



Waitakere News



Time to think about attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney next May!

4th September



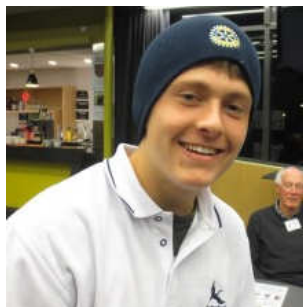
This week we welcomed our District Governor Phil Ashton, and his partner Janice. We started with a meeting for the Board where Phil explained that his role is to support clubs, and as facilitator, advise them of the resources (grants, personnel and other material) that are available to the club. He talked of the need for clubs to work together to get the 'Rotary Message' out to the community, and congratulated our area for being proactive in holding regular 'Presidents' Meetings" so that

the four clubs can share ideas and offer support to each other. He then repeated this message to the club in general, describing the world of Rotary and encouraging us to examine what we do and change what needs to be done to remain relevant in today's world. He also encouraged us to attend **District Conference in Waitangi over Anzac Weekend in April 2014**, where there will be 'world class' speakers.

Following Phil's talk, Janice gave us a very interesting account of being a Gemologist, and what her job entails. She explained that Gemologists work in an environment of high trust, where deals (often worth multiple millions, and always in American dollars) are done on a handshake. She then gave us some very interesting information about diamonds - and answered some of our questions. (Before showing us some examples of beautiful jewellery)



We welcomed a number of visitors this week, including Dick Garner who is visiting from Melbourne, (and whose son may well be a potential member), and John Whiteside from Rotoract.



Vincent was the recipient of the "Challenge Camp Beanie" which was auctioned off for \$20.00 for the Sunshine Fund.

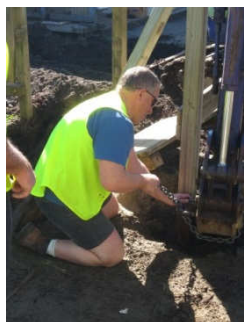


The raffle was won by Sheilagh, (our 'new member in waiting') and the 50:50 raffle was again won by Bob, who also donated this to the Sunshine Fund.

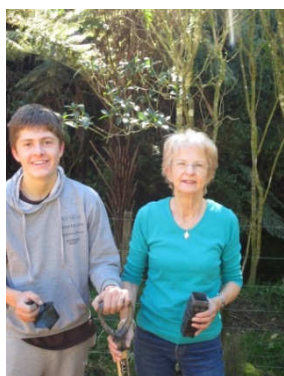
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Some of our members were very busy over the weekend - thanks to all the workers for showing we really are the 'Go To Group in West Auckland' for getting things done!!

We demolished (and stored) the Junior Playground at Swanson School, ready for their new classroom block to be built on the site. Special thanks to our 'new members in waiting' Peter - for his muscle power and expertise - and Sheilagh, who cooked the lunch with her daughter!



We were also busy planting at the Jaedwyn Community Garden, where it was good to see a couple of familiar faces in John and Phyllis also helping out.



NEXT WEEK: Trees For Survival Speakers: Sarah Brenchley and Gail Farrell

Date: Wednesday 4th September		Trees For Survival	
Meeting Manager		Derek	
Sergeant		Mike	
Speaker		Sarah Brenchley and Gail Farrell	
Greeter		Sheena	
Grace		Bob	
Squire 1		Patrick	
Squire 2		Jim	
Thanker		Graham	
Parting Thought		Mike	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday 14th Sept – CANTEEN – Bandana Fundraiser (more volunteers needed)

Monday 16th September – ROTRACT MOVIE NIGHT – West City 7:45pm.

Wednesday 25th September – FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – ‘Movies at Ryders’ with New Lynn Rotary

Thursday 26th September – OPEN DAY – Alan Gibbs Kaipara Sculpture Park (For Harbourview Sculpture Trail)

Saturday 16th November - “RIDDLED WITH TRIVIA” Quiz Night *******Note changed date AGAIN, more details later***