

EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 9 March 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:

Literacy

NEXT MEETING: 15th March

Visit to Rotary
Club of Auckland
East

**Bus leaves Pupuke
5.30 pm.**

**Venue Romfords,
Tamaki Drive
6.00pm for 6.30pm
for those going
straight there.**

Presidential Musings

March is proving to be a very interesting month, with a variety of activities.

First: I was fascinated by the story of the Diefenbunker as told by Barbara Evans. Isn't it incredible and

frightening to see what fear, ignorance and prejudice can do to people and nations? It is hard to imagine the fear that gripped the world during the Cold War era, and the lengths that nations went to protect themselves [or was it protection only for those who were considered important?] with twenty-twenty hindsight we can laugh at what happened, but are we any different with our fear of those who come from other cultures with different religious and cultural backgrounds?

Secondly: we have the Parcel Express Rotary Charity Regatta this Friday [12 March]. And yes, Nicole, it is a 7.30am start at the Gulf Harbour Marina. The regatta is a great day, and for many it is a burst of activity in the morning until the yachts leave, then another burst of activity which begins when the yachts return and last until clean up after our guests leave. It's a great day; make sure you come for some of it, especially the evening.

Thirdly: Monday [15 March] we join with Auckland East for a joint meeting. Remember to be at the Clubrooms by 5.30pm if you want the bus.

Fourthly: Mark Oram is our guest 22 March. Mark will be speaking of his experience under the leadership of Sir Peter Blake. I have heard Mark and he is most interesting – we are in for a treat.

Finally: we have our annual combined meeting with the Inner Wheel 29 March. The Inner Wheel provide a great forum for fellowship and undertake a number of charity activities not the least of which is support of young mothers at the time of the



birth of their new child. The guest speaker that night will also be a sailor, Sally Branch, who with her husband, set out from England to sail around the world. Her husband became ill and died while in New Zealand. Sally has made New Zealand her home.

March is also Literacy Month. East Coast Bays Rotary is giving dictionaries to Sunnynook School and Mulberry Grove School [Great Barrier Island]. A team from ECBR was going to Mulberry Grove later this month, but the trip had to be re-scheduled.

Yes, we have a busy few weeks, but remember we can never make our dreams come true by oversleeping. We need to carry to our tasks at hand the same enthusiasm for getting ahead that we tend to display in traffic – especially if the vehicle in front is a truck or camper-van.

Don

If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President

<u>DUTY</u>	12th March	15th March	22nd March	29th March Partners night
Reception			Jack Mann	Graeme Lea
Attendance		CLUB EXCHANGE	Bruce Dunlop	Bruce Dunlop
Cash Desk	CHARITY			Guy Kerr-Phillips
Fellowship	REGATTA	WITH	John Pritchard	John Pritchard
			Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton
		AUCKLAND EAST	Pearl Rollo	Pearl Rollo
Stewards	GULF HARBOUR	ROTARY CLUB	Gary Morgan	John Pearson
		at	Chris Pascoe	Ken Pemberton
			Warren Patterson	Sherida Penman Walters
Grace	Friday 12th March		John Webb	Murray Thom
3 Minute Talk		AUCKLAND EAST	Graeme Lea	President Miriam Wyatt
Intro Speaker	Workers		Glennis French	Miriam Wyatt
Thanks Speaker			Pearl Rollo	Inner Wheel
Parting thought	7.30 am		Jack Mann	Graeme Lea
Host Student			Jack Mann	Guy Kerr-Phillips
Rotaract			Barry McLean	
Guest Speaker				
Event			Mark Oram, talking about his book called "Blake : Leader"	Joint meeting with Inner Wheel Sally Branch speaking on her experiences sailing West Coast of USA into Mexico
			on Leadership and greatness of Peter Blake	

[Jack Mann](#) introduced our speaker [Barbara Evans](#). She currently spends 6 months here and 6 months in Canada. No winters! Barbara gave us a very interesting talk on her search for a new library. She found herself and family in a small Canadian town, Carp just out of Ottawa. She volunteered at the library, joined the Board and eventually became the chair. In the early nineties the Board was looking for a new library building or space but could find nothing suitable. At the same time the Government decided to de-commission a cold war bunker. This bunker was built from 1958-61 in great secrecy to house the PM, Government Officials-All Men-for thirty days in case of nuclear war. It was built below the ground and had four levels underneath a very thick concrete pad. It had a car park on

top, which was offered to the town for the library. The government tried to sell the bunker but decided not to sell when the best offer was from a Hell's Angels chapter! When they were cleaning out the bunker Barbara was shown over the site. Over a few wines she and others thought they could do tours through the bunker to raise money for the new library. Over 12 days they raised \$100,000 from \$15 trips through the bunker, which was now called the Diefenbunker after the Prime Minister. The bunker has 350 rooms and 250 toilets a bank vault (with a door 60 cm thick) and a jail. Interest was so high that they opened for another 9 days and raised a further \$100 000. The government decided to turn the bunker into a 'Cold War Museum'.
[Bob Baird](#) thanked Barbara for her fascinating talk.

[CLUB NOTICES](#)

[Charity Regatta](#) this coming Friday 12th March.

Graham Rice confirmed 148 participants (153 last year) prizes to Dirk, volunteers to report at 7.30am Friday, final list circulating for helpers.

Our [Club visit to the Rotary Club of Auckland East](#) takes place next Monday 15th March. Venue is Romfords (Tamaki Yacht Club, Tamaki Drive) **Bob Baird** is hoping for a good attendance and confirmed the free bus departs from Pupuke Golf Club next Monday at 5.30 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Additional \$10 pp to cover higher meal costs to be paid to Bob.

[2010 Entertainment Books](#) Please confirm requirements direct to **Rodger Carter** to enable an order to be placed. Cost \$65 of which the club gets \$13.

[Club combined meeting with Inner Wheel](#) – Partners night March 29th 6pm for 6.30pm. **Don Pratt** announced this annual joint meeting with members of the Inner Wheel Club of Albany East Coast Bays and their partners. Members of each Club share duties and conducting the meeting and the usual good attendance is expected.



[New Club Member : Pres. Don](#) welcomed back into our Club a former member **Alistair New**. Alistair was an active Club member from 1990 to 1993 whilst employed with the National Bank of Australia. Alistair has 2 adult children from his former marriage and over the past 17 years has pursued his banking career in Dunedin, Ashburton, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia and latterly has been lecturing in Business and Hotel Management. He will join the Club Development committee.

[Raffle](#) – U35, won with shouts of glee by our worthy Treasurer **Lynette**.

Sergeant Dirk provide the usual humour in extracting \$83 from members, such as the child insisting that 2+2+2= 7 rabbits-incl her own, and what about the Accountant who knows he has reached new heights when a financial 'loop-hole' is named after him (or her). Crusaders were mentioned as the only NZ team to win over the weekend, Pres. Don tempting fate up a ladder with a hedge clipper! and all Phoenix FOOTBALL supporters making a donation. The session included the usual anniversaries and birthdays and an hilarious discourse on How to Bathe a Cat. Thanks Dirk.

3 Minute Talk Martin Reiss provided us with a very interesting background to his earlier life and family. Martin recalled his interest in a recent Club speaker Cherrie Broome who spoke on her time in Uganda.

Martin was born in Tanzania and brought up in Kenya in the early '60s. Martins father served as a British diplomat in different parts of the world and early Commonwealth – those of us with longer memories will recall as the red coloured countries in our School Atlas!

Younger sister Jackie with an accounting background was involved in the establishment of Destiny Garden School for vulnerable children in Mombassa and latterly has settled in Darwin. 50% of these children are orphans and 25% are HIV Positive. Martins twin sister Judy in latter years has developed a website for the purpose of seeking sponsors and matching some of these students into UK primary schools. Thank you Martin

Parting Thought from Jonathon Winters – If your ship doesn't come in swim out to it!
Thank you **Barry McLean**.

District Notices

Mt Roskill Car Rally a seriously fun day to be enjoyed by all. Enter your family, group of friends, work colleagues or be an individual car.

DATE: Sunday 21 March 2010 WHERE: Meet at Maungakiekie Golf Club car park, 5 Anita Ave, Mt Roskill REGISTRATION: From 8.00am START: 8.30am at Maungakiekie Golf Club Details and flyer www.D9910ETCETERA.rotary.org.nz

The **District Constitution and the bylaws** are on the admin pages of the District website www.d9910admin.rotary.org.nz

The New Zealand-based **districts website** name has changed to www.rotarysouthpacific.org . The change has occurred because Rotary International rules changed and the NZ website address of www.rotary.org.nz had to comply by changing its address to www.rotarysouthpacific.org. Sub-domain names have now automatically been changed to reflect this. For example, the RDU NZ & PI website is now www.rdu.rotarysouthpacific.org However, the former address of www.rotary.org.nz and all the associated sub-domain names will still continue work but as new material etc is printed the new web address should be phased in.

I am member of the Rotary Club Nuremberg. My son Fabian Morsbach and Thilo Thottakara, a close friend of our family, are both **med. students and are looking for a medical clerkship** in a facility in New Zealand. I ask you very kindly to support. Please pass the enclosed documents to a Rotarian friend being responsible in an Auckland hospital. Thank you very much for your consideration and best regards from Nuremberg/Germany. (I have CVS and so on for these people if you are interested)

Rotary Down Under and Rotarian Life magazine is available here www.rotarydownunder.com.au with some rather cool page turning technology! The new way to view.



PLUS!
Family Fun Day
11am Sunday 28th March 2010

Venue:
The Wilson Home Gardens
St Leonard's Road Takapuna
Antiques Roadshow cost \$10 per entry.
Maxium of 2 items per entry

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