



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Attendance Wed 29 March 2017			Total Membership: 45 Active, 4 Honorary.				
Members and Associates	23	Apologies	12	Visitors	7	On Leave	9

Our speaker for the evening was Joy Reed, who is known to our members through her involvement as a presenter at the past Rotary Youth Leadership seminars, and as a local television reporter. Joy and her friend Christine, spoke of the setting up of a charity, "One Mother to Another", which was founded just over a year ago.



At the time of her first born child, her son was required to be retained in the neonatal intensive care unit for some 10 hours before Joy was able to hold her child. Christine was an expectant mother who following an assessment, was required to be rushed to hospital without being prepared. She was given a gift bag containing some of the essential items that eased the inconvenience of being ill-prepared.

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In January, some 50 bags (typical contents being admired by Alison Blackler, Anne Johns and daughter Tracy) were gifted, but 80 mothers presented to hospital. The number of gift bags being assembled has now increased to 80 per month, and Joy and Christine would like to extend the gifting to 130 bags to cover to supply both the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Children's Acute Assessment Unit.

Joy and Christine are a team of two, who rely on friends to assist with writing personalised cards which are placed in the gift bags. They hope to be able to continue providing bags in the future, and have some thoughts of fund raising initiatives. As Jo commented;



"Being a Mum is a most amazing leveller. My hope is that the provision of the gift bag would make each day brighter. That would be genius."

Congratulations to both Joy and Christine (pictured left) for their inspirational idea of turning their hospital experience of complications at child birth, into a caring environment for future mothers.

Thanks to Graham Fowler for this weeks report. Pic Doug Johns.

Notices

From President Mel: Change over will be on the 30th June. \$35 per person. 6 for 6.30pm. The Fund Raising Committee is to meet after our meeting 05/04. The Rotary Foundation BBQ is to be held Sat 08/04 12 mid day – 4.30pm.oh and I (President Mel) was breathalysed on the way home from Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! No one is beyond the reach of the long arm of the Law it would seem!

From President Elect Keith: District training, Rangī Ruru Girls' School, Gibson Centre, Hewitt's Road, Merivale. Sunday 9 April 2017. 9am. All welcome!

From Robin McKinney: Proceeds from 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (\$500 - \$600) will be designated for Ingrid Robinson's (Ferrymead) 'Oceans of Hope' yacht cruise around Croatia rather than going to our general charities fund as in the past.

From Lew Brown: A splendid vocal rendition of the Rotary grace sung to the tune of "On the ball".



ROTARY WALK – 20TH April. Park somewhere near Halswell School. We meet on Halswell Rd. at the school 10.30 and walk through Muir Park and to the end of Muir Ave. and through a right-of-way to Sabys Rd. Then make our way along Country Palms Drive to the far end where it intersects with Halswell Junction Road. We are then about one kilometre from lunch at Graythornes Restaurant. Bring your Gold Card in case we feel like bussing back to the cars. If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder..



Keith Gunasekara (pictured left) advised that 2017/18 Directors are: Membership, Alan Airay. Foundation, John Woodward. Secretary, Shirley Harris. Public Relations, Athol McCully. Treasurer, Bruce McKessar. Service Committees, Tony Blackler. Sergeants, Lew Brown / John Wylie.

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.

Vocational Service Committee is seeking candidate/s for Pride of Workmanship Award. Nominations from our members should be directed to Dan Christophers (Chairman) or Doug Johns.

Next Meeting

April 05

Dan Christophers

'Life and Times'

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	5 April	12 April		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	A Airay	P Mears	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	T Blackler	V Nossiter	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	D Buist	B McKessar	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	A McKinnon	M Rickerby	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	D Johns	A Kim	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	S Collins	R Mackie	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	K Gunasekara	A Stewart	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	M Bruce	J McKessar	S Hays	22/03/17	12/04/17
Closure	L Brown	R McKinney	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	Q Moss			



Looking Ahead

April 12 Quentin Moss and Alan McKinnon. Electric cars
April 19 Sarita McLean Your DG's Life Beyond the Club

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong sermon on the devil.

One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy turned out. It's probably just your Mum or Dad!"

Our Club is on "Facebook"! You will find us at:-

<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.

