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Meet the Team



We are very blessed to have such a wonderful, dedicated group of people to provide chaplaincy to the patients, their families and staff at Rotorua Hospital. Some people are reasonably "new", while others have been with us for a considerable time. At the back we have Dick Everts, Alison Lamberton, Allen Foote, Ann Izzillo, Daniel RikiRiki, Maree Bellerby, Peter Lindop, Kathy Horgan and Susan Cooper. Front Row consists of Damian Robertson, Gaynor Lincoln, Sally French, Timothy Lee, Wendy Emsley, Miyoko Hammersley and Juleen Foote. And of course, there is always one who misses the photo shoot – not without good reason – insert is Kathy Dillner. We are nothing without this fabulous group of people.

Things to look forward to:

- ♣ Another commissioning service for 3 Volunteers and a re-commissioning of another
- ♣ Carols by Candle Light at Kuirau Park December 13th 7pm
- ♣ Ward Decorating Competition December 17th
- ♣ Carols around the Wards December 18th - 5pm meet in the Chapel
- ♣ Sausage sizzle at Bunnings 21st February 2020

Team Retreat - Omanawa

The focus on our team retreat this year was Grace, with our readings from 3 different versions of Psalm 91 – focus on God is our Rock through difficult times. We used the quote “Quiet the Mind, and the Soul will speak” to look at our hearts. Meditation happens in our hearts – we looked at our hearts and in Psalm 4:7, it tells us that gladness is there. Grace keeps us grounded. We are all accepted by God for who we are – He delights in us – He even wants to throw us a party!! We were blessed to have a fabulous spiritual director from Hamilton, who took time to be individually with those who needed time out with her. Our venue was Stepping Stones Ministries, at Omanawa with our fabulous hosts Tania and Clinton Hawkes – and man, could they cook! We did not go to bed, or leave their place hungry. This was a place of peace, refreshment for the body and soul, with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Beautiful Omanawa



Discussion group



Kathy with Ann



Time to catch up with one another



Sally, Juleen & Peter



Kathy & Damian



Juleen and Jenny



Susan & Peter



Communion



Chaplaincy story, Rotorua, September 2019

On Wednesday afternoon 4 September I was driving across town & several police cars came by. We later learnt that there had been a serious bus accident in the Mamaku's. I was going away out of town for the weekend & had a lot of things to organise. So, I had debated whether I would have enough time to do my usual round on Friday morning in the orthopaedic ward as a VCA. As it turned out, we got packing done early & other things arranged, so I headed off to hospital as per usual.

I took a phone call on arrival in the ward, & no sooner had I hung up when 2 Chinese gentlemen with smiling faces approached me. One of them was the new pastor at the Chinese Fellowship which meet in the Baptist church along with his assistant. They knew who I was. We chatted briefly & I realised that Chinese folk from the bus accident were all in this ward. Then my neighbour turned up who is a lovely Christian Chinese lady that I have supported pastorally over the years. She comes to our church & we have become friends. She had another Chinese woman with her who couldn't speak much English. My friend had been interpreting for her along with other patients from the accident. This lady had been in the accident herself though was only bearing a few scratches. She asked if I could pray for her mother who had gone into surgery. She also told me that she had watched someone die in front of her on the bus. She seemed quite calm, but bewildered & grieving. I prayed & my friend translated. It was a special time together.

Then, they asked if I would go with them into the room where several other injured ladies were.. One lady had rib damage, & other complications, though was mobile. We chatted & I prayed for her as well. She lifted her hands in faith as I prayed, very ready for Divine help. After praying I chatted further & could see dampness in her eyes. I could tell that the Lord was doing something special in her, & she confirmed so. Then, I was led to the lady in the bed opposite her. She had her arm in a sling, though was relatively comfortable. Despite some exploration into Buddhism, she was wanting for me, as a Christian to pray for her. It was almost as if there was only one option, & that was to have faith in God, so, she asked me to pray along those lines. I immediately felt a wave of emotion come over myself, privileged to be there in this moment & be a conduit of God's love for these Chinese nationals, so, I prayed that the Lord would touch her, & also the other lady; that they would both know God's salvation in their journey according to His grace. What an incredible privilege.

Then, I approached several of the nursing staff who were at their central station. I have gotten to know them quite well over the years & asked how they were doing with this influx from the accident. They processed & talked with me at length. At one point, I indicated to move on so as not to keep them too long. "Don't go Tim," was their response, so, I continued to listen with interest. One of the nurses is Chinese & she had been doing a lot of valuable interpreting for the patients. She was tired. It was so right that I spent time in the orthopaedic ward that day. I would not have wanted to be anywhere else other than to see God at work in these women whose hearts seemed so soft & ready for a touch from the Lord. And, to see the staff even more engaged than usual was very special. It's all about relationship, & chaplaincy is such a great means to develop that for the sake of God's kingdom, whether with staff or patients.

Rev Timothy Lee

Philippians 2: 4

"Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interest of others."

Back in the 1930s, in the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered hotel coffee shop and sat at a table.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" the little boy asked. "Fifty cents" replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins he had.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream then?" he enquired.

By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing very impatient. "thirty-five cents" she abruptly replied - The little boy counted his coins again.

"I'll have the plain ice cream thank you" he said.

A few minutes later, the waitress brought over the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The small boy took his time to finish the dessert, then he paid the cashier and left.

When the waitress came back to clear his place, she began to cry. As she wiped down the table, there placed neatly beside the empty dish were a ten cent and a five cent piece. The boy had chosen a plain dish of ice-cream to ensure he had enough money left for a tip.

How often do we limit our giving to only what we can afford after whipped cream and sprinkles.?

Author Unknown

The Chaplaincy Department sent out over 70 Christmas Child Boxes to the staff at Rotorua Hospital. The reaction was overwhelming. So many children, mostly in Fiji and Papua New Guinea will be so excited and thrilled to receive these gifts as well as have the opportunity to hear the gospel and take part in Bible studies if they choose. Several years ago our Convenor visited Fiji and took part in distributing boxes – it was shocking to find that Fiji had if anything gone backwards since her last visit some 25 years previously. There was much hardship but great joy from children and parents receiving boxes. Thank you to everyone who participated,



Christmas – a time of giving. A lovely lady all the way from Invercargill made these beautiful gifts to share with the patients in the hospital. These are home made with love, care and loads of creativity. A real treasure trove to open, and share with those who will be blessed by them.



Fundraising Breakfast

100 people met at Third Place Café for one of the events of the year – our annual fundraising breakfast. There were raffles, auctions, artwork from Ngongotaha school – loads of conversation, coffee and good food. Charles Sturt from the Professionals did a fantastic auction; there were so many winners, so many generous people in the Rotorua community.

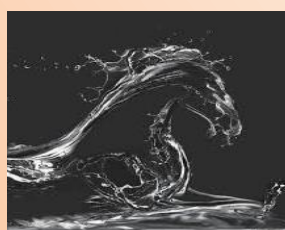


The ladies from the fellowship group at St Johns Church attended our breakfast, and I must say did very well. One of them won a fantastic auction from Central Pharmacy along with an art piece from Ngongotaha School, another won a raffle from QE Health Spa, and still another went home with a painting by one of our own volunteers, Gaynor Lincoln. The next day, they donated these wonderful knitted teddy bears, which are perfect for our smaller patients - God bless you ladies.

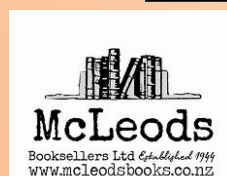


Artwork by Gaynor

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Service of Commissioning – Wendy Emsley - Chaplain

November 13th was a very special day when the Chapel was filled with people who joined together to witness the Service of Commissioning for our Chaplain, Wendy. In the Chapel were staff from Rotorua and Taupo Hospitals, our Kaumatua Eru George, Te Aka Matua (Maori Health Team) Churches from Rotorua and Taupo, friends, relatives, team members, NZHCA friends, ICHC friends, too many to name. The atmosphere was warm, and excited, and the singing was true praise to God.



Wendy chose a reading from Isaiah 56: 3-8 because it speaks about making room for anyone and everyone who wants to connect with God. It is about being inclusive and non-judgemental. These are two attributes of Chaplaincy that have particular significance and importance for Wendy.

Wendy also shared this blessing:

**“For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes seek out the good in people.,
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry
For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. (Sam Levenson)**



Team Dinner 2019

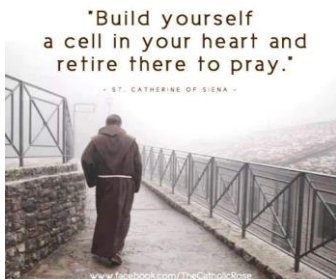
Christmas is coming. December is usually very busy, and also a time to unwind. So, we chose November to celebrate the end of the year, Christmas and each other. A fabulous dinner held at the CT Club where we wore funny hats, told silly jokes found in Christmas crackers, and just had some fun. Many thanks to the ICHC who contributed to this for our Volunteers.



The true meaning of Christmas often gets lost in the rush of the season: the shopping, the parties, the baking, and the wrapping of presents. But the essence of the season is the greatest gift of all time — God gave us Jesus Christ, His own Son:

***For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah, NLT)***

The gift of Jesus brings great joy to everyone who receives him. The purpose of Christmas is to share this gift so the whole world will know the love of our Savior.



Please continue to pray for us

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

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Hebrews 6:10

“God is not unjust.
He will not forget your
work and the love you
have shown Him as
you have helped His
people and continue to
help them.”



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