



Attendance (by Sunday 6pm) to Steve Jenkins ph 478 8467

Pupuke Golf Club,
231 East Coast Rd,
Mairangi Bay.

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**Next meeting
29 May 2017**

Club night
Committees

5.30 for 6pm

Youth Service Month

Morgan's message.

Once again last Monday's meeting gave us a prime example of how some of the best "Guest Speaker" presentations come from our very own members. Jennifer told us about her recent trip, accompanied by her husband Raoul, to Bhutan. We enjoyed a fascinating slide show with Jennifer's excellent commentary. A great shame that the slides were cut short by a power cut, but Jennifer battled on unfazed. Well done Jennifer. I would also like to congratulate Murray and the Fellowship team for an excellent evening where we all enjoyed a very good three course meal served to us on decorated tables.

I also had great pleasure in presenting Doug with his third sapphire Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) pin i.e. his fourth PHF. Like other members before him, his latest PHF has been awarded in recognition for his personal giving through District 9910's Centurion programme. We have 14 members and one ex-member who are Centurions i.e. they donate \$100 per year to the Foundation through this District scheme. Given that this donation is also fully tax deductible, the cost of membership is less than one cup of coffee per week. I have attached the Centurion application form to this Bulletin and encourage those of you not yet members to give it serious consideration. Please send the completed application forms back to me.

I've recently been informed, via Lynette, that the residents of Edgecumbe are still in desperate need of help. In particular men's and boys' clothing and good quality old suitcases that can be used for temporary storage. They also need any spare items that would normally be found in a house, including hand sewing machines as many houses are still without power. If you can let Bernie know if you have any items and then we can make plans to liaise with EBOP flood relief (we have the contact details) and get the goods down to Whakatane. I'm also informed that Whakatane West Rotary Club are also

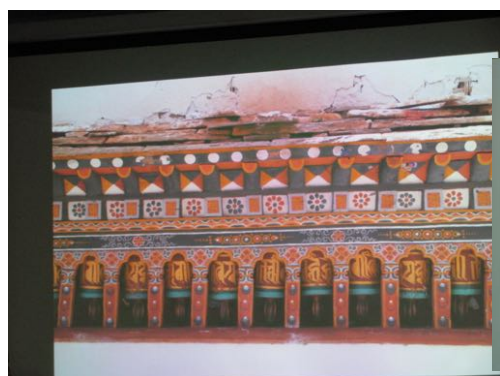


	29 May	5 June	12 June	19 June
	Club Meeting Committee Meetings	No Meeting Queen's Birthday	Wayne Forsythe Co-ordinator Maternal Mental Health ,Waitemata DHB	Sebastian Holthusan My Year in New Zealand
Grace	Bernie Woods		Amanda Chambers	Sean Harris
Reception	Lynette Miller		Sherida Penman-Walters	Robyn Young
Attendance	Steve Jenkins		Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk				
Fellowship	Warwick Moulton		Ian Collard	Warwick Moulton
	Ian Collard		Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith
	John Pearson		Sue Yi	Sue Yi
Stewards	Graham Rice		Alistair New	Steve Goeldner
	Barry McLean		Martin Reiss	Alan Astrop
	Jim Mayo		Jenna Tuuta	Monica Webb
3 Min. Talk	Amanda Chambers			
Intro. Speaker			Alan Astrop	Murray Thoms
Thank Speaker			Lynette Miller	Sean Harris
Parting Thought	Monica Webb		Ian Collard	Peter Garnett
Sebastian	Doug Dempster		Lynette Miller	Barry McLean
Lily	Jennifer Neads		Warwick Moulton	Sue Yi
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				
Our Exchange Students Contact Details:Lily is with Sean and Vicky, 43 William Gamble Dr,Albany,Ph 4414945				
Sebastian is with Susan and Kris Nelson, 44 Woodlands Cres. Browns Bay.				
Sebastian's direct contact; Mobile 021 1362256 or Email; sebastianholthusen@gmail.com				

keen to help. I realise this request may be in direct conflict with our garage sale supporting our International Youth Exchange (IYE) students which is also coming up, but perhaps we can do both. President Gary.

Notices.

Sad news. **Leo Dixon** was District Governor from 1990-1991 whilst a member of the Rotary Club of Onehunga. He passed away on 19 May and a private family service was held on 23 May. Leo Dixon was also the father of the Albany Rotary Club. Just over twenty years ago, Leo visited all of the foundation members of the club and invited them to join, He was a stickler for Rotary protocol and often wondered what sort of a club he had founded. But he had warm heart and a generous spirit and a strong belief that Rotary could make a difference. Our sympathy goes to Jill and their family. Leo was a regular visitor to our ECB club.



- Demographics
- Land size of Switzerland
 - Population 750,000
 - Closed border with Tibet
 - Main trade and political alliances with India
 - Trade: agriculture, forestry, tourism, sale hydroelectric power
 - Constitutional Monarchy
 - Gross Domestic Happiness
 - Progressive environmental policies
 - School of Tantric Mayahana Buddhism



Jennifer reported that the film evening raised \$400.

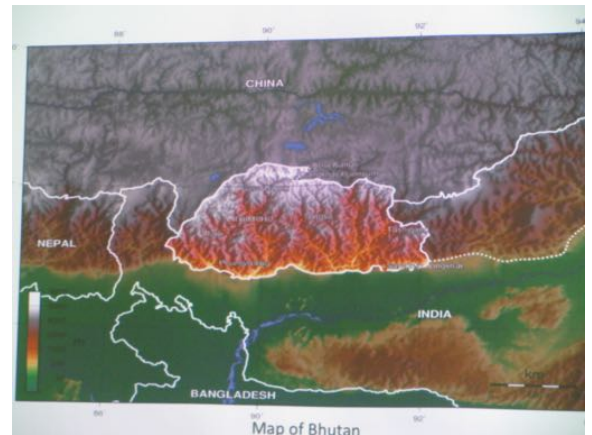
MUNA is on at Auckland Girls Grammar Friday/Saturday 26/27 May 9-4pm. Well worth a visit. We have 3 schools competing - Rangitoto, Pinehirst and Hobsonville Point.

A Garage sale will be held in July to raise money for IYE students. Please look out items.

Trees for Survival – Wednesday, 14 June at Leigh – help MB Primary students plant trees – fill in clipboard or let Bernie know if you can help.

Magazine delivery this weekend -contact Amanda if you can help.

Pres Gary showed us a video about Foundation reinforcing the six areas of focus listed on the banner.



Gross National Happiness

- Good governance
- Sustainable socioeconomic development
- Preservation and promotion of culture
- Environmental consideration

Jennifer investigated places where she and Raoul could trek while doing some good for the country concerned. They settled on Bhutan whose main sources of income are hydroelectric power and tourism. They have 60,000 to 70,000 tourists a year and aim for low impact high quality tourism. Tourists must pay at least US \$250 per day. Anything they do considers how it will affect the environment and GDP but most importantly

'Gross National Happiness' (see photo). Bhutan's constitutional monarchy started in 1907 and has moved to a constitutional democracy with the fourth King on the throne. He was 28 years old when crowned (2008) and travels throughout the country. You fly in to one of the most dangerous airports in the world. Red rice is a favourite food and many communities have a Dzong - originally built to protect them from Tibetans but now used as monasteries or civil administration buildings. Locals harvest flowers and chilies as well as being farmers. Traditional costumes are often seen as well as decorations on many of the buildings. Raoul and Jennifer were joined by an American, Mike, and the guide spoke very good English including 'much more better'. In five days they saw a mountain they were walking towards only once. None of the high peaks in Bhutan are allowed to be climbed. At night the appearance of hot water bottles was a sign that it was time to go to bed! She showed us a small school with 2 male teachers. Yaks are used for most transport but two men were used to transport pipes on their shoulders at the steepest parts. Solar powered radio was available as well as cell phone reception. Unfortunately this speech was curtailed by loss of electrical power at the golf club. In response to questions she said they had passed two army checkpoints and 60% of the country is in forestry and 40% in National Parks. The English spoken did not have an accent. During the trek they reached a height of 4900m.