



**Attendance (by Sunday 5pm) to Steve Jenkins**  
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 Meet Pupuke Golf Club,  
**231 East Coast Rd,**  
**Mairangi Bay.**

**Mondays 5.30 for 6pm**  
[www.ecbrotary.co.nz](http://www.ecbrotary.co.nz)

President Jennifer

Monday night's meeting was certainly an interesting one. We were able to greet a number of guests and it was a pleasure to be able to present Paige Movold with a donation towards her volunteer trip to Ghana. For a young woman, just leaving school, to be looking at six months volunteering on the other side of the world is certainly taking up a challenge. We wish her all the best in her venture and look forward to hearing from her on her return.

Our speaker, Dr Dragos Bratasanu, gave a fascinating presentation. He provided plenty of food for thought - so much so it appears we were still in thinking mode when he finished and not ready for "asking questions mode"! I was relieved he told us just how he achieved getting to the Arctic and Antarctic when it was clear he had no money at all. A very good example of just "asking". It brings the old saying "if you don't ask, you don't get" to life.

Next week will be an enjoyable evening to share with partners. We have a Quiz night with Mike Pinkney as our Quizmaster. This is to be a fun quiz, possibly with an emphasis on things Rotarian, but not one to demoralise us on a Monday night!

Remember we need as many volunteers as possible for the Marathon marshalling on Sunday 28th October. I know it's a nasty sparrow's chirp hour of the day, but this is a really useful boost for Club funds which we do need in addition to the Golf Tournament. And of course the Golf Tournament ..... this is our main fundraising income earner so all our support is needed for teams, prizes, and help on the day. This is the money that enables us to help support so many good causes, from water projects in Vanuatu, to Shelterboxes and ERKs, to supporting our youth programmes and young people aspiring to go to Outward Bound, to volunteer in Ghana and a host of other things.



### **Basic Education and Literacy Month**

Next meeting  
 6 for 6.30 pm

24 September 2018  
 Partners' night  
 Quiz evening

Are you a Centurion?  
 Help support  
 Foundation for only  
 \$100 per year.

Dates

Takapuna Rotary  
 Bingo Fri 5 October

Browns Bay Quiz  
 Fri 26 October

	24 September	1 October	8 October	15 October
	<b>Quiz Master – Mike Pinkney Browns Bay Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting Committee Meetings</b>	<b>ECB Alumni Rotary Re-Connect Week</b>	<b>Mark Cooper and Janet Coutts. Ryman Healthcare</b>
Grace	Rod Fergusson	Steve Goeldner	Sean Harris	Beverley Lea
Reception	Amanda Chambers	Beverley Lea	Alan Astrop	Barry Mclean
Attendance	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk	Bob Baird			
Fellowship	Sue Yi	Sue Yi	Amanda Chambers	Amanda Chambers
	Murray Thoms	Murray Thoms	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton	Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith
Stewards	Bruce Dunlop	Graham Rice	Jim Mayo	Warren Patterson
	Sean Harris	Alan Astrop	Alistair New	Bernie Woods
	Jenna Tuuta	Stephen Wheeler	Barry McLean	Sean Harris
3 Min. Talk		Monica Webb		Martin Reiss
Intro. Speaker	Peter Garnett		Gary Morgan	Rod Fergusson
Thank Speaker	Keith Young		Jenna Tuuta	Graham Rice
Parting Thought	Bernie Woods	Keith Young	Alan Astrop	Paul Asquith
Darius	Sean Harris	Beverley Lea	Alistair New	Warren Patterson
<b>If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty</b>				
<b>Our Exchange Student Darius is currently with Pres. Jennifer Neads, 19 Wainoni Heights, Greenhithe. Ph 09 413 8445</b>				

**Notices.**

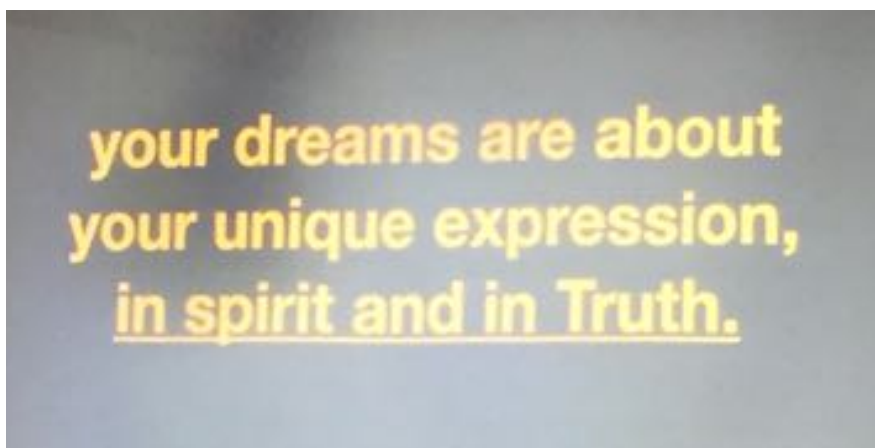
Shelter box is running a typhoon appeal mainly for smaller items. You can donate via the website.

Paige Movold was presented with a cheque for \$500 to help with her expenses while volunteering for six months in Ghana after she finishes year 13 at Rangitoto. She said she was excited to go to a stable but poverty stricken country and expects this to open her eyes and help with her goal to become a doctor.



**Dr Dragos** has been resident in New Zealand for two years and he and his wife are touring the country for four months promoting the idea that dreams are for everybody not just for school children and youth. The barrier is not you but social environment. He was born 34 years ago in Romania and brought up under the Communist system where only the basics were provided to survive but freedoms were taken away.

Intellectuals were purged. This suppression came at a



cost and was a toxic environment with a lot of alcohol abuse and early deaths. He did his doctorate in Germany and learnt how the Hubble project was a \$2 billion failure. They had many smart people working on the project but the environment encouraged them to hide and suppress errors. While at university he spent many hours reading books in bookshops and decided that he wanted to visit the North and South poles. He gave himself one year to do that and sent out many requests for help. In the last month he was on his way to Antarctica when a reply came and he was able to go to the Arctic as well. He has spent many years figuring out why some dreams work. He said 70% to 95% of workers are disengaged in the job. Many do not value what they do and 350 million people in the world had depression. He said there were three key ideas – what is in your heart, what is in your hands and what magic do you have. Most dreams die on the bridge between the idea and the day-to-day grind. He finished with a story about a man and his grandson on a journey. Grandfather was about to die and left his grandson with the thought not to worry about death but ‘do I have a life before death’.

### **Parting thought.**

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Photo is of the Pinehurst interactors after receiving their badges at the final assembly.



**Browns Bay Quiz night Fundraiser** to raise \$5000 for a needy family. Help the three Dixon children who have recently lost both their parents.

**Where:** Outrams Hall Murrays Bay

**When:** Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm

**Tables:** Tables of eight at \$120.00 per table or \$15.00 per person. Please contact House of Travel Browns Bay on 09-479-1003 to purchase a table.

You are welcome to bring a platter of food for your table. Pizzas will be available to purchase on the night. Drinks can be purchased at the event. Optional dress up theme of “Around the World”.

Come prepared for prizes, auctions, games and fun! Any extra money raised will be managed by Rotary for children in similar situations.