



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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Attendance Wed 26 April 2017			Total Membership: 45 Active, 4 Honorary.				
Members and Associates	23	Apologies	13	Visitors	3	On Leave	9

CHRIST'S COLLEGE visit on Club Day.

Have you ever looked through the imposing gates in Rolleston Ave wondering what's inside? Today 26th April a group of members and two wives were given a site visit. An old boy guide, Graham Foulds, and another just old boy, walked through the grounds and buildings. As it is term holiday we did not expect to see current pupils but in the auditorium to the right of the gates saw inside the auditorium. A magnificent theatre where some boys and girls from St. Margaret's College for Girls were preparing the stage for a combined school production of "Singing in the Rain" Beside this theatre we looked into The Old Boys Theatre a smaller round theatre being prepared for a drama competition. So different to that seen in January 1960 when the writer was a new boy.



Member Graham Foulds (pictured centre) and two fellow tour guides for the Christ's College tour of the school.

We moved on to "School House" one of the oldest buildings. Still a boarders House but carefully restored to a modern standard of comfort. We inspected the "common room" a meeting room and library for the boys who live there. The Honours Boards were a particularly interesting reflection of the history of Canterbury. Onwards to a quadrangle more recently named after a famous old boy Charles Upham V.C. and bar as well as Mr P.H.T. Williams a long serving master of the college who, in his day, had attempted to teach Latin to the writer. We wandered alongside "Upper" the school rugby field at the west end of the

school ground adjacent to the Christchurch Botanic Garden. The tour took us past the main block of class rooms "the open air class rooms" built at a time when fresh air was considered necessary for the boy's health regardless of the outside temperature. Well known to old boys the doors folded back from the balcony to open the whole side of the class room. Exposed, all noises including punishments were shared by the whole block. Mr P.H.T. Williams was an unrepentant smoker who used the baluster to stub his butts which ruined the woodwork. Modern days have stopped that and the class rooms are enclosed and heated.

No doubt some school reports composed here were worse than "would do better if he didn't talk so much" The school building across the grass from the gate is "Big School" Originally the sole classroom it has been converted into a modern school library. A special display of archaeology is inside where we saw ancient chamber pots and inkwells. This building is the only original structure and certainly a heritage building. Of similar heritage worth is the 'Memorial Chapel' a building of significance expanded in the 1950s which contains stained glass windows, memorial brasses, and a foyer with the names of the fallen in wars. Hymn practice in this building on Saturday morning was unforgettable to old boys. Finally to the right of the main gate is the "Dining Hall". Once a formal dining hall as well as a place of assembly for events such as prize giving the baronial fit out

and flags of the WW1 allies impress. Today the feeding of hungry boys is the most important and conversion to self-service is proceeding.

For an old boy a fascinating tour of a thoroughly modernised institution.

BENE TRADITA BENE SERVANDA - Good Traditions Well maintained

Thanks to former "black-ball" John Woodward for this week's report.

Club Day continued with our weekly meeting at Becks Ale House in Colombo. The meeting was intentionally informal to round off a great day. "Wear red" was the call to order.

President Mel (pictured right in bow tie tying action) began the evening by taking up the challenge he had agreed to master by Rotary year end...the tying of a self-tie bow tie in less than one hour. History will record that our President, who has made the bow tie his own, carried out the feat with time to spare. Had he remove the other bow tie that he was already wearing and avoided getting "tied up" in that, who knows how quickly he might have completed the task? We may ponder this for many a long day but in the meantime, congratulations Mel we are all the richer for your perseverance and fashion sense.



Step aside President Mel and step up stand-up comic Lew Brown. (Pictured left in command of his audience). In times gone by we have been enthralled by Lew's renditions of "Old MacDonald had a farm", the "candle lighting episode" and numerous other unlikely events. Tonight was no exception. Lew told no fewer than three tales all of which were wholesome enough to pass the "Sonia" test and funny as well bringing chuckles aplenty and generous applause.

Finger food in the form of piping hot savouries and freshly constructed club sandwiches were served by "service above self" members to all who wished to partake. Just a couple of notices, the launch of our new (outstanding!!!) Club web site, a thought for the week, closure and let's not forget the silent auction! Several members brought along items that once we got the hang of how a silent auction works saw new owners of everything from football sized "Presidential grade" walnuts to Auzzie bound Kiwiana.

Thanks to all concerned for a great night in a relaxed and informal forum.

Thanks to Mr Ed for this report.

Notices

Our Club now has its own web site thanks to a number of members but in particular Alan McKinnon. Alan has put many hours into building this outstanding advertisement for Christchurch South. You can access the site from:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9970.org/Page/rotary-club-of-christchurch-south-home>

Spend some time exploring the site and familiarise yourself with what members of the public will be able to see when they look for us via Google.



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

Date: Thursday 18 May. 1030am **Meet:** Barnett Park (Main Road on right just past Redcliffs New World)

Walk: To Mulgans Track, follow sealed track to Kinsey Terrace, on to Clifton Terrace and then the Coastal Pathway back to cars. **Spectacular Views.** Drive to lunch.

Lunch: Café, Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Please let David Buist know if you will walking or for lunch on or before WED 17 May.

Inner Wheel District 297 will be collecting goods for Foster Hope at our change over meeting on the 25th June. When young folk are too old to be in foster care Foster Hope Charity supports them into flats. They are asking for donations of crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, jugs, irons, linen, blankets etc. Please be certain that any electrical goods are safe. Foster Hope does not want you to buy new goods, but to 'Shop Your Homes' for good sound used items that you would be proud to be made into 'Flat Packs'.

Many of you may like to take this opportunity to declutter, and at the same time support young folk take this big step in their lives. Alan (McKinnon) is happy to collect items at Rotary meetings or I could collect them.

Thank you very much,

Barbara McKinnon.

Early bird notice...**Robin Milligan** is going to be inducted into Basketball New Zealand's Hall of Fame next month. Shirley and her son and daughter will be attending the event which is being held mid May More information on this outstanding event to follow.

It is with sadness we mark the passing of Arthur Garlick brother of Harold and Brother-in-law of Pauline. Our thoughts are with the Garlick family at this time.

Meetings: Fundraising Committee after Rotary this Wed 03/05. Board of Directors meeting Wed. 10 May.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder..

An Afternoon of Male Voice Choral Music.

St Andrews College Chapel – Normans Road

2.15pm Sunday 7th May 2017

\$15 per person – sorry no eftpos

Program features:

The Christchurch Liedertafel Male Voice Choir in Concert.

Musical Director: Daniel Cooper

Accompanist: Lynley Fuglestad

Organist: Paul Ellis

Percussion: Dave Wright

Guest Artists: Piano Students of Daniel Cooper and "Low Expectations", a male voice barbershop quartet.



Malcolm Rickerby advised that Entertainment books are available at just \$65 each. All proceeds to MS and Parkinson. Just two meals out will see you on the winning side with these great books. They also make great gifts for friends or family.

Next Meeting

May 03 Prof John Pickering Emergency Care Foundation

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	03 May	10 May		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	J Chamberlain	A Airay	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	R Mackie	L Birmingham	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	B McKessar	M Bruce	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	G Foulds	K Gunasekara	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	Q Moss*	J Chamberlain	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	R McKinney	L Brown	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	A McKinnon	K Dalziel	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	J McKessar	D Buist	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Closure	P Mears	S Collins	T Blackler	05/04/17	19/04/17
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	G Fowler			



Looking Ahead

May 10 Roanna Dalziel Court Theatre
May 17 Andrea Lord Living dangerously in the library

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

We have competition!

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<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. Last minute apologies to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter (339 8441).

DUTIES If you are unable to do allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President.

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

