

President Jan's Changeover Speech

Thank you

Just a word about the chain.

It is far too big for me and weighs a ton!

I have noticed the last few presidents have made a habit of either not wearing it or only wearing it occasionally. I believe it is part of the tradition of rotary.

I have chosen the new chain because it is much lighter and therefore I can wear it every week.

The next two presidents after me are women so I hope the lighter chain will encourage them to wear it every week too.

The old chain is very special to our club and therefore it is definitely not the intention to replace it altogether.

We will put it away in a safe place and bring it out on special occasions.

Thank you Robert for steering us through a very tough year.

Who would have thought we would be forced into lockdown because of a strange new virus called covid19.

Hopefully we are through the worst of it. All of us have to continue to be vigilant.

Also who would have thought I would be diagnosed with bowel cancer after an innocent colonoscopy last November. I had absolutely no symptoms.

Most of you know the "advertisement on the back of the bus" story.

Immediately after the diagnosis I started a week of radiation and then was operated on at Wellington Hospital the following week.

I certainly can't criticize the public health system. When it needed to step up it certainly did.

Having recently had my reversal operation to put me back together, I am on the road to recovery.

I would like to thank you all for your support during my illness.

You are all very special to me. I have always considered you my second family and you certainly proved to be that. Thank you again.

I am really looking forward to my year as president.

I hope I measure up

Holger Knaak from Germany is the World President for 2020/2021. His theme for the year is

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

The 2020/2021 rotary year is also the "Rotary Oceania Centennial Year"

The theme for the celebrations is going to be

"Give Every Child A Future"

We will be planning events during the year with this theme in mind

I plan to change the format of our meetings.

We will talk about this next week prior to our committee meetings

I would like to call up my directors for my year

Can I ask –

Rachael Carpenter to come forward please. Rachael will be the International Director

Gregory De Costa to come forward please. Gregory will be the Community/Health Director

Richard Perry to come forward please. Richard will be the Environment and Amenities Director

Glenda Barratt to come forward please. Glenda will be the Youth Director

Anne Abbott to come forward please. Anne will be the Special Projects Director

Kathy Bryant to come forward please. Kathy will be the Membership Director

I look forward to the challenges of my year as president and I grab them with both hands. I am lucky to have such a great team to assist me.

The evening has come to an end I would like to thank our guests

Michelle & Tony – our ADGs

Bill & Lorna Boyd

Helen – thank you again for the beautiful table settings

The parting thought is in the hands of Glenda Barratt

The supervisor for next week is

Annette Ruck

Good evening. I hope you enjoyed your evening.