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President's Report -

Its amazing how quickly we are galloping towards Christmas and the end of the year. The Altrusa year has a few months yet to go, but it too is moving along fast. It is very humbling when I look back over the last seven months and see how busy we have all been and how much we have given in service to our community and indeed how much we have given away in dollars. An incredible effort from you all, thank you so much. Every one of you is valued and your commitment to the club is outstanding. Coming up in the new year will be the Fabric Bazaar and Magic Mums, and I know we will all be busy supporting these too.

Last Thursday evening I attended a zoom meeting with Co- Governors Jenette and Leanne, along with other club presidents. It was a very worthwhile hour and is an excellent way to keep in touch through the year. There will be more organised running up to conference and training both for president elects, treasurers and newcomers. The idea being that Conference will take a new format, and start on Saturday morning, with the Flag Ceremony, and end before lunch on the Sunday, so that delegates can fly out early afternoon. This new format would mean that attendees will only need two nights booked accommodation, and the presidents and president elects, and district board members are the only ones that will need to be there on the Thursday and Friday. For these two nights Hamilton members are offering billeting in homes to cut down on the cost. The other change is that there will be fewer awards for clubs to enter. The emphasis being on service in communities rather than working for awards. The Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International relations Award, the Leitha. H. Brown Literacy Award, and the Mamie L. Bass Service Award and leadership awards remain. All the other awards e.g. the yearbook, best newsletter and highest attendance and membership gain awards have been retired. All information for these will be on the District Website in the next few weeks, as well as new criteria. Committee leaders please keep checking.

And members, please give some thought, over the coming months to attending conference in Hamilton, May 3rd to 5th 2024. It is always a great time of networking with fellow Altrusans, learning, fun and fellowship.

I know a few of you have been unwell or recovering from surgery. Our love and prayers are with you.

Look after yourselves and all you love.

- Suan



NOTICE BOARD – DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 15th November – 5.30pm for 6pm – Programme meeting (Hostesses – Mary Harrison, Pauline Mulrooney, Sue Gough, Rosemary Moore.)

Hello everyone - The reason for this email to you all I will be away for the next meeting .Just an update on the Christmas Function to be held 29th at Noble 600, we received the menu. It has a starter bread platter with a selection of spreads, a choice of five for mains which includes salmon and ham and three choices of dessert which sounds great. The price is \$45.00. Unfortunately we should have waited for the menu before sending the board around so there is a price increase of \$5.00 my apologies. Our committee would like everyone to bring a small gift for Santa's sack, to be distributed during the evening —no more than \$10.00. And please wear something Christmassy.- Denise.

Monday 4th December - 5.30p.m. – Board Meeting at Juliana's home.

Wednesday 6th December - 5.30 p.m. for 6p.m. – Business Meeting (Hostesses –Annette Lane, Fay Wilson and ???)

Apologies to Anne by 1 p.m. on Monday. Put in an Apology or Pay!!!



BOOKS ON WHEELS

9th November: Kay Begg, Denise Hydes, Maureen Bishop, Val Prendergast
23rd November: Lynette Crone, Mary Harrison, Joan Lawn, Jocelyn Molloy
7th December: Joan Lawn, Bev Gellatly, Kay Begg, Isabell Page.

Contact –Val Prendergast



STILLBORN MEMORIAL

November – Kay Begg & Maureen Bishop.
December – Colleen Prendergast & Ann Stroud.

Contact: Colleen Prendergast



CANCER SOCIETY BAKING

November 15th – Jocelyn Molloy & Alison Quinn.

December 6th – Whole Club.

Contact: Joan Lawn

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Rosemary Moore



MEMBERS' SNIPPETS OF NEWS:

♥ I am sure we are all shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our member Lois Burridge. Our sympathy goes to Lois' family and close friends.

Our sympathy is also extended to Val and Colleen Prendergast, whose brother-in-law passed away recently, and to those Altrusans who have recently lost loved family members.



DAY CARE DRIVING

November 13th Rosemary Moore

20th Val Prendergast

27th Pam Champness

December 4th Isabell Page

11th Rosemary Moore

Contact: Rosemary Moore.



COMMITTEE REPORTS - (There is no "I" in the word TEAM!)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Denise Hydes



An email has been sent out about the Christmas Function and there is a board going around for names and numbers. It is on the 29th November, time 6.30 at Noble 600 on Burnett St. Price \$45.00. The committee is working on the January outing and details will be announced later.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE– Lynette Crone:

There is a committee meeting at Lynne Judkins place on Tuesday 7th November at 10 am to go through the archives on hand and decide what can go to the archives at the museum.

Our programme night in February will be discussed also.



FOOT CLINIC – Mary Harrison:

There is no report for tonight as our November clinic is next week (on the 9th)

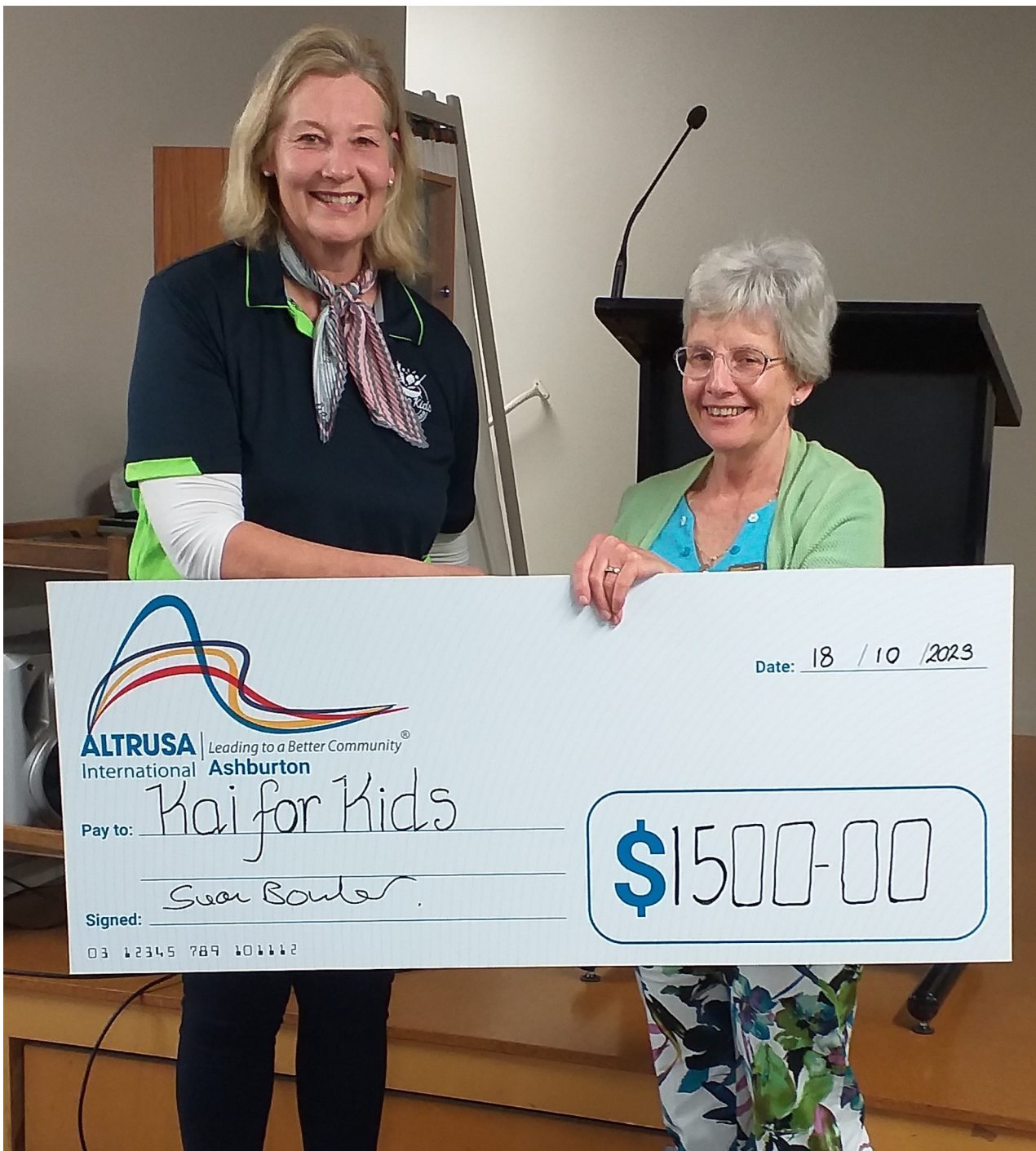
LITERACY – Gwen Clucas for Val Prendergast:

No meeting held.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Maureen Bishop:

No report.





JO TAYLOR RECEIVES A "CHEQUE" FOR KAI FOR KIDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT SUAN BOWLER.



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – Juliana Protheroe:

The committee met at The Cakelady shop in Allenton thinking it would be quieter than where we usually meet, only to find another group of ladies there!

We have decided not to go ahead with the Bus Trip for the Afghan Resettlement Project women because it's getting too late in the year and we already have the Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation Project.

Alison is going to visit Marilyn Bennett when she returns. We will meet with her and hear about her experiences. We hope that she will have some photos and information for us for the Award entry. It would be nice if we could arrange for Marilyn to speak at a meeting next year to tell us about her trip. We will still keep the Afghan Resettlement programme in mind for future assistance, as well as continuing to assist the Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation Programme.

We also discussed the possibility of looking to the Pacific Islands to give assistance, being our nearest neighbours. Many of them have had difficulties in the last few years and education is possibly something that will have suffered that we could help with.

This month has several Remembrance days.

17th is World Peace Day

20th is World Children's Day

25th is International Day of

Elimination of Violence against Women



SERVICE COMMITTEE – Joan Lawn:

The Service committee met on Monday 30th October.

Thank you to all those who helped deliver Meals on Wheels last Month. This was very successful. Also, Thank you for all the non-perishable food items brought to the last meeting. They have been delivered to St. Vincent de Paul this week.

We hope you all enjoyed Jo Taylor's presentation about the Kai for Kids programme and now realise just what a huge need there is in this town to feed hungry children so that they can settle in class and learn. The Service committee would again like to put a request to the Club that we raise the donation to Kai for Kids up to the \$5,000 mark. This would mean giving them another \$3,500. Surely, we can feed hungry children while we have the funds available.

There are several rosters to go around tonight.

The Christmas tree of Remembrance

The stillborn memorial.

The Cancer Society baking.

The Christmas afternoon teas for the Day Care clients. They do not require any helpers on the day but would like Altrusa to provide sandwiches, truffles and small Christmassy tarts or cakes.

The small bags for sanitary items in schools are still to be finished off. The labels have been purchased so a working bee will happen soon. These will then be delivered to a few schools.

We have discussed what to enter for the Mamie L Bass Service Award. Since we have done four sewing projects this year, we thought it would be appropriate to include all these together as an entry. They were Cuddle Hearts, Days for Girls, Curtain sewing and Sanitary Bags. Watch this space.

TooT For Tucker will be held on Monday 20th Nov and helpers are required to drive and runners to pick up the food bags. If you would like to help, meet at the Showgrounds opposite the cemetery at 5.30pm to be given a map of your area. Collecting starts at 6pm.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Maureen Bishop:

No report.



ACCENT – delivered by Maureen Bishop:

Have you noticed how many sayings there are connected with different parts of the body, all of which encourage us to keep going when things are difficult?

We are told to put our best foot forward; to dig our heels in; to keep our hand to the plough; to keep our chin up; to keep a stiff upper lip; to keep our nose to the grindstone our eyes on the goal and our head held high.

Surely, if we follow all this good advice, we won't fail in our efforts "never to put a foot wrong".

With thanks to The Friendship Book for 1994 by Francis Gay



From The Editor:

Are you having lots of fun? They say that "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun!" Time is certainly flying by – where have the weeks and months gone since last Christmas? How many weeks until the next Christmas (not very many!)

Each year it seems to get more difficult to think of suitable presents for family – young ones have so much these days that there are not many gifts which would likely excite them. My childhood was spent during World War 2 and the years of rationing following – our Christmas presents were very austere. My mother would maybe make us girls a new dress, plus as a special treat we would receive an orange each (bananas and oranges were strictly rationed and only appeared in shops at Christmas time.) Today's children are so lucky!

In the meantime, Look after yourselves,

and be kind to each other; keep well – Care for each other, and yourself -and count your blessings!! –



Alice·

