

President's Report – 2011/12 Year Presented by Neil Potter

I suspect the speed which this last year has passed is an experience shared by all who have been President of the club and one for Colin to look forward to.

First, a special welcome to our new District Governor Graeme Blick and Christine, Immediate Past District Governor Brian Smith and Margaret. We also have new Assistant Governor Carol Green and Nigel, and of course Ian Grigor and Betsy who have been regular visitors. Welcome too, to honorary members, special guests Thomas and Cameron, and partners of members.

When I started preparing this report, I thought it would be a quick one as not much had happened. Until I started digging. I can now say I think we can all look back on a year of great achievement.

It has been a year of ups and downs. The not so bright times of the passing of Roy Claridge and Shirley Cable and the on-going battle Eileen is enduring, have added a degree of sobriety on what would otherwise have been a great year.

A quick summary:

- 2 new members inducted this year, Margaret and Phil
- The finishing touches to the Taveuni Ambulance
- 2012 Petone Rotary Fair was very successful with around \$35K available for distribution next year
- Dictionaries in Schools handed to Petone Central
- Thumbs Up trust assisted with Vinyl flooring/outdoor area
- Britannia House – gate alarm
- Kirsty Bullard – Guides trip to Nova Scotia for centenary of Guides
- Gift of Green
- Community Patrol – Car purchase assistance
- Te Omanga Hospice - \$5K towards training etc
- ATC – flying/navigation course
- ATC – donation plus bonus in return for their help with the fair
- RYLA – 2 attendees sponsored
- Xmas function – foodbank donations & Womens Refuge presents
- Britannia House – replacement laundry tub
- Police Blue Light – on-going youth program
- Emergency Response Kit

- Te Huinga o te Whanau – refurbishment Approx \$3K plus a lot of time
- St Johns - \$500 towards Youth Training after their involvement with the fair
- Petone Sea Scouts – Easter Regatta in Lyttleton
- St Augustine Church – Assistance toward new annex
- \$4K to Rotary Foundation and Polio Plud
- Destitute Childrens Home in Pokhara – on going involvement
- Satellite Club

And I know there have been other fundraisers such as Movie Nights for the likes of Britannia House etc. In all there was around \$30K from last year's fair distributed this year.

There has been a lot of work done on getting the club website running which we have/will see tonight.

Satellite Club and Destitute Children's Home in Pokhara are long term projects which each have their challenges.

So, you can see this year has been productive and one I have enjoyed - mostly. Tough times in business don't mix well with anything.

A few thanks are in order:

- Ian Grigor's very useful input through the years of his involvement in with the club. And Betsy for her light relief when she was able to come along also
- Dave Gratton who did the first 6 months of the year as secretary before hanging up his pen after many years as secretary.
- Pam Hanna who took over from Dave as secretary.
- Bernie Hall with another year of sterling service as Treasurer
- Stephen Fitzjohn working quietly in the background achieving a phenomenal amount for the club. Most notably his huge input in making sure the Te Huinga o te Whanau project stayed on track
- Gary and Tui Lewis for their work on the bulletin, publicity and the website
- Kerry Obrien and Dick Werry for their very educating Sergeant sessions
- Gerry Pallo for his work on club projects and also for dealing with the grief of numbers for each meeting

- Colin Partington in his role as President Elect
- Alan Stevens and George Forbes for their on-going and monumental efforts with the fair

Thank you especially to Richelle for her help in the back ground when things have been hectic.

Finally , a big thank you to the club as a whole. It has been a year that I will look back on with a sense of achievement and hope you do also.