



# Ashburton Newslink

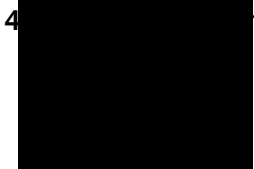
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"Nurture and Grow"

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

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## Mary's Musings

Dear Altrusa friends,

When Ian and I visited Timaru last weekend we saw the first little lamb of the season and I have a yellow crocus and blue and purple iris reticulates in bloom SO Spring is just around the corner!

Our Governor, Christine Melville, will visit us on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of THIS MONTH. The plan so far is for Maureen, our Conference Chair person, and I to take Christine to Hotel Ashburton for lunch and then we will explore the district a little.

The Conference Committee will meet at Isabell's home, 160 Racecourse Road at 3.30pm.

An invitation is extended to meet Christine for a pot luck meal at Isabell's home from 6pm onward.

Thank you for your offer of hospitality Isabell.

Congratulations to all Committee Chair people for making a great start to what promises to be a full and rewarding year.

What a neat story about Val's granddaughter and her classmates raising \$68.00 for Altrusa after listening to a talk (from Val ) about the work Altrusa does here in NZ and abroad. I hope a visit from Val and I with a Thank you card and a bag (or 2) of mini chocolate bars will help inspire these young people to keep on volunteering.

I would like to encourage you to put a ring around your calendars and in your diary on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. This is our IFF day (Information, Fun and Fellowship). No travelling involved this year! I have enjoyed meeting members from other Altrusa Clubs on past occasions and look forward to this one.

I came across these 2 quotes about friendship and thought they were worth sharing:

"Many friends walk in and out of your life but only true friends leave footprints on your heart."

"True friendship is not about being there when it is convenient, it is about being there when it is not."

Go well. Warm Regards - *Mary*



**NOTICE BOARD – DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – 5.30 p.m. for 6 p.m - Programme Meeting – International Committee – (Hostesses Carol H, Lorraine T, Annette L, Joan L.)**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 6 p.m. - POT LUCK MEAL** at Isabell’s home 160 Racecourse Road – to meet District Governor Christine Melville.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September– 5.00 pm** – Board meeting at Bev G’s home.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September– 5.30 pm for 6 pm** – Business Meeting (Hostesses – Rosemary M, Gwen c, Rosalind S)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** -World Literacy Day

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – IFF Day in Ashburton - book this date!!!

**Programme Night Meal – Apologies to**

**by 1 p.m. on Monday. –Put**



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| <p align="center"><b><u>BAKING for CANCER SOCIETY</u></b></p> <p>August 16<sup>th</sup> - Glenys Rickerby and Val Pederast<br/> September 6<sup>th</sup> - Jocelyn Molloy and Lynne Judkins<br/> September 20<sup>th</sup> - Barb Bolton and Maureen Bishop<br/> October 4<sup>th</sup> - Pam Champness and Val Prendergast</p> <p align="center">Contact – Kathy Wilson</p> | <p align="center"><b><u>STILLBORN MEMORIAL ROSTER</u></b></p> <p>August – Barbara Boulton &amp; ??????<br/> September – Lynne Judkins &amp; Alice McLaren</p> <p align="center">Contact - Denise Hydes</p> <p align="center">♥ ♥ ♥</p> |
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| <p align="center"><b><u>BOOKS ON WHEELS ROSTER</u></b></p> <p>August 10<sup>th</sup> -Jocelyn Molloy<br/> August 24<sup>th</sup> – Gwen Clucas<br/> Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - Isabell Page<br/> Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Alice McLaren</p> <p align="center">Contact: Joyce Campbell</p> <p align="center">♥ ♥ ♥</p> <p align="center">What is it that occurs twice in a moment<br/> and not once in a thousand years?<br/> <i>(the letter M)</i></p> | <p align="center"><b><u>DAY CARE DRIVING ROSTER</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Day Care staff will contact you early Monday a.m.</i></p> <p>August 14<sup>th</sup><br/> 21<sup>st</sup><br/> 28<sup>th</sup><br/> Sept 4<sup>th</sup><br/> 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p align="center">Contact – Jocelyn Molloy</p> <p align="center">♥ ♥ ♥</p> |
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**MEMBER’S PROFILE – WHO AM I??**

I was born in Perth, Scotland in 1960. My parents came to Ashburton, where my Dad had got employment, when I was 2 years old. My mum travelled alone with three children under five on a ship called Stratheden stopping in Australia on the way and then docking in Port Wellington.

They went on to have four more children making a total of seven; I have four sisters and two brothers. I started school at Borough Primary School and then when we moved house I went to Hampstead Primary and then onto Ashburton College. I enjoyed playing hockey and softball, swimming and also enjoyed being part of a marching team.

When I left school I worked at the UFS Pharmacy in Ashburton and qualified as a Pharmacy Technician. Garry and I met when I was 15 and I married him in 1980. Garry and I have worked together throughout our married lives with myself doing any office work that was required. When we were first married we owned the local coal yard (bought from Tuckers) and a hay cartage business, we then went on to a bread delivery business. In 1991 we sold our bread vendor ship and took on the local KFC franchise and have been with KFC ever since. I continue to take care of the office work involved in running our businesses but now we also have our son Brad and daughter Anna working alongside us.

We have three children – Chris who now lives in Sydney with his wife Darina and son Arlo, Brad who with his wife Emma and daughters Libby & Kourtney live in Ashburton, and Anna who is married to Jordan and lives in Rolleston. I very much enjoy spending time with my family and friends whenever we are able, we also enjoy travelling and meeting people, which we have been able to do through KFC, Rotary, Altrusa and Inner Wheel. *(Answer Elsewhere).*

## ACCENT

presented by Joy Duffy for International Committee:

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY – AUG 12<sup>th</sup>

The United Nations set aside August 12<sup>th</sup> as a day for the Youth of the World to make a stand for something. Setting a theme for the nations to observe and be active in promoting. Last year it was "eradicating poverty" this year ... Youth Building Peace.

These are Nobel goals to have before us all – as WE were all once, the YOUTH of the world. As with most goals, hindsight (looking back) should motivate the youth – forward. If this was a school report, it would say "not yet achieved". However, each year is a stepping stone closer towards the goal.

So, lets get behind any endeavour we can to enable the Youth of Today to move forward knowing that the Youth of Yesterday are behind them, to encourage them "onward and upward"

It is said the "Rome was not built in A Day" - neither is world peace.

But even one day can make a difference when it builds on what has gone before.

Local events are listed on the web site and local notices.

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julie McCullough  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Julliana Protheroe  
5<sup>th</sup> Ann Stroud  
8<sup>th</sup> Denise Hydes  
11<sup>th</sup> Joan Corbett  
13<sup>th</sup> Elaine Ford



### Members' Snippets of News

- ♥ Mary H – 8 year old grandson Eli was most impressed with a painting recently – declaimed it to be very modern & not at all old fashioned!!!
- ♥ Lynne J – son Alistair is back in Kaikoura - working 50% of his time at directing roadworks, and 50% rescuing baby seals from landslips!!
- ♥ Kathleen B – son has a "bird rescue" home at Oxford for birds in distress. Currently has a blind owl, plus plovers amongst his proteges.
- ♥ Elwyn L – granddaughter Rona aged 2 ½ years, is visiting from San Francisco.



## DOWN MEMORY LANE



Magic Mums weekend – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Altrusans gathered in Joan & Bryan Lawn's garden at Greenstreet.

From Left: Joan lawn, Carole Saunders, Yvonne Letham, Jill Bird, Colleen Prendergast, Val Prendergast, Alison Quinn, Janet Butterick.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Service – Jocelyn Molloy:

5 members and President Mary met at Nosh on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. There wasn't a lot of business to discuss but we all enjoyed a good natter and a nice coffee.

The rosters for the coming year have all been organised and circulated among members.

We discussed possible speakers for our November meeting and ideas are being followed up.

### Communications – Lynne Judkins

We hope you enjoyed our Programme Meeting last month, with the white theme of "Winter" . We should have included gumboots! Hopefully you all have drier conditions where you are.

We have had a peaceful time since then, but will meet later this month to continue the good work.

### ARCHIVES – Joan Cunningham

Our next working bee will be held on 29th August at my home.

### Literacy – Gwen Clucas

The Literacy Committee will be running the Garden Raffle again this year. We would appreciate donations from members. Please bring them to the August meetings if possible.

### MEMBERSHIP - Isabell Page

The Membership committee met on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July and ideas for the October Programme meeting and social events were discussed.

For the Programme meeting it is planned to have a speaker from St John.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in August we are approaching Toni Hurley to see if it is possible for members to visit her Racecourse Road studio where she has clothing, accessories, painting and much more on offer for sale.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in November we plan to visit the Ashburton Bowling Club where we can be shown and try out the art of outdoor bowls. It is suggested that we have a Pot Luck Tea after the bowls at the Bowling Club rooms.

**Christmas Function** – The Membership Committee recommend to the Board that the date of the Christmas Function and December Business meeting be swapped – for the Christmas function to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and the Business meeting the following week 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**January Social Outing** – It has been suggested that we have a Bus Trip to Geraldine, with lunch at the Brewery Café just on the outskirts of Geraldine followed by a stroll around the Geraldine village. A date to be arranged .

The Secret Friends are underway and apart from 3 members who are overseas at present, names of Secret Friends have been handed to members who are participating this year.

### International – Glenys Rickerby

A meeting has been held to organise details of a speaker for the August programme meeting.



Sean is the pastor of a Church of England parish on the Northern Ireland/ Southern Ireland border and Patrick is the priest in the Roman Catholic Church across the road. One day they are seen together, erecting a sign into the ground, which says:

**TA END IS NEAR! TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW AFOR IT IS TOO LATE!**

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you Oirish religious nutters! We don't need your lectures."

From the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash!

Shaking his head, Rev. Patrick says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin!"

"Yaa," Pastor Sean agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say, 'Bridge Out' ?"





**PHOTOGRAPH AND MESSAGE (below) RECEIVED FROM JJOAN CORBETT WHO IS HOLIDAYING WITH ROBIN IN CANADA.**

“Joan and Robin at the Sooke Fine Arts Exhibition on artists night with Elspeth McLean. Her painting was one of 350 chosen out of over 1000 entries. It is the most prestigious art exhibition in BC with the Premier attending. It was a lot of fun but not much food as the caterers had cancelled at the last moment. Sigh! Fruit kebabs and cheese kebabs were served! Sooke is one hour west of Victoria on Vancouver Island. There you go Alice. You asked me for something so here it is! Hope you are managing to keep warm. It’s lovely and warm here but the skies are not blue because of the smoke haze from the fires over on the mainland BC. Best wishes – Joan.”

**From The Editor:**

Can you believe it?? - double figures for our temperatures for the past few days!! I was beginning to think we were never going to shake off our grey, cold winter days!

Next month – September – is literacy month (8<sup>th</sup> Sept being the official Altrusa Literacy Day).

I’m sure the Literacy Committee will be focusing on reading/writing skills in the community – it would be fun if each Altrusan could also mark the day by picking up a book and spending maybe 15 minutes having a good read!! BDS Book Club groups throughout NZ do this each year. Are you up for the challenge? Also, make sure you encourage any little people you meet up with to pick up a book rather than play with their digital gadgets that they all seem to have access to these days!

In the meantime, enjoy the improving weather, and have fun! - **Alice**

**BITS & PIECES**

♥ **Our Ashburton Museum** is looking for new volunteers to “man” the front desk! **If you can help,**

or contact [REDACTED]

♥ **ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP??**

**Two requests for people willing to assist with Street Appeal collections:**

**1.** Dementia Canterbury Friday & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October. [REDACTED]

or [www.dementiacanterbury.org.nz](http://www.dementiacanterbury.org.nz)

**2.** - Multiple Sclerosis & Parkinsons groups – Friday & Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Contact Tessa Kain [frassistant@ms-pd.org.nz](mailto:frassistant@ms-pd.org.nz)

or [REDACTED]

**Answer to WHO AM I? - Carol Haskett**

## **THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO OUR NEWER MEMBERS:**

### **History of the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award trophy**

When club member Marion Ross was Governor of District Fifteen between 1989 and 1991, she promoted literacy amongst Altrusa clubs and members. As part of that promotion, she decided to donate a trophy to be awarded to the club which delivered the best literacy project.

Ashburton man Arthur Stephenson, a joiner, furniture maker and restorer, made the magnificent trophy – a wooden open book in its own box. Another Ashburton man, calligrapher Robin Corbett, did the lettering on the trophy. Robin is now the husband of Ashburton club member, Joan. The Cambridge club was the first winner of the award, which delighted Marion, as she was present at the club's charter evening.

Former International President Barbara-Ann Hughes, when visiting New Zealand, was so impressed with the trophy she purchased a replica, also made by Mr Stephenson, and took it back to her district in the United States of America. When the Letha H. Brown Award for literacy projects was introduced internationally, the literacy trophy presented by Marion was adopted as the trophy for the new award.



### **WHAT YEAR WAS THIS???**

**Jenette Borrell, Suan Bowler, Pam Champness, Yvonne Letham, Jeanette Sinclair, Val Prendergast**



### **STROLLING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES – with Joan Cunningham:**

**Film Evening – NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA – at old Regent Cinema – 14 August 2005:**

More than 180 people attended a film night hosted by Altrusa to raise funds for Ashburton performing arts theatre trust, towards the new theatre project.

An enthusiastic crowd welcomed the patrons as they arrived particularly those who were transported by members of the vintage car club and vehicles of the era.

The blockbuster 1950 movie “All About Eve” was a great success and film goers were encouraged to dress in 1950's costume.

In October 2005 a cheque for 1500.00 was presented by President Sue Giller to Russell Anstiss from the Theatre Trust.

