

The Whitestone Chatter

47th Birthday Edition



Altrusa International of Oamaru Inc

Februrary's Fables, Fun and Frolics

YOU WERE INVITED TO ...

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL of OAMARU'S 47th BIRTHDAY

Hosted by your 'Communications Committee'

We wanted to celebrate with a 'P' Party !



On ...

Monday February 28

5.30 p.m.

At Robyn and Michael Moynihan's home ...

45a Awamoia Road

You needed ...

\$25 cash

To be vaccinated

To wear something starting with 'P'

Unfortunately due to Omicron reaching Waitaki the Board decided that our party should not go ahead.

Foundation Member - Lynette Budge



Lynette became a 'Foundation Member' of our Club when Altrusa International of Timaru sought to extend Altrusa into Oamaru.

Lynette was invited to attend the inaugural meeting in 1975.

The first Board of Directors was formed at this meeting with consequent meetings happening fortnightly at the Brydone Hotel.

Over the ensuing months further invitations to join Altrusa International of Oamaru were sent out to women in the community. Our Club was then chartered ... and the rest is history.

Lynette joined as she saw this as a great way of meeting like minded women and getting involved in community service.

During her 47 years of membership she has held numerous positions in our Club along with accepting the secretarial role for District Fifteen over a biennium.

There have been many highlights throughout her time, but one really stands out for Lynette as a very humbling experience. This was when she received a 'Foundation Lamplighter Pin' from our Club.

Lynette embraces our Club's vision 'Giving the gifts of service and leadership to our community' with her strong belief of what Altrusa is ... and what it stands for.



30 Years of ASTRA Waitaki Girls High School OAMARU

ASTRA is the student service group at Waitaki Girls High School in Oamaru, a junior version of Altrusa, our international service organisation.

They are currently the only ASTRA club in New Zealand. Their motto is 'Growing in Service'.

Thirty years ago, the Altrusa Club of Oamaru sponsored the original Oamaru ASTRA Club, which at the time included girls from nearby St Kevin's College.

Since this time ASTRA members have completed many and varied community projects from collecting for various groups - including the Heart Foundation, fundraising, running discos for primary students and raffles, car boot sales, baking biscuits and delivering them to senior citizens living nearby and working alongside Altrusa members supporting the Altrusa Club's service projects.

Their current ASTRA project has been to assemble basic toiletry items for adults and children who unexpectedly find themselves in hospital. They are also gathering activities to amuse older siblings visiting the maternity ward as well.

They have just celebrated their ASTRA Clubs 30th birthday with a small party at lunch time. Along with current ASTRA members, three very special guests attended; Wally Macaulay, who was the Altrusa President in September 1991 when ASTRA was chartered, Jeanette Aker who was the Principal in 1991 and the current Principal Ms Koni who cut the cake with Mrs Aker. Mrs Macaulay lit 5 candles to represent the five values, Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility and Achievement.

Members of the current Altrusa Club of Oamaru ASTRA's committee also attended - Liz Ballantyne, Bev Manson and Nancy Allan.

Bethany Paisley, the current ASTRA Student President of ASTRA Waitaki Girls High School will be remembered by many presenting the International ASTRA flag and her Clubs ASTRA flag at Conference in Timaru 2022, along with accepting the trophy for the winning project in the District Fifteen ASTRA Service Award.

SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

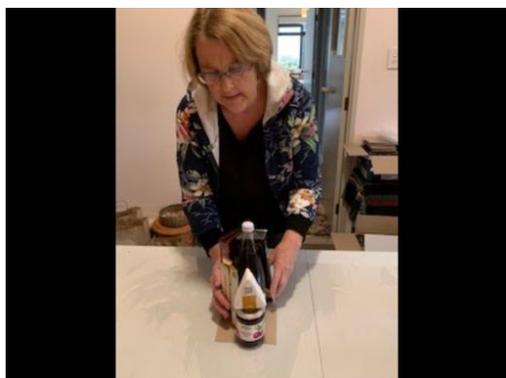


Immediate Past President Jeanette and Immediate Past Governor Maria excited and ready to deliver 'Meals on Wheels' around central Oamaru.



Altrusan Lynette with Jacqui a 'Friend of Altrusa' picking up hot meals from the hospital for delivery.

FOUNDATION GRANT - Hampers for Seniors



An International Foundation Grant was awarded to our Club to help fund our annual 'Senior's Luncheon'.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold this 'face to face' gathering due to COVID restrictions.

We then made up beautiful hampers to deliver to folks homes.

The hampers included Whitestone cheese, crackers, chocolate, sparkling grape juice, coffee sachets, biscuits, and chutney.

We were very grateful for the Foundation Grant which then enabled us to acknowledge and realise that the COVID climate had been a time of great uncertainty for many.

A wonderful hands-on Service project serving a need in our local community.

First Meetings for the Year



The Board at work.



**Communications
Chair Lynne catches up with President Anne.**

Fun and friendship after the Christmas / New Year Break.



Amazing meal choices!!!



And we celebrated 'Valentine's Day' !!!!! A wonderful start to 2022 with roses and chocolates.



From the 'President's Pen'

The second month of 2022 time seems to be flying along very quickly, but we still have the uncertainty of Covid in our lives, and are slowly learning to live with it.

What an amazing lot of Ladies we have in our Altrusa Group , who made the 40 fantastic hampers for the elderly residents and delivered them on the same day to the various flats in Oamaru, from the feedback they were well received and we look forward to being able to do it again the future.

The Santa for a Senior was another fantastic project that makes me very proud to be in Altrusa when you see what a difference it makes to people's lives when they are remembered at Christmas by a gift.

February has been our meals on wheels month again another successful and rewarding task that we have undertaken as a group.

The conference is being held in Levin in May and registrations are open, give it some thought and anyone that would like to attend let me know.

The nights are starting to draw in, which can only mean we are getting closer to the end of a summer, I enjoy my morning walks on the beach at Moeraki and have been very lucky lately to only have had the company of the birds, I realise how fortunate I am as in many other places we would have crowds it is a privilege that I really enjoy.

Take Care and stay Safe

Anne





This is 'us' ... Oamaru's Altrusans! February our 'Birthday Month'!

Hoping you all have a favourite beverage to raise a glass to 'us' in a quiet moment as we cannot be together to celebrate.

'Happy Birthday Altrusa Oamaru'!

Trusting you have enjoyed this special edition of our 'Whitestone Chatter'.

Maria - February's Editor 😊