



Rotary Club of Whanganui - Bulletin 7 : 13 August 2018

Meeting – 13 August 2018

DG Marion Johnston – Official Visit to Club

Host: Bob Smith
Thanks: Stephen Lacey
Top Table: Dot McKinnon
Sergeant: Ian McGowan

Meeting – 20 Aug. 2018

Dr Dragos Bratasuna The Pursuit of Dreams

Host: Jim Callaghan
Thanks: Josh Chandulal-
Mackay
Top Table: Gil Bycroft
Sergeant: Dennis McGowan

Meeting – 27 Aug 2018

Club Speakers – Toronto Convention, Nagaisumi – Cho Visit, Choir Tour

Host: Marion Davenport
Thanks: John Worthington
Top Table: Annie Gilroy
Sergeant: John Henderson

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting: (6 August 2018)

Present - 25
Apologies: - 11
Silent : - 10
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Men's Care Bags

Donations for Men's Care
Bags to Henry Ngapo.
Items may be left at the
meeting.

Ken Chernoff – Jazz in Whanganui today and tomorrow

Ken began his talk by playing a Karakia on his tenor saxophone something he said he does as a matter of course these days – a traditional Maori introduction in an innovative way.

Ken's early years were dominated by music but at the age of around 30 he realised that he could make more money as a waiter than as a musician, needed to have a more regular income and entered the field of Hotel management and more latterly arranging tours of special venues. He and his wife came to Whanganui about 4 years ago to follow his son who now lives with his family here. Music has always been an important part of his life and he has always been looking for that something extra. He found it in playing jazz - Jazz is a small part of a wider genre of music which enables personal interpretation of music within an environment of respect and cooperation with others.

He has been President of the Whanganui Jazz Club for two years, a Club which has over 200 members and which provides a monthly concert to audiences of 100 – 150 people. With the closing of the RSA they will relocate to the St Johns Club. Ken is strongly of the view that one meeting a month is not really good enough and has been working hard to extend the opportunities for everyone to experience jazz more often. Arrangements with the Musicians Club, the opening of Lucky Bar and involvement with the River City Big Band have provided that.

There is now a large number of young people entering the field with Jazz schools in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. There are many international opportunities which many are following up. He has started providing introductory classes in schools and two students at Whanganui High School have performed particularly well and are now Ambassadors for the genre. The aim is to get more in High Schools aware and involved with this form of music as it is based on improvisation within a structure based on respect and cooperation offered great opportunities for individual expression.

International Jazz Day is an International Day declared by UNESCO in 2011 “to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe” It is celebrated annually on April 30 each year. It is fitting recognition of a music genre which spans all cultures and which provides for individual expression when playing and which epitomises respect for and cooperation with others in the presentation of a performance.

Membership Month : What can we offer the young professionals:

Networking: Many young professionals are looking for business, and that's OK. People do business with those they know, like, and trust. **Leadership:** Through Rotary, young professionals are able to establish themselves as leaders in the community. **Mentorship:** Many of our young professionals are also interested in working with current community leaders and in being mentored. **Time & money:** Clubs have increasing flexibility to address the time and money issue in ways they see fit, ways that are adapted to their unique communities and challenges. **Family Commitments:** Family is important, and there may be no better place for a young professional to spend quality time with their family, while teaching their children valuable life lessons in service. (From RDU)