

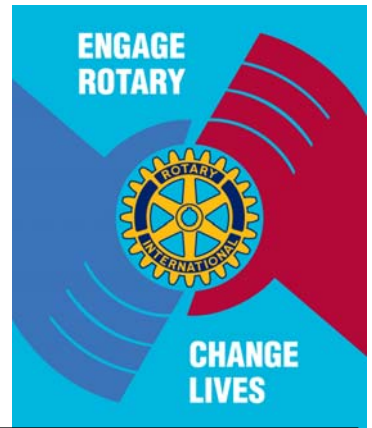


The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 4 June 2014



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President Peter’s welcomed members

Apologies: None

One minute notices:

- Speech contest preparation is underway. After checking the AI from WBHS the consensus is, not the last week of the term, due to exams etc, not the first weeks of the last term, to much on. So Zone final will be 13th Aug and Finals on 20th August.
- **Changeover night** – Guest Speaker Sheryl Mai (Mayor) – Whangarei’s Future
Venue A'Fare Time 5.45 for 6.30 \$30 per head A cash bar will be available
Please RSVP to this email address or phone Gail on 4329542 by Friday the 20th of June
- Daffodil collection on 29th Aug – keep a few hours free to help
- Trailer raffle is underway again, consensus agreed to include a trailer again which adds more interest for the punters.

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	11 Jun (pm)	18 Jun (am)	Hospital
Speaker	MUNA Team	Lunch forum	Gail
Host	Mike/ Pat	None	
Thanks	Mike / Pat	None	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Mike / Pat	Morris	

Parting thought from Andrew

“When you come to fork in the road, take it”

People smile when they hear the old Yogi Berra quote, “When you come to fork in the road, take it.”. But, the really funny thing is how accurate this suggestion is. Once again, we the people are at a fork in the road and once again it looks like we are going to choose to stand still rather than choose one of the forks.

The fact that we the people are avoiding, like the plague, is the fact that, in its current state, our system has more people in it than it can handle successfully. You can only cut a pie into so many slices before nobody has enough to eat. What is needed is a redefining of our resources.

The days of pretending that we only need a tweak to get things back on track are over. Kiwi people need and deserve a frank discussion that outlines what tools we have and do not have at our disposal. After that discussion, we need to willingly realign our priorities and use our resources to reach a conclusion that is the best solution possible rather than simply hoping things will fix themselves.

We all need food, shelter, education and jobs. We all need access to health care. We all need to not only hope our system is working, we all need to know it is working as best it can.

In short: This foolishness of dividing into two or more camps and blaming each other for all problems has got to stop.

Are we a nation of grownups or are we a nation of kids pretending to be grownups?