



# EastCoaster



The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 15 December 2009

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

Family Month

## NEXT MEETING:

11<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Club BBQ meeting at  
Waitoki Lodge, 214  
Waitoki Road (Gaye  
& Don Pratt's lovely  
home) Telephone Don  
on 4730149 for  
directions/info or see  
google maps.

**5.30pm for 6.00pm**

**Partners and other  
family members  
welcome.**



## Presidential musings.

Monday 14 December was a fitting end to close 2009. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, the food excellent, and the venue superb [albeit the venue was a second choice because of the unavailability of McHughes].

Thank You must go to the Fellowship Team [ably led by Don and Guy] for doing the job of securing the venue and organising the event – well done! We look forward to other enjoyable occasions during 2010.

This first half of the Rotary year has flown. As a Club we can be justly proud of what has been achieved, and the spirit within the Club. The remaining six months looks to be equally as challenging, interesting, and satisfying.

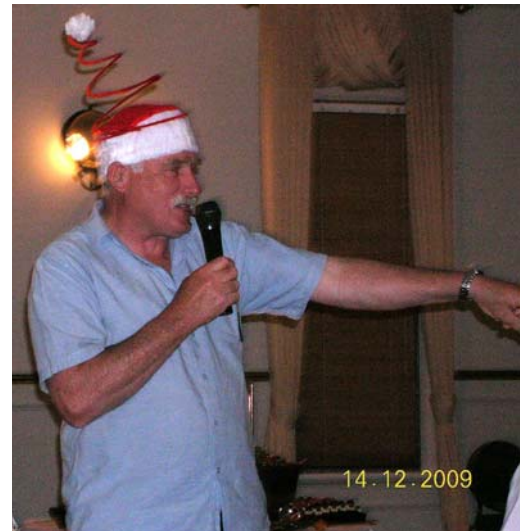
Thank you to you all for your support of various projects, making the 'stranger welcome,' and for continuing to build the basic foundations of fellowship and friendship upon which any Club must have if it wishes to achieve its aims of service.

My personal thanks to all those who have supported me by their actions and encouragement, I have appreciated it very much. Let me close by an adaption of a message recently received from the most interesting of authors – Anon.

## Merry Christmas

*If I were ol' Santa, you know what I'd do?  
I'd dump silly gifts that are given to you,  
And deliver some things just inside your front door.  
Things you have lost, but treasured before.  
I'd give you back all your youthly vigour,  
and to go along with it, a spritely figure.  
Then restore the old colour that once graced your hair,  
before rinses and thinning took residence there.  
I'd bring back the shape with which you were gifted,  
so things now spreading need not be gym-shifted.*

I'd remove all those wrinkles and leave only one chin,  
 and cover those knobby knees and interesting shin  
 You'd never have flashes or queer dizzy spells,  
 and you wouldn't hear noises like ringing of bells.  
 No sore aching feet and no corns on your toes,  
 no searching for spectacles when they're right on your  
 nose.  
 You'd never have a headache, so no pills would you take,  
 and no heating pad needed since your muscles won't ache.  
 Yes, if I were Santa, you'd never look stupid,  
 You'd be a right cheery bloke or a romantic cupid.  
 I'd give a lift to your heart and no breathing to whistle,  
 and the joys of your heart would be light as a thistle.  
 But alas! I'm not Santa. I'm simply just me...  
 the clergiest of clergy you ever did see.  
 I wish I could tell you all the symptoms I've got,  
 But I'm due for my blood pressure and cholesterol shot.  
 Even though we've grown older this wish is sincere --  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Sergeant Alan in festive garb!

My you all enjoy the Peace, Hope, Joy and Love promised through the Christmas Story  
 See you next year.

Don

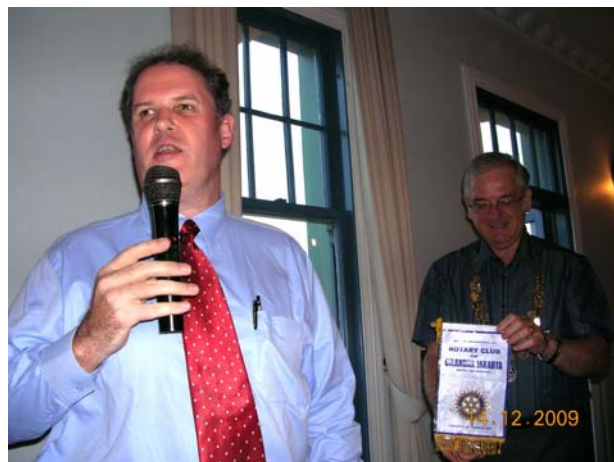
If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	21st Dec	11th January	18th January
Reception			Barry Perrow
Attendance	NO MEETING	BBQ	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk			
Fellowship		AT	John Pritchard
	HAPPY XMAS		Warwick Moulton
		Waitoki Lodge	Pearl Rollo
Stewards	From your		Graham Rice
			Warren Sanderson
	BULLETIN TEAM		Murray Thoms
Grace			Glen Buckley
3 Minute Talk			David Aickin
Into Speaker			Gary Morgan
Thanks Speaker			Warren Patterson
Parting thought			Sherida Penman-Walters
Host Student			Carol Caulfield
Rotaract			
Guest Speaker Event			Carol Caulfield & Karen Wells - The New York Marathon - the plane, train, pain and finish.

## ECB CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING AT DUDERS ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our reporter Gary writes:-

President Don welcomed the 41 members, 30 partners, our IYE student Nichole and guests Maureen Robins, Annette Gibson, Betty Dunlop, and Rotarian Alistair New to this special Christmas meeting.

Alistair was a past member of the Club (late '80s to early 90's), and is currently a member of the Cilindak Club in Jakarta Indonesia. When last in NZ Alistair was working for the National Australia Bank, and whilst in Indonesia he has spent most of his time University Lecturing in finance and economics related subjects. He tells us that he wishes to settle in the Bays area and has a desire to re-join ECB. He presented a Club banner from his Cilindak Club to President Don.



Alistair New presenting a Club banner to President Don.

### Club Notices

Rod Fergusson gave us an update on the 2009 Charity Golf Tournament. He advised that (subject to Lynette Miller's audit) the net proceeds from the 2009 Charity Golf Tournament will now exceed last year's record result thanks to an increase in the grant from the Chenerey Memorial Trust.

The net sum raised was \$23,067.00 of which \$500 was donated to Waitemata Junior Golf.

Trust grants amounted to \$4,000 leaving \$26,567.00 for the Rotary Club to distribute.

### **WELL DONE ROD AND HIS TEAM!!**

Graham Rice gave us an update on the 2010 Charity Yacht Regatta with the good news that the primary sponsor has been confirmed and he distributed mock-ups of the new brochure.

### **Below is President Don's entertaining address given last Monday evening:-**

#### **Twelve days – Rotary – A Revised Policy**

Effective immediately, because of bureaucratic necessity for a greater vision of not fully knowing where we are going the following measures are being implemented but only after consultation with the International directors, the policy convention, International Assembly, Rotary International Directors of Zones 7A, 7B, and 8, District Governors and Clubs' Board of Directors, and of course Club forum the "Twelve Days of Christmas" have been slightly altered to give greater flexibility, autonomy, accountability and immediacy in about two years:

1) ***The Partridge or President*** may be retained, but as an Aunt Sally. However the pear tree, which never produced the cash crop forecasted, will be replaced by a plastic replica. This will provide considerable savings in maintenance. Upon this authentic plastic fruit tree photos of all honorary members, are to be hung and thus their true value will be seen as ornaments which bring nostalgic reminders of a more glorious past – the way we used to do it.

2) ***Two Turtle Doves*** or treasury positions represent a redundancy that is simply not cost effective. In addition, their likely closer liaison during treasurers' working hours begs consideration. The positions are, therefore, eliminated, all transactions will be electronic and the Secretary who, judging by the volume of emails does not have enough to do, will handle all financial inquiries. Refunds will cease thus pay off any excess expenditure over income for the Club. All details on how to do it will be found on the web-site if you can find the website and can navigate your way round it

3) The ***Three French Hens*** pandering to a certain French cock of the walk will remain intact. After all, everyone loves the French and besides, who else would we have to blame?

4) The ***Four Calling Birds*** [another name for secretary], will be replaced by an automated voice mail system, with a call waiting option. An analysis is underway to determine who the birds have been calling, how often and how long they talked [or is it emailed?]. Automotive, late night text messaging is an option worth considering. The four options will be:

1. Press one for the last email sent to you
2. Press two for the volume of emails sent this year,
3. Press three for number of emails you have not responded to thus far
4. Press four for email therapy

5) The ***Five Golden Rings*** [or is it Olympic rings?], the dream-like inspiration of Rotary marathon walkers with their rent a crowd support, have been put on hold by the Board of Directors while they look into the practicality of maintaining a portfolio based on smelly feet and sweaty bodies which could have negative implications for institutional charitable investors and long term strategic plans based on selective breeding and natural selection. Diversification into other smelly options with most doing the thinking and dreaming, a few do the actual walking, while the rest take trips in their minds as they practice their daily exercise of side-stepping responsibility, pushing their luck, jumping to conclusions, and running down others, while walking across well planned planning events. Are ventures into virtual exercises, raising fund, for virtual projects from virtual business for virtual charities the way of our virtual future?

6) The ***Six Geese-a-Layin'*** is a failed fund-raising project driven by the Fund Raising Team and constitutes a luxury which can no longer be afforded. It has long been felt that the production rate of one egg per goose per day was an example of the general decline in productivity. Three geese will be let go, and an upgrading in the selection procedure for future members by the Club development team will assure Directors that, from now on, every goose it gets will be a good one

7) The ***Seven Swans-a-Swimmin'*** is obviously a number chosen in better times, and is a long term International project that needs to be re-considered, if such a process can be undertaken when change is needed but without letting go of traditions and the past. The swimming geese are primarily decorative activities. Mechanical swans are on order. The current swans will be retrained to make us look good and for them to learn some new strokes, thereby enhancing their outplacement

8) As you know, the ***Eight Maids-a-Milkin'*** concept has been under heavy scrutiny by Rotary as it seeks to expand its vocational basis. A male/female balance in the Membership is being sought. The more active members consider a-milkin' a dead-end job with no upward mobility. Automation of the process may permit such members to try a-mendin', a directin', a-mentorin' or a-mulchin', even a-thinkin'. Multi-taskin' for most would be a new experience, thus we need to celebrate our latest member who is Young, female, and Asian. Now the challenge is to get a one-eyed [a Canterbrian will do], open minded [a national populist politician], three-legged, Castralto singing and dancing drag queen

9) ***Nine Ladies a-Dancin'*** has always been an attraction for possible functions such as this, but there is a problem which the Fellowship team are seeking to address, they run into gender

issues and the danger of stereotyping. Morris dancing just does not have the appeal of the cheerleading, although maybe better for ageing hearts. So this activity will be phased out as these individuals grow older, take up line dancing and thus able to do the side-step shuffle required by the earlier mentioned open-minded populist Rotarian politicians

10) ***Ten Lords-a-Leaping*** is a problem as they leap from one complaint to the next. Their leaping prevents them from getting their apologies in especially as they get distracted by the 9 maids a-dancing; and then have the audacity to bring such maids to enjoy fellowship without letting attendance know. The high cost of these Lords, prompted the Directors to suggest replacing this group with plastic effigies of honorary members. While leaping ability may be somewhat sacrificed, the savings are significant as we expect an oversupply of aging honorary members over the next few years.

11) ***Eleven Pipers a-Pipin'*** up membership and advertising the self-sacrificing nature of our service creates a hell of a lot of noise, with strategic plans emerging, creating an atmosphere of progress. Now what they need is a Titanic Denominational approach as used when the Iceberg was struck: the Salvationist struck up the band, the Baptist burst into song, the Charismatics began praying which nobody could understand, the Catholics sought Reconciliation through Confession, the Jews wailed O God, why us – again, the Moslems said there is nothing they could do – it is the will of Allah, the Buddhists and Hindus prayed there was something in re-incarnation, the atheist and Agnostics wished there was a God, the Methodist sought counseling for the Iceberg for having hit the ship, the Anglicans set up a sub-committee to look into the matter, the Presbyterians sensing panic calls order, order, before taking up an offering and adjourning for a cup of tea.

12) ***Twelve Drummers a-Drummin'*** has already been replaced by the programmer who drums up 12 months of programming. This task could be made simpler by virtual presenters, recorded one year and played the next, and it could all be on I-pod, or face book and we would not need to meet at all so save money by not having to worry about meals.

Overall we can expect a substantial reduction in assorted people, fowl, animals and related expenses. While an increase in the virtual world of virtually having a virtual Rotary organisation that looks after virtual people from virtually every cultural group and doing projects virtually. In the virtual world virtually anything is possible.

Regarding the lawsuit filed by the attorney's association seeking expansion to include the legal profession ("thirteen lawyers-a-suing"), a decision is pending. In the meantime this project is deeply buried [some 20 feet] as deep down lawyers a good people.

My thanks to all members of Rotary, for their support of projects, laughter and good company, their criticisms and willingness to examine the way things are, But above all for your friendship and support.

May the joy and hope of Christmas be with you all and those you care about, and may 2010 be a good year for us all as individuals, as families and as Rotarians.

***Don Hall***

President

East Coast Bays Rotary

### **Other Club Notices**

**President Don** is having some well deserved R&R during the month of January, so President Elect John Pearson will be standing in.



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Bulletin team – Gary and Doug (editors & production), Glen and Glennis (reporters), George (roster).*