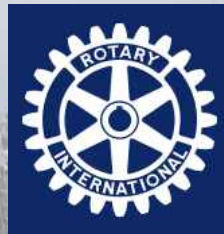




THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

13 April 2017

Jeremy Scott
The long Road from a Broken Heart

Introduced by	David Young
Vote of Thanks	Paul Coutts
Parting Thought	John Mohi
Cash Desk	Pat Helm
Attendance	Colin Lawton
Fellowship	Maurice manttan
Tables	John Mohi
AV	Maurice Scott
All	Bring a Friend

20 April 2017

Noel Richards Director of P Testing
Testing buildings for Methamphetamine

Introduced by	Aruna Abeygooneseke
Vote of Thanks	Adrian Ellingham
Parting Thought	Lionel Nunns
Cash Desk	David King
Attendance	Bob Laybourn
Fellowship	Gerald mcGhie
Tables	Lionel Nunns
AV	Ross Foubister
All	Bring a Friend

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

These ships from last week are now gone but the bad weather remains

TODAY

Past President John Mohi welcomed a good number of members and friends. Morris Robertson introduced Dermot Byrne, Maurice Scott introduced Wilf and Lyndal Layburn, Gerald McGhie introduced his wife Caroline, Jeremy Spanjaard introduced his wife Vivienne and Roy Ferguson introduced his wife Dawn.

PP John Mohi updated us on Polio Plus progress with only a handful of cases reported at last count. There were none in Nigeria. *In view of other events in that country it may be unwise to assume that result is accurate.*

PP John said that the hundredth anniversary of Rotary in both New Zealand and Australia is coming up and we would be hearing more about events to mark this.

Denys Pinfold is on a role and for the second week in a row had a question not based on a Rotary publication and for the third week in a row was armed with a chocolate fish. The winner was Dawn Ferguson who accepted the chocolate fish but modestly declined the opportunity to be photographed.



The chance to make a donation brought out a lot of happy chappies today starting with PP John whose birthday is tomorrow and Roy Ferguson who has a water tight roof. Who knew? And we could all join in Rory's relief that his wife is now able to drive again.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

PETER RIDER

Germany caught between Brexit and a Hard Place



Graeme Waters introduced Peter Rider who joined Foreign Affairs in 1968 and became one of its first Arabic speakers. Since then he has served in Geneva, New York(UN), DPM&C, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar and from 2010-14 in Germany. Now retired he is still called on by the Government for various tasks.

Peter started by telling us a little about the importance of German tourists to NZ and the extent of German industries' involvement here. He said that German tourists tended to be big spenders because they commonly stayed for two months rather than the much shorter periods of tourists from other countries. He also remarked on the number of German families who send a child here for a year of secondary school.

He said the commercial and personal relationships generated have not been matched by political relationships. It is rare for NZ Prime Ministers to visit Germany though they often visit the UK. New Zealand's view of the European Union tends to be focused through the UK. This may not be the best view. We have long aspired to a free trade deal with the EU but this must wait on resolution of the terms of Britain's exit.

Peter also had views about President Trump and Chancellor Merkel and his audience appreciated hearing them.

A Q & A session elicited a lot of questions and received some thoughtful answers.

Maurice Manttan proposed a vote of thanks.

Last week's notice from our Webmasters Bob Laybourn and Maurice Scott

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.

This week's Update

The Website and the Plus ("+") Sign

Thank you to all who followed up on the article in last week's Bulletin about using the website. The number of "hits" recorded on the website last Thursday was nearly double the number usually seen and again on Friday there was a significant increase on the usual traffic.

If you have gone in to the site this week you may have been frustrated to find the "+" sign is not working – why this has happened and how to fix it is something for the webmasters to work on!

In the meantime there is a way around this for everybody. Near the top of the home page is an index of other pages on the website that includes on the far right "Programme and Duty Roster". Click on that and when the page opens you will see events for the next month or so. Click on the "+" sign on these items for further details.

Further down the page you will find the programme for further events at a later date and then below that the duty roster for the current two month period.

The page is well worth a look on a regular basis.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday 6 June

Tuesday 4 August

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.

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.

PARTING THOUGHT

All truth passes through three stages:

-First it is ridiculed

-Secondly it is violently opposed

-Thirdly it is accepted as self evident.

- Arthur Schopenhauer

-from Gerad McGhie

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