



Presidents Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Hope you all had an enjoyable weekend, seems as the weather forecast for the weekend was very accurate. The Hurricanes had a good win to counter the loss in the cricket at the Basin.

This past Tuesday at the Pavilion, we had Anna Trethewey, the Taita College student that the club sent to the National Science and Technology forum in Auckland. She talked about the experience and how going has aided her in deciding what to study when she goes to University.

This coming Tuesday for our informal meeting we are have a meal at the new Brew'd in Stokes Valley. Will be interesting to see the difference from when it was the Hardware.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Joe Howard

President

Hutt River Valley Rotary

Meeting Tuesday March 14th Anna Trethewey

Anna Trethewey , the Club's candidate to the Rotary Science and Technology Forum in Auckland was our speaker for the evening.

Anna was accompanied by her mother Joanne and the Taita College Science Head Sujata Rajagopal.

Anna spoke to us about her time at the forum which was unfortunately cut short because of illness, but the



time Anna did have was well spent.

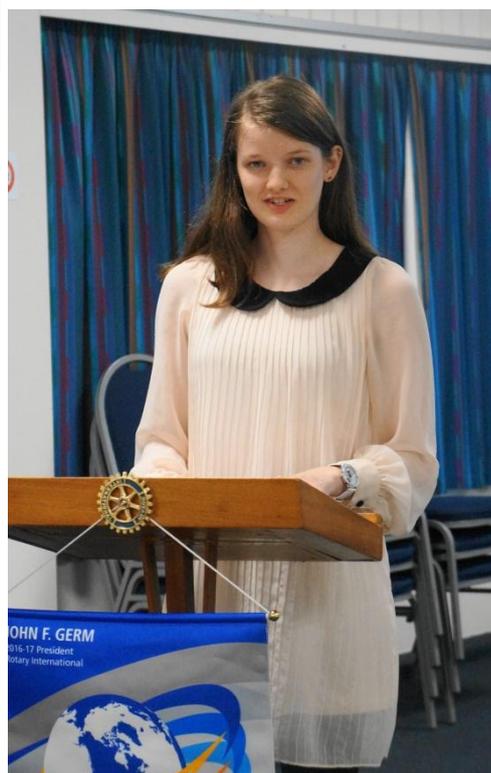
Anna told us about the tremendous time she had at the forum, getting a greater insight into a number of sciences and technologies. Anna also spoke to us about the many new friends she has made, unfortunately from her



point of view in Auckland but nevertheless friends for some time to come.

Anna's time was indeed well spent, because of her exposure to the forum's content Anna has changed what she intended to do as a career.

Obviously a worthwhile project for Anna and our Club, we should be justifiably proud of being able to sponsor Anna to this event.



Parting Thought

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries is not “Eureka” but “That’s Funny”.

Isaac Asimov

Upcoming Events

March 21st – Brew’d Stokes Valley

March 28th – Visit by Rotary Club of Petone

April 4th – Away TBA

April 11th – Caroline Martin Police

April 18th – Away TBA

April 25th – Anzac Day – No Meeting

Duties

	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr
Guest Speaker & Topic	Brewd Stokes Valley	Petone Rotary Club visit	Away TBA	Caroline Martin Police	Away TBA	Anzac Day
Host		Joe Howard		Stu Blake		
Set Up		Alan Thorburn		Richard Stephen		
Grace		Richard Beaufort		Ron Wainwright		
Thanks		Joe Howard		Phil Hankinson		
Parting Thought		Raj Prasad		Keith McKenzie		
Stewards & Tidy Up		Peter Chaney Casey Diver		Russell Poole Peter Wright		

District Governor Martin's March Message

This month is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month. As Rotarians we can make a significant difference to improve the lives of others by providing water and sanitation.



Water and sanitation is one of the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. Our giving to The Foundation and accessing grants to improve water and sanitation should be a key focus of each of our Clubs. Some of our Wellington Clubs, for example, are currently supporting the Philippines Waterfields Water Project Pampanga through a Foundation Global Grant to provide potable water to villages in the Philippines.

It is pleasing to see that so many of our Clubs are involved in this important area of human need, whether funding wells, providing water tanks and reticulation, offering solutions to make water safe, installing toilets, establishing rainwater harvesting systems, or building reservoirs and dams.

The [Rotarian Action Group for Water and Sanitation](#) is an important source of information. Our District Chair, Colin Alford (Eastern Hutt), is always ready to help. He has significant experience in water and sanitation through the RUCHI project in Northern India. I was able to visit RUCHI a few years ago and see at first hand the huge difference Rotarians in our District have made, and continue to make, to the lives of villagers in that area. The difference flows through to health outcomes, increased crops, income generation and empowerment of women.

I have been very impressed with all of the activity our Rotary Clubs and District Committees are involved in as the new calendar year starts. The unpredictable weather has been a bit of a challenge, but you are to be congratulated for doing such great work for our communities.

To read more go to <https://rotaryservice.wordpress.com/>

WGM Update



As of **March 10, 2017**:

- There have been **3,608** events registered in **73** countries.
- More than **203,700** participants worldwide
- USD **\$2,431,390.60** has been raised (a total of USD **\$7,294,171.80** with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

This translates to **enough funds to buy more than 12,156,000 polio vaccinations!!**

- See more at: <http://rotary9940.org/stories/wgm-update/#sthash.tNREzpAA.dpuf>