

In Touch Invercargill



Presidents Piece

Hello, and welcome to an unexpectedly cold winter's day. I much preferred the chilly starts of a frosty day because I enjoy the sunshine that ultimately peeps through. I'm very lucky though, as Alistair has kept the lounge warm with the firewood he cuts.

Thank you to Kay who coordinated the installation of the new Board with her delivery of our 'Altrusa Tree'. I chose this particular ceremony because it brought home the reality of belonging to a club such as Altrusa. I have included a very brief idea of what it was about.

Altrusa had its beginning with only a few members in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1917. It has grown into an organization of over 9,000 members, worldwide. Altrusa is a builder of leaders.

***Ceciley**, is the Immediate Past President, and the fertile ground to grow our Altrusa Tree. It is reassuring that she is still a member of the Board of Directors and available for counsel and guidance. **Alice** is our Director and the roots of our tree. She will maintain a solid foundation and help the club progress and grow. **Lorraine**, as Treasurer is the trunk of our tree. Lorraine keeps our finances in good order, so the elements will not be able to topple our tree. **Heather**, as Secretary is the branches of our tree, reaching out in all directions and keeping in touch. **Elizabeth** is our Vice-President, and the blossoms on the tree. She will enhance our club by providing ideas for projects and service. **Nellie** is President-Elect and is part of the seeds and fruit of this year's tree because she is readying herself for sustainability in the coming years.*

***President Jenny** is to be the sunshine and the rain, so that the tree can continue to grow. Altrusa is a service organization, and to serve is to grow.*

It is through the leaves that the tree receives the sunshine, rain, and air that stimulate it into growth. It is the Members responsibility to be those leaves. Their support is vital to keep the Tree of Altrusa continuing to grow. I was really touched by Sheila, a Charter member, and Alice, our newset member, attaching my President's pin.

This year will be an interesting one as we work together to replenish and revitalise our club. We need to be as supportive of club projects as we are able. Following the Membership meeting last Saturday, we are working towards a Pink Ribbon Breakfast in August. This will be facilitated by our club, but we will be asking for outside volunteers to help with the practicalities of the venture.

Our first Board meeting for this new Altrusa year is to be at Ceciley's place, at 7pm on Monday 6th July, and the first club meeting will be on Thursday 9th July at First on Windsor at 6pm.

See you there, *Jenny*



**PINK
RIBBON
BREAKFAST**
Breast Cancer
Foundation NZ

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President Jenny Craig

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Committee Reports

Service Report.

Hi there,

No service meeting has been held this month as the club had a combined meeting to discuss the Pink Ribbon Breakfast project.

Denise - Chair

Membership Report.

Can you think of one or two

For Jenny's trees, just like you

Help us show

That we can grow

Be to the Service Club for our Community

And give us a great sense of Prosperity.

On 27 TH June at First in Windsor we held a combined all Club meeting to discuss a Pink Ribbon Breakfast.

We met with scones and coffee as we deliberated on some ideas which Kay had sent to all members prior to this meeting and which our President Jenny thought it appropriate that everyone meet together to discuss this. After recommending that we proceed in principle with this project we adjourned to The Windsor Community Church, to give members an opportunity to see the facilities available. It was felt that the John Collie Hall and kitchen would be most appropriate for this function. We noted there is plenty of cutlery, crockery and cooking pans, pots and utensils.

Elizabeth Robertson will confirm date: tentatively set at 22 nd August, and if not suitable to the church then we will come forward one week to 15 th August 2020. Time of breakfast 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Ticket price suggested \$20.00.

Raffles– it was agreed that we sell tickets at Windsor New World, if we are unable to sell them on the Day at the Church Hall.

We are looking forward to Juliette becoming an Altrusan.

Condolences to Jenny and Alistair on the loss of Mavis a long-time family friend.

Anne Kuijpers is moving to Clare House on July 8th.

Kay - Chair

Birthdays

June 8 Nellie
June 10 Lorraine
July 10 Alice
July 20 Heather
Aug 6 Liz Millar (emeritus)
Aug 30 Kay



DIARY DATES

JULY 6 BOARD
JULY 9 MONTHLY MEETING
AUG 10 BOARD
AUG 13 MONTHLY MEETING
AUG 22 (TBC) PINK RIBBON FUNDRAISER

You have to count on living every single day in a way you believe will make you feel good about your life - so that if it were over tomorrow, you would be content with yourself.

Jane Seymour , actress.



Installation of the 20 –21 Board



Altrusa International website Log on.

The International Website has had an upgrade so new log on info is;

User name - Altrusan

Password -
MamieLethaNina1917

Have you had a look yet?

District Fifteen website
log in.

[https://
districtfifteen.altrusa.org](https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org)

EDITORS NOTE.

Hello everyone,

I trust this finds you all well and surviving the winter with out too much disruption. On my recent wee holiday I was in Barkers in Geraldine. They have moved across the road and have a fabulous new shop and café if you are passing through. I then went to buy an ice cream and this customer, who was also buying an ice cream, looked at me and said " I know you, you're an Altrusan" It was Kay Begg from Ashburton club, so you never know where Altrusa connections will pop up. We both agreed it would be good to meet up for conference next year and see everyone in person.

Remember, if you have anything you could contribute to the newsletter I would certainly appreciate it, be it a joke, a saying, a recipe, an article of interest.

Take care,
and keep
warm,

Editor



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And you think you may have had a bad hair day!!



Sheila McLachlan being presented with Emeritus membership by outgoing President Ceciley, at the AGM.

Sheila is a charter/Foundation member of Invercargill club, a member for 46 years.

She has been an active member all those years and a supporter to the many projects that have taken place. She has been on the board at times and always has the Altrusa philosophy and direction in mind.

In 2014 she became a lamplighter in recognition of her foundation status and the fact that she was the club archivist for many years and kept excellent records of the club through the years. She was instrumental in writing up the club history, The First 25 Years.

District News.

When Governor Maria was installed in Te Awamutu last year, little could she imagine what the next 12 months would bring with the advent of Coronavirus. She has had to govern District Fifteen through the virtual world by having board meetings by video Zoom links and most of the conference business has been conducted by Zoom link including the awards presentations, all achieved with her calm, ordered approach. Hope fully we can meet for conference next year in Timaru .

