

Guest Speaker: Bill Potter

“I’m not old!” This is Bill Potter’s subject for the May meeting.

We are lucky to have Bill speak to us this month. A motivational speaker par excellence, he has a bio too long to print here.

Below are some highlights from his story.

Bill Potter was a prisoner of war camp baby for three years. He has lived in six countries and in 61 homes.

He is a business maverick, having shared his ‘different thinking’ with presentations in 57 nations so far.

He has won the New Zealand oratory title amongst other speaking successes. Bill is a double international referee in rugby and touch football. He has so far, refereed a combined total of 3,117 matches in these two Codes, including a final at the Touch Football World Cup. A proud Kiwi, he has worn the Silver Fern.

Bill has also made a 1000 feet bungy jump; led fund-raising walks through Berlin, Germany, Japan and Korea; has had a nibble at Buckingham Palace; visited The White House & the U.S. House of Congress; had a private interview with Mother Teresa; kissed Miss World (3 times) and organised the first-ever rugby match in an NFL Stadium (Miami, Florida). He also refereed this match, before 40,000+ football fans.

He has been variously described as ‘different, irreverent, thought-provoking, interacting and very funny’. He is all those things, and more. Two of his mantras are: “I CAN UNTIL I CAN’T!” and “Persistence has Power”.