



*From Petone Beach to the Tararua Range – Photo Frank Hopfler*

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Cheryl Young

*GodZone*

### DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	David Young
Host Speaker	David Bennett
Attendance	Stephen Spence
Reflection	Adrian Ellingham
Thank Speaker	Graeme Waters
Parting Thought	John Mohi

### MINI FORUM ON SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOLLOW

Apologies and Guests to Steve Brazier  
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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

Contributions for The Bulletin please by the  
 Tuesday following a luncheon meeting or the  
 Tuesday in the week prior to a meeting.

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

District Governor

Marilyn Stevens

*Visit to Club*

### DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Lionel Nunns
Host Speaker	John Mohi
Attendance	Tony Fryer
Reflection	Roy Ferguson
Thank Speaker	Morris Robertson
Parting Thought	David King

### TREE PLANTING

The twice postponed event to plant  
 trees at Odell Reserved will now take  
 place, weather permitting, at 1pm,  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

**Cheryl Young**, mother of three teenage sons, is one of the members of the Nutrient Rescue Adventure Racing Team.



Now living in Nelson with her partner and fellow team member, Dave, she grew up in Khandallah. She studied criminal justice and psychology at Victoria University, followed by working in a variety of roles within the Department of Corrections. Upon returning from overseas Cheryl and Dave settled in Christchurch until a move to Māpau following the Christchurch earthquakes. She is currently working for SASH, a non-profit organization that provides support and healing for people and their whanāu affected by sexual abuse. She is part of the crisis intervention team and the court support person.

GODZone is a New Zealand expedition adventure race where mixed teams of four compete together over 5-10 days to navigate their way through back country terrain, either trekking, kayaking, pack rafting or mountain biking. To add to the challenge the event is non-stop, sleeping only when needed. Widely considered the toughest adventure race in the world, it has a reputation for humbling some of the best adventure racers, where just completing the full course is a huge part of the challenge. Cheryl plans to take us through her last GODZone event, her 5<sup>th</sup>, which she completed last March.

## 28<sup>th</sup> JULY EVENING MEETING

### CHRIS FINLAYSON ON CO-GOVERNANCE



After a convivial sharing of wine, juice, pizza and salad, the gathering of Rotarians and friends gathered to hear Chris Finlayson give a

description of co-governance, which he clearly separated from co-governing. Chris is credited with being one of the pioneers in exploring ideas of co-governance, and spoke from a wealth of experience and goodwill.



## 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST LUNCHEON MEETING

**Margaret Emerre** began with a lengthy reflection, covering the not so good parts, climate change, the war in Ukraine, UK and USA politics and the brain drain amongst others. However, she concluded with positive aspects including the Commonwealth Games and a list of TVNZ Good Sorts. Her final message was a quote from Martin Luther King Jnr. "Only in the dark can you see stars".

**Richard Brodie**, from the Rotary Club of Port Nicholson, gave a brief presentation on Lifting the Lid, a project initiated by the Rotary Clubs of the Kapiti area.

In early 2019 it was apparent that there was considerable concern in our communities about the mental well-being of our younger generation. There was also good evidence that local colleges in the Kapiti area were experiencing higher demand for counselling and, most tragically, the area had suffered a cluster of suicides, all of them college-age students. Kāpiti Rotary proposed a project to fund local colleges so they could pay external professional counsellors when high-risk students had an immediate or particular need for support and the public health system could not be accessed in a timely way. The project has been extended into the Wellington secondary schools and Richard was seeking support from our club.

## CREATING ROTARY TOMORROW

**Morris Robertson** then addressed the club on the forthcoming vote aimed at the establishment of a Pilot project in the Oceania Region to plot a new direction for Rotary in the Region. His presentation, along with concluding remarks from PDG **John Mohi** and a short paper on membership by **Maurice Manttan**, has been distributed to club readers. If any other of our Bulletin recipients would like a copy of the papers, please contact Morris: [mrps6T@gmail.com](mailto:mrps6T@gmail.com)

## EDITORIAL - WHAT IF?



What if a young Paul Harris turned up in Wellington from a country town today?

In 1905 Paul Harris arrived, a 36-year old unmarried lawyer, lonely and lost in the business world of Chicago and seeking something greater in life. It is a well-known story that he and three companions formed a dining group, they subsequently called Rotary, which sought to reclaim small-town virtue in a heartless city. The concept, as it developed, took off and eventually spread throughout the world.

At 36, our contemporary Paul Harris would likely have travelled widely and, aided by social media, be well prepared for his move and what to expect. Assuming that Rotary didn't exist, He would have many other options for developing friendship, such as professional, sporting, cultural and service groups. A trip down Courtenay Place could also be a starting point.

While the need was there for fellowship in 1905, the fledgling Rotary membership, within a year, perceived that there was a need to reach for a more altruistic purpose. Thus, the adoption of community service was a pivotal moment in the growth of Rotary.

Our young Paul Harris today, through personal contacts, might be tempted to join a Rotary Club. However, he could be put off by an organisation with an ageing and rapidly declining membership, still with a vastly respected charitable purpose, but constrained by an organisational structure going back over 100 years.

How did the current state of affairs come to pass? Several factors have crept up on us over the past thirty years. Guest speakers were an attraction until many of them appeared regularly in the media, or can be googled for their stories. Where, once, Captains of Industry could spare a couple of hours to participate in a Rotary luncheon, their roles have generally migrated to Auckland or further afield and those that remain cannot generally afford the time for an extended lunch break. It may be no coincidence that the decline in Rotary membership began when weekends were opened up for shopping and sporting events.

We have this opportunity to future proof Rotary by growing the organisation in ways which society can understand and participate in. A group of far-sighted Oceania Rotarians have taken the initiative to plan the strengthening of Rotary in our Region and, eventually the world. They deserve our full support when we vote for the pilot study.



I believe that the Paul Harris of 1905 would see a vastly changed society in 2022 and he just might go along with the planning of new directions.

*PDG Morris Robertson*  
*Editor*

## SCHOLARSHIPS – A SPECIAL CASE



The attention of club members is drawn to various circulated papers on changes to the Scholarship Trust.

Amongst the issues raised by the Board and circulated to members was whether distributions to the Charitable Trust should be limited to local causes supported by the club, eg, KCA and Women's Refuge, or whether grants to the Rotary Foundation and district and international causes of Rotary should also be permitted. In deciding on this issue there needs to be some clarification of international funding support via The Rotary Foundation, which is an integral part of Rotary and is not a "cause" as such.

The more correct description should be "contributions to The Rotary Foundation," which opens up the opportunity for "grants from The Rotary Foundation" in return, something the club has positively benefitted from in the past through multiplication of its contribution. It should be remembered that a contribution from the Club of \$1,800 to start the Timor Leste project was built up to over \$80,000 largely due to the Global Grant from the Foundation.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Change is essential to stay relevant, Paul Harris noted with his famous quote:

**“This is a changing world, we must be prepared to change with it. The story**

**of Rotary will have to be written again and again.”**

At our last meeting, you heard what is asked of us for the future of Rotary. Have you had a think about the possibilities to be a part of the changes that are to come? All you need is a willingness to be a part of it.

I'd love to engage with you and find out what your thoughts are. In the last few months, there has been talk of the future of our club and about us planning on how we can start to look at an exit strategy or winding up. Why? Because of our aging members and how it gets harder to keep up with the activities and fundraise effectively?

I ask you to develop a growth mind set and consider the other possibilities. We heard members like Ross George who pointed out that Fellowship is important to members ... we also heard Michael Hinds who pointed out that Service to the Community is important. In order to stay relevant, we must embrace change and use new skills to empower ourselves to be able to draw in new members so that we are able to continue with both and grow – Fellowship and Service.

Whether one is young or old, there's always room to grow. Learning a new skill (and Rotary has some of these available to us now at our fingertips) solving problems, and helping others are just some of the many “feathers” you can wear in order to soar high. The more strengths we have, the higher we'll fly! Let's work together, learn new ways and re-write the story of Rotary in our own way. Let us be a part of that change.

**Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu**  
Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.

😊 **Zai**

## WOMEN PROMOTING ROTARY



The stall at the Women's Lifestyle Expo at the TSB Arena over the weekend of 23 & 24 July was a marvellous opportunity to profile Rotary. Volunteers from all around District 9940, including President Zai, gave their time to talk to people, handed out pamphlets and took contact details from people wanting to know more about joining or supporting Rotary.

Hundreds of people, mainly women, called by the stall over the weekend, lured in by a generous donation of Whittaker's mini chocolate bars. The level of interest in Rotary, its people, programmes and projects was very pleasing. It was great to connect with so many young women and girls to tell them about the programmes they may benefit from, and how they can give back to their community.

About 20 people indicated real interest in joining a club, in suburbs all over the Wellington region, as well as visitors from Auckland and Tauranga. Our Rotarians' enthusiasm and passion for their clubs, the Rotary values and their projects really made an impression.

### REJUVINATION SEMINAR

Are you an Area Governor, club president, club membership lead or member interested in growing Rotary? 🌟

You're invited to this mind set changing, interactive workshop led by PDG Andy Rajapakse, Zone 8's New Style Club Specialist and mastermind of building clubs and growing Rotary. Andy will be assisted by Barbara Mifsud (Regional Membership Officer) who has tools and resources.

Together they will change the way you look at Rotary! 🌟

**Wellington session** – 2pm to 4pm, 20<sup>th</sup> August, St. Andrews on the Terrace.

Register NOW through your Area Governor [Carol Green]

**EXPANDING ON CREATING ROTARY TOMORROW – DETAILED NOTES**

**Build a stronger, unified Rotary brand** by gathering the best resources from across the Region to work directly with all Clubs to help them:

- innovate, adapt & manage change;
- enhance the membership experience provided to members;
- embrace and reflect the diversity of their communities and so be more relevant to them;
- adopt new membership options and engage with non-Rotarian volunteers and community members;
- be flexible in how they operate; and
- increase attractiveness and impact through cooperation and partnerships.

**Encourage partnerships** by building on an enhanced public image and utilising the extensive regional resources to;

- operate more collaboratively through meaningful partnerships with other Clubs to achieve greater engagement, participation, and attraction;
- develop large scale Regional projects to attract greater sponsorship and involvement from Corporates, Government and Businesses; and
- to look to partner with other entities outside of Rotary to enhance service delivery and outcomes.

**Support clubs to engage members, volunteers and communities** by gathering the best resources from across the Region to work directly with all Clubs to help them:

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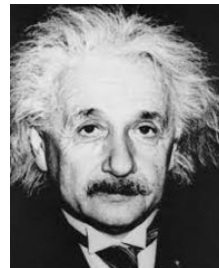
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**PARTING THOUGHTS**

From Rory O'Connor

*Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future.*

John F Kennedy



*The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.*

Albert Einstein

Rotary District 9940

**USING LINKEDIN FOR ROTARY CLUBS**

Facilitator: Ramola Duncan

Saturday, 13 August 2022 10 am to 11 am Zoom

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