

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From Lynn

This is my last contribution as the President!!! I was going to have a quiz based on the content of all I had written in previous newsletters to see if you had not only read them – but remembered my undoubtedly words of wisdom.

I have enjoyed getting these off to Marie –and she has been unrelenting in ensuring they were in on time!! In fact I have really enjoyed the whole year as President of Levin Altrusa. There have been no major hiccups (if there were any I have heard of them).

My main focus was involving all members and keeping everyone informed about what is happening. Technology gives us a huge advantage in communication. I keep imagining all those phone calls -not too many years ago- getting a message through to everyone. So my focus on “Moving Forward” together has been easy. Thanks to everyone who helped the enjoyment –especially the Board and all those committee chairs who ensured we worked as the Levin Altrusa team.

I so enjoyed the company of the Levin contingent at conference. We learnt a lot –how to vote quickly and loudly, the feeling of getting awards, the protocols around proceedings and what a difference the sunshine makes. I am now moving forward with all of you to support Jackie as she becomes the Head Girl.



Winter is coming!

Always remember to keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

EDITORIAL

With the start of a new Altrusa year it brings a change to the Committees. Most have the same format and responsibilities which were developed when the Club was chartered in April 1976. The exception to this is Communications.

Many technological changes have occurred over the last 40 years and this has affected the way in which we communicate with one another. Originally a printed newsletter and either posted out or, as I so well remember, hand delivered. This latter method took a long time as it frequently involved stopping for a coffee or chat with members as you went around town – it was really enjoyable although you did tend to get ‘water logged’.

Later with the coming of email, it was the obvious choice of getting the newsletter out. It was much cheaper to produce and as the majority of members had computers only a small number had to be printed and posted.

Times have changed again as all members have computers, mobile phones, lap tops, ipads etc. Because of our work situations we have also become more used to disseminating information via the internet. Lynn has been in regular contact with us all, updating us on specific events and items which need our attention.

It is probably therefore, an appropriate time to rethink the format of the newsletter, to review the contents and to tailor it more to the needs of the current club membership. However we need to keep in mind that personal contact with other Altrusans is still very important.

Dot



“My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to “Incorrect.” That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... “Your password is incorrect.”

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Calendar:

17 May 6.00pm Change Over – Western House

Dress to Impress – *you can interpret this how you wish!*

Partners/husbands welcome

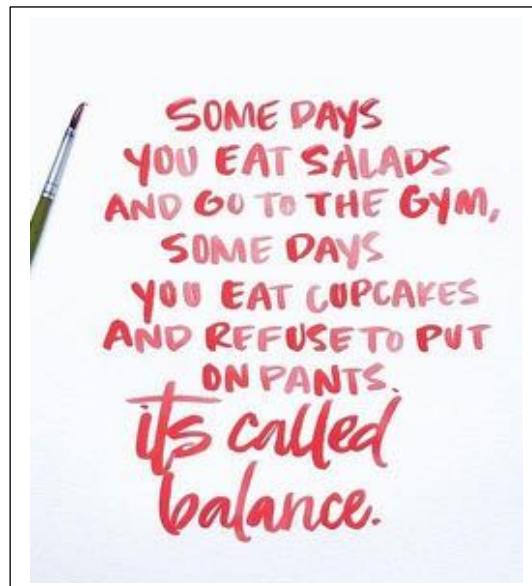
Meal cost \$20 – Raffles : 3 for \$5

31 May 5.30pm Board Meeting

26 May 10.30am Happy Hour –

06 July Annual Fundraiser – Annie at Performing Arts

Details to follow – Co-ordinator Diane Cotter



The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Question:

What normally follows two days of rain?

Answer: Monday



Fabric Bazaar

This was a very successful day.

(A letter to the Editor) about this event.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

We were like "children in a lolly shop" excited and overwhelmed.

Congratulations to the Altrusa members who organised the hugely successful Fabric Bazaar on Saturday, April 8th. It was fantastic.

Members would have spent many many hours preparing, measuring, packaging and pricing items. Altrusa is donating the proceeds to Arohanui Hospice Horowhenua Day Centre. Well done ladies.

Margaret Morgan, Levin

BIRTHDAYS

June

2: Dale Webb

25th Shirley Isaacs

July

20th Bev Foubister

No, I don't really
"rise and shine".

Most days, I just
caffeinate and then
hope for the best.

The Images of Mother

4 years of age – My mummy can do anything!

8 years of age – my Mum know a lot! A whole lot!

12 years of age – My mother doesn't know everything!

14 years of age = My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.

16 years of age – Mum? She's so five minutes ago.

18 years of age – The old woman? She's way out of date!

25 years of age – Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 years of age – Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion.

45 years of age – Wonder what Mum would have thought about it?

65 years of age – Wish I could talk it over with Mum.

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes,

Because that is the doorway to her heart,

The place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole,

But true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!



Dale's Visit to Canberra.

Having heard about the National Folk Festival over the years, I flew direct Wgn-Canberra just prior to Easter and found myself camping with some Aussie friends in a huge sea of campervans, trailers and tents. This festival has been going 51 years and many of the attendees are musicians who have known each other for years through diverse folk clubs and festivals.

It was amazing to see the scope of the festival, with 18 music venues, DIY art spaces, food and market stalls, kids zone, circus lessons and Fringeworld. There were overseas acts, indigenous singers, younger folk/rockers (loopers/celtic/twin sisters), bands incorporating country/blues/world/acoustic, traddies, and my favourites Spooky Mens Chorale and Fred Smith (a diplomat/songwriter/author).

There was a huge emphasis on celtic bands and the Irish Daoriri Farrell Trio and Aoife Scott Band were two to get the crowds up and dancing. A band called 19-Twenty were incredibly lively and loud, and each show was packed out and went late into the night.

There were bars in most large marquees and one was under the concrete stands of the Racetrack, coincidentally the warmest venue on the cold Canberra nights. One huge concrete room was filled with 10 or 12 jamming celtic sessions all pumping sound, with fiddles, whistles, bodhrans, etc. Above this was the home of the trad singing sessions which were scheduled mostly during the day.

There was so much to do and rather than walk back 1/2 km to the campground, I found wonderful food on site. Even the fresh cooked damper with golden syrup was a yummy delight! Several blackboards were running all day, and I enjoyed a quiet drink and songs whenever I needed a rest. The 5 days of festival were the biggest and best I've been to, and if the AU \$400 cost seems high, there are volunteer options as well. Check out National Folk Festival 2017 on facebook or on their website - it was simply amazing!!

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Conference Report by Helen

Didn't we do ourselves proud at the Tauranga Conference! Not one but a total of four awards were awarded to our club throughout the weekend!

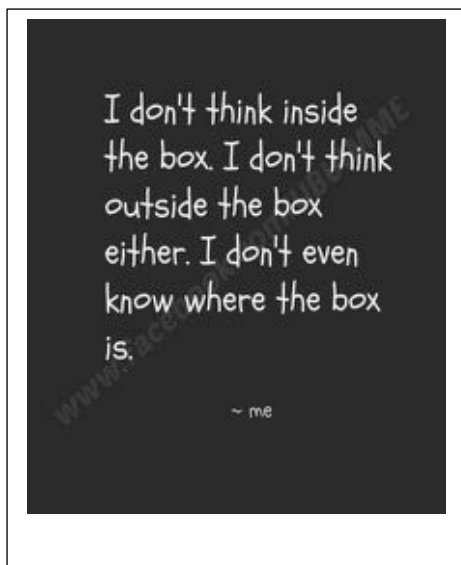
Three of these were presented at the sparkling Governor's Banquet Event on the Saturday night. We'd known we were in the running for the **Highest Net Gain Award**, but rumours had circulated that Wellington might have pipped us to the post so we were highly excited when Levin Altrusa was called out as overall winners! Lynn and Catherine stepped up in their evening finery to accept the classy looking award! Not long afterwards Shirley was acknowledged with **a pin** for bringing 2 new members into the club and finally Helen (looking like a stunned mullet) received third equal placing for the **Lynnette Young Sponsorship Award!**

The following day, in a more casual setting, we waited with bated breath for the outcome of the **Nina Fay Calhoun Award** for an International Project. Our entry was for the "Days For Girls" Project. Jackie and I had spent hours writing the application meticulously ensuring we were addressing all the criteria. And so it was with huge excitement when Levin was named as first place getters for this award –an award that only last year I had never heard of!

While the projects we undertake are not done to receive accolades, I must acknowledge a sense of huge pride when a club in a small town like ours reaches the status of receiving national awards!

Go Levin Altrusa!

Helen



Levin Altrusa Committees - 2017 -2018	
Membership	Service
Catherine	Airini
Christine	Bev
Glen	Diane
Marie	Heather
Sandra	Maureen
Shirley I	Sharron – Chair
Tui - Chair	Shirley G
Communications	Literacy
Cristal	Alison
Jan J	Dot – Chair
Lynn – Chair	Helen
Lucy	Lynette
Margaret	Piri-Hira
Maree	Stephanie
Trish – Newsletter editor	Sue

When a habit begins to cost money, it is called a hobby.