

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Things Every Rotarian Should Know about Rotary (Steve Garrett DG 5300 1994-1995)

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### **The Definition of Rotary**

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities. In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

### **The Official Rotary Flag**

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white. The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole. Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state or nation below the emblem. The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

### **Rotary's Wheel Emblem**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

## Upcoming Meetings

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11/11	Averil Stevenson Recycling in CHCH
18/11	Club Members This is My Life
25/11	Polio Fundraiser Tricky Tray Auction
02/12	Committee Meetings

## Upcoming Events

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### 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

### Wednesday 9th December

Club Christmas Party

### Wednesday 16th December

Club Cake and Port

### Saturday 20th February 2021

Pedal for the Pacific

## Notices

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### Wednesday 25th November

Tricky Tray Auction—Polio Fundraiser

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

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

We have invited other Rotary Clubs in our cluster Group. Please also encourage Rotary family and friends to attend for a fun night.

Christchurch South members are each asked to bring ONE item valued between \$5 and \$15 to offer as a prize although we plan to have a couple of more substantial prizes available as well.

Please email Alan McKinnon ([alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com))

giving the names of those attending and if possible make

payment (\$30pp) by direct credit to the Club bank account 03-

1599-0081963-00 giving your name as a reference. Any

questions, please contact Alan 021 142 7668 or 03 337 6202

### Dementia Canterbury Street Appeal

Pak n Save has cancelled all collections until after Christmas

however we may be looking after Bunnings Tower Junction so

keep the dates free for now just in case. This will be confirmed shortly

Dates are Friday 20 November and Saturday 21 November

### RYLA

Please see the email attachment and contact Shirley if you have any nominations

### Pedal for the Pacific

Please see the email attachment for more information

### Liedertafel Male Voice Choir

Please see the email attachment for their Christmas concert, contact Lew Brown if you wish to purchase any tickets

## Duties

Duty	11 Nov	18 Nov
Cash Desk	C Ayrey	D Buist
Cash Desk	S McLean	H Garlick
Reception	G Fowler	A Kim
Speaker Host	L Bermingham	V Ellis
Grace	L Bermingham	V Ellis
International Toast	G Fowler	A Kim
Thanks to Speaker	C Ayrey	D Buist
Quote	S McLean	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	A Airay
Sergeant	G Dockrill	G Dockrill

## Leave

Who	From	To
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](mailto: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