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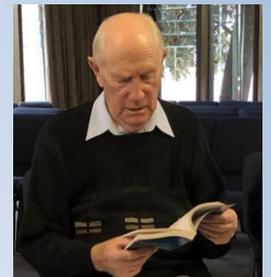
# Friends of Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy

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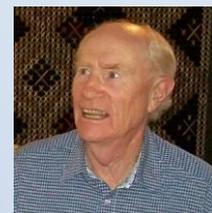
## Farewell to Norm Tew



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*Many of our team got together to bid a fond farewell to Norm, a Volunteer since 2014, who has decided to hang up his Chaplaincy badge. Norm, a man of integrity, prayer and gentleness of spirit will be very much missed in the Chaplaincy department. May God totally bless you Norm, in this next phase of what ever you are going to be doing to serve Him, because no doubt, you will never stop doing just that!*



## Farewell to Elaine Wood



**Miss You  
Already**

*Once a Chaplain, always a Chaplain, and that is how we said farewell to Elaine, who has been with us (on and off) since 2005. A woman of faith, an encourager, and such a fun person to have around. May God bless you fully, Elaine, as you serve Him in other ways. You are a very devoted woman of God, and will be missed around here.*



## Welcome Back to Susan Cooper

*It is our pleasure to welcome back Susan Cooper to our team of Volunteers. Susan was originally here in 2010, then left for a number of years to go back to England, where she looked after Parishes in Purleigh. She was welcomed back to the fold of Chaplaincy with open arms, and it is so lovely to have her back here.*



*Thank you, Sue, for using your gifts in the community that is Rotorua Hospital*

# FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT 2019

We owe a debt of thanks to so many people who contributed to our fundraising quiz night, the first thank you going to Ann at the Rotorua Citizens Club for allowing us to use their venue free of charge. Have you tried the meals there? Oh, you must!

We need to also thank all of our sponsors for their generosity, allowing us to run the night with prizes, raffles and auctions:



We need to thank our fabulous Score Keepers, Sally French, and Ann McSweeney, our Auctioneer Charles Sturt and our two Quiz Masters, Rev Tom Poata and Noel Lamberton



*Congratulations to The Retreads who got zero on the first score sheet but took it out as clear winners!*

And our wonderful teams:

- ♣ Battling Baptists
- ♣ No Eye ear
- ♣ The Quizicals
- ♣ Medicine Madams
- ♣ Ngongotaha Lions
- ♣ Odds On
- ♣ The Promise Warriors
- ♣ Alternative Facts
- ♣ The Retreats
- ♣ The Survivors
- ♣ The AHD's
- ♣ The Mental Ward
- ♣ The Hoodwinkers

## ***A big thank you to the Rotorua Club of Rotary Sunrise and Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology Charity House Project***

The Charity House project is a ten year training and partnership programme, providing students with hands on learning opportunities. One house a year is built by Toi Ohomai's carpentry, electrical and interior design students with the support of businesses in the Rotorua community, then auction off with the proceeds going to Rotorua community groups.

Key objectives of the Charity House have been to create healthy living environments and energy efficiencies which will result in lower power bills for the purchaser.

Toi Ohomai presented \$40,000 raised for last year's Charity House project to serve Rotorua community groups in May. Toi Ohomomai Council presented the cheques through Chairperson Cathy Cooney, along with Rotorua Sunrise Rotary Club President Rosie Waller. Cathy said this initiative was an excellent example of community collaboration and a testament to our on going positive relationships in the area.

This year, the funds were awarded at a lovely ceremony at the Toi Ohomai campus, followed by a lovely morning tea. So many worthwhile Charities in the Rotorua area benefitting from this very worthwhile project.



Once a month, our team gathers together for training, some networking, some sharing of ideas and prayer needs. Each month, we have one team member share a devotion. One such devotion was about chains. We are all gifted links in the chain, serving the mission of God together in Rotorua Hospital.



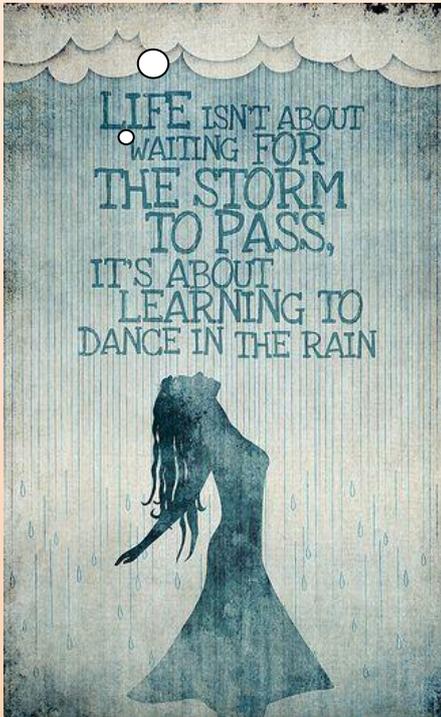
We were each given some wool – a single strand that can be easily broken. However, when we all chained our wool together, the wool became stronger, virtually unbreakable. And that is how we are as a team – individually, we all have our strengths and weaknesses, our gifts and abilities. Combine them all together, with one ministry, one faith in one God, then we are strong because we have each other's backs.



***Harry and Anne Frost invited many volunteers to an afternoon tea at Mamaku Blue Winery. These were all local volunteers from the Rotorua community. They spoke about the beginnings of Mamaku Blue, and said that, while they could not "employ" volunteers, they were delighted with the work that volunteers do in the Rotorua Community. Thank you Harry and Anne. We were delighted with the pancakes and blueberries.***



**Thought  
for the  
month:**



#### Patient Interaction story from a Volunteer

While any kind of rejection by one's fellow humans is hard to bear, rejection by one's own family has to be the cruelest kind. When the victim of family rejection then becomes seriously ill, all the stoicism in the world cannot hide the sense of loss and longing that a person suffers.

Mrs S was hospitalised for extensive bowel surgery after a delayed diagnosis of cancer. I found her beginning to plan her return home, where she lives alone in a small block of units with her own cat, a recently arrived stray kitten and a neighbour's shared cat. They are her family. She feeds them before she feeds herself.

This staunch lady told me she'd had two failed marriages and three children, none of whom were in her care and all of whom had been alienated from her by her own controlling parent, who considered her to be an unworthy mother. Here she was, unable to contact her children to tell them of her illness. She'd told her mother, who had shown no interest whatsoever.

She welcomed prayer into her life, as if it were a friend. I hope it will remain a lifeline for her at those times when the deprivation of her family cuts deeply. It was good to know that she had a few strong friendships which will give her support. Mrs S touched me with her determination to continue her life in much the same way as she has survived her past; with reluctant acceptance of her losses and a firm resolve not to allow her circumstances to defeat her.

**Does God want you to succeed?** Is success a legitimate goal for believers? Is this something God wants for His children? The answers depend upon your definition of success. Many people define it as the achievement of wealth, prominence or fame. If that's what you're seeking, then you are following the world's definition, not the Lord's.

In His eyes, true success begins internally – the first step is a relationship with Jesus, whereby you have trust in Him as Saviour and are following Him obediently. His goal for you is on going growth in Christ like character and spiritual maturity, but that's not all. He also has some work for you to accomplish here on earth. God planned these tasks specifically for you and designed them with your personality, talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts in mind. You could think of them as your unique calling and responsibility in life.

Genuine success involves doing what the Lord has called you to do, not just occasionally but continually. It has to do with persistent rather than perfection. When this is your definition of success, you can know that the Lord wants you to succeed. And He's committed to helping you become the person He designed you to be – and to accomplish the goals He has set for you.

The ultimate evaluation of our success will take place when we stand before God and give an account of our life. Any self-centred earthly achievements will be left behind. But if we've lived by His definition of success, our treasure will await us in heaven – along with the words "Well done!"



**Poem by Assistant Chaplain  
Allen Foote  
Photo Kuirau Park at Sunset**

### Winter Warmth

*Oh, friend what a lovely day today!  
The winter chills a little cold to bear.  
The sun, its warming rays we do compare  
With loving hearts and smiles that kindly say,  
"The winter's here. It may be wet and bleak,  
And trees have lost their golden autumn tints,  
But homes are warm and snug, and surely hints  
That friendship's there for all to have who seek."  
It's family time when each can freely share,  
With open heart to sing and laugh and pray.  
Some food and drink to wile the hours away,  
Content to rest a bit and really care.  
Then soon, it's gone – the winter's cold and rain,  
And spring's new life revives the year again.*

We are currently "baby sitting", or more accurately, "piano sitting". While the Sir Howard Morrison centre is getting refurbished, we are fortunate enough to have the pleasure of the company of a small grand piano. Those who take the Chapel services on Sundays are welcome to use this piano, if you have not done so already. When played right, it makes a beautiful sound, and while the community in general will be very happy to have our theatre for live productions back, we have a feeling that we will be a little sad to see "our" piano go to its forever home.



### ***On the Other Side of the bed.***

Years of Chaplain experience, handling death and pain without dread;  
But life takes on a different view, from the other side of the bed.  
A Chaplain's view is nice and clean, helping folks get spiritually fed.  
But things get downright messy from the other side of the bed.

A Chaplain can control the pace and leave the room instead,  
But a spouse or child or parent is stuck on the other side of the bed.  
Over there, things are not near so neat watching loved ones get poked and bled;  
It is no fun – it's darn hard work, on the other side of the bed.

How much more now I can know your plight – how hearts can be filled with lead,  
Now that I've spent just a little while on the other side of the bed.  
I hope that my way is more loving, that I come from my heart, not my head,  
And remember always just how it feels on the other side of the bed.

Yes, the other side of the bed is filled with things most don't comprehend,  
And folks need lots of love and care, on the other side of the bed.  
So Lord, please help me to be of hope, to those to whom I am led,  
To minister wisely and well to those, on the other side of the bed.

*Chaplain Brian Porr, Hospice Chaplain*

Many of you may have had the experience of buying a car and then seeing the same model everywhere whereas before the purchase you had never noticed that particular model. Recently I have been having this experience in my reading, listening and observing the world around me. For some reason I am becoming increasingly aware of the interconnectedness of life.

A couple of nights on the news there was a fascinating article about kauri trees and how their root systems appear to be interconnected-this can be incredibly useful especially for example in a drought when the trees may be able to share water with each other. The opposite is true too and the scientists are wondering if diseases such as kauri die back might also be shared. There are heaps of examples of the interconnectedness of life. I wonder how many of you now consider where your clothes are made and who makes them? Purchases of cheap clothing might be good for us but...What about when a corporation creates a product that is helpful for the economy yet at the same time is destructive to the environment... and so on...

These are some examples of how inter-related or connected we are and our world is. What is done or not done does have an effect – sometimes good and sometimes not so good. What we do or don't do, does have an effect whether we like that or not.

So, if you have read this far you are probably wondering what has all of this got to do with Chaplaincy at Rotorua Hospital?

Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy exists because of many good actions from many good people. Things like prayer, financial donations, business support, attending fundraisers- all work together to allow patients/whanau/staff to be visited and receive God's love. What you do, does have an effect on someone else.

The Friends' newsletter allows you to read some stories and know a bit more about what is happening at the coal face. This newsletter allows someone like me, at the coal face to express appreciation and say thank you. The Friends' newsletter shows us the interconnectedness of what happens to make Chaplaincy work at Rotorua a Hospital. It also connects all of us.

*No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.  
(John Dunne)*

God Bless

Wendy



**Please continue to pray for us**

- For the Chaplain, the volunteer Chaplains Assistants and the Administrator
- For our Committee members and our Trustees

**HOW IS CHAPLAINCY FUNDED?**

The Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy service is funded from:

- ❖ Donations from local Churches, Charitable trusts and Individuals, Friends Subscriptions, some Government funding (Ministry of Health and Lakes District Health Board). Donations over \$5.00 are eligible for a tax rebate.

**Where do you come in? You may wish to:**

- ❖ Become a Friend of the Rotorua Hospital Trust, make a donation to the Rotorua Chaplaincy Department, make a regular donation by automatic payment, or make a bequest in your Will.
- ❖ Above all, you can PRAY!

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Let all the joys of the Godly well up inpraise to the Lord.

Psalm 33:1

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YES! I would like to donate monthly     \$15     \$40     \$75     Other \$.....

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