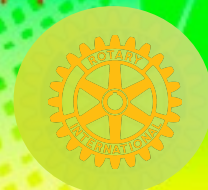


THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHANGAREI CITY

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PRESIDENT: Reo Smith **SECRETARY:** Tara Thompson

TREASURER: Lynley Summerlee

BOARD: Kevan Summerlee, PC Smith, Sandra McLean-Woods, Margaret Cebalo, Margaretha Wilson and Monique Swanepoel



01 Jul 1988	Bastion Point Land Returned
07 Jul 1916	NZ Labour Party Founded
14 Jul 1853	NZ's First General Election
20 Jul 1965	Riots and Warden Hostages Rock Mt Eden
24 Jul 2000	NZ Soldier Killed in East Timor
20 Jul 1979	Car-less Days First Introduced

	Caitlin	08 Jul
	Monique	12 Jul
	Robyn	09 Aug
	Isobel	15 Aug

<i>Who is and who was Overseas Recently?</i>	
Kristin	- New York & San Francisco
PC and Reo	- Brasil & Chile
Kevan & Lynley	- Hawaii
Margaret	- Melbourne
Margaretha	- Europe

BRING ON THE 2015-16 ROTARY YEAR ...

Welcome all Whangarei City Club members to our new Rotary Year.

Once again both Tara and myself are at the helm. For the next 6 months its me then Tara for the last 6 months of our 2 years "tour of Club Duty" as Dual President and Secretary, an interesting year feeling our way around the Rotary system and trying hard to keep all our club members informed when we could. Thank you all for your support.

Did you know that there are now three Clubs in our District for this Rotary Year Dualing the President Role.

We would like to thank our outgoing Board members George and Caitlin who, due to career training and work commitments out of the Whangarei region, often found it difficult to attend meetings but were first on hand when called upon for Club events. **Thank you.**

We would also like to thank our current Board members including Margaret and Margaretha who came aboard as Club Youth Coordinators late last year responsible for the RYLA and North Tech Science Programmes. Total support and wealth of knowledge from you all, was much appreciated by us both- a great group of workers - **Tara & Reo**



PONCHO Change-Over Evening 1st July 2015

A great night even though many club members were not in "town" on the night.

A big "thank you" to our guests - Vice Governor Maxine Neighbour and her husband Murray, President - Whangarei Rotary Club Gail Taylor and her husband Brian, President - Sunrise Rotary Club Jan Hewitt, IYE students Rachel Boyd, Louie Hewitt, Max Frey and Pia from Chile, Shirley Faber PE - Whangarei Rotary Club, Alison and Bill Rossiter - Whangarei Rotary Club, Shona Keatley and Sarah Boyd.

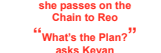
We were very lucky to have Rachel Boyd back from Auckland University who gave a fantastic presentation about her Rotary Youth Exchange in Brasil 2014-2015.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grocery Hamper - PC Smith
Shawl and Shoulder Bar - Margaretha



Final duties for Tara before she passes on the Chain to Reo



"What's the Plan?" asks Kevan



The Board and their Roles for this Rotary year are: **Dual President and Secretary** - Reo and Tara, **Treasurer** - Lynley, **Foundation, District Rep and DGE 2016-17** - PC, **Projects and Membership Co-ordinator** - Kevan, **District 9910 IYE Committee Rep** - Sandra McLean-Woods, **Dual Youth Co-ordinators** - Margaret and Margaretha and, welcome Monique, who is the Club's **Friendship Exchange and IYE Host Families Coordinator**.

If you are able to host either adult couples for Friendship Exchange or as a Host family for our Inbound IYE student(s), please contact Monique.

FAREWELL PIA FROM CHILE ...

Pia gave her final presentation to the Club 27 May which was a very sad moment for her. She arrived in NZ 11 July 2014 to a flooded region of the North which she will never forget, especially the sight of three cows standing on a grass mound in the middle of paddock surrounded by water.

The highlight of her 12 month Exchange was undoubtedly the South Island trip of 19 days during November/December 2014.

Pia thoroughly enjoyed meeting the NZ people and the opportunity to participate in all the activities that Rotarians and WGHS provided for her to experience for the first time. Being a Buddy to a deaf student for a whole week at Challenge Camp was a memorable experience for her.

Pia thanked her Host Families Reo and PC, Margaret Cebalo, and Jan Hewitt from the Whangarei Sunrise Club and expressed her appreciation for their wonderful hospitality and care. She tasted all the NZ food that was put on her plate, changed her culinary delights, took a liking to hokey pokey icecream, shopped frequently, mastered the English language and New Zealand slang, and made brand new friends both Kiwi and International.

We all wished her the very best and that she have a happy and fulfilling future. Adios Pia.

Pia flew back to Chile Saturday 4 July.



THANK YOU SANDRA LEONARD ...

It was with much regret that our club had to accept Sandra's resignation dated 30 June 2015. She will now have valued time to spend with her family and grandchildren and just chill.

Sandra was a 2010 Charter member of the Club, a Past Club President (2012), any and everything that you can think of relating to the International Youth Exchange programme from host mum to counsellor, an INTERACT Club Liaison Organiser, a participant and organiser for Club projects, and the rest. Thank you Sandra, your time with the club was truly valued.

THANK YOU WHANGAREI RSA ...

On behalf of all the Whangarei City Rotary Club members, Tara and I would like to thank the RSA for the recent use of their Upstairs room and now currently the Bowling Pavilion, for our fortnightly meetings. Thanks Colleen for making this happen.

WHANGAREI CITY CLUB'S WEBSITE ...

Our new look formatted website is almost there with a few little maintenance hiccups to manage. Visitors to the website and you, will now be able to view the INFORMER online, a big plus. Upcoming Events will be in full View on the Home page and more. *"well thats the plan"*

Our thanks to Elaine at **Online Design** at the Town Basin who with her team developed our new look website/webpage. Thank you Ayla for the lessons and quickly finding the accidental deletes and botch-ups that just happened. *"funny that"* Thank goodness the site was not "live".

A Parting Thought

Every disappointment is a gift, you just have to unwrap it.

This is the location for our new look Club WEBSITE which will contain the link when the website goes live - so watch this space.

LATEST CLUB LOTTERY RESULTS ...

Drawn at Changeover
First Draw Winner - Reo.

Second Draw winner-Margaret.

More participants are needed, see Lynley for further information, a worthwhile source of generating club funds to help our IYE students to attend various events e.g. Challenge Camp, and sponsor local students for MUNA and North Tech Science. Thank you members currently contributing.



PC's journey has now begun leading up to his year 2016-2017 as District Governor.

This Rotary year as DGE (District Governor Elect), he will be in-training, all fast approaching, with days in Nelson, Parramatta and in January 2016 the big one in San Diego **and**, there are spousal training sessions as well - *"I know how to starch and iron a shirt" .. interesting!!* Club members do however, need to be aware that their support, especially leading up to and during his DG year will be greatly needed. An exciting journey for the Club and its members as well.

Watch this space!

FYI #1 - Our IYE Student from Japan

Our Japanese student Wako Fujiwara will be arriving at Auckland International Airport this Thursday morning, picked up by PC and Reo and taken to Monique and George's home being her first Host family. Her Counsellor is Sandra. We look forward to meeting Wako at our next Club meeting.

FYI #2 - RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)

Date: Sunday 16 August 2015: 8.45am - 4.15pm
Where: 17 Keyte St, Kensington Whangarei - lunch provided.

This is the opportunity for the Club to nominate at least two prospective Club leaders to attend this fun interactive hands-on series of 3 modules designed to provide Rotary knowledge. At present we have Margaretha ready to finish Module 3. The cost to attend these 3 one day long courses at various venues and dates are covered by the Club. As Club leadership changes every year there is a vast pool of new ideas available to help you challenge and put your stamp on your leadership as a Club leader.

Applications close 3 August, so if you are adventurous, want to learn all about the wider spectrum of Rotary, give us your name. Our Club needs a President and Secretary to replace Tara and Reo at the end of this Rotary year. Talk to someone to dual it with you - **we need you!** For further info see any Board member. *"SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE"*

FYI #3 - Firewood

We have had to put this project on hold due to the very limited pool of club volunteers with vehicles who have tow bars. We certainly have the loaders, stackers and vehicles but no tow bars for the trailers and we have been relying on the same two members each time we have orders, many orders. The firewood is still available but you need to contact Sandra to make arrangements etc.

CONGRATULATIONS

Peter and Elaine
All the very best for your Governors year and safe travels throughout the District. We look forward to your visit to our Club in September - Whangarei City Rotary Club members.

For Your Info

Next Club Meeting -
Wed 22 July
Guest Speaker: Alexis Chapman - 2015 RYLA
Graduate sponsored by our Club, and more
INFORMER EDITOR : Reo Smith