



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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Welcome

President Chris, welcomed 33 people who included Gary Hemmings from Ahuriri - Napier, Richard Howell from Taradale, and a "friend" of the speaker (who read on FB that he was speaking!)



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart said that he had spoken with Don McKenzie who seemed remarkably fit after his second prosthetic fitting, and that he said "Hello" to us all. He also reported that Wal was struggling and then John Mackintosh advised us that Claire had suffered an accident in the garden that day.



Announcements

Gary Hemmings advised that he was able to visit us as his wife was in respite care. He told us of the amalgamation of the Napier Rotary Club (following their centenary) with Ahuriri and that the new Ahuriri - Napier club now had 41 members, two dating back to 1976, that he is youth Director and of his passion for Interact with Napier Girls High School having a really big club.

Pres. Chris lead a discussion on the proposed club visits with various Directors offering their "arrangements or suggestions." (*Update in covering email.*)



Administration Director & Pres Elect Carol pleaded with members to answer her earlier query as to committees they wished to serve on (only half have replied so far). She spoke of possibly establishing a Fundraising Committee and said they were still considering the future of ArtEx.

Graeme Muir advised that next week he was going to Camp Kaitawa and *needed some further assistance*. He will email to all soon.

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, Don McKenzie & Ross Pinkham to 30th April

Website/Club Contacts

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Sergeant-Session

Sergeant Steve Gillum, conscious of the bad weather forecast for this week, reminded us of Cyclone Gabrielle (which seriously affected both himself and the guest speaker). He then sought to elicit various facts on the time, date, place and name of the event, as well as the rainfall millimeters, people displaced or deceased, financials and different coloured stickers. While our feelings for him continued, our pockets were emptied into the fine bowl.



Guest-Speaker

Club Member Bill Hawkins was introduced by Pres. Chris and on taking the rostrum, he noted the presence of his friend who was attending after reading our Facebook page. He also spoke of his "Kitchen Project" with Clive and was then finally dragged to his topic which was about Model A Fords (has owned three) and his longest owned "yellow" one that *went down* with Cyclone Gabrielle!



He spoke of Henry Ford, of the history surrounding this early model of car, that it was designed to be built (or fixed) with a screw driver and crescent spanner. Five million of them were made and the NZ ones arrived in boxes. They were cheap, had big wheels & suited our metal roads. Some of them were converted to trucks (*maybe the first Ford F150 or Ranger! Ed.*) Bill's interest was fired by his father's one, and Bill bought his first one when he was at university, but later had to sell it due to his "other interest," a girl he had met at that time and wanted to marry (he had to pay for the engagement ring!)

On graduation he came to Hawkes Bay, did up a house (*must have had money left over from the ring. Ed*) and then (1973) decided he wanted another Model A. This one was a real "doer upper". He described the problems with finding the various parts, including a hood (cost a bottle of gin) headlights and four doors (free & delivered in a sugar bag!) Finally reconstructed, it was painted yellow & black (not original) did 50,000 miles and lasted up until Cyclone Gabrielle. He lost five cars (including another Model A) but only the yellow car could be restored. It will be finished in about six months.

Bob Morrison thanked the speaker & provided a bottle of Janola and water to assist with the final car restoration.

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

This week the words came from the pen of the Editor himself (it is perhaps obvious!) He also took the local photos but the 'overseas' ones came from an unknown camera in the US.

The Food this week



Roast Turkey

Thoughts for the week (From John Macintosh)

Opening

"The ignorance of one voter in a democracy, impairs the security of all." (John F Kennedy)

Closing

"We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity." &

"I was a great leader. I was good at everything!" (Donald J Trump)

Roster of Duties

	April 23rd	April 30 th	May 7 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Visiting other clubs	Firesides	Andrew Lesperance Cranford'
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	No Duties	Brian Anstis John Mackintosh Edwin Brown Graeme Ryan - Curly Carpenter	Mark Dickerson - - Kevin McCormack Peter Manson Kelvin Winnie
Stewards <i>One per table and the named members clean up</i>		Robert Pearson Frank Heuser	Les Mockford Gill Scarlet

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."*

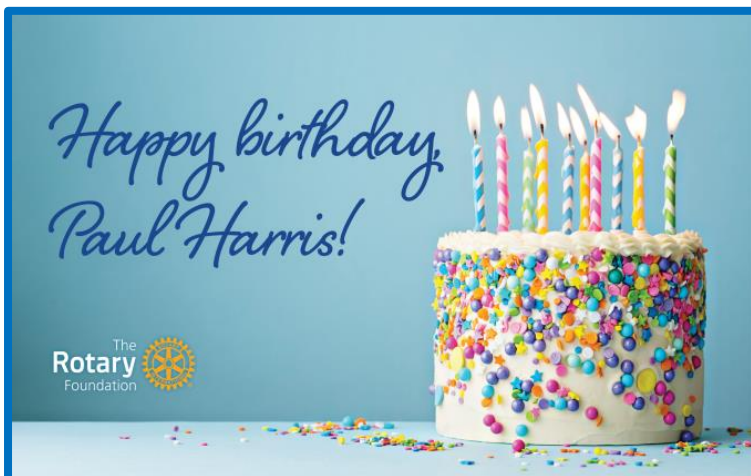
MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

A RANDOM RHYME

Cyclone Gabrielle cost us a lot
Taonga lost, cannot be forgot
But one treasure that is being restored
Is a Ford Model A that will be adored
Begun two years ago and going still
Being done with love, by Rotarian Bill

(By Pat the Poet)

CELEBRATING THE PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY – 19 APRIL



Rotary founder Paul Harris was born on **19 April 1868** in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. Thanks to his extraordinary vision, to this day, Rotary members around the world remain united by a shared sense of purpose and dedicated to serving their communities. Join us in celebrating Paul Harris' birthday by [reading about his life.](#)

[Trying clicking on this link above]



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

What is it, where is it?

About 480 Rotary members from around the world, each representing a single Rotary district, are gathering this week at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois, USA, for the 2025 Council on Legislation. They will vote on 78 proposals to change Rotary International's constitutional documents.

"This Council represents the heart of Rotary's democratic process and the best of our international spirit," said Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick at the opening session. "The gathering is one of Rotary's most powerful expressions of multiculturalism. Here, voices from every corner of the globe come together – not to compete, but to collaborate."

The Council on Legislation, which meets every three years, is Rotary's version of a congress. Representatives selected by their districts gather to consider proposals designed to move Rotary forward and adapt to the changing times.

And our man is there. PDG Ross Pinkham is the District 9930 Representative



One of the things they have done.....Council on Legislation approves dues increase

Rotarians from all over the world met in Chicago, Illinois, USA 13-17 April to vote on the rules governing Rotary clubs. Representatives considered more than 75 proposals. The Council approved an increase in the dues that all members pay to Rotary International each year through 2028-29. The Board argued the increases were needed to keep providing valuable programs and services to members. The Council also approved allowing clubs to charter with as few as 15 members instead of 20. [Read a summary of the proposals and see preliminary vote totals.](#)



The photos show:

1. RI World President
2. In class
3. Foundation Chair
4. His hotel ?
5. Rotary HQ @ Evanston





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1' to discover Rotary news

First Arab woman Nobel laureate to speak at Rotary 2025 Convention

Tawakkol Karman, the first Arab woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, will speak at Rotary International's 2025 convention in Calgary, Canada.

A journalist and human rights activist, Karman has long fought for democracy and women's empowerment in Yemen, enduring persecution and imprisonment for her activism.

From 2007 to 2011, she organized protests against President Ali Abdullah Saleh's regime, earning the nicknames "mother of the revolution" and "the iron woman."

She founded Women Journalists Without Chains to support press freedom and promote women's rights.

During the Arab Spring, Karman called for peaceful dialogue and worked toward unity between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

She believes Islam supports full participation of women in society and peaceful coexistence with other religions.

Recognized globally, she was named one of Time's 100 Women of the Year in 2011 and listed among Foreign Policy's Top 100 Global Thinkers.

Her foundation builds schools and supports healthcare and poverty relief in Yemen.



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

VISITING OTHER CLUBS – But make sure you have one!



