



3 May 2018

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

10 May
Geoff Cameron
Reintroducing kiwis in the Rimutaka Forest



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Fellowship	Terry Pinfold
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Apologies and guests advise
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by 10 AM Wednesday

17 May
Kellie Benner
Conservation Volunteers on our participation in "Forest at the heart of the city"

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Surprise Visitor



Monique, our friendly caterer, brought along her 3-month old son, Khynyn, to get a glimpse of Rotary. Monique thanked the club for its gift when Khynyn was born.

THE MAIN EVENT



Team Margaret

The principal business of the day was the Revitalisation feedback from the teams.

Each speaker was given a strict five-minute slot to give their reports and all finished up promptly, in fear of the bell!

The David King, *Governance and Protocols*
Morris Robertson, *Communications*
Laurie Bond, *Speakers*
Lionel Nunns, *Projects*
Maurice Manttan, *Social*
Margaret Emerre, *Membership*

As handouts, containing the full reports from each group, were distributed at the end of the meeting, the brief summaries will not be covered here.

Lots of good ideas were presented, including some radical changes in the Clubs practices. An air of optimism pervaded and it was generally felt that this was a good basis for the incoming President, Michael Gorman, to plan for the year ahead.

RotaFEST 18



Still time to register for **RotaFEST 18 - A Festival of Rotary, 11-13 May in Palmerston North**. This year's annual District Rotary Event will **NOT** be a conference! RotaFEST 18 will incorporate in the programme many activities and opportunities for you to be entertained, to witness the Rotary opening of a world first in native animal care at WildBase Recovery, to enjoy world class speakers, and to share our Rotary experience and activities with each other and the community.

To register go to

<https://hotevents.nz/eventsair.com/rotafest2018/rotafest-2018/Site/Register>

Plant a tree



Earth Day, April 22, 2018, is fast approaching, which is also the “soft” closing date for President Ian Riseley’s Environmental Sustainability 1.2 Million Tree Challenge: “Plant a tree for every Rotarian”. Many Districts and their clubs have already engaged. Congratulations if your District’s clubs have already completed the Challenge. If not, there’s still time! As part of 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley’s tree-planting initiative, members of the Rotary International Staff Society planted eight trees in a bird sanctuary in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

The youth challenge

Once upon a time our club regularly hosted Rotary Youth Exchange Students and supported outgoing students. Their presence at our meetings gave that feeling of youth that we seem to have lost.

Rotary D9940 urgently requires host clubs and families for 3 International Exchange Students. Elyse from France, Theresa from Austria and Bianca from Italy are all hoping to come to New

Zealand in July this year but if we do not have the support of clubs their dream will not eventuate!

Host families do not necessarily need to be Rotarians – they just need to provide a safe, happy family for the students to be with for 3 months of their 12 months stay. Retirees are also a good option – they have plenty of time to spend with the students and the student love talking to them with their wealth of knowledge. If you think you are busy, the student will fit in easily with your lifestyle and there is lots of support from other club members and the District Committee.

At the moment seven New Zealand young people are having the year of their life overseas and we now need to realise our obligations to our host countries and provide their students with the same opportunities.



Elyse



Theresa

Bianca

This is a key Rotary program, one we could support as the District Governor's host club for 1919-20.

From "Rotary on the Move"

Which is more valuable to your Rotary club? A. One new member? B. One retained member? The answer is definitely B ... a member retained is a satisfied member- engaged and fully involved in the work of making our world a better place!

We often focus so heavily on recruiting new members that we forget how vital it is to the health and vibrancy of our Rotary clubs to retain engaged members. Here is a simple, yet powerful way for you to help engage your members: Pick up the phone and start creating connections. Nothing engages a member more than a personal connection. It's a smart strategy that a lot of membership organizations have used to grow. In fact, Sarah Rintamaki, the Founder and Executive Director of Connecting for Kids used personal connections to help grow her organization over 300% in just the first year.

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This time - Morris Robertson (Reserve Editor)



“Personal contacts are invaluable,” says Sarah. “Whether it’s business, or non-profit, or whatever, everything truly is a personal relationship. Whether it’s a donor, or a family, or a professional, or a member, they need to have a conversation with somebody.” It works for new members ... but unengaged members love a phone call, or at least a personalized email. It may be the one thing that keeps a member engaged so they don’t leave your club. Past Rotary International President Ron Burton tells his personal story – had it not been for one phone call from one member of his Rotary club during a time in his Rotary life when he was unengaged and considering leaving, Ron would not still be a Rotarian today. Give it a try. Make a commitment to reach out to one unengaged or even lost member every single week. Put it on your calendar right now. Friday afternoon at 3pm, schedule your first call. Sometimes that extra nudge ... that connection with another Rotarian ... is all that’s needed to retain a member.