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The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 01 June 2010

Venue: Pupuke Golf Club,
East Coast Road, Mairangi
Bay.
Mondays 5:30 for 6:00 pm.
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Theme of the month:

Rotary Fellowships
month.

NEXT MEETING:

14th June

Our own International
Youth Exchange
Student Nichole
Bandak will be our
presenter.

5.30pm for 6.00pm

Guests welcome.

Presidential Musings

What an interesting year 2009-10 has proved to be.

When it all began I must say I was as nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking-chairs. Now the year is almost all over: John is busy finalising his plans; new directors have finalised their teams; and a new era is soon to begin.

Although some plans and projects roll-over, the new faces in the various positions bring a fresh approach.

Club forum on Monday was an interesting reflection on the year:

- We raised just over \$59,000 and spent just a little more: I like zero budgeting.
- Sometimes we were successful in all we did and sometimes we did not get things quite right: On average I think we did pretty well, but there is always room for review and further avenues of service.
- The Yacht Regatta and Golf Tournament are terrific occasions, but they need more extensive support of the whole Club and need to be supplemented by other fund raising activities.
- The Monday Night programmes have been terrific, well planned, interesting speakers, and mostly well supported by those doing their duties.
- The success of Local and Overseas projects was made possible by the leadership given and support received by members.
- We recruited three new members and lost two with an increment of one.
- We are a voluntary organisation reliant upon volunteers who are professional in all they do, and committed in what they undertake. We are well served by many who go that extra distance.
- Fellowship is the key to retaining members and developing good morale in the Club. We have not done too badly, although sometimes we have unwittingly put some members under pressure.
- The support given by John W and Jack M through the Family of Rotary has been well received.

The directors gave comprehensive accounts of their year's activities. The Directors and Club 'Officials' have served us well. Thank you.

There were also some warnings about the need to be flexible and adventurous in fund raising, and to keep the dreams sparked by the Club Visioning process alive.

We have three weeks before change-over, but while I remember [which is not always easy, I am finding] I want to say thank you for what has been a good year: let's enjoy the remaining three weeks.



Change over 28 June of June – the Parson changes to the Pearson – **Bring it on!**

Don

If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President				
DUTY	7th June	14th June	21st June	28th June
Reception		Rod Fergusson	Bruce Dunlop	
Attendance	NO MEETING	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk				John Pritchard
Fellowship	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	Alan Astrop	Alan Astrop	Warwick Moulton
		Dick Daniells	Dick Daniells	Dick Daniells
		Ian Collard	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
Stewards		Jim Mayo	Bruce Dunlop	Graham Rice
		Sherida Penman-Walters	Barry Perrow	Martin Reiss
		Sue Yi	Warren Patterson	Warren Sanderson
Grace		Alistar New	John Pearson	Barry Perrow
3 Minute Talk		Barry McLean	Board member	
Into Speaker		Stuart Cowie	Peter Davidson	
Thanks Speaker		Rodger Carter	Ted Brock	
Parting thought		Rod Fergusson	Bruce Dunlop	
Host Student		Gary Morgan	Barry Perrow	
Rotaract		Don Pratt		
Guest Speaker/Event		Nicole Bandak Rotary Club of ECB - IYE Student 2009/2010	TBA	Club Changeover at Pupuke Golf Club. Partner's Night.

CLUB MEETING - May 31st – CLUB FORUM our reporter Gary writes:-

President Don welcomed us all to the meeting announcing that we had no guests. **Sergeant Dirk** was again in good form although technical difficulties with his birthday's list cost him dearly! As usual the Bulls featured heavily and we were once again treated to several jokes. Dirk's Sergeant's session raised \$97.20 (20c being Australian) for the Sunshine fund.

3 MINUTE TALK – Warwick Moulton - Warwick started his talk with a humorous comment about our Sergeant "At last a S.A. Afrikaans Sergeant that has a sense of humour!" he said. *(I felt obliged to report this as Dirk had left the room by this stage and I know he would like to respond at the next meeting!! – better bring lots of coins for the next Sergeant's session Warwick - Ed)* Warwick then used 2/3 of this time recounting elephant jokes told to him by his granddaughter e.g. How do you fit 4 elephants into a red mini? Answer: Two in the front and two in the back! This was used to good effect as his lead-in to his main topic, the Granddad's reading programme at Sherwood school. Warwick, Bob, Glenn, Paul and Steve make weekly visits to the school from 10.20am to 11.20am to help with the school's lexile reading system. They are ably assisted from time to time by John Webb, Carol Moulton, Jack Mann and Graeme. Warwick stated how worthwhile and rewarding this programme was, and announced that they are looking for at least one more "regular" to help. If you are interested please see Warwick.

CLUB NOTICES:

President Don announced that the Club had regrettably received **Ken Pemberton's resignation**. Pres. Don explained that because of personal circumstances Ken needed to make some changes in his busy schedule. However, through Trees for Survival, and as the partner of Sherida, he will maintain an interest in and contact with East Coast Bays Rotary. Pres. Don said that Ken has been a busy and loyal member of the Club and his presence from our regular activities will be missed.

President Don announced that the Club had received a letter of thanks from David Gray of Riding for the Disabled for the donation of \$4,800 from the Club. They will come and present to the Club and give members an understanding of how these funds are to be used.

President Don announced that the Club had received a letter from Bob Lang, D9910 Chair, thanking the Club for our work in hosting the GSE team from D1760. He particularly thanked Barry Perrow and Ted Brock who "went that extra step to make the visit so enjoyable for the Team".

Nichole stated that she is looking for hosts for her parents who are arriving on July 5th, and that she has her school ball this Saturday, and that she was looking for supporters for her soccer game at Pinehurst School on Wednesday at 4pm.

Rowee asked Fellows to consider supporting the **Brain Injury Association's** annual appeal week which starts on 14th June. If you could collect for them, please contact Rowee for details.

CLUB FORUM

President Don introduced Club Forum and gave thanks to all those that help make the Club function so well over this Rotary year. In particular Pres. Don thanked Steve Jenkins for all his help and friendly reminders over the year. Pres. Don also asked us to remember that we are all volunteers and we need to endeavour to remember this. President Don also commended the Regatta and Golf Committees for their success and hard work, ably lead by Graham and Rod, and he thanked Peter Garnett for an excellent programme. Finally Pres. Don reminded us of John Webb's sad loss of his dear wife Jean.

Club Service – incoming Pres. John reporting.

"Club Administration had a good year and the items as set out in the Strategic Plan were achieved.

The club committee consisted of Steve, Lynette, Dirk, Gary, Doug, Glen, Peter, Inge, John, Jack and George and they are all to be thanked for the jobs that they have diligently carried out over the year. Club Administration is often a thankless task and the people like Inge on Attendance, George on Duty Roster, and the team on the bulletin require special thanks as their efforts often go under the radar. The highlight for the year was the very high standard of speakers culminating in the Governor General last Tuesday with the combined evening with Milford and special thanks to Peter for those efforts."

Club Visioning – Warren Patterson reporting. Warren gave a verbal report giving a summary of the Club Visioning process and a few bullet points in terms of the challenges looking forward.

Club Development – Sean reporting. Aimed for 5 new members and to lower the average age of the Club. Managed to achieve a net +1 over the year. Ran fireside meetings for new members and some good publicity for the Club. Have started to set up an alumni list.

Each new member has been allocated a mentor from the committee to support and follow up on any questions, and ensure the members are integrated into the club. The mentoring programme has now been formalised and the process will be Board approved.

Fellowship – Don Pratt reporting. Don thanked Warwick and Don for handling the bar supplies. Don reported that we had regular partners evenings, 28 children to the Club's Christmas party, visited other clubs (Takapuna North), had special celebrations e.g. Browns Bay's 25th Anniversary meeting at the RSA, and an informal BBQ at Waitoki Lodge. Our Club was represented at the District Quiz in Matakana and we helped with the setup of the Governor General's visit in conjunction with Milford Club. Don reminded us that change over is coming up very soon!

Local Projects – Gary reporting in Ken's absence. 3 students supported to go to Outward Bound, 3 to Science and Tech Forum, and 3 teams supported to attend MUNA (2 from Rangitoto College and 1 from Pinehurst). Continued to support a neo natal project with Inner Wheel at North Shore Hospital and continued support of the Carabiner project through the YES centre. Have again supported Riding for the Disabled this year as well as Christmas gifts for the Browns Bay CAB. Continued support for Trees for Survival (Murrays Bay School), and have supported special courses for children e.g. Boys Alive. Local Projects committee also organised marshals for the Auckland marathon in association with Pupuke Rotaract members (raised around \$1,000 combined), and we provided helpers for the Passchendaele exhibition at Devonport.

International and Foundation – Barry Perrow reporting. Supported the Kaaso Uganda Project in Africa, with thanks to Jane and David, where a computer lab and library were set up (see photo opposite). Sent hospital equipment to the South Pacific - thanks to Jane Hunter. Increased Centurion and benefactors by 140%. Supported the GSE team,



and IYE with Robin from France incoming and Samara from Pinehurst outgoing next year. Funds were raised throughout the year by accessing the Merv Huxford Trust, the raffle, Entertainment books and theatre nights.



Jane Hunter and Barry Perrow loading boxes of hospital supplies from NS Hospital to go to the South Pacific

Fund Raising – Rod and Graham reporting. Rod reported that funds raised were decreasing year by year, and were very dependent on 2 or 3 members within the Club. However, support “on the day” from the Club was very good. He expressed his disappointment in that only

4 of 30 teams in the Golf were from Club members. Next year's Golf tournament had again secured the same principal sponsor but Eric Warman had been very ill, which presented some uncertainty. The next Golf tournament was less than 6 months away!

Graham reported on the Regatta. He reported that he was personally disappointed with the net profit from this year's Regatta (\$26,865), but given the economic climate, the result was satisfactory. He reported that they were working on raising the profile of the principal sponsor role, and a firm to take on this role was in sight. An Audit by AUT students (arranged by Graham) provided a very useful report and some marketing ideas for next year. The basics for next year are in place. Graham stated that they would very shortly be calling for nominations for beneficiaries of the Regatta.

Secretary and Treasurer's report from Steve. Steve spoke to the Club accounts (in Lynette's absence) which have been circulated to all Club members by e-mail prior to the meeting. There were no questions of the accounts.

President Don finished Club Forum by saying it had been a busy year and thanked everybody.

President Don then closed the meeting and thanked us all for attending.

Other Club Notices

Bob Baird would like to announce that he and Judy have now moved into their new Villa at Mayfair Village. Their contact details are as follows:-

Villa 57, Mayfair Village, 14 Oteha Valley Road, Northcross, North Shore City 0632
Tel: 4796266 or 027 3418179 or 027 4233627 Fax: 4796265 or judybob@clear.net.nz

Trees for Survival - Please see the accompanying flyer for an appeal for help to deliver bags of potting mix into the schools. This is a one-off. As you know, as a Club we support this worthy programme, so if you can lend a hand, please contact John Guthrie – Telephone 535 6776 or jguthrie@ihug.co.nz

Parting Thoughts from Peter Garnett

“I believe we can change the world if we start listening to one another again. Simple, honest, human conversation. Not mediation, negotiation, problem-solving, debate, or public meeting. Simple truthful conversation where we each have a chance to speak, we each feel heard, and we listen well.” The opening paragraph from Margaret Wheatley's book “Turning to one another – simple conversations to restore hope for the future”.

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