

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR OUR MARCH BOARD MEETING

INTERNATIONAL

Latest statistics from Romac show that in the last year they have treated more than 523 patients from all round the Pacific. 125 patients were treated in New Zealand.

DISTRICT 9940

This month is water sanitation month.

District Conference is all go with registration now open and I am very pleased to say our club have 15 going. I am sure it will be a great weekend. Anyone who is applying for a District Grant this year will need to have someone from our club at the District training on the Sunday.

We have been asked to look at our Foundation giving for this year. Richard may have some more to say about this.

SPETS training weekend early this month went very well and I know Robert enjoyed himself and learnt a lot.

Celebration of 30 years of women in Rotary. On 6th April there is a Rotary picnic at Frank Kitts park to Celebrate this milestone. I am pleased to say our club is above the District average for women in Rotary.

CLUSTER GROUP

We had our first Cluster meeting for the year last Thursday.

The Rotary sign by the Dowse has been delayed.

The Wellington to Martinborough Cycle Event is going into the planning stage and they hope to have it up and running in 18 months to 2 years. They hope it could be as big as around Taupo.

Heretaunga - are gearing up for their Bookfest on the first weekend in May. Books can be dropped off at Pacsave Petone. They have committed \$50.000 to the Te Omanga rebuild.

Hutt River Valley – they are sending candidates to IYM and RYPEN. They are working on a Interact Club at Taita College.

Hutt City – They have moved to Boulcott Farm for their Breakfast meeting. They launched IYM last week at the Dowse. Australia NZ exchange programme, they are sending one student.

Petone – The fair went well this year despite the weather. The Long Walk Home only had 34 walkers but lots was learnt. Their move to the Petone Working Club is not working out and they are now looking for somewhere else.

OUR CLUB

We had a great offsite meeting last Monday and I think everyone was blown away with the new events centre (and classy joinery). We were hosted by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor enjoyed drinks and nibbles then had our tour. Then Ray and Linda and David and Yvonne joined us for a meal at the Forgotten City.

The Weetbix triathlon was a great success with just over 1300 competitors. I told other clubs at our cluster meeting that we were collecting glasses for the Islands and any they get give to me.

The golf tournament is two weeks away and things look like they are coming together. Brian and Paddy (Glen) are doing a great job.

We will be inducting a new member in a couple of weeks.

President

Pat