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In light of there still being no Bulletin Editor, this is a brief account of what we've been up to this week:

Our guests this week were Geoff and Bev Pownall, Peter Honey and Ani Budgen. Geoff Pownall came to talk to us about ROMAC. He talked about some of the different young people that ROMAC has helped, and he explained that we have recently been helping children with heart conditions from Timor and the Pacific Islands. He also introduced Ani, a young lady from Indonesia, who has been in NZ for treatment. Ani then explained that thanks to her sponsor (Peter Honey from Bay of Islands) she was able to apply for assistance, get her first passport, and come to NZ for treatment. After one more operation she will be able to return to Indonesia to complete her Accountancy degree.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER: The first edition of the DG's newsletter is available at <http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10> well worth a read, to find out what the year ahead has in store for us with Phil's theme of "Good Teams, Great Goals", which fits in really well with our own Strategic Plan for the year.

MEMBERS' NEWS: David is 'on the mend' after a nasty infection in his feet following an altercation with his dog's claws! His operation is scheduled for 'sometime soon'.

We currently have seven members 'on leave' so your attendance at every meeting possible is really important! There's a great 'vibe' around in the meetings at present, so the more the merrier ... including visitors who might be prospective new members.

This week's raffle was won by Jim, and the 50:50 Raffle was won by Kerry. The 'kitty' now stands at \$28 with a 1:10 chance of taking it all home, so remember to buy your tickets next week!

REMINDER: There is no meeting next Wednesday (24th) as we're having a joint meeting with **KUMEU ROTARY** on Tuesday 23rd - Venue: 'The Fireplace' in Kumeu. Time: 6.30 for a 7.00 meal.

And the following week: Wednesday 30th - Bowling at Westgate at 6.00pm followed by dinner at Origins for those who wish.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER: August 22nd and 29th Trees For Survival Planting Days

Have a great week!