President’s Report

Lynette’s Lyrics - Live, Love, Laugh

“When I walk through deep waters I know that You will be with me When I’m standing in the fire I will not be overcome Through the valley of the shadow I will not fear. I am not alone You will go before me You will never leave me…. Lord, You fight my every battle Oh, and I will not fear…. ” Kari Jobe - I am not alone

Oh yes, we are definitely not alone. The last few weeks have proven this in many ways. Some e-mails, texts, phone calls, video calls, etc to stay in touch with our fellow Altrusans, family and friends. Lots of new things on television and even on line are at our disposal. Through it all, we also know that God is still in control.

I have had ample grapes and apples and have made some smooth grape jelly and have bags of half cooked apple slices in the freezer ready to be used in cakes, etc. I have not really done any of this before, but it brought back many childhood memories with my Ouma and mum. It was fun too!

Anzac day has also taken on a whole new approach this year. A few days before Anzac, as we were walking around our neighbourhood, I’ve noticed some wreaths on fences and gates in honour of all those who gave their life, and also those who survived, so many years ago. Lest we forget…. I have read more books and watched some movies. Some Netflix movies I enjoyed: Wish Man, Brain of Fire, The Healer, Good Sam, Free Rein, Freshman Year Miracles from Heaven just to name a few… I have downloaded the library app (borrow box) and read another few Danielle Steel e-books. What fun, but I still prefer ‘real’ books.

It was also quite an experience going for our flu jabs. Stopping in the car park, with your vehicle details being sent ahead of time, on a designated spot and getting it through the window. How the world has changed.

As we are preparing now in Level 3 for Level 2, that will hopefully not be too far off, let us keep positive in moving forward. Stay safe. Stay positive.

May we go forth with high ideals to greet our fellow man, be true to all Altrusa aims until we meet again.

“Accept what is, let go of what was, and have FAITH in what will be”

“When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh. Stay strong.”

Lynette Gous, President - 027-347 7388
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From Lynette.....
A screen shot photo from Governor Maria during our president’s around NZ zoom get together initiated and led by me. Was a great informal meeting that we will keep doing every few weeks.

From the Altrusa International Website
Don’t forget your login : User Name; Altrusan
Password: MamieLethaNina1917

Let's engage in "Books and Clicks": this term comes from the retail industry. It refers to a company that does business both in the physical world (bricks) as well as online (clicks). Clubs will succeed in retaining current members and gain new ones by adopting this strategy, fundamentally changing the way they engage members and potential members.

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Coronavirus has proved that everything around us is so temporary.

Things our lives revolved around - work, gym, malls, movies, society have all gone for a toss as we are learning to live without them. It has taught us that in the end, it's your own home and family that keeps you safe.

So when we return to life without alerts would anyone be interested in a day trip to the Otaki Outlet Shops ............

Thought for the Month Happiness is an attitude.
We either make ourselves happy or miserable
The amount of effort is the same
AND....
People who say it can’t be done should stop interrupting those of us that are doing it!
Our Altrusan Diary 2019-2020

Dinner meetings—meet 6pm & dinner will be served at 6.30 pm.

Please contact the club by 7pm the night before the meeting if you cannot attend the next dinner meeting.

06 278 6206 or Txt 027 635 5160

Coming Meetings & Events

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District Fifteen News

I found some FUNdraising and FUN social activities while trawling through other club’s newsletters. Then I thought, we actually have good fundraising ideas, so for this month I have just included the fun ideas to get us thinking about what we can do after lockdown and are Alert Levels are behind us. We are limited but we WILL once again be able to travel.....

From the Editor

**Lockdown - Day 20** - What a strange and surreal time we are living in but equally how quickly we have all adjusted and adapted our lives to the “new normal”, so what will the next “new normal” be like and how long will that last I wonder.

**Lockdown - Day 21** - I finally made a Twiddle Muff, which has inspired me to keep going.

**Lockdown—Day 22** - So, we now know what Alert Level 3 looks like. (sort of). For Hawera Altrusans that means no in person meetings, no Books on Wheels, No Meals on Wheels, no Friday Club.

For some it means still working from home, which sounds great but has it’s own set of challenges. On the other hand, at least some of us still can work. For most of us it means not being able to physically be with family and close friends, whether they do not “fit” in the new extended bubble or we still cannot travel to see them.

**Lockdown Day 23**—The reality is that our world has changed, maybe forever. Especially the things we took for granted.

**Lockdown - Day 26** - I have now made three Twiddle Muffs

**Lockdown - Day 27** - Well now we know we are moving to Alert Level 3 on Day 34.

For most of us, the changes are not significant but for the many self employed and small business owners this is HUGE and I wish them every success in getting going again. Please try to buy local—they are really hurting.

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