



# BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940  
3 August 2017



## TODAY

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

10 August 2017

Paul Tipping

Elections: does turnout matter?

Introduced by	Brian Poole
Vote of Thanks	Jeremy Spanjaard
Parting Thought	Adrian Ellingham
Attendance	David King
Fellowship	Bob Laybourn
Tables	Gerald McGhie
AV	Ross Foubister
Bring a friend	All

17 August 2017

Getrude Matshe

Introduced by	Morris Robertson
Vote of Thanks	Stephen Spence
Parting Thought	Peter Shanahan
Attendance	Colin Lawton
Fellowship	Maurice Manttan
Tables	John Mohi
AV	Maurice Scott

***This is a special speaker. See last page. Bring friends and relations***

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

President Ross Foubister welcomed Jonathon Cobb of Te Ara School who came with a pupil. He welcomed Adrian Ellingham on his return from his trip around the Pacific and Graeme Waters introduced his brother-in-law Shan.



**Jonathon Cobb and Te Ara pupil**

Jonathon Cobb said he appreciated our desire to assist his school. Next year it will be hosting a conference on the development of the teenage brain and would appreciate use of a speaker system and projector. More immediately he asked that we email him our collated suggestions as to how members think they could assist.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMES

### Give a promising young person a boost.

Bob Laybourn told us that we are looking for young potential leaders to sponsor to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). More information can be found on our website. See also 12.2.6 on page 81 of the District Directory.

Also a year 12 school science pupil planning on returning for year 13 to sponsor to the National Science and Technology Forum held in January at Auckland. University. See 12.4.3 on page 92 of the District Directory and check closing dates with Bob.

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

Michael Gorman introduced David Seymour and told us he had trained as an electrical engineer.

David said some nice things about Rotary because a close relative was one of the last people in the western world to contract polio and although Polio Plus was too late to help her he appreciated that it had saved thousand of others and that polio is now nearly beaten every where. His relative was given a gloomy prognosis but managed to go on to achieve a fulfilling life. His family were electrical contractors in a big way and he grew up with an appreciation of the risks and rewards of business.



He showed a copy of his new book, *Own Your Future* which goes on sale next week. In it he sets out his ideas for us. Today he spelt out his approach to the housing situation and to the poor results the education system is delivering to some of our children and in particular to young Maori in Northland. He blamed the Resource Management Act and its use to restrict urban boundaries for the housing shortage. He maintained that the income gap between rich and poor has not widened in recent years but that the proportion of the income that lower income people get that goes on housing had doubled thus reducing the amount left for other needs and so effectively lowering their standard of living. He said that all this can and should be remedied by a more sensible urban planning law.

On education he told us of a charter school in Whangerei that was getting almost all of its pupils to achieve NCEA level one whereas a public school was failing most of its pupils and had teachers who told Maori children they could not succeed. He blamed the teacher unions for protecting bad teachers and wanted competition and accountability for teachers and schools.

In a question and answer session he gave lucid answers to all questions asked.

John Mohi proposed a vote of thanks.



## RETURN of GETRUDE MATSHE

**SPEAKER 17 AUGUST**

It is some years since we heard Getrude.

She is ex-Lower Hutt Rotarian now living in New Mexico, USA. and looking for speaking opportunities in the Kapiti Coast. She is here for three months connecting with fellow Rotarians to help build a clinic in Zimbabwe in December this year.

International guest speaker, celebrated author and Philanthropy Consultant, Rooney International Scholar, TEDx Speaker and Wellington, New Zealand Rotary Member - Getrude Matshe.

Watch the TEDx Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzlyOtusDxE>  
She is an inspirational speaker who has been described as a vibrant bundle of African energy whose zest and passion for life inspires

everyone she meets. She is passionate about helping people achieve their full potential and find their individual life purpose. She is passionate about individuals' success. This makes her an energetic, inspirational and enlightening speaker.

About Getrude Matshe

Her speaking career started in Norway 1989 and for 12 years she has worked in the IT industry as a Systems Analyst, Systems Support Manager and Project Manager. Getrude immigrated to New Zealand in 2001 with nothing and founded three successful companies.

- She started Medical Recruiters of New Zealand Ltd
- GM Global Investments Ltd (Property)
- As an owner she formed Simzisani Ltd, a talent agency catering for the film and advertising industry and has been instrumental in supplying ethnic extras for prominent movies such as Peter Jackson's "King Kong" and James Cameron's Avatar
- She is the founder and CEO of the Africa Alive Education Foundation, an organization that supports HIV orphans in Zimbabwe
- She formed Walk on the Wild Side Tours – a symbiotic tourism company that takes tourist to Zimbabwe to work with HIV and Aids orphans
- She became a Rooney International Scholar in 2012 and worked at Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- She is the mother of three children and a well known African Storyteller, poet, artist and published author.
- She a script writer and an Independent Film Maker
- She writes for CNN iReport - <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-946671?ref=email>
- Getrude Blogs for the Huffington Post - <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/getrude-matshe/>
- Actress in the movie "Cry Freedom" with Denzel Washington in 1987
- 15th March 2014 Getrude was a speaker at the UN Annual Summit on the Status of Women
- Getrude supports and volunteers for :-
  - o The John Fawcett foundation in Bali Indonesia
  - o Mustard Seed Orphanage in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
  - o The Ubuntu Africa foundation in Cape Town, South Africa
  - o Ujamaa Children's Home in Arusha, Tanzania
  - o Global Camps Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa

Getrude is a dynamic entrepreneur who has started life in a new country and who has proved that anything is possible if you have a purpose.

**This will be an experience. Bring someone to share it.**

## CLUB STUFF

President Ross wants to remind members to advise the secretary if they are going away on leave and that it is incumbent on them to find a replacement if they are rostered for a duty whilst they are away.

Thank you.

A slightly amended list of committee members will be sent to members shortly

## PARTING THOUGHT

Steve Brazier said that he was happy with our political system and its operation when looking at other places and in particular at current events in Turkey and Venezuela.

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