

EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 23 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:

29th March

Joint meeting with

Inner Wheel – guest
speaker **Sally Branch**.

She will be speaking
on her experience
sailing west coast of
USA into Mexico.

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Partner's evening.

Presidential Musings

How many of us were humbled by the inspirational address from Mark Orams last Monday as he spoke of the humanity and passion of a remarkable New Zealander: Sir Peter Blake. And yet Peter would never have considered himself remarkable – simply a kiwi bloke doing what he loved, and desiring to do it with other New Zealanders who shared his passion and vision.

Some phrases that Mark shared that rang a bell with me include these gems:

“My one word to describe Peter Blake is ‘Greatness:’ not in sailing, but in leadership.”

“His greatness was in bringing people around, motivating and inspiring them; in a word, synergy.”

“Greatness is about deeds not words.”

“The greatest tribute we can pay someone is to incorporate a little of what we see in them in ourselves.”

Well, that is a challenge. After listening to Mark, Peter Blake is a person I would like to have met.

Sometimes we get tired of the things we do and wonder whether the Club has the energy to keep those things going. We have been involved in the International Youth Exchange [IYE] programme for many years with a few short breaks. We are due to recommence interviewing possible outbound students, and to make known our interest in having an IYE student for 2010-11. I sometimes hear questions raised as to whether we as a club we have the energy and desire to be involved.

Well, after hearing the impact the IYE programme had on a very young Mark Orams in the early 1980's, I am convinced yet again of the importance of this programme. Mark spoke of the impact the IYE programme made on him politically, socially, and personally. It re-enforced in him the principle of loyalty and service above self. I hope we never lose sight of the benefits of this programme and how life changing they can be.

Yes, the future of Rotary is certainly in our hands.

Don

If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	29th March	5th April	12th April
Reception	Graeme Lea		Doug Dempster
Attendance	Bruce Dunlop	NO MEETING	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk	Guy Kerr-Phillips		
Fellowship	John Pritchard	EASTER	Alan Astrop
	Warwick Moulton		Dick Daniells
	Pearl Rollo	MONDAY	Ian Collard
Stewards	John Pearson		Warren Sanderson
	Ken Pemberton		Murray Thom
	Sherida Penman Walters		John Webb
Grace	Murray Thom		Pearl Rollo
3 Minute Talk	President Miriam Wyatt		Barry Perrow
Into Speaker	Miriam Wyatt		Sean Harris
Thanks Speaker	Inner Wheel member		John Webb
Parting thought	Graeme Lea		Doug Dempster
Host Student	Guy Kerr-Phillips		Beverley Lea
Rotaract			Lynette Miller
Guest Speaker/Event	Join meeting with Inner Wheel with guest speaker Sally Branch speaking on her experience sailing west coast of USA into Mexico		Incoming GSE team from France

CLUB MEETING - March 22nd

Our Bulletin Reporter Gary writes:-

President Don welcomed our guest speaker Mark Orams and PDG David Graham from Birkenhead Club who was helping promote Mark's book (all profits from the book going to Cure Kids). President Don also communicated apologies from Emma Blackman who was unable to attend as planned and then gave the floor to Sergeant Dirk who had to leave early for referee training!

Sergeant Dirk was in full form with many jokes and stories, including his favourite joke of all time (watch out for his wink!).

Fines extracted for speed camera victims, Rod for fishing, bar staff for lack of peanuts, golfers for Tiger's return, Murray for his new BMW among others. In happy and sad dollars Ted Brock announced he has been selected (through his connection with the armed forces) for a 14 day trip to Gallipoli, Don Pratt needs us all to do a rain dance (no rain on his land since October!), and David Aickin told a story about knowing our own Club members and that our Club was on television on Monday evening, featuring in an award winning programme made by Ken Pemberton's son no less.



L to R: Mark Orams, President Don Hall, President Elect John Pearson

Club announcements:

- **President Don** thanked all those who attended the joint meeting with Auckland East last week, and complimented them on how well they had mixed with the other Club.
- **President Don** advertised the Wilson Centre Gala on Sunday 28th March which is being organised by the Takapuna Club.
- President Don reminded us that next week is a joint meeting with Inner Wheel and to please let Don Pratt know if partners are unable to attend for catering purposes.
- **President Don** announced that changeover this year will be held at the Club rooms and will be an informal affair. Further details to come.
- **President Elect John Pearson** told us that **LETS (Leadership Elect Training)** will be held at Massey University in Albany on Sunday 28th March. Please e-mail John if you would like to attend.
- Ken Pemberton showed the Club the illustrated dictionaries which will be given to Mulberry Grove School and Sherwood school, and the fact that our four way test is printed on the inside cover. Also, “Barrier Babe” is going ahead and Mulberry Grove School would be very grateful of any prizes we could donate. All prizes to Ken please and he will arrange delivery.
- **Alan Astrop** showed us the **new Rotary Caps** which he’d had made. He has a limited supply at \$15 each (at cost), however if any Committee would like to run with this as a fund raiser, if 144 made then cost is just \$7.50 (see Alan for details).
- **Stuart Cowey** announced that the International Committee are organising a **Theatre Evening at the Rose Theatre in Belmont**. This will be held on Thursday evening 13th May, the production being Terry Pratchett’s renowned “Maskerade” a fantasy phantom comedy! Tickets are \$20 and include your first drink upon arrival. If you didn’t sign the board last Monday, please let Stuart know if you would like to attend as tickets are selling fast. E-mail: stuart.cowie@nz.abb.com
- Our exchange student **Nicole** announced that her parents, sister and brother are coming to visit NZ and she wondered if anyone would be willing to host them. Please contact Nicole.
- **Graham Rice** gave an overview of how this year’s **Regatta**. He said it went extremely well and worked like clockwork. Whilst the second race was cancelled due to strong winds, this actually worked in the Club’s favour with increased takings from the bar and auction. He stated that he was a little disappointed in the overall result, but that was simply a function of the difficult environment at present. He thanked his Committee for another sterling effort. John Cole from Parcel Express won the race for the second year running on Coppelgia, and Hot Ice, the boat upon which Graham was sailing, was the first Rotary Boat to finish winning Steve and Inge’s Challenge Cup. The Melanoma Foundation have sent a letter of thanks for our donation which was well received. Overall Graham thinks we will have raised between \$26,000 and \$27,000 (*a fantastic effort, well done team – ed*). President Don gave a vote of thanks to Graham and his team.

Guest Speaker – Mark Orams – ‘Blake Leader’ our guest reporter Doug writes:-

Glennis French introduced Mark.

He learnt to sail with the Torbay Club and is now a research Professor at AUT. He was on Steinlager 2 and involved with the 2000 and 2004 defences of the America’s Cup.

He told us this was his second visit to the club. He had been 30 years before when Don Mills had introduced him to the club as an IYE to South Africa. When he went away he did not know what he wanted to do. He had always been interested in the sea. His first host took him to lectures at his University and Mark realized that was what he wanted to be.

He summed Peter Blake up in one word ‘Greatness’. The way he went about things. His leadership. His ability to inspire a team to beat others with more money or more talent.

He gave us an example of the team approach when ocean racing. The team decided they could carry one book per crewmember but they had to take the covers off!



Glennis French
introducing the speaker



Past ECBRC IYE student Mark
Orams!

He remembered an incident in the Southern Ocean where they had regular snow squalls. They had to change the sails in sub zero temperatures and then change them back again. They did this 7 or 8 times and then Mark ‘lost it’. Because of him the sail change was not going well when he realized that instead of the 4 required they had a fifth person helping- Peter Blake The job was done. Many other leaders would have told Mark off. This was a transforming moment. Leadership is about deeds not words.

President Elect John thanked Mark for his address and insightful comments in answer to questions.

Other Club Notices

- **Exchange student Nicole** has just a little over 3 months before she goes back home and would greatly appreciate being taken out by any Club members.

- Message from **Tara Dooley, Police Communicator**, Northern Division (via David Aickin) **BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE**
Heads up everyone!..... You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into Reverse. When you look into the rear-view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys.... Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

Parting Thought from Jack Mann

“A quarrelsome man is never short of words.” ...anon.

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