

## *Waitakere News*

November 26<sup>th</sup> 2014

### **Last Week/This Week**

As November is Foundation month, what better time to have our Paul Harris dinner? It was great to see some of our Past District Governors and their partners in attendance, Maxine and Murray Neighbour and Merv Huxford and Bronwyn, as well as our Current DG Bruce Rasmussen and his wife Christine, and our current AG Ian McKenzie. Our speaker was Merv Huxford who told us a little about the history of Rotary, and then expanded upon The Rotary Foundation and Rotary's current areas of focus. An added bonus of his speech was having the chance to 'win' \$1000 for our club, by answering some 'tricky' questions!



The main event of the evening was awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship to Matt Harper for his on-going commitment to the Jaedwyn Community Garden which he established in 2005. After the Conference in Maxine's year, Waitakere Rotary became involved in a supportive role, and we have watched the garden go from strength to strength with all 25 plots now being in use, and a waiting list of families keen to join.



Adrian (President Elect of Rotaract) came along to collect the toys we donated, which will be taken to the Waitakere Children's Hospital in time for Christmas. He gave us an update on Rotaract's upcoming events.



Our out-going IYE students, were also presented with Marcus is off to Kentucky in January, and Daniel is going to Austria.



Marcus and Daniel their Rotary jackets. January, and Daniel

## Past Presidents



Past President 1980 to 1981 – Peter Watson

### UPCOMING Events:

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Annual Meeting, your chance to participate in democracy and decide on who will be our President for the period July 2015 to June 2016.

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December: Rotary Projects, Education and Programmes

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> December: IYE students return from their South island Trip

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party  
local restaurant

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> December: Informal Meeting at a

### UP COMING:

Date: <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
Greeters	Craiger and Alan
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Domenic
Speaker	<b>Sheena and Patrick</b>
Grace	Luke
Squire 1	Jim
Squire 2	Alan
Thanks	Kerry
Parting Thought	Roger

For up to date news and upcoming events (just click on the 'Calendar' ...) or our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/www.rotarywaitakere.org>.

Please advise Heather if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest)  
[apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) by Monday evening please.

**Members not tending their apology will be charged for a meal. For those who enjoy the personal touch you can phone Heather on – 8109580 or 0274719569**