



The KeyWay

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK



President's Corner

Well, that certainly was a pleasant and full of smiles **Charter Night**. There is no doubt the citations for Bill and Morrin were about service above self, and all that is really great about the Rotary organization.

Congratulations are in order to Bill Percival being accorded the Paul Harris Sapphire Pin and to Morrin Cooper on being presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Our thanks to the Fellowship team on the organization of the event, and of course a special thanks to Jane Percival and Jackie Charkow for the flower centre pieces. The presentation of the hall paved the way to an evening of enjoyment.

Also a special thanks to Asst Governor Ingrid Waugh, and husband John for being our guests.

We received an apology from Past President **Phil and Cindy Rive**. Here are the email contents:-

"Hi Everybody,

My and Cindy's thanks for the kind invitation. Sadly we can't make the commute, but please pass on my appreciation to Pres Gary, Helen and the club. We are well, I am active in Rotary here

in the Rio Hondo RC, I finally made it to the RI Convention here in LA and I do the weekly club newsletter, but am probably less provocative than in days gone by. Maybe it is the effects of age?? Regardless we are healthy and I hope to knock out one more marathon later this year, creaking joints willing.

Cindy sends her love to all her friends in the club. We have another healthy kiwi grand daughter Celeste, now 8 weeks, and will get to see her when we visit NZ over Christmas - New Year.

We will think of you on the 16th, most likely with the aid of a beer and a glass or two of wine.

Kind Regards, Philip and Cindy"

A reminder once again: we posted the **2007/8 Annual Report** onto our Howick Rotary website. The posting onto the website is a cost effective means of both distribution and ready reference access. Members are advised it is still important the report be read, because of both general interest, but also your prudent commitment to your club. Here's the link:-

[www.howickrotary.org.nz/ANNUAL%20REPORT\(Web\).pdf](http://www.howickrotary.org.nz/ANNUAL%20REPORT(Web).pdf) We are **still** aware the number of hits suggests most members are yet to have accessed the Annual Report.

On the Sept 23rd Camille Habets will be our speaker introducing us to Belgium and her background. This evening is an

invite night for our partners.

Camille will give us an account of her first impressions and some of the early challenges she has confronted, but also and importantly we will get an insight to her background, family and their country of Belgium.

David Fels has related we are still looking for our third family for Camille i.e. the January through March period. For those members that have yet to experience the joys and interest of 'having' an exchange student for three months, one can recommend the experience. Given the student's dynamic and activities, one can almost guarantee you will immediately feel younger!!!! If you would like to find out more give David a call on 021 537 236. Thanks

Sept 30th will be a fun/light evening, inclusive of a Rotary and General Knowledge Quiz.

October is coming up fast and will be our '**bring a guest/s month.**' The four speakers and in order are, Jeannette Fitzsimons, John Boscowan, Ian Wishart and Maurice Williamson.

Quote for the week: given the election has been announced, something not so deep:

"So long as you rob Peter to pay Paul, you'll have Paul's support." -- Anonymous

Have a good week
Garry

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23 September.

Camille Habets IYE club student

Camille will be giving us a presentation on her life and family in Belgium, why she chose N.Z. for her exchange year, and some of the things she would like to do during her time here.

Duties Sept. 23

<i>Host</i>	Joseph Heays
<i>Reception</i>	David Percival
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Rod Somerville
<i>Backup</i>	Cedric Daniel

Duties Sept. 30

<i>Host</i>	John Richardson
<i>Reception</i>	Steve Whitehead
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Jim Duckworth
<i>Backup</i>	David Wylie

Secretary's Notes



What a great attendance for our Charter Night! Past Presidents (18), Rotarian partners, visiting Rotarians and ADG Ingrid Waugh and John, supporters of our two PHF awardees and 'our birthday girl' - Camille Habets celebrating her 18th birthday.

Our focus was on the PHF awardees and fine food and fellowship, ending with a few tripping the 'light fantastic'. What a change to have music you can enjoy listening to but still talk over without strained vocal cords by evening's end.

The evening was superbly anchored by MC David Fels and helped along by President Garry's relaxed conducting of the Paul Harris formalities at the rostrum.

Paul Harris Fellows Morrin Cooper MBE,

Morrin commenced his working life in the Department of Agriculture. After a period of 13 years which included secondment to Lincoln Agricultural College as a Lecturer, he moved to the insurance industry and rapidly established himself as a leading agent achieving \$1million sales and pinnacle awards with regularity.

In 1968 he commenced a long and honourable career in local government, serving first as a councillor from 1968 to 1974. In 1974 he stood successfully for the office of Mayor, a position which he held for 5 terms, 4 terms of which were unopposed. The amalgamation of local governments saw the absorption of Howick into Manukau City Council.

He served as Mayor from 1974 to 1989 and was on the Auckland Hospital Board, The Auckland Regional Author-



ity, Auckland local bodies Association as Vice President and serviced as a Board member of the New Zealand local Government Insurance Corporation.

Following reform of the local government in 1989 and the deregulation of The National Provident Fund in 1990, he was appointed to a working party set up to establish a global superannuation scheme for some 35,000.00 employees in local government. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1974 and a Trust Board member of the St John Ambulance Society and in 1983 he was awarded a MBE for service to local government. Morrin was warmly welcomed by all present into the family of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellows. The introduction was by James Donovan.

William (Bill) Percival Paul Harris Fellow (SP)

Bill is a founder member of this Club, chartered in 1961. In 1968 Bill became our eighth President.

Past President Brian Hanlon introduced Bill, variously describing him as genuine, stable, reliable, sound, constant, dependable, sensible, trusty, knowledgeable, hard-working,. And then put alongside that Bill's real interest are in his community and his deep affiliations to the Rotary Club of Howick and the work and ideals of Rotary International.

In June 1991, George Abercrombie presented the citation for William Thomas Percival as a Paul Harris Fellow. The citation revealed Bill's fine contribution over the years, filling every Club office that existed. On the community front, he held long officer associations with the Howick Presbyterian Church the Howick Camera Club [founder member and now a life member], the Photographic Society of New Zealand, the Parnell Cricket Club, and more than a fleeting influence upon others.



Since then Bill, and Peggy, have continued to serve Rotary and this Club in an exemplary manner and his affection for the Rotary Club of Howick is apparent to all who know him.

Bill was awarded a Sapphire Pin to his earlier Paul Harris Fellow award and joins a select group of Rotarians in this Club to be awarded this honor.

Anniversaries

- 10- Sept. *Barbara & Geoff Thompson*
21 - Sept. *Yola & Charles Davidson*
21 - Sept. *Marguerite & Bill McKay*
22 - Sept. *Helen & Duncan Morrison*

Birthdays

- 12- Sept. *Helen Morrison*
17- Sept. *Chris Francis*
20 - Sept. *Alan Peterson*

Diary

30 September.

Rob Crabtree - Rotary information and fun night.

7 October.

Jeannette Fitzsimons - Green Party Co-Leader, has been an MP since 1996.

14 October.

John Boscowan - founder of the Freedom of Speech Trust, established to continue the campaign against the Electoral Finance Act.

21 October.

Ian Wishart - journalist, author and the editor of Investigate magazine. His most recent book is the number one bestselling "Absolute Power".

28 October.

Maurice Williamson - National Party M.P. for Pakuranga since 1987



Charter Night 2008