

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2009

Today as I write Napier is having one of its better Spring days, the truth being that it is probably the first of the season. The garden is looking lovely and worth the prior effort.

The Trivial Pursuits night at the Napier Old Boys Marist Clubrooms went off very well. Thank you Shirley for organising and Christine and Beth for the nibbles and also Noel and Jim for setting up the tables. Bethney's enthusiasm and energy made for a good night and with "DOVES" inclusion there was standing room only. It was good to see a good number of our members along with the friends who had been invited and all seemed to enjoy a fun night.

Our next project is the Christmas Expo so get your thinking caps on and dig out your special recipes for sweets and special treats for the stall. I know there is already planning going on.

I've heard Music Hall is shaping up well so those of you planning to come I do hope you have a fun night. Will see you there at the Tabard.

Keep well and I will leave you with this thought.

"Procrastination is the thief of time, especially if you can't spell it."

*Karen*

### **Directory Enquiries**

**Caller: "I'd like the number of the Argo Fish Bar, please"**

**Operator: "I'm sorry, there's no listing. Are you sure that the spelling is correct?"**

**Caller: "Well, it used to be called the Bargo Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off."**

### **EDITORIAL**

The Trivial Pursuits night went off very well, and I think everyone enjoyed the evening. The ladies from Dove H.B. were thrilled with their cheque, and would like to make this an annual event - I'm sure we could manage that!

The weather has been so up and down lately - hot - cold - windy - wet - you name it we've had it. I was pleased that it was a fine warm day for the annual Haumoana Market day on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. We go each year, and there are always interesting things to see and buy. This is usually the start of my Christmas shopping, or the last of the items to send overseas. Having two of my families in the States means most of my Christmas shopping has to be done by the middle of November to get the parcels away, and I am sure many of you are in the same position.

We now have the Christmas Expo ahead of us, and there seems to be lots of good ideas for the stall this year. Hopefully it will be as successful as last year.

*Shirley*

### **SHORTBREAD RECIPE FROM KAREN**

#Here is a fail safe recipe for shortbread It was my grandmothers and she called it the 6 and 2 recipe

6oz butter                      2oz icing sugar  
6oz flour                        2oz cornflour

Cream butter and icing sugar with a few drops of vanilla. Sift in dry ingredients. I roll my dough into a long sausage wrap in baking paper put in the fridge for 15 minutes, slice into a biscuits and press with fingers or wooden shaper. OR roll out and cut with special cutters like Stars and Hearts, Clover leaf, Diamonds etc. Cook about 25 minutes at 150 degrees in centre of oven.

Great for Christmas.

***If you don't pay your exorcist, do you get repossessed?  
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.  
When a clock is hungry, does it go back four  
Seconds?***

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Board Meeting at 11am Heaven's Café Gloucester Street
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Sausage Sizzle, Marewa School
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	'Music Hall to Vaudeville' at Tabard Theatre - 7 pm Dinner & show
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Club meeting at Karen's home</b> Wrapping items for Christmas Stall
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Christmas Expo - Centennial Hall Set-up from 8 am finish 2 pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Christmas function at Ann's home (more details later)
30 <sup>th</sup> April/2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2010	District Fifteen Conference - Auckland

### **BIRTHDAYS**

20<sup>th</sup> November              Chris Trow.  
Many Happy returns Chris.

### **BUSINESS & DINNER MEETING - 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**KAREN HAWKINS'S HOME  
148 BALLANTYNE ROAD, PORAITÉ  
6 PM MEETING 7 PM DINNER  
\$5.00 PER PERSON**

**WRAPPING ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS EXPO AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

### **ALTRUSA ACCENT:**

Confucius said at age 30 a person is established, at 40 they start to know things, at 50 they are no longer fooled but at 60 they know what the world is all about.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Contd.....

**Carry Checco** talked about the changes that are being implemented for Altrusa. This is to bring Altrusa into the 21st century with new letter heads etc as describe in the last newsletter.

### **Tom Meier, Equis Consulting**

Tom talked about the primary factors affecting the modern organization. How things had changed, also the changes people had to make, redefining there goals, redeveloped their own leadership skills, and to assist others with change.. The most important thing was to make change work for you instead work against you.....

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August we had a bubbly young mother of two speak on how she got Bagolitos started.. One day she decided to cover her dinning room chairs. Going to a fabric shop and purchasing what she thought was a great design and colour. When her small children went down for a nap she began this project. She got a couple of chairs done before the children got up and was hoping to finish them after the children went to bed that night. When her husband got home he did not like the fabric at all. So it was of f to the shop the next day to get something more to his liking...what was she to do with the fabric that she had purchase. She did not like wastage so after recovering the dinning room chairs. And realising that that she had to do something with this fabric. When the children went off to bed. she started to plan and design. That was the start of a journey that she did not dream of. The very first bag was shown to a girlfriend , who brought it and there started “Bagolitos” this company is the one of the fasted growing woman’s business in Iowa, also earning the reputation as a leader in Charitable giving, donating over \$70,000 (US dollars) in just 4 years of business.

*Janice Bald “Founder/Chef Of Spunky Bags and Accessories..*

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Guest Speaker David Butler**

David talked about Safe Haven.... This is a organization for young people who have H.I.V.

Safe Haven runs camps for these youngsters so that they can be normal... without the bullying, name calling and not able to do the things that normal kids do in their journey to Adulthood.

He also mentions that they had a camp starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and that everything was in place except one small problem that they did not have enough money to pay the Nurses and the Specialist Doctors that they provide for the camps. This is so that the parents are home having a break and there are capable people in charge to handle what ever comes their way. He said that this small problem happens and by the end of the camp the short fall always turns up.

He spoke about a young boy of 13 who got ridiculed when the school and community found out that he had H.I.V.... This was about his journey to get the community educated about what he had, and get back to school so he could go to the High school prom and do

the normal things that teenagers do and just hang out with friends....he spoke of the long hard journey that his mother had to go through and also his other sibling.. What with court cases and winning them and still nothing happened. So he resorted to finding out things about H.I.V. He started the long journey to educate the school that he was hoping to go to. This took some time but finally it started to work and he started to join into the school day to day life... This young person is Ryan White and on his journey he had many popular celebrities that gave him that special thing like Elton John. He kept in contact with Ryan and even went and sang at his funeral. Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor were some of the other celebrities.. Ryan wrote this book on his journey of making a difference. "My Own Story"

When the speech was finished a thank you was given and along with a cheque worth \$10,000 and there was not a dry eye in the venue... the Convention finished that day - Sunday.

The following day Chris, Rosemary and Myself went to look at the Children's Museum. This was a big place with several floors. On one of the floors there was a corner with this sign which read

***"The Power of Children, Making a Difference"***

There were photos of three children... Annie Frank.... Ruby Bridges.... And Ryan White.... There was also a show which had a young teenager playing Ryan and some of his life in the bedroom It was very well done....

That afternoon we went to Mamie L Bass Gravesite

To be continued.....

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

**MAMIE L BASS:**

This was one of the highlights of Indianapolis - going to the Mamie L Bass grave site

Mamie L Bass - 18<sup>th</sup> November 1879 - 1<sup>st</sup> November 1962

First Service organisation for women - 1917

First President of Indianapolis Altrusa Club

First National President of Altrusa

Editor of the 'Altrusan'

Author of the 12 principles of Altrusa

‘What we have already achieved is magnificent, but Altrusa is not static - it is dynamic. New field shall open unto us and we will achieve new goals of helpfulness in the future. The strength of Altrusa is in the individual member, her character, her kindness and her desire for service and her power to add to the happiness of those about her.

*There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'*

*The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.' The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times. The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'*

*The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'*

*The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'*