



Rotary Club of Whanganui - Bulletin 9 : 27 August 2018

Meeting – 27 Aug 2018

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

Host: Dot McKinnon
Thanks: John Worthington
Top Table: Annie Gilroy
Sergeant: John Henderson

Meeting – 3 Sept 2018

Katy Newton

Welcoming Communities Programme

Host: Martin Visser
Thanks: Ann Petherick
Top Table: Dennis McGowan
Sergeant: Jim Callaghan

Meeting – 10 Sept 2018

Russell Simpson

Himalayan Adventure

Host: Don Wilson
Thanks: Dick Mitchell
Top Table: Max Restieaux
Sergeant: Kate Smith

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting: (20 August 2018)

Present - 22
Apologies: - 9
Silent : - 15
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Men's Care Bags

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

Dr Dragos Bratanu – The Pursuit of Dreams

Dragos grew up in Romania, was educated at a primary and secondary level there and then went on to University when he was provided with \$100 a month for five years by the State. What you were taught, what you could do was very structured and dissent was dealt with harshly. Towards the end of his university study he decided to work towards achieving his two dreams – going to the North Pole and going to the South Pole. He told no-one what his dreams were but using his computer he sent 100s and 100ws of e-mails throughout the world to see if anyone would help him achieve those dreams. Eleven months and 9 days later he was on his way to Antarctica with a high quality camera - then on the day he left Argentina to go there he got advice that someone would take him to the Arctic. He thought if I can do this what else can I achieve. Subsequently he attended Universities in the US and spoke to many luminaries throughout the world about how best to achieve your dreams. The conclusion was that your dreams are about your unique experience, in spirit and in truth. To happen they must come from the heart and the mind is simply a servant. You are never too old, it is never too late and they need to become leaders of your life. There are always reasons why not to do something – but need to let the dream drive you. He mentioned at an international study had found that 80 – 95% of people in jobs and with skills didn't really like what they were doing or really care about what they do. He then went on to say that 350M people suffer from anxiety/depression throughout the world and that number is rising. Is there a link between the two?

The answer – do something you love, do something you care about.

What is in your heart provides the drive

What is in your hand provides the means

Who are you doing it for? - how do you serve.

He commented that it aligns well with the Rotary concept of Service. Start every day with what is in your heart and every day by working to achieve it you will have fulfilment. Dragos is working towards two of his current dreams – a successful world book tour and starting a business at a venue yet to be decided.

Rotary Learning and Information 101 – 9 September – Whanganui Fire Station.

9.00 am – 1.30 pm. Lunch provided.

An opportunity for you to mix with Rotarians from other clubs, and learn about the opportunities for personal growth and community involvement offered through Rotary. *If you are interested in attending please let Jim Callaghan know.*

Tree Planting at Hospice

Sandy McDougall had advised that they have booked 19th September from 1.30-4.30pm for tree planting at the Hospice. If any members would like to assist it would be much appreciated. You will need to bring your own spade and make sure that you are wearing gumboots (or old gardening shoes).



SEVEN-WEEK ROTARY CHALLENGE

- Week 1: Go to Rotary (optional extra – go early, stay late)
- Week 2: Go to Rotary (optional extra – sit with someone new-to-you)
- Week 3: Go to Rotary (optional extra – visit another club meeting)
- Week 4: Go to Rotary (optional extra – take your spouse/partner along)
- Week 5: Go to Rotary (optional extra – volunteer for a new project)
- Week 6: Go to Rotary (optional extra – take a friend along)
- Week 7: Go to Rotary (optional extra – your choice)