



Club Meeting 9th May 2022

Welcome to this week's Rotanote. In the absence of David Carden and Roger Cole-Baker, it is in the hands of humble co-opted scribe Paul Sargison. I therefore take no responsibility for any errors, omissions, or shortage of content.

President Ian was pleased to welcome members of St. Johns Club to our 9th of May meeting, headed by joint President Penny McGarry. Fellow President Lesley Harris was unable to be present. Also welcomed were Incoming DG Allan Smith and his wife. It was something of a shock to our members and President Ian, when the St. Johns contingent turned up early!

President Ian had a number of announcements to make including the following:

On-line Auction

This will be going live for 2 weeks from the 28th of May. The auction committee will be sending out an email shortly with dates and details, which club members are being asked to forward to their friends, relatives and associates to build up the potential bidding audience. They will need to register to bid for the 70 plus auction items, in the hope that we can raise \$15,000 for the 3D printed Heart for Starship Childrens' Hospital surgery training purposes. Have a peep, but don't alter anything:

<https://www.32auctions.com/AucklandEastRotary>

Club Assembly

This important meeting on the 30th of May will be where we have our opportunity to discuss the future options for the club, given the requirement for a minimum weekly dining number of 25.

District Conference

To be held in Wellington from 24-25 June, incoming District Governor Allan Smith is hoping to see a group from Auckland East in attendance. Please let President Simon Kouk know if you will be attending. Naturally, partners are welcome.

Island Child Trust

Calendar

Next Week's Speakers: Breakfast Club 16 May

Online Auction Go-Live 28 May

Club Assembly 30 May



District Conference 24-25 June

[Click for full calendar on our website](#)

Ian was pleased to advise that the commercial grade washing machine and dryer funded by our club, are now in operation at the Island Child Trust in Point England. Daniel Bergin, the Trust's founder has invited club members to visit and share a cuppa with her. President Ian will advise the date in the near future.

Fellowship Dinner

Board Member Mark Biggs reminded members of the Fellowship Dinner to be held at delightful Beach Club Restaurant, Orakei Village on Tuesday 17th of May at 6.30 p.m. If you haven't already booked, check with Harry Delamare who may be able to find you and your partner a spot.

Sergeant

Sergeant Bernard Kendall bravely stood up to fine himself for not having anyone to fine on the night.

The Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Annual Debate

Topic: That Smart Phones are Making us Dumber. And Finally the debate got underway, ably chaired by veteran, and totally unbiased adjudicator Ron Greer, who confessed to being an enthusiastic user of his own smart phone.

The St. Johns team bravely led off with their hopelessly un-winnable proposal, that smart phones make us dumber, when everyone present knew, that they had not got a smidgeon dumber since owning one of these magic devices for expanding our own knowledge.

Our team, consisting of leader Gary Langford, ably supported by Owen Williams and Dan Gardiner, made short work of the oppositions preposterous arguments. Naturally, justice triumphed and our Auckland East team walked away with the marine toilet trophy, which will be safely stored for next year's challenge.



Our Debate Winning Team



Club Member Duties (Note Changes on 23 May)

	16 May	23 May	30 May
Speaker	Breakfast Club	Shefali Mehta	Club Assembly
Sergeant	Gary Langford	Gary Langford	Gary Langford
Dinner Check-in	Brian Costar	Ron Greer	Mark Biggs
Moment of Thanks	Owen Williams	Peter Moule	Peter Allen
Speaker Host, Intro & Thanks	Murray Willis	Dennis Millard	N.A.
Stand-In	Bevan Iles	Greg Dayman	Andrew Bernau
Setup & Pack Away	Peter Allen	Nick Fitness	John Deller
AV Technician	John Miller	John Miller	John Miller

Apologies and guest names to John Miller, Phone 528 4433 or email jmiller@pl.net at the latest by **11.00 a.m. Monday**. Members unable to do their duty, need to arrange a replacement and inform the Sergeant Gary Langford.

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