

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



This is My Life—Club Members

Tonight we were blessed with not one, not two but three guest speakers. Our very own Dan Christopher's, Linda Bougen and Melville Opie.

Dan lead off with his selection of multiple choice questions about his life and times both of which according to Dan are "pretty boring"! Not so! Dan's education was obtained at three fine institutions, Burwood Primary, Chisnallwood Intermediate and St Bedes High schools. A well earned U.E. as awarded to him on completing high school but University was not Dans calling joining the work force instead. A very keen sportsman Dan took up Rugby at the age of 14 after enjoying other sports prior. To keep fit and join up with a friend boxing became another challenge for Dan. "Battle of the rebuild" saw him go several rounds with an opponent who Dan liked too much to embarrass so let him win! The match up did however leave Dan completely exhausted according to at least one ring side observer. From the boxing ring to overseas travel. Dan has visited 7 countries including New Zealand which had to be included in the total and why not! Music in the form of guitar is yet another passion of the 29 year old. Not quite 10 but 4 guitars fulfil Dans musical aspirations and we look forward to hearing a DC version of "Life in the fast lane!".



Job done our 3 guest speakers, Mel, Dan and Linda post meeting.

Next to grace the podium was Linda. From Linda's set of questions we learned that she was born on the West Coast at Grey hospital but left the Coast as a 2yr old. She is still considered a Coaster and maybe it was the trade union influence that had her go on strike at Papanui High in protest re her maths teacher! Determined to succeed in life Linda then joined "Single mothers by choice". Amongst many other memorable challenges Linda was asked to pose for a somewhat "interesting" photo . Critiqued by her English teacher she now sees him in a different light! Linda is now happily engaged as a Professional Supervisor. Monitoring workers to improve their work practices she thrives in this positive role.

And so to Mel!

Mel was born on the 23 rd of June under the star sign of cancer. 23 June being so close to change over Mel has never been pinged by the Sergeant! Be careful what you wish for Mel! 20 odd years of back fines!

Idilic years followed... "¼ of an acre from family estate was purchased in Ford Rd, Opawa. I returned to Opawa School, start of standard 2 year. There followed wonderful childhood years of Opawa School, Risingholme Park and Risingholme Community Centre (latter, one of the first established in NZ), Opawa Public baths, Heathcote River, Opawa tennis courts."

From there Mel went to Christchurch Technical College for his high school years. "Sport was my focus at highschool and I didn't have to exert myself academically to keep in front of the bulk of an agriculture class who largely came off the family farm and/or just to school to eat their lunch. I reached the upper echelons of rugby (1stXV), wrestling" "The real prize however, was in my 6 th form year: the girl across the room. We danced at the regular Friday lunchtime socials. We

walked together each day to corner Lichfield and High, as she walked to the Square to catch the bus to Hornby and I to Glassons on Lichfield to an afterschool job. HER NAME WAS BEVERLEY AND SHE BECAME MY BRIDE! We married in 1961 and have a daughter aged 59 and a son aged 51 and 4 grandchildren. And just in this last fortnight, our first great grandchild."

After high school Mel became a Bacteriologist trainee for 3 years before attending university. After university Mel became a research assistant before taking up the challenge of the public service in the form of the MOW. A career he didn't necessarily enjoy! It was an easy move to Teachers College and then to Papanui High as the science teacher ending up Head of department. Mel retired at age 61 to live on his farmlot in the Horotane Valley with the love of his life, wife Beverley.

Thank you Alan A for this weeks report and photo

Upcoming Meetings

25/11	Polio Fundraiser Tricky Tray Auction
02/12	Committee Meetings
09/11	Christmas Party
16/11	Cake and Port

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 25th November

Tricky Tray Auction—Polio Fundraiser

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

Wednesday 9th December

Club Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

Club Cake and Port

Saturday 20th February 2021

Pedal for the Pacific

Notices

Wednesday 25th November

Tricky Tray Auction—Polio Fundraiser

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

\$30pp for single course meal and 12 \$1 auction tickets (you can purchase more).

Please also encourage Rotary family and friends to attend for a fun night and notify Alan McKinnon

(alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com) giving the names of those attending.

Christchurch South members are each asked to bring ONE item valued between \$5 and \$15 to offer as a prize although we plan to have a couple of more substantial prizes available as well. You can pay by cash on the night (\$30pp) or if you prefer by direct credit to the Club bank account

03-1599-0081963-00 giving your name as a reference. Any questions, please contact Alan 021 142 7668 or 03 337 6202

Rotary Satisfaction Survey

Don't forget to complete your survey

Christmas Fundraisers

The Club has two opportunities which will support our Club:

1. The EATS Cookbook (see email attachment). This has been produced by the From One Mother To Another charity, and will make an ideal Christmas gift. Celebrity/chef contributions, along with our own celebrity, past DG Sarita! Price is \$30 (cheapest offered to date), with \$5 of that coming to our Club.

2. Rotary Christmas puddings – usual good quality. Price is \$20 each, with \$5 of that coming back to the Club.

Athol is also selling EATS within Harcourts at the same price with the \$5 fee coming back to the Club.

Please contact Athol directly with your order before 1 December

2020 Christmas Function

We'd love to see you at our annual Christmas function. Please do let Sarita know if you or your guests have any dietary requirements.

Date: Wednesday 9th December 2020

Time: 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Centre, 2 MacMillan Ave, Cashmere

Cost: \$40 per person (BYO drinks please) payable on the night
Catering by the Spitroast Company

RSVP: 1 December 2020

Donation from Roger in Doug's name

Please see the email attachment for this kind gesture

Duties

Duty	25 Nov	2 Dec
Cash Desk	S Mackenzie	L Bougen
Cash Desk	D Peterson	P Mears
Reception	S McLean	V Ellis
Speaker Host	N/A	N/A
Grace	L Bougen	A Kim
International Toast	A Airay	V Ellis
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	N/A
Quote	S Harris	L Bougen
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	D Peterson
Sergeant	N/A	G Dockrill

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
R McKinney	20/09/20	31/03/21
K Moss	04/07/19	31/12/20
C McCarthy	17/06/20	31/12/20
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
K Gunasekara	04/11/20	25/11/20

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Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Mike Bruce on 022 540 1251

- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary