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**Business/Programme
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!

Dear Altrusans,

What a hectic time of the year for Altrusans. Six of us, and two Altrousers, have just been to Conference in Ashburton and what a wonderful time we had. The entire Conference and the accommodation was based in the Ashburton Hotel which was really convenient. Several of us travelled down on the Thursday to be settled in so that the Altrousers could be in time for the Partner's Programme on Friday morning.

I thank Isabell Linton who did me proud by carrying our banner. Always a moving ceremony when the flags and banners are brought in. Our 'Christchurch Remembers' rose was most suitably chosen to match our introduction. I would like to grow this rose in my garden but don't know where. Will have to negotiate with some other plants. I know it is available at Portstone Nursery.

Friday night's Irish theme was great fun with a wonderful MC and also a terrific band of clever musicians. They soon had everyone singing and dancing and a good night was had by all.

Saturday was a full day of business with a speaker and three workshops, two of which you could choose to attend. The Governor's banquet was held in the evening and that was very nice. A young lady of 14 years sang for us - a beautiful voice - she should go far.

We were up early again on Sunday morning for a short Church Service to commemorate those Altrusans who left us during the year and then to Breakfast. It was my pleasure to introduce Sam Johnson who spoke about what he has been busy with since the Volunteer Student Army. Te Awamutu members then invited us to their conference in 2019 and the final business session closed at 12.00 Noon.

Conference is a wonderful time to meet up with other Altrusans, learn what they are doing and make more friendships. It is such a wonderful organisation to belong to that I really cannot understand why we have a hard time getting members.

Liz Lockett
President



Editor's Message: A lovely pot luck dinner was enjoyed at Marion Parlane's home on 29/4/18 with Silvia D'Jean Silverman, Immediate Past President & International Visitor (pictured above left) and husband Jay from Maryland USA. A great evening with a lovely

NOTICEBOARD

(Carries 15 points)

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 2 June 2018
2 pm

REMINDERS

Altrusa Club of
Christchurch Birthday
Lunch at Gatehouse Café
at Templeton on 10th June
12.00 pm for 12.30 pm

BIRTHDAYS MAY

28th-Terri Woolmore-

Goodwin

31st-Margaret Simpson



L-R: Max & Liz Lockett, Marion Parlane, Chris Mouter, Di Harrington, Danae McConnel, Isabell Linton & Robin Harrington at the Ashburton conference 4 May 2018.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE

Te Awamutu 2019

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

16th - 20th July 2019

Reno, Nevada,
USA

International Day of Families

15 May 2018

Bellyful muffin baking
dates

16 May & 26 May

Days for Girls sewing
bee at Liz Sydes

23 May

Formal Days for Girls
sewing bee 16 June 1-
5pm

2018 ASHBURTON CONFERENCE NEWS

The Flag Ceremony and Banners opened the Conference with the National Anthems of America and New Zealand and each Club Banner was accompanied by a description of their chosen rose. The Mayor of Ashburton, Donna Favel, officially opened the Conference talking about her vision for her community. The guest speaker was Jessie Chan-Dorman, a dynamic young woman with a Honours degree in Animal Science and who, with her husband, is a dairy business owner milking 900 cows. Her presentation was "Leadership starts with Love".

Saturday's speaker was Sarah Glifford who was diagnosed with melanoma in 2008. During her treatment she was given an assortment of beads, wire and tools for making jewellery and founded CanBead which gives away kits and shows people how to make jewellery and eventually Can Tackle which provides fly fishing courses for men and women. Both groups now come under the Caninspire Charitable Trust.

There were three workshops in the afternoon and we were to choose two to attend: Unfolding Journey of Grief and Loss, Communication - Facebook and What is Trello, and Canbead, a hands on service.

A brief Memorial and Inspirational Service was held on Sunday. After breakfast Sam Johnson spoke on "Common Sense Innovation" - all about volunteering in the community, mostly about cutting out the big money men and keeping to 'grass roots'.

We were invited to go to Te Awamutu in 2019 and the conference closed with the Benediction and the Retiring of the Flags at 12.00 Noon.