



ROTARY CLUB OF WANGANUI

BULLETIN 11: 2011/12



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THIS WEEK
Monday
19 Sep
2011
Noon
Kingsgate

Speaker: Neville Gimlett

Topic Rotary District Polio Plus Programme Director

Host Max Restieaux

Thanks: Alan Calverley

Visitors Ron Stoneman

Top table John /Wilson

Speaker: Neil Walker

Topic Bees Trees Carbon Credits and Other Things

Host Gerald Hare

Thanks: Tom Carter

Visitors Helen Atkinson Fleming

Top table Neil Bates

NEXT MEETING
Monday
26 Sept
2011
Kingsgate

LAST MEETINGS
12 Sept
2011

	12/9/11
Present	34
Excused	2
Apologies	8
Silent	8
% attendance	68 %

Club Membership 52

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WANGANUI SOUTH
Tuesday, 6 pm
RSA Restaurant, Taupo Quay
WANGANUI NORTH
Wednesday, 6 pm
Function Centre, Racecourse
WANGANUI DAYBREAK
Monday, 6.50 am
Stellar
WAVERLEY-AOTEA
Thursday, 6 pm
The Woolshed
23 Mangatangi Road
Waverley

District Governor: Bob Smith.
Assistant Governor: Garth Barlow

President:
Peter Brown 347 8344

Secretary:
Jim Callaghan 344 6277

Apologies:

Please phone and leave a message with the secretary or Peter Smith Tel 342 5812 or email to smith.farm@actrix.co.nz by 11.00 am Monday, or txt Kate on 029 24 22440



Dot McKinnon Wanganui City – Then and Now

Dot has had a wide variety of involvement in the community, from being a tutor at the Polytech, moving to the business world, returning to studies and following on from many community organisations, her role as deputy mayor for 6 years. Dot saw her presentation as a ‘job talk’.

For the last 13 years, Dot has been a publican after taking over the Kingsgate Motel. However, with various changes in legislation, she could see the importance of the bar side of the business declining, so put her efforts into the accommodation function. In this she has been very successful in maintaining good guest numbers. Included in the guest list are regular bus tours, sports teams, Peter Jackson, River Queen stars, the US Eagles rugby team and next year, the vintage car rally visitors. Last year she sold the business to her daughter and son-in-law, so it is still ‘in the family’. She is not unhappy at losing the 24/7 hours and feels that she is regaining some balance in her life. Of course, her position as Deputy Mayor added to the time commitment and, although enjoying some aspects of the job, is not too sad to be an ‘ordinary’ citizen again. She feels that, irrespective of one’s opinions of the previous Mayor, he did galvanise the council into positive action. Dot feels that this is what is necessary if the city is to retain its job opportunities and to attract more people here.

Rotary has had a great influence as well. She was a guest speaker, on women in community organisations, in 1989. As a result, one of the Rotarians was able to assist when she decided to buy the hotel – and is still a part owner. Now she is a Rotarian herself.

Dot admitted to being a committee junkie for some 25 years, with many director roles and ministerial appointments. One of her achievements was the establishment of CLAW here. This was one reason why Michael Laws approached her to stand for local government.

Dot’s life now is however, still busy, but a different ‘busyness’ – she looks after her property investments, spends time with her three grandchildren, has some directorships and supports ‘causes’ such as ultra fast broadband and lobbying for more women directors. She is a quiet lobbyist. She is also contemplating completing some law studies!

She is collecting a store of stories in case she is asked to take the role of sergeant one year!

Club Notices

Birthdays

Brian Walden 9th September 15 years Rotary Service

Duncan McKee 11th September 34 years and 5 months Rotary Service

Funny Sign :



Potential New Member

Geoff Duff



RYLA 2012 will be run from 8-12 February 2012, and will be hosted by the [Rotary Club of Plimmerton](#) .

Key Dates:

30 September 2011: Closing date for applications to sponsors (Rotary Clubs or organizations).

31 October 2011: Closing date for all nominations to the RYLA Organising Committee

[See Robert Scott](#)

RYPEN

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Nominations close 3 October application form <http://www.rotary9940.org.nz/index.php> also See Robert Scott.

Where has our DG Bob Been?



South Wairarapa Wainuiomata, Eastern Hutt, Palmerston North, Feilding, Milson, Hawera... In the last 10 days... Phew

Check out Bob's Blog . <http://district9940in2011-12.blogspot.com/>

Why join Rotary?????

The Opportunity to Serve

Personal Growth and Development

Friendship

Cultural Diversity

Good Citizenship

World Understanding

Entertainment

Family Foundations

Ethical Environment

Rotary Riddle

You're driving a bus that is leaving on a trip from Wanganui to Rotary District Conference. To start off with, there were 32 members on the bus. At the next bus stop, 11 members get off and return with 9 members partners. At the next bus stop, 2 members get off and return with their partners. At the next bus stop, 12 members get on.

Question: What colour are the bus driver's eyes?



THANK YOU

CHRISTCHURCH HOSTING.

All the members and partners who hosted the Christchurch People for accommodation, meals, scarves and care.

NAMES

All the members who are providing names for potential members for the membership committee to check out ...

Keep them coming. ☺



Personal reminders