

### **Club Notes:**

Apology

#### Zoom address for the next meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89407229557?pwd=Q0JPQmthd292UXZaWEJqeG54QkdVZz09 Meeting ID: 894 0722 9557 Passcode: 623348

A number of club members volunteered their help with the recent annual Waipuna Hospice appeal which collected \$1300 locally (appeal total \$18,000).

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

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## Speaker

**Jill and Don Brightwell** gave us a fascinating presentation about their experimental coffee orchard in Hot Springs Road. Having travelled overseas, gained various work experiences, and bought a 2.7 hectare property they were astounded by the copious growth and fruiting on a single "ornamental" coffee bush purchased from a local hardware store and planted at their townhouse in Mount Maunganui.



This encouraged them onto a path to discover if saleable coffee beans can be grown in the Bay of Plenty. Online research and trial and error are producing steady results in propagating plants and siting them suitably on their land. The first planting was completed in 2019 and this has yielded good information on correct siting.

The potential annual crop of ripe coffee berries for the property could be around 8 tonnes. Another business opportunity is to propagate and sell plants to other new growers.

# Five Minute Talk

#### from Jeanette Meyer

Jeanette, whose mother is a Kiwi, was born and raised in East London, in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. She has experience in business, having owned a clothing shop, a fast food franchise and homecare for the elderly with dementia.

Jeanette and Arnie moved to New Zealand a year ago and have three adult children in Christchurch.

Funds raised at last meeting:

Raffle - \$102.00 (for Foodbank & Community Breakfast)

Fines - \$28.00 (Presidents Sunshine Fund)

Rotary Foundation - \$38.00



There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul

Than the way in which we treat our children



Jerry Payne was inducted into membership of our club last week.