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The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 20 April 2010

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

Magazine month

NEXT MEETING:

26th April

**Cameron Calkoen
and Derek Evennett**

on "Carabiner" -
Youth mentoring for
young people with
disabilities.

5.30pm for 6.00pm

Guests welcome.

Presidential Musings

The old adage that the whole is often greater than the sum of its constituent parts was borne out yet again by the presentation of another excellent speaker, Minnie Baragwanath, on Monday night.

There are three things I want to highlight.

First: as Minnie shared her story of being sight impaired and yet heading up an important work of Social integration and innovation, we were shown how important it is not to pre-judge people by what we see or by our own biases. Minnie reminded me of a course I attend some years ago when a totally blind man, Harry Wilkinson, came to address us about 'handicaps'. He folded up his white cane, put it in his pocket, sat down, 'looked around the room' and said, "We all have our disabilities. I blind; what's yours?"

As we seek to expand our Club's activities and encourage new membership, what is driving us? But more importantly in this context, what is hindering us? Often we see difficulties [whether they be our own or those we imagine in/with others] as reasons for not doing something rather than matters we need to manage.

Secondly: what a tremendous contribution the voluntary/social sector makes to the health and wellbeing of our society, and Rotary is a valuable part of that contribution.

I believe that is the key to any future success; that we as Rotarians recognize that we are but part of that social sector, and therefore we need to continue to foster partnerships with other contributing organisations in developing the health and wellbeing of our community. The success of the Charity Golf Tournaments and the Charity Yacht Regatta bear this out.

Thirdly: as many of you know, I love sharing stories. Stories inspire. They tell of success and failure, they speak of hope and help to bring change. I would encourage you to share your stories as you talk about Rotary.

Through our stories we speak of the future; and is not the future of Rotary 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	26th April	3rd May	7-8 May	10th May
Reception	Beverley Lea	Chris Pascoe		Sue Yi
Attendance	Inge Jenkins	Inge Jenkins	Rotary	Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk				
Fellowship	Alan Astrop	John Pritchard	District	John Pritchard
	Dick Daniells	Warwick Moulton		Warwick Moulton
	Ian Collard	Pearl Rollo	Conference	Pearl Rollo
Stewards	Paul Asquith	Rodger Carter		Stuart Cowie
	Alistair New	Sue Yi	Noumea	Peter Davidson
	Glen Buckley	David Charlesworth		Martin Reiss
Grace	Martin Riess	John Pritchard		Chris Pascoe
3 Minute Talk	Ken Pemberton			Warren Patterson
Into Speaker	Steve Jenkins	Rod Fergusson		Bruce Dunlop
Thanks Speaker	David Aitkin	Richard Alder		Paul Asquith
Parting thought	Steve Jenkins	Inge Jenkins		Jane Hunter
Host Student	Steve Jenkins	Jim Mayo		Barry McLean
Rotaract	John Pearson			Warwick Moulton
Guest Speaker/Event	Cameron Calkoen and Derek Evennett on "Carabiner" - Youth mentoring for young people with disabilities	Brendon Le Haye ECB sponsored IYE to Germany 2009 and presentation of Regatta chq. to Heather Hyland from the Melanoma Foundation		Participants in National Science and Technology Forum 2010

CLUB MEETING - April 19th

Our Bulletin Reporter Glennis writes:-

President Don welcomed everyone, and especially our guests Bronwen Charlesworth and our guest speaker Minnie Baragwanath, and proposed a toast to Literacy.

After dinner, Dirk took his sergeant's session first this evening, and managed to raise \$109.90 for the Sunshine fund, before making a quick exit.

Club Notices

Don Hall reminded the directors of the meeting after our club meeting at Bruce and Lynette's home.

Roger Carter informed the members he now has a supply of Entertainment Books available for purchase.

Warren Patterson advised the club of a planned visit to Great Barrier Island for the weekend of 7-9th May, to help at the local school on the island, and a spot of R&R as well. Please let him know if you are able to go – the more the merrier (see further information below from Warren – ed).

Barry Perrow thanked all those who hosted the GSE team members recently, and everyone else who helped in other ways. The day trip to Tiritiri Matangi was a great success, despite one of the team – Loic getting a broken ankle – special thanks to Lynette for taking care of him at A&E.

The Rose Theatre show **Maskerade** by the Phoenix Theatre is on Thursday 13th May at 8pm. There are 67 presold tickets now available from Glennis and Stuart. Tickets cost \$20

each, and this price includes one free drink. Tickets can be collected and paid for at the next two club meetings.

The International committee is keen to have an IYE student in the July 2010- 2011 year. We are in need of 4 host families for that period. Please let Barry know asap if you are able to help. If we can find 2 host families from our club, then we may be able to share the incoming exchange student with another Rotary club.

Beverley Lea warned club members about the “very good” counterfeit \$50 and \$100 notes that have suddenly appeared in Auckland.

Guest Speaker – Minnie Baragwanath, Disability Adviser, Auckland City Council
"Investing in Social Innovation" our Bulletin reporter Gary writes:-

Minnie was introduced by Peter Garnett who told us that Minnie has a Bachelor of English Literature, a Bachelor of Communication Studies and a Post Graduate Diploma in Economic Development. She is a graduate of the 2007 Leadership NZ Programme where Peter and Minnie first met. Minnie is herself partially blind.

In 2001 Minnie joined Auckland CC as the first disability adviser in local Government. She was highly influenced by Mark Bagshaw, Director Accessibility for IBM Australia & New Zealand, Bagshaw has quadriplegia with no use of his legs and limited use of arms and hands. Mark reframed how to think about disabled people.

Minnie spoke of the three barriers, the infrastructural physical barrier to being disabled, the social barriers and the “personal” barriers e.g. loss of self esteem.

More recently, in her Post Graduate study of Economic Development, Minnie has been studying the “social economy” (not for profit sector) and how this applies to the commercial and private sectors. With population growth comes social responsibility and an ageing population, which has a higher propensity for disability. Put another way, if the World’s Social Economy were combined, it would be the 6th largest economy in the world!

Minnie spoke about the importance of engaging the 20% of the population who are disabled and giving them work. To achieve this we need social innovation in NZ combined with corporate social responsibility. In fact NZ is a world leader in this area but sadly the social innovators are few e.g. Stephen Tindall.

Minnie spoke of her role at the ACC as a journey of discovery with ¼ million people with disabilities in the region. For instance with the Rugby World Cup coming up, there are obvious accessibility issues to work through for those with disabilities.



In summary we need to reflect on the social economy and look for challenges and opportunities giving social and economic outcomes which are meaningful.

The thanks of the Cub were in the hands of Bruce Westbrooke

Other Club Notices

Organisation for Great Barrier Friday 7 – Sunday 9 May 2010

This is an East Coast Bays Rotary Club event. You are most welcome to bring partners, friends and children. We would strongly advocate this as an opportunity to invite prospective members. Participants can elect to travel to and from on days and times to suit themselves. Group booking discount applies only to airfares from Dairy Flat on any or the days from Friday 7 – Sunday 9.

Travel options

- 1) Plane from Dairy Flat approx cost \$82 each way a range of departure times possible.
Flight time approximately 30 minutes
- 2) Ferry from Downtown – Sealink \$75 each way (trip takes 4.5 hrs)
Sailings are only Friday depart Auck 2pm and Sunday depart 3pm
- 3) Private Charter – Ian may organise a boat again for this date but not yet confirmed

Accommodation Options

- 1) Private arrangement (friends family – Book a Bach, Holiday Homes - Trademe)
- 2) Runaway Lodge approx cost \$35 per person per night

Food Arrangements

Bring own breakfast for each day you are staying and a packed lunch for Saturday. We will have a combined meal Saturday night (possibly at the Social Club – to be confirmed). Lunch on Sunday and dinner Friday night at one of the excellent local cafes. Meal costs are similar to mainland prices and the coffee is uniformly good.

Programme:-

Friday - Own arrangements

11am Organised fishing charter – cost approx \$50 per person for half day (all gear supplied)

Golf option

Hiking or walking

Scenic tour – by hire car (\$75 per day plus fuel)

Hot springs hike and swim

Cycle and kayak options

6.30pm Evening dinner with school community

Sunday

9am School working bee – repairing the sea wall

Project – building advice

Fundraising meeting

12.30pm Lunch and next steps planning

4pm Depart

Please let Warren Patterson (021 1707129 or warp@mac.com) know your preferences for travel and accommodation **before April 30**. There will be a sign up sheet circulating at the next Club meeting.

The Rotary District 9910 Quiz – Saturday 15th May at Matakana School, Matakana. Entry cost \$30 for a team of 4, for bookings contact Andrew Bax, Rotary Club of Whangarei. Closing date for bookings is Friday 30th April. Andrew@computer.net.nz (see flyer attached to this Bulletin for more details.)

Parting Thought from Guy Kerr-Phillips

“Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.” ...anon.

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