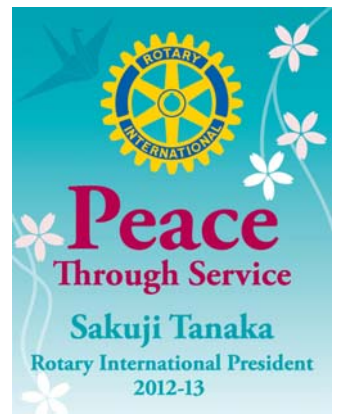




The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 10 July 2013

Int President Sakuji Tanaka

President - Peter Mulhare, President Elect -, Secretary- Gail Taylor, , Treasurer - Peter Bayne, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Rex Morris, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Board Member – Bill Rossiter, Board Member – Frank Geddes, District Governor - Lindsay Ford, Assistant Governor – Peter Smith

President Peter welcomed members & guests to the Rollover meeting

Appologies: Jack, Maurice, Bert, George Scaneopol, Dianne Humphries

Guests : *Ian & Bev Mouat, Buster & Jenny, Murray Inder & Guest speaker Tracey Philips – District Commander*

A big Thanks to Pat who has taken over from Raewyn as the raffle provider for changeover. Due to the huge value of the prize it was agreed to be drawn under police supervision so when Tracey pulled out the ticket there was no arguing. It was a lovely basket of goodies and the overwhelming and hugely popular winners were Andrew & Mandy with ticket No.5.

Guest speaker - Tracey Philips - District commander

Everyone asks, Tracey is 6'4". Mum pushed Tracey into sport. and loved 200m sprint, she got into athletics later but already it was apparent that 3rd was going to be her career finish position, she got 3rd in cross country, 3rd in sprints etc. Got into high jumping and made the Commonwealth Games in 1990 Mum was timekeeper, Dad, judge. After competing and getting to 6th place Tracey decided to withdraw. Tracey thought 6th in the Commonwealth was pretty good. As you could imagine her parents were not happy about her withdrawing. The competition continued and after the remaining competitors kept failing heights and much deliberation Tracey was awarded 3rd place. NZ won gold so had our national anthem played at her ceremony

1 month later Tracey joined the police, did the competency course. jogged around casually and ended up 2 seconds off the course record. Wanted to be dog handler and was told no female dog handlers on my watch. So Tracey waited until he retired and applied again - got in, loved the job. adrenaline rush. not like the job now with meetings after meetings after meetings. Tracey has been 23 years in the job in Whangarei since August Last year.

Back to her dog handling days.....

Her 1st dog was a bit slow, you had to teach them to chase and retrieve, bring a ball back etc. But was a bit worried about his energy levels so went to vet to ask for advice. Tracey said that he only had energy when chasing cats and the vet couldn't get the dog to react to anything so said I have to try something and went into the back and came back holding a cat. The vet started rubbing the cat all over the dog with no reaction and after further examination announced the dog was dead. Totally shocked Tracey went to pay the bill and questioned the amount of \$400. She was told that there was a standard fee of \$100 and \$300 for the CAT scan.

President Peter gave his yearly address

Rotary Speech – Change over 2013/2014

Inspector Phillips; Distinguished Guests; Fellow Rotarians and Partners; A very good evening to you all. This is our 89th Rotary Year for the Rotary Club of Whangarei.

I welcome you all, to this 2013/2014 Change over Function.

Tonight I am giving two speeches rolled into one, as I am the outgoing President as well as the incoming President for the new Rotary Year.

Andy Bax has coined this evening the roll over Function, and indeed that may a better name for it too.

Thank you also Inspector Tracey Phillips for your talk we all enjoyed the moments in your past, and you had us all guessing on the outcome of your lethargic dog's visit to the Vet.

At this point I would like to acknowledge Greg Humphies. Greg was an amazing stalwart of our Club. He was sadly lost to cancer just over 12 months ago and his loss to the Club is still felt quite keenly. His wife Dianne was to be with us tonight but she has gone to see relatives in Invercargill and will be back in Whangarei in about 2 weeks time.

The Rotary Club of Whangarei is 89 years young, it is the Patriarch of Rotary in Northland and one of the oldest clubs in the Country.

We are now 13 members, Membership has remained static over the year, having lost one member and gained another.

So there are some challenges ahead.

Each and every member of this Club needs to stay focussed, on recruitment of prospective members. Past President Rex Morris has come up with a recruitment strategy, and I would like to see this implemented as soon as possible.

We have a number of potential recruits, and these people need to be followed up quickly.

I dislike putting targets on Members because there is always a sense of failure if targets are not met.

But I put this to you, if every one of you can recruit one member this year the club will have grown to 26 members. Think about that, is that so hard to achieve? I leave that thought with you all.

I must also acknowledge that our new meeting hours have helped our attendance. Our evening meetings have been a particular success this past 12 months.

I give you my solemn commitment that I will do everything within my power to ensure this Club will be in better heart this time next year. I would like you all to commit to recruiting at least 1 new member, each, this coming Rotary year. But two would be even better.....

Despite our numbers, as a Club we have had many worthwhile achievements this past year, for instance we had the:-

- The Christmas Trailer Raffle. Thank you Andy Bax for an extremely well run project which was our major source of funds for the year.

- The Rotary Club of Whangarei Speech Contest. Again I must thank Andy Bax for running the contest and the entire club for their input into supporting the Contest this past year.
- As a Club we collected for Daffodil Day for the Cancer Society.
- Again as a Club we collected for the Blind Institute, and also for their Red Puppy Day.
- We collected for Whangarei Hospice.
- We provided sponsorship for a Group Study Exchange Person to go to Iowa in the USA.
- We also sponsored an outbound International Youth Exchange Student to Sweden for 12 months; Alexie Stevens is due back in New Zealand in the coming New Year.
- We have done our bit in tidying up Whangarei with our Scrap Metal Drives and Bill Rossiter and Rex Morris have taken quite a few trailer loads of scrap to the “Scrappy” in Kamo. Thank you both
- Another major project undertaken this year was to bring two Rarotongan Nurses to New Zealand for 2 weeks. To gain experience in a Large Hospital. We appreciated greatly the help and cooperation of the Northland District Health Board for providing accommodation and Training for the two Nurses while they were here.
Thank you to the Bernard Bowden Trust and the matching grant from the Harold Thomas Trust for providing the necessary funds to do this.
Well done Rex Morris for your efforts, in bringing this all together.
- As a Board of Trustees we distributed some \$26 000 to the Northland Community through our vehicle the A K Franks Trust.
- Thank you to all the Club Members for their participation in The Rotary Club of Whangarei for the past year, and the continued support, that I know you will give in the forth coming year.

The Rotary theme for this year is “Change Lives”, and our new Rotary International President Ron D Burton, the 103nd Rotary International President, has asked us all to commit to the theme.

Our Club will maintain its commitment to Rotary International, and to this end We will all “Change Lives”.

I would now like to present the new Board for 2013/2014

Past President	Rex Morris
Secretary	Gail Taylor
Treasurer	Peter Bayne
International Director	Roger Barber,
Community Director	Andy Bax
Director at Large	Mike Elrick
Director at Large	Frank Geddes
Director at Large	Bill Rossiter

The team is a mixture of maturity and experience; they will serve the Club well. I give you my Rotary Board for 2013/14.

Looking to the year ahead,

- we will continue with our projects from last year, there will be ways we can improve our performance here.
- We will recruit more members this coming year!

- I intend that we will sponsor another outgoing IYE Student who will leave New Zealand in January 2014.
- As a Club we should also look at sponsoring another incoming IYE student for 2014, however this will need some discussion before we commit to this.

And finally I would like to thank my Wife Margaret, for supporting me thus far in Rotary, and for the support I know I will get from her in the year ahead.

I thank you all for your attendance tonight, and your patience at listening to my speech.

I now invite Rex Morris to come forward and give us his parting thought for this evening.
Thank you



10th July 2013

Parting thought form Rex

"As Rotarians we use our heads and hands to perform our activities, but what is in our hearts determines how effective we are as Rotarians."

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	17 July (am)	24 July (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	General Forum	AGM and Membership	Gail
Host	None	None	
Thanks	None	None	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Raffle	Andrew	Frank	
Parting Thought	Shirley	Brian	