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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

So You Want To Be An Author, Eh!

Chris Cuniffe introduced **Michael Green**, a former British merchant seaman and founder of two IT recruitment companies, and now a successful author.

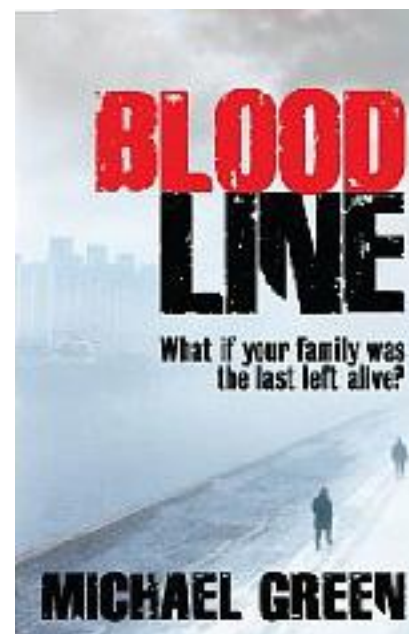
Michael outlined his literary career, starting with his critical appraisal of the articles in "Playboy". Moving right along, he charted his course of early writings and the hurdles of dealing with book publishers. Quoting from Carol Blake's "From Pitch to Publication", he noted that of 12,000 unsolicited manuscripts she receives annually, only 2 or 3 get published.

In the mid eighties, he wrote "**Big Aggie Sails the Gulf**". No New Zealand Publisher was interested, so he published it himself, but the market was too small.

Six years ago his travels were interrupted by the SARS outbreak, so using that as his theme, he wrote "**The Crucial Gene**". This sold well, even in Germany, and Random House took it on under a new title, "**Blood Line**". This book, and subsequent titles in a trilogy, have fund-raised for **Lifeline**. Michael briefly outlined his personal experiences of losing an aunt, a son and a boss to suicide, and hence his support of that organisation.

He then embraced the modern phenomena of Amazon, e-reader Kindles, printing your own book on demand, or selling through on-line

stores. Whilst he will do e-books, print and talking books, there is nothing like the real thing – the smell and feel of a book; something that can be gift wrapped, sit on the coffee table etc..



In conclusion he read a "teaser" from "Blood Line" and invited us to buy the book to find out what happened next.

Three Minute Talk

Merv Tait recounted highlights from his recent visit to Dubai – the biggest and the best of everything. Many of us have had the pleasure of visiting that City, but everything moves so fast that much of his presentation was new news. Terminal 3 under construction will be the largest building in the world, and will enable the Airport to process 90 million passengers annually – currently 47 million. 566 hotels offer 67,000 rooms – there are currently 33,000 new rooms under construction. The Burj El Arab, and Burj Khalifa feature the highest Atrium, the fastest elevator, and of course the world's highest building. Nearby Dubai Mall has the largest plate glass window – this is one wall of the Aquarium feature. Contrary to common perception, oil and petroleum only account for 6% of GDP. The development of Port Jebel Ali will see this as the world's biggest by 2030 - mind boggling.

Milford Mole

I've not been in Milford this week but up in Mangawhai, so I've changed my name to the **Mangawhai Mole**. And can you believe it, many of the same shocking characters found on the streets of Milford are on the streets of Mangawhai. During the week in Mangawhai you don't need to use your indicators. This is a great place for our Garry from Castor Bay, with the red Mercedes that has no indicators. The reason you don't need indicators during the week is that all the locals know exactly where you are going, so it's a waste of time indicating. Back on the streets of Milford the word is that it is time for the captain to put his sea hat back on and head down to Tauranga to sort out what is happening to all those container ships that are running aground. At this rate we will have a container ship on the beach at Milford some time soon. The captain says the problem is all to do with training. He says the training these days is nothing like it was in his day. That is really shocking.

Club Notices

Melbourne Cup Day/ Ladies Restaurant Night

VERY IMPORTANT – Please Note. Next Tuesday evening is the Melbourne Cup, therefore there will be no meeting at Pupuke Golf Club, as the Golf Club use this for their own Melbourne Cup evening.

Members have three choices:

1) Browns Bay Rotary Club make up. Join Murray Alison and his team for breakfast at 7-00 am for 7-15 am (meeting completed by 8-30am). Guest speaker Hon Murray McCully, no doubt he will speak on the Ruby World Cup. Venue "The Bays Club", 2 Anzac Rd Browns Bay.

2) Do nothing and have the evening off or a make-up at another club of your choice.

It is essential that we let both the Browns Bay Club and the East Bays Club of the numbers attending.

So please advise President Ben of the choice you're are going make, Browns Bay, East Coast Bays or nothing by email to <ben_storck@vodafone.co.nz> by this Thursday evening. Ben will then advise the Clubs as appropriate.

And **Ladies** – please advise **Valerie 489 4605** or Sue **489 9974** if you are intending to join in the **Restaurant Outing** at **Musashi** in Milford that night.

President Ben advised that the continuing association with Fiji's 4th largest island – **Taveuni** – will be further strengthened with **Brian Peak** joining three other dentists, and devoting two weeks of their time to administer dental **healthcare** to the island's populace. In support of this endeavour, fundraising barbecues are to be held at the Mairangi Arts Centre. More details anon.

Club Officers

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

Club Duties

1 November 2011

Equipment Out
Equipment Away

Meet & Greet

Grace

President's Table

Raffle

3 Minute Talk

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Thanks

Parting Thought

Alternatives:

1. Attend Browns Bay Meeting on Tuesday Morning
2. Have a night at home

For Option 1 please notify intention to President Ben ASAP

8 November 2011

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Robert Numans
Clive Menkin
Alex MacDonald
Karel Lorier
Gary Litherland
Weston Kerr
Andrew Jonas
Warren Johns
Raewyn Jesson
Rob Insull

Sergeant at Arms

The closest we got to mentioning "That Game" was to pay up if you had been to France! Catching up on anniversaries and discovering Joan's new address rounded out the session. Box purchasers comprised of Clive Menkin announcing his future son in law has come second in the NZ Kite Surfing Champs; Charles Wilson proclaiming his granddaughter to be a future Rita Angus - having been 1 of 250 winners out of 27.000 entries in a recent art exhibition, and President Ben foolishly confessing to have won a Heineken competition that produced a barrel of that fine product, ideal for the President's Bar be cue!

Future Speakers

1 November - No Meeting

8 November - Xanthe White – Landscape Gardening

15 November - Cam Calkoen – Carabiner Mentoring

Parting Thought from Chris Stiebel

From Pliny the Elder – "Wine will always bring out the truth".

Rotary Club of Milford

Meeting: Tuesdays 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm
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Last Meeting - In Attendance: 38 Apologies: 18 Silent: 0

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

Guests – Robbie Insull