



THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

Wednesday 14 July
Club Planning Day

Introduced by	<i>Kerry Ansell</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Bob Laybourn</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Evan McCalman</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Peter Shanahan</i>
Attendance	<i>Laury Sinclair</i>
Fellowship	<i>Stephen Spence</i>
Tables	<i>Graeme Waters</i>
AV	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

21 July
No lunch meeting

22 July
A fund raising evening to
support the Te Araroa Trail
project.

A SKULL IN CONNEMARA

A comedy, some Irish
entertainment, refreshments
laughter.

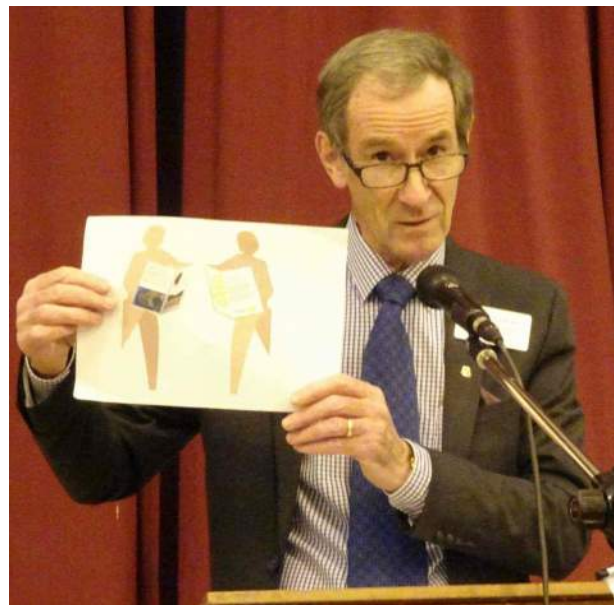
Cashmere Avenue School. \$25.

Apologies and guests advise
rotary@kaysan.co.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday

LAST NIGHT

Changeover is a happy time and sometimes surprises as well. We were welcomed with drinks and a jazz duo. The meeting started with President Graeme Waters disappearing through an exit. John Mohi took the rostrum and said he was representing District Governor Martin Garcia. He gave us greetings and some information, the main takeaway being that District Conference will be in New Plymouth on 21-23 April next year.

President Graeme reappeared and told us that the guest speaker had been fog bound in Auckland and we would not wait dinner on his account.



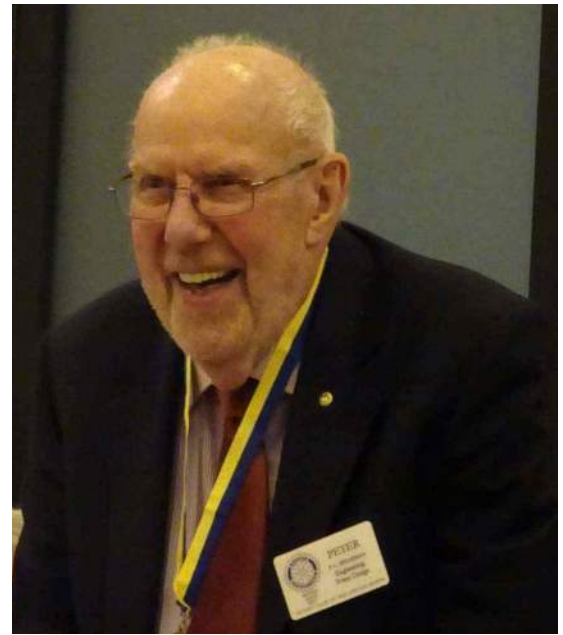
He gave the caterer the three minute sign and then showed us a sketch of a possible sign to display the text of the notice we are putting on the grove on the Te Araroa trail.



Speaker Simon Draper did arrive before dinner was over and drew the raffles. Kerry Ansell won a bottle of French wine, Janet Poole won an Entertainment Book and Lane Mohi won some goodies from Katherine Mansfield House.

President Graeme said it is was sad that we had lost some members during the year but we have gained more than we have lost.

He told us that Peter Spearman had decided to resign as he struggled to attend regularly. The Board decided to make him an honorary member. Peter joined us in 1983 was President 1091/2 and received a PHF in 1999. Peter said he had enjoyed Rotary and was grateful to be offered honorary membership as he was keen to retain an association with the club.



Kerry Ansell was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. President Graeme said that he was a long serving member, active in the reading in schools work and represented us on the Cornerstone Trust. And he also featured up a ladder with a paint brush on the cover of our 50th Anniversary publication.

Morris Robertson was awarded a sapphire pin. President Graeme said that Morris had been District Governor and he had successfully made use of a new system introduced by the Rotary Foundation to provide funds which could be used to fund district projects. And this year he produced our 50th Anniversary publication.



CHANGEOVER



President David Bennett told us that he had three objectives for his year. The first was the way we act with each other and although he did not refer to the Four Way Test it seemed that was similar, the second was that we be innovative and do things that benefit the community, and the third was that we hold meetings that are so good that people want to join us. He said that what ever organisations have as objectives the reason that people join them and stay in them is that they enjoy the company of the other members.



Audrey got flowers



So did Judith, and 3 sons came to support their Dad.

OTHER NEWS

Russell Law of the new Kaukau Club said he had left the R.C. of Karori to help get the new club off the ground and they now have 23 people signed up with an average age of 44. He said it is the first new club in the district for many years. They will meet formally once a month and once informally with committee and project meetings as needed. They are proposing to hold a Charter Celebration on 13 August in the Khandallah Town Hall and we are invited. Anyone interested in going should email emma.brink@gmail.com Formal invitations will be issued shortly.

SPEAKER



Past President Graeme introduced Simon Draper who he had got to know when they were both posted to Korea. Simon is now the Executive Director of the Asia New Zealand Foundation after a long career in Foreign Affairs.

He spoke to us about NZ's successful campaign for a seat on the Security Council of the United Nations. To be successful we needed to get the votes of at least 129 other countries. In the event we got the votes of 145 countries in the first round which was an unprecedented margin. He told us how that was achieved.

He said that MFAT approached it by first deciding how we can describe ourselves. Their description was that NZ is fair, practical and constructive. And then they talked to other countries about that, demonstrated those qualities in our dealings and brought representatives here to see for themselves. Meanwhile richer countries who wanted a seat were doing favours or giving aid to win votes from less powerful or poorer countries.

That was the basis of our approach. Simon had an engaging style of speaking, he had a lot of amusing anecdotes from incidents along the way and responded to questions after real consideration of the point raised.

It is not possible to do justice to his talk in a brief summary. I thought it was the best address we have had this year. It gave a lot of fresh information about important subjects, it included a feast of funny stories, and it made one feel proud and fortunate to be a New Zealander.

If you did not win an Entertainment Book in the raffle

You can still order these on line from this address

www.entbook.co.nz/10479x0

\$60 each and \$12 of that comes to the club. If that is too technical for you but you still like to eat and drink talk to David Barnes.

PRIORITY We need to get bums on seats A SKULL IN CONNEMARA 22 JULY

What the critics said

Mick Dowd's wife died seven years ago. An accident it was, so they said. But now the local cemetery's full; it's time for a clear-out, and as the spades dig down into the earth of Connemara, might it be more than just bones they find? Might the secrets of seven years ago be exhumed as well?

From the Quentin Tarantino of the stage, the writer of *In Bruges* and *Seven Psychopaths*, this uproarious comedy digs beneath the tranquil surface of life in rural Ireland.

Please be advised that there is strong language in this show.

"McDonagh's gift is at its most naked and infectious ...it leaves you giddy with gruesome exhilaration".

Financial Times

"A macabre little masterpiece..."

The Spectator

"This slice of Irish gothic isn't for the faint-hearted: with all the fecks and blood and smashing of skulls, it's a bit of an assault on the senses.

Cashmere Avenue School. \$25. Gather up friends and relations. Book with David King .
This is our fundraiser. Support it.
A Khandallah Arts Theatre production
Pat Helm can still use items or services to sell or give as prizes.
When you have sold tickets you may pay the money to RCWN Charitable Trust 03 0525
0338282 00 or bring it to David King.

PARTING THOUGHT

Ka ki te piro o nga tangata ka kata.

When the stomach is full, the birds sing, the men
laugh.

-from Emma Anderson

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