring a Friend</i> |

Jeremy Scott
The Long Road from
a Broken Heart
13 April 2017

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

TODAY

President David Bennett welcomed us. Graeme Waters introduced his brother-in-law Shyam Murti.

President David thanked members who attended the Forum. He said the Board had met on Tuesday and had absorbed the message that members wanted to reinstate a committee system whereby every member is on a club committee and each committee has its own mission. He undertook that committees would be formed by changeover.

He also said that Reading in Schools was a useful programme and members taking part enjoyed it and he was hopeful that we could build on this.

He also told us that 45 scholarship applicants were given grants this year. This cost \$53,500. He thanked those who selected the successful applicants.

Because of annual leave President David will be absent for the next three meeting which will be chaired by -

6 April ADG John Mohi
13 April VP Lionel Nunns
20 April PP Graeme Waters

This week's Rotary question was answered by several members but the sole judge decided the first first correct answer was from Michael Gorman and for the second week in a row a chocolate fish was awarded.



Roy Ferguson is happy his daughter is becoming a NZ citizen and Brian Poole has another grandson.

WHAT DO WE WANT ?

GOOD SPEAKERS

HOW DO WE GET THEM ?

GIVE THEM AN AUDIENCE

Maurice Scott spoke to us about our speakers. He said that members at Forum said good speakers were a strength of our club, they enjoyed them and thought they were necessary to attract and hold members. It was also noted that to attract top speakers we needed to provide them with a good sized audience.

He wants us all to help by bringing along guests when we have a good speaker. To tell us more about forthcoming speakers he puts some details of them on our website. Now it is a known fact that members do not all visit the website. So he kindly gave us some instructions on how to find out about speakers.

Control click on www.wellingtonnorth.org.nz

This link is in the Club Contacts box on the last page of every Bulletin.

On the home page of the club website, go to the right hand side of the page where coming events are listed. If it shows just the date of the next lunch meeting you will see a “+” sign. Click on that and the entry will expand to give further details.

At present there are biographical details on next week’s speaker and the speaker the week after. Both promise to be excellent speakers.

Maurice Scott said that we have a great speaker next week that Graeme Waters has organised. He asked each of us to invite at least one person as a guest - wives, partners, fellow Rotarians, friends, and others who would be interested.

He is also gungho about the week after and says the speaker promises to be both entertaining and inspirational. As well suggestions already made as to guests the nature of his talk presents a good opportunity to invite your children/grandchildren or other younger ones you may know.





PAUL TIPPING MORRIS ROBERTSON

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Morris Robertson Life After Rotary

Paul Tipping introduced Morris Robertson Past President and long standing member of our club who has also been active in district affairs and is a Past District Governor.

Morris told us that twenty five years ago our club started a Probus Club in Khandallah. At that time there was one organisation called Probus. Now there are three organisations and he proceeded to tell us how that came about from the point of view of the Probus Club of Khandallah .

It is a complicated story but Morris did it justice with lots of detail and in particular how it impacted on the Probus Club of Khandallah which he joined in 2008 and which he was President of for the last twelve months. It is not the purpose of this report to reproduce all that detail. Probus was started by in England Rotary to provide social clubs for retired professional and business people. It spread to the South Pacific and continued to be fostered by Rotary. There was an uneventful expansion of the number of Probus Clubs in New Zealand until 2013 when there was widespread disquiet at some changes made by the central organisation established by Rotary and a breakaway body was formed in New Zealand. The Khandallah Club was one of the majority of clubs that joined the new organisation. That organisation got involved in legal disputes over the right to the *Probus* name and some clubs broke away to form two new groups. The latter two have come together as Rebus. The actual effect of all this on the Probus Club of Khandallah seems mainly to have been to lower its capitation fee.

Morris described what his club does and it is a successful social outlet for its members. He said it is not too different from what we could aspire to be if we did not raise funds or undertake projects and would also be cheaper. He was not advocating that we become a Probus or Rebus Club but that we structure our future form to meet our interests.

Certainly this is relevant to our current concerns. There is another lesson that may be relevant to our club. The administration of Probus seemed to take on life of its own remote from the clubs it served and was incapable of persuading most New Zealand Clubs that it added value. Rotary has a history of starting organisation which serve useful functions in the community and grow into independent bodies. What Rotary has not done until now is to enable or encourage Probus clubs to start new clubs so that a task remained for Rotary. It will be interesting to see how Rebus manages this.

Laurie Bond proposed a vote of thanks

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday 28 March

Tuesday 6 June

Tuesday 4 August

HELP WANTED

Entertainment Books

A salesperson is needed. Last year we made \$600 from these. They are \$65 each and our commission is \$15. Please contact the acting president.

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.

PARTING THOUGHT

*The really frightening thing about middle age
is the knowledge that you will grow out of it.*

-Doris Day

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