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**Business/Programme
Meetings:**

1st Saturday of month
Business Meeting - 2.00 pm
Programme Meeting - 2.45 pm
Followed by tea/coffee

Knox Centre
Cnr Bealey Avenue & Victoria
Street, Christchurch
(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:



Nights are getting cooler, and with Daylight Saving ending in two weeks time it's a sure sign that we are well into Autumn with Winter not far away. Once again Liz L has organised sales of Spring Bulbs which are always popular for our members, families and friends to purchase.

International Women's Day was celebrated with some members attending the UN Women breakfast at Rydge's Latimer Hotel. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Kate Dewes who told delightful anecdotes about her life, and currently how the profile of Pacific Island women is being raised internationally. Danae and Christine from the Christchurch Altrusa Club were presented with a flower in recognition of their ongoing support as office bearers of UN Women. They are both Christchurch Altrusa's representatives of UN Women.

The Bellyful Muffins Project is well underway, with dozens of muffins baked and donated this month already. A very big thankyou to Marion for offering her kitchen for the purpose; four members each fortnight are currently stepping up for Muffin Duty! There's nothing quite like homemade baking and the results are amazing.

Preparations are in order for the Add An Altrusan afternoon tea to be held at Knox Church Lounge on April 1st after the Business Meeting. Invitations have gone out to a variety of community groups, friends, also on local radio, via community newspaper, libraries and social media. It will be an informal meeting with several members talking about aspects of the club followed by a lovely spread, time to chat and discuss what we gain from being Altrusans. We are hoping for some eager new faces to join us.

Yours in service
Margaret

ACCENT

"Altrusa believes it is not enough to be good, Altrusans must be good for something. Each member must be doing the piece of work that is hers in a way that puts her in the front ranks of accomplishment."

Mamie L Bass

NOTICEBOARD

NEXT MEETING

1st April 2017 – **1.45 pm**
business meeting
Note earlier start time
3.00 pm afternoon tea for
prospective members and
interested people for Add an
Altrusan month

REMINDERS

29th April (May meeting) –
lunch meeting at 12.30 pm

10th June Birthday and
Board Changeover

BIRTHDAY

March
21st – Danae McConnel



CLUB NEWS

April is Add an Altrusan Month

This year we are holding an afternoon tea at Knox Lounge for prospective members or those just interested in finding out more about who and what Altrusa Christchurch is about. Details are:

Date: 1 April 2017
Time and place: 3.00 pm Knox Centre (immediately after our
business meeting)

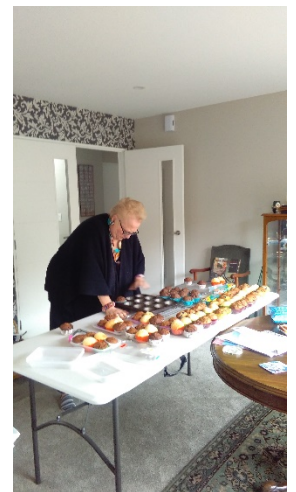
Share a cup of tea/coffee and afternoon tea. Visitors will meet our current members and enjoy a meet and greet session.

Please spread the word – Liz Lockett has provided us with a poster. But bring along any of your friends, acquaintances or any interested person to this event. The more the merrier! RSVP by 27th March to:

Email: president.christchurch@altrusa.org.nz

BELLYFUL

The Bellyful project is under way! The Club has agreed to supply 15 dozen muffins a month to the Bellyful organisation. To do this there will be two 'sessions' a month at Marion's house. Bellyful will pick up the muffins at the end of each session for freezing. The first batch of 8 dozen have been cooked and collected. The next cook-up will be on the 25th March. Such a worthwhile hands on service commitment for our Altrusans.



ALTRUSA'S 100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- Founders Day 11th April 2017. Once in a lifetime chance to celebrate Altrusa's 100th birthday.
- 100 books donated for 100 years. Our members are well on the way to achieving this milestone.
- Personal challenges – 100 hours of service through Altrusa projects and fundraisers or other community service wearing your Altrusa badge. How are we going? We have until the end of May to achieve our 100 hours.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE

5th – 7th May 2017
Tauranga

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

21st – 24th July 2017
Nashville, Tennessee
USA

Altrusa's Centenary
Celebration 11 April 2017

WORLD HEALTH DAY
7TH April

We have a **bulb fundraiser** happening. Liz Lockett is running this again and orders should be in to her by the **22nd March**. Payment can be made to Liz, Val or direct to our bank account. The catalogue has many beautiful bulbs displayed and there are new ones added again this year. For any further information please get in touch with Liz

An early reminder that our meeting on the 29th April (the May meeting to allow for any conference business to be transacted) will be in the form of a shared lunch meeting at 12.30 pm. As there is a concert at Knox in the afternoon, parking will be an issue if we do not start earlier. A nice social get together in any event. Details later.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Nominations Committee** will present the slate for the 2017/18 Altrusa year at the next meeting on the 1st April

Finance Committee – The Committee will present the budget for the 2017/18 year and go over the Strategic Plan at our next meeting on the 1st April. Committees will have held meetings on the Strategic Plan before this date.

Membership Committee – The Membership Committee is running the afternoon tea combined with Add and Altrusan month. They have arranged advertising of the event and a poster for our members to display in appropriate places. Give them your support. They have worked hard.

Communications Committee is responsible for our entries into the Awards, amongst many other things. This year we have sent off our entries for the newsletter and year book awards.

Service Committee – The Service Committee have had their Strategic Plan meeting and their minutes are with the Finance/Strategic Plan committee. Thankyou. The Ara Next Step Centre Scholarship is run by this Committee. The sum of \$400 for the yearly subsidy has been paid to Ara. Angelique McKay, the scholarship recipient, has enrolled for her course and has now received her \$1,000 scholarship

DISTRICT NEWS

Tauranga Conference '*Flying into the Future*'

5th 6th and 7th May 2017 - Hotel Armitage, 9 Willow Street, Tauranga

Celebrating 100 years of Altrusa. This is the end of the present biennium and our District will be led by:

Christine Melville - Governor

Pam Hayes - Immediate Past Governor

Nominations for other positions on the Board are:

Maria Mackay – Governor Elect

Marvynne Ashley – Vice Governor

Alison Burr and Ming-chun Wu – Directors

Danae McConnel - Treasurer

After conference a Club member will host the conference International Visitor in Christchurch for a few days before she leaves the country. A pot luck dinner will be organised.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At the International Convention to be held in July 2017, our International President Silvia Silverman will stand down and our own Leanne Milligan (Te Awamutu) will become International President for the next biennium. Christchurch has four members going to the Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Great that we have so many members supporting Leanne and Altrusa International.

The International Centennial Committee have been working hard to ensure we all celebrate Altrusa's 100 year anniversary day and all the events following.

Editor's Message

Having mentioned the 100 hours of service above, I have added up my hours to date and I am only about half way there!! Oh dear – better do more service!