

2020/21

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



We are coming down to the final part of the Altrusa year with the committees continuing to be busy as we carry out our community service and continue to present an interesting programme for our members.

We have been grateful to have some diverse and interesting guest speakers with the Laughing Yogi, Paula Naudē from Tauranga Living Without Violence and Sean from St Johns Ambulance, to name a few.

The Quiz Night held in April, at the home of member Jill Cooney was a most enjoyable night with some of us finding out just how little we know!

The Bulb Fundraiser has been completed and by all accounts it may be one of those projects you had to try but are almost sure that it won't be repeated. Thanks to Julie, Denise and team for your hard work on that one!

The end of the Altrusa year will mark two significant occasions for us. The first being the resignation from ten year member, Jean Scoullar comes into effect. Jean you have been a great "I can do that Altrusan" and we are going to miss you terribly. We know you have to look after yourself and your move has put you further away from our meeting place; we understand your decision and wish you well.

The second is that Denise steps down from the Board of Directors for what can only be years of service. I'm hoping that someone can tell me how many years that is. But without the number, we know it's been a HUGE contribution to our club. The words thank you may not be enough... We appreciate your service on the Board and know that you are still there for us.

When the 2020 District Fifteen Conference in Wellington was cancelled, I, as many others were, was disappointed. It became evident to me that the District Conference is the very glue that keeps us together. This became my reality as I attended conference in Timaru this month. It was the last time I will have to sit at the 'Top Table' so to speak and next conference I look forward to being a real participant again after 10 years! I felt a bit of that in this last conference, sitting with Denise, Ann, Margaret, and Sandra. It was fun and great to see Sandra getting all the same things I got from conference, all those years ago when I was going in as Club President.

What I do know as I get ready to handover the Gavel; the Club is in good hands! You have elected a sound Board of Directors and they are ready to take up their challenge.

However, their success cannot be without your participation and involvement. Sandra will have some new ideas that will need to be embraced. She too will need Committee Chairs, and most importantly a new Alnewza Editor to help report on the clubs' activities, this is important historical evidence for the club.

So please, HANDS UP when she asks you to step up and be part of the team that makes us what and who we are.

And this my friends, has been my last say...

Yours in Altrusa - *Pam Hayes*

2021/2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President -	Sandra Bonney
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Treasurer -	Ann Fulcher
Director -	Margaret Beswick
Director -	Jill Irvin
Immediate Past President -	Pam Hayes

Editor's Note

Well, this will probably be my last newsletter. I have been doing it for a couple of years and even though I really enjoy doing it, I think it would be great to give another member the opportunity and perhaps a different take on presenting the newsletter.

So ladies, don't be shy, anyone want to take over this year? Gladly give some help with the formatting if you have problems or need help to get you started!!

Look forward to seeing the next edition.

Regards,
Julie

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 April - 2 May	District Fifteen Conference, Timaru
8 May	Saturday coffee morning
11 May	Business Meeting
25 May	Programme meeting
03 June	Board meeting
8 June	AGM & Business meeting
22 June	Programme meeting
26 June	High Tea for Alzheimer's Carers
13 July	Business Meeting
July	Fundraiser at 16 th Avenue Theatre

LITERACY AND MEMBERSHIP

Programme Nights

We enjoyed a games evening for our February Programme night, which consisted of various board and card games, followed by a lovely supper.

March sent us to the Rialto Theatre to see the movie, *The Pinkies Are Back* - 'This is a heart-warming and hilarious feature film following a group of women on their journey to re-build a dragon-boating team'. Members had dinner together after the movie at the nearby Thai restaurant. This night also managed to raise \$60.00 which was a bonus.

Jill Cooney hosted the Quiz Night for the April Programme night, with the quiz put together by Clare Spiers.

Business Meetings

Guest speakers – We have had a couple of interesting speakers at our March and April business meeting.

There was *The Laughing Yogi*, which was quite different and amusing.



Trish Baars – *The Laughing Yogi*

Then on a more serious note we had Paula Naude, the Chief Executive of Tauranga Living Without Violence. Paula had an interesting career, having been a policewoman and detective in South Africa, prior to moving to New Zealand. She proved an interesting speaker.

Sean O'Connor a Paramedic of 25 years, with the St John's Ambulance Service was invited to our May Business meeting. We had donated \$1,045 to the Ambulance Service from our Sandjars fundraiser at the end of last year. He proved to be an interesting speaker and advised where funds were needed, should we decide to direct our fundraising proceeds to them in the future. Also noted were areas where volunteer service is required by St Johns.

FUNDRAISING AND SERVICE

It is nice to have feedback on projects and this lovely picture of Shona's Great Grandson Lachlan, enjoying making the chocolate brownie from the Sandjar he was given, is just the best.



Also had a lovely email from a lady in Auckland who had received a sandjar from her son, and was extremely impressed with it and hoped she would get another next Christmas.

Easter eggs



The Easter Eggs for Meals on Wheels were put together at the March business meeting and then Denise, Shona and Glenda safely delivered them to the Tauranga Hospital for distribution with the meals prior to Easter. The club received a lovely letter from one recipient saying how much she had enjoyed her eggs.



Bulbs Fundraiser

Well, this was an interesting exercise to say the least. I think in the end (hopefully) everyone received what they had ordered (or had a refund). We probably raised approximately \$280-\$300 (yet to be received and confirmed). Not a huge amount for the trouble but every bit counts!!! As my 3 year old granddaughter once said to me, after visiting Kelly Tarltons "well we don't have to do that again do we"

Upcoming events:

High Tea - coming up on the 26th of June at the Vintage Car Club for Alzheimer carers. Hopefully, we will have a lovely day for this event.

16th Avenue Fundraiser – This will be held on Thursday 14 July. The play is called "Neighbourhood Watch" a comedy written by Alan Ayckbourn. Season runs from 9th to 24th July 2021.

Synopsis:

Brother and sister Martin and Hilda Massie live together, and lead a quiet, Christian existence in the confines of the Bluebell Hill Development.

Just as they are preparing for a housewarming gathering, their peace is shattered by a young trespasser in their garden. The Massies' neighbours congregate in their living room and together they agree to form a neighbourhood watch group to safeguard against further incidents.

Matters swiftly escalate, complicated by Martin's burgeoning romance with Amy, wife of Gareth, who was formerly involved.

with Luther, husband of Magda. What begins as a well-intentioned scheme for a safer community ends in violence and acrimony.

Tickets to be sold for \$25.00 which will include supper.

REMEMBERING CHRIS SCHWARZ



We all remembered the lovely Chris at the April Business meeting, as it was the anniversary of her passing. Denise read the memorial that would be delivered at the Conference in Timaru.

2021 CONFERENCE IN TIMARU

From all reports it sounds like our five members who attended conference really enjoyed the it (Denise, Sandra, Ann, Margaret and Pam). Good speakers, good company, and good food what more could you want.



Denise's boys Christmas shirts which looked extremely good on the Famous Five below.



The famous five relaxing on the Friday night.



President Pam Hayes presenting the Tauranga Club Banner at the opening ceremony.



First day of conference



Tauranga's dessert from the Governor's Banquet

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT FIFTEEN
DISTRICT OFFICERS
2021/2023**

GOVERNOR: Ming-chun Wu - Altrusa International Auckland

GOVERNOR ELECT: Marvynne Ashley - Altrusa International
Cambridge

FIRST VICE GOVERNOR: Claire Paterson - Altrusa
International Taieri

DIRECTOR: Susi Chinnery-Brown - Altrusa International
Morrinsville

DIRECTOR: Margaret Melhop - Altrusa International
Queenstown

TREASURER: Leanne Milligan - Altrusa International Te
Awamutu

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR: Maria Mackay - Altrusa
International Oamaru

SECRETARY: Melanie Squires - Altrusa International
Hawera

HANDY TIP

My silver tea sets badly required cleaning, so with the High Tea coming up in mind I thought I had better get on to it. After scrubbing away at one teapot with Silvo, I decided to get on to Google and see if there was an easier way. Sure enough there was!!

Large pot of boiling water, add a couple of pieces of lightly folded aluminium foil and 2 tsps of baking soda. Dip your silver in and a few minutes later sparking clean.

May be some of you already knew this, but thought I would share anyway, as I was so impressed. - Julie

2020/2021 Committee Members

Membership/Literacy:

Pauline Gillies	Ann Fulcher
Doreen Bendall	Erenor Scott
Jill Cooney	Jill Irvin
Margaret Beswick	Sandra Bonney
Claire Speirs	Jane Bloch
Catherine Moles	

Service/Fundraising:

Julie Bradley	Jean Scoullar
Alison Cranston	Shona Sterritt
Deirdre Burrows	Denise Bean
Glenda Lowe	Isabel Cameron
Leigh Manson	Margaret McDonald
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