

# NEW ZEALAND SISTER CLUB NEWSLETTER

## March 2010

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer has arrived at last after an almost non event in terms of our normal summers. As I write this, the front of our house is missing, what was to be a quick renovation is taking a lot longer, but isn't that always the way.

Well done everyone with your sterling efforts over Art Deco weekend. A pity there was so much waste. We are now looking at another busy weekend with 'After the Dust Has Settled.'

The M.S. night is not looking a big affair which is a pity for them. At the moment we have Donna Garretson visiting in May. I'll have more on her visit at our Tuesday meeting. I'm hoping there will be quite a few of us going to Auckland, it sounds like a lot of fun. It's not too far for travel and if you are going please bring any photos of past Altrusa events as there is to be a "Service Wall" which is a great way for clubs to share ideas for community service projects.

Some of you will know that Noel and I are in spasmodic training for our bike ride on the Otago Rail Trail. I hope we have built up enough "fitness" to survive it. In our next newsletter I'll be able to tell you if we did and how it went.

*Karen*

### **THIS OUGHT TO MAKE ALL GRANDPAS FEEL WARM & FUZZY**

A six year old goes to the hospital with her Grandmother to visit her Grandpa. When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her Grandmother and bursts into Grandpa's room...

'Grandpa, Grandpa,' she says excitedly, 'As soon as Grandma comes into the room, make a noise like a frog!'

'What?' said her Grandpa

'Make a noise like a frog - because Grandma said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disneyland!'

## **EDITORIAL**

Well Art Deco week is now behind us, and as busy as ever with the catering. Many thanks to Christine & Penny for their organisation and all those who helped in their various ways. Also our thanks again to Lyn and Ray for the use of their caravan, and the gas to boil the kettle. It is a shame that the afternoon teas that were ordered were not all collected - even though we get paid for them anyway - but the effort was unnecessary. Perhaps this is something we can discuss with the Vintage Car Club before next year.

The town has been busy with Cruise ships coming in day after day. Shuttle buses and tours, and the Art Deco walks are very popular. Good for our town's economy so don't let's knock it. 'After the dust has settled' Devonshire teas, and a finger-food catering this weekend will see us all involved again, so let's make the most of our fund-raising activities to boost our coffers.

*Shirley*

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sausage Sizzle Marewa School 11 am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Business Meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
30 <sup>th</sup> April/2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2010	District Fifteen Conference - Auckland

## **BIRTHDAYS**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Val  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Beth  
Many Happy returns to you both.

## **ALTRUSA ACCENT:**

*"Lives of great people all remind us we can make our lives sublime  
and, departing, leave behind us footsteps in the sand of time"*

Longfellow

**BUSINESS AND DINNER MEETING TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**M.S. HOUSE - AUSTIN STREET**

This meeting will commence as usual at 6 pm followed by Dinner at 7 pm. Our speaker for the evening will be a Palliative Care Nurse from the H.B. Hospital

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

**9 HOLES AT THE NAPIER GOLF CLUB**  
**9 AM START - \$15.00 PER PERSON**

This is a fund-raiser for Multiple Sclerosis, so if you know any mid-week golfers who might be interested please tell them about this tournament.

Altrusa has been asked if we could donate some items for a Gourmet Basket to be raffled - Perhaps we could bring items to our Business Meeting On March 9<sup>th</sup>.

For further information please Phone  
Phyllis Tuck - 835-2046

**DUET FOR ONE**

*A play by Tom Kepinski. Directed by Gillian Davies*  
*Featuring Stuart Devenie Jane Pierard with Tiffany Anderson .*

Century Theatre Herschell Street

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

*Tickets \$25 adult \$20 Senior and Students.*

***Proceeds to MS inc H.B.***

TECH SUPPORT: Good day. How may I help you

CUSTOMER: Hello.. I can't print

TECH SUPPORT: Would you click on 'Start;' for me and...

CUSTOMER: Listen Pall - don't start getting technical on me!  
I'm not Bill Gates.

**DUFFY THEATRE**  
**“DUFFY’S BIG O.E.”**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Lynn and Shirley attend the presentation at the Marewa School. The Duffy Theatre group of 3, are so talented, and keep the children entertained and educated for an hour. Lots of audience participation and sometimes the noise can be deafening.

Duffy’s Big O.E. - was not an overseas experience, but an ‘Occupation Exploration’ based of course on reading. It was very cleverly done with lots of changes of clothes, over-sized props and running around - the kids loved it - and so did we.

**VALENTINES DAY CHAMPAGNE & DESSERT ON THE ROOF**

Many thanks to Roger and Ann Martin for hosting this evening at their home. It was a beautiful evening with no wind, but unfortunately a high cloud layer robbed us of a colourful sunset. 40 or so people were treated to a glass of Champagne on the rooftop, and to take in the superb views over the estuary and Westshore. The crowd mixed and mingled well and we took the opportunity to explain something about Altrusa.

Down to the first floor dining room and terrace for a delicious dessert and tea or coffee.

Our guests were suitably impressed and are keen to partake of a similar even in the future.

Thank you to Jann, Ann and her daughter for providing the yummy deserts.

**ODD SPOTS**

120 drops of water fill a teaspoon.

The Inca Indian of Panama tie a string of chillies behind their boat to repel sharks.

An average person sheds about 750 grams of skin a year.

Mickey Mouse has four fingers on each hand

## ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC, DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**  
**WAIPUNA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE**  
Waipuna Road, Mount Wellington, Auckland

Opening Session - Friday 2.00 pm

Friday night dinner theme      Fantasy Island  
Saturday Awards Luncheon      - off site 12 noon  
Saturday Afternoon Walk for Literacy - 4:15 pm  
Saturday night                      Formal Dinner  
Sunday morning                      Church Service 7:30 am  
Conference concludes      12 noon

President-Elect Training Session Thursday evening 5 pm to 7:30 pm  
(dinner at own cost follows) - Friday 8.00 am to 10.00 am

It would be great to see a good turn-out from our Club. There is an early morning flight to Auckland at 8:05 am and a return flight at 11:30 am Sunday., though some of you might like to drive.

Friday night dinner has endless possibilities as to costumes, only limited by your imagination.

### **THE GAY FLIGHT ATTENDANT:**

*My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks.*

*As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that*

*'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'*

*On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Arabic looking woman hadn't moved a muscle*

*'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines, but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'*

*She calmly turned her head and said, "In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from on one."*

*To which the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat*

*"Well sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you - Tray-up bitch!!"*