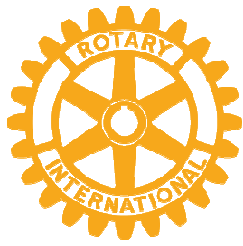


# Rotary



# Waitakere News

District 9910

June 25<sup>th</sup>

This week was our club's Changeover night ... with a red white and blue theme, lovely music from Renee, some interesting costumes, great raffle prizes, and delicious food, it was a night to remember!



Luke was pleased to receive a donation from Jack, and another from Peter, to help fund the work he's doing mentoring some local young boys.

We welcome President Patrick and his family ....



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

There are a few of up-coming events which were planned during the last Rotary year, but which will come to fruition this year:

SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT – This is a joint project with New Lynn Club, and involves creating a vegetable garden at Lincoln Heights School. The funding became available later than expected, but the plan is to go ahead with this asap.

WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS – This too has been an on-going event, with some of the Basketball Wheelchairs already being repaired, and a Grant Application currently being considered to repair more of them. Stacey Roche, the Halberg Trust Disability Sport Advisor will be coming along to speak to us (and hopefully will receive another cheque) on July 23<sup>rd</sup>

ELECTION MEETING – Way back in March we began planning an Election Dinner Meeting, where candidates from the main parties will come along to speak to us. This was originally planned for 25<sup>th</sup> July, but will now probably be in early August. Patrick is working with John to organise this event.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

We have received a polio update from PDG Lindsay Ford:

*Hi My Fellow Rotarians*

*Brazil now joins Israel as having wild polio virus in its sewage although it is at an airport. However, they have failed to find any more wild polio virus in Israeli sewage. Afghanistan is looking more promising as the society there is experiencing massive changes. Now 50% of school students are girls!*

*Some courageous work is being done in Pakistan. I hope they keep it up and expand it.*

*I believe this is good news coming so soon after the Sydney convention.*

*Regards  
Lindsay*

And a letter from Angela (ROMAC)

*Good morning President Sheena,*

*It doesn't seem like five minutes since your year as President was just starting and I was wishing you a successful year. I hope it has turned out to be everything you hoped for. At long last I can tell you that the money you donated to ROMAC has been successfully converted to a Global Grant to bring eight children from Vanuatu to Auckland for serious surgery. The Grant has been approved and the first child, a one-year old called Celine, will be arriving soon for heart surgery. We will keep you informed of her progress.*

*Thank you and your Club members very sincerely for your role in this project. We started out with a modest plan to use District Grant funds to treat one or possibly two children, and we ended up with the largest Global Grant that Rotary International has ever awarded – over a quarter of a million US dollars.*

*This is a wonderful result but it can only be one step in an on-going process. We know of many dozens of children in Vanuatu and other South Pacific countries who need urgent life-saving surgery.*

*It is my ambition to see ROMAC NZ with a secure and steady income stream in the future. The first step is to set in place the next round of Grant Applications and to raise money to keep ROMAC going between grants.*

*With this in mind, does your club have any left-over funds that you could donate to ROMAC before the end of your year? If each club in our district could give us just a small amount this would make a huge difference. We promise to make your money grow and to keep you informed of the lives that have been saved with your donation. Could you make this one of your last decisions as President? It will be great if that is possible.*

*Meantime, my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Change Over Night, and once again, very grateful thanks for all the support you have given to ROMAC this year.*

*Yours very sincerely,  
Angela*

Date: <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		Rotary Projects Night	
Meeting Manager		Derek	
Sergeant		Mike	
Speakers		<b>Directors ?</b>	
Greeter			
Grace		Joy	
<b>Squire 1</b>		Roger	
<b>Squire 2</b>		Jim	
<b>Thanker</b>			
<b>Parting Thought</b>		Ross	

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 their meal.**

*And that's all from me ... thanks for the support, friendship, and positive feedback throughout the year, it's been a great year for our club, and we can honestly say that we have "engaged Rotary and changed lives".*

**Sheena**

