



ECB celebrating its 50th year. The Club normally meets Monday at Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay
www.ecbrotary.co.nz

[Apologies to Lynette](#)
 0274 958 220 by
 midday Sunday. Text
 please



This month's Rotary District 9910 area of focus is Membership and Extension

Next Meeting;
31 Aug
Zoom 7-8pm

Virginia & Monina -
 Filipino nurses in NZ
 Healthcare .

Link at bottom of page

7 September
Committees via Zoom

Beakers Banter from Pres. Sean

Well great news today that Africa has been certified wild polio-free in the last couple of days. This is a great achievement and an indication of Rotary commitment to exterminating it from the last few countries in the world. As a club we have been there every step of the way contributing to the funds that Polio Plus needed to get here. Two countries still remain, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and these currently will prove big challenges to complete but complete we must for Rotary to give this legacy to the world.

With our latest Covid lockdown affecting last week's meeting this coming week we have managed to organise a speaker on zoom. Virginia Russell, President of Rotary Club of Hillsborough, Mt Roskill and Monina Hernandez will address us on Filipino nurses' contribution to the NZ healthcare system, Monina is the President of the Filipino Nurses Association of New Zealand and a board member of the Nursing Council of New Zealand.

Last week I attended the Zoom session that Birkenhead club put on for Marijuana **Legislation: It is a Professor of Psychiatry's Perspective in Colorado and it is very enlightening about their experience since legalisation in 2009.** I have attached the link that can be used if you wish to become informed on one side of the argument. Hope to see you all on zoom on Monday and in person shortly. President Sean

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Join Zoom Meeting Monday 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89211761084?pwd=NmxQMTBxOTB4OVNNbTczZmMzQ2J1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 892 1176 1084
 Passcode: 366999

Golf day 29 October – need prizes, players and sponsors.

Environmental clean-up 20 September – still on with a reserve day in October if needed. It is likely to be in the

West Harbour area and

involve people from

Hobsonville Point.

Trees for survival planting day postponed. New date soon.

The next partners' night is still scheduled for when we can meet and Richard Hursthouse from North Shore Forest and Bird and the Centennial Park Bush Society will speak.

	14 September	21 September
	Richard Hursthouse Forest & Bird	Guest Speaker TBA
Invocation	Fay Norman	John Shadbolt
Reception	Beverley Lea	Monica Webb
Attendance	Lynette Miller	Lynette Miller
Cash Desk		
Fellowship	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
	Dave Pennycuick	Paul Asquith
	Keith Young	Keith Young
Stewards	John Shadbolt	Alan Astrop
	Martin Reiss	Barry Mc Lean
	Bernie Woods	Dave Pennycuick
3 Min. Talk		
Intro. Speaker	Therese Leslie	Warren Patterson
Thank Speaker	Jennifer Neads	Steve Goeldner
Parting Thought	Alistair New	Jim Mayo
Raffle Ticket Seller	Jim Mayo	Therese Leslie

Northcote Rotary bookstall is now cancelled

From Darius Lehmann IYE

Dear Host families and Host club

I just came back from my holidays and i realized that i arrived in New Zealand over 2 years ago and that is absolutely crazy for me, I still remember so many little things and details that it feels like all those amazing memories that made my year so very special happened yesterday. It doesn't matter if i think about all the picturesque places i was able to visit or all the amazing people i got to meet or all the great things i was able to do yeah you even managed to make school a place i miss dearly because i enjoyed it so much when i was in New Zealand every single part about my exchange just makes me happy just by thinking about. Happiness is not the only feeling that i get from it though: as perfect as my year was that's how much it hurt to leave in the end. This might sound really cheesy and over the top but i just feel the need to try to tell you how great time i had and how thankful i am for everything you did for me. Leaving felt like ripping apart my soul into a billion pieces and spreading them all over the world. No matter who i got to know everybody took a part of me home for example all of the exchange students and of course all of you guys so i miss being in New Zealand every single day. But that only shows how much fun and great experiences i had in New Zealand. So thank you so much for making my exchange such a memorable one and well and truly the best year of my life.

Anyway lets get to my update from Switzerland:)Next Monday i will start my final year of high school after having 6 week holidays in which i visited 3 of my fellow exchange students from my year in New Zealand. (Helmi, Rebecca and Jazmin (not sure who you remember)) It was so nice to catch up with them and see how their life has been lately. All in all me and my family drove around with our car visiting Denmark Finland and Germany (and also getting close enough to Russia and Poland to see it) You can see some of the photos i took in the attachment. We went hiking for two days lots of sightseeing and with my two sisters sadly a lot of shopping as well. Probably my highlight was the canoeing through the channel's of

Hamburg (massive harbour city in Germany). Over the whole trip i took over 1000 photos with which i plan to make another photobook. With my final year also comes the end of my final work for which i have to invest at least 90 hours of work into basically anything so i decided to teach myself programming with the programming language python and use my newly gained knowledge to program a self-built lego robot so that the robot can build a domino track. I can control the pattern by drawing a line on a paper which the robot can analyse and the build the track in the same pattern just bigger. That project is heaps of fun and i probably already doubled the minimum time i had to use. I tried to already do as much as possible because the coming up term is the hardest one we have. I have school from 8-5 on 3 days and 8-4 on the other two so lots of subjects in which basically all of grades i am getting this term will count for my final report card and decide if i'm actually going to graduate or not. I still haven't properly decided what i want to do after i finish school but currently i am leaning somewhere in the direction of mechanical or electrical engineering as it's something that is lots of fun to be and will definitely be a much needed job in the future. But before i will go to university i will enjoy my gap year in which i will have to do my compulsory military service and also plan to come back to New Zealand for New Year 2021/2022 so reserve the date because i will need lots of places to couch surf. From the hobbies i picked up in New Zealand i sadly wasn't able to keep much up: even though there were some waves in Denmark i still didn't managed to be back on a surfboard since i left New Zealand because in Switzerland sadly surfing is frankly impossible. Neither have imagined to continue playing hockey but gladly i found a rugby team and became an important part of the team. With me having turned 18 in march i also have to change teams to the grownups this year so that is exciting suddenly being the smallest and by far youngest again as i will be playing with mainly 24ish olds are probably twice my size but Rugby is still my favourite hobby. We are still not doing that great about Covid as we still have about 200-300 new infections each day so we for example have mandatory masks in public transport as well as in the school building. Gladly our travels were possible though because we stayed away from big cities as well as Sweden and spend most of the time just with my family alone. I hope you all survive level 3 lockdown well and that everything can return back to normal as fast as possible for you. I would love to hear more about how life is going down-under and i would be keen to catch up as soon as possible as well.

Rotary Virtual Convention breakout sessions

If you missed the featured breakout sessions during the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention, it is not too late!

All the recordings are available on the [convention website](#), with free registration required to access them. Sessions like [Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members](#) and [Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials](#) discuss the best ways to attract participants and keep them interested online.

Be inspired to create experiences that members will find memorable and meaningful! Find the virtual breakout session files, such as PowerPoint slides and PDFs, in the [Learning Center](#) (My Rotary login required).