



## Waitakere News

May 21<sup>st</sup>

This week, being during Rotary Environment Month, we were addressed by Phil Twyford, environmentalist. Phil talked to us about a 'research trip' he did over summer, where he kayaked around the harbour's edge, stopping each day to talk to a variety of different environment groups, who look after our wetlands. Our harbours, which should be 'the jewels in our crown' are degrading due in part to effluent from dairying, and in part to heavy metal contamination from streets and factories. Although our natural environment is important, Phil feels the built up environment is just as important and often has a bigger impact on our lives, with such issues as traffic congestion, healthy homes, and the need for slower safer neighbourhoods being current topics of interest.



### AN EVENING WITH RIPE GARY HUANG

A group of eight of us had a very enjoyable evening with Henderson Rotary on Tuesday, when they hosted Rotary International President Elect Gary Huang and his wife Corinna. During the evening we were entertained by 'Heartstrings' a very talented couple who played the guitar and cello, and also by the City of Sails Barbershop Quartet. President Kerry then gave an account of the main work Henderson has been doing, before Gary addressed us all. What an entertaining speaker .... between showing us how to do a 'Chinese Happy Clap, and learning a simple Chinese song, we listened to a Chinese fable, and heard what stimulated his interest in the 'service and 'giving' aspects of Rotary.



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



ROTARACT CHANGEOVER: We have been invited to join Rotaract for their changeover on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:A.vanhest@live.com) Bank Account 02-0139-0126417-00 with your name and Waitakere as reference.

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VANUTAU:

We have received recognition for the work we've done at Orap school from Rufino, Assistant Governor from Area 9:

*Dear Sheena*

*I would like to congratulate you, your Club Members and more particularly Peter and Kerry and all those who have done a wonderful job at Orap Junior Secondary School during the past few years. I heard they have been back again and I am sure the whole community has greatly appreciated their work.*

*I remember many years ago requesting from David Hutchinson who was Chair of Community Services to get support to assist a community in North East Malekula who was struggling to complete a building construction project with material provided by the French Embassy. At that time David told me I think I got the "right guys", he could not have been more true!*

*I had picture of a building (a refectory) made on a such way that you would not stay inside from fear it will collapse over you.*

*I was given the opportunity to go to Orap last December and what I saw was a total different thing. All weak spots had been reinforced, the finishing completed, the place had become a safe place to have your meals!*

*As I was doing a consultancy work to evaluate the impact of the French Aid in the Communities, I was in my guts pleased and proud to find out when interviewing people that what they remembered was the tremendous work made by the Rotary team from Waitakere and forgot that material was sourced by the French Embassy. I took with me a picture of the plate commemorating the work done by your Club in transforming the building and show it to the french Embassy.*

*Maybe the best mark of recognition was the face of the officer at the French Embassy who was not so pleased that a small band of Kiwi Rotarians had taken all the credits! But who was there when help was needed! Rotary of Course!!!*

*Please convey my thanks to Peter and Kerry and tell them to let me know next time they will go, I will do my best to come over and share some time with them.*

*Yours in Rotary*

*Rufino AG9*

#### ROTARY INSTITUTE:

We would like to invite you to be part of The District 9910 Rotary Leadership Institute.

positions are filling so please get your nominated participants response in.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of three fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their Rotary knowledge base.

Courses are fun, topical and geared towards business leaders and professional people who want to be more effective leaders in their club or district and vocations as they become more knowledgeable Rotarians.

RLI is ideal for any Rotarian wanting to gain an overview of Rotary and particularly useful for those who have been selected for future club and district leadership positions e.g. Presidents Elect, committee chairs, project and event team leaders). This is not role specific training and it does not replace district training, such as PETS, SPPETS or LETS.

Rotary clubs are encouraged to select and nominate at least two RLI candidates annually. Enthusiastic RLI graduates return to their club with new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club. (Flyer attached)

#### CONVENTION:

While some of us are off to Sydney, for the Rotary Convention there, it's time to start planning your trip to the next convention:

*While preparing for your trip to Sydney, you can also get ready to register for São Paulo! All you need to do is create a My Rotary account at [www.rotary.org/myrotary](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary), if you haven't already done so, and make a note of your password.*

*Now you're ready to:*

- *Register for the RI Convention in São Paulo and pick up your one-of-a kind logo pin.*
- *Book rooms in your hotel of choice through On Peak, RI's official housing agency.*
- *Purchase tickets for Host Events organized by the São Paulo Host Organization Committee.*

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER:

This is also attached.

#### JAEDWYN GARDENS:

A notice has been received from Matt advising of a Working Planting Day on June 14th – it would be great if a group of members could go along for a while as we've not been very involved of late ... circle this date in your diaries and Patrick will take names next Wednesday.... See you there!

*I have been working within the garden spinney over the last month or so, clearing and prepping for a native tree planting working bee. I have arranged for some 400 native plants to be delivered to the garden to replant the stream bank and parts of the spinney where some of the plants need to be replaced. I have chosen Saturday 14 June at 10am.*

*Don't be too alarmed with the amount of plants to be planted, if we don't get them done I can finish them on the Sunday. Once again part of the working bee is to bring us all together for a chat share some stories have cup of tea, and who knows maybe a bit of brunch?*

*If you are interested in helping Jane and I out could you let me know. All the hard work's been done - the holes are dug I just need your support for an hour or so!*

*Thanks  
Matt*

#### TRAVELLERS:

Our best wishes go with the Thomson Trio who are off to Europe for a month on Sunday ...

Haven't heard from Domenic for a while ... he's walking somewhere in the wilds of the Pyrenees ...

#### GROUP LUNCH:

We have been invited to visit Roger’s new restaurant for lunch ( \$25 a head) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Derek will talk about this next Wednesday, but in the meantime, keep this date free too!

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 their meal.**

Date: <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dr Sharad Paul</b>
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Mike
Speaker	<b>Dr Sharad Paul</b>
Greeter - Introducer	Craiger
Grace	Patrick
Squire 1	Sheilagh
Squire 2	Monique
Thanker	Kerry
Parting Thought	Alan

**Dates to remember**

- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Pink Ribbon Breakfast – Van Lier Nurseries
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Rotaract Changeover – Black Salt (New Lynn)
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Meeting : Dr Sharad Paul speaking at Starling Park
- June 1-4 - Rotary World Convention Sydney
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Anthony Yelavich who we sponsored to attend MUNA in The Hague.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – BOARD MEETING
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Adrian van Hest who we sponsored to RYLA
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Jaedwyn Gardens Working Bee 10am
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Event – Lunch at Roger’s Restaurant
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Meeting: IYE Vincent’s final presentation on his year.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Waitakere Change Over