



The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

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President Peter welcomed members and Guest speakers Brian & Glenys Currie

Apologies: - Rae, Bill & Alison, Maurice (turned up late)

One minute notices

- Rotary Quiz at Matakana 5:30 for 6:00, Sat 10 May, Let Andrew know if you are interested
- Changeover night – 25 June at Affair, keep that date free
- Peter reported on Polio

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)

today congratulated the countries in the South East Asia Region of the World Health Organization (WHO) on being certified polio free, a historic milestone in the worldwide effort to end polio. The 11 countries in the region Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste are home to 1.8 billion people and represent the fourth of six WHO regions of the globe to become polio free. India, once deemed the most difficult place to end polio, recorded its last case on 13 January 2011, enabling completion of regional certification. Other countries such as Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan have been polio free and waiting for this day for more than 15 years. "This is a momentous victory for the millions of health workers who have worked with governments, nongovernmental organizations, civil society and international partners to eradicate polio from the Region. It is a sign of what we can bequeath our children when we work together," said Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh, regional director for the WHO SouthEast Asia Region.

Rotary, which has committed more than \$1.2 billion to the global eradication effort, thanked health workers, governments, Rotary members and its partners in the GPEI at the official certification meeting in Delhi.

[See May RF Newsletter for the latest info on Polio erradication \(click on link on our website\)](#)

Guest Speaker – Brian Currie – The Friendship Force

The Friendship Force is an international, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit organization. The sole aim of the Friendship Force is to foster peace and understanding throughout the world by means of personal contacts and shared experiences achieved through a programme of home hosting. The Friendship Force was founded in the USA in 1977 by Wayne Smith under the auspices of President Jimmy Carter and is coordinated from the international headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. There are over 300 clubs in over 60 countries throughout the world. The Friendship Force is not a travel club although the core activity is travelling in groups, to stay with like-minded people in other countries (a

cultural exchange). The first priority is to develop friendships and through this to generate understanding across cultural boundaries.

The Friendship Force Pledge

“As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognise that I can make a difference. I recognise that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others are watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference”

The Whangarei club was chartered in 1985 and currently has approximately 70 members, generally aged 60 to 80+ years.

Members are from all walks of life and varied occupations. We have monthly club meetings and varied day trips. We often welcome two inward exchanges each year and have one outward exchange.

Brian is the Publicity Officer

More information can be found on <http://www.friendshipforce.org/>

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	30 Apr (pm)	7 May (am)	Hospital
Speaker	Dinner at Shiraz	Lunch Forum	Gail
Host	None	None	
Thanks	None	None	
Reception	None	Everyone	
Parting Thought	None	Lloyd	

Parting thought from Jack

“A closed mind is a good thing to loose “