

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



End Polio Now District Fundraiser—I Am Woman

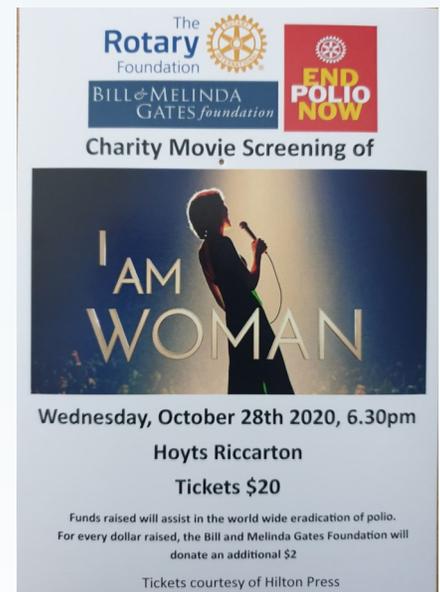
The movie "I am Woman" is an Australian biographical film about the Australian/American singer Helen Reddy. This was a superb choice for our annual End Polio Now fundraiser movie. Cinema #5 at Hoyts Riccarton on Wednesday night was filled with Rotarians and their friends and family who all seemed to enjoy this movie with a fair bit of humming along during it! It was great to be in the big theatre with super comfortable seats and plenty of room.

Our grateful thanks to Lincoln Rotary's David Drake who almost single-handedly organised this evening on behalf of the District, this being his 6th movie fundraiser. David singlehandedly booked the film and theatre and did all the promotion and follow-up to the Clubs in the District. It takes many hours to put this together. Thank you, David. Almost \$10,000 will be fundraised in total for Polio Plus for our district which is simply magnificent, this figure also includes the contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

World Polio Day was on 24th October. It is a timely to reflect not only on the scars the disease has left on countless children over the years, but also for us as Rotarians to be aware of our commitment to the total eradication of the disease and to continue to promote out into our community the significance of the Global Polio Eradication Campaign. Rotary's involvement and commitment started in 1979 when the initiation and vaccination of 6 million young children was undertaken in the Philippines as a multi-year project. This was at the instigation of the late Australian Clem Renouf (Rotary International President 1978-1979) who was inspired that smallpox had been eliminated worldwide. Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign was launched in 1985 with an initial target of US\$120M, the largest then private sector support of a public health initiative. It was so successful that in 1988 a global project, in association with WHO, UNICEF and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention was initiated, the vision being... 'if we can do it in one country, we can do it worldwide.' This was when the world was getting 350,000 new cases of polio a year or nearly 1000 cases a day. There is no cure, but we do have a vaccine which is safe and effective, which Rotary and its partners are using and have immunized over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries to date. Then there is the cost factor – a polio-free world will save the global economy US\$40-50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.

Why end polio? WE must stop the transmission of the virus where it remains endemic, and we are now down to 2 countries, Afghanistan with 52 identified cases and Pakistan 77 in 2020. There are up to 60 countries still rated high-risk where large scale immunization campaigns still operate to provide much needed protection. There is no place on earth that is safe until the disease is eradicated everywhere, which is why low immunization rates are recipe for an outbreak. A country needs to have had no new cases for 3 years before classified as polio-free.

So how do we fund this campaign? Rotary has already provided over US\$2 billion towards the programme set up in 1988. Funds for The Rotary Foundation are channelled into one of 3 funds, the Annual Fund, or if specified, into the Endowment or PolioPlus funds. This year, fundraising is even more challenging. Rotary needs to again raise a minimum of US\$50 million this year to qualify for the Gates Foundation 2-for-1 subsidy. We have an opportunity next month to add to the PolioPlus funds with the Tricky Tray Auction. Every little bit helps so we look forward to your contributions.



Upcoming Meetings

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| 04/11 | Committee Meetings |
| 11/11 | Averil Stevenson Recycling in CHCH |
| 18/11 | Club Members This is My Life |
| 25/11 | Polio Fundraiser Tricky Tray Auction |

Upcoming Events

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 November

Dementia Canterbury Appeal

Pak n Save Moorhouse

Contact Malcolm

Wednesday 25th November

Tricky Tray Auction—Polio Fundraiser

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

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

Rotary family and friends are welcome

Wednesday 9th December

Club Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

Club Cake and Port

Notices

Christchurch South Polio Fundraiser

Our own polio fundraiser, the tricky tray auction, has been moved to Wednesday 25th November. So please put that date in your diary and invite your friends and family to be part of this fun night

Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee have asked a member to grow tomato plants. The plants will be ready at club meeting Wed 4 Nov so that gives home gardeners the next couple of weekends to prepare the ground aerate and allow the sunlight to warm the black soil.

There are two varieties:

- standard fruit size, 'Moneymaker' (tagged on Mr Fothergill's seed-packet as "heavy crops of exception flavour" and
- Larger fruit size, 'Grosse Lise' ("Great Flavour—a reliable old favourite")

Packs of 10 plants will have 5 of each variety. An auction of the first pack will set the price, but likely \$1 per plant; \$10 per pack Please support this fundraiser

Dementia Canterbury Street Appeal

Pak n Save Moorhouse Ave

Friday 20 November and Saturday 21 November

Two people per two hours required

Friday 9 to 5

Saturday 10 to 4

A clipboard will circulate the 4th November meeting

Contact Malcolm if you can help

Pink Ribbon

Thank you to our volunteers for Pink Ribbon this week, we will release the total raised once we are informed by the Organisers—your efforts are appreciated



Duties

| Duty | 4 Nov | 11 Nov |
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| Cash Desk | A Airay | C Ayrey |
| Cash Desk | K Gunasekara | S McLean |
| Reception | D Buist | G Fowler |
| Speaker Host | N/A | L Bermingham |
| Grace | C Ayrey | L Bermingham |
| International Toast | D Buist | G Fowler |
| Thanks to Speaker | N/A | C Ayrey |
| Quote | A Airay | S McLean |
| Speaker Reporter | S Harris | V Ellis |
| Sergeant | G Dockrill | G Dockrill |

Leave

| Who | From | To |
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| 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 Dalziel | 21/10/20 | 18/11/20 |
| 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