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The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 25 May 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:

Preserve the Planet

NEXT MEETING:

31 May
5.30 for 6 pm.

Club Forum

Presidential Musings [or mutterings, as I heard from on member]



What a magnificent night last Tuesday proved to be! Thank you and well done **Peter Garnett** for taking the initiative to contact the Governor General and ensuring that everything was in place for his visit to the combined meeting with ourselves and Milford RC. The night went like clock-work. The fellowship with our sponsoring club, the meal, the speeches, the sergeant session, indeed the whole evening was

most enjoyable.

Thank you to everyone for making the evening the success it was.

I am not sure whether we fully appreciate the significance of the evening.

Some years ago I attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at which the then Governor General [Sir Keith Holyoake] addressed the Assembly. A visiting American minister said to me, "Do you appreciate the significance of this event? Such an occasion is unlikely to happen in most other countries of the world; where the head of State is seen in such relaxing surroundings." He went on to say it would not happen in America. I don't know about that.

However, Rotary is held in such regard that the Head of State can relax among us [after all he is a Rotarian]. Also, it is in the Kiwi DNA for us not to take ourselves too seriously, and we do tend to see Jack as being as good as his master. There is a delightful story of General Freyberg showing General Montgomery around the Kiwi troops during the Second World War. Monty was heard to say, "Your Kiwi soldiers don't salute much, do they?" Freyberg replied, "No, but if you wave to them they will wave back."

As was expressed in the toast on Monday night:

Rotary's founding principle is that that of service to the community, to the less fortunate, to foster understanding between people of all races, cultures and religions.

We expect leadership to reflect that supreme quality – Service.

Proverbs says: *“Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble; but with good counsellors there is safety.”* [Although someone said that a truly great leader is the one who never allows his followers to discover that he is as ignorant as they are.]

May our leadership to business, the community and in Rotary continue to be one of service.

Don

Reminder:

Club Forum next week.

The directors will let you know what has happened in the name of of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

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

DUTY	31st May	7th June	14th June
Reception	Peter Garnett		Rod Fergusson
Attendance	Inge Jenkins	NO MEETING	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk			
Fellowship	John Pritchard Warwick Moulton Alan Astrop	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	Alan Astrop Dick Daniells Ian Collard
Stewards	Martin Reiss Beverley Lea Graham Lea		Jim Mayo Sherida Penman-Walters John Webb
Grace	Sherida Penman_Walters		Alistar New
3 Minute Talk	Warwick Moulton		Barry McLean
Intro Speaker			Stuart Cowie
Thanks Speaker			Rodger Carter
Parting thought	Peter Garnett		Rod Fergusson
Host Student	Warwick Moulton		Gary Morgan
Rotaract			Don Pratt
Guest Speaker Event	CLUB FORUM 31st May		Nicole Bandak Rotary Club of ECB IYE Student 2009/2010

BULLETIN NOTES

Combined meeting with Milford.

President Alison Waugh of the Milford Club welcomed The Governor General His Excellency The Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand and Lady Susan along with the AG Brian, golf Club President Bill and members and partners of both clubs.

Notices

Grand charity auction in aid of the Lifecentre on 28th May.

Milton guided tours for Nov-March 2011.

The raffle for three prizes raised \$273.

The two club's exchange students gave banners to the other club.

3 minute talk.

Jane Hunter gave a very humorous headline news on Hone Harewira's retirement from parliament with comments from the PM Lady Hilary Simpson, the Governor General Dame Georgina Beyer and the President of the Department of Everything Rodney Hyde. During a short **sergeant's session** the Governor General was fined for having a direct line to the Queen.

Guest Speaker

Peter introduced the Governor General. He was brought up in Auckland, married in 1970 and has three adult children. Since graduating with an LLB he has been a Judge and an Ombudsman and in 2006 became the first person of Indian/Pacific descent to become Governor General. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Wellington Rotary Club.

The Governor General greeted us in the 6 languages of New Zealand. He began his speech by saying Jack Northey of the Auckland Law School would have turned in his grave when he was made a Dr of Laws. Wellington Rotarians thought the appointment, as Governor General was a very elaborate attempt to get out of being Club President as he was president elect at the time. He enjoys the skills developed in Rotary and the sense of community and friendship. It was pleasing to see the current District Governor is from New Caledonia and how Rotary had grown from the original four members in 1905 to 1.2 million in 200 countries. He talked about the closure of Government House Wellington and its remodelling. He had met George Fergusson UK High Commissioner and talked about his time in Government house as a seven year old and the connections his family had as Governors General. In fact his father said the family business was New Zealand. One of the privileges he has is to represent New Zealand at functions overseas including The UN, Gallipoli on Anzac Day, India, Turkey, Singapore and Timor Leste. As representative of the Queen it was a privilege to serve and each day was different. The Crimes Act 2006 was the first law he signed. He has visited the four corners of New Zealand including Pitt Island and Nelson, Golden Bay and is always greeted with warmth. Having seen some of the worst in New Zealand as a Lawyer and then as a Judge it was pleasing now to see some of the best at Investitures This month he will have over 100 engagements including 30 speeches sometimes three functions in a day. He linked the recent Waitangi and World War 2 anniversaries and hoped they showed a renewed spirit of partnership and hope.

PDG Charles Wilson thanked the Governor General for his Address and for being the first to visit our Clubs.

Club Notices

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2010

We are sponsoring 2 teams from Rangitoto College to attend MUNA which starts tomorrow Friday 27 May and runs until Saturday 28 May at Auckland Girls Grammar School. They are representing Nepal and Paraguay!!

We are also sponsoring a team from Pinehurst who are representing Madagascar.

All Rotarians are invited to visit at anytime during the weekend and are welcome to an informal breakfast at 7.00am on Friday. This would be very nice indeed if you could support these teams, as their teacher is unable to attend until Saturday.

Those that have visited in past years always say how worthwhile it is.

District Notices

Conference 2010 Photos – Photos from Conference are now available at <http://pixelmobilenc.com/> and the email address to order is chrimini@canl.nc <<mailto:chrimini@canl.nc>> - 20% of the cost will go to RC of Noumea (who has paid for the photographs) for Rotary projects. The site is in French of course so if you have any issues please contact Eric Galopin at ejgalopin@gmail.com <<mailto:ejgalopin@gmail.com>>

10 July 2010 Club Vision Facilitator Training - Auckland Marine Rescue Centre, Solent Street, Mechanics Bay, Auckland. Registration fee \$100 (inc Manual, handouts, morning tea and lunch). Trainers: Rob Wylie (Brisbane) and Ross Murray (NZ) - 9.30 am to 3.45 pm - Further details on etcetera <<http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/information.cfm?ID=1364>> ...

Vanuatu Project Partner Support Opportunity - We are looking for a Club to partner RC Mt Maunganui 9930 in a small project providing water and sanitation to a mission school on Tanna island in Vanuatu. R.A.M. has approved some funding for the water component of the project, however a small contribution from the club would be appreciated. All enquiries should be addressed to Chairman WCS 9910 - d9910wcs@rotary.org.nz >



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