

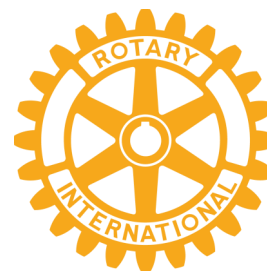


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# Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand

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## Programme:

**Tues 19 April** - Lions / Rotary combined meeting

**Partner  
Night**

**25 April** - ANZAC Day— **no meeting**

**29/30 April** - Club working bee - house move for Ann & David Owen

## Greeter\*

### \*Duties of the Greeter: (if you cannot attend it is your responsibility to delegate)

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| 1. Put out the <u>Club Equipment</u> * | 6. Give the "Closing Thought"           |
| 2. Greet members as they arrive        | 7. Put away the <u>Club Equipment</u> * |
| 3. Give the 5 minute talk              |   |
| 4. Assist the Sgt-at-Arms with fines   |   |
| 5. Introduce (& thank?) the speaker    |   |

\* name badges, bell, gavel, computer, projector,  
**2 microphones & stand**, raffle box.

## Club Notes:

### Zoom address for the next meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81947937892?pwd=SkFENjNQUzhhWFh5bV3b0djOHJmZz09>  
Meeting ID: 819 4793 7892      Passcode: 215953

1. A loan of \$5,000 from club financial reserves to enable the immediate purchase of a replacement community van was approved.
2. Alan Goodyear was presented with a sapphire pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship.
3. Our caterer Vern is leaving the RSA and the club recognised his contribution with a vote of applause.

## Apology ?

**Members**— If you are unable to attend a meeting please contact **Barry Denton** by **6pm** the previous Sunday night.

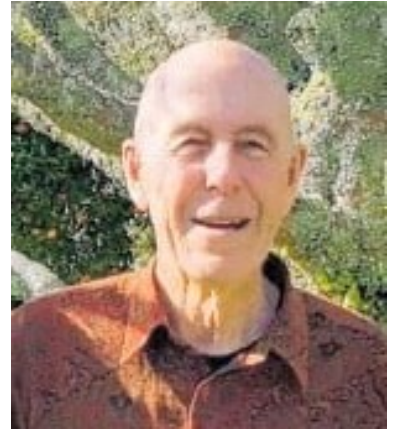
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## Speaker **Alan Goodyear** told us the story of his 93 Years.

Some of the highlights:

- Born in Rotorua in 1929. First 11 years on a remote Pongakawa Valley Farm. He and his 2 sisters rode horses three miles to the Rotoma school.
- When the family moved to Athenree, school in Katikati was a train ride from the local station. After District High School and two sixth form years boarding at Wellington College he went on to university in Auckland, graduating in civil engineering before earning a Fulbright scholarship to do a masters degree at Minneapolis in the US, where he met his wife Peggy.
- They started married life in British Columbia where he worked 4 years for the provincial government water authority and their first 2 children were born. Bringing the family back to NZ he then commenced a period with Ministry of Works on various Waikato hydro electricity projects, starting at Mangakino, moving up to the structural design office in Wellington, where their third child was born.
- The travel bug returned with a 3 year UNESCO project to set up a polytechnic in Baghdad, where a new military dictator had just taken over. Practical Kiwi skills came in very handy, together with initiation into teaching, the struggle to learn Arabic, and the desert climate extremes. Holiday camping trips, as far as Europe, were a bonus.
- Now aged 37 Alan then accepted a transfer to head up a similar, but joint UNESCO/FAO, project in a small town on the Nile in Egypt, where the riverside scenery was spectacular but the living conditions and schooling for the family much less congenial.
- Unfortunately the project was affected by the [1967 6 Day War with Israel](#) and the family gratefully accepted another transfer to the huge bureaucratic UNESCO headquarters in Paris. This turned into a 16 year career involving extensive travel and home leave to New Zealand every two years.
- At the age of 55 (1974) Alan took early retirement and returned to live at Ongare Point and plant a kiwifruit orchard. This was sold 5 years later. Alan was elected to the District Council in 1992 and for 2 terms became deeply involved in major projects to extend water supply and sewerage.
- Since then Alan has lost his wife and son but continued to travel, garden and enjoy the company of his two daughters and four grandchildren. He has also served 37 years in Rotary (Club President in 1990). He has lived and worked in six different countries and visited about 80.



**5 Minute Talk** **Graeme Ginn** reflected on how he came to join Rotary. His father was fortunate to be invited 60 years ago to represent his local building profession in his local Club. Graeme was in Jaycees from his mid 20's until he was 40. Busy with other commitments he decided not to join Lions. After his daughter went to Australia on a Rotary Student Exchange he was invited to join Rotary.

## **Parting Thought** from **Graeme Ginn**

Have no fear of perfection, for you will never reach it

*Salvador Dali*