

Early morning in Oriental Bay Photo Tessa Calogaras via Instagram

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 21st July

Nick and Christine Hurley

China and the Pacific

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Morris Robertson

Creating a Tomorrow for Rotary

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Parting Thought	Rory O'Connor

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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

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 Tuesday following a luncheon meeting or the
 Tuesday in the week prior to a meeting.

**At Khandallah
 Presbyterian Church**
 Thursday 28th July 6.30pm
 Christopher Finlayson
 Co-Governance

CORRECTION

The previous Bulletin reported that the Rotary District contribution to the Children's Hospital was \$5 million rather than \$500,000. In pointing out the error, Hospital Foundation Chair Bill Day said that he would be delighted to receive the balance of \$4.5 Million. Meanwhile, Benefactors, Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood have announced a gift of \$50 Million to establish a new Mental Health Unit at Hutt Hospital.

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Nick and Christine Hurley



NICK HURLEY is Chair of the District 9940 International Service Committee and a Director representing the

District on Rotary New Zealand World Community Service – RNZWCS Ltd. He has been a career diplomat who has worked with the MFAT since 1974, formally retiring in 2014 but continuing to carry out assignments for MFAT until three years ago. He has had extensive experience in the Pacific and Europe with overseas postings in Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Paris, Rome and Brisbane.

In Paris, he was Deputy Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNESCO, and in Fiji he was Deputy High Commissioner. His first posting was to the Cook Islands in the mid-to-late 1970s. While on overseas posting, Nick has also been a member of the Rotary Clubs of Honiara (Solomon Islands), Mid-City Brisbane, Apia and Rarotonga. He has held a number of senior positions in MFAT in Wellington including APEC Senior Official, Director of the Economic Division, and Deputy Director of the Development Cooperation Division.

CHRISTINE HURLEY is a member of the Rotary Club of Wellington. She represents RCW on the Australasian steering group of the centenary immunisation project Rotary Give Every Child a Future and chairs its NZ engagement and fundraising committee.

Christine has a background in public service policy and NGO management. She holds a Master of Arts in English literature from the University of Canterbury and a Graduate

Diploma from Victoria University of Wellington. She accompanied husband Nick on his postings as High Commissioner to Samoa, where she headed up the Samoa Cancer Society, and then to the Cook Islands and Tonga. During these postings, Christine served on the boards of the Rotary Clubs of Apia and Rarotonga.

NEXT EVENING MEETING CHRIS FINLAYSON TALKS ABOUT CO-GOVERNANCE

Thursday 28 July from 6.30pm at Khandallah Presbyterian Church Lounge. Interested in the idea of co-governance, or worried about what it might mean for Maori-Pakeha relations in practice? Join the gathering to hear former Attorney-General and Minister for Treaty Settlements, Chris Findlayson, speak on the subject of co-governance.



Chris is credited with being one of the pioneers in exploring ideas of co-governance, and can speak from a wealth of experience and goodwill. We share a meal of pizza, salad and a glass of wine or juice for just \$15 cash on the night or Direct Credit to the Club bank account 03 0518 0023645 00. Ref name and pizza. If you want to be helpful, please let Graeme Waters (021455119) or David Young (0210748524) know that you will be attending. But come anyway - we guarantee to feed you!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I write this on Sunday 10th July, the Muslim community celebrates Eid al Adha which dates back to the time of Prophet Abraham and marks the end of the four day pilgrimage to Mecca. I wish you all Eid Mubarak for a peaceful and prosperous year ahead.

Addressing you for each newsletter that Morris puts out very diligently is a new thing for me so, as I attempt to keep in touch with you all, I would like you to please share with me what it is you would like to hear about.

Feel free to email, call or text me with your wish list as it will help me to make this relevant.

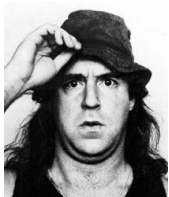
It was with mixed feelings that I made a decision to move our first meeting of the Year to Zoom as we had quite a few regrets due to illnesses. As it turned out, it was helpful as we had a few more attend than expected for an in-person meeting. I do hope that taking a two-week break will clear the cycle of illness and we will be back face to face for the next meeting on 21st July.

For the year ahead, lets focus on looking at our networks and examining who you would like to invite to our meetings with a view to join the good work we do at Rotary. We need to support Morris' efforts to tell our story with a view to attract like-minded people. Stay well, healthy and see you on 21st July at our

next meeting. 😊 *Zai*

7th JULY MEETING

With expected numbers falling by the wayside, President Zai, took the decision to switch to Zoom for the meeting. David Young reported that the trees in the Odell Reserve were thriving much better than expected and that further planting, assisted by Merge Youth, would take place on 31st July at 2pm. David Pickering extracted promissory payments for Happy Dollars.



Steve Brazier reflected on the tranquillity of this part of the world and concluded with a quote from Fred Dagg. "We don't Know how lucky we are"

GUEST SPEAKER



Tony Hildyard, who was introduced by David Young, is a Senior Portfolio Specialist for Harbour Asset Management limited, responsible for the management

of Harbours Global Bond Offering. He has had broad Fund Management experience, including spending 20 years with Tower Asset Management Limited. Tony developed specialist investment skills having had portfolio management roles in both domestic and global

fixed interest, currency management and New Zealand commercial property. Tony had seven years working for the US based Global Bond Firm, PIMCO where he was their sole representative in New Zealand.

Tony began his presentation by referring to the Russia/Ukraine war, noting how Europe was overexposed to Russia, particularly for oil and gas. Together with grain shortage, this has had a world-wide effect on financial markets. He said that the challenge now was to balance interest rate increases with getting inflation under control. Financial markets were very fluid at present and supply chain issues, particularly the reliance on China, only added to the concerns. Peter Shanahan gave the vote of thanks and so forth.

UPCOMING DG's VIST

District Governor Marilyn Stevens will be visiting the club luncheon on 1st September. This will be a special occasion. Partners, widows and Community Paul Harris Fellows are encouraged to attend. More details later.

CREATING A TOMORROW FOR ROTARY – ADVANCE NOTICE



Rotary began in 1905 in Chicago as a diversified lunch group of four men in 1905. Over subsequent years it grew internationally and evolved from just meeting to serving the community. While the rules of Rotary were established around membership procedures and rule, the ground has shifted with membership decline and escalating community needs. Hence, it's time for a change to recognise the current situation and to build a new future for Rotary. The new RI President, Jennifer Jones, has the theme of Imagine Rotary.

Nevertheless, there needs to be a process to change the fundamentals while retaining the advantages of our international organisation. The Council on Legislation, at its April meeting, voted to begin a three-year Pilot Study in two selected Regions to redefine the structure and objectives of Rotary. We are honoured that the selected regions are Oceania, accompanied by

RIBI [UK & Ireland]. All clubs in the Regions will be asked to vote on the proposal. In order to present it to our District DGE Wayne Gordon has implemented a Roadshow to present the facts to clubs. Groups of clubs have been tasked to meet at combined meetings. However, as our club has three PDG's who have attended a District Advisory Committee briefing, we are going to have our own session, led by Morris Robertson, at the Club meeting of 4th August.

Wellington North is part of the way down the proposed track with its growing links with its community. Papers prepared by Morris Robertson and Maurice Manttan on the Club's future opportunities beyond Revitalisation, will form part of the presentation.

ROTARY ACTION IN UKRAINE RNZWCS Ltd. CONNECTION



Thank you to all those who continue to support this appeal. Rotary NZ World Community Service is working directly with Rotary DG 2232 Ukraine and being supported by members of the Ukraine Association of New Zealand who have requested their members support the RNZWCS Ltd. appeal.

RNZWCS is in personal contact with immediate Past District Governor Volodymyr Bondarenko through an interpreter. The District has 62 clubs, 1111 Rotarians, and 380 Rotaractors. The PDG has set up a Rotary Committee to deal with the continuing humanitarian catastrophe. Daily operational meetings allow it to respond instantly to the changing needs of communities in cities and villages where there is a full-scale war or in the aftermath. Humanitarian hubs have been set up on the western border of Ukraine, where humanitarian goods from Europe and the World arrive daily including basic medicines, medical equipment, diapers, food, water, clothing, linen, and hygiene items. Distribution is made through the 62 clubs who apply to the district committee and satisfy them that the number of packages they request will be

distributed. Rotarians in Poland are assisting with purchases. Polish trucks cannot cross the border, so goods are transhipped to Ukraine vehicles. Unlike some other NGO's Rotary will not make cash grants. Recent advice is that five powerful diesel generators (10kW) and nine gasoline generators, with a capacity of 2.2 kW, were distributed on 23rd June to Ukrainian communities and hospitals where the grid was destroyed and where the need for electricity is vital. PDG Volodymyr is providing full transparency and reporting.

Projected outcomes are to continue to meet lifesaving needs for the crisis-affected civilian population and to save and preserve lives, ease suffering and promote self-sufficiency in the long term. It is recommended that you use RNZWCS Limited to donate to this crisis. RNZWCS Limited is aware of scams being perpetrated which may have already 'caught' some. RNZWCS also requires accountability reports. Their website www.rnzwcs.org / Facebook pages and other social media have further details.

INDEPENDENT HERALD PUBLICITY FOR CLUB



For the third time in the past six months, Wellington North has scored the lead article in the Independent Herald. The approach has been to submit stories, which are aimed at raising the profile of the club in the community, rather than recruiting messages, which can be consigned to the back pages. The road to successful membership growth is likely to be made easier

when the public gain a favourable impression of our “product” and could respond positively when approached.

Father's passion drives new Wellington North Rotary president

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She is fluent in several languages, including German and Russian.

She is also developing her ability to learn Te Reo.

Zaheda moved to Russia with her first husband in the late 1980s. She experienced life in communist USSR where she worked for Lufthansa during the turbulent years of change.

With her marriage failing, Zaheda moved initially to England to join her siblings but, unable to obtain a UK resident visa, she was accepted by New Zealand, to join relatives, and moved here 22 years ago, where she met her husband, Chris.

After the arrival of twins, Nisha and Isaac, now 15, Zaheda decided to branch out and work for herself as a travel advisor/broker. Running her own business for the last 14 years, she has corporate and leisure clients and is also a Virtuoso Luxury travel advisor.

Covid times have been a struggle, helped by some part time work in other fields.

In her address as the new president, Zaheda said:

“Although I joined the Kau Kauri Rotary club, which subsequently merged with Wellington North, six years ago, my journey with Rotary began way back in the



Murray Edridge receives his Paul Harris Fellowship from outgoing President, Stephen Spence.

1960s in India with my Father who was passionate about serving his community.

“We were always a part of Rotary camps to local villages for Polio Vaccination drives or a Find Hollows Camp to check up on villagers’ eye health and the many fellowship outings we went on with the Rotary Club.

“At Wellington North, we make a difference by working together and support each other in so many ways that bring about positive results for our community.”

A highlight of the evening was

a Community Paul Harris Fellow award made to Wellington City Missioner, Murray Edridge, who was nominated as a person who exemplifies the meaning of Community Service in our City.

Murray has had a distinguished career in business as well as the public service with a strong focus on youth support. The award was in honour of Murray’s involvement in a wide range of community focussed organisations.

With the intended guest speaker, Sir Anand Satyanand, unveiled Murray Edridge stepped in at a day’s notice to fill the role.

Murray related the journey of his Rotary connections and travels and demonstrated that the reason for being Rotarians was humbling and entertaining all in one.

Rotary clubs and international leaders world-wide change their officers on or about 1st July each year. This year is extra special in that Jennifer Jones from Canada becomes the first woman World President of Rotary. Zaheda Davies joins the ever growing number of women who are taking leadership in the organisation.

EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY KAT THEATRE

KAT THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS

Alan Ayckbourn's
Woman in Mind

DIRECTED BY TANYA PIEJUS

an astringently witty tragicomedy

July 21 – 30
Thurs, Fri, Sat
7:30pm
Sun 24
3:00pm

“
But if I let them
out, these people,
I don't know that I
can control them.
Not any more.”

The Independent Herald is published every Thursday and can be accessed on-line at www.independentherald.co.nz Back issues can also be accessed.

RIDE THE TRAIN TO END POLIO

Riding the train to enable others to walk



Ride the Train to End Polio is to take place on Sunday 4 September, departing Paekakariki at 7.50am to Taihape return. The train will be stopping at Levin, Palmerston North and Marton, and people can join at those locations. The cost is \$160 per person, via the following link

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/ridethetrain>

The Organisers will provide regular newsletters to those that have booked, including a timetable, and events. *Chris Tchernegovski,*

PARTING THOUGHT

From Maurice Manttan



Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen shillings and six pence, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure

twenty pounds nought shillings and six pence, result misery. Charles Dickens

In her small, tidy, suburban garden Susan, who is unhappy and unfulfilled and compensates by creating a rich imaginary career and family, stands on a garden rake which knocks her out. What follows is an intricate blend of fact and fantasy in which she gradually loses control of what is real and what is not.

This funny, sad, searing and moving portrait of a middle-aged woman's descent into psychosis is one of Alan Ayckbourn's greatest plays.

At KAT Theatre we make great theatre because our members have a wide variety of talents and interests. Be it handing out programmes, strutting the stage, trawling the op-shops, creating a set or pushing our technical boundaries – there's a place in our club for you. To find out more, email katmembership@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.



2022 SEASON

Cochran Hall, 106 Cashmere Ave, Khandallah

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