



Local in Action, Global in Vision.



From President Jennifer.

This year marks thirty years of women in Rotary. Districts 9910 and 9920 are organising an informal “Fun Walk” around the Wynyard Quarter and Westhaven area on Saturday morning 6th April. More information to come on that in our next bulletin.

I had a little look at the history behind women being admitted to Rotary, and I have to say that RI did not cover itself in glory, nor look remotely progressive, with their opposition to the idea. The phrase “being dragged kicking and screaming” comes to mind.

It was first mooted in 1950, by Rotary in India, that the word “male” be deleted from the Rotary Club Constitution. This was firmly put down by RI.

In 1977 the Rotary Club of Duarte in California chose to admit women as members in violation of the RI constitution. The club was terminated in 1978 for their efforts! The club fought back, taking RI to court - eventually ending up in the US Supreme Court (because the California Supreme Court refused to hear the case). The US Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Rotary Club of Duarte, which was duly reinstated in 1986.

Finally, in 1989, nearly forty years after India’s enlightened suggestion, the Rotary Council of Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary Clubs. Now there are over 200,000 women in Rotary, working very effectively with their male colleagues, to better their local and global communities. It has to be said though, that some clubs in some parts of the world, and indeed some corners of our country are barely through the “kicking and screaming” phase.

And look what they miss out on, women of the calibre of Sandra McKersey, NZ’s first District Governor, who spoke to us last night. Sandra is an absolute beacon for all Rotarians, with her energy and vision, compassion and humility, enabling her to achieve some pretty impressive goals to improve the lives of others.

**Notify your attendance
(by Sunday 5pm) to
Steve Jenkins
ph 478 8467 or email
jenkins@kiwilink.co.nz**

Normally meet at
Pupuke Golf Club,
231 East Coast Rd,
Mairangi Bay.



Focus Water and
Sanitation.

**Next meeting
5.30pm on 18 March
Partner’s Night – Games
evening at Petanque
Court, Browns Bay**

15 March Jumbo
Tennis
06 April Quiz night at
Pinehurst
29 April “Meet and
Greet” at Lakehouse
Arts Centre, Takapuna

	18 March	25 March	1 April	8 April
	Partners Night Games Evening Petangue Court, Browns Bay	“My Rotary” Learning about Members website, how to locate information, etc. ESENTIAL for all Members	Club Meetings Committee Meetings	Bonnie Choi – Our 2018 IYE Student to Belgium. Plus 10 Min talk from Nathan Richards: My Outward Bound Experience
Invocation		Graham Rice	Murray Thoms	Jenna Tuuta
Reception		Monica Webb	Lynette Miller	Beverley Lea
Attendance	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk				
Fellowship		Ian Collard	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
		Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith
		Warwick Moulton	Amanda Chambers	Amanda Chambers
Stewards		Jim Mayo	Warren Patterson	Alistair New
		Stephen Wheeler	Alan Astrop	Rod Fergusson
		Graham Rice	Martin Reiss	Bernie Woods
3 Min. Talk			Jenna Tuuta	
Intro. Speaker		Gary Morgan		Jenna Tuuta
Thank Speaker				Monica Webb
Parting Thought		Paul Asquith	Alan Astrop	Amanda Chambers
Introduce a Guest			Martin Reiss	Stephen Wheeler
Darius		Warwick Moulton	Murray Thoms	Martin Reiss
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				
Darius is currently with Sean & Vicky Harris, 43 William Gamble Dr. Albany. Ph. 09441 4955				
His contact details are – Mob: 021 1486600. E-mail: darius.lehmann@stud.kslzh.ch				

Guest Speaker – PG Sandra McKersey

Sandra McKersey was able to come to our club and share with us a little about her Rotary journey and travelling with a purpose. With her came her niece Zoe (helper). Sandra is a member of Whangarei South Rotary Club and a past District Governor. She is also holder of a Queen’s Service Medal for services to education and the community.

We learnt about her relationship with the orphanage in Bangladesh. Rotary is involved with lots of different projects and Sandra was part of the team that does audits of the programmes funded by Rotary Foundation. Visiting Philippines, South Africa, Roha, Manila. She can’t help herself and gets involved in everything on the way. Organising education, employment, and just looking after people with her big heart.

Whilst in Bangladesh she found the children were living in a corrugated shed, fifty boys in total. She was there doing an audit of the program at the sewing school where women are employed to gain



skills. The project of “buy a bed for \$400” was the idea that came into being and donations came from Rotary members all around NZ and the world, being put together by Whangarei Rotary. This went towards the building of the new orphanage which now houses 100 boys. Sandra did not want to tell us that her name was on the front of the building (shown opposite) - a fitting recognition of her achievement. Fundraising is still ongoing.



Presentation of PHF to Jacob Patel – North Shore Taxis

Our major fundraising project each year is the Drive for Life Charity Golf Tournament held at Waitemata Golf Club in Devonport. Our Rotary Club has been most fortunate in having North Shore Taxis, a subsidiary of Auckland Co-Op Taxis, as our Principal Sponsor for the last ten years. To mark the occasion the Club presented Mr Jacob Patel, Chairman of Auckland Co-Op Taxis, with a Paul Harris Fellow, to acknowledge the part they have played in our fundraising. This fundraising (now in excess of \$200,000) has mainly benefited the Well Foundation.

President Jennifer presented the award to Jacob who was both proud and appreciative of what has been achieved over this period. In thanking the Club he stated the combined Taxi Group would again be happy to sponsor the Club again this year.

The photo (right) shows Rod Ferguson (Chair of the Golf fundraising committee) and Jacob (Chairman of Auckland Co-Op Taxis) proudly wearing his Paul Harris Fellow pin and medallion.

All our members would like to thank Jacob for his continued support of our Drive for Life Charity Golf Tournament.



Cheque presented to Andrew Young CEO of the Well Foundation

As a result of the success of the last Drive Life Charity Golf Tournament, East Coast Bays Rotary Club was able to present a cheque to Andrew Young, CEO of the Well Foundation, towards the purchase of a Dermatome skin grafting instrument for North Shore Hospital.

Meet our newest member – Fay Norman

President Jennifer had the delightful task of inducting our



newest member into the Club, namely Fay Norman (DG Jerry Norman's wife). Fay has been wanting to join an Auckland Club (a different Club to Jerry!) for some time and chose our very own East Coast Bays. Fay will join the Local Projects Committee. Fay, a very warm

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Darius' birthday

It was Darius' birthday on Monday and so Sean presented him with a surprise birthday cake for us all to enjoy!

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Notices.

Games Night - Next Monday 18th March at Browns Bay Petanque Courts from 5:30pm to approx. 7:00pm (In the event of rain - we will adjourn to Pupuke Golf Clubhouse).

- This is a Partners Event and you are welcome to bring family.
- Members of the local **Inner Wheel Club** have also been invited.
- The nights proceedings will under the control of Games Master - Alan Astrop.
- Alan is providing a range of interesting and challenging activities for your enjoyment.

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NB. Local by-laws prevent the sale or consumption of liquor on the beach front so NO alcohol permitted.

The Fellowship Committee will arrange for ample supplies of both Pizza and Sub-Sandwiches to be provided and they will also have bottled water available.

Any queries - contact Murray Thoms 021 990608

Farm Stay & Camping Adventure Waipapa/Kerikeri Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 March – organised by our Fellowship Committee, see Ian Collard if you would like to attend. You can simply pop in for the day, or stay the whole 5 days, up to you (see attached flyer).

Rangitoto College Golf Day Friday 5 April - Golf Day for Rangitoto – Cambodia Trip this year if any members are interested (see attached flyer).

Quiz night at Pinehurst School on Saturday 6 April – we need donations of items of food or soaps/moisturiser etc to make up a couple of hampers to be raffled on the night. Please give these items to Robyn.

DISTRICT 9910 ROTARY CONFERENCE – 12 APRIL TO 14 APRIL - I gather quite a number of us are leaving the conference registration until the last minute. This makes it really difficult to organise. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF COMING, PLEASE MAKE THE JUMP TO YOUR COMPUTER & REGISTER - only \$200 per member (including the Saturday night dinner). For partners not attending conference, they can attend the Saturday night dinner for just \$85. To register go to <http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

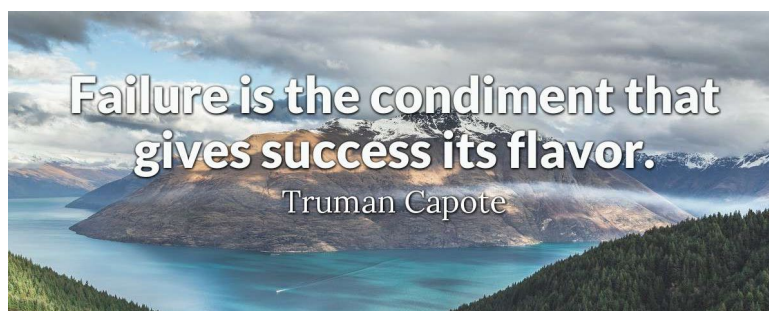


ECBRC “Meet and Greet” – Monday 29 April – to be held at Lakehouse Arts Centre, 37 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna 5.30pm to 7.30pm Drinks and canapes will be provided. Normal cash bar for members, free for guests. This is an opportunity for our Club to attract new members. Please provide Gary with at least 2 contacts (name, address, e-mail and phone number) who can be invited to attend. Gary and his Committee will send out the invitation and do the follow up.

Browns Bay Club morning meeting 19 May – Peter Burling will be speaking – for all our sailors

Combined meeting with Devonport – 20 May or 10 June (TBA). John Tamahere will be speaking

Parting thought – courtesy of Jim Mayo



Pardon the American spelling – Ed.