



In Touch Invercargill

Presidents Piece

In memory of Denise Catherine Corson 1946-2022



Denise joined Altrusa in 1989, a membership of 33 years. Denise worked on many fundraising projects, it was always with fun and laughter as Denise was always on for something different, something lively. She sometimes said we were too serious at times. Things didn't always go according to plan and we have sometimes sighed together when things weren't quite right but it all came right in the end, she made sure it did.

She loved annual conferences when she could enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Denise wasn't for the Governance Board of Altrusa, she had her opinions on that, but she willingly took on the role of various committee chairs. Taking the Service Chair role for many years meant she lead the club through many fundraisers, too many to name. It was at the Swimathon fundraiser she had organized that her heart issue came to light. She was so annoyed with herself that day because she kept sinking, she didn't have the strength to swim. When it came to approaching the business community for support for fundraisers, the terms "selling ice to eskimos" or 'the gift of the gab' comes to mind. She always had the cause at the forefront and was tenacious and successful.

She asked the questions that no one else would and liked a good discussion of the whys and wherefores.

Denise embodied the Altrusa motto of Patriotism, Efficiency and Service. Her generosity of spirit, her care about those around her and in our community, and her giving nature will be missed by many.

None of us were ready to be at her farewell but she often said that when the time come she wouldn't leave us, but would make sure she popped up each spring; just like the daffodils given to be planted at her final resting place to ensure she did pop up.

The Altrusa pledge summed up her involvement in Altrusa; 'I pledge my loyalty to the ideals of Altrusa and to its endeavours for the welfare of mankind. I shall ever strive to see clearly, and in all my dealings observe faithfully, the Altrusa motto of patriotism efficiency and service'.
Rest well Denise after a life well lived.

Remembered fondly - sadly missed by us all

Nellie

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The Altrusa Elizabeth Millar Memorial Storytelling competition.



Held at Gorge Road School on July 6th for the second year.

Jenny and the teachers had set it up really well which we appreciated.

It opened with a chat about Elizabeth both as 'Dreamweaver' and an Altrusa club member.

They had a photo of Liz up on the screen with her two dogs so she was with us on the day.



There were 3 categories, Year 1&2, Year 3&4, and Year 5&6, with 3 entrants in each.

They each told their story in front of the rest of the school and Ceciley, Elizabeth and Nellie were the judges. Each category had a winner, 2nd and 3rd. and received certificates and the winner a small gift.



As the photos show there were some happy children and Yana from Year 3&4 was the overall winner who received the trophy.

The stories were delivered with much aplomb and it was a very entertaining afternoon.



Birthdays

July 10 Alice Lee
July 12 Gillian Perica
August 30 Kay Pringle



Welfare

We are sorry to hear that Bev has not been well of late, and is having some tests .

We wish you well Bev



Message from the Editor, I trust this finds you keeping warm and in good spirits. Today the sun is out and hints of spring are all around.

I welcome any bits and pieces you might like to share — please email me any items if you have,

Stay warm and safe - Regards Lorraine

DIARY DATES

JULY 11 BOARD
JULY 19 *Service Comm mtg ----->>*

JULY 21 BUSINESS Mtg
HOSTS: Membership Comm

Look forward to a fun night - see below

August 15 BOARD

August 18 Business Mtg

HOSTS: Service Comm

Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th July

7pm

at Doreen's 30d Lowe St

Bring your ideas for the table setting competition below

And your suggestions for planning our programme for the year



**The Membership Committee
challenges**

The Service Committee

to a

'Mid Winter Christmas' themed

Table Setting Competition



On

Thursday 21st July

after the Business meeting

and will be judged by

Sheree from First In Windsor

We look forward to a fun time



More from Membership— plans are in place for a speaker from Women's Refuge in September .

and . . . there just might be an opportunity to have a tour of the new Langlands Hotel early in August , now that's something to look forward too . . . watch this space for more information

