

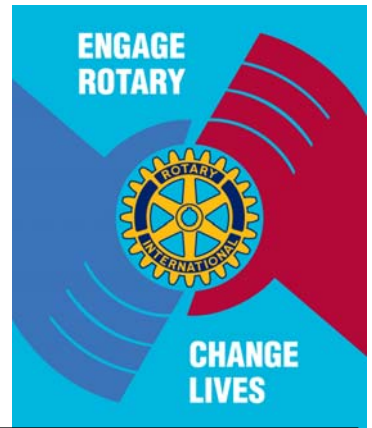


The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 14 May 2014



Int President Ron Burton

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President Peter welcomed members and guests Dr Catherine Bowden, Dr Mareta Jacob, Erenoa Rakanui, Dr Kati Blattner and Jim Kilpatrick.

Apologies: Rex, Shirley

One minute notices:

- Octogon Theatre are having another play and dinner on 22 May – see Mike to make a booking
- Murray Neighbour has asked for help during the Science Extravaganza on 9, 10, & 11 of July, Gail, Roger & Peter M have volunteered so far.
- The Polio plus program has had a small setback with new cases increased to 68, still a far cry from the thousands of cases appearing yearly when Rotary started the campaign in 1985.

Changeover night

Venue	A'Fare	Lower Dent St
Time	5.45 for 6.30	
Cost	\$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

Gail Taylor

Guest Speakers - Marata & Noa from Cook Islands

Mareta is a medical officer in charge of 8 staff in A&E outpatients. A population of 15000, Mareta said they have the same sort of car accidents due to speed & alcohol. They were very pleased to be able to learn from NZ and have been trying to get work experience for 2 years. Mareta thanked everyone for their kind hospitality and please feel free to contact us if you come to Cook Islands.

They presented club flags to Peter and to Catherine Bowden. Peter reciprocated with our flags. Mareta & Noa wanted to put them on their walls at home so Peter gave them a third flag for the Rotary Club. The Club must have about 30 Whangarei flags now!!

Noa is a registered nurse - 4 years training and after 15 years joined A&E. Noa said Whangarei is more advanced but we can take back ideas to improve their A & E in the Cook Island Hospital. They have 7 ambulance officers, 125 staff in hospital, much smaller than Whangarei.

Dr Kati Blattner works at the Hokianga Hospital and spoke of the relationship they are building with the Cook Islands. Kati was rushed to work in Pukapuka which is 4 hrs flight from Rorotanga, so understands the isolation problems. Kati trained in Auckland - ended up in Rawene - likes the wide range and scope of work - enjoys Hokianga and wouldn't work anywhere else.

20 doctors have gone to Rarotonga for cross experience so Hokianga has a close relationship with Roro for some time and Kati is taking Mareta & Noa back to Rawene tonight after the Meeting.

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	21 May (am)	28 May (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Club Forum	MUNA Team	Gail
Host	None	Roger	
Thanks	None	Roger	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Shirley	Roger	

Parting thought from Bill

“A one winged bird cannot fly”

Bill went on to explain that we must learn to read and especially girls as they are the ones who teach their children. Only half an education severely limits our life. Hence the quote above.