



Martin Kinder Paul Harris Fellow / Sapphire

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One of the most enjoyable tasks of a Rotary Board concluding its year is to make special acknowledgment of some members of the organisation whose role over a sustained period is considered to be exceptional and, in every way, exceeds the very high values and principles laid down in the foundations of Rotary itself.

This year we have recognised the long-term and exceptional work of both Ann Nicholas and Richard Pryce and awarded them a Paul Harris Fellowship.

We have a third person that the board of Directors also wished to acknowledge. This individual already has a Paul Harris Fellowship, but the system does recognise that for continuing exceptional work and personal commitment that goes well above and beyond that we can award a Paul Harris Sapphire.

Accordingly, your Board of Directors wish to make such an award to Martin Kinder.

There are two distinct facets to this.

Firstly Martin's commitment to this organisation and the very substantial role he plays in ensuring that our systems, processes are absolutely correct and meeting the on-going requirements of the greater Rotary organisation. Of course, he is also our treasurer, and with his expertise in trusts and similar gives comfort to us all that we stay on the right side of all the requirements of the law. Martin has been our treasurer since 2011 and I know he sometimes jokes that this role is a life sentence, but he has never relented in the slightest over his attention to detail. This is a mission critical role for this organisation.

The second aspect that we wanted to acknowledge is his wider work in the community. Martin has had many roles in many community organisations. He has a role in many trusts and of special note he recently joined a group of trustees charged with introducing Kiwi Can to Rotorua to help transform young lives for the benefit of those children and our local community. In Martin they made an excellent choice and although yet another task for him they chose very wisely indeed.

Martin was introduced to Rotary by Murray Patchell and joined this august group in August 2000. As he had not long since arrived in Rotorua this was a great route to becoming involved in the local community and to meet and make new friends.

Martin has served in every major role in this group.

2004/2005/ 2006 Secretary

2007 Vice President and arranged the long luncheon at the Tea House in the Gardens. A very enjoyable Sunday spent mixing with club members and families

2008/2009 President

2011 to this day and beyond – Treasurer

2016 he Took over the Organising of the placement of Lincoln Students as a fund raiser

2017-2019 On the board of Graham Dingle Foundation Kiwi Can

I note that Martin was the Bulletin Editor for 3 years. I can guarantee that the grammar and punctuation in our newsletter would have been perfect. Maree had noted that their weekends were put on hold until this Bulletin was produced to the highest standard.

Martin has a background in trusts, some 25 years with the Guardian Trust in Palmerston North, transferring to Rotorua in 2000 moving to Hulton Patchell who of course later merged with Deloitte in 2013. Martin works extensively with Maori Trusts boards providing administrative support and ensuring good Governance.

We of course have benefited from this knowledge and it has materially assured us of always exhibiting best practice with our own board of Directors.

I also noted that.

In 2007, Martin walked the Rotorua Marathon with Sunrise Rotary Club helping raise money for a Dialysis Machine for the hospital

He has been an active member always for example at the many garden working bees around town.

He is a very experienced Tennis Player and was President of the Manuka Tennis Club when his youngest son Michael played.

Plays Golf when he gets the time

Co-ordinator of the Rotary Business House Golf matches in the summer months and Snooker Games Thursday nights in the Winter months

Host father to 5 International Exchange Students

We also know of his passion for quizzes and he has been quiz master on many occasions.

I also suspect that he is that masked man with a paint brush who goes around putting apostrophes in the right place on many signs around town – a task that could easily be a life task as well.

From a personal point of view, I have greatly appreciated his support and advice to me, the friendship he and Maree have shown to me has been very very special indeed.

It therefore gives me great personal pleasure on your behalf to be able to make this Sapphire Award to Martin.

I would ask you all to rise and join me in acknowledging Martin for his substantial and very personal commitment to the ideals of Rotary.

Russell Burton

President Rotary Club of Rotorua