

Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

President Dave Gaynor, Secretary Steve Paterson, Treasurer Ron Schalkwijk, Past President Nigel Withell

Rotary Club of Palmerston North

*100 Year Celebration
May 25*

Register NOW for the event!

*If you have friends or
past members you know –
Please invite them to come –
CELEBRATE the CLUB !*

Monday 22 April 2024

Speaker	Steve Paterson
Topic	<i>The Plan</i>
Intro/ Thanks	President Dave
Attendance/Cashier	Martin Townend
Sergeant	Nigel Withell
Corporal	John Brunsdan
Parting thought	Malcolm Hopwood
Bulletin Editor	Phil Burt

Monday 29 April 2024

Speaker	TBA
Topic	
Intro/ Thanks	
Attendance/Cashier	Stu Schwartz
Sergeant	Liam Hehir
Corporal	Ron Schalkwijk
Parting thought	Ramola Duncan
Bulletin Editor	Bruce Wilson

From our meeting 15 April:
16 members, 1 guest
Sergeant Session: \$46.20

President Dave welcomed all to the meeting and mentioned that prospective member, Logan Peck would arrive later. President Dave spoke briefly of our Club's very busy May:

May 13 and 21	RYDA
May 18	Youth Music Festival
May 23	Circus Quirkus
May 25	100 Year Celebration

President Dave then introduced Brian Donnelly, our guest speaker, for the day.

Brian took us on a plumbing journey through time.

Brian began with information on the Roman aqueduct system. The system carried 1.2 billion litres of fresh water every day and that worked well for a long time. But in 200 BC someone decided to pipe water using lead (Pb, plumbum) pipes which poisoned much of the population. – Could this be the reason for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire? Though we do not use lead pipes now, our general word for all that has to do with pipes and water, “plumbing,” remains.

The first flush toilet (the water closet) was invented in 1596 by Sir John Harrington, godson of Elizabeth I. Though Harrington called his invention Ajax, we now pay homage to him by visiting the “john.”

By 1629, Tremont House in Boston offered indoor toilets and free soap for guests.

In 1684, Louis XIV, the Marly Machine pumped water from the Seine to Versailles, about 15 miles.

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District # 9940 <http://rotary9940.org/>

Club # 18626 www.pnrotary.co.nz

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1775 found the prototype for the modern toilet produced by Alex Cummings which had a water inlet linked to the flushing mechanism and an S-trap.

In 1848, the government enacted the National Public Health Act after a significant Cholera outbreak.

Toilet paper (TP) came on the scene as medicated, flat sheets in 1857.

1870 Thomas Twyford introduced the first all-ceramic, free standing, one-piece, washout, pedestal “closet” /flushing toilet. Twyford toilets are still produced today.

In Britain, by 1879, perforated toilet paper on a roll had arrived courtesy of Walter Alcock.

Though Thomas Crapper is often hailed as the inventor of the flush toilet, he came relatively late to the game. However, he did develop the ballcock which improved the tank-filling mechanism and is still used widely in toilets today. Just as with the first toilet inventor, his name remains immortalised with many using either as a euphemism for those not wishing to be blunt.

Parting Thought – Referring to several teen suicides over the weekend, Nick Kaspers challenged the club members to find out how people **really** are when they say merely “ok.”

Rotary Youth Music Festival

Please mark your diaries for **Saturday 18 May**, which is a week earlier than usual due to our 100 Year Event.

We'll need as many Rotarian as possible on the day for what should be our biggest Music Festival ever!

If you have a duty rostered and are unable to attend, then please arrange a substitute. 😊

Sergeant Fines

Easy to pay Sergeant's fines! 02-0727-0025858-000
OR buy some vouchers to have on hand!

Apologies and Club Duties:

Please apologise if you are unable to attend a weekly meeting.

Guest Speaker?

If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin or Mark know so we can invite them along.

New Member Form

Here is a link to the form that can be used to propose a new member. Just click on the link:

<https://www.pnrotary.co.nz/ProposeNewMember.pdf>

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