



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 20 April 2020

Zoom Zoom ZOOM Meeting

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

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www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz

| | 20 April | 27 April |
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| Chair | Tom Davies | Tom Davies |
| Guest Speaker | Gavin Hao** | Rebecca Burton |
| Topic | Covid-19 in China & Forestry | Facebook in Business |
| Introduction | Dennis Nielson | Russell Burton |
| Thanks | Martin Kinder | Mark Gould |
| Club Speaker | None | None |
| Quote | Tom Davies | Fergus Cumming |

PLEASE NOTE

Meeting will commence at 1300 as per Martin's email

From Last meeting

Martin welcomed members and guests to the meeting as President Tom couldn't join the meeting at the start. We had around 40 persons online, half of whom were members.

QUOTE: Erika "A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials" Lucius Annaeus Seneca (Born 5 BC)

I thought that another of his quotes could be particularly pertinent today.
"If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable"

Russell Burton introduced his sister-in-law Dr Deborah Donnell who spoke of her work on the prevention of HIV, in particular, and the effect that Covid-19 has had both the public of America and to the furtherance of trials that she is currently conducting for the prevention of HIV. The trials are being conducted in different countries with differing sets of "lockdown" which is proving difficult. Washington state was the first to have a positive case of Covid-19 but is not suffering the same escalation as the majority of the other states.

President Tom joined the meeting and thanked Russell B for organising our speaker and welcomed the participants recognising the other Rotarians and guests who had joined in.

Margriet recognised Wendy Abrahams as one of the guests joining in from South Africa in the early morning and to be one of our future speakers.

Since the meeting **President Tom** has advised that the Directors have approved a payment of \$1000 each to the Rotorua Multicultural Council and the Salvation Army's food banks

Speaker Biographies.

****Gavin Hao** is a partner of Denis Nielson's and a forestry specialist. He has worked for Finnish and American companies in China and in 2019 he formed his own forest and wood trading firm called GINGKO

Gavin has collaborated with Dennis on a number of consulting projects, industry tours in China, conferences and multi-client reviews

Gavin and his wife and 8-year-old daughter effectively went into lockdown in Shanghai on 25 January and are recently out of quarantine.

Gavin is a specialist in wood imports to China including NZ logs and sawn timber

Future Speakers

04 May Deborah Jolly and Irene Law "Tour Aotearoa" 3,00km horizontal and 40km vertical

Birthdays (01 April-20 April)

01 Linda Nielson, 05 Melanie Davies, 08 Pam Dale, 13 Maree Kinder and 14 Mark Gould

Political Gems

"It is only totalitarian governments that suppress facts. In this country we simply take a democratic decision not to publish them"

"Private secretaries have divided loyalties – to their Minister and to the Civil Service.

Whose side are they on when the chips are down? It is their job to see the chips stay up"

Sir Humphrey Appleby K.C.B – Secretary of the Cabinet

April is Maternal & Child Health Month



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