

Rotary Club of Katikati

Bulletin

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Programme (upcoming)

Greeter

8th July Joint Meeting with Paeroa Rotary

Alan Sole

Partners Night – Opt In by Friday

Waihi Beach RSA

Speaker – Scott Simpson MP

Greeters Talk – Jerry Payne, Reporter Chris Keightley

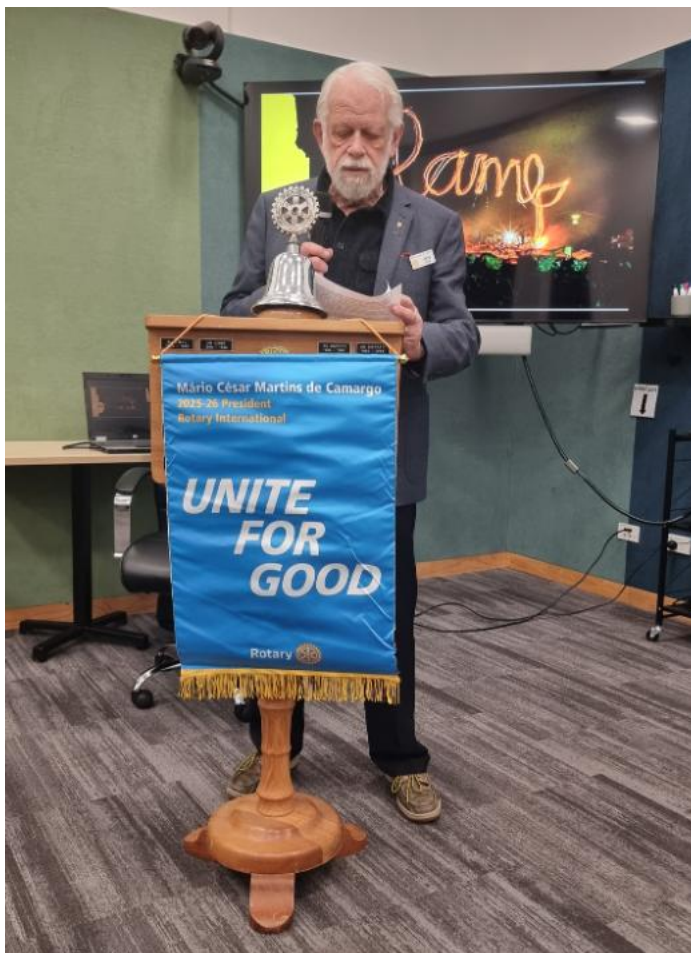
Jerry spoke of the origins of Freemasonry, and of how the order has evolved. Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternal societies in the world and the order dates back to the Middle Ages and stems from the fellowship of stonemasons who built castles and cathedrals

By the Eighteenth Century the order was evolving from consisting of masons only, to include members from other walks of life and in 1717 the first Grand Lodge was founded in England. The teachings of Freemasonry include morality, charity and obedience of the law of the land

Specifically Jerry mentioned the Masonic Lodge of Katikati which is one of the oldest in New Zealand. It was formed in 1927 and has changed very little in almost 100 years

Jerry debunked some popular fallacies, of the type often invented and attached to organisations who possess such a long and rich history, but which are a mystery for some.

A question from the floor to as to whether women could become members was met by a reminder (also from the floor) that Rotary once excluded women



Speaker – Sue Hannah, Reporter Chris Keightley

Raised on a farm near Te Awamutu Sue Hannah has followed a calling and in doing so has changed the lives of many

It all started when as a young woman Sue was visiting Cambodia and she became alerted to the plight of an 11 year old girl who having been raised in poverty and suffering from illness and having no better outlook in life other than to be sold into prostitution. The girl died on the following day and that was enough for Sue who has now spent most of her working life in Cambodia where she is giving a life to children most of whom were raised in slums

Sue has worked to ensure that those children are provided with necessities of life and with healthcare and education and then in 2015 she founded Flame Ministries which helps young adults transition from high school into tertiary study, and into employment. This transition time is when a lot of those young people fell through the cracks and Sue created Leadership Academy Homes to further provide for them. Flame Ministries later merged with Bong Paoun to become Flame Cambodia of which Sue is now Executive Director

Flame Cambodia is currently working with 2000 young people from children through to university students (currently 49) and clearly and one whom is clearly a source of great pride to Sue (she showed us a photograph at his law graduation) is a young man whom far exceeded any life expectation he might have had

Sue also reiterated to us the high value of the laptop computers sent by Katikati Rotary and that none of these are wasted

Trails Development Working Bee Opportunities

Katikati Rotary is working on 3 walking and cycle trail development projects on behalf of the Katikati Trails development group which Ian Stevens, Rod Calver and Laurie Donald are all members. Laurie Donald is also working on other projects that could require club member assistance from time to time.

There is currently ongoing work on 3 projects two building trails 2 on the Uretara River true right bank between Wharawhara Road and Henry Road. We also hope to start work on another project at Elmwood Road in the near future.

If you are interested in assisting from time to time and are ok to be on an email group that will be setup to circulate when there is something happening. The email notices will give as much notice as possible but might at times be relatively short (1-2 days out) to work around weather. There would be no obligation to attend these 1.5-2:00 hour sessions followed by coffee to debrief!

Examples of the activities as follows

1. Extrigating weeds by the roots with an extrigator (bring your own if you have one or we can supply some as well)
2. Cutting and pasting weed trees with herbicide paste
3. Digging out the odd bit of wild ginger, agapanthus, flax, small cacti!
4. The odd bit of digging with a spade where there is no digger access or it just makes more sense to do it by hand
5. Assisting with minor fencing jobs – an experienced fencer will lead these jobs you will be digging the odd hole, ramming, extracting staples, holding stuff and fetching stuff.
6. Moving pruned branches
7. Spotter / observer for digger driver for health & safety reasons – this might be a longer session.
8. Other

Banner Exchange

Julius attended his final meeting exchanging banners and saying his goodbyes. Go well Julius.



Secretaries Notices

- Volunteers Humes Fun-Run/Walk – War Memorial Hall on Registration Desk 7.30 – 9.30am, Sat 5 July (Check with John S)
- Rotary District 9930 Changeover – Woodlands Estate Taupiri on Sat 6 July
- Reminder to Opt-in for 8 July at Waihi Beach RSA (Partners night)
- Board Meeting to be held at Red Cross Bldg at 3.30pm on Tuesday 8 July

Parting Thought – Jerry Payne

Jerry Payne gave the following quote attributed to Alexander the Great

“I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a **lamb**; I am afraid of an army of lambs led by a **Lion**”