

# EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 13 April 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:

Magazine month

## NEXT MEETING:

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Minne Baragwanath,**

Disability Adviser,

Auckland City

Council "**Investing in  
Social Innovation**".

**5.30pm for 6.00pm**

**Guests welcome.**

## *Presidential Musings*

One of the things that impress me about Rotary is its International nature and ethos. When Rotarians meet there is an understanding and so much that does not need explaining because of that bond of being a Rotarian. You can go to any Club and there would be 'comfortableness' about its meetings and members.



Many years ago when I was a RNZAF Chaplain, I visited the helicopter contingent based in El Gora, north east Sinai, near the Israeli border. At lunch there were five chaplains: a Kiwi Presbyterian, Fijian Methodist [we were talking to them then], a Black American Episcopalian, a Southern American Baptist, and a Columbian Catholic who couldn't speak English and his interpreter only a little more. There was a commonality among us by virtue of being Armed Forces Chaplains; and we had a great time together. And that is how it is in Rotary.

This is what we experienced on Monday night with our GSE visitors from District 1760 of southern France, as they spoke of their personal and professional experience and what they hoped to 'get out of' their visit down under. There was a connection by being part of the organisation, even though customs, culture and language may be different.

The outgoing team will also experience this when they visit France in May.

What a wonderful activity the Group Study Exchange programme has proven to be. Long may it remain an essential element of Rotary International's activities and long may it remain an important aspect of our Club's programme.

Don

If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	19th April	26th April	3rd May
Reception	Guy Kerr-Phillips	Beverley Lea	Chris Pascoe
Attendance	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk			
Fellowship	Alan Astrop	Alan Astrop	John Pritchard
	Dick Daniells	Dick Daniells	Warwick Moulton
	Ian Collard	Ian Collard	Pearl Rollo
Stewards	Bruce Westbrooke	Paul Asquith	Rodger Carter
	David Aickin	Alistair New	Sue Yi
	Richard Alder	Glen Buckley	David Charlesworth
Grace	Pearl Rollo	Martin Riess	John Pritchard
3 Minute Talk	Board member	Ken Pemberton	John Pearson
Into Speaker	Peter Garnett	Steve Jenkins	Rod Fergusson
Thanks Speaker	Bruce Westbrooke	David Aitkin	Richard Alder
Parting thought	Guy Kerr-Phillips	Steve Jenkins	Inge Jenkins
Host Student	John Pearson	Steve Jenkins	Jim Mayo
Rotaract		John Pearson	
Guest Speaker/Event	Minne Baragwanath, Disability Adviser, Auckland City Council "Investing in Social Innovation"	Cameron Calkoen and Derek Evennett on "Carabiner" - Youth mentoring for young people with disabilities	Dr Morgan Williams Principal, Future Steps. Was first Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

### CLUB MEETING - April 12<sup>th</sup> our reporter Glen writes:-

One of our favourite Rotary meetings of the year – GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE commonly referred to as GSE portraying The Rotary Foundation at its' International best. With our Club having been prominent contributors to and supporters of the Foundation over many years we should continue with this involvement at both personal and Club levels, with nominations and sponsorship of team members and leaders.

Ably coordinated by Barry Perrow (in the absence overseas of organiser Ted Brock) the team from District 1760 – Provence, France was welcomed by **Pres. Don** .



A GSE team consisting of 4 young people, and led by a Rotarian visits a matched Rotary District for around 6 weeks and in turn hosts an exchange team from our D9910 on their return to France.

**Team Leader: Rotarian Christaine Bourquin – Retired English Teacher**

**Members: Pauline Rigaud – Sommelier (Wine Industry)**

**Damien Gayard – Hotel Concierge**

**Christophe Raison – Logistics Manager ( Mining)**

**Loic Verstraete – Motor Vehicle Marketing**

Associated with the GSE visit were visitors from District Committees, other GSE host Clubs together with the majority of the D9910 outgoing GSE team.

Outgoing GSE team members who each introduced themselves to the meeting were:-

**Team leader:**     **Rotarian Elaine Mead from Westhaven Club** - IBM Management Consultant.

**Members:**       **Rosemary** – from Wallace Islands and Charge Nurse Mgr at N. Shore Hospital with 47 staff.

**Sarah** – sponsored by N. Harbour Club and an architect with Warren & Mahoney.

**Sam** – sponsored by Western Springs Club and a Psychiatrist with N. Shore Hospital.

**Lance** – sponsored by Kaitaia Club and a medical Doctor.

Other visitors included:-

    Raewyn from Waitemata Health and guest of Jane Hunter.

    Bob Lang – Northcote Club & District Chair Rotary Foundation with his wife Chris.

    Bryan Rowney District ADG

    Jerry from West Harbour Club

    Patrick Howard – Waitakere Club

### **CLUB NOTICES:**

**Glennis French** reported on visits with **Nicole** to see Dolphins at Bay of Islands and also walking the Tongariro Crossing. Well done Glennis & Nicole.

**Doug Dempster** reminded members of the need for 4 host families if the Club is to consider participating in the IYE Student Exchange programme in the next Rotary year.

**Sergeant Dirk** looking quite smart and well fed in spite of baching for 6 weeks while Sandy and the children are showing off the family in S. Africa. A \$79 take from the session including a Lawyer fine , Steve Jenkins caught smuggling personal wine aboard their Cruise ship recently – is this the first time Steve or was it another Rotarian? Raffle won by **Murray Thoms**.

### **Guest Speakers – District 1760 GSE team visit from France**

Our Bulletin Reporter Doug writes:-

**Sean Harris** introduced the team leader **Christaine**. She told us she was a teacher who had spent a lot of time in Paris before returning south. She showed us a map of The EU and then France and then Provence and Guard which is District 1760. Based around Marseille it has its own culture. The District has 78 clubs and over 2000 Rotarians.

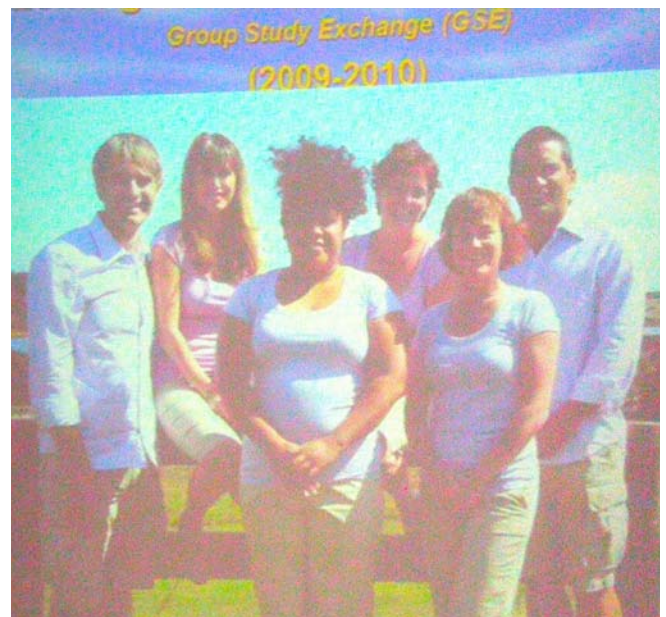


**Christophe** is a mechanical engineer and comes from Brittany. He now lives in Marseille and now is logistic supplier of coal and iron.

**Pauline** comes from an area which has more vine stocks than inhabitants. She spent six months in Australia. After time as a wine waitress she now leads wine tastings and has a marketing relation ship with NZ firms.

**Loic** was born in USA. He started work with Citroen and now helps a sales team selling car racing products.

**Damien** trained for the hospitality industry in Nimes and then spent time in Mauritius, Belgium and Vietnam. Working in hotels in France is quite demanding. They all thanked us for the hospitality and their hosts in particular.



**John Webb** thanked our visitors. He said it was a privilege to welcome the team from France.

**Parting Thought** from Doug Dempster

“The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.” - Adapted from Martin Luther King Jr.



GSE team leader Christaine receiving a wee thank you gift from President Don.

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