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The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 16 February 2010

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Mondays 5:30 for 6:00 pm.
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Theme of the month:

World Understanding

NEXT MEETING:

22nd February

Cherie Broome –

KAASO project -

Uganda .

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Partner's evening.

Presidential musings from President Don.

Among the many things I enjoy about Rotary are these:

- The meeting and making friends of people who share an interest in the community but whom I would not normally meet in my normal routine.
- The camaraderie of other Rotarians as we share together various projects and activities.
- The opportunities of service to individuals and the community both local and further afield
- The weekly meetings when we hear from other people of matters about which they are passionate.

Last night's meeting highlighted those four points. Together we enjoyed each other's company and welcomed several visitors, all of whom enjoyed the camaraderie of their Rotarian hosts.

We were reminded of the opportunities of service coming up with the Charity Yacht Regatta on 12 March. This fund raiser, along with the Drive 4 Life Charity Golf Tournament raises tens of thousands dollars for various projects both local and further afield.

And we heard two people speak passionately about their work and experience.

Every young person who has attended Outward Bound seems to get something different from their experience: and **Talman Madsen** certainly spoke passionately about his life-changing experience at Anakiwa.

Eric Warman [of North shore Taxis] spoke positively of the work Rotary is doing, and gave his continuing support. We are very grateful for his continuing interest.

Given Guala was indeed passionate about his ministry as an Anglican Priest, and spoke positively about the future of his country, Tanzania despite the economic, social, and political problems facing his countrymen and women. I was impressed by his positive attitude in the face of such difficulties: "*You Can't Change the World, but you can do your part.*"

It was humbling to receive the positive applause from those who have benefitted from Rotary's compassionate response to human need.

It is indeed true: that together we can make a difference - to one person or many - if we respond by doing our part in the vast scheme of things.

Don



If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	22nd February	1st March	8th March
Reception	Warren Patterson	Ken Pemberton	Barry McLean
Attendance	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins	Bruce Dunlop
Cash Desk	Sean Harris		
Fellowship	Alan Astrop	John Pritchard	John Pritchard
	Dick Daniells	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton
	Ian Collard	Pearl Rollo	Pearl Rollo
Stewards	Rod Fergusson	Sean Harris	Beverley Lea
	Glennis French	Doris Helm	Graham Lea
	Peter Garnett	Dawn Laureson	Jack Mann
Grace	Richard Alder	David Aickin	George Wyman
3 Minute Talk	Pearl Rollo	Murray Thom	Martin Reiss
Into Speaker	Beverley Lea	Dawn Laureson	Guy Kerr-Phillips
Thanks Speaker	David Charlesworth	John Pritchard	Martin Reiss
Parting thought	Warren Patterson	Ken Pemberton	Barry McLean
Host Student	Sean Harris	Doris Helm	Jane Hunter
Rotaract	Jack Mann		Jim Mayo
Guest Speaker Event	Cherie Broome - Volunteer in Uganda (financially supported by ECBRC)	Jeremy Bendall - Partner, Effective Governance - Risk Governance - Why Businesses Fail	Barbara Evans - "The Diefenbunker" in Carp, Canada. Project to raise money for local library

[Next meeting's guest speaker – Cherie Broome – KAASO project - Uganda](#)

Cherie is 28 years old and lives in Auckland. She has recently returned to New Zealand after 6 months volunteering at St Paul KAASO Primary School in rural Uganda. This primary and boarding school was set up to educate and care for orphans and children living in extreme poverty. At KAASO she taught classes in English, Art and PE, while also working alongside the local director of the school to fundraise and extend the schools facilities. With help from many generous people in New Zealand they were able to build a new dormitory for 90 children, which in turn enabled them to begin a library and computer lab, the first in the whole district, which will serve the whole community.

She is returning to Auckland University to study towards a BA in Political Studies, Anthropology and Sociology, and hopes to work for a humanitarian organisation in the future. She has lived, worked, travelled and studied in various countries around the world over the last 10 years, and has a mixed background working with children and adults in a variety of situations from preschools, offices, school holiday programs, to yachts in the Greek Islands.

She has a passion for volunteering and is currently a Volunteer Coordinator for Kids Worldwide, she is also a Volunteer Support Worker for Refugee Services, and is also involved with Oxfam and their Water for Survival Group.

[CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 15th](#)

Our Bulletin Reporter Glen writes:- Meeting format was changed to accommodate the guest speaker – Rev. Given Gaula and allow him to speak at the early part of the meeting.

Pres. Don welcomed the following visitors to the meeting.

- Eric Warman – Manager North Shore Taxis, guest of Rod Fergusson.
- Carl Madsen – father of Talman our 3 minute speaker and recently sponsored to Outward Bound by our Club.

[Club Notices Pres. Don](#)

Meeting of the Club Charity Trust committee on Wed. 17th February.

Alistair New to be re-inducted into our Club membership on 8th March following several years overseas employment.

Meeting of 22nd March to be a Partners Night with main speakers Emma Blackman & Cherie Broome on their experiences in Uganda.

Meeting of 12th April will be the formal presentation by the visiting GSE Team from Southern France. While not a full partners night, from past experience this will be of special interest to our partners who have been involved with Group Study Exchange in years gone by. Also an opportunity for newer members and partners to understand the tremendous World - wide involvement of the Rotary Foundation.

A formal letter of thanks received from our member Jane Hunter in her capacity as Director of the Waitemata Health Foundation. Jane thanked our Club and in particular Rod Fergusson and Alan Astrop for the efforts of the Golf Committee resulting in a valued donation of \$10,000 toward Home Care for Kids

A letter of appreciation received from Emily Pilkington who was sponsored by our Club to the recent Youth Science Forum held in Canberra.

Graham Rice reminded Club members of the upcoming **Parcel Express Charity Regatta** and the need for support from each of us with seeking participants and sponsors and providing prizes for the raffles and auctions.

Confirmations of participants are 115 and needing some further input.

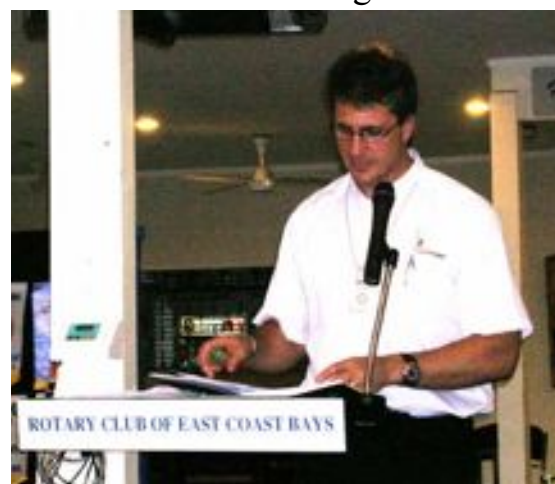
GSE hosting, Ted Brock is seeking some ideas and help from members. He had planned a day trip to Tiritiri Island on the Monday only to find that Fullers do not provide a ferry service on Mondays. 'Plan B' will either require the use of a private boat or an alternative visit location.

Bob Baird asked obtained a positive show of hands of those attending the Club visit to the Rotary Club of Auckland East on Monday 15th March for a combined meeting. What about 100% turnout ?? – great fellowship.

Rod Fergusson once more introduced **Eric Warman** manager of **North Shore Taxis** and thanked him for his personal support in securing the major sponsorship for the annual **Drive for Life Golf Tournament** at Waitemata. Eric spoke briefly and confirmed the ongoing support for 2010.

Raffle won once more by Martin Reiss

Sgt. Dirk again spread his charm and skills in extracting fines from fairly extreme sources. Apart from Rodger paying for Myrna's significant birthday

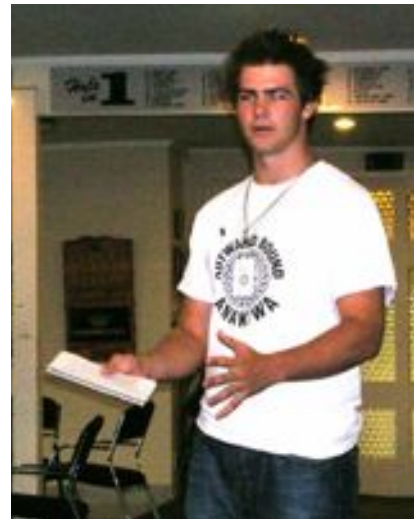


Above: Sgt. Dirk

and Dick Daniels paying for his own - all members with IT associations paid up as did Accountants and associates. Sgt Dirk was ready to pay for the Gay South African Mr Universe contestant.

3 – Minute Talk Actually it was always intended that the presentation from **Talman Madsen** - another of our sponsored participants at Outward Bound would extend beyond the 3 min. time and we were not disappointed .

What an inspiration to hear Talman relate his experiences with such enthusiasm. Talman is 17 years of age and the eldest of 5 children. He was encouraged by his father to bring together a list of challenges for his last birthday and having done so found himself with a particularly large challenge to raise \$3,500.00 by his own initiatives to meet the costs of the 14 day Outward Bound course. To his credit, hard work and determination he succeeded and there is no doubt that the efforts he made initially contributed greatly toward the obvious personal benefits Talman will now take into his life ahead.



Above: Talman Madsen

He set goals and achieved milestones and with his confidence and positivity, was skipper of his sailing boat, finished his half marathon in 2hrs 3mins and found opportunities to reflect on life in general and his own for the future. He has found how to be strong and gained great inspiration from the past achievements of Capt. James Cook as he tramped and sailed around territories first found by Cook. An excellent presentation. Following Talmans' sincere thanks to our Club for our support his father Carl endorsed the family appreciation.

Guest Speaker Rev Given Gaula from Tanzania.

Doug Dempster writes:- Graeme Lee introduced Given. He lives at St John's College and is studying for a PhD. He is married with 3 children and has two more years to complete his degree. Given started by thanking Rotary for what they do.



Above: Rev. Given Gaula

Tanzania is the biggest country in East Africa with 40 million people and an area of 350,000 square miles. Formed from Tanganyika and Zanzibar it was a leading country in providing free education for all children. Unfortunately after massive stealing by managers it quickly became the poorest. It still remains a stable country but having to pay for schooling and social services meant 40% were not attending school. A return to traditional medicine led to increased deaths from malaria. A new policy has seen more going to school but often with no chairs and few teachers.

80% rely on agriculture and with no retirement benefit and an upsurge in Aids victims there is a huge shortage of men to look after widows and children. In 2005 there were 2.7 million orphans.

While in America he was shown some 'poor' but they had TVs, cars and running water. He said he was lucky to be alive as his birth was premature. Normally prem babies are thrown out. He was saved by a missionary which is why he is called Given.

John Pritchard thanked Given for his enthusiastic address and his explanation of the size and complexity of the problem.

Other Club Notices

Sean Harris writes:- The Rotaract Club are doing the Relay for life on the 27-28 February Millennium Institute, Mairangi Bay.

Please visit and support our Rotaract Team walking the track or by donating to www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/rotaractrf or just turning up and cheering them on.

They are also Fundraising by selling cakes down at Taka markets on Sunday the 21st so if you are visiting Takapuna drop in and buy a cake and support our great club.

Regards Sean

Parting Thought from Warwick Moulton

"When elephants fight it's the grass that suffers." anon.



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