

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR OUR MAY BOARD MEETING.**

**INTERNATIONAL** – When disaster strikes, Rotarians around the world come together as people of action to help those in need. To support communities in their rebuilding efforts, The Rotary Foundation is proud to announce their new Disaster Response Fund. Donations to the Disaster Response Fund help Rotary clubs provide disaster recovery and support relief efforts where the need is greatest by funding and providing access to disaster response grants.

Romac have successfully treated their 500<sup>th</sup> patient a couple of months ago and at the end of June they will have treated 45 in this Rotary year. Each child they treat costs on average \$25,000. While that is a lot of money I am sure you will agree it's a bargain for saving a child's life.

**DISTRICT 9940** – We have till the end of May to forward any ones name who would like to be involved in the 2020 – 2021 Rotary Peace Fellowship.

District is looking at the best way to deliver training. They want to try something different at District Training Assembly that follows immediately after our annual conference to deliver core components of training for members.

Applications for district grants are due in my Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Cluster meetings** –It was proposed that the cluster look at a Hutt Valley Rotoract Club rather than being focussed on one location. Could be linked to Weltec if a study institution is needed to attract numbers. RYLA is 22 – 26 January 2020.

Hutt Valley have planted 1,000 trees in Turangi over a weekend in April. Heretaunga have their bookfest on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Upper Hutt have a Pride of workmanship on 10<sup>th</sup> June and a ball mid October as well as a Trolley Derby. Petone have moved location as the Petone Workingmens club did not suit. They are now at Caffiend on Jackson St.

**OUR CLUB** – Duffy Books at Rata st School was a great success as was the quiz night. Thanks to the Education and employment committee for a great night. Brian was very pleased to received his double sapphire Paul Harris and it was good to host our AG Leole

Numbers for our Pink Ribbon Breakfast on 14<sup>th</sup> are looking really good and we may have a full house. Thanks to Shelley and her team for all their work.

I am very pleased to report that we have 14 going to our District Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Whanganui – great effort and I am sure it will be a great weekend.

Most of the police vetting results are back but the remaining few have been held up with police resources stretched with the Christchurch terror attack. I will send out an email to all and the rest as soon as they come in.

Dave Comparini will be representing our club at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg on 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

President, Pat.