



MEADOWS MATTERS

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of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



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ART EX - OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Welcome

In the absence of Pres Chris (*at another meeting but joined us later*) Past Pres. Kelvin welcome some 27 people including our RYE student Alice and regular UK visitor Phil (*who nears the end of his time with us.*)



Welfare

Obviously a good week for us as **Welfare Officer Stuart** reported on only one member, advising that Wal Drayton was struggling but progressing.



Announcements

Projects Director Denise Brown thanked volunteers who had assisted with the recent Heart Foundation collection, particularly including our UK associate Phil.

Visitor Phil added to that acknowledgment, talked of Pres. Trump throwing money from a plane instead of himself, referred to a Kyak story and his intended charity work on his way home.

Program Planner Alan White eluded to the HB Plant Nursery visit, now on 19 March. BYO ??

PDG Ian Holyoake reflected on various important dates in February (his retirement anniversary, Valentine Day, etc.) but said the most important was surely the Rotary 120th Birthday last Sunday 23 February and he had forgotten to acknowledge that in the bulletin (*rectified later below.*)



Catering Curly reminded us again of the Brookfield Winery lunch of Saturday 15 March. Make sure your name is on the circulating list.

Cycling Skeeter's Manager Steve Gillum told us that Stew had managed 110km in the fund raiser ride for Cranford, that \$2500 had been received from our members and asked – could we even make it \$3000? (Denise added that someone paid for Stew's meal somewhere!)

Officer Holders 2024-25

District Governor Nick Dangerfield
Dist. Gov. Elect Ken Smith
Community Leader Grant Spackman

President Christine McKenna
Secretary Ken Hunt
Treasurer Graeme Muir
PE & Club Admin Carol Charman
Membership & PI John Mackintosh
Service Projects Denise Brown
Youth Gill Scarlett
Foundation Ross Pinkham
ArtEx TBA

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm
Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Visits to Hamish Lacks boat shop
and the Brookfield winery.
District Conference in May.

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Bruce Martin - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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RYE Student Alice

In an impromptu address Alice told us of her recent visit to Rotorua, along with five other exchange students from Europe saying that it was really nice though tiring. She said they experienced language difficulties, played cards, visited lakes, did the Redwood Treewalk and stopped at Lake Taupo on the way home.

Sergeant at Arms

With all of 10 minutes to prepare, **Sergeant Ross Pinkham** collected money while seeking copies of the *Rotary Down Under* magazine (to give to visiting speakers) told us about “*Harold the Giraffe*”, something about South Africa, that the Rotary Conference next year will be in Napier, that his sister looked after John Waldin when he was little, that Brian Peploe was about as old as Ross’s late father, that you should tick “Like” when you visit our FB page, something about shortbread and crumbs in bed – and we all paid for this as if we were “offenders”. On a brighter note, ticket No. 29 won the raffle.

GUEST SPEAKERS – OUR OWN BR(I/Y)ANS

With the same Christian names, but different spellings, Brian Peploe and Bryan Matthews gave us a very interesting history lesson on our major fundraiser – the annual Art Exhibition, or **ArtEx**



for short. A very large folder of documents (from a larger box) revealed that there have been 41 exhibitions over 43 years with the first one in 1982 and led by John Hanlen. The records contain all but two of the catalogues printed each year. A power point photo showed an early one (held in Founders Room at the Museum) and followed by The Stairway Gallery for some years.

A big cost in the early days was “printing!” On screen graphs illustrated inflation adjusted profits. We learned of moving from \$4K profit to \$40K; of one sponsor to 12 sponsors, and from amateur production to professional. A good bank sponsor fell over and we got a long term legal one “*Willis, Toomey, Robinson.*” Familiar names from the past were quoted as organisers (John Hanlen, Brian Ford, Graeme Sawyer).



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Lynne Gibson and photos were captured by two cops, a pharmacist and a real estate agent!

The Food this week



Medalions of Pork Fillet with a Merlot Jus

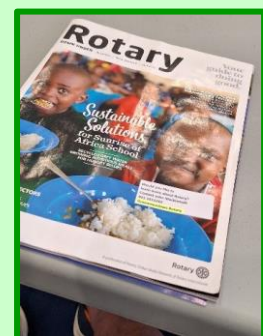
Thoughts for the week (Pete Thompson)

Opening:

“Have no fear of perfection, you’ll never reach it.”
(Salvador Dali)

Closing:

“Painting is easy when you don’t know how, but very difficult when you do.”
(Edgar Degas)



Bring spare copies to Rotary

We have displayed about 2400 pieces of art and sold 2,300! Grants from the profits have been around \$20 - \$25K annually and totalled over half a million all up. (We noted \$100,000 had gone to HB Life Saving over the past five years.) Bryan Matthews then concluded the session describing the struggles in recent years, how the group had pulled together, updated things and reviewed all costs. He also noted how the HB Surf Life Saving, the recent recipients had themselves given great assistance to the project in “their years”. It is estimated that a thousand volunteer hours are contributed each year. Last year there was no exhibition, our latest venue (Elephant Hill) is no longer available, and that ideas for the future are being considered. Sustainability in the future is very difficult but art in NZ is growing and the “highest price” is up. Steve Gillum, the most recent ArtEx Director reminisced to conclude the presentation.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

	March 5th	March 12th	March 19th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Kyah & Emily Tamatea HS Summer Science Sch	Visit to Plant Hawke's Bay Nursery Waiohiki
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Graeme Ryan - - Fred Staples Brian Anstis Garth Eyles	Mike Owen Gill Scarlet Alan White Gail Kelly - Brian Hall	
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Peter Thompson Peter Manson	Steve Gillum Ross Pinkham	

If you cannot perform a rostered duty, YOU must arrange a substitute and advise the President of this.
If you are going to miss a meeting, email the apologies link and if you have a long-term absence planned, write to the Secretary seeking "Leave of Absence."

Steve Gillum: The Cranford Hospice bike ride fund raiser by Stewart Skeet. You can still pay:
Bank account is : Rotary Club of Greenmeadows Charitable Trust 03-0698-0976848-01 Ref. = Cranford



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

A RANDOM RHYME

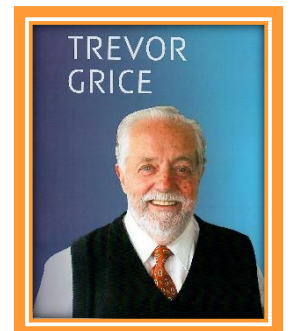
A fundraiser of size you could barely believe
But hundreds of thousands we did receive
It hasn't been easy and there have been fears
But it's been going now for over forty years
Raised nearly a million – inflation adjusted its more
But we've got to be careful it's not out the door
(By Pat the Poet)

HAROLD THE GIRAFFE

One of the early recipients of an Art Ex donation from our club, was the Life Education Trust. The Founder of that Trust was Trevor Grice who passed away in December. Your Editor (who helped Trevor found the trust) attended (& spoke at) a Memorial Service in Wellington last week



- Develop life skills relating to their health and wellbeing
- Understand how to make healthy choices
- Gain knowledge about health and their bodies
- Develop self-esteem & a positive understanding of themselves
- Develop strategies for relating to others



23 FEBRUARY 2025 – THE 120th BIRTHDAY OF ROTARY



Rotary started with the vision of one man — **Paul Harris.**

After setting up his law practice in Chicago, Harris gathered several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals.

He envisioned a place where professionals of diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. (*More below*)



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1' to discover Rotary news

120 Years of Commitment and Service: Rotary Celebrates its Anniversary

On February 23, 2025, Rotary International celebrated its 120th anniversary.

Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, Rotary is now a global organization with 1.4 million members dedicated to making the world a better place.

Since its inception, Rotary has carried out countless humanitarian and professional initiatives.

Its PolioPlus program has reduced polio by 99.9%, protecting millions of children.

The organization also works in the fields of health, access to clean water, education and literacy, peace, the environment, and economic development.

These 120 years are an opportunity to celebrate these achievements and to continue our commitment to the most vulnerable.

Each club, each Rotarian contributes, in their own way, to writing this story of solidarity.

Together, let us continue to apply "**Service above self**" and promote Rotary's values around the world.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

Next Week at home, a short meeting and followed by Firesides