



The KeyWay



President's Corner

The red poppy sellers are in the streets and Anzac week is upon us! This year it is conveniently falling on Friday, so we all have an opportunity for a nice long weekend.

Having Commander Corinna Bruce from the Royal NZ Navy and Mike Cole, President of the Howick RSA with us, reinforced the Anzac theme of our meeting. It was also good to have some of Honorary Members and a couple of partners at our Anzac evening.

As coincidence would have it, both Corinna and Mike having the same Navy service background led to an interesting table discussion.

Thank you, John Built, for your generous "wine shout" to celebrate a previous 80th birthday and 40 years in Rotary this month! And a special thanks for sharing your personal experiences of WW2 and beyond. You have packed a lot into those 80 years!

John's recall of his WW2 experiences and Corinna's sharing of her Kosovo service strengthened the theme and reinforced

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Mike Murphy -

Ice Angel. Mike and a colleague from the **Icehouse Business incubator** - a venture capital organization associated with Auckland University, will tell us why it exists and what it needs from the business community to be successful.

Partners Committee Night Dinner

Venue: Benjarong Restaraunt

Picton St. Howick 7:30pm on 6th May.

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the horror and waste that occurs in all conflicts, whether they are a world war or a national conflict. Whilst we don't have and don't want the scale of world wars, the human race still seems to resort to "guns and violence" only too easily, with many theatres of conflict requiring our service women and men to play their part, either

directly or as builders of peace.

It is comforting to know that we have people ready to commit to keeping the world a safe and secure place.

The benefits of the International Youth Exchange programme were well presented by enthusiastic District Committee member Graham Rea. All of us are aware of the wonderful personal development that the individual youth experiences foster, however Graham highlighted the benefits that the host family also gains in being involved with the programme. As he described it, it is like "the world coming to your place". David Fels is looking for some more host families to allow us to continue our good record of supporting inbound students. Please consider the possibility of hosting an exchange youth and help retain this great part of the clubs activities.

Once again, congratulations to Karen Armstrong on the Presidency of Ladies Probus and to Jill Kennedy for getting her new film into the World Wide Short Film Festival.

Have a Good Week!

Rob

Secretary's Notes

President Rob was pleased to welcome Commander Corinna Bruce from the RNZN (guest speaker), Mike Cole (RSA president), Honorary members Roy Jarvie and Bill Blyth, wives Karen Armstrong and Raewyn Francis, and Graham Rea from the Rotary Club of Pakuranga.

President Rob remembered the tragic drowning of the six pupils plus a teacher from the Elim College in Howick in the Mangitapopo River. The Club stood for a minute of silence in respect for these young people. The Rotary Club of Somerville Howick has set up a memorial fund in remembrance.

Graham Rea spoke of the experiences of Rotary Youth Exchange and the rewards for all who become involved.

John Built celebrated his 80th birthday and 40 years of Rotary service with a bottle of wine on each table, and a moving speech, where he spoke of his wartime experiences in England as a young boy, his sea journey to the USA as an evacuee, his four year stay there before returning to England to be welcomed by V1 rockets, and later V2's. John joined the army and was mobilised on VJ day! He came to NZ in October 1945 where he was the engineer designing bridges in the central North Island. They had to be lahar proof,

but John at that time had no idea what a lahar was! He then moved on to design the Auckland Southern Motorway, including the Newmarket viaduct, and later schools, including McLeans college. Thank you, John, for all you have done, and a very interesting talk.

Steve Whitehead introduced Commander Corinna Bruce, who spoke of her life as "A Life Less Ordinary". Corinna had many firsts in the Navy, starting as a software engineer, having a retirement to have her children, then being "headhunted" back to a three day a week job, where she specialised in software engineering with special reference to weapons systems. Corinna spent a tour of duty in Kosovo with the UN and spoke about the social and military conditions there with many pictures to show the problems and progress. P.P. Clive Kilgour thanked Corinna on behalf of the Club.

Acting Sergeant John then proceeded to fine all and sundry for real and imaginary offences and achievements.

President Rob presented a cheque to Mike Cole for the RSA welfare fund in recognition of ANZAC day. Mike thanked the Club. Pres. Rob closed the meeting, after thanking the guests for being with us, with the ANZAC Ode, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Barry Nicholls

May—08 Environment month

- 4 May District Assembly
- 6 May **Sommer Corrigan** – Victim Support Howick,
- 13 May **Stuart Thomson** – EMA.
- 20 May **Raelene Castle** - Netball NZ
- 23 May Mayoress Ball
- 27 May **Anthony Scott** - CEO ScienceNZ

Jun—08 Fellowships month

- 3 Jun **Step Up** - Dave Wylie, Richard Harri
- 10 Jun Fellowship function
- 17 Jun **Tony Adams** - Achieving against adversity
- 24 Jun **Changeover night**
- 29 Jun District changeover

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Mystery Dinner

It is that time of year again when you can enjoy each other's company over a sumptuous meal and fine wine.

Our annual Mystery Dinner will take place on Saturday 10th May.

If you wish, you can host 2 couples you won't know who they are until they turn up on the night, but they will bring Entrée, Dessert and Wine.

If you wish to be a guest, you will find out closer to the date where you will be hosted and you will supply either Entrée or Dessert and Wine.

Lets get into the fun of the night, you may find a Gordon Ramsey or Jamie Oliver at your dinner party, but you will never know unless you are there.

If you weren't able to put your name on the list, just email **Bill Charkow** at bill.c@scottpapers.co.nz and leave the rest to the Fellowship Team to organise.

Birthdays

26-Apr Alasdair Maclean



Anniversaries

28-Apr Marie & Jim Donovan

Rotary International Youth Exchange. R.I.Y.E.

Have you noticed anything missing from our club over the last 4 months? Yes, that's right; we haven't had an exchange student since Luca went back to Argentina. The International Committee need at least one, and preferably two more families to be able to commit to hosting a student from Belgium. Her name is Camille Habets, aged 17 from Battice, and she has two brothers and a sister, Camille is the eldest. She will arrive at the beginning of July, we have a host for the first three months and the last three months, if you are able to assist with hosting between October and the end of March it will enable the club to continue participating in this great program with the very worthwhile objective of fostering international harmony and goodwill.

I know you will all agree that this is one of the best youth programs that Rotary has, and the benefits to you and your family are immeasurable. The young people that have visited our club have been personal-

ity plus, and the friendships formed have been lifelong, as we have seen many previous students return to our shores to renew their ties with host families.

If you would like some more details about Camille, or you and your partner would like to talk to previous hosts to get a full understanding of the responsibilities and benefits, please give David Fels a ring - 5372347 (w). Do it now, we need to be able to respond to the District Committee very soon in order that Camille can get her travel and documentation organised.

David Fels

Duties April 29

<i>Host</i>	Stephen Noles
<i>Reception</i>	Tony Twigge
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Rod Somerville
<i>Backup</i>	Cedric Daniel

Duties May 6

<i>Host</i>	George Tyler
<i>Reception</i>	Joseph Heays
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Jim Duckworth
<i>Backup</i>	Jan de Haast