



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



SPEAKER REPORT - CHRISTCHURCH RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

On Wednesday 12 September 2018, we had the illuminating experience of hearing from Shirley Wright and Galawezh Noori of Christchurch Resettlement Services ("CRS"). CRS works with culturally and linguistically diverse communities and essentially assists refugees and immigrants in resettling in the Christchurch area. CRS's mission statement accurately epitomises what they do: *"CRS exists to support people from refugee and migrant backgrounds living in Christchurch to settle successfully in New Zealand by providing a range of professional services that build on strengths to promote wellbeing and resilience."*

Shirley Wright initially shared with us what CRS does, the services CRS provides, the staffing of CRS, the outputs and the outcomes. CRS has a 95% success rate in positive change to the circumstances of the people they encounter and work with. CRS changes and enables change in the lives of many cultures and languages. CRS receives incredible life changing feedback, for instance, *"It has changed my behaviour and self-respect,"* and, *"I feel safe and supported."* We were informed that the factors that impact the wellbeing on migrants and refugees. Refugees, in particular, experience a particularly horrific ordeal.

Shirley Wright then handed over to Galawezh Noori, who is a social worker for CRS, but has had first-hand experience in being a refugee from a war-torn Iran. In 1998, Galawezh was resettled in Christchurch. Galawezh's story was confronting; her transition to living in Christchurch with her family was, *"so new, hard and overwhelming."* Galawezh and her family were given no choice to where they would settle, they lost connections to their family and had no time for preparation. They moved here and did not know the language, nor the culture. They received limited training on arrival and it was simply not enough. The journey has not been easy for Galawezh and her family. However, CRS helped her through this and now she has the ability to help people in similar circumstances. Galawezh in retrospect considers that it was a very *'important experience'* and a *'good quality journey,'* regardless of the hardship that was incurred.

We, at Rotary, were very fortuitous to hear from Shirley and Galawezh. It was one of those moments in time which leaves you a little bit more introspective than when you arrived. It reminds us that we simply cannot judge someone on where they have come from, their inability to understand us, or what they have had to learn because they simply had no other choice. It was one of those times that we remember that we do not know someone else's story, that



Galawezh Noori a refugee and now volunteer from Kurdish Iran is with Shirley Wright, Christchurch Resettlement Services

we should feel blessed for a country like ours, and that we should be grateful for a service like CRS who assist these people who are simply "stuck in a lonely place."

Thanks to Letitia Hay for the report and Doug Johns for the photos.

SPEECH CONTEST

Last Tuesday we had the annual year 7 and 8 speech completion held by the youth committee at Beckenham School.

We had a great night celebrating a group of promising students that have bucket loads of charisma and confidence to boot.

We had 12 speeches in total, 2 participants from each school competing from our local area. The judges had a difficult time

Student who competed in the year 8 competition show their certificates



deciding on a winner from each category. Ultimately

Hillview came out on top winning both the year 7 and 8 competition,

Both winners along with second place have been invited back to the club to present their speech to all member on a date yet to be confirmed.

A big thanks goes to everyone that attended the night and to all the members and their partners who assisted with supper for all the families, a reward for all the hard work, always is well-received.



All the year 7 student smile after a job well-done

QUIZ NIGHT FOR FERRYMEAD ROTARY

Ferrymead Rotary is holding a Quiz Night on Wednesday 26 September at GoodHome Gastro Pub Ferrymead, Waterman Place at 6.30pm. Teams of 6 are required, with a cost of \$20 per person. Christchurch South Rotary will schedule our meeting to be with Ferrymead, to support their fund-raising to GoBabyGo

YOUNG TOTARA AND PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

Vocational Services Committee is seeking nominations for Pride of Workmanship. Please contact Doug Johns if you know of persons who may be candidates.

Vocational Services Committee is also seeking nominations for Young Totara awards. Nominations are to be less than 21 years of age, and be good role models.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

6.30pm
Wednesday
26th September
at
GoodHome
Gastro Pub Ferrymead
Waterman Place

Teams of 6
Tickets
\$20 /person

Proudly organised by
Ferrymead
Rotary

Help us sponsor a car for a
child with impaired mobility on
our side of town



GoBabyGo adapts electric ride-in toy cars for children with impaired mobility, encouraging interaction with siblings and friends, and mobility to assist with a child's overall therapy programme and development

Great Prizes Great Prizes Great Prizes

Email ingridr.rotary@yahoo.com
to register your team of 6 now



NOTICE BOARD

ALL STARS MARCHING

All Stars Marching are doing the parking at the Rewind Fest on 14th Oct. 9-5& looking for 2.5 hr spells.

A Roster has been circulated and will be circulated again, if you have a couple of hour please put you name down and assist where possible

At the start of the Rotary year we suggested a "help for those who help themselves" & they have done just that. Mike Bruce drew attention to this, reward their gumption!!

Walkers Group

Come join us for our next walk and/or lunch.

Date: Thursday 20 September

Park: Avonside Drive – Off Retreat Road – Close to Gayhurst Road

Time: 10.30am

Walk: Avon Loop Red Zone

Lunch: Under the Red Veranda – Tancred Street

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

District Fundraiser

Bohemian Rhapsody

screening at

Hoyts' Riccarton on Thursday 1st November commencing at 6.30 pm.

Bohemian Rhapsody is a biographical film about the British Rock Band Queen, focusing on lead singer Freddie Mercury's life. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through the years.

Ticket Price is \$20. The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus will credit the club \$10 for every ticket sold.

Tickets are now available.

Please order through your club



PINK RIBBON APPEAL



**Breast Cancer
Foundation NZ**

One to keep in the diary,

The annual Pink Ribbon appeal is happening on the 18th October at the Christchurch Airport.

A roster is to be circulated at the upcoming meetings,

Please help where possible, as everyone will know someone effected by cancer in some form, you can do your part with the simple shake of a bucket.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

JULIE VILLARD - ECO DESIGN ADVISOR CCC

"DUTIES"

"ON LEAVE"

Duty	19-Sep-18	26-Sep-18		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	D Christophers	#N/A	B Blyth	21/06/16	TBA
Cash Desk	A Stewart	#N/A	E Mussen	13/04/16	TBA
Reception	B Wales	#N/A	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Speaker's Host	M Bruce	#N/A	M Ireland	01/01/17	TBA
Grace	H Garlick	#N/A	K Dalziel	01/01/17	02/19
International Toast	L Hay	#N/A	G Dockeril	14/02/18	09/18
Thanks to Speaker	B McKessar	#N/A	M Opie	01/07/18	31/12/18
Quote for the Week	E Musson	#N/A	S Collins	04/07/18	TBA
Closure	J Woodward	#N/A	Q Moss	15/08/18	2019
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	J Chamberlain	V Nossiter		20/10/18
Notices Reporter	S Harris	#N/A	C McCarthy		01/10/18
			R McKinney		11/18
			D Buist		22/09/18
			KGunasekara	01/09/2018	31/10/2018



Wed 26 Sep

Quest Night – Ferrymead Rotary

Wed 3 Oct

Sarita Mclean – Rotary Interplast

Our Club is on "Facebook" And the internet! You will find us at –

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

or <http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

**APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting
OR**

**Email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday - you will get a reminder a couple of days
before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.**

EMERGENCY APOLOGIES to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251

**DUTIES - If you are unable to do an allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent
AND to advise the President.**

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.