



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

14 December  
Christmas Special  
David Bennett on Uganda

**DUTIES**

Reflection	Lionel Nunns
Speaker Introduced by	Introduce Speaker
Vote of Thanks	Adrian Ellingham
Parting Thought	Laurie Bond
Attendance	David King
Fellowship	Maurice Manttan
Reset tables	Peter Shanahan
AV Set-up	Tony Fryer

**ALERT !!. RSVP by WEDNESDAY**  
The Christmas meeting is for members and partners. There will be delicious extras and, afterwards, a guided visit to the new exhibition at Katherine Mansfield House.



Please bring a wrapped present, preferably for men, for passing on to the Downtown Ministry.

18 January  
First meeting for 2018. Possibly a picnic in the Rotary Grove. Details to be advised.

Apologies and guests advise  
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by 10 AM Wednesday

**REFLECTIONS**



Maurice Scott began by saying that yesterday was the last day of reading, for this year, at Ngaio School. For all five participants, it had been a most satisfying experience listening to the children developing their reading skills.

The Rotary Readers were surprised to be guest of honour at a special assembly of the five classes and their teachers. Selected pupils came forward to thank the Rotary readers on their class behalf.

Maurice also reported that Wellington North had no RYLA candidates this year but two students are being sponsored to the Science and Technology Forum in Auckland.

He then went on to refer to the upcoming awards from the Scholarship Trust and the considerable effort put in by trustees Grant Hassell and Joanna Tuckwell. Maurice concluded his reflection with the following words. "There is much we can be proud of and, in that light, one thing we can perhaps reflect on is whether there are other areas in the community at large where we have the capacity to make a difference."

## EDITORIAL

I have been privileged this week to hear the words of a number of inspiring speakers from both ends of the spectrum.

Yesterday, as substitute for Graeme Waters, I was the photographer covering the annual Prize Giving at He Haurahi Tamariki, the school in Tawa for teenage mothers. Members of the Club may recall the address by the Principal, Helen Webber, a few weeks back. I subsequently had the opportunity to visit the school and was most impressed. Several of the young mothers who spoke described their journeys from pregnancy to the academic achievements they have reached. Their first PhD graduate has been accepted for post-doctoral studies and will be the student speaker at the 2018 Science Graduation ceremony.



At the early hour of 7am this morning I was present at a breakfast to hear the messages delivered by Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon, recently returned from his post as the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Vatican, and the comments in thanks from Cardinal John Dew.

Apart from their reminiscences of Pope Francis, of whom they both spoke glowingly, the theme of the presentation was the positive steps being taken

to abolish slavery. The telling statistic was that there are still some 36 million slaves in the world. The initiative of the Pope, with support from the Archbishop of Canterbury, has resulted in a worldwide team of faith leaders, including Christians, Jews, Sunni and Shia Moslems, brought together for a common cause to end slavery. Practical measures include investigations by end sellers of supply chains back to where products might be produced by slave labour and cutting them off accordingly.



*Sir David Moxon and Pope Francis*

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## THE MAIN EVENT



Former, and occasionally resurrected, diplomat, Roy Ferguson, was introduced by Steve Spence.

Roy spoke principally about his journey to Pyongyang in 2001 to present his credentials, accredited as Ambassador to North Korea. The journey by a roundabout route from Seoul was a taste of things to come.

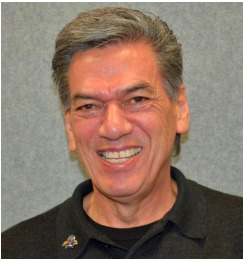
The enforced culture of the country was summed up by Roy through a visit he and the NZ team made to an orphanage school. He asked several pupils in turn, "what they would like to do when they grew up?" The answer, in each instance was "a soldier." The response to a question asking "who would like to do something else" was silent.

Roy spoke about the political and economic situation in North Korea during his tenure as Ambassador. Fear of America appeared to be the main driving force for the regime.

While many of the subsequent questions related to the current climate Roy was not able to answer these in detail as he was due to be briefed next week prior to taking up a three-month posting as Acting Head of Mission in late January.

## Mohi Movements

### Behind the scenes



Many club members are not aware of the role of an incoming District Governor in the two plus years leading up to him/her receiving the chain of office. A look at John's

Mohi's recent movements, as listed in his report to the December meeting of the District Advisory Committee includes the following.

"I participated as a panel member of Rotary Down Under (RDU) Ken Schiller Award team. The results were published in the November RDU magazine. NZ Maketu article was the runner up.

I Attended 28 October 2017 Rotary Membership Training for NZ in Christchurch. Reported back to Wellington North Rotary club and have offered to support WNRC in implementing their Revitalisation programme outcomes as required.

I Met with the Rotary Centennial project on 20 November 2017 at Wellington Rotary Club with Bill Boyd, Lorna Boyd, Martin Garcia, Mark Wheeler, Jock Phillips (historian) and Richard Norman.

The outcome of this meeting was to integrate the initiative of Boyd's PDGs centennial team and the work of the Auckland and Wellington Centennial teams into one project to contract a historian to scope the project for a Rotary NZ Centennial book.

### Club Runner Workshop

At the 20 November Wellington AGs meeting a workshop was held with the theme of Rotary Online Support Tools. This was run by Richard Stephen our Clubrunner manager in 9940. Clubs were well represented and engagement was good. I expect increased support and take-up of these online tools as a result of this workshop."

[And it only gets busier through the progression from DGN to DGE, DG and PDG – Ed.]

### PARTING THOUGHT

From Laurie Bond

*The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.*

*Damon Runyon*

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