



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHANGAREI CHRONICLE

21 June 2008



June is Rotary **Fellowship** Month

Welcome back Group Study Exchange

President Kevan opened the dinner meeting with a warm welcome to all members and guests. Jim Currie was thanked for the huge effort made to organise the Welcome Home evening for the GSE Team and was awarded the 'Crown'.

Presidents Notebook

-Kevan noted that this meeting would be something of an historical event as it would be the last in the Whangarei Club rooms. A presentation was made to Debbie and the thanks and appreciation of the Whangarei Rotary Club were passed on to the Whangarei Club.

-No meeting next week - GSE welcome on Saturday night instead
-Meeting on July 1 is Changeover night

Guests

Lesley McCardle, He Matariki; GSE Team Dave McCluggage, Tracey, Matt, Jo; DG Keith Rogers; DG Elect Keith Rogers and Trish; GSE District Committee members, club members and their partners.

Apologies

Apologies received from Ray who is away for 2-3 weeks, Joop and Noelene, Gerry Norman and Andrew [Jo's partner]

Guest Speaker

Lesley McCardle is the CEO of He Matariki and gave a brief outline of the nature of the organisation and how it fills a very import role in providing continuous education opportunities for young women who become pregnant and have young children. Thirty five young women currently participate in the He Matariki programme. the unit is staffed with 3.5 full time teaching positions and offers a range of NCEA courses.

President Kevan presented a number of computers that the club have located and donated for use in the He Matariki programmes. A new initiative by the Whangarei Rotary Club was also announced - through this initiative a scholarship of \$2000.00 will be made available to assist one of the He Matariki graduates with tertiary studies.

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District Governor	Keith Rogers
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Other Whangarei Clubs

Whangarei South Meeting	Pres Colin Wrack Thursday 5.15pm
Venue	A'Fare
Whangarei Sunrise Meeting	Pres Gary Ryan Friday 7.00am
Venue	Dickens Inn

Calendar

1.7	Changeover A'Fare 6.00pm "10-8-10"
29.7	Speech competition
5.8	D G visit
26.8	Speech competition

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Raffle: congrats to Colleen who won the raffle - a very nice Red

Group Study Exchange Welcome Home Dinner



After the dinner the 5 team members gave very interesting presentations about their experiences visiting Wales and England as part of the Group Study Exchange

GSE Team Leader Dave spoke about experience is one of the most rewarding in Rotary.

I was asked what was the single most memorable thing of the tour - it wasn't hard because it was the people we met along the way, fantastic folk who dared to take us into their lives, dared to take us into their homes and dared to share their families. We enriched their lives as much as they enriched ours.



We laughed a lot at all situations we met, laughed at and with ourselves, secure in the knowledge that we were friends, secure in the knowledge that we were a team, secure in the knowledge that things would work out or we would and could make them work out.

Key themes that came through from the team members as they spoke about their experiences:



-the awesome experience of interacting with history that goes back thousands of years

-the incredible hospitality of the host families

-The indescribable experience of becoming part of a close knit team

-the experience of visiting many different sites related to 'individual vocations

-the superb and limitless hospitality of the Rotary Club members

-becoming part of the iconic GSE experience

-the enrichment both ways





District Governor Keith Rogers welcomed the Team back



District Governor Elect Neil Reid



A very convivial atmosphere

Rotary Fellowship

Club Meeting and Duty Roster				Hospital Roster
Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to attend the meeting				
	Tues July 1	Tues July 8	Tues July 15	
Speaker	"10 - 8 - 10"	Libby Urbahn	Graeme Kerr	July
Topic	Changeover	"Eye of the Camel"	Cemeteries	Rex
Host	A'fare	Mike	Colin	Aug
Thanks	6.00pm	Eric	Sandra	
Reception	\$30.00 per head	Joop	Bill	Sept
Raffle	Cash bar available	Graeme	Dave	
Parting Thought		Rex	Ray	

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