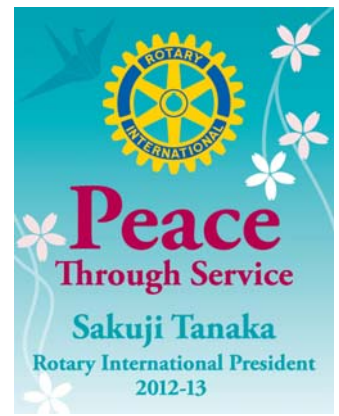




# The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 21 August 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 – Phil Ashton, Assistant Governor – Peter Smith

### **President Peter welcomed members & DG Phil & Janice Ashton & AG Peter Smith**

**Appologies:** Shirley, Roger

Peter talked about the trusts we administer (over \$1,000,000) and projects underway to highlight to the DG what is going on in our club

Peter asked for a directors meeting on 3rd Sept 5:30 for 6:00 to make sure the speech contest is sorted.

### **Remember the Speech Contest Dates**

4 Sep our zone finals – all Rotarians bring a plate

18 Sep Finals – usual format

Peter will assign duties so watch this space!!!

### **DG's informal talk**

Phil is unusual as a DG as he is still working so Janice is the first port of call for correspondence, appointments and everything else.

Phil likes to act as a conductor organising the AGs etc

Rotary are holding numbers which is good in the present climate but we are always looking for new members. The combined district spends about \$500,000 on advertising.

Phil commented on our relaxed and informal fireside meeting which was a pleasant experience for him.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Phil (via Janice)

### **Janice spoke briefly on the Diamond trade**

Janice a graduate gemologist

She worked for a buyer for the 6th largest company in the Australasia, controlled \$12US million of stock

Supplier came from all over the world. some supplies turned up with millions \$ of diamonds in their back pocket. All transactions are done on a handshake.

Janice recalled a phone call one day when one of her clients made a \$9 million deal all on trust.

The red diamond is the rarest, next are pink diamonds of which 90% are from Australia.

It was a facinating talk and Janice showed us several samples that she owns but didnt have any giveways!!!!

<b>Duty Roster</b> (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)				
Lunch first dinner second – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed lunch 2 <sup>nd</sup> dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)				
<b>Duties</b>	<b>28 Aug (pm)</b>	<b>4 Sep (pm)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	Shirley Biography	Speech contest Zone Finals	Gail	
<b>Host</b>	Everyone	Everyone		
<b>Thanks</b>	Peter B	none		
<b>Reception</b>	Everyone	Everyone		
<b>Raffle</b>	Roger	None		
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Frank	None		

**Parting thought from Barbara Lucy**

**” I wonder what Chrisopher Colubus might of found if America didnt get in the way”**