



*Unlocking the way to the north – now a year away*

**At Wellington Bridge Club**  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 Michael O'Brien & Helen Moate  
 Wellington Children's Hospital  
**(SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL APPLY)**

**DUTIES**

Greeter	Lionel Nunns
Host Speakers	Laurie Bond
Attendance	Rory O'Connor
Reflection	David King
Happy Dollars	Tony Fryer
Thank Speaker	Laury Sinclair
Parting Thought	Margaret Emerre

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
 Club Member Brett Hudson  
 A Day in the Life of an MP

**DUTIES**

Greeter	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	Stephen Brazier
Attendance	Terry Pinfold
Reflection	Colin Lawton
Happy Dollars	Ross George
Thank Speaker	Stephen Spence
Parting Thought	Roy Ferguson

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott  
[mjpboscott@gmail.com](mailto:mjpboscott@gmail.com) by 10am Wednesday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7pm  
**at Automat**  
 Jessica Young  
 End of Life Choices

RSVP [royfergusonnz@gmail.com](mailto:royfergusonnz@gmail.com) for catering purposes by Sunday 6 September. Spouses welcome. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**



**ALSO COMING UP**  
 Thursday 27 August 10.30am  
 Coffee at Zealandia

28th September  
 Club Forum  
 Venue to be confirmed

**FURTHER REMINDER  
 LUNCHEON PAYMENT**

Members are requested to change their automatic luncheon payments to **\$60 before September**. The revised payment will cover the planned 22 meetings. The casual meal cost for guests and refunds for apologies is increased to **\$25**.

## NEXT EVENING SPEAKER

### PHD SCHOLAR – JESSICA YOUNG



Jessica is a PhD Candidate and Research Fellow at the Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, and is an emerging qualitative researcher working in the field of healthcare.

Euthanasia and assisted dying are of national interest and are a globally significant issue, given the current proposed law change. However, the views of those approaching the end of life who would consider choosing an assisted death, if it were available to them, is missing from the discourse in New Zealand.

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

### WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

#### Michael O'Brien – Architect



Michael is a Partner and Principal at Studio Design + Architecture and leads the Wellington studio. He has led dozens of major

projects to completion, both here and in the Asia-Pacific region. Michael knows what makes for a successful project. A clear understanding from the outset between the client and architect of the project's goals is key, as is trust and communication during the build stage. A strong idea is paramount, that carries through from early concept to built completion.

#### Helen Moate - Project Manager



Working as part of McKee Fehl's sustainable design and construction team, Helen is also a Green Star Accredited Professional and was involved in the

successful achievement of a 5 Star Built Green Star rating for 22 Boulcott Street, Intergen's premises at 80 Willis Street and MBIE's premises at 15 Stout Street. Equipped with a passion for construction and design, a flair for problem solving and a focused planning ability.



## ALICE SPRINGS CONFERENCE

Covid-19 has brought opportunities which might not otherwise have arisen. One of these is the Zone 8 Rotary Conference scheduled to be held in Alice Springs next month. It has now turned into a virtual conference open free to all Rotarians. It is a great opportunity to hear a range of speakers on the new directions in Rotary.

Some of the items which would be of particular interest to NZ Club members, with NZ times, are:

### Saturday 19 September

1.30 – 1.45pm RI President Holger Knack

1.45 – 2.00pm Ian Riseley on

#### The Rotary Foundation

2.00 – 2.15pm Past RI Director Stuart Heal [from Cromwell] on **Winds of Change**

2.15 – 2.45pm **Rotary Showcase New Zealand**

### Sunday 20 September

1.30 – 1.45pm Jennifer Jones RI President

Nominee on **A Modern Rotary**

1.45 – 2.00pm Past RI President Barry Rassin on

#### Doing Good in the World

2.45 – 3pm Jessie Harman Director Elect on

#### Membership

Full details, including other speakers, are given on pages 6/7 of the August issue of Rotary Down Under. In order to participate, it is necessary to pre-register by visiting- <https://mailchi.mp/rotarydownunder/zone8-conference-link-update?e=d48da16ff5> If you have any difficulties with this link please contact me, with your cellphone number, and I can arrange it for you. *Morris:* [mrps6T@gmail.com](mailto:mrps6T@gmail.com). Once registered a link will be advised prior to the Conference.

## 20 AUGUST ZOOM LUNCHEON



Our guest speakers, Francesca and Zoe, Peer Support Leaders for St. Mary's College, accompanied by teacher, Mike Costilinis, came to our meeting via Zoom.

After an introduction by Rory O'Connor, Zoe and Francesca spoke about the programme and its benefits, particularly how it allowed new year 9 entrants to connect with the older students. They also commented on how their own leadership skills were developed through their participation.

One of the key aspects they covered was how the year 9 students could cope with bullying given that they were at the stage of seeking new friendships.



Mike Costilinis, former marine biologist and a teacher at St. Mary's for 17 years spoke as Leader of the programme. He noted that not all new students arrived with

former friends. Several of them came from more distant places such as Masterton and Otaki. Peer Support helped them integrate into the school community. He said that the programme gave them a toolbox to deal with issues such as bereavement and diversity. The avenue for new girls to talk to the leaders took pressure off the school counsellor. Finally, he thanked the Rotary Club for its valuable support over several years.



At the conclusion Rory O'Connor commented on how the programme had become integrated into the whole culture of the school. Pat Helm gave the vote of thanks

## PRESIDENTIAL EDITORIAL



As I listened to our speakers from St Mary's College at our Zoom meeting this week, I was reminded of a recent interview with the

Minister of Education in a Nordic country. It doesn't matter which country, what mattered was what he said.

He was talking about the importance of "soft skills". Of the importance of students learning to respect and care for others, whatever their race or religion or gender or sexual orientation or socio-economic circumstances. He talked about the importance of kids mixing with, making friends with other kids who are different, so that as they all go out into society they have learned to respect and care for others, particularly others who are vulnerable.

I recalled the Principal of Queen Margaret College talking to us last year about her priority, to develop character and teach values. I don't think she mentioned academic and sporting attainment. Instead, like the Nordic Minister of Education, she recognised that, while these achievements are important, what is more important is the values schools teach.

As I listened to the St Mary's College students talk, I realised that while the younger girls were no doubt benefitting from the mentoring and support they were receiving, the primary benefit was to the older students who were learning how to respect and care for the young vulnerable kids at the school. Our giving to the Peer Support Programme at St Mary's College, while modest, is I believe good value for money. It reminded me of why I am pleased to be a Rotarian.

*David Young*

### **REMINDER**

### **ROTARY LEARNING & INFORMATION DAY**

Sunday 13 September 9 am to 2 pm, a Rotary 101 day at Avalon Fire Station.

The goal is to connect members with available opportunities and to enthuse members about what they can do for Rotary and what Rotary can do for them.



## THE TIME HAS COME



Jennifer E Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a ground-breaking

selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

For its first 84 years Rotary was exclusively male. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, invited three women to become members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI constitution. The club brought a suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court. The 1989 Rotary Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

Women members changed the character of many clubs and it wasn't long before many of them became Club Presidents. New Zealand saw its first Women District Governor, District 9910's Sandra McKersey in 2001. Our District has been led by five women governors to date, Judy Bain, Barbara Williams, Deborah Gimblett, Marion Johnston and now Gillian Jones. Our DG in Jennifer Jones Presidential year will be Marilyn Stevens.

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jennifer Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jennifer Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor- Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. She holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jennifer has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. Jennifer and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

Historically, the role of RI President was reached after a lifetime of membership and service. Jennifer Jones has been a Rotarian for 23 years. That says something.

## PARTING THOUGHT

From Adrian Ellingham



*"To those of you who receive honours, awards and distinctions, I say well done! And to the 'C' students, I say that one day you can be President of the United States"*

- George W. Bush.

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