

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF TE KUITI NEWSLETTER



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Our guest speaker last month was Melissa Anderton, Principal of Te Kuiti Primary School. Melissa gave a very informative and interesting talk about teaching Literacy in schools today.

Please remember food items for our local food banks .



Altrusa is a charitable organization that supports local projects and causes. One of our aims is to build Literacy in the community

- ◆ Literacy awards to primary students in 8 local schools
- ◆ Literacy prizes to all three Waitomo district Secondary schools.
- ◆ Rocket into reading– Books in homes for every five year old in Piopio, Aria and Te Kuiti
- ◆ Members also donate a book to the local Wilkie Annual Appeal at Christmas.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know, David and I have spent time visiting my daughter Kate, her American husband Jacob, and 3 children aged 15 months, 4yrs and 6yrs. It was nice to reconnect and have fun with the little ones, but so hard saying goodbye. Fingers crossed it won't be 3 years until the next visit.

They live in Columbia, Missouri where Jacob works as a molecular biologist. His current research involves both maize and grapes...both widely grown in parts of the USA as they are here. Colleen Strahan was born in Columbia. Our Club also has a connection as I found when looking through old correspondence. When Altrusa Te Kuiti began in 2000, Altrusa Columbia sent a letter of congratulations and a check (yes that's how they spell it) for \$5!

We were able to travel freely regarding Covid. Masks were mandatory with Air NZ and inside Auckland Airport, otherwise were rarely worn. We had to test on Day 1 and Day 5 when we returned.

It is great to be home. Signs of Spring....blossoms, green grass and lambs were obvious as I drove to New Plymouth last week. Also obvious were the pot holes. SH3 between Piopio and New Plymouth is in a terrible state. I followed a car with a very appropriate bumper sticker...I'M NOT DRUNK - JUST DODGING POT HOLES.

I look forward to catching up with you all and the Altrusa happenings....a very successful Stall, IFF weekend in Taupo, movie night and walking group.

Regards

Gwenda





**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT FIFTEEN
MEGA I.F.F. DAYS**

Three of our members, Dianne Hickman, Elaine Duder and Robyn Stephens went to Taupo on August 20, 21. for the Mega IFF conference. We enjoyed interacting with women from other North Island clubs and gaining an insight into their club activities. It was a stimulating weekend.



Above: Diane and Elaine putting breast pads together for maternity packs

Below: Robyn making children's discussion books for local kindergartens

Taupo Police officers are presented with distraction packs we made for children involved in incidents where Police have to intervene. There is no Altrusa club in Taupo so it was great to support them.



On a chilly Saturday morning 6th August our Te Kuiti Altrusa group set up a stall at the St Luke's market day. Ros Snow took these photos showing the variety of produce provided by members.



The Stall was very successful, resulting in a healthy sum of money that will be used to support causes in our community. Thanks to those who gave their time and donated goods



Elaine Duder receiving a large hamper full of goodies from board director Susi Chinnery-Brown and President elect Marvynne Ashley

Elaine motivated us to attend the IFF days so it is was very exciting when she won the District Fifteen raffle.

Editor's note

I would appreciate it if each of you could send me some snaps for our beautiful back yard feature.(home or away) as spring blossoms.

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FUTURE EVENTS

- Tuesday 6th September Next meeting
Reminder: Apologies to be phoned to Jackie Boulton mikejackie88@gmail.com
- * Thursday 15th September Literacy Awards evening

