An inspirational induction ceremony on 29th August 2019 for three new members of the Napier Club – N.Z. Governor David Gower and KI 2019-20 President Elect Art Riley were honoured to assist.

*Back row:* David Gower, Lynda Gower, Art Riley, Vickie Riley
*Front row:* Ara Riki, Gwelda Eria, Liz Ratima and Lexia Puna
Kiwanis NZSP
District Patron
Her Excellency
The Right Honourable
Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO, Governor General of New Zealand

DISTRICT OFFICERS

2018/19
Governor: David Gower
District Secretary: Graham Chick
District Treasurer: Tony Popplewell
Governor-Elect: Brian Reed
Past Governor: Pierre Macabies

Lieutenant Governors:
Division 1: Neil Allan
Division 2: Diane Hodgson
Division 6: Corinne Cullell
Division 7: Vaiata Perry-Friedman
Division 9: Rob Pentreath
Division 11: Carolyn Hutchison

Message from District Governor
2018-19

Our 2018 – 2019 Convention has come and gone. Without doubt, it was a highly successful and very enjoyable event to mark the end of our 50th year as a District, and a year which witnessed many other milestones as well. We thank Clinton Green and his team for organising such a great Convention.

(David and Lynda Gower at Napier Convention)

Conventions are often a barometer of a District and how it is running but also a thermometer of the ‘temperature’ of the clubs within the District. Not only was the weather outside the venue in Napier great but the barometers and thermometers inside the venue also gave a diagnosis of continuing good health, a strong heart, all arteries performing close to capacity and all extremities functioning well. It has been a good but very busy year.

The District was once again put firmly on Kiwanis worldwide Map through being once again placed in the top-ten finalists for a signature project. Last year it was Morrinsville (it’s Kiwanis Children’s day) on the world stage, and this year it was Oceanside’s turn for the Kiwanis Threads Across the Pacific project. These both count as proud achievements of our District.

Convention was to have been attended by International President Poly Lat but ill health prevented him from travelling and International President-Elect Art Riley and his wife Vickie, attended as our International Delegates to Convention. Art addressed Convention and also members from three of the District’s clubs while he was in NZ. We heard some sage and inspiring words from Art.

Our Communications Officer Danielle Desarmagnac produced an excellent commemorative booklet to mark our 50 years as a District. This was released at Convention
and highlights Kiwanis 50 years ago and we thank Danielle for her dedication and wonderful publication.

Convention also saw the handing over of the Treasurer’s role by Tony Popplewell after 14 years on end, as our trusted and much liked Treasurer. A suitable moment at Convention was used to mark this occasion.

The weekend prior to our own Convention the District of Australia held their Convention which was also attended by Art and Vickie. District Secretary Graham Chick and I also attended as representatives of the NZ-SP District and were warmly welcomed as “mates” – a term which Art told me he had learned since arriving in Australia, with its meaning as referring to; “any other person”.

I reported briefly to the Australian Convention about my recent meeting to Fiji and suggested to them there was no reason that Kiwanians from All our countries, could not in the future, all meet in Fiji for a working-holiday in the sun, and for two or three days donate our labour to activities like reading to children in schools, or painting a classroom or building and therefore benefit the children of another country touched by Kiwanis. I am pleased to report that my suggestion received great interest and so I have undertaken to investigate this further during my year as your Immediate Past Governor.

Yours in gratitude to you all, and in the spirit of Kiwanis,
David Gower.
Island. Perhaps making these could be a project for clubs?

A report was also given on the Schools Support Programme. There is an enormous backlog of stuff to send – enough to fill 6x20ft containers. A general discussion was held on this – and the comments will be used by the District Board to try to enable a solution to be found.

The “Threads”/Oceanside Club received a KI Signature Project award, being a Top 10 finalist of all projects worldwide. Caroline Mason thanked all clubs who had helped with the project.

**Governor David Gower gave his report.**

He thanked the Board and was pleased to see a small growth in membership.

The first Circle K club had opened in New Caledonia.

The District had celebrated its 50th birthday. Thanks were given to Tony Popplewell (District Treasurer); to Danielle Desarmagnac (Communications/PR) and Julie Wright (Kaleidoscope editor).

Governor David felt the various languages in our district added colour, and he stressed we all need to help each other.

Division boundaries will stay unchanged.

The investment made in Fiji through the donation of a vehicle to take preschool education to villages was a good one.

At the Australian District Convention there was much praise and offers of help for the Fiji project.

Governor David offered his support to incoming Governor Brian Reed; and gave special thanks to District Secretary Graham Chick for his help all year. Graham will continue in this role for another year.

Thanks were also expressed to Clinton Green as Convention organiser.

Governor David finished by acknowledging all his team.

The formal/Art Deco evening function was a great success, with many participants dressing up for the occasion. The band was great, and the meal was also very good.

Saturday started with the adoption of the Treasurer’s report and the Foundation Trust report.

$791 had been raised the previous evening by the raffle and $120 by Clinton Green’s auction, both in aid of the Foundation Trust. In addition North West Christchurch presented a $415 donation to the Foundation Trust from their club’s recent bottle auction.

More reports followed, after which Danielle Desarmagnac presented a workshop on the “**Image of Kiwanis**” outlining what PR tools etc are available to clubs from KI and how they should be used.

Four motions had been presented to Convention. Motion One was withdrawn; motions 2, 3, and 4 were all adopted (motion 3 unanimously).

An additional motion, that the 60 day requirement, for nomination to International Trustee be waived this time, was adopted.

A very informative presentation by Michel Fongue was given on the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

**Awards were presented as follows:**

Clinton Green Award 2018-19: Tony Popplewell, for service as District Treasurer 14 years in a row

Bulletin: English language: North West Christchurch – Editor Julie Wright

French language: Sud Ouest – Editor Danielle Desarmagnac

Club Attendance patches to all attending clubs 2017-2018

Distinguished Divisions award to Div 6 & Div 1 2017-2018

Distinguished Clubs award to 16 clubs in our District 2017-2018

Distinguished District award to NZ-SP as we had a net increase in membership

**President-elect Art Riley** then gave the Keynote address. He stressed he came to our Convention to listen and learn. He had stood in for Poly Lat who is undergoing chemo in the Philippines. He told the Convention that 20 districts in 2017-2018 had had positive membership growth. Actions are needed, not
words. Kids coming out of University need more leadership skills. Serving the children of the World is our pledge.

Left to Right: Governor David Gower, KI President-elect Art Riley, Governor Elect Michelle Cordioli, Governor Designate Brian Reed.

Election results & appointments as follows:
Foundation Trustees: Ewan Beck 2 year position; Kevin Choat 1 year position
Governor Designate: Brian Reed
District Secretary: Graham Chick
District Treasurer: Ann Raymond-van Daalen
Governor Elect: Michelle Cordioli
International Trustee Candidate: Michel Fongue
Winner of Growth Competition (sponsor of most new members): Rex Crenfeldt

A group of Key Clubbers from Papatoetoe Key Club and Napier Girls High School Key Club were then introduced to the Convention. Bo Phong (left in photo) gave an excellent speech urging clubs to utilise and mobilise the youth into service. We are all different but we must share. Youth needs service by youth. And one of the girls told of a can drive to help the homeless and hungry.

Art Riley congratulated the Key Clubbers for their contribution and told of 300,000 Key clubbers worldwide. Key clubs train leaders of tomorrow for our communities.

Ian Johnson of Lower Hutt indicated that he hopes to start a key club in the Wellington area.

Convention 2020: a promotion was given by North West Christchurch, 28/29 August 2020 at Addington Raceway and the Elms Hotel. Registration will be $270 as it was six years ago!

Governor Designate Brian Reed spoke of his coming year. “Talk the talk; Walk the walk; and don’t forget to shut the back door! This will be the key to success and to the future. Look, Listen and learn, and finally, KEEP IT SIMPLE AND SAFE!”

Following the conclusion of the Convention, there was a fun evening function (Nautical theme). Most attendees managed to sort out costumes – sailors, pirates, cruising passengers, etc. The venue was the Napier Sailing Club and there were excellent entertainment items including ones by Napier Club, Divisions 6 and Division 7, and a lovely meal too.

A special presentation was made to Tony Popplewell for time served as District Treasurer, and to David Gower in recognition for his year as District Governor.

Thanks also to those responsible for such a great Convention and weekend. Well done everybody!
The 2018-19 Growth Incentive prize was drawn and announced at the District convention in Napier at the end of August. The winner’s name was drawn ‘out of the hat’ by Kiwanis International representative, Vice President Art Riley. The well deserved winner: Rex Crenfeldt from Taupo, whose name was chosen from more than 80 entries (up from 44 last year) is the reason why the Taupo club is still in existence. A year ago, when the club’s membership fell to an unsustainably low level, Rex called on the District Growth team for help. The result of a membership blitz in the town was three new members, the added bonus being that Rex as a sponsor, won the Growth Incentive prize.

This year’s luxury escape is comprised of two nights accommodation at Sky City Grand Hotel in Auckland, with a daily a la carte breakfast, daily complimentary drink and a $NZ100 food and beverage credit. It also includes discounted tickets for tourist attractions around the city. The 5-star luxury escape, (valued at $1000) awaits Rex and Colleen to be enjoyed before the end of January 2020.

It was with a deal of sadness that the district “farewelled” Tony Popplewell ONZM, as District Treasurer (but not as a Kiwanian) at the Napier convention on 29-30 August. Tony, who had flown in especially from a holiday in sunny Queensland for the weekend to present his 15th and last financial report to the district, showed his dedication to Kiwanis in that final gesture.

A small presentation was made to Tony at the dinner on Saturday night, in recognition of the long service he has given to Kiwanis, not just as a District Governor and Treasurer but in many other roles as well. Over the years he has been a mentor and advisor to countless governors, district boards and many individual Kiwanians.

Tony joined the Kiwanis Club of Takapuna in 1980, holding office on many occasions within the club and district. He became the District Governor in 2002-03. Following his year as Immediate Past Governor he took on another enormous task as District Treasurer in 2004 until 2019.

As one of the people who were in at the startup of the Vanuatu Container project (as it was initially called) Tony says he has earned the title of “multiple container packer!!!!!!!!” With more than 30 containers under his belt since 2003, Tony’s skill as a packer was evidenced by the number of times when the containers were so packed to the gunnels that a forklift was needed to close the doors! Tony was determined that we did not pay for extra airspace in any of those containers!
Outside of Kiwanis Tony has made a significant mark on NZ rowing, as a gold medallist in the Olympic rowing eight at Tokyo in 1964, a deputy team manager for 5 Olympic games and 5 Commonwealth games from 1990 – 2008 (responsible for all logistics arrangements for the teams). Rowing compatriots have said that “an Olympic or Commonwealth Games team would not be the same without Tony”.

On the NZ Rowing Council from 1975 – 2005 he held multiple 1-2 year stints as treasurer, has been a tour coordinator, rules, etc. From 2017-2019 Tony was President of NZ Rowing Council and is now the Immediate Past President.

Tony was awarded the Order of NZ Merit (ONZM) in the 2007 New Years honours list for service to rowing and sport administration.

His business life was as an Insurance executive, mainly in administration in Christchurch, Palmerston North and Auckland from 1957 to 1987. He then became a Share registrar for a number of public companies from 1987 to 2006, when he retired.

Tony has handed the reins of the district coffers to the capable hands of Past Governor Ann Raymond-van Daalen. He will continue to be available for help and advice. And to steal a quote from NZ Rowing: “the Kiwanis board will not be the same without Tony.” However, we thank him for his tremendous input to Kiwanis over the past 39 years – and agree that he has truly earned his retirement from district responsibilities.

### ASPAC 2020

**NEPAL**

**5-7 MARCH 2020**

**Aspac Venue:** Hyatt Regency Kathmandu

The Hyatt Regency Kathmandu is a luxury 5 star hotel and resort in Kathmandu and is set on 37 acres of landscaped grounds, created in the traditional Newari style of Nepalese architecture. This beautiful hotel and resort is located on the road to the Boudhanath Stupa: the most holy of all Tibetan Buddhist shrines outside of Tibet, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is 5 minutes walk from the hotel.

(ASPAC Registration currently US$200pp.)

Clinton and Robyn Green’s daughter Michelle Rook, who is a senior consultant with Galaxy Travel (World Travellers), is more than happy to organise your travel arrangements including flights, accommodation, travel insurance, visas etc.

There will be a tour of Nepal arranged for after ASPAC (approx. 10 days). Please advise your interest with Michelle (Travel Agent) or Clinton Green (ASPAC Vice Chair, Napier Club) so we have an indication of numbers.

Michelle@galaxytravel.co.nz
Phone 07 349 7449
1141 Amohau Street, Rotorua.

**Kiwanis One Day 26th October**

On Kiwanis One Day, every Kiwanis club worldwide is urged to join with the rest of the Kiwanis family and hold a service project of the Club’s own choosing for a day of united service.
AUSTRALIAN CONVENTION
From District Secretary Graham Chick

Centre: 4 Kiwi born Kiwanians at the Convention. Second right is David McNab, known to several Christchurch Kiwanians. On right is member who went to Australia when he was 4.

Right: Governor David working with an Aktion Club member for an Aktion Club project of filling bags of children’s books for the Aktion club members to present to kindergartens and preschools. An Aktion Club is a Kiwanis Club for adults with a disability.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – ORLANDO 2019 – Christchurch Contingent

Below: Brian Reed, Lois Chick, Graham Chick, Lynda Gower, David Gower, Carolyn Hutchison

Graham Chick, Chris Cole, Lynda Gower, David Gower, Carolyn Hutchison, Brian Reed & Lois Chick
Kiwanians salute Lloyd who was instrumental in the formation of Kiwanis in the Christchurch area in the early 1970's, after having been inducted in the Wellington Club prior to his move to Christchurch. His leadership and wisdom over the following decades have been much appreciated.

Lloyd was District Governor for the New Zealand-South Pacific District for the 1976-1977 Kiwanis year, after which he was awarded Distinguished Governor status. He was instrumental in the building of many new Kiwanis Clubs at this time, and was a friend and mentor to many who followed in his leadership footsteps.

Many messages of condolence have been sent by Kiwanians via the District Secretary, to Marilyn and the Lilley family. These include:

“Sad news indeed and sincere condolences to Marilyn and the Lilley family. Even at our last combined meeting of the Christchurch clubs, only a few weeks ago, it was gratifying to witness the fact that Lloyd never lost his fondness for Kiwanis. On that day in July we all saw the continued friendship and commitment to Kiwanis that Lloyd and Marilyn maintained.”

(Governor David Gower).

“Please pass on our deep regrets and condolences from the Kiwanis Club of Wellington to Lloyd’s family. Our interactions with this Gentleman and his Lady were always enjoyable, and we were honoured by his involvement. This is indeed a sad day for Kiwanis, when a person of this stature is no longer available to lead us on our way.”

(John and Lorraine Warriner, Wellington).

“While a Lieutenant-Governor under Lloyd, very few people knew what pain and heartache he went through for Kiwanis. During the early part of his term, the appointed District Secretary resigned and Lloyd and his unheralded assistant, Marilyn, filled those duties, while holding his full-time position as a bank manager. He was instrumental in drafting a booklet of guidelines in “Doing it the Kiwanis Way.” All of this while fostering at least seven new clubs in his year as District Governor. I am pleased that I recommended Lloyd to Kiwanis International for his well-deserved Distinguished Governor Recognition.”

(Past Governor Moses Sevier)

Past Governor Moses Sevier

With the recent death of Distinguished Past Governor Lloyd Lilley, the senior Past Governors mantle has been passed to Moses Sevier, Governor of the then New Zealand District during 1979-80. Moses had served under Lloyd as Lt Governor, Division 4, which encompassed the entire South Island of New Zealand.

Moses’ Kiwanis service began as a member of the Christchurch Kiwanis Club, followed by President of the North West [Christchurch] Kiwanis Club. Under Moses, the North West Club was chartered with 35 members. During his presidency, the membership grew to a total of 53, the second highest in the history of our district. The North West Club remains a strong, vibrant club, and will sponsor the 2020 District Convention in Christchurch.

(Moses is now 89 and still regularly attends the Christchurch Club meetings. He is pictured above with his wife Nicky. Editor)
**Education - District Convention:**
By Past Governor Chris Cole

International interpretation: *The district convention shall be held annually to provide fellowship, motivation, inspiration, administrative methods, and Kiwanis knowledge and objectives for club members and leaders, with special emphasis on club presidents-designate and secretaries-designate to better prepare them to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the offices they are to assume.*

This is the same as in the District’s Board Procedures.

Why do we have a District Convention; basically-
* To elect governor and governor-elect for the incoming year.
* To receive and approve reports from the governor and district treasurer for the previous year.
* To welcome and hear from our International counsellor.
* To receive reports from board members and district chairs.
* Confirm the standing rules for conventions.
* To have the Objects of Kiwanis presented.
* Proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions to be voted on by delegates and delegates at large. This is where the power of the delegates comes through. It is a chance to get ideas across and accepted by the district. Note that 60 days’ notice of any amendments and resolutions must be respected or that amendment or resolution will not be presented to the house of delegates for discussion or voting on.
* Attend any leadership development programs or forums that are available.
* Meet fellow Kiwanians, make new friendships, and have a fun time whilst dealing with the responsibilities that you have as a delegate.

Note that the district secretary and the district treasurer are appointments by the governor confirmed by the board of trustees. Part of the responsibilities of the governor is to plan and develop the program for the district convention. It is also, to delegate to the governor-elect the responsibility of implementing the leadership education programs and forums to be held at the convention.

“Kaleidoscope”, the NZ-SP District newsletter, will be printed and mailed in bulk to all N.Z. club secretaries for handing out to their members for the last time with this issue.

From the new 2019-20 Kiwanis year, Kaleidoscope will be sent electronically to the secretary of each club (and that secretary has the responsibility to on-send it to each club member).

As usual, it will be available on the website which David Fentress manages: Kiwanis.org.nz/newsletter but also on the website which the public has access to and which Alan Duffell looks after: www.kiwanisnzsp.org

Please send your club bulletins and any articles/photos that should be included in future issues to: editor@kiwanis.org.nz

The deadline for the next issue of “Kaleidoscope” is 30th December 2019.

Julie Wright, Editor
It is with great sadness that Kiwanis International announces the death of 2018-19 Kiwanis International President Florencio C. “Poly” Lat. Lat, of the Philippines, served as the president of Kiwanis International since October 1, 2018, until his death. He was 62 years old.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

President-elect Daniel Vigneron said Lat would be remembered for the joy and compassion he brought to Kiwanis. “Poly was a true servant leader and Kiwanis is a better organization for his membership and leadership,” Vigneron said. “As the organization moves forward, we will continue to realize Poly’s dream of making Kiwanis a great organization.”

Lat joined Kiwanis in July 1988 and became president of the Kiwanis Club of Inter-City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila, in 1991; lieutenant governor in 2000; district governor in 2011-12 and was a Kiwanis International trustee from 2013 to 2016. He was elected president at the 103rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis clubs of Inter-City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila; Manila Bay and Fort Bonifacio Global City.

He was one of the distinguished district governors honored at the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He was a recipient of the Presidential Inspiration Award and Legion of Honor. The Kiwanis Asia-Pacific region conferred awards as a Champion in New Kiwanis and Service Leadership Programs Club Building in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Philippine Luzon District also won the Asia-Pacific region’s Best Service Project Award during his term as district governor.

Under Poly’s leadership, Kiwanis received The Outstanding Philippine Leadership Excellence Award in Philanthropy (TOPLEAP Award) for Environment from a joint project of the Rotary Club and Jaycees International. At the 2015 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention, he was presented the Centennial Award, the first for members in that region.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; three children, Diane, Dan and Geline; and three grandchildren, Iñigo, Nica and Lia.


Les funérailles sont en cours.

Le Président élu Daniel Vigneron a déclaré que l’on se souviendra de Lat pour la joie et la compassion qu’il a apporté au Kiwanis. « Poly était un véritable leader et Kiwanis est une meilleure organisation pour ses membres et son leadership », a déclaré M Vigneron, « A mesurer que l’organisation progresserait, nous continuerons de réaliser le rêve de Poly de faire du Kiwanis une excellente organisation.»


Il a été l’un des gouverneurs de district distingués honorés lors de la 98e Convention internationale annuelle Kiwanis à Vancouver, en Colombie-Britannique, au Canada. Il a reçu le Prix d’inspiration présidentiel et la Légion d’honneur. La région Asie-Pacifique de Kiwanis s’est vu décerner des prix en tant que Champion de l’ouverture de nouveaux clubs Kiwanis et club Service Leadership Programs à Colombo, au Sri Lanka. Le district philippin de Luzon a également remporté le prix du meilleur projet de service de la région Asie-Pacifique durant son mandat de gouverneur de district.
Sous la direction de Poly, le Kiwanis a reçu le Prix d’excellence Philippin pour le leadership exceptionnel en philanthropie (PRIX TOPLEAP) pour l’environnement dans le cadre d’un projet conjoint du Club Rotary et de Jaycees International. Lors de la Convention Kiwanis Asie-Pacifique de 2015, il a reçu le Prix du Centenaire, le premier pour les membres de cette région.

Il laisse sa femme, Susan; trois enfants, Diane, Dan et Geline; et trois petits-enfants, Inigo, Nica et Lia.

Cambridge Altrusa wins the Dr Nina Faye Calhoun Award 2018 & 2019

By Chris Davies

The club adopted “Threads across the Pacific” as their overseas project, entered and won this award for two years. The Cambridge club consists of 20 members.

It all started when Caroline Mason spoke to Cambridge Altrusa about her Threads across the Pacific project, and her trips taking new Bernina sewing machines to Vanuatu and teaching local ladies to sew. Cambridge Altrusa decided to support Threads across the Pacific and fundraised to purchase 10 new Bernina machines, sewing kits and materials. The Club raised the funds by holding sausage sizzles, Trash ‘n Treasure stalls and Movie nights at local theatre. Altrusa member Chris Davies was then part of the Threads volunteer team to Vanuatu in September 2018 that delivered the ten donated machines, sewing kits and materials to the ladies in Pango Village, and held a four day sewing workshop for the ladies.

Most of the local ladies had never sewn on electric machines; some had done a little sewing on a hand machine. They were all very eager learners. Our first workshops have them making: Skirts, shorts, dresses, tops, teddy bears, and covers for the machines. This gives them a good foundation of sewing skills. Follow up workshops cover more advanced sewing skills, like sewing in zips and button holes.

Chris found the experience very rewarding last year, so returned to Vanuatu for another 2 weeks in March this year where 10 machines donated by Tauranga Rotary were delivered to Teouma village. Chris led a 5 day workshop for these ladies. The second week Chris and her team went back to Pango village, where the 10 Cambridge Altrusa machines are, and held a second 4 day workshop.

Chris is part of a group of eight volunteers going back again in October this year for another two weeks to upskill the ladies sewing skills. The volunteers find this experience extremely rewarding. The ladies appreciate the help and guidance, but it’s no holiday, it’s very hot and the ladies often don’t want to stop for lunch, they are eager to keep learning! They have so little but they are the happiest ladies we have known.

PACKING DAY FOR “THREADS”

On 12th September a team of 10 from Tauranga, Hamilton, Morrinsville, Cambridge & Auckland gathered to sort this field of fabric. After hard work, a yummy soup lunch and around 4 hours we were done - 44 boxes had been filled including 12 new sewing machines. This will all go via a Kiwanis container from Auckland next month.

It was especially nice to have Julie from Rotary and Chris from Altrusa join Kiwanis members from Oceanside, Waiau Pa, Morrinsville and Hamilton clubs.

Special thanks too to Pip for joining us, Pip and I worked together at Waikato Poly. over 20 years ago. Also to Jane from Oceanside for yummy homemade soup and to our sole male, Mike Powell, who pitched in too.

Caroline Mason
Matamata Club has spent over 770 hours restoring this Cemetery – a great project for them which is now completed but will be maintained by the club.
EXPLORING CANADA AND ALASKA

Faye Blank took us on a very interesting journey to Canada and Alaska wrote Stella Penn, of the Drury Club.

Faye and Cliff spent the first three days exploring Vancouver Island, arriving there from Vancouver on Victoria Day so were able to join in the celebrations with street parades, brass bands and floats. Also saw totem poles signifying the territory of the Lekwungen indigenous people dating back 4000 years and visited the Royal BC Museum. They boarded the Hop on Hop off Bus tour stopping at different places along the way, one place of interest was Craig Darroch Castle built in 1890 for a coal baron who came from Scotland in 1851. It was later used as a hospital during World War 1 then later as a university. Restoration started in 1979 to bring it as it is today.

They visited the amazing Butterfly Gardens as well as the beautiful Butchart Gardens, formed from an old limestone quarry in 1888 and abounding in many lovely flower varieties. Before returning to Vancouver on day four they had the chance to visit the Miniature World Display which was a war display and streets of houses and bronze monuments.

The next leg of the journey started with boarding the cruise ship “The Celebrity Millennium” which carried 2150 passengers. The next seven days were spent cruising and visiting many interesting places. The first port was Ketchikan where they saw many Totem Poles, each telling a story and they also watched a wood chopping demonstration. The next port was Icy Strait Point and the village of Hoonah, the largest native Tlingit Indian settlement in Alaska. Here they saw a cultural show and went on a jeep tour of the island. Juneau, the capital of Alaska, was the next stop. This was founded in the gold rush of 1880 and the highlight here was a seaplane flight over 5 glaciers. It was a 45 minute flight, the glaciers were 3000 years old and there was 1500 square miles of Juneau ice field. They also visited Mushers dog sledding camp.

At Skagway there was a coach trip to White Pass and Yukon route (early gold mining trail) of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896 and next came a relaxing day Hubbard Glacier. Next port of call was Seward signalling the end of the cruise and the start of a 4 day excursion to the Alaskan Wilderness with a tour guide. In this time Faye and Cliff saw many wild animals - large and small, visited the Alaskan Sea Life Centre and the Wildlife conservation Centre.

At Talkeetna they visited the Anchorage markets, went on a river raft cruise before going on to the Denali National Park. There they boarded a bus which took them on a 7 hour trip into the park where they saw some animals including Caribou, Dall sheep, Moose and Grizzly Bears. Next it was all aboard the Wilderness Express train back to Anchorage for one night, before flying back to Vancouver (4 hours). The next ten days Faye and Cliff explored all the sights of Vancouver including Grouse Mountain and Granville Island. In Stanley Park they found a Kiwanis Garden which had been there since 1920.

Next they travelled to Kamloops on the Rocky Mountaineer train then on to Jasper, a small Swiss looking village surrounded by mountains.

Then it was on to Lake Louise which was a day’s coach ride, stopping at many amazing ice fields, glaciers and lakes before arriving at Lake Louise Fairmont Chateau.

The beautiful village of Banff was next on the itinerary where they explored Springs Cave, discovered by railway workers in 1883 and they visited Cascade Gardens with its lovely arbour in stone work. A gondola took them to the top of a mountain with beautiful views.

After a magnificent trip it was now time to head for home, firstly by coach to Calgary followed by a flight to Vancouver for three days, before boarding the Air New Zealand plane for a 13 hour flight to HOME SWEET HOME.

NB. The total population of the Alaskan continent is 500,000. Tourism is a major part of the Alaskan economy and many young students come to work in the summer season.
KIWANIS CLUB OF MT ROSKILL 50TH ANNIVERSARY
By Patsy Hill

On Sunday 19th May, a large number of Kiwanians gathered at the Onehunga RSA premises for a very special occasion - a luncheon to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Roskill.

Bob Reay had led the club in organising this birthday party and this resulted in a very pleasant, smooth running occasion. President David Lett acted as host and after his initial greetings to all present; he introduced the Mayor of Auckland, Phil Goff.

The Mayor reminisced that, on the club’s 40th birthday, he was also present, as the local MP. He has always been happy to work with the Mt Roskill club and believes very strongly in Kiwanis values. He spoke of his time as MP, and then the leader of the Opposition, and the differences in the roles, with the Mayor possibly working longer hours, and having responsibility for a wider range of issues than the MP who is primarily concerned with his electorate only.

He felt the atmosphere in NZ now after the Christchurch tragedy is more akin to that felt after the 2nd World War, when everyone came together as one nation again.

He spoke of the great growth in Auckland now and what is likely in coming years; and of the diversity in the city and the way that diversity is celebrated in various festivals each year.

Herb Farrant thanked Phil Goff for his very interesting words, and also thanked him for his ongoing support of the Mt Roskill Kiwanis Club.

Thanks were also given to the young musicians who had entertained earlier on in the proceedings.

Lunch followed, and then it was the turn of David Gower, NZ-SP District Governor, to take the floor. David recalled many major world events over the past 50 years – too many to record here – and congratulated Mt Roskill on surviving and evolving. A new period is now starting and change is imperative in order to survive. He questioned the ability of our District to change and to portray our organisation better to others – who we are, what we do and how we do it?

Next up on the programme was guest speaker Dr Siouxsie Wiles, a micro-biologist and science communicator, who specialises in infectious diseases and bioluminescence. She is also interested in demystifying science for the general public, and raising awareness of the growing threat of antibiotic-resistant superbugs. An ambassador for the House of Science, a programme which makes science kit boxes available on weekly loan to school teachers to enable them to enhance the ‘science experience’ for their pupils, Siouxsie is passionate about encouraging children to be explorers in the science world. They need confidence, but don’t need to learn facts – they can ‘google’ to find facts.

Siouxsie feels the future is scary – as we face climate change; evolution; and antibiotic resistance. In order to solve these problems it needs everyone to be curious. She promoted the idea of the House of Science boxes as a way to challenge and inspire pupils and to widen their view of science as a career option. The boxes can only be made available if sponsorship is found.

At this stage, Bob Reay, as Chairperson of the NZ-SP District Kiwanis Foundation, announced that an application made by the House of Science had been successful in the current round of Foundation grants, and had great pleasure in presenting Siouxsie, as their
Ambassador, with a cheque for $2,000. This presentation was quickly followed by another – also for $2,000 for the House of Science – from the Kiwanis Club of Mt Roskill.

All good birthday parties always have a birthday cake, and this party was no exception. The cake, made by Ruth Farrant, was very ably cut by Charter member Bill Conolly assisted by the longest serving Kiwanian in the District, John Reid of the St Heliers Club.

Raffle tickets were drawn – and then it was time for goodbyes – until the next 50th celebration – probably for our own Kiwanis Club of Takapuna around July 2020.

**Drury’s Pyjama Project**

Some of the P.J’s delivered to the Whanau Centre by Dianne. They were all laundered by Di, Gay and Sally. Each pair had one of our stickers on and went with one of our colouring books. The picture on the right shows Jean, from the centre, delighted with the donation.

**Collecting for Salvation Army**

Shirley Paton, one of our team of collectors for the Salvation Army at New World in Papakura. Each member of the team received a certificate from the Sallies for our assistance.

They do such great work and this was their main fund raiser for the year.

**Papakura Plunket**

At Drury’s last meeting it was resolved to purchase a set of electronic adult scales and two baby changing mats to donate to Plunket in Papakura. The photo shows Edna-May presenting these items to the delighted Plunket ladies and their resident dog.

**DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE**

Drury Club members Dianne and Ron went to the Drury shops recently and came across a frantic scene as St. Johns personnel were using our defibrillator on a lady who had collapsed over the steering wheel of her car. We don’t know at this stage whether or not the lady survived and sincerely hope she did, but it was great to see our AED in use. The pads need to be replaced after each use and Dianne has taken care of that.

As it was apparent that many people were not aware that there was a defibrillator available at the Drury Lotto Superette, and we have now arranged with the Drury pharmacy to include one of our flyers with each prescription.

**St Heliers Club:**

Our condolences go to the family of our late member, John Gilbert, who passed away on 2 August.

While not always enjoying the most robust of health whilst he was among us – his courtesy and unfailing gentlemanly demeanor was an inspiration to all of us. He was an erudite raconteur as well.

We shall miss him ☹
Ian Kilgour, Salvation Army – 17th July
By Don Craig

At St Heliers last meeting, Major Ian Kilgour, from the Salvation Army gave an outstanding talk entitled “Learning from living on the street”.

Ian has been a Salvation Army officer since 1970. He has also been an advisor to Government, and a chaplain at the Auckland Methodist Mission. He has been involved in social justice and welfare issues all his life and he related well to the objectives of Kiwanis.

As a young man, he related to mental health issues involving alcohol and drugs: speaking and listening to the stories of the lonely and hungry on the city streets of Sydney. He worked under the supervision of Bill Knudson, a Salvation Army padre who was a strict disciplinarian, running a hostel for five hundred men in a city warehouse. Ian also worked at Epsom Lodge: among 120 destitute men and women.

He was educated in Remuera, and afterwards attended Auckland Grammar. Ian was the founding president of UNICEF in Auckland. He also met many students (brought here under the Colombo Plan), and this experience led him to join the Salvation Army: to learn about, and to assist as many people (less fortunate than himself) as he could.

His talk was both inspirational and outstanding in many ways and is one we will all remember.

3 July 2019 – Secondary Schools Speech Competition
By Richard Oliphant

Wednesday, 3rd July saw another very successful St Heliers Kiwanis “Secondary Schools Speaking Competition” enjoyed by the thirty-plus students, supporters, members and guests. Thanks to all of the “behind the scenes” work by Brent Leslie, Don Craig, Bruce Cassey and their supporting teams, the evening went smoothly.

Our adjudicator - Miriam Taylor (Auckland ITC President) once again set a high (but very fair) standard for the six students, providing sound advice to the group on the conclusion of their addresses. Each student spoke on a topic of their choice for 6 – 7 minutes: a limit they all adhered to. In order of speaking:

- Harriette Baxter (Year 13, St Kentigern’s College) spoke on “NOW”: the life for the youth of today and the many challenges they face.
- Olivia Pearce (Year 11, Diocesan School for Girls) spoke on “Racism in schools”: specifically the acceptance (or otherwise) of te reo Maori - many students would rather learn Chinese, French or another language.
- Leopote Aholelei (Tamaki College) – Leo’s topic was “A brother’s hope” – being a performance poem upon Pacific Islanders’ quest to improve their station in life, and to highlight the hardships previous generations endured in an effort to get ahead.
- Noor Randhawa (Year 12, St Cuthbert’s College) asserted that “Freedom of speech should not be protected by social media” She covered cyber bullying, defamatory remarks on the Internet, and whether there should be controls/censorship of extreme anti-social postings e.g. the Christchurch atrocities
- Alicia Murgatroyd (Year 13, Selwyn College) spoke on “Now is the time to act.” Why just blindly follow instructions? If in doubt, it is OK to question. To be a leader you must be able to justify your decisions and to act upon them.
- Fergus Harland (Year 12, Sacred Heart College) spoke on “the ineffective and questionable intentions underpinning modern day protesting” when compared to the “classical protests” from the 1960s – 1980s. He covered the physical attendance at rallies as well as keyboard/Internet/leaflet activism - yesterday, today and the future direction.

Place-getters: 1st Noor Randhawa (St Cuthbert’s College), 2nd Fergus Harland (Sacred Heart College), and 3rd Olivia Pearce (Diocesan School for Girls): pictured with Miriam Taylor (adjudicator) at left.
Division 2 News

Morrinsville’s 40th celebrations
By Judy Walworth

Amongst a week of rain there was one fine day. And it WAS the Saturday of the Club’s 40th birthday, 24th August. With 90 guests including our members, the day started well. To try and add a bit of zing to the day, we started with a meet and greet at Power Farming, where we served a variety of soups and some hot cheesy rolls. Cathy Balvert from the Morrinsville I-Site gave a short talk about the Morrinsville Herd of Cows and everyone had their opportunities for photos with Mabel, the 6.5 metre high cow outside Power Farming. This all tied in well with the calendar that Morrinsville Kiwanis is selling as a fundraiser.

After the photo session everyone moved onto the RSA for the more formal side of the day as well as an excellent lunch. Raffles to sell, calendars to sell, photos from the past to look at, and lots of chit chat with Morrinsville ex-Kiwanians that some of us hadn’t seen for some time. It was fantastic for 13 Clubs from the NZSP District to be represented, plus five Past Governors.

President Bruce Walworth welcomed all guests and during the following proceedings hopefully surprised Gordon Pearson when Bernard Desarmagnac from Sud Ouest club in New Caledonia presented Gordon with his 30 year Legion of Honour certificate.

The cake was cut by President Bruce and honorary member John Ralph with Murray Cox, Graeme Brewer and Robb Watts in the background. Apart from Bruce, the men were all Charter Members.

Guest Jan Barnes, Mayor for Matamata-Piako District gave a short talk about the Morrinsville Kiwanis Club and how Kiwanis fits well in the district and makes this place a better place for residents.

It was a thoroughly nice day, and plenty of pictures taken. If you have access to Facebook, look for The Kiwanis Club of Morrinsville, The Friday Edition and Kiwanis NZ-SP District.

Matamata Club supports Intermediate School Trip to Vanuatu

Past President Jim Kyle presents a cheque for $500 to the students of Matamata Intermediate School to spend on classroom materials to donate to the schools in Vanuatu which they will visit on their cultural educational tour to Port Vila in August 2019. Jim spoke to some of the students about what they can expect on their visit to Vanuatu.
Education Spot – Westside Club’s Signature Projects

Westside has two wonderful signature projects. Firstly, “Kiwanis in Pyjamas”, which has been going for a number of years. Each year some of the funds raised are put aside to purchase beautiful warm pj’s for disadvantaged children. These are then donated to organisations who can distribute on our behalf. Every pair has our “Kiwanis in Pyjamas” logo ironed onto them.

Our other project is “Pampered Mums Day out”. This is a wonderful project where we take around 10 mothers out for a day of pampering. These Mums are selected by a number or organisations around the city and they are mothers of unwell children who just need a day off for themselves. They get massages, pedicures, manicures, etc at Wintec from students who volunteer their time, then they are whisked off for a beautiful lunch.

Two projects which are always well received.

Chef’s Night Out – Hospice fundraiser – Sunday 7 July
By Yvonne Joynes

This is the first time we have been asked to support the Hospice Degustation dinner. A very busy night with 8 courses and of course all with matching wines for 170 guests.

We arrived a 5pm and were given pizza and KFC, then at 6pm the guests began arriving. Lots of fun but we were very tired and foot sore by 10:30pm when we finished.

…and yes, we did get to taste most of the food and got a few samples of the wines. This is what 170 plates of food looks like.

“Don’t walk in front of me… I may not follow
Don’t walk behind me… I may not lead
Walk beside me… just be my friend”
— Albert Camus

“True Colours” turns 15
By Yvonne Joynes

On Thursday 4 July I was fortunate enough to be invited to True Colours 15th birthday – what a long way they have come since we first met them 15 years ago. In those days we gave them petrol vouchers so Cynthia and Stephen didn’t have to pay for all their petrol from their pockets – we also gave money for tea and coffee for their visitors.

Oh, how times have changed for them. They have all worked so hard to make this charity the success it is. During this time somehow Cynthia has managed to graduate with a PhD and is now Dr Cynthia Ward and Stephen has gained his Masters. Well done and congratulations to them both.

“True Colours” has helped thousands of people deal with grief, supported them and given them the strength to look after very sick children in their family.

Garry King and Dianne Sinclair with members of the Matamata Public Relations Office at the final installation of seats donated by Matamata Kiwanis and John and Lorraine Robb in the plantation area behind the Matamata I-Site.

The seats are made from recycled plastic and designed specifically for the community and feature stylized etchings of Wairere Falls, Firth Tower and a Hobbit Hole. Kiwanis have supported the project since its inception and donated two of the six seats that have been installed so far.

“There is nothing better than a friend - unless it is a friend with chocolate!”
— Linda Grayson
2017-18 District Governor Pierre Macabies was presented with a Distinguished Governor Award at the KI International Convention in Orlando in June. Well deserved, Pierre, congratulations.

From Daniel Hinschberger, 21 August

Tiare Paita Club for the second time helped Saint Michael’s home in India by funding the studies of young students. Kiwanis helps children around the world. Pictured below are some of the boys from the school.

On a beautiful day for a Kiwanian operation, the Tiare Paita Club went to meet the young mothers who live at the shelter home in Dumbea. They all come from the three provinces of New Caledonia. We took them small boxes of clothes, baby bottles and a stroller. Thanks again to the members present who enjoyed holding some of the babies!

The division 6 council meeting was held on Saturday, 6th July, organised by the Kiwanis Club Sud Ouest which obtained permission to use the beautiful Town Hall of La FOA.
During the meeting, amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of Division 6 were discussed.

Lt Governor-elect Dominique KABAR introduced the new treasurer of Division 6 who will be Jo CANO and the secretary of Division 6 who will be Lolita TESSIER.

A delicious buffet was served.

Lt Governor Corinne CULLELL thanked the Sud Ouest for the organisation, the city of La Foa and the kiwanians who had attended.

**Tiare Paita Club – new members**

Intronisation de 4 nouveaux membres au club Tiare Paita : Linda, Nicole, Célia et Nina MAI.

Le LT Gouverneur Corinne CULLELL a remis l'épinglette RUBY K Award à Daniel Hinschberger, président du club et Andre Simon directeur expansion.

Induction of four new members at the Tiare Paita club: Linda, Nicole, Célia and Nina MAI.

LT Governor Corinne CULLELL presented the pin RUBY K Award to Daniel Hinschberger, president of the club and Andre Simon director expansion.

**Des couvertures pour les enfants des îles du Pacifique Sud pendant l’hiver austral**

En Nouvelle-Calédonie, dans l’océan Pacifique Sud, même sous les tropiques l’hiver peut être bien frais dans les îles de l’archipel. A Ouvéa, aux îles Loyauté, on dort encore sous la case kanak, bien couvert pendant la nuit.

A Nouméa, la capitale, dans leur résidence pour personnes âgées, les mamies, amies du club Kiwanis Tiare Paita s’ennuient un peu, elles tricotent pour passer le temps ensemble. Le projet inter-générations laine du cœur est né!

La récolte de laine a été fructueuse et rapide, grâce à la générosité des calédoniens; les couvertures tricotées au fil des mois par des mamies motivées et encouragées par le club Kiwanis qui a organisé des petits-déjeuners fort sympathiques.

65 couvertes prêtes ont été emballées en de magnifiques cadeaux lors d’une opération bien fun des membres; voilà la distribution qui peut s’organiser. Elles prennent l’avion inter-îles pour rejoindre l’île d’Ouvéa. Un accueil authentique et émouvant attendait le club Kiwanis de la part des habitants et des autorités locales; les élus, les anciens, les mamans, les enfants sont venus à la rencontre de Kiwanis est ont repartis avec des couvertures colorées, toutes différentes, mais toutes estampillées fièrement.

Dans la case, les nuits fraîche sont adoucies et rechauffées par les petites couvertures Kiwanis.

**Blankets for children from the South Pacific Islands during the austral winter**

In New Caledonia, in the South Pacific Ocean, even under the tropics, winter can be cool in the islands of the archipelago. At Ouvea, in the Loyalty Islands, one sleeps still under the traditional kanak hut, well covered during the night.

In Noumea, the capital, in their seniors’ residence, the grannies, friends of the Kiwanis Tiare Paita club are a little bored, they knit to spend time together. The inter-generation project “wool of the heart” is born!

The harvest of wool was easy and fast, thanks to the generosity of the New Caledonians; Knitted blankets over the months by motivated grandmas and encouraged by the Kiwanis club who organized very nice breakfasts.
65 ready blankets were wrapped beautifully during a very fun operation of the members; so then the distribution could be organized. They took the inter-island plane to the island of Ouvéa. A touching and warm welcome awaited the Kiwanis club from residents and local authorities; the elected officials, the elders, the mothers and the children came to meet Kiwanis and left with colourful blankets, all different, but all stamped proudly “Kiwanis Tiare Paita”.

Homage à André Montezume
Il était membre du Kiwanis club Fort de France en Martinique, dont il a occupé le poste de président en 2005-2006. Puis lors de voyages, il a découvert la Nouvelle Calédonie, il est entré au kiwanis club du Mont Dor, où il a occupé le poste de Président du Club. Il a été à l’origine du jumelage des deux clubs.

Puis il entre au club Dumbéa River. Il était impliqué dans les actions en faveur des enfants.

Homage to Andre Montezume
He was member of the Kiwanis club Fort de France in Martinique, which he served as its president in 2005-2006. Then on his trips he discovered New Caledonia, he joined the Kiwanis club of Mont Dore, where he served as President of the Club. He initiated the twinning of the two clubs. Then he joined the Dumbéa River club. He was involved in the projects for children.

Remise de dictionnaires avec Vocabulivre
Odette, Michel et Yannick du club Kiwanis Sud Ouest avec des membres de l’association vocabulivre ont remis des dictionnaires à 150 enfants des classes de CE 1 dans les écoles primaires des communes de:
- Sarraméa : école Kawa Cyprien Braino
- Boulouparis : école Daniel MATHIEU

Remise de dictionnaires avec Vocabulivre
Odette, Michel and Yannick of the Kiwanis Sud Ouest club with members of the Vocabulivre association presented dictionaries to 150 children of CE 1 classes in the primary schools of the municipalities of:
- Sarraméa: Kawa Cyprien Braino School
- Boulouparis: Daniel MATHIEU school
- Moindou: Odile Forest School
- Thio: school Les alizés + school Saint François

HOMMAGE à Laly

Impliquée dans le Kiwanis pour servir les enfants du monde avec la distribution des dictionnaires avec Vocabulivre, le zéro faute à la dictée de l’Alliance Champlain, les visites du musée de la Ville et la villa musée de Paita. Toujours la tablette à la main à la moindre occasion, on continuera à publier des photos pour toi.


Tribute to Laly

Laly MAYERAU LONNE joined the kiwanis club of Gorobai Païta on the 5th July, 2004. Then she joined the club of Dumbea River on the 16th June 2016. Laly was essentially social club director. She left on 19th June 2018 to join the Tiare Païta club on 18th July 2018 as a founding member.

She was involved with the distribution of dictionaries with Vocabulivre, the zero fault at the dictation of the Champlain Alliance, the visits of the museum of the city and the villa museum of Païta.

Always the tablet in hand at every opportunity - we will continue to publish photos for you.

Past Governor

Laetitia Calvez receives her Legion of Honor Certificate for 30 years service in Niaouli club with President Josette Cano and President elect Sylvie Camusard.

Le club Niaouli a rendu hommage à Laetitia CALVEZ en lui remettant la légion d'honneur pour 30 ans de service au kiwanis.

DIVISION 7 NEWS

Remise de la charte du Builders club Méhari no NDA DU Collège Notre Dame des Anges de Faa’a in the presence of NZSP District Governor David Gower. Le jeune Builders club Kiwanis "Merahi no NDA", with about thirty members is already very active in its activities (clean up day, collection of clothes). The students had the opportunity to present their upcoming actions and plans to the representative of division 7, Governor David Gower, and the representatives of Kiwanis Aimeho, Matairea de Huahine, 'Oa 'Oa, Te Aho Tini o te Tama. This meeting was the occasion for the "Merahi no NDA" to officially integrate into the large Kiwanis family with the handing over of the charter.

Remise de la charte du club Kiwanis HAUITI NO TEFANA en présences du gouverneur du district NZSP Présidente Dorothee Raveino

Presentation of the charter of the Builders club Méhari no NDA DU Collège Notre Dame des Anges de Faa’a in the presence of NZSP District Governor David Gower. Le jeune Builders club Kiwanis "Merahi no NDA", fort d'une trentaine de membres est déjà très actif dans ses actions de solidarité (clean up day, récolte de vêtements). Ce vendredi, les élèves ont eu l'occasion de présenter leurs actions et leurs projets à venir devant le représentant de la division 7 M. David Gower et les représentants des clubs kiwanis Aimeho, Matairea de Huahine, 'Oa 'Oa, Te Aho Tini o te Tama. Cette rencontre a été l'occasion pour les "Merahi no NDA" d'intégrer officiellement la grande famille Kiwanis avec la remise de la charte.

Presentation of the charter of the club Kiwanis HAUITI NO TEFANA in the presence of David Gower, NZSP governor. Dorothee Raveino.
CHILDRENS EXTRAVAGANZA

On Friday 19th July, Napier Club set up Pettigrew Green Arena for the Children’s Extravaganza and helped unpack a container of goods, like Thomas the Tank Engine and a Jungle Animal ride. There were also lots of Tiger soft toys, all the age group toys and games to unpack and then set out ready for the children. We had a good team of members helping.

Saturday Jason was in charge of cutting wrist bands off the children after they had received their toys. Fran, Arapera, Rob, Janet, Shelly, Mark, Maddie and Harry were all busy helping give out the soft toys and a bag with toys in. Good to have Mereana and Te Reina helping as well.

Aaron

Kiwanis Club of Roto Whenua
Newsletter July/August 2019

Signs that spring is on the way are welcome in this half of the world. Following a fairly quiet July, our club is now into a busy August with Science Fair upon us next week. This will be followed by the Kiwanis Club of Morrinsville’s 40th Anniversary, and then District Convention in Napier.

The funding round for Science Fair has gone well this year although the applications seem to get longer and more complicated each time. The number of exhibitors is expected to be lower than in previous years. The current Government has removed standards from the school curriculum without replacing them with any new standards.

We intend to survey the schools to gain a better idea of where the obstacles lie, but I believe that our National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) will have to make the approach to Government to encourage the study of science.

Prizewinners in the Bay of Plenty Science & Technology Fair 2019 organised and run by the Roto Whenua Club.
LEGION OF HONOUR AWARDS
By Kevin Coutts

Legions of Honour were recently presented to three NorthWest members:
• Peter Keller for 30 years
• Brian Reed for 40 years
• Keith McNeil for 45 years.

Peter and Brian had their certificates presented at a club meeting and President Bryan and Kevin went round to Keith’s home and personally presented his to him. While all are significant, perhaps Keith’s is more noteworthy.

Keith was a charter member of the club joining in 1973. He has been a valued and active member through all of this time, although health has precluded his attendance more recently. He has always been available to help and assist and to this end has accepted the position of President on no less than four occasions.

Wendy Rockhouse, President of the Christchurch YMCA, accepting the NZSP District Foundation cheque for $2,600 for security cameras at their transitional housing centre, from Rhondda Boxall and President Bryan Roper. This was in response to an application that the club submitted earlier this year.

“GOLF CUP”
By Governor David Gower

Many will recall that Christchurch Club is the current holder of the Golf match trophy (a tall silver cup in a display case) that was donated by Lloyd many years ago and which is currently stored in my garage.

I recently spoke with Lloyd and Marilyn about this cup and suggested that because we no longer have a golf match as such, would they agree to the “golf cup” being reinstated as a Division 11 inter-club challenge cup played for using the game of mini golf, or crazy golf instead.

They agreed with my proposal so, with the recent passing of Lloyd, may I suggest our club (as holder of the cup) consider arranging such an event (perhaps in the summer) as the Lloyd Lilley Memorial challenge match with maybe a luncheon, or a picnic afternoon-tea etc, to follow.

Parting Thought:
No matter how you feel
Get up - Dress up
Show up - And Never give up!
Legion of Honour - 40 years. Presented to John Thomson.

Congratulations on your 40 years of service, John.

Presentation to the Special Needs Toy Library.

Charlotte Ganderton receiving a cheque from President Peter Chiverton and Secretary Nick Atkins from the NZSP District Kiwanis Foundation Trust. The Club made an application last April and the funds will be used to assist Charlotte to visit her housebound clients with a special needs child on a regular basis.

Combined Lunch: Sunday 14th July.
by Bill Wilson

North West club held a combined Luncheon with Christchurch Club at the Rosebank Winery to celebrate the NZ-SP District 50th Anniversary, the Zonk and North West Club's Anniversary.

Some 56 club members and partners attended with 38 from the North West Club. It was a very enjoyable day and many people were very complimentary on the quality of the food. During the meal a presentation was made by Lt Governor Carolyn Hutchison to four Past Governors: Lloyd Lilley, Barry Turner, Graham Chick and Chris Cole. They all responded with a short speech about how they had benefited from being Governor.

From Left: Graham Chick, Lloyd Lilley, Carolyn Hutchison, Barry Turner and Chris Cole. (Missing is Moses Sevier who was presented with a Certificate on 5th September at the Christchurch interclub meeting by Lt Gov Carolyn “for service and dedication within our division within Kiwanis”.)

A birthday cake was cut by the oldest and newest members of the two Christchurch Clubs (oldest Lloyd Lilley from North West Club and newest Lyn Palmer from Christchurch Club).

North West Club's Special Tram Ride
by Bill Wilson

On Sunday, 5th May, North West chartered a tram for a journey through the city. All 48 seats were sold. The weather was fine which helped make it a very successful social event. I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves as there were only positive comments afterwards. A number of people hadn't been into the inner city for some time and were amazed at the progress made with the rebuild. The tram driver gave us an excellent commentary and I am sure we all learnt something.
From Governor David (in Christchurch Bulletin)

As I look toward our NZ-SP District Convention in Napier at the end of August, I find myself wondering where the majority of this Kiwanis Year has gone, and where it has taken us all. Without hesitation, I consider it to have been both an honour and a privilege to have represented the Kiwanis Club of Christchurch at local and International levels within the world of Kiwanis, and I wish to thank those fellow members for supporting and encouraging me during these times.

I have been fortunate in having received wonderful help and support from members of the NZ-SP executive and I know that my successor Brian Reed will receive the same during his stewardship period. Brian and Carolyn have attended several overseas conferences during the year and have taken a pro-active role in making sure that much of what has been set in motion will continue during his Governorship. I urge members of our club to give unstinting support to Brian and Carolyn, not the least of which should include attendance and participation at our 2020 Convention here in Christchurch.

At 2019 World Convention in Orlando, Brian plus District Secretary Graham and I met with the Kiwanians from New York who run the highly successful Kiwanis Anti-bullying programme in Schools throughout USA, and who have offered (free of cost) to attend our Convention in Christchurch to present a workshop on this programme.

Bullying is also present in our schools and tragically, it is known to be at the root of many self-inflicted deaths of our young people. The success of the Kiwanis programme is undoubted and is something that we can adapt for use in our District. At now 49,000 per year and climbing, suicides in America have caused the average life-span of people in USA to have reduced in each of the last 3 years in a row. We cannot allow this pattern to develop in our country/countries and a workshop on this subject could be a highly important one to have. It is however only one of the subjects to be highlighted at the 2020 Convention in Christchurch.

Another possibility is to organise a youth workshop and activity involving youths and young people from the city in an awareness programme run by an internationally renowned scientist and a Kiwanian in our District, on topics involving plastic-pollution of the world’s oceans. Either topic should draw media attention and good publicity for our great organisation.

INTERCLUB WITH GUESTS FROM USA

On 5th September, a few days after the Napier Convention, an interclub tea meeting was held at Armadillos in Colombo Street, to take advantage of the visit to Christchurch of 2019-20 KI President-elect Art Riley and his wife Vickie. Art has been a Kiwanian all his life – his father was a member too. He said that every Kiwanian has a “Kiwanis heart” which is to help children. His goals are to achieve membership and club growth.

Various presentations were made to members, including Christchurch Club being a Distinguished Club.
SHARING LOVE
A Taiwan District delegation crosses seas and mountains to assist children in Nepal.

There are 3,700 kilometres between Taipei and Kathmandu, but the two communities are much closer now, due to a visit by Lan Xing, Taiwan, Kiwanis Club members to Nepal’s Disabled Rehabilitation Centre this past January.

Under the theme “Love Around the World,” Lan Xing members travelled to Nepal, carrying paper, pencils and other educational supplies for the centre with a long-time goal of providing financial support, teaching students self-sufficiency skills and encouraging foreign language learning.

“We hope that poor children can get rid of poverty and continue to complete their studies,” says Mei Mei Lou, Lan Xing club president. “At the same time, we hope to arouse the attention of all local communities and influence participation among more caring people … to help orphans who are physically disabled or helpless to improve their lives and change their destiny.”

While visiting the centre, Kiwanians shared their Chinese culture by teaching the children how to make paper lanterns. And the children welcomed their guests with a performance of Nepali traditional dance.

CREATURE COMFORTS
By Jack Brockley - 28 May 2019

Premature babies usually need assistance to get through their first few days. Tubes deliver air and oxygen into their still-developing lungs. Patches on their bodies are wired to monitors that check temperature, pulse and breathing. But tiny hands can accidentally detach these devices. In Italy, hospitals have found a solution: soft, cute, crocheted octopi. Preemies’ fingers play with the tentacles, instead of the equipment around them.

Having heard about volunteers making and donating toy octopi to a hospital in Amiens, President Virginie Ploton suggested that her Saint Quentin de la Tour Kiwanis Club support efforts to provide the cuddly creatures in their community’s hospitals.

“For that, it was necessary to recruit knitters, purchase kits and organize three training sessions, because there are very precise specifications for making these octopi,” says Kiwanian Isabelle Corfa. The workshops attracted volunteers of all kinds: women, men, parents and their children, retirees, homemakers, Kiwanians and knitting club members.

All that hooking, looping and knotting can be difficult. To pass the hospitals’ quality-control requirements, the head’s diameter must be between 5 and 6 centimetres; the bodies, between 8 and 10 centimetres and the tentacles must be a minimum 10 centimetres non-stretched and a maximum 20 centimetres stretched.

“It’s like a bustling beehive,” says Corfa. “The volunteers are very busy trying to follow the instructions, focusing on counting and measuring and helping their neighbours. Our role as Kiwanis members was to generate a happy relation between the volunteers, give them advice and help them relax by offering coffee, tea, croissants and fruit juice.”

The needle workers made 300 octopi. Each was checked for quality, size and colors, and all were sterilized. During the last workshop, the Kiwanis Club of Saint Quentin de la Tour presented an 800-euro check to two women who decided to form an association, Créa Coeur, to help continue making the octopi.