



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Attendance Wed 31 May 2017				Total Membership: 44 Active, 4 Honorary.			
Members and Associates	25	Apologies	11	Visitors	3	On Leave	8

The Club was privileged to have Kate Woodward speaking to us about her two year recent working experience living in Shanghai, China. She worked for Immigration New Zealand as an adjunct of the old Department of Labour, and she mentioned they were lucky enough to live in good accommodation on the 11th floor of a modern apartment block. She went to work every day on the underground.

Kate mentioned she had studied Chinese at Canterbury University and, in fact, in 2001 had her first trip to China studying Chinese Law. Amongst other things, they watched a criminal trial in Shanghai (murder trial) where a taxi driver had strangled his partner. The trial lasted 45 minutes, the Judge gave a guilty verdict, and the defendant was shot two days later.



In this recent working trip, Kate (pictured left, post meeting, with her Dad John Woodward) commented on a number of issues relating to Shanghai itself. Firstly, the pollution – with most inhabitants having an App on their phone so they could check the pollution on a daily basis, and on bad days not let young children outside. On another tack, local Chinese women don't have cold drinks and, in the middle of a steaming hot summer, the only water you can buy is luke warm. The pressing issue she raised was the sheer numbers of people. For example, on a National holiday in early October it was estimated that there were over 8,000,000 people in Visiting Street fronting their apartment complex. The message was to avoid the streets and crowds on holiday times.

Kate mentioned the big disparity in Shanghai between the very rich and the very poor. Just looking at the city landscape show the multi storey high rises with the infill areas with small two/three storey lane houses – each with small pedestrian and bike lanes between. Street vendors still operate but that trade is now illegal and is quite strictly policed. And of course, the main social media platform such as Google, Twitter and Facebook are banned in China, and they apparently have their own system.

A rather compelling statistic was that to get social welfare citizens need to have a Household Register recording all their personal details. She noted that if they had more than two children, the third child cannot be on their Register and therefore cannot get any benefits unless they pay a very substantial fine equivalent to about half of their salary. Whilst statistics in China are unreliable to say the least, it is estimated only 1.5 per cent of the people in fact pay tax and have their correct Household Register. Therefore the vast majority of people get paid only in cash and are not recorded for social security purposes. In summary, Kate provided a very insightful look in to China today and we should commend her for a thoroughly entertaining address. Thanks for report to Alan Stewart. Pics, Doug Johns.

Notices

President Mel advised that our July 5th meeting will instead be held on July 6th **Time:** 6 for 6:30
Place: Riccarton Racecourse **Occasion:** District Governor's change over. \$35 per head.



Date: Thursday 15 June **Meet:** Barnett Park (Main Road on right just past Redcliffs New World)
Time: 10.30am **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: Casual & Country's 1027 (Ferry Road) Café. If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.
Please let David Buist know if you will be joining us for lunch by Tue 13 June.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder..

Announcements: **Changeover** is on Wed 28 June 2017 at College House. A clip board is doing the rounds with more details included.

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Apologies for Rotary Meetings

Just to remind you, the new system involves an email that is sent to all members who are not on leave or who have not already apologised on the Monday before the Rotary meeting. A simple reply to that email can be used to notify an apology for the upcoming meeting or future ones if you happen to know you will be away. The same email can also be used to notify about visitors that you may be bringing. Of course, if you plan to attend the meeting then you should not reply. Any reply sent will go to the person who sent the emails out and he or she will then record the apologies.

It is still fine to notify apologies as indicated in the Directory as follows:

1. Recording it at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting.
2. Email to chchsouthrotary@gmail.com by 11am on the day of the meeting.
3. Phone call of emergency apologies to Mike (022 540 1251) or Val (03 339 8441). Use this mechanism if you don't have access to email.

We hope for everyone's cooperation in achieving the objective of more accurate notification of the number of meals required.

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.

- The club welcomes our new Young Adults Associate member, Kaitlin White.

Next Meeting

07 Chris Ellis Police photographer (T.B.C.)

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	07 June	14 June		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	V Nossiter	TBA			
Cash Desk	B Southey-Jensen	TBA	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	K Tanner	TBA	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	T Blackler	TBA	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	L Bermingham	TBA	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	J Woodward	TBA	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	B Wales	TBA	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	J Wylie	TBA	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Closure	A Airay	TBA	A Kim	05/04/17	31/08/17
Speaker Reporter	A Stewart	TBA			



Looking Ahead

June 14

Julie Wylie

Experiences in North China

June 21

Olive Green

Greening the red zone

A twist in the tail.



You may recall that last summer (2016) a wannabe “green fingered” member of our club had a crack at growing kumara here in Christchurch. Despite his best efforts he produced little more than fingerlings for the family dinner table. Well, this led to a flurry of interest in kumara growing especially with those who had since made a shift to warmer climes. Such were the results that on a recent visit to the garden city our former member (who asked to remain anonymous) brought a sack full of tubers to distribute amongst her friends and family. With just one left over she couldn't resist dropping it around to the Bulletin Editor to show just how it should be done! Well done Shelly! Much appreciated. You could have a future in another field! Boom boom!

Our Club is on “Facebook”! and the internet! You will find us at:-

<http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

Web site: www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

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.

