



A beach far far away

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 17th December
 PDG John Prendergast
 General Manager
 Hill St. Catholic Centre

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Thursday 4th February
 Helen Davidson
 General Manager
 Engineering New Zealand

DUTIES

Greeter	Margaret Emerre
Host Speaker	Tony Fryer
Attendance	Stephen Spence
Reflection	Morris Robertson
Happy Dollars	Rory O'Connor
Thank Speaker	Steve Brazier
Parting Thought	Colin Lawton

DUTIES

Greeter	Graeme Waters
Host Speaker	David Bennett
Attendance	Roy Ferguson
Reflection	Maurice Scott
Happy Dollars	Kerry Ansell
Thank Speaker	Tony Fryer
Parting Thought	Terry Pinfold

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott
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ALSO COMING UP

JANUARY

Thurs. 28th BBQ at Khandallah Bowling Club, including Scholarships presentations. Details TBA.



Khandallah Village Fair next Sunday 13 December

All aboard

THE CALL TO ACTION

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Christmas is nearly upon us, as always, it is happy and busy time. For some with grandchildren in

town, it was also pantomime time. We were delighted with this year's Circa presentation that raised over \$500 for the Wellington Children's Hospital.

At our last lunchtime meeting we were sobered by the talk by Dr Natalie Thorburn of Women's Refuge. Natalie reminded us that not everyone in our society enjoys the full privileges of life which New Zealand has to offer. She reminded us that not everyone will be enjoying a joyful and peaceful Christmas surrounded by family and friends. It was sobering to hear of the plight of so many people, especially women, in abusive relationships. It was good to have the opportunity to bring gifts for women and children who are supported by Women's Refuge.

We had another sobering talk at our last evening meeting for the year, two weeks ago. Dr Ralph Chapman of Victoria University spoke about the threat climate change poses to Planet Earth and civilisation as we know it. These last two speakers and other recent speakers have given us much to ponder.

As a club, we also have much to do. Planning for the Khandallah Fair has been a mammoth task for those involved. A special thanks to Kesh Gilmour who has been the main organiser. The forecast is for a fine day on Sunday so here's hoping. Please come if you are free and make this a whole club affair. The fair will be an opportunity to showcase our club to the community and a highlight of our Rotary year.

After our Christmas luncheon on 17 December, we can all look forward to a

summer break from Rotary activities before we pick them up again on Thursday, 28 January when we will host a BBQ at the Khandallah Bowling Club. That will be an opportunity to present scholarships which are being awarded this year from the Scholarship Trust. The recipients appear to be an impressive group of students and I am sure you will enjoy meeting them.



Wishing you a wonderful festive season but, before then, please come to enjoy and support the fair.

President David

URGENT – Volunteers still needed for the Fair on the day. Please contact Kesh on 021 022 44763 if you can help. Please come and bring your family and friends.

AT THE CLUB



NEXT LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKERS

17th December - PDG JOHN PRENDERGAST



Formerly a chartered accountant and CEO of the Southland Community Trust and, later CEO of Southland Presbyterian Support,

John moved to Wellington in December 2019 to take up his present position as General Manager of the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington in February.

John was profiled in the previous Bulletin, which included details of his extensive service to Rotary at all levels.

4th February - Helen Davidson, General Manager, Engineering New Zealand



Helen joined Engineering New Zealand in February 2016 and is responsible for leading the legal and public affairs work, including complaints resolution, governance, communications, policy and thought leadership, as

well as the people function. She has over 15 years' experience in law, complaints management and policy.

Prior to Engineering New Zealand, she worked mainly in the health sector, including as Principal Legal Advisor at the Health and Disability Commissioner and the Director of Patient Safety at the Ministry of Health Services in British Columbia. In 2017 Helen was honoured to be awarded the In-house Lawyers' Association of New Zealand's Private Sector In-house Lawyer of the Year and Innovation awards for the redesign of the complaints resolution process

RECENTLY

EVENING MEETING



The November evening meeting at KPC was a success. There were 32 present, with most of the ex Kaukau members and several visitors.

President David welcomed us, reminded us to bring a Christmas present for a child or woman and to label it as for a boy or girl. In the case of child's present the age should be shown too. He also said that Happy Dollars would provide for a gift for Monique.

Ralph Chapman of Victoria University was billed as speaking about sustainable cities and spatial planning. He did mention that subject but spent most of his time covering the world's slow

recognition of the problem of global warming and its patchy and, so far, inadequate response. Sustainable cities and spatial planning were talked about in that context. We learnt that dense city areas like New York have a much lower production of carbon dioxide per capita than areas which have mostly suburbs. He spoke for the best part of an hour followed by a thoughtful Q & A session.

David Pickering

The following is the link to Ralph's power point presentation

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000013113/en-us/files/homepage/sustainability-issues/Ralph-Chapman-on-Sustainability-issues-facing-NZ-cities.pdf>

LUNCHEON MEETING 3rd DECEMBER



It was reported that Lionel Nunns came third in his class in the Queenstown marathon

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Natalie Thorburn, who was a last-minute substitute for the scheduled speaker Dr Ang Jury, was introduced by Ross Foubister. Natalie, who did her PhD on aspects of violence has worked for Women's Refuge for the last five years



She started by giving us some statistics about domestic violence in NZ. Police receive a call every 5 minutes seeking a response to domestic violence and consider that 90% is not reported. She then discussed what leads to domestic violence against women, saying it is largely a desire to obtain control over them and can be the culmination of a serious issues extending over a period which may run from days to years.

A Q&A session followed and Laurie Bond moved a vote of thanks.

The AGM followed. In brief, the accounts for the year to 30 June 2020 were adopted as were the accounts for the Charitable Trust for both 2020 and 2018.

There were brief reports on the current year to date from committee chairs. The meeting was adjourned until next year for the purpose of electing a President for 2022/23.

David Pickering

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GREETINGS FROM TRACY



Whilst we built a brand-new chiller and freezer room at our new warehouse in July 2020, we have already outgrown it.

HUGE THANKS to Lottery Grants Board for agreeing to fund our chiller and freezer room expansion. This grant funding will allow us to double the current size of our chiller/freezer room to hold 16-18 pallets of food.

WN SCHOLARSHIPS 2021



Terry Pinfeld and his hard-working team of assessors have ploughed their way through the year's scholarship applications, resulting in presentations to be made at the January 28th BBQ meeting on 29th January at the Khandallah Bowling Club. We thank the team for their hard work.

Just what the scholarships mean is conveyed in the following [abbreviated] report from Mitch Steere, one of the 2020 recipients.

"I want to start off with a massive thank you. Without the help, it would change the way I live most likely not just this past year, but my future as well. Any amount goes such a long way with students as it sets us up with possibilities.

University was different this year with majority of the struggles coming from the lockdown due to COVID-19. I decided to stay in Otago where I study, as I knew that coming home might cause me to lose focus on my studies and Otago has conditioned me as my place that I study. I did indeed struggle immensely learning how to study where I sleep, exercise, relax, hang out, and

socialise. Many people don't understand how hard this really is, lockdown for some was great and relaxing but for those that did have to study all day most days of the week. It was a lot more stressful than actually going to university because study difficulty was now doubled. I persevered and tried my hardest and did manage to get good grades but not as great as I had hoped for. Although this happened, I did learn a lot more about myself and gained experience and proved to myself that, if I can work hard and persevere through a world pandemic, I can succeed through a lot more situations.

Once the second semester started it was like a breath of fresh air going back to face-to-face. I excelled and worked just as hard as I did in lockdown and even more, resulting in my best grades I have ever had in my university career. If it wasn't for this scholarship, I'm sure that the opportunity to stay in Otago to study wouldn't have surfaced as it helped me with my tuition fees. It paved the way for me to pay for food, power and all the other necessities required. I am so very appreciative as it gave me a better means of while focussing on what I moved to Otago for."

IT'S NOT ABOUT US, IT'S ABOUT THEM



2020 is almost over. Lots of Good Things to be thankful for.

Imagine for many, big savings on the finances this past year. That is, for those, but for Covid, who would have travelled overseas for holidays, seminars, conferences, conventions and the like. I have been challenged to raise \$70,000 before the years out to ensure that a major project for children, including a large number who are afflicted with various forms of disability, is realised. 7 donors of \$10,000 or 14 of \$5,000 would accomplish it.

My plea on behalf of the children is that people will be moved to consider donating all or some of those travel savings. Where applicable,

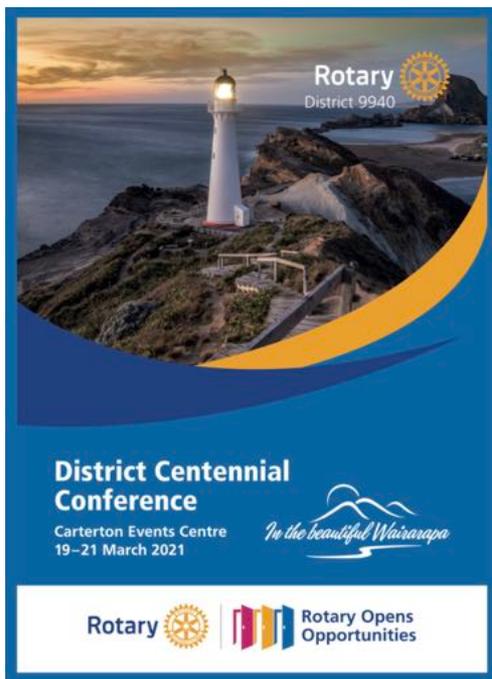
receive a bonus in the form of a tax credit. Business and/or corporate sponsorship most welcome. Send an email in confidence to info@rnzwcs.org for more details.



Make a difference for those you most likely will never meet. Enjoy the holiday season.

Stuart Batty, Executive Director, Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

MAKE IT A DATE



REMINDER - RCWN RAFFLE

Starting in January 2021, a raffle will be held 22 times in the calendar year. Members were invited to purchase numbers which will be theirs for the whole of that time and will be included in all draws irrespective of their presence at the time of any draw.

Prices are: 1 number \$2
3 numbers \$5

Selection of a number or numbers means that participants undertake to increase their monthly automatic payment from 1 January 2021 to \$64 for one number and \$70 for 3 numbers.

If you haven't already done so, please apply for numbers 1 – 150, with second choices, by email to nzdavidk@gmail.com

EDITORIAL APOLOGY



As I have been unable to attend recent club meetings and other events, due to my daily appointments with the illustrated

machine, together with the necessary preparations and side effects, I apologise for any errors or omissions that I have made in this Bulletin. However, I thank those who have sent me material for publication.

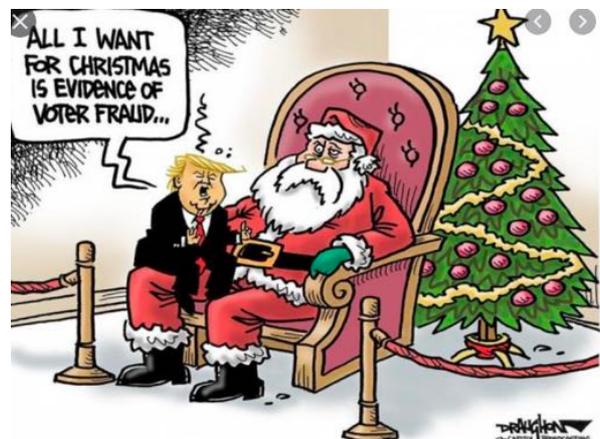
I expect 'normal service' to resume by mid-January and, meanwhile, I wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Morris Robertson



PARTING THOUGHT

From David King.

You can spend a lifetime trying to forget a few minutes of your childhood. *Anon*



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