



Waitakere News

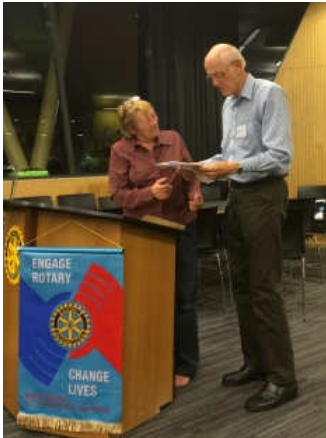
May 14th

This week it was the turn of Vincent, our IYE student to entertain us with a presentation covering his last few months. As well as meeting with the Swiss Ambassador, John Key and Len Brown, he was introduced to 'pig hunting' – where he managed to shoot a deer (!).

He also told us about the Conference at Waitangi, where he was really impressed by the inspirational speakers, and the chance to paddle a waka. Last week was spent at Challenge Camp where Vincent was buddied up with a deaf teenager. It was a time of fun, learning and personal growth for all concerned, and rates as one of the best weeks Vincent has had in NZ so far!



Some awards from the Conference and Soap Box Derby were handed out: The IYE Cup from Conference, the DARE TTF Certificates of Appreciation from Soap Box Derby.



As we discovered we had no cook for the night, a huge 'Thank You' to Alan, Heather and Craiger for organising the delicious roast dinner (and the clean-up) at such short notice!

TRAVELLERS:

We welcomed back Kerry and Peter, from their time working at Orap School in Vanuatu. On this trip the school received another large water tank, and the new roofing to fill it. Fly screens were installed in another building (girls' dorm) and more furniture was made for the dining room (which we'd finished over the last two visits) Peter also did some water testing in the village river (not a very sanitary place to swim and bathe) and the local Community Nurse was thrilled to have a water tank, sink bench and taps installed in the Village Health Clinic. A large number of reading glasses were also provide for the villagers. A great result for a week's work!



Domenic and Frances have contacted us to say they had a pleasant stay in Hong Kong, followed by five nights in Paris. They're now on the Canal du Midi, have visited Carcassonne and after five days of walking are still speaking to each other!



REMINDER: Monique is holding a '**Pink Ribbon Luncheon**' at Van Lier Nurseries to raise funds for Breast Cancer research - May 25th from 10.30am. Please advise Monique if you'd like to attend. (Numbers are needed for catering purposes)

VISIT FROM RIPE GARY HAUNG: Yes, the '**Rotary International President Elect**' Gary Huang is visiting NZ on his way to the World Convention in Sydney, and is speaking at Henderson Rotary on Thursday 20th May. We're keen to get a table together from Waitakere ... we have six members going already and need a further four ... please reply to this email asap if you're able to go. Venue: Lincoln Green, Cost \$50 per head. ***This for most of us, will be the only chance to hear an RI President or President Elect speak in person....should be a very interesting night.***

ROTARACT CHANGEOVER: We have been invited to join Rotaract for their changeover on Tuesday 27th May. As we are one of their sponsoring clubs, it would be great to get a team together to support them. Venue: Black Salt, New Lynn. Cost \$40 per head. Please email Adrian if you can attend. A.vanhest@live.com Bank Account 02-0139-0126417-00 with your name and Waitakere as reference.

MAY 21ST: We will be at the Grandstand at the trust Stadium for next week's Meeting, which will feature as guest speaker, environmentalist Phil Twyford.

MAY 28th: We will be back at Starling Park where Dr Sharad Paul will speak to us. He started life driving a bullock cart to school in India and is now an eminent Cancer Surgeon as well as being a UNESCO representative and previous contender for NZer of the year as he has gone to some lengths to rearrange his surgery schedule to come along to speak to us we'd like a 'full house' of members, partners and guests to come along on the night.

Remember to check out our web site: www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz for up to date news and upcoming events (just click on the 'Calendar' ...)

Please advise Alan if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest) apology@details.co.nz by Monday evening please. **Members not tending their apology will be charged for a meal.**

Date: Wednesday 21st		Phil Twyford – Environmentalist.	
Meeting Manager		Derek	
Sergeant		Mike	
Speaker		Phil Twyford	
Greeter - Introducer		John	
Grace		Sheena	
Squire 1		Jim	
Squire 2		Roger	
Thanker		Bob	
Parting Thought		Heather	

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Dates to remember

May 20th – Henderson Rotary – RIPE Gary Huang speaking

May 21st – Phil Twyford speaking at Trust Stadium (Grandstand)

May 25th – Pink Ribbon Breakfast – Van Lier Nurseries

May 27th – Rotaract Changeover – Black Salt (New Lynn)

May 28th – Dr Shard Paul speaking at Starling Par

June 1-4 - Rotary World Convention Sydney

June 25th – Waitakere Change Over