



The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 26 March 2014



Int President Ron Burton

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 Elect Gail welcomes Members to the meeting.

Apologies :- Peter & Margaret, Jack & Margaret Lucy, Roger, Bill & Alison

One minute notices

-Rex went to the Presidents meeting and reported back to the Club the following:-

-If you want to go to the District Conference on B.O.I. you will need to register.

-Rex attended RYDA last week and found it quite rewarding. Our club knew nothing about the dates it was held. Luckily Rex went to the meeting so was in the picture.

-Peter Smith has been nominated for DG – well done, Peter will make a good DG

-There is a Ten Pin bowling fundraiser coming up- if you are interested in going into a team , see Rex

-Bernard Bowden Trust recipients will arrive on 4th May and leave on 18th May, keep these date in mind and help host our guests for diner or an outing.

-Greetings. Could you please publish in your Bulletin that our District 9910 has been invited to take part in a Friendship Exchange to District 1120 – Kent and East Sussex, England next June 2015. Their District will be visiting us in February/March 2015.

If any of your members would like to register their interest in going to UK – no commitment at this early stage, please contact me on 094256696 or E.Mail aljoy@paradise.net.nz. Regards, Alan Boniface, Chairman D9910 Friendship Exchange Committee.

Andrew introduced Maurice, Andrew has known Maurice since 1982 when Andrew & Mandy moved to Whangarei. A few months ago Andrew asked Maurice why he wasn't in Rotary, to which Maurice replied, I haven't been asked. How many friends & family have you not asked?

Here is Maurice's life summary

Born Stratford 31/10 /56 3rd child of Margret (Irish) & Herman (Swiss), 4 more arrived after him.

Lived in Mangatoki on a 56 acres farm and attended Mangatoki school till 1966 when his parents sold the farm shifted to Lepperton and his dad worked in the factory.

In 1967 they brought Riponui farm packed up shifted north mum & 7 kids (5yrs-13) in an Austin A50. Maurice attended Hukernui school until End of 1971.

Maurice remembers life on the farm digging drains, cutting scrub, burning trees and milking cows along with lots of other country mischief.

1971 Tony (brother) & I were sent to boarding school a northland college Kaikohe, Tony headed down

the agriculture line but Maurice headed toward an academic course and by the end of 1974 he gained UE & 6th form Cert.

In 1975 got a job with N Z P O as a trainee technician, over the next 4 years completed supplementary Techs Cert and apprenticeship. Worked on old electro mechanical Telephone exchanges for next 5 or so years.

In 1980 met & married Debbie, a nurse, on 18th April, then in June they left for their O E. Went to England based in Derbyshire, toured around England, Scotland & Ireland for 3 months. Couldn't find jobs, so toured around Europe for another 2 months.

In Dec 1980 they found the weather too cold and returned to Northland where Maurice resumed working with N Z P O working on NEC Exchanges and Debbie returned to the Hospital.

In Jan 1982 they bought their first house at 14 Burling Ave in Whau Valley which we started renovating and got into gardening.

For the next 3 years we worked and partied and holidaying around NZ about this time we meet Andrew & Mandy who also enjoyed cards, mahjong and camping etc

In 1985 their first child, Renee was born. Then in 1987 Karl was born. They Purchased a section at Maungakarama and in early 1988 put Burling Ave on the Market, drew up plans for new house and got a permit in 1989

In 1990 Brendon was born and the foundations went down.

Finally sold Burling Ave in 1992 moved in Jan 1994 where we still live today.

All 3 children have been to university and got Engineering degrees and are now employed around the country.

After being made redundant from NZPO Maurice went into business with Bruce and formed Vitel communications, servicing and selling business systems throughout the North. They were in business together for over 10 years and have just recently sold to the PC company where Maurice is now employed and Bruce has retired.

Peter B thanked Maurice and said that we all knew Maurice as an acquaintance but now he has joined Rotary he has become a friend.

This was sent to me from Bill

Donating - Interesting, ever wonder where that donation money goes?

Keep these facts in mind when "donating". As you open your pockets for yet another natural disaster, keep the following facts in mind; we have listed them from the highest (worse paid offender) to the lowest (least paid offender).

The worst offender was yet again for the 11th year in a row is, UNICEF - CEO, receives \$1,200,000 per year, (plus use of a Rolls Royce for his exclusive use where ever he goes, and an expense account that is rumoured to be well over \$150,000.) Only pennies from the actual donations goes to the UNICEF cause (**less than \$0.14 per dollar of income**).

The second worst offender this year is Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO Of the American Red Cross... For her salary for the year ending in 2009 was \$651,957 plus expenses. Enjoys 6 weeks - fully paid holidays including all related expenses during the holiday trip for her and her husband and kids. Including 100% fully paid health & dental plan for her and her family, for life. This means out of every dollar they bring in, (**about \$0.39 goes to related charity causes.**)

The third worst offender was again for the 7th time was, Brian Gallagher, President of the United Way receives a \$375,000 base salary (U. S. Funds), plus so many numerous expense benefits it's hard to keep track as to what it is all worth, including a fully paid lifetime membership for 2 golf courses (1 in Canada, and 1 in the U. S. A.), 2 luxury vehicles, a yacht club membership, 3 major company gold credit cards for his personal expenses... And so on. (**This equates to about \$0.51 per dollar of income goes to charity causes.**)

Fourth worst offender who was also again in the fourth spot, for every year since this information has

been made available from the start 1998 is amazingly yet again, World Vision President (Canada) receives \$300,000 base salary, (plus supplied - a home valued in the \$700,000 - \$800,000 dollar value range, completely furnished, completely paid all housing expenses, including taxes, water/sewer, telephone/fax, HD/high speed cable, weekly maid service and pool/yard maintenance, fully paid private schooling for his children, upscale automobile and an \$55,000 personal expense account for clothing/food, with a \$125,000 business expense account).

Get this, because it is a "religious based" charity, it pays, little to no taxes, can receive government assistance and does not have to declare where the money goes. **(Only about \$0.52 of earned income per dollar is available for charity causes.)**

Of the sixty some odd "charities" we looked at, the lowest paid (President/CEO/Commissioner) was heading up a charity group in Canada We found, believe it or not, it was.....

Ready for this....

I think you might be surprised...

It is, none other than....

The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 Billion dollar organization. **Which means about \$0.93 per dollar earned, is readily available and goes back out to local charity causes.... Truly amazing.... And well done "Sally Anne"**

Rotary & Lions Clubs use all donations to go back into the community as all account monies are the responsibility of the club to raise by odd jobs to a separate account

\$1 for every \$1 Goes back to the Community

No further comment is necessary..."Think Twice" before you give to your charity of choice as to which one really does the best for the most - or the least for the most, for that matter. Remember charity starts at home. Look after the people of this country.

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	2 Apr (am)	9 Apr (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch forum	Peter Ibbotson Acoustics	Gail
Host	None	Bill	
Thanks	None	Rex	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Raffle	Peter M	Rex	
Parting Thought	Peter M	Rex	

Parting thought from Peter B

“Dream Big, Achieve More, I believe I can achieve”