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Meetings:

1st Saturday of the month
2.00 pm at -
Knox Centre
28 Bealey Avenue
Christchurch 8013
(Parking off Bealey Ave)

Apologies/Guests:

Apologies/guest notification
to the President by mid-day
on the day preceding
meeting.

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From the President's Pen:



Well, Christmas has come and gone – in a flash it seems. The Boxing Day sales were attended this year and a few purchases made for next Christmas. Please don't let Xmas come round so fast this year but I expect it will. We Altrusans do so much in our communities and being so busy makes the time fly.

The New Year was welcomed in and it was pure summer – hot and sweltering. If you were like me you only did things that didn't expend too much energy and kept a towel or tissue handy to wipe the face. Make-up is hopeless in this weather unless you live in airconditioned comfort. However it soon came to a halt with cooler weather and some wind and rain but all round us the rest of the country experienced high winds, high tides and flooding. Tourists were trapped by slips on the West Coast and had their travel plans interrupted. I am sure there were fellow New Zealanders helping them out amongst coping with their own disasters. We are all at the mercy of the weather and after coping with earthquakes I think we are probably better prepared for the unexpected. Don't forget to replenish your supplies of drinking water every so often – you never know when you will need it.

We visited Ann Wilson's home for our pot luck Foundation Luncheon and had a lovely time chatting and eating lunch in her lovely garden. Ann would welcome members dropping in to see her. We miss her as an active member as we do all our Friends of Altrusa.

We had pledged to give \$5,000 to the Women's Night Shelter and on 26th January this cheque was presented. The new Night Shelter will cater for up to 12 women and we will be continuing to provide pyjamas to these women. Margaret and Helen have been wonderful shoppers locating attractive pyjamas at very reasonable prices and we are grateful to them. All members were invited to an Open Day on 7th February to view the finished building.

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers I am enjoying at present – deep pinks and reds – lilies, alstromerias, roses, carnations, gerberas, daisies and some sort of green daisies – just divine and lots of perfume.

We now look forward to a busy year of projects and fundraisers and plans are already underway.

Liz Lockett

ACCENT

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

NOTICEBOARD

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 3rd March
Business Meeting
Representatives Report

REMINDERS to collect:

Tissue boxes – empty ones, of course, for the Silent Auction at the Ashburton Conference.

Plastic shopping bags for the ladies who knit these into bed rolls. Liz Lockett will deliver these.

DAYS FOR GIRLS DATES

Sat 24th March
Sat 16th June
Sat 15th September
Sat 24 November
At St Andrews College for sewers and others interested in helping.

BIRTHDAYS

February
8th – Carey Treleaven
25th – Helena O'Neill



DATES TO REMEMBER

**DISTRICT FIFTEEN
CONFERENCE**
Ashburton 2018

**INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**
16th – 20th July 2019
Reno, Nevada,
USA

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**
8th March

CLUB COMMITTEE NEWS

Service Committee reported following their meeting on 17th January.

- **Garage Sale** Janet's venue was good and she is willing to have us use her garage again. It was recommended that another garage sale be held in April or September 2018. Keep your unwanted belongings or get someone to store them for you.
- **2017 Christmas Stall** was highly successful and it is recommended that this continue to be a major fundraiser involving all members. A small committee of four will meet to plan sales items throughout the year and your talents will be called on to help out as required.
- **Bellyful** – it is recommended that a further year be given to this project if funds can be sourced from somewhere. Funds were found and a Wednesday and a Saturday each month appear to be the best times for muffin baking. A Grapevine will advise dates.
- **Women's Night Shelter** A number of quilt raffles have raised money towards the purchase of pyjamas and funds were found to continue this for a further year
- **Sausage Sizzles & Quiz Nights** are being investigated.

Membership Committee meeting on 12th February at Cecilia's.

- **Bottle Auction - April** An auctioneer is available and a date and venue is to be advised.



L-R: Val Lee, Liz Lockett, Margaret Simpson presenting the \$5,000 cheque to Catherine Williamson of Women's Night Shelter, Christchurch City Mission.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE 2018 - ASHBURTON

'Flowing forward in a Changing World'

Friday 4th May – Sunday 6th May at Hotel Ashburton

This will be a great conference as it will all happen at the one venue. This saves shifting people around and we can enjoy meeting one another under one roof. *Send your registration form now and save!*

Editor's Message

Keep those cards and 'letters' flowing in – we editors cannot write your 'newsletter' without the flow of 'news'. Let us know what is happening around you and in your neighbourhood, no matter how trivial.