



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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ESCAPING THE CONFLICT OF CRIMEA BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE.

Last week we had our annual meeting hosted by the Rotary club of Cashmere. It was attended well by the member of Christchurch south and in turn we got to hear a rousing speech from Diana Averina-Lugova. Diana spoke of her escape from Crimea, which borders Russia and the Ukraine. Following the events of 2014 Diana found herself in a life changing decision. Stay in Crimea and accept Russian rule and go completely against both her and her husband political views. However, in reality she didn't want to be part of the Ukraine either as she believed they had forgotten about Crimea and left them to be fodder to Russia and Vladimir Putin.



Then there was option three flee as far away as possible to the opposite side of the world which happened to be Christchurch.

Part of speech focused on what we take for granted living in New Zealand, such as her children being safe at school, knowing her family buy a house without fear of repossession based on your political view. As Diana worded her argument imagine Australia invaded New Zealand, you were forced to change your ideology to fit into the Australian manta and following the invasion everyone from those politically in charge to the media and friends and family was telling you Australia had acted legally and you should just accept that.

This is why Diana is working on her thesis, to help her make sense of what happened in Crimea, compartmentalize her life, understand what the future holds for Crimea and what she has left behind. Diana views life as a big game, effectively you roll the dice and wait for the outcome, not knowing where life will take you. While she acknowledges that New Zealand has been good to her, she is not sure if this is where she will stay. Not for a lack of wanting to, but in order to pass the residency test she has to find a career out of her specialty subject. As a history PHD she is not certain of the Job prospects are. For now, her focus is her thesis and trying to understand her own traumatic experiences.



NEXT MEETING

23 January 2019
Rotary Club of Christchurch South

DUTIES

Duty	23-Jan-19	30-Jan-19
<i>Cash Desk</i>	A Airay	A Kim
<i>Cash Desk</i>	D Buist	M Opie
<i>Reception</i>	J McKessar	P Mears
<i>Speaker's Host</i>		D Christophers
<i>Grace</i>	R Mackie	D Johns
<i>International Toast</i>	G Fowler	J Keerthisooriya
<i>Thanks to Speaker</i>		C Ayrey
<i>Quote for the Week</i>	L Brown	S Harris
<i>Speaker Reporter</i>		L Bermingham
<i>Notices Reporter</i>	S Haye	S Tatterson

ON LEAVE

	FROM	TO
B Blyth	21/06/16	TBA
E Mussen	13/04/16	TBA
M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
M Ireland	01/01/17	TBA
K Dalziel	01/01/17	02/19
G Dockeril	14/02/18	09/18
M Opie	01/07/18	31/12/18
S Collins	04/07/18	TBA
Q Moss	15/08/18	2019
V Nossiter		TBA
KGunasekara	01/09/2018	31/10/2018
B Southey - Jenson	12 /09 18	05/12/2018

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www.chchurchsouthrotary.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.