



THE BULLETIN

**Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Christine Lloyd and Harold Garlick catch up after the guest speaker's discussion on the African mercy ship

Each day volunteers on the Mercy Ship aim to do a random act of kindness following a 2000 year old model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten people.

Everyone on board is a volunteer and people come from all over the world to share their skills. Our speaker Christine Lloyd spent her time helping the people in Benin as Dental Assistant. Benin has a population of 10 million and only has 5 dentists, many people walk for weeks in the hope that they will be able to receive treatment. Over the course of the Mercy Ships 10 month stay in port 6,000 to 8,000 men, women and children will receive urgent dental treatment alone.

The African Mercy Ship also have an Orthopedic department which includes, Physiotherapy and a Surgical team who undertake life changing procedures such as removing tumors, cleft pallet and skin grafts for burn victims. On arrival 20 land rovers are dispatched to spread the word and find people who need treatment.

The ship has two operating theatres, a CAT scan and recovery wards on board. Beds are set 12 inches apart and parents of children sleep on a mattress under the bed during recovery as space is limited. The kitchen works hard to ensure that everyone on board is well fed. The ship has 5 Chapels, internet, a laundry, a pool and shared sleeping facilities.

The dental team is made up of 14 staff and 5 dental chairs, operating Monday to Friday on shore. 500 people were lined up each Monday in hope they would receive treatment, everyone is triaged to enable priority care. Everyone is given a toothbrush and toothpaste and scheduled with a day to come back for treatment. Teeth are either filled or removed with some needing multiple extractions. In some cases only palliative care can be provided and a team travel to the villages to provide support.

You don't just need to be a health professional to volunteer on a Mercy Ship, there are also roles in the kitchen, laundry etc that need to be filled. It costs \$1000 per month and travel is additional, many volunteers self-fund and others receive support from charitable organisations.

Thanks to Liz Bermingham for Speaker report and Dough John for photos

"DUTIES"

Duty	11-Jul-18	18-Jul-18
Cash Desk	V Gamage	A Stewart
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	J Woodward
Reception	H Garlick	J Keerthisooriya
Speaker's Host	G Fowler	
Grace	J McKessar	D Christophers
International Toast	R Mackie	D Buist
Thanks to Speaker	S Tatterson	
Quote for the Week	T Blackler	M Bruce
Closure	A Stewart	C Ayrey
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	T Blackler
Notices Reporter	S Harris	R Mackie

"ON LEAVE"

	FROM	TO
B Blyth	21/06/16	TBA
E Mussen	13/04/16	TBA
M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
M Ireland	01/01/17	TBA
K Dalziel	01/01/17	02/19
G Dockeril	14/02/18	09/18
A Airay	29/06/18	31/08/18
M Opie	01/07/18	31/12/18
S Collins	04/07/18	TBA



Image from Rotary District 9970 as past district Governor Sarita Mclean passed the Chain of Office to District Governor John Driscoll

Photo credit: <https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9970>

NOTICE BOARD

Walkers Group

Come join us for our next walk and/or lunch.

Date: Thursday 19 July

Park: Outside St John of God Old Stone Church (From Halswell Road turn into Aidenfield Drive then right into Nash Road)

Time: 10.30am

Walk: to Men's Shed

Then: drive to Wigram Skies Shopping Centre (Nash Road then right into Aidenfield Drive/Skyhawk Road, turn left into The Runway and right into North Carpark)

Walk: around area if time permits

Lunch: The Landing Muffin Break, 110 The Runway, Wigram

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

Please let Harold (332 1418) know if you will be walking and if not, if you are joining us for lunch.

- Board meeting after Rotary on Wed 11th July
- Club forum on Wed 18th July – Kim is encouraging people to attend to get the Committee Work off to a good start.

2018-2019 Directory Amendment

Mobile phone number for Alan McKinnon on pages 1 and 21

Change from **021 124 7668** to **021 142 7668**

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

Des Lines - Ex Air NZ pilot

COMING SOON

Wed 18 Jul

Club forum

Wed 25 Jul

Daphne Marsden - Project Esther for women/families at risk

Our Club is on "Facebook" And the internet! You will find us at –

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

or <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 - you will get a reminder a couple of days
before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.**

EMERGENCY APOLOGIES to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter, 339 8441

**DUTIES - If you are unable to do an allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent
AND to advise the President.**

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