

# THE BOOKMARK



**March – June 2016**

## *President's Message*

In December 2015 Pat and I attend the TPU (Teen Parent Unit) prizegiving where I presented Waina Gray with her scholarship. Waina was excited about her new direction in 2016 as she undertakes a chef course at UCOL. Perhaps this year we could go to Ambitions restaurant while Waina is there and use this opportunity to catch up on her progress.

We commenced our year with a lunch at The Woolshed in Sanson, a great time of catching up with one another.



The best way to commence a year is to welcome two new members. At our February meeting we had the induction of Lynette Lake and Rebecca Meade. I'm sure they will find their involvement with our Club rewarding. Please continue to think of people you may know who might like to join our club. Membership recruitment is important all year round. Altrusa means making a difference in our community through community service and our point of difference not offered by other service clubs is our interest in literacy.

Altrusa Club of Palmerston North formed in February 2006 and chartered in March 2009.

We celebrated 10 years of service in the community with a picnic at The Esplanade. Our first Altrusa project was a garage sale fundraiser, followed by a

donation of toiletries and books to Women's Refuge. We are known for our literacy focus in our community, and our first display in the Public Library was in 2006. We have had an ongoing relationship with Whakatipuria (TPU) giving a scholarship and/or books for their library each year. We set up the original library at TPU for the children and parents in 2008. We assist with the staffing of the Kids Lit Quiz and donate prizes each year. Fashion Parades have been fundraisers and at business meetings listened to some inspirational speakers. We continue to run bookstalls at New World, and have put trackpants and knickers into schools and have had working bees to make book bags. Our club undertook to manage the sale of merchandise for the Special Olympics held in PN in 2009, what a great time we had at different venues. Of course there are too many events to name but we can feel very proud of all we have achieved over the past 10 years. May we continue to make a difference in our community.



Alison, Bev, Lynette, Judith, Pat, Val and Wendy at The Esplanade when we celebrated ten years of service to our community.

If you are thinking of going to Conference in Hawera this May (6-8<sup>th</sup>) please register early to get your discount (by 7<sup>th</sup> March) and if you are a first-timer there is further discount of \$15. All details are on the webpage. [www.altrusa.org.nz](http://www.altrusa.org.nz) It's such a fun weekend and gives you a feeling of belonging to a much larger organization.

Kids Lit Quiz 2016 is on 12<sup>th</sup> April, so mark this morning in your diaries.

Alison Cleaver

### **In This Issue**

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### **Mark Your Diary**

#### **March:**

**10 – Business Meeting – Debbie Duncan (Library Manager)**

**24 – Book Worms (Book Club)**

#### **April:**

**12 – Kids Lit Quiz**

**14 – Business Meeting – Personal Profile Bev Page**

**28 – Book Worms**

**29 – Happy Hour**

**30 – Book Stall at New World**

#### **May:**

**6-8 Conference at Hawera**

**12 – AGM at Business Meeting**

**26 – Book Worms**

**27 – Happy Hour**

### **Do you know what a Printrovert is?**

Answer elsewhere in newsletter

### **From Rebecca:**

Books have always been an important part of my life. I grew up reading Enid Blyton and I loved escaping to imaginary worlds. I read constantly, even once trying to read in the shower. I assumed everyone else lived like me and had bookcases full of books as well as visiting the library regularly. It wasn't until I went to Teacher's College that I found out that not everyone grew up in a world of books. While I was teaching I found it easy to spread the joy of literature to my pupils through lots of stories and trips to school and public libraries. My own children also had a bookcase in their rooms, usually overflowing with mostly pre-loved gems. Returning to work after being a stay at home Mum I decided to focus on my love of literacy and become a school librarian.

I decided to join Altrusa to try and help bring the joy of reading to other children. Since attending several Altrusa events I have discovered not only opportunities to promote literacy with various different groups in the community but also a fabulous group of women who are fun, welcoming and above all passionate about literacy and learning.

### **My travel Plans For 2016**

I have been in many places but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps at the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I have been in Continent, but I don't remember which country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it's very wet and damp there.

(With thanks to Gael)

**Seeing it is still summer here is a nice salad you might like to try:**

### **Mexican Salad**

½ Cucumber, 1 red onion,

1 pepper (your choice of colour)

1 tin whole kernel corn drained (or frozen)

4 lge tomatoes

4 stalks of celery

1 C frozen peas (uncooked)

Dressing:

½ C vinegar, ½ C sugar, ½ C oil, 1 tsp salt

Dice vegies and put into a bowl.

Add dressing and mix thoroughly. Cover and leave

In the fridge for at least 8 hours or up to 2 days.

Alison



## EXPLORING BOOKS WITH GOODREADS

One great aspect of PN Altrusa is our focus on literacy projects. We don't stop at helping others, however, but help ourselves as well.

Several of us meet monthly for Book Club, enjoying coffee at Joseph Street Kitchen and a chat about the books we've read. I know there are other members who'd also come along, if they could.

With so many motivated readers amongst us, I'm sure many already know about one of my favourite sites <https://www.goodreads.com/>

Goodreads is a place where you can find recommendations on reading material, read reviews by other members and chart your reading progress by setting an annual goal and registering each book as you finish reading it.

If you enjoy reading and are not already acquainted with Goodreads, I recommend it as a great place to explore.

By Val Mills

### **From Lynette:**

When Altrusa came along it was unexpected but it was something I was looking for. Bev would say she reeled me in – I'd say I was ready for the reeling! The love of books and reading has always been in my life from an early age, from reading to my children, to enjoying the pleasure of taking time to sit and read. The pleasure of sharing my books with my friends gives me the motivation to read more. I'm one of those people who has trouble turning off the light at the end of the day – just one more chapter! For all of these reasons Altrusa is a good fit. It has given me the opportunity to meet a lovely bunch of ladies from all walks of life and they have made me very welcome – thanks ladies.



## Bookworms (Book Club)

Now that the New Year has started, our small group of monthly regulars (as well as a few visitors) have been able to meet just the once so far. We have changed the day we meet to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month and we are now meeting in the back room of the Joseph Street Kitchen Café (just in case you are free and come looking for us!)

Our theme for February was “Summer” and each one of us had read very different titles as our interpretation of the theme. This is what is so good about our group, we are free to interpret the “theme” as we like and then share with the other members.

Our next themes will be “New Zealand” in March, “Food” in April and for May it will be “Who done it?” So I look forward to reporting again in the next issue of Bookmark. Pat



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## Books For Other Organisations

It was decided at one of our recent meetings that as our Club had continued collecting books throughout the summer months that it would be a good idea if we could distribute them to another group. So as one of our members has recently volunteered as the librarian for the local Senior Citizens Club that would be a good group to help out, especially as their ‘library’ really needed updating.

So Alison, Pat and Val spent a morning going through our collected books and choosing those that we thought the seniors would be interested in. This was a fun exercise because we had to look not only at the topic but the size of print etc. A good size box is now on its way to the local Club.



## Spell Checker Poem

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin not sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a miss ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite

Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.  
Source unknown

## Did You Know?

That if you have some time to spare during the school holidays in December and January and you would like to help children maintain their reading mileage then get in contact with the one of the Summer Reading Programme organisers based at the City Library (or any of the branch librarians) to see if you can help with this valuable (and fun) programme. I have been involved now for the last two summers and I really enjoy seeing the delight on the faces of the children as they achieve their next goal. I'd love you to come and join me. A highlight this time surely had to be when a little four year old girl read her picture book to me in German (because her parents had been teaching her!)

Pat

## Answer:

A Printovert is a person who favours the company of books to people.

## Book Review

Bird Cloud A memoir by Annie Proulx  
Published 2011

Have you read Annie Proulx's novels "The Shipping News", "Postcards" or "Accordion Crimes"?

Maybe you saw the movie "Brokeback Mountain"? It's set in Wyoming where Annie Proulx purchased 640 acres of wetland, prairie and river cliffs, built a sustainable home, watched the seasonal patterns and got to know the people.

Her observations and research for this first work of non-fiction for 20 years explain the motivation that inspired her novels. It also provides an absorbing account of a resourceful and creative woman who values her environment and all it contains.

This won't be a fun read for everyone, but as an admirer of Annie's work I found it delightful and insightful.

Annette



Judith couldn't resist posing with the sheep at the Woolshed Café in Sanson in January.

## Quotes

"Libraries are the wardrobe of literature"

George Dyer

Pilates?

No way – then try pie and lattes!

Thanks Verdict Café



