



Presidents Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

For those that weren't there on Tuesday night you missed a very good occasion at Taita College to mark the funding of new computers for the students studying music. The school was well represented by Karen Morgan plus a number of teachers, David Bassett Deputy Mayor of Lower Hutt , members and partners of both Upper Hutt and our club , Rotary District representatives, music students performing some very good jazz numbers etc. A joint project well done by Peter Wright and Phil Wellborn (Upper Hutt) and supported by District with matching funds.

On Thursday evening the Garden of Appreciation blessing ceremony was held for another 37 commemorative bricks. It was well attended by family and friends of those to be remembered. Speakers included Linda Goss Wallace representing the Mayor, Biddie Hartford from Te Omanga Hospice. I was privileged to say a few words. Students from Tawhai School read the names. Ross McKinnon and Phil Hankinson have been involved in this ongoing project for 13 years and it is a great example of Rotary commitment to the community.

This week we are at Russell Poole's office which commands a great view of southern Lower Hutt. Please make every effort to be there as there also are a number of upcoming events such as the Xmas Parade, our annual Xmas Dinner etc that also need to be finalised.

See you then.

Graham Smeaton

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday 14th November - Music Computer Cheque Presentation at Taita College

A fantastic and informal evening was held at Taita College where The Rotary Club of Upper Hutt joined with us to formally close our joint project with a "Cheque Presentation" ceremony.

A couple of the computers purchased with the money raised, \$3000.00 from Taita College and both our Clubs and \$9000.00 from a matching grant, were on display and students were on hand to demonstrate their use.



Unfortunately our District Governor was unable to attend but was well represented by Adrienne Murray. Ray Wallace, our Mayor was also unable to attend but was represented by the Deputy Mayor David Bassett.

Before and during the meal we were entertained fantastically well by the music

students who I am sure will make good use of these computers. This technology can only help to foster and improve the great level of skill shown to us by the students tonight.

What a great evening and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.





Adrienne Murray (right)

Deputy Mayor David Bassett



Parting thought

"We are constituted so that simple acts of kindness such as giving to a charity or expressing gratitude have a long term positive effect on our moods. The key to a happy life, it seems, is the good life, a life with sustained relationships, challenging work, and most important of all connections to community."

Paul Bloom - born in Canada but currently Professor of psychology at Yale University

Upcoming programme

November 21st – An informal meeting to be held at Nuovo Group, Level 5, 105 High Street Lower Hutt

November 28th – Christmas Parade preparation night

December 2nd – Christmas Parade

December 5th – TBA

December 12th – Christmas Party

Duties

	21-Nov	28-Nov
Guest Speaker & Topic	An Informal Meeting at Nuovo Group, 105 High St.	Christmas Parade preparation
Host		
Set Up		Alan Thorburn
Grace		Peter Chaney
Thanks		
Parting Thought		Richad Bridge
Stewards & Tidy Up		Keith McKenzie Leigh Sutton

The Rotary Foundation

Celebrating Our Centenary

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own charity and in 2016/17 it will be celebrating its centennial anniversary. Former Rotary International President Arch Klumph's idea for an endowment fund dedicated to '**Doing Good In The World**' planted the seed for The Rotary Foundation in 1917.

That one idea and an initial contribution of \$26.50 set in motion a powerful force for good that has transformed millions of lives around the globe over the decades. Over the last 100 years, the Foundation has spent over \$3 billion on humanitarian programmes across the world. This includes spearheading the movement to eradicate polio across the world, as well as facilitating projects which address Rotary's Six Areas of Focus.

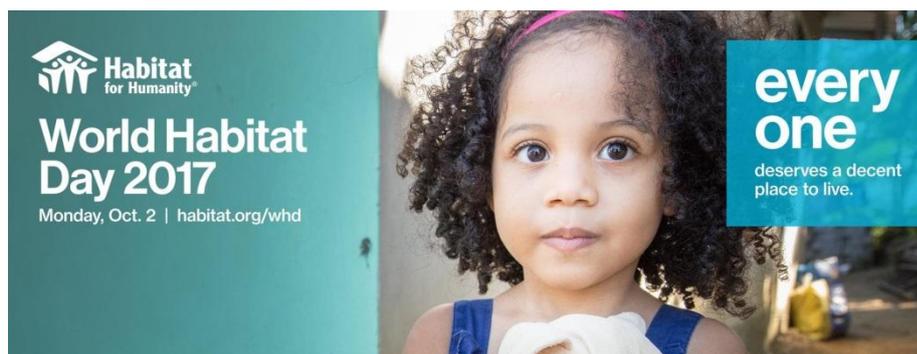
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity to empower communities

To help clubs and districts empower their communities through access to affordable shelter, Rotary is pleased to announce a service partnership with Habitat for Humanity.



This new partnership aims to help enhance club and district-led service activities by providing access to resources and programming. Clubs can work with Habitat affiliates and local communities to design and provide long-term, affordable housing to families most in need of shelter.

"The values of our organizations are so closely aligned, and the desire to help others runs deep for both groups. That makes us such a perfect match," said Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan T.M. Reckford and member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.