

EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 30 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: Magazine

NEXT MEETING:

12 April

6 for 6.30 pm.

GSE welcome and visit to our club.

Group Study

Exchange is a group of young adults with a Rotarian leader. They come to see how their vocation is practised in this country and to see and live in this country for 4-6 weeks.

Presidential Musings



What an interesting night Monday 29 March proved to be.

Inner Wheel always brings another dimension to meetings and activities when our two clubs combine, and the 29 March was no exception. The old adage, that when we pull together and are not concerned as to who gets the credit it is amazing what can be achieved, is as true now as it ever has been. It has been gratifying when our two Clubs have been able to do things together; and I hope that we continue to find new and fresh ways of doing that.

Sally Branch shared with us a moving and, at times, an emotional story of adventure, new enterprises, scary moments and tragedy and yet through it all an indomitable spirit of hope and optimism. I am sure many of sailors present identified with her as she spoke of mountainous seas, breaking gear, and the sheer majesty of the sea.

What an experience to be so close to whales, and dolphins, and to actually ride on the back of a whale shark!

The sudden illness of Sally's husband and his subsequent death in New Zealand soon after arriving here must have been heart rending, and yet Sally's optimism and positive attitude was there for all to see.

I have asked Sally to speak to our congregation about her experiences and I am looking forward to hearing her story again.

Let us give the visiting GSE Team a typical East Coast Bays

welcome next Monday. They will bring a wide breadth of experiences to our midst. Thank you Ted Brock for your organisation of the visit, and to have it so neatly arranged before you and June go away.

Thank you Barry Perrow for stepping up to front the visit in the absence of Ted. Thank you to all those who are hosting our visitors – you are in for an interesting time. And thank you to all who are helping in anyway possible to make the visitors from France welcome.

Remember: 6 for 6.30 Monday 12 April Partners welcome.

We will have a number of visitors including District representatives, with us that night.

Don

[International Youth Exchange.](#)

The club needs four host families if we are to host an overseas student next Rotary Year-July to June. If you can help or for further information please contact Doug Dempster or Barry Perrow.

[2010 Entertainment Books.](#) Please confirm requirements direct to **Rodger Carter** to enable an order to be placed. Cost \$65 of which the club gets \$13.

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

DUTY	5th April	12th April	19th April
Reception		Doug Dempster	Guy Kerr-Phillips
Attendance	NO MEETING	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk			
Fellowship	EASTER	Alan Astrop Dick Daniells Ian Collard	Alan Astrop Dick Daniells Ian Collard
Stewards		Warren Sanderson Murray Thom John Webb Jim Mayo	Bruce Westbrooke David Aickin Richard Alder Pearl Rollo
Grace		Barry Perrow	Board member
3 Minute Talk		Sean Harris	Peter Garnett
Intro Speaker		John Webb	Bruce Westbrooke
Thanks Speaker		Doug Dempster	Guy Kerr-Phillips
Parting thought		Beverley Lea	John Pearson
Host Student		Lynette Miller	
Rotaract			
Guest Speaker Event		Incoming GSE team from France	Minne Baragwanath, Disability Adviser, Auckland City Council "Investing in Social Innovation"

Bulletin Notes

Pres. Don welcomed guest speaker **Sally Branch**.

He acknowledged the annual joint meeting between Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs and welcomed the following -

Pres Miriam Wyatt together with members of the Inner Wheel Club of East Coast Albany Bays and their partners with special welcomes to **Betty Dunlop, Annette Gibson** and **Maureen Robins** whose late husbands **Harry, Elmer & David** were each Rotary Club Presidents. Also Rotary Club foundation member **Des O'Sullivan & Anne** and Past District Governor **Leo Dixon & Jill**.

IW Pres. Miriam gave an insight into the many activities of Inner Wheel which was established by wives of Rotarians in UK in 1924 and became active in NZ in 1936. It is one of the largest International Organisations for women in the World and enjoys consultative status with United Nations Economic & Social Council. In NZ today there are 73 Clubs in 5 Districts.

Activities and support over the year from the local Club have included ;

North Shore Hospital Maternity Unit with special assistance for premature babies and their mothers, collections and donations with Arthritis Day, St John, City Mission, Parents Inc,



Daffodil Day, and interesting and varied speakers at the regular monthly meetings. Special awards in recognition of outstanding work for Inner Wheel were made to Anne Buckley and Elizabeth Sanderson during the past year. **A cheque for \$600.00 was accepted by Pres. Miriam from the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays.**

CLUB NOTICES

IYE Student Nicole from California gave a brief resume of her exchange activities and would welcome further visits to Club

members homes.

Our Club will host the Group Study Exchange team from France during April and Club members have been allocated duties with the respective members of the team.

Alan Astrop displayed the smart newly designed Rotary caps available subject to numbers for \$15 each.

A combined Sergeants session between Alan Astrop – deputising for Dirk and Raewyn Hadwin – Inner Wheel raised \$ 160.80 with numerous fines from celebrations and misdemeanours. Included were Sherida hob-knobbing in the community and press, Ken P. and his Face Book, Warren Sanderson – Thompsons Nutrition, Rodger Carter – no computer, Sean Harris – Hamilton cricket Test while Inner Wheelers included Yvonne McLean & Ivy Mann cruising around the World, June Brock climbing apple trees to gather apples for the Yacht Regatta lunches, Myrna Carter – a significant birthday recently, Betty Dunlop a new kitchen and Carol O'Leary a new grandmother.

Parting Thought – Graham Lea, “ Dream it – Believe it – Achieve it “

(A very appropriate quote following our stimulating guest speaker Sally)

Guest Speaker Sally Branch



Inner Wheel President **Miriam Wyatt** introduced Sally. **Sally** and her husband who were both nurses became disillusioned with the health system in USA and decided to go cruising. A boat had to accommodate her 6ft 3 husband and they bought three boats while they learnt the skills to sail the boats. On the boat they had enough medical supplies for a third world hospital. Having learnt for two years they bought an old seaworthy 43 footer. Three years were spent cruising and diving only returning to work in the hurricane season. The best diving was in Mexico. While at the Baja peninsular she scratched whale tongues and had a thirty-minute ride on a very friendly whale which had two cubs with her. Sally's family's comment was 'what did you do that for?'

Eventually they decided to sail further south and stocked up for three weeks. They had some difficult conditions in which they had to repair a steel sheet that had pinged and broke a rudder. They passed through the Marquesas, Turners Reef Islands and then the Society Islands. In seven months they had just over a month of good weather. Leaving Rarotonga on the way to Niue her husband passed out so they went to hospital in Tonga to find he had a mark on one lung. They flew to New Zealand and some very helpful specialists diagnosed lung cancer. He had only months to live. Sally was very appreciative of the compassion and help she found in New Zealand. She has since become a New Zealand citizen.

Pat Kelly thanked Sally for sharing her story. 'You are an amazing lady'

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