



# Newslink

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"Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service."

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## **Isabell's Insights**

*Greetings to you all,*

*As I look back over the last six months of Altrusa I would like to thank you all for the tremendous support you have given to our club including donations to community groups, fundraising in various forms and supporting schools and the college to name a few. Without your commitment such projects would not be possible.*

*Thoughts are with members who have been unwell and those who have lost loved ones during the year*

*Let us look forward to 2017 with enthusiasm and pride as we enter the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Altrusa*

*Trusting you all have a Happy Festive Season*

**Kind Regards from Isabell**



## **NOTICE BOARD – DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Sunday 29 January 2017** - Lunch at Miaflora Cafe and Garden Centre, Winchester (*see reports*)

**Monday 30 January 2017 – 5.00 pm** – Board meeting at Joan Lawn's home.

**Wednesday 1 February – 5.30pm for 6pm** – Business Meeting (Hostesses - *Catering Committee*)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 5.30 pm for 6. pm.** - Programme Meeting – Archives Committee - (Hostesses – *Ros Stewart, Val Prendergast, Mary Harrison, Gwen Clucas*)

**Apologies for Meal Meetings** to Joyce Ph. 308 4152 or Anne 308 6148 by 1 p.m. on Monday.

**If you have not put in an apology, and don't turn up, you pay for the meal!!!**

### **BOOKS ON WHEELS ROSTER**

2017 – January Holiday

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Kay Begg

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Ford

Contact: Fay Wilson



### **DAY CARE DRIVING ROSTER**

*Day Care staff will contact you early Monday a.m. with a list of your pick-ups.*

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Joan Lawn

JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> - Val Prendergast

JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup> - Janet Butterick

JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> - Val Prendergast

JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Ford

FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> - Waitangi Day

FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> - Janet Butterick

FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> - Joan Lawn

FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> - Val Prendergast

Contact – Val Prendergast – 3087792

### **BAKING for CANCER SOCIETY**

No roster until February.

Contact – Barbara Boulton

*If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?*

### **STILLBORN MEMORIAL ROSTER**

December - Nola Sim and Lorraine Tew

January 2017 - Nola Sim and Pam Champness

February - Ros Stewart and Kay Begg

Contact - Elwyn Lynn

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (There is no "I" in the word Team.)

### **MEMBERSHIP** – Kay Begg:

51 Members and spouses and friends attended our Christmas function on Wednesday 7 December at Lochlea Lodge. This is a lovely venue and the organising committee from Lochlea are very welcoming and helpful. The catering was by Sandy's Catering and was delicious and plentiful. We can certainly recommend both the venue and catering. From the comments received subsequently all members appeared to enjoy the evening. We initially had numbers of 54, however 2 of our members were not able to come because of illness. We received their apologies too late to change the numbers but those members have made payment, the other member has been requested to reimburse the club for the meal that had to be paid for.

Thank you to the committee for their assistance with this evening and to our Wine Hostesses who organised extra wine, beer and soft drinks for purchase, although I understand that the Club kindly offered the first drink free.

The arrangements for the social meeting on 29 January 2017 are:

- Bus will leave the Hotel Ashburton car park at 11.45 and we should be back by 4.30-5 pm but this will of course depend on the amount of time we all spend eating, shopping and sightseeing. The cost for each person will be \$10 – please have that money ready to pay to one of the committee as you get on – if we left it until the end there is always the risk that you might have spent too much at Miaflora.
- We have organised a large Beckleys Bus. At this stage we have 33 passengers but there are still a few undecided. I will email you prior to the day to confirm but if you are wishing to come and don't think you have recorded this please let me know. The Board has agreed to cover the shortfall to pay for the bus to enable us to keep the cost down.

Lunch is at your own cost on the day.

We also have plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in March and these will be announced in the new year.

On behalf of the Membership committee I wish you a joyful Christmas time with family and friends.

### **COMMUNICATIONS – Alice McLaren:**

Christmas cards have been prepared (and are being passed around tonight for members to sign) for our Emeritus members Nan James, Marion Ross & Jenny Thompson. Emails wishing our Sister Clubs (Phoenix Arizona & Morrinsville) a Merry Christmas have also been sent. Our Committee is planning to meet for a social morning coffee on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **LITERACY – Joan Lawn:**

The Literacy committee met at Braided Rivers for a re-cap of the year and Christmas celebration. A further 30 books have been gifted to the Salvation Army to be given out with the Christmas Hampers this year. We may look at donating funds to several schools for ESOL books early in the new year, if funds are available. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and thank all members for their generosity over the past year.

### **ARCHIVES – Joan Cunningham:**

No meeting this month. Next working bee late January 2017. Glennis, Jeanette, and Joan wish all members joy and peace at Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

### **INTERNATIONAL - Maureen Bishop:**

Thanks to members who finished off the remaining kits for the Days for Girls project. They are on their way to the organisers. I do hope we can do another sewing bee for this project early in the new year. Best wishes for the festive season. Enjoy your time with family and friends. Relax and recharge the batteries.

### **SERVICE– Nola Sim:**

My committee met at my home mid November for afternoon tea & a slice of Christmas cake. We cut out a few stars for the Tree of Remembrance after discussion about the said project. It is now under way thanks to Viv & Alice. Two people will be required on December 8<sup>th</sup> for Books on Wheels as there will be double the books to give out for the Christmas break. Keep happy, smile and remember others over the holidays.

### **TALENT AUCTION REPORT – Mary Harrison:**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November Judy McAuliffe, publisher of Essence magazine, took up the challenge to be our auctioneer at the Talent Auction. The "goods" offered were diverse.....a selection of baking, vouchers from various outlets, gardening, oven cleaning and sharing computer skills to name but a few. A fun evening was enjoyed by our members, altrousers and visitors and the occasion concluded with a delicious supper. The travel fund was boosted by over \$2000.00.....Tauranga here we come!! Many Thanks to everyone for your support, time spent and talents shared.



*A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." 'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her." Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this!" She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'Sorted! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The 2016 Nominating Committee of Kay Begg, Jocelyn Molloy and Joan Lawn has met on several occasions this year.

Due to one position being very difficult to fill, Kay Begg stepped down from the Nominating Committee at our last meeting, in order to fill one position.

We are very pleased to present to the Club, the new Board for the 2017/18 year:

President	Mary Harrison
Vice President	Glenys Rickerby
Correspondence secretary	Kathy Wilson
Recording Secretary	Bev Gellatly
Treasurer	Kay Begg
Directors -	Janet Butterick, Annette Lane, Julie McCullough

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who have accepted these positions. The Club is most grateful for the generosity of these members.

Please note: there is still the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to be filled at a later date.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5<sup>th</sup> Bev Gellatly

19<sup>th</sup> Joy Duffy

22<sup>nd</sup> Annette Lane

28<sup>th</sup> Andrea Rushton



### Members' Snippets of News

♥ **Glenys & Bevan Rickerby** recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary by returning to Stewart Island where they honeymooned 40 years ago. (*Romantic, yes?*)

♥ **Juliana Protheroe** has had a hip operation – so health & cheer germs to you, Juliana!!!

♥ **Suan & Mike Bowler** have a new granddaughter -Thea Suan Johnson born to Nicola & Simon on 9 November 2016 (??3 weeks early, but doing well). Birthweight 1.7kgs. Mum Nicola, who is one of our Bursary recipients, has just completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year, & her Practical test (?) for Radiography.



**Alison Quinn & Jocelyn Molloy recording bids at the Stone Carving Symposium in November.**

**STROLLING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES - with Joan Cunningham:**  
**FOOD FARE 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 1982**

The two day Food Fare was presented with the co-operation of many businesses and with Mrs Alison Holst as guest demonstrator.

The range of food covered was extensive and there were 20 stands for the public to visit.

Mrs Holst cooked for three hours on each of the two days. Of the \$2900 raised the Club donated \$2000 to the local branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation toward the purchase of a vehicle to be used to transport sufferers of the disease.

Remaining money to the intermediate school for Musical Instruments and to the Plains Museum.

**NEW MEMBER'S PROFILE: Eleanor Marr:**

Eleanor was born in Christchurch and grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Christchurch. She was educated at Yaldhurst Primary school and Burnside High School. She trained as a Primary School Teacher at Christchurch Teachers College; she did her first year of teaching at Hinds School, then was moved to Chertsey School for 4 years. During these years she became involved with Country Girls and then later Young Farmers when the 2 amalgamated. Eleanor was fortunate to win an IFYE exchange trip to the USA and Ontario.

After she married Graham and moved to a farm in the Methven area she taught at Lyndhurst School for a year and a half. Graham and Eleanor had 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter, and during this time of preschool children Eleanor became involved on Playcentre Committee initially as a Learning Support Teacher and later as the Head of Special Programmes. For the last few years she has been private tutoring. Eleanor is involved with Teacher Training ates both at local and Mid Canterbury level.

Just before her youngest child went to school Eleanor did SPELD training and has been involved with tutoring since then. Initially this was for SPELD and then later for the Seabrook McKenzie Centre. She went onto to be employed for 21 years at Mt Hutt College, ini the Seabrook McKenzie Centre. She is on the Methven Library Committee and was Chairman for 10 years. She has been involved in the Presbyterian Church. Hobbies Eleanor enjoys are gardening, sewing, patchwork, reading and of recent years her 6 grandchildren who all live close by.

**From The Editor:**

What a relief!! Pressies are now all sorted – now just the wrapping to do!!

At the Altrusa Conference in ?? Rotorua several years ago the Guest Speaker was former Race Relations Conciliator Greg Fortuin. He built his keynote address around the expression “Don’t sweat the small stuff”! Wise words! - they often pop in to my mind when things start getting hectic – a reminder to concentrate on the positive side of the occasion rather than stressing about incidentals on the way to what should be a joyous occasion!

*I hope you all have a very happy time with family & friends over the New Year - be kind, have fun*

*- & don't sweat the small stuff!! - Alice*



**BITS & PIECES**

♥ **Stone Carving Symposium Auction - Maureen**

Thank you to everyone who helped with this day in our beautiful domain.

It was certainly much easier to organise this time round as we knew what we were doing and we didn't have all the other activities.

I'm not sure the stall holders will have made a lot of profit but the organisers of the symposium and the domain staff were pleased with how things went – and we made money to top up our funds.

♥ **Service Hours – from Maureen:**

My apologies to you all that I didn't have the sheets at the meeting to record your hours of service. Could you please make sure you jot down what hours you have given for November and December and I will circulate the list at the February meeting.

**Could committee leaders please also complete their sheets up until the end of December. I will have new sheets for you in February.**

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**Can you name the person in this Photograph??**

**Can you also name whose shoulder he is sitting on???**



*May you have the gladness of Christmas*

*which is hope;*

*The spirit which is peace;*

*The heart of Christmas which is love.*

**Ada V. Hendricks**



**Altrusa Accent – delivered by Isabell Page**

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made,

how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me.

I was homeless and you took me in” - **Mother Teresa**



**The Auctioneer for our Talent Auction**

**on 30 November: →**

**Publisher of Essence magazine**

**Judy McAuliffe**

**(Mary & team made a great job of the Auction!!!)**

