

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Yuriy Roytman and Michael Lidski—The Ukraine War

We have all seen news reports of the war in Ukraine, showing the devastation and human suffering which is occurring.

This week we had two ex-pat Ukrainians (now living in NZ) speaking to us – Yuriy Roytman and Michael Lidski (a former President of the New Zealand – Ukrainian society).

Michael commenced by stating clearly that what is happening in Ukraine is not merely a conflict, but is a war by Russia against Ukraine. He described it as a war between civilisation and barbarism, and also a war started by Russia against the free world.



Ukraine has had a complex history. In the 17th century, Ukraine was a democracy, but was regarded as being weak and chose to side with Russia to provide more strength. Russia has taken advantage of this relationship at times in the past by turning Ukrainian prisoners into slaves, and stealing Ukrainian food, leading to the genocide of 8m Ukrainians who died from hunger. As a result of the Russian influence, many Ukrainians now speak the Russian language.

Michael and Yuriy questioned Russia's motives and asked "Who will be next?". They feel that the only thing Ukraine can do to prevent their countrypeople being enslaved is to defeat the Russian forces. But the cost to Ukraine as a country, and to its people, is enormous. They believe that this war will continue for a long time and may well affect a wider area of Eastern Europe.

From their experiences in being able to get family relatives from Ukraine into New Zealand, Yuriy and Michael have found the NZ Government to be helpful in expediting immigration, allowing their relatives to reunite with family here.

Thank you Michael and Yuriy for addressing us and putting a focus on the reality of war in Ukraine – although the war is brutal, we feel that we were fortunate to gain an insight into the reality of the situation.

Thanks to Athol for the report and Viv for the photos.

Year 7 & 8 Speech Competition and Pink Ribbon Appeal Photos



Upcoming Meetings

2 November

Jan Boustead

The new District—District 9999

9 November

Tariq Habibyar

Mentors Across Borders—the evacuation of Afghan women and their families

16 November

Annabel Holland

The Successes of the New Zealand Opera over the past 21 years

23 November

Dr Graham Sattler

An update from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra—CSO

Upcoming Events

24 November

Walking Group

14 December

Christmas Function

Notices

Pink Ribbon

Thank you to Athol, Alan M, Diane, Viv, Mel, Ruth, Andrew, Graham D, Ali and Jack for volunteering for Pink Ribbon this year—keep an eye out in a future bulletin for total raised

Ferrymead Rotary Art Show

There's just a week to go until the Ferrymead Rotary Art Show featuring 31 artists and over 250 artworks for sale at the Club Redcliffs Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November. There is also an auction of 7 significant artworks 6-9pm Friday 4 November and a monster art show raffle (prize value over \$2000). Please put the date in your calendar to help us support local artists as well as raise funds enabling Ferrymead Rotary to do so much more in our community. For more details check out the poster (attached to the bulletin email), our website www.ferrymeadrotary.org.nz or this weeks Bay Harbour News <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/67342611/bay-harbour-october-26-2022>

Walking Group

SCAPE—Guided Art Walk around the city with Deborah McCormick

Thursday 24 November

Meet at 10.30am by the Clock Tower Worcester Boulevard

Lunch at 12pm Jimmys Smokehouse opposite Riverside Market (previously known as Tiffanys)

Interested friends are welcome to join us

Please let Viv know (vivmellis@gmail.com) if you can join the walk and lunch, or just lunch

Speech Competition

The Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition was held on Thursday 27 October at St Peter's School. The schools participating were: Cashmere, Hillview Christian, St Peter's, St Martins and Beckenham. It was a fun night with plenty of laughter. Congratulations to Joseph Scott (St Martins) and Phoebe Harris (Cashmere) winners of the Tony Blackler cups.

Duties

Duty	2 November	9 November
Cash Desk	P Mears	A McKinnon
Cash Desk	D Peterson	M Rickerby
Reception	G Bailey	A Stewart
Speaker Host	S McLean	A McCully
Grace	S McLean	A McCully
International Toast	G Bailey	A Stewart
Thanks to Speaker	P Mears	M Rickerby
Quote	D Peterson	A McKinnon
Speaker Reporter	L Brown	G Fowler
Sergeant	G Dockrill	L Brown

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA
R McKinney	28/09/22	14/04/23
L Bermingham	17/10/22	31/12/22
J Chamberlain	17/08/22	13/12/22

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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 Shirley Harris on 021 198 2234 or Viv Ellis on 027 490 3161
- 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

