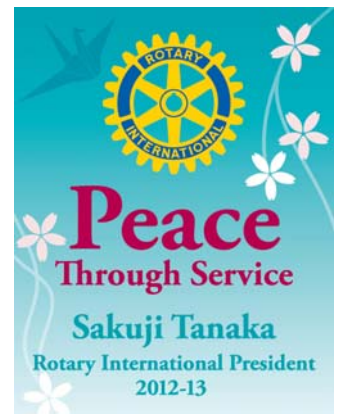




# The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 28 August 2013

## *Int President Sakuji Tanaka*

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### **President Peter welcomed members**

**Apologies:** Bert & Betty, Jack & Barbara Lucy, Mike & Pat

### **One Minute Notices**

-13 - 17 Nov training for leaders, zone conference, breakfast on 17th (DG elect is guest speaker)

-Octagon dinner & Show - enjoyed by all

-Gail rung Dianne Humphries, she was ok and will stay in touch

-Directors meeting Sunday 15 at 2.00pm peters place

### **Guest Speaker – Shirley Faber – Autobiography**

Born in Invercargill, first baby at Kew Hospital, left at 6 years moved to Ohakuni. Father was engineer and was involved with the Raurimu Spiral.

Trained as a nurse, couldn't get a job as a nurse so worked for railways as the highest paid female

Shirley was a King Country basketball rep, got involved with marching , trained very hard and enjoyed being a team payer, first team of any sport that got a mayrol welcome back in Whangarei. Also got into swimming and tramping. Shirley loved the tramping and formed a group. Shirley has walked all around the hills of Whangarei. Still involved with tramping todayand has tramped most of NZ and lots of Australia.

Married Norm and when finished with kids decided to train as a veterinary nurse. Trained as a technician and was involved with the police dogs which took to her. (must be the female touch)

Shirley joined the operatic society, but had to stop when she had a stroke from a bang on the head, falling down stairs. Shirley is very lucky to have made a full recovery. Shirley feel priverliged to be asked to join rotary and be able to speak to us considering her stroke. Shirley has spoken at many stroke meetings as a shinning example of what can be acheived with hard work and determination.

Since 1951 Shirley has been involved in politics and really enjoys it.

Shirley shared with us a reading she likes

We can all learn a lesson from this great old girl!

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready.

As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room . just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged... it's how I arrange my mind.

I already decided to love it "It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away .ju st for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account .you withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories.

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing.

**Duty Roster** (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>4 Sep (pm)</b>             | <b>11 Sep (pm)</b>         | <b>Hospital</b> |  |
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| <b>Speaker</b>             | Speech contest<br>Zone Finals | Susan Karels<br>Julie Holt | Gail            |  |
| <b>Host</b>                | Everyone                      | Roger                      |                 |  |
| <b>Thanks</b>              | None                          | Jack                       |                 |  |
| <b>Reception</b>           | Everyone                      | Everyone                   |                 |  |
| <b>Raffle</b>              | None                          | Barbara Lucy               |                 |  |
| <b>Parting<br/>Thought</b> | None                          | Alison                     |                 |  |

**Parting thought from Andrew**

**"A candidate is someone who gets money from the rich and votes from the poor to protect them from each other."**