

## President's Report 28 June 2011 from Pam Hanna

I have had what has in reality been two and a half years of acting as President of this Club. As Tui reported in our first Bulletin of this Rotary year the extensive list of people helped, organisations supported and communities touched in the 2009/2010 year amazed her, and she reported hearing someone say "and that was just before lunch" and we've really added to the momentum since then, and that is just before dinner!

At that last Changeover meeting on 29 June 2010 we had the pleasure of Eileen Guise sharing about her history and the story of her special life with Anselm, and Stephen Fitzjohn helped us think outside the square and look forward with various youtube clips.

In the second week into our 2010/2011 year we then went into an evening of club visioning – held at the Tenth's Trust Manaia House on Marine Parade. We had a great venue, some yummy pizzas and great participation and lots of ideas. We had a follow up session and prioritised the results – and I've told Neil and the current Board members that I will facilitate getting our key facilitator, PDG Ross Murray, back for a further follow up session some time soon.

Particular guests during the last twelve months have included: Sergeant Anaru Pewhairangi, JSP Co-ordinator Robert Hutton, Joan McGrath and Hannah O'Rourke and Albert Fairbrother from Sacred Heart primary school; Angela Fabling and Chris? Fabling (Tim's Mum and Dad); Eddie Chuah and Roy Furnell from the Petone Community Patrol; and especially, our Assistant Governor Ian Grigor and his wife Betsy, and DG Howard Tong and Jenny Flannigan.

**We have had Speakers** from: Samaritans (Marilyn Mabon and Stuart Lusty); Xaver Hausner Ambassadorial Scholar amazing!; Now DG Elect (and past Petoneite) Graeme Blick and his amazing Antarctic experiences; Regional Councillor Pru Lamason, and later Peter Glensor as DHB Chair; Graeme Stevens X1 and his brother Alan! X2; Neil Jarvis of the Foundation for the Blind; Ross Cameron from WFA; James Crampton from GNS; DG Howard Tong when he also surprised Dave Gratton (who normally knows everything) and Bernie Hall (with his Tong before the Gong humour) on our behalf with Paul Harris awards for each of them; Shane Cotter, Logistics officer at Hutt Police; Beryl Colley re Stem Cell Transplants; John Dobson; Mere Te Paki and Janis Awatere; Peter Foese, Jordan McMillan and Nuia Puloka from Youth Infusion; Sandra Bartlam for Martin Garcia re Rotary WCS; Ross de Rouffignac on his career as a photographer; Des Schollum about his collection of historic documents and rare books; Tim Fabling X2; Phil Newborn from Upper Hutt Rotary about a possible project in Papua New Guinea; Teresa Hobman re polio; Brian Klee re tramping trips organised by Rotary Club of Mosgiel; Aaron Jarden from NZ Assoc of Positive Psychologists; Neville Ramsbottom-Isherwood re his family connection to Vladimir Lenin; Tony Grubb re the Navy's response to Christchurch earthquake; Camilla Welsh – winner of 2010 Supreme Business Award; Laura Sommers (Eileen's daughter) on the possible uses of internet tools for Rotary.

And great sharing/speaking from our own talented Members: Colin Partington, Roy Hewson, Alan Stevens X2, and Tui and Gary Lewis – with their tap dancing and other stories

### Activities and Attendances:

- Foodbank collection on 1 August
- 8 August Britannia House Afternoon tea
- Presentation and \$4000 worth of funding of Gillies McIndoe Microscope
- Gift of Green presentation to a record 18 families
- Attendance at 18 May handover of a brand new 'Rotary' ambulance to WFA that we contributed towards
- The civic reception for RI President Ray Klinginsmith,
- Te Omanga acknowledgement of its supporters
- White Ribbon Day gathering and lunch on 25 November

- Britannia House 10 November dinner at Weltec 'restaurant.'
- Start up of Petone Community Patrol with Don the original Judd patroller involved at the start of this initiative, and Tui and Gary being the club members taking it forward.
- Set up of a website for the Hutt News Petone Rotary Fair
- The ATC Prizegiving
- Roy Claridge encouraging us all to become centurion members (which involves us as individuals paying \$100 a year to NZRWCS for Rotary International projects) and at least seven of us did so and we hope more members will join us.
- We had a visit from Western Hutt, and the annual BBQ with them in late January
- Christmas afternoon tea at Britannia House
- Many of us joining Ron Wickes and his family at a funeral for Tina on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, and helping celebrate Tina's life.
- Zealandia afternoon tea and guided tour – very good value and very enjoyable – thanks Neil
- 25<sup>th</sup> November White Ribbon Day community gathering and lunch
- 20 December Eastbourne welcome for Cycling NZ for Polio Plus for Xaver
- Christmas gifts to Women's Refuge
- We supported and helped achieve the listing of the Petone Courthouse as a heritage building on the NZHPT list
- We supported Neil and a President Elect from the Rotary Club of Rarotonga to attend the first South Pacific President Elect training weekend
- Marshalling for Americarna event on February 24 and 25
- Helping fund Britannia House's van and new washing machine and drier
- Donating money for a Community Patrol vehicle and helping with a fundraising movie night that raised further funds.

Our Fair stalls booked out earlier than usual and the Fair achieving even higher results – in terms of what we raised and how much other people and organisations were supported to raise money and/or awareness.

Christchurch Earthquake – we thought of people there and raised money at a sergeants session and then also donated all that we raised by marshalling for Americarna to the RNZWCS Canterbury Earthquake fund which is being managed by the Rotary District Governor for Canterbury. We individually also donated and then bought lots of Personal Emergency packs from Western Hutt Rotary Club.

Taveuni Ambulance: \$22,000 was raised in less than two months – such is the power of Rotary nationwide and mainly at our own District 9940 level. It is due to be shipped to Fiji in mid July, and we still have money in the special account set up to deal with all the \$100 to \$500 donations made by individual clubs, as well as input from each of the districts.

#### **Thank Yous:**

- To Tui for being a great Bulletin Editor
- To Gary for covering for Tui and writing the Bulletin on at least 4 occasions
- To Dave for bringing our gear and setting up before meetings and taking things home afterwards
- To Warwick for filling the Bulletin Editor role when neither of the Lewis' have been available and for covering for Dave sometimes as well
- To Bernie and Dave for their ongoing work as Treasurer and Secretary
- To Stephen for ongoing organisation of speakers
- To Mike Bolton for organising the 'Rotary' funded WFA to be outside Caffiend on August 31<sup>st</sup> and showing us how everything worked and Yope Bon for being prepared to be photographed being raised by the ambulance hydraulic lift – and giving some people a scare

- To Yope for getting more banners for us and bringing them to the beach clean up day and other events
- To Dick and Kerry for their very erudite and brief Sergeants sessions.
- To Roy Claridge for organising our involvement in the Rotary centurion club
- To Brian Fox for reminding people to use the microphone
- To Don Ferreira for being our Almoner
- To Don Judd for putting up with Dick and Kerry wanting to educate him – although they seem to have achieved their goal with a few months of the Rotary year to spare
- To Roy Hewson for getting a plaque in the Petone Walk of Champions organised for Bob Scott
- To DG Howard Tong for all his Blog and other efforts and seeing the chance of an ambulance deal between Rotary and WFA. And to Mike and Sure for getting the Taveuni ambulance up to the District assembly in Palmerston North
- To Neil for covering for me for the two weeks I was away with swine flu in late August/early September
- To Colin for attending the first Rotary leadership training workshop in our area.
- To Gerry for taking apologies unflappably all year and for taking names for other things as well
- To our three musketeers – Fair supremos: George, Eileen and Alan
- To our group of committed Board members - Stephen, Dave, Bernie, Tui, Gerry, Colin, Neil and Alan – for the discussion and background thinking and work undertaken.

**Newspaper coverage during the year has included:**

Petone Herald – 13 July

3 August re Gillies McIndoe handover of equipment,

10 August re Swim for Malaria with Epuni;

19 October re Paul Harris awards to Dave and Bernie;

14 June – Bob Scott plaque

21 June – Yope’s award and our 60<sup>th</sup>

**Funding Support has included:**

- ✚ Sacred Heart School Petone for the travel costs of senior students on their South Island school trip, and amazing feedback from two of the students to us on September 28<sup>th</sup> about their time in the South Island and especially at the Pike River Memorial Service.
- ✚ Books in Homes for all Sacred Heart pupils – with help from Pencarrow Rotary Club.
- ✚ Britannia House \$2000 more for the van plus \$3900 for washing machine and drier;
- ✚ Hutt Hospital Womens Auxillary
- ✚ White Ribbon Day via Te Huinga o Te Whanau Hall
- ✚ Gifts for children and mothers in Women’s Refuges
- ✚ Assisted ATC cadets with course fees
- ✚ Birthright Christmas Party
- ✚ St John Ambulance
- ✚ Te Omanga’s palcare computer system
- ✚ Save Blong Yu

District Governor Howard and Jenny Flannigan came to our Christmas meeting and Howard got all poetic on his blog. He said he and Jenny had just returned from a ‘P’ party! “A passionate President Pam from Petone presided over plenty of participating members in a packed café in Petone’s main street enjoying plates of nibbles, plonk and pontification. This club is a real PAV – great people, heaps of activity, a great venue and with real passion.”

We got an RI President’s Citation; we have three more Paul Harris Awardees; Bob Scott says he is still coming when he is well; Neil and others will present Dictionaries to Petone Central year 5s at their assembly this Friday; Our nomination of Seini O’Connor as a vocational scholar is very likely to go ahead and she is keen to come and speak to us; we have money in the bank at HVHS for

some more Mokoia Island courses – if we can find transport in January; our fees for Pete Foese attending RYLA are being held over by Plimmerton Rotary.

We had a great 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Earlier in the day a good crowd turned up to watch Bruce Scott unveil his father's plaque on Jackson Street's Walk of Champions. Over afternoon tea in Petone Rugby's Memorabilia room we heard wonderful stories about Bob Scott from the influence he'd had on young players of the day like Andy Leslie to him teaching Allan Hewson inside the shop on how to kick goals using rolled up rugby socks! And all speakers made mention of Bob's humble and generous nature.

Then a big thank you to the nearly 120 people who attended our anniversary dinner at the Petone Working Men's Club. We were honoured to have so many people from other Rotary Clubs and so many guests join us and have Mayor Ray Wallace welcome everyone and offer a toast to our club.

The world premier of our DVD took place and Colin Partington and particularly Gary Lewis need a huge vote of thanks for all the time they put into the production of the DVD.

And we now have a wealth of oral history information.