

**President Dave Gaynor, Secretary Steve Paterson, Treasurer Ron Schalkwijk  
Past President Mark Buxton**



**Merry Christmas to All !  
See you in 2021**

**Next Meeting: Lunch on Monday 1 February 2021**  
Details and duties to be advised.

Our Christmas meeting found many enjoying lovely canapes and a cheerful bubbly! Mince pies and brandy snaps added seasonal flair!

Each chair had a journalistic snippet from the past: Including a 25 May, 1925 celebration of the first year of Rotary Club of Palmerston North noting that the membership had now increased to 33. Essay contests are long standing as one student in 1939 discussed *How best can good citizenship promote international good will?* An indication of the international fellowship enjoyed by Rotarians and their families was found in the 7 May 1943 letter from UK Rotary Club that they had entertained a Kiwi soldier "you will be glad to know your boy is fit and well." Paul Harris' visit to Palmerston North was big news on 20 April 1935. Other notices recounted speakers, singing performances and guests – needless to say the club has been active in city life from the beginning.

On cue, Steve Parsons presented slides and detail of the club's many projects through the years. Members enjoyed seeing themselves in the various photos and all decided Steve has not changed much except that he has lost his moustache!

Steve's presentation began with a brief history of Palmerston North and continued with a photo of the first officers of the club and a diagram of the area clubs that were founded with the help of the Rotary Club of

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Palmerston North. He further discussed many of the club's projects through the years: Rotary Court housing at Massey (1967), the Ivy May Jensen Trust project for seniors in 1976, the Jumbesi Project for a medical clinic in Nepal (complete with a "necessary" building) with Sir Edmund Hilary and his busy visit to Palmerston North, the Alafua Western Samoa Project (1985) with photos of notable members in their lavalava. Special Olympics was organised by the club in 1990. 1998 found club members in Moldova providing wool for warmth. In 2005, the club renovated Camp Rangi Woods and 2007 established the club connection with RUCHI: First with a plan for electric fencing which was followed by establishing clean drinking water through a dam project and eventually, a motorcycle to make RUCHI's work easier. Roger Clausen was on the scene each time and can be credited with work well done! 2009 found the club at Kahuterawa Bush planting and our work continues there this year. Sixtus Lodge firewood project was a yearly scene from 2010. Further projects included: Crosshills visits for Massey International Students as well Dictionaries in Schools, the Intermediate Speech Festival, the Icon speaker series, Shelter Box, Youth Music Festival, Daffodil Day, Relay for Life, Rookie of the Year, Solomon Island Books, Multicultural Show, Women's Refuge sausage sizzle, and RU^4IT. Current members' faces graced the many photos remembering the projects. The final photo was of Liam Hehir our leader into the future beginning July of next year.

### Club Messages

- The **Festival of Cultures** is on **27 Feb 2021**. Please mark your diaries.
- Steve Parsons is leading the charge to complete the **100-year history** of the Club for 2024. He is now conducting interviews with club members and is looking for volunteers to tell their experiences with Rotary. Please contact Steve if you can help.
- **Please keep Philip in the loop on any Club Welfare matters.**
- If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin, Mark or President Dave know so we can invite them along

### New Member Form link:

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

**Parting Thought** from President Dave: Re: cutting Arts funding to fund the war: This quote has often been attributed to Winston Churchill: "Then what are we fighting for."

### Useful web links...

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

Club # 18626 [www.pnrotary.co.nz](http://www.pnrotary.co.nz)