

Rotary

Christchurch South



LANDSCAPING, UKRAINE & EFFECTS OF COVID

A select group of 8-9 people enjoyed a convivial 40 minutes chatting about a wide range of topics in which landscaping and gardening featured strongly. Apparently this is a great year for blackboy peaches (properly called blood peaches) with crops about a month ahead of usual. Even Liz's new trees are thriving although it is a bit early to expect fruit from them. Lew has plans to bottle some of the fruit – an activity that your reporter thought had disappeared in favour of putting bags of fruit into the freezer!



There was some discussion about the dreadful goings-on in Ukraine and Alan (McK) reminded members of a meeting on 16 January 2019 when we joined with Cashmere Rotary and the speaker was Diana Averina-Lugova (see photo) who had had not long "escaped" from Crimea - feeling that Ukraine had abandoned them to the Russians. Diana subsequently completed a PhD in history at Canterbury University. Reflecting on her talk makes us realise that this has been an unhappy and scary part of the world for many years – so sad.

Club members are beginning to look at overseas travel again. Athol McCully is currently in Melbourne, Alan McKinnon will be there in just over two weeks, Andrew Kim will be off to Korea soon and Viv is making plans for a trip to Tasmania in September. At long last it is feasible to contemplate such activities.

Inevitably, there was further discussion about covid with many present stating that they were keeping a fairly low profile to keep themselves safe. There wasn't a lot of enthusiasm for resuming face to face meetings at the Cashmere Club although our Rotary Club Board is yet to make a decision on that. Another covid implication discussed was the effect on schools where many pupils were studying at home and also the effect on high school sport. Many tournaments have been cancelled although Bruce Wales reported that Maadi Cup rowing was still on. Lew gave some background to the origin of the Maadi Cup which apparently dates back to the Second World War when NZ soldiers took part in rowing activities in Maadi, Egypt. Lew's father was one of them and later presented the cup to a winning team at Kerr's Reach. It's remarkable what comes out during these informal conversations.



Huge thanks Alan McKinnon – speaker reporter

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The greatest personalities that ever existed have been those who united human beings and put them on the road toward cooperation and effectiveness and peace. Those whom the world has held highest have helped to unite and not sever interconnectedness. They have not been the destroyers of differences but the harmonizer of differences." - John Lovejoy Elliott.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP & YOUNG TOTARA

The Awards Committee is looking for nominations for both Pride of Workmanship and Young Totara.

The Pride of Workmanship award is designed to acknowledge volunteers or employees, irrespective of age or vocation, who, in the eyes of their employers, display outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment, to their jobs.

The Young Totara Award is designed to recognize significant contributions by youth to the life and well-being of their community, affecting those around them in a positive manner. It reflects the importance of qualities such as innovative thinking, effective enterprise, leadership and planning abilities. Nominations must be not less than 20 years at the time of nomination.

Please submit your nomination to Graham Fowler before the 31st of March for consideration.



Upcoming Meetings via Zoom until further notice

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Time: 6.30 pm – 7.00pm

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6411133984?pwd=TIkzbGpPWU9wZFAwUCtxVVFjQzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 641 113 3984

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