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Attendance (by Sunday 6pm) to Steve Jenkins ph 478 8467 jenkins@kiwilink.co.nz Pupuke Golf Club.

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Next meeting 5.30 for 6pm 23 July 2018

Andrew Alexander Change Leadership in Today's World



What an interesting and international meeting it turned out to be on Monday night. We went from plastics in New Zealand (Bruce Dunlop in three minutes!) to Chile, to Cambodia and half the club even found out they had Croatian heritage they didn't know about! Just in time to fill the Sergeant's coffers with new found links to the runners up in the Fifa World Cup. Wow!

Local in Action, Global in Vision.

Once again Rotary East Coast Bays found out how valuable and wide reaching its youth programmes are. It was a real pleasure to see Dani, our 2014 Inbound student from Chile, and her sister Connie. Dani showed us what she had done with the money she fundraised in her year here - putting it towards school books and food parcels for children in a slum close to Santiago.

Michelle Parkinson, who leads annual trips to Cambodia for Rangitoto College students to build houses in poor village areas, told us about the projects there and showed us how our three talented Cambodian students are doing. The year in New Zealand has been transformative for them. We could see them all blossom into confident young women during their time in NZ and they continue to do so in Cambodia. Sreychom and Tola are at university and Sreychom has a good job at a level that only her NZ experience allowed her to achieve. Lily is near the end of her school year. I believe we can feel very proud of our sponsoring these three young women.

We discovered how to build a "house" in a morning. It's just not a house as we know it. How good we have it here, where a 4m square unlined single room on stilts is not for us an "upgrade" in accomodation. Next year the Rangitoto College students will have built 100 of these dwellings. What an achievement for our youth here, directly assisting less fortunate families over there.

It was good to drive home thinking about all the good things and the differences we make in the world, one young person at a time.







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	23 July	30 July	6 August	13 August
	Andrew Alexander	Dave Cameron – 2018	Club Meeting	Kathy McCormack
	Change Leadership in	Young NZdr. of the Year	Committee Meetings	Bush Glen Reserve
	Today's World	PARTNERS NIGHT		The Story so Far
Grace	Jenna Tuuta	Gary Morgan	Warwick Moulton	Kumar Naik
Reception	Barry McLean	Lynette Miller	Beverley Lea	Alan Astrop
Attendance	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk		Amanda Chambers		
Fellowship	Sue Yi	Sue Yi	Amanda Chambers	Amanda Chambers
	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton	Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith
	Murray Thoms	Paul Asquith	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton
Stewards	Peter Garnett	Alistair New	Alan Astrop	Graham Rice
	Graham Rice	Barry McLean	Sean Harris	Jim Mayo
	Warren Patterson	Jenna Tuuta	David Aickin	Monica Webb
3 Min. Talk	Alan Astrop		Stephen Wheeler	David Aickin
Intro. Speaker	David Aickin	Peter Garnett		Steve Goeldner
Thank Speaker	Steve Goeldner	Rod Fergusson		Bernie Woods
Parting Thought	Jenna Tuuta	Jim Mayo	Lynette Miller	Gary Morgan
Darius				Bruce Dunlop
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				
Our Exchange Student Contact Details:				
Darius is currently with				

Pres Jennifer welcomed Bob back and hoped the club would provide support when needed.

Also welcomed were Dani & (sister) Conni Acuna Olivares. Dani was an IYE from Chile four years ago and is now in her third year of law school and her sister is a dentist. While she was here she raised money for needy families in a community 40 minutes from Santiago. She showed us photos of food baskets and other goods as well as the shacks used for shelter. She said Chile had many immigrants with no place to live. See first two photos.

Bruce Dunlop gave us a short presentation of his life in the plastic industry starting in 1979 and becoming a consultant in 1989. He looked at trade as well as environmental issues. He gave an example of micro beads being washed down the sink causing environmental problems. For local producers they found alternatives in pumice and ground macadamia shells. A topic to come is how do you define single use plastic bags! He felt legislation may do some good.

Michelle Parkinson gave us in update on her links with Cambodia. In 12 years Rangitoto students have built over 90 houses and paid for 24 water wells as well as helping with two orphanages. As orphanages are now banned in Cambodia NFC is now looking after local children from poor families and another group is focusing on rubbish dump children and their health and educational concerns. They provide rice for the students families when they attend school.

Sreychom is now doing travel and tourism at university as well as working full time. She has now been promoted to the main office which has interrupted her University studies but she hopes to resume in November. She makes great use of her English to deal with the problems of a condominium

SREYCHOM SORN

In November 2016, Sreychom began her studies at the Royal University of Phnom Penh studying Travel and Tourism. She studies in both Khmer and in English.

 Sreychom has been studying in the evenings and she works 5 days a week. She works at Casa Meridian, a



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on a man-made island. See photo above.

Tola is in her first year at university and is also working and living with her older sister – see photo. She travels on her motorbike.

Lily Lay continues to live at NFC but needs US\$800 for university fees. She hopes to move to a midway house which costs five dollars US plus food. She also needs a motorbike for safety.

Syna is a 14-year-old girl whose parents died when she was two and she would like to be an English teacher.



In Singapore Michelle ran into the then District Governor of district 3310 who was very interested in her work.

On video each of the girls then spoke to us. Tola aims to be a tour guide and thanks the club for helping her change from the shy girl she was. She was very appreciative of the people, landscape and food.

Michelle said the Rangi students are divided into four groups and each group builds a house in the morning and another in the afternoon. That is 8 each year. She said the local community chooses the families after they had spent some years raising the money for a plot of land. This year's group go in the next holidays and include Adam Harris and his mother Vicki.

Rotary Club of East Coast Bays - Chatham Islands Adventure Holiday – February 2019.

In late February 2019, ECB Rotary Club members will have an opportunity to visit the Chatham Islands, New Zealand's most Easterly territory. Situated about 800 Km East of Christchurch, this archipelago comprises 11 islands of which only two, (Pitt and Chatham) are inhabited. This isolation has created a unique society and island lifestyle. Many locals have Moriori geneology and you will visit heritage sites and learn of their fascinating history shaped by years of isolation; Moriori, Maori, sealers, whalers, missionaries, farmers and settlers. The Chatham Islands provide the ultimate destination for those seeking adventure, peace and solitude. The spectacular scenery, friendly locals, fascinating history, unique plants and wildlife and bounteous seafood buffets, all add up to an unforgettable holiday experience. As visitors to the Chatham Islands you will enjoy some of the most spectacular and unspoilt scenery in New Zealand including rugged coastlines, towering cliffs, boulder strewn beaches and expansive sandy beaches.

For your enjoyment, we are fortunate to be hosted by well-known local Chatham Island hotelier and raconteur - Toni Croon with whom we have managed to put together this unique all-inclusive, five-day Adventure Holiday package.

Numbers are strictly limited and already much of the Island accommodation is fully booked for the first guarter 2019. Please refer the Four Corners document for more details. If you are interested – please contact Murray Thoms – 021 990608 before the end of July.