

### 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MEGA IFF DAY Taupo	20-21 <sup>st</sup> August
Business Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> August
Programme Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Board Meeting	7 September
International Literacy Day	8 <sup>th</sup> September
Business Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> September



### PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Members

It's a dismal morning as I write this and think of Julie enjoying summer in England, but we are already hurtling through August towards Spring so I won't complain.

Our new year got off to a fantastic start with a very successful Garage Sale, an enjoyable mid-Winter Christmas dinner, two new members initiated and an enthusiastic book night at Catherine's. Our new three committee structure is building momentum and there are plans in place to grow our Service projects.

This month I'm excited for our club to be sending 11 members to the Mega IFF Day in Taupo. With Covid interrupting planned face-to-face Altrusa events over the past year it will be wonderful to meet with other Altrusans; building new connections and being inspired by the activities of other clubs. I look forward to the IFF Day attendees sharing their experience with other members at the September Business meeting.

With more Distraction Kits and Emergency Packs planned I ask all members to consider their networks and how we may be able to access economically the items we require for these. I know some members are already on to this but perhaps there are other contacts that we could utilise, please share these with Pam. One simple thing we can all do is collect the complimentary toiletries supplied in accommodation on our travels - these are perfect for Emergency Packs.

Take care everyone.

*Sandra*

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do". - Edward Everett Hale*



Denise Bean was presented with her 20-year pin by President Sandra Bonney at Changeover Night.



President Sandra looks on as Denise cuts her cake. Please note the photo bomb by the Bay Leaf Queen, Glenda.

## PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME...

Changeover Night with a 'Herb' Theme was a Double Celebration for Altrusans. Not only was the new board installed by none other than Maggie Dudfield (thank you Wellington!) we celebrated 20 years of Service by Denise Bean.

Denise Bean was presented with her 20-year pin by President Sandra Bonney at Changeover Night.

Denise has held almost all offices in the club including President 2017-2019 and is the person you can rely on when you want anything done. Over the years she has also served District Fifteen in a number of roles. She currently holds the role of Secretary in the club.



Margie McDonald conducts Board of Directors Installation



The Herb Theme was picked enthusiastically by members



From the left, Director Deirdre Burrows, Treasurer Ann Fulcher, Secretary Denise Bean, President Sandra Bonney, Director Glenda Lowe, Immediate Past President Pam Hayes and Director Jill Irwin.

## SERVICE & LITERACY COMMITTEE

The service committee have worked hard to complete 100 Distraction Packs for Kids, the final 40 packs were delivered to Tauranga Living Without Violence on the 15 June.



This batch had lovely warm beanies and a new initiative from Jane Bloch who knitted small dolls which we made into packs. These were very well received by



The support workers who we suspected may well adopt the babies themselves!



Programme Night saw members assembling contents for the last 40 Distraction Packs for Tauranga Living Without Violence.



*“Congratulations on your puppy Jojo’s Graduation. We hope you received her graduation email. Thank you all so much for being Jojo’s Sponsor. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. Best wishes, Jojo, Kendra & the Assistance Dogs NZ Trust team.*

We look forward to hearing about the progress of our new puppy, Daisy. 🌸

## MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS



Initiation Ceremony for Jan Maber & Margaret Robertson as they listen to wise words from Denise Bean

Our Altrusa Club is an orchard and each of the fruits presented is unique, with their own shapes, tastes and benefits. As new members of Altrusa, consider yourselves a basket into which will be gathered some of these unique treasures. Apples, oranges, pears, lemons, kiwifruit, bananas and grapes. “Look at your collection of fruit – it is colourful and full of goodness and vitality. Each fruit offers its own special character and gives different benefits to anyone who consumes it. Altrusans are like the box of fruit, we all have something to offer. As Altrusans we are all different but have the same goals. We aim to make the world a better place by working together.”



### New Member Profiles

#### Jan Maber

Q. Why did you join Altrusa?

A. I joined Altrusa to give something back to the community and meet new people.

Q. What is your favourite book?

A. My favourite book of all time would be *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

Q. If you were on a desert island what three things would you want to have with you?

A. Things I would want would be a knife, matches, hammock, a good book and sunscreen.



Jan Maber listens carefully to Ann Fulcher during her initiation.

Q. What movie have you watched over and over?

A. I cant think of any movie I have watched over and over, but I am looking forward to watching “Mrs Harris Goes to Paris.”

Q. What is your favourite holiday spot?

A. Paris, what’s not to love about it.

Q. What are you most looking forward to do as an Altrusan?

A. I’m looking forward to making great friends and making a difference.

#### Maggie Robertson

Q. Why did you join Altrusa?

**A.** I had been looking for some way of meeting new women friends and also liked the thought of being of service in the community.

**Q. What is your favourite book?**

**A.** Hmm...that is a difficult one as I enjoy reading so much, the books that have stood out for me lately is, The Book Thief, Where the Crawdads Sing and Elenor Oliphant is completely Fine.

**Q.** If you were on a desert island what three things would you want to have with you?

**A.** Books, Wine and Chocolate. Oh I suppose I should say my husband. Maybe I could swap out the chocolate for him.

**Q. What movie have you watched over and over?**

**A.** I don't have a movie I could watch again and again.

**Q. What is your favourite holiday spot?**

**A.** At the moment our favourite holiday spot is camping with the family at Ohope,

**Q. What are you most looking forward to do as an Altrusan?**

**A.** I am most looking forward to forming some strong bonds with like-minded women.



**Welcome to new Member Maggie Robertson**

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day – Sally Koch

*"Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new." - Brian Tracy*

The June Programme Night saw members enjoy a Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner which was very colourful.



Perseverance and determination saw the club finally have the Garage Sale two years in the making to raise funds for our Conference Fund which we can report will also help fund members to the Mega IFF Day in August.



## DISTRICT FIFTEEN



### ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT FIFTEEN MEGA I.F.F. DAYS INVITATION

Information, Fun and Friendship (I.F.F)

Hosted by your District Board members:  
*Susi Chinnery-Brown and Marvynne Ashley*

## INTERNATIONAL

### Service Committee Update July 2022

**Altrusa.org**

Keep an eye on the International website for updates on the Service tab! We are working continuously to make sure that the information that is available is up-to-date and useful.

Encourage your Clubs to familiarize themselves with the Altrusa website and what resources are available there.

**District Chair Contact**

International Service Committee members should be reaching out to your District Service Chair at least once each month with an update.

Please make sure they are receiving the emails and pertinent information is being distributed to Clubs.

**Facebook Challenge!**

**Partners in Service!**

Showcase a project where your Club worked in conjunction with another/other community organizations(s).

Can be a new or ongoing project.

**September 19-23**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Days for Girls - August 27  
Service Committee - August 20

**One Million Books**

Please encourage Clubs to submit Literacy Service Challenge projects as soon as possible.

Many Clubs are waiting until May 2023 to submit their project data to the online form. We need the data submitted as projects are completed in order to keep accurate records of our impact to date.

The submission form can be found on the Altrusa website under the Service tab.

**Contact Us!**

Questions? Email our Chair, Hillary, at - [service@altrusa.org](mailto:service@altrusa.org)

### ALTRUSA ACCENT

#### Principals of Altrusa

12. Altrusa believes it is not good enough to be good. Altrusans must be good for something. Each member must be doing the piece of work in a way that puts her in the front ranks of accomplishment. *Mamie L Bass, 1921*

Links for your information:

[Altrusa District Fifteen webpage](https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org/) -  
<https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org/>

[District Fifteen Facebook page](#) [Altrusa International of Tauranga Facebook page](#) -

## NOTICE BOARD



Denise Bean 10<sup>th</sup> August

Jane Bloch 18<sup>th</sup> August

### 2022/2023 Committee Members

#### Service/Literacy:

Pam Hayes	Clare Spiers
Catherine Moles	Jan Guy
Glenda Lowe	Jane Bloch
Brenda Fitzpatrick	Margie Robertson
Margaret McDonald	

#### Fundraising:

Deirdre Burrows	Ann Fulcher
Jeannie Costello	Jan Maber
Erenor Scott	

#### Membership / Communications:

Jill Irvin	Julie Bradley
Shona Sterritt	Denise Bean
Glenda Lowe	Margaret Beswick
Maggie Dudfield	

A reminder to members that payment of \$21.00 for Business Meeting covers meal, venue hire and raffle. You can add a donation to the Conference account if you wish. If you are not having dinner the cost is \$7.00.