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### Milford Rotary Blog

You can now see the current and past issues of **Storcky's Star**, as well as **Club Notices** and **Future Speakers** at <http://milfordrotary.wordpress.com/>

*The Rotary Club of Milford promotes Safe Transport Habits.*

*Think before your drink at Club meetings.*

*A range of non-alcoholic beverages is always available at Club events*

### APOLOGIES:

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**before 10 am on Tuesday**

## Relaxed and Informal

In keeping with the informality of a **Club Night**, The Presidential Chain of Office, and Honours Board were nowhere to be seen, but President Ben advised these are undergoing some cosmetic surgery. John Buchanan was a Guest of Clive Menkin again.

### Club Notices

**Musical Showcase** - Clive, Brian and Ben made comment on Sunday's Concert. Another successful musical event to the high Choral and Orchestral Standards we have been treated to over the last 6 years. Special thanks to Christine Peak for her organisation, and the Presentation made to her at the Concert's conclusion is very much appreciated.

Particularly the Club acknowledges Valerie Winn and the Fellowship Committee for providing the afternoon tea, and Brigid Johns for the stage floral decoration. To all those Club Members who helped in any manner of ways – thank you.

Leading our sponsors is **Prestige Real Estate**, and Ben requested Raewyn to convey our appreciation to the company management. Other sponsors we should consider supporting are **Harvey World Travel** in Browns Bay, Mairangi Bay and Milford; **Paper Plus Takapuna**; **Property Press**; **Alsco – Fresh and Green**, and thanks to Gail's **Northcote and Mariposa Preschool** for Printing and Copying.

### Breakfast with Browns Bay Club

Bryan Rowney is looking for a team to join Browns Bay at their Meeting on

**4<sup>th</sup> October. 7.00 a.m** at the Bays Club. Guest Speaker is East Coast Bays exchange student from Finland, **Lotta Moisala**. Names to Bryan please.

### RWC 2011 Tickets

Clive Menkin has some tickets available for the 2 Auckland Quarter Finals, and 1 of the Semis – be in quick!

### Intermediate Speech Contest

The highlight of next Tuesday's meeting will be the **final round** of our annual speech contest. The **Gordon McGhie Cup** will be presented to the winner, and the **Arthur Jones Trophy**, which goes to the winner's school, will also be awarded.

This year the five finalists were selected from the **21 speakers** representing 12 intermediate schools and schools with intermediate-age children. The 2011 final will be interesting because both speakers from Rosmini College and both speakers from Belmont Intermediate have been selected. Both schools have for many years entered strong contenders, Rosmini having won the Arthur Jones Trophy four times and Belmont five. Can Rosmini level the score? However, this year's wild card is a young lady named Bridget Wech McKenzie of Orewa College, the first time that this school has participated. Will Bridget deny the four boys from the other two schools their moment of glory?

Make sure you are there to support these gifted young people.

## Picture Stories – Musical Showcase



For more Musical Showcase pictures – see attached **ADDEDUM**

## Milford Mole

Back now from the very warm Gold Coast and on to the shocking streets of Milford. There has not been much activity on the street probably because there is a lot of other activity in the City; however David and The Captain are back so that should increase the Milford profile. At the Music Gala a shocking thing happened. The Captain lost his wife. You would think that by now he would know how to look after crew members. Now all the problems on Friday with the train service, but where else in the world can you get a two hour train ride going nowhere for free. Down at the Mall the other day a group of Rotarians were found sheltering from the wind and discussing Rotary gossip. The shocking thing was that Charles and Janet wanted to look up my trouser legs. Not the sort of thing you should be doing in a public place. In the mean time the Sergeant strode through refusing to recognise anybody. It was just as well because he would want to join the group trying to look up my trousers. Shocking stories coming to you from the streets of Milford.

## Sergeant at Arms

Bruce and Raewyn were ably assisted with sound effects from **Murray Allison**! S\*\*\* it's quiet without him! For his pains, he coughed up for a very old Wedding Anniversary, and a long way off Birthday.

A couple of Box buyers recounted their run-ins with the Law – The **Litherland** Mercedes goes faster than we thought, and also changes lanes automatically apparently. The owner gave Mr Plod "**a severe listening to**", and got off. But wait – there's more, and funnier.

One **Merv Tait** had occasion to travel Sunset Road **10 times** last weekend. For his files, he received **4 communications from NZ Police**. "But I didn't get seen 6 times!!"

And Alison informed us she has a new Contract with Auckland City working on the Rates amalgamation.

**Raffle** – from Tony Costello won by **Len Carpenter**.

## Parting Thought

From Ross Donohue - "Wise men learn by others mistakes – fools learn by their own."

## Club Officers

<b>District Governor</b>	Brian Tuck
<b>Assistant Governor</b>	Alison Waugh
<b>President</b>	Ben Storck
<b>Past President</b>	Henry Harbuz
<b>President Elect</b>	Rob Fullerton
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Owen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bronwyn Ellison
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Bruce Rasmussen
<b>Corporal at Arms</b>	Raewyn Jesson
<b>Community Service</b>	Derek Evennett
<b>Fellowship</b>	Valerie Winn
<b>International &amp; RI</b>	Warwick Smith
<b>Membership &amp; PR</b>	Clive Menkin
<b>Attendance</b>	Jane Millington
<b>Welfare &amp; Almoner</b>	Rob Insull
<b>Newsletter</b>	Chris Gregory
<b>Scribes</b>	Tony Costello
	Tony Trent
<b>Youth &amp; Vocational</b>	David Walters
<b>Club Administration</b>	John Avery
<b>Programme &amp; Speakers</b>	Charles Wilson
	John Avery
	Merv Tait
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	Ben Storck
<b>Science Forum</b>	Peter Best

## Club Duties

### 27 September 2011

Equipment Out	Derek Evennett
Equipment Away	Chris Gregory
Meet & Greet	Rob Fullerton
Grace	Joan Finlayson
President's Table	Warren Johns
Raffle	Henry Harbuz
3 Minute Talk	Rob Insull
Introduction	
Thanks	
Parting Thought	Raewyn Jesson

### 4 October 2011

Equipment Out	Brian Peak
Equipment Away	Chris Owen
Meet & Greet	Robert Numans
Grace	Humphrey Nisbet
President's Table	Pat Moore
Raffle	Clive Menkin
3 Minute Talk	Alex MacDonald
Introduction	Karel Lorier
Thanks	Garry Litherland
Parting Thought	Andrew Jonas

## Three Minute Speaker

**Chris Cunniffe** left the Banking scene two weeks ago, and is now CEO of a new Company; Tax Management NZ. Chris backgrounded the IRD's Penalty Regime for late payments, currently at 12% Interest, and the converse – 5% paid on overpayments. There are a myriad of reasons why Penalty Tax can apply, and many individuals, small businesses, and corporates will over pay their assessed tax commitments rather than incur draconian Penalties. So, Tax Management has identified an opportunity to “stand in the middle”, and run a Trading Book for Customers, which, coupled with advice on their Tax obligations, will balance out the unders and overs, paying out 2% on over payments, and levying 9% on underpayments. All for a margin of course, and a substantial proportion of which must surely pay for salubrious offices in the Royal Akarana Yacht Club premises. Now, if this is not very clear, feel free to discuss with Chris, or for some free advice, contact the Milford Mole who has been investigating the financial scene lately.

## Future Speakers

**27 September 2011 - North Shore Intermediate Schools Speech Finals**

**4 October 2011 – New speaker to be notified**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Ross Donohue – Big Buddy**

### Rotary Club of Milford

Meeting: Tuesdays 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm  
Pupuke Golf Club East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay  
Auckland

**Phone: Raffle** – from Tony Costello won by  
Len Carpenter.

Attendance - Eric Gibson Tel: 09 449 2247  
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#### President:

Ben Storck - Res 09 489 9974

**Last Meeting** - In Attendance: 33    Apologies: 15    Silent: 3

**Average YTD** - In Attendance: 34    Apologies: 18    Silent: 2

**Guests** – John Buchannan



## ADDENDUM

### Update on our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student – Esther Libby



Esther continues to keep in touch with her counsellors, Gail and Nadeen and they have asked that we update the club on her time in La Fleche, France:

Esther is enjoying everything her exchange year is throwing at her. She really delights in seeing new places, making friends and experiencing a wide range of activities. She does, however, amuse her counsellors with her tales of particular foods she tries and her brutally honest opinion of these!

Esther experienced a slight hiccup on her exchange with her second host family who were very challenging and who tried to get her sent home for no apparent reason. Their behaviour was most questionable to say the least. In spite of this, Esther remained positive and focussed on the great experience she is having on her exchange. Esther was moved to a lovely new host family and has been with them for the past two months.

Esther is going on a Euro Tour organised by RYE, departing 22 October for Paris, Switzerland, Monaco, Germany and Austria. She is really looking forward to that.

Her school term started 3 weeks ago after the summer holidays. The other exchange students she befriended have returned home (their years differ from ours) but she has adapted quickly to not having them at school with her.

Esther arrives back in NZ on 7 January and will visit the club after her return. She has created a blog, recorded her experiences and posted photos. You can read all about her year on:

<http://esthersadventuresineurope.blogspot.com>

### More Musical Showcase Pictures

