

July 2026

From the President ...

aka Ruth's Ramble



July already! Another Altrusa year underway! I enjoyed the three Committee meetings I attended ... overall, including Business, Dinner and Board meetings, I attended no less than 10 meetings during June -all about or for Altrusa.

Attendances at our Dinner and Business meetings have been lower than usual, with lots of travel (mostly to warmer places) and a few winter illnesses keeping people away. Fundraising is underway for the Surgical Robot and nearly \$1200 in the bank. The first firewood raffle has been

completed, and the 2nd has just 190 left to sell. For those of us who were on the selling roster at New World on 2 July, which was a big sale day, people watching and chatting with people who had no intention of buying a raffle ticket was very interesting, sometimes humbling, even hilarious at times. But oh! it would have been great to have sold one raffle ticket for every box of soft drink that was sold that day!

It was great that Belinda, one of the leads for the Little Theatre's next production, called at our Business meeting on Wednesday. The fundraising committee from Lions, and Rotary join us in being delighted that Little Theatre Levin is supporting the fundraiser for the Surgical Robot. The aim is to sell all 100 tickets in the theatre; there are meals available too on Theatre night of 25 July. It could be a fun night!

It takes a community to make a difference!

Supporting our local theatre with a full house would be very encouraging.

Let's make a difference!

Keep well and warm

Ruth R



June Programme Meeting



On a chilly winter evening, 19 Altrusans attended our programme meeting which was hosted by the Board. Fittingly, they chose a mid-winter theme, and everyone got into the spirit of the evening by wearing hats, gloves, scarves, coats. The evening began with cheerful chit-chat as these photos show!



Once we were seated, Sue introduced a couple of games which combined thinking for yourself, then trying to come to a group consensus.



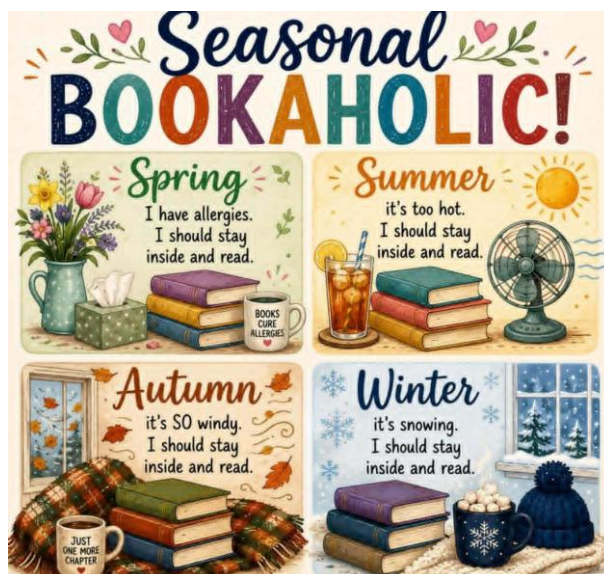
This was quite challenging and the less said about the results the better



Let's just say our chances of survival if stranded in a lifeboat are not good !!



Jill was happy to win the winter raffle – everything she needs to cook a delicious winter meal



CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

As part of the evening, Tui presented a service award to Sue.

Congratulations to Sue, who has been an active member of Altrusa for 35 years – she joined us as a member of Altrusa International of Levin in 2024. As well as a certificate, Sue was also presented with her 35 Year Pin.



Following a lovely meal, we donned our hats, scarves, gloves and coats again and headed home after an enjoyable evening.

Current Service activities-

Everyone who came to the June Programme meeting brought along a few packets of biscuits.

These will be given to the local Foodbank, where several Altrusans are part of a regular roster as packers, while others help to administer the initiative.



Chris from Rotary, Ruth from Altrusa,
Kevin from Lions.

Our combined Clubs Service Project in action – Three Presidents from 3 Levin service clubs selling tickets for a load of firewood to raise funds for a Surgical Robot at Palmerston North Hospital



Committee Corner –

Committees are setting up for the year and have arranged to have initial meetings. Chairs have been elected and Committee responsibilities have been discussed.

SERVICE

- Discussed the many initiatives our club is involved in
- Noted that they are responsible for the October Programme Meeting
- Considered hosting one of the monthly morning teas.

COMMUNICATIONS

- All committee members to take a turn providing an Accent at Business Meetings
- Support the production of the club newsletter by providing a contribution each month.

Hours

Altrusa 31 Community 69

MEMBERSHIP

- Set up co-chair and discussed many nuts 'n bolts
- Compiled a roster for Membership Minutes at the Business Meeting
- Discussed hosting of July Programme Meeting

Hours

Altrusa 8 Community 33

LITERACY

- Each member has received the committee profile for 2026 -27 and they will meet soon.

Committees reported a total of 39 hours for Altrusa and 102 Community volunteer hours - we are just getting started!!



DID YOU KNOW

1. "underground" is the only word. that start with "und" and end with "und".
2. "Rhythms" the only word with out a vowels.
3. The past tense of the "dare" word is "durst".
4. "Bookkeeper" or "Bookkeeping". is the only word that has three consecutive double letter.
5. "Queueing" is the only word. that has five consecutive vowels.

Take it as read

one thing
I've learnt
as I've got older

is that literature
lights up life
and makes it smoulder

for beauty
is in the eye
of the book holder

Brian Bilston

A puzzle from Marie ...

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Tell me how you do? (this editor has no idea)



COMING

17	July	Apology or pay for Programme Meeting
20	July	Programme Meeting @ RSA
22	July	Board Meeting
25	July	Little Theatre fundraiser for Surgical Robot
31	July	Coffee Morning @ Masonic
05	Aug	Business Meeting @ Thompson House
08	Aug	Mad Hatter High Tea