



MEADOWS MATTERS

This bulletin is the newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



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Welcome

President Chris, welcomed 40 Members, and visitor from Taradale Club, Robert Patullo. The evening started with President Chris advising it would be a cold meal as Dave was in Auckland watching the Sex Pistols. Nice meal – Platter of assorted meats with Caramelized Onion Relish, potato salad, coleslaw and tossed salad.



Presentation

President Chris with the support of Gill and Gail introduced Emily Lloyd and her Mother. Emily is from Tamatea High School, and we sponsored to the Summer Science School. Emily has been selected to travel to London to attend a World Youth Science Forum. One of 500 students from 80 countries. Various speakers (including a Nobel Prize winner), hands on experiments, visits to Cambridge etc. Emily was presented with \$1,000.00 to assist towards the cost. She needs to find a further \$4,000.00 before July. Emily read out her card to the Club thanking us for our sponsorship to the Summer Science School. "Incredible and inspiring opportunity".



Cindy Morgan from Tamatea High also sent a card thanking us for "Backing a couple of winners. Wonderful things happen for my kids due to Greenmeadows Rotary support."

Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Don McKenzie waiting for his new leg. Good to see Wally Drayton with us tonight.



Announcements

ArtX update from Bryan. There will be no ArtX this Rotary Financial year. Bryan and his team (including Bex), have been reviewing the project and planning for the future. They have had positive feedback from Artists, but finding a venue is an issue. The War Memorial and similar venues have an overall cost of about \$6,500.00, with corkage and food added taking the cost to \$15,000.00.

Potentially, it maybe possible to hold ArtX in October or November. But it is hard Yaka getting there.

Can you think of a potential venue for ArtX ? A business that has room? Large empty building?



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.
District Conference in May.

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Bruce Martin - ongoing
Neil Smith 6th to 26th April

Website/Club Contacts

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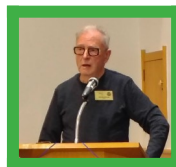
Secretary:
administrator@greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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Annual Plate Debate. This is on for 18th June – Napier Girls High V Napier Boys High. A moot is required. **Suggestions for a possible moot to Gail within a week please – don't leave it for someone else to do – 'cos then nobody will do it.**



Membership. John updated the club on progress. The Committee is looking at the possibility of Corporate Membership. In both cases the cost to the Club is nil, with the potential to get younger Members involved. If we seek a Business to become a Corporate Member, they would nominate 2 -4 or so staff members to come in rotation, and we would charge a higher Subscription. Secondly, the other Corporate structure is to start a "Corporate" Club within a large business. This would give us access to a younger working age group, with skills / sponsorship we may tap in to. **Can you think of a large Company John and Co could talk to?**



President Chis briefed us on a meeting several Members attended **regarding Rotary Pacific First Light last week.** One of the topics discussed was **Grab Bags.** Sunrise Napier have started on this, putting together 20kg bags filled with items needed if you had to suddenly vacate your home or business. They have distributed these to Pohutukawa Drive (Whirinaki) homes. This has the potential for all Clubs to be involved. Garth made a presentation covering signage, pathways and plantings covering Gisborne, Wairoa, HB and Waipukurau. (Ask Garth about this 'cos the scribe didn't get it all down!)

Another covered topic was **Lifting the Lid.** Funds raised are held by Karamu High, and distributed to any school seeking **mental health support for any student.** Not all schools are aware of this fund, and we could be part of promoting it to schools.

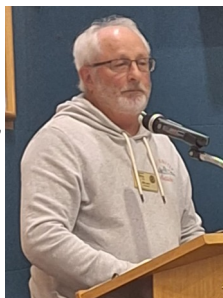
A combined HB Rotary support for Cranford Hospice was also discussed. Given its high profile in "The Bay", it is seen as an opportunity for win-win, with Rotary sponsoring a garden, or room or something. Ideas and funding needed soonest, so that Cranford can incorporate it into their plans.

Garth. GAP WEEDING. This coming Monday, 9.00am, followed by a visit and debriefing at the amazing secret Café. Contact Garth if you can help this easy on the body project.

RYLA. The Club is sponsoring 2 young adults to RYLA next week. We sponsor Krista Hine, and BBI Woods is paying for their employee Ethan Gibbs to attend. Well done to the Committee for arranging this.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Neil based his session on common sense. The common senses we are aware of, sight, hearing, taste and smell are just some of at least 23 senses we have. Neil proceeded to list several others. Neil had to carefully enunciate them – the scribe couldn't spell them
Raffle – won by Bob Morrison.



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Brian Hall and photos came from Brian and Ross

The Food this week



Thoughts for the week (Presented by Frank)

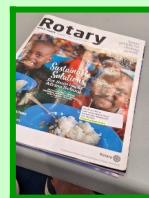
Opening

Hello April

A good day Isn't always
P erfect. It challenges you to
R elease your potential and
I nspires you to appreciate the
L ittle, amazing things in life

 OurMindfulLife.com

And Closing on a humorous note



RDU mags - Give these to Ross

When he returns from his trip which includes 3 days of sittings at the Rotary Council on Legislation Review in Chicago

Roster of Duties

	April 9th	April 16th	April 23rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	ACC – Custom Care Nursing	Alice our exchange student	Meeting at Other Clubs
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bill Hawkins Mark Dickerson Brian Peplow Allan White - Graeme Ryan	Garth Eyles Helen Tattersall Bob Morrison Peter Thompson - Neil Smith	
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	John Waldin Les Mockford	Fred Staples John Reid	

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY or an ABSENCE COMING UP

*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."*

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

Club visit to other Clubs – 23 April. YOU need to decide where your Committee will visit and liaise with that Club

PS This week's Scribe is retiring from the role –

Last night he did table set-up, prepared for and started the cashier's role, then (after he finishes typing this), will balance and bank takings.

Time to step back and let someone else get involved.

Can you step up and be part of the Team of Scribes.

Easy as – just take notes and type them up for Ian and stand-in Bob to edit and pull together into the Bulletin.

A RANDOM RHYME

The Editor is still away having fun
But Bob remains here getting things done
Keeping us up to date with Rotary news
And providing a place to express our views
Letting us know what's coming up
And when to meet with wine to sup

(By Pat the Poet)

Next week – ACC and Custom Care Nursing



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The Path of Paul Harris' Creative Idea

Paul Harris's childhood and early professional experiences shaped his vision for Rotary.

Raised in Wallingford, Vermont, by his grandparents after his father's business failed, he grew up in a close-knit rural community that emphasized ethics, solidarity, and mutual support.

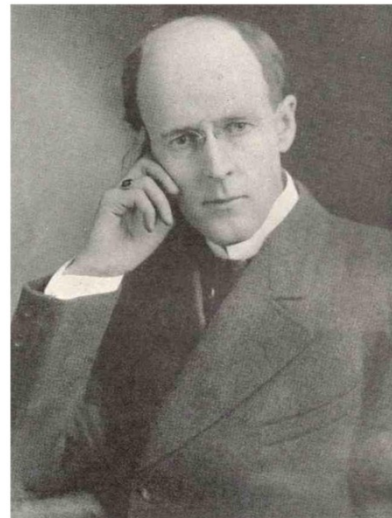
As a young lawyer in Chicago, he encountered a stark contrast: a fast-growing city where individualism and business competition often led to professional isolation.

This lack of camaraderie made him long for the strong community bonds of his youth.

His extensive travels exposed him to various professional clubs in Europe and the U.S., where networking and mutual assistance played a vital role.

Inspired by these models, he envisioned a club where professionals from different fields could connect, not just for business but also for service.

In 1905, he gathered three friends and founded Rotary, introducing the idea of rotating meetings to foster equality, friendship, and a shared commitment to ethical leadership and community service.



PAUL P. HARRIS

*As he appeared when Rotary came into being
February 23, 1905*