



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

At our February dinner meeting we went through an exercise discussing individual goals and plans to start the year off. Everyone has different priorities, dreams and ideas that they are passionate about – no matter at what stage in life you are at. We talked about setting SMART objectives:

Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Realistic
Time bound

How smart have you been this month – did you make a start on your personal goal? Remember what American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau said:

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

The Waikato District Council has agreed on a draft Long Term Plan for the next 10 years which will go out for public feedback before it is finalised. The process of getting to this point has taken months and months of work by staff and many hours of workshops with both staff and Councillors. With this being my first experience of the process from a Councillor perspective, I totally agree with the above saying – there is always more to anything than meets the eye and planning is essential to ensure any objective is met. The more you know, the more you grow.

One of the biggest aims for council is to reduce the solid waste going to land fill. To achieve this, more people need to consider what is rubbish and what can be recycled. More people need to change their habits and help us work toward this goal. Education about recycling and implementing a user pays system for solid waste is the plan. We can achieve this goal by encouraging everyone to play their part and make changes – one step at a time. A small change now makes for a better future for us and generations to come.

Janet Gibb President

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

March Club Meeting

Monday 2nd March
at the Waiterimu Golf Club – Partners also welcome.

**"Meet & Greet" from
6.00 - BBQ 6.30pm**

\$25.00

**Speaker:
Lindsay & Lyndsay
Cumberpatch on the
Dead Sea Scrolls & more**

**NOTE:
Please let Gayle**

**Scott know if you are
attending or not -
either way please.**

**PH: 021 263 6840 or
scottptgy@xtra.co.nz**

Committee Meetings

Mon 23rd February

5.30pm, at Jan
Shand's home

Future Dates:

Mon 30th March

Tue 28th April

Mon 25th May

Huntly & Districts Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month. For more information on the club - contact President Janet Gibb 07 824 6737 or 027 475 3397.

MARCH DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses: Freda and Merle

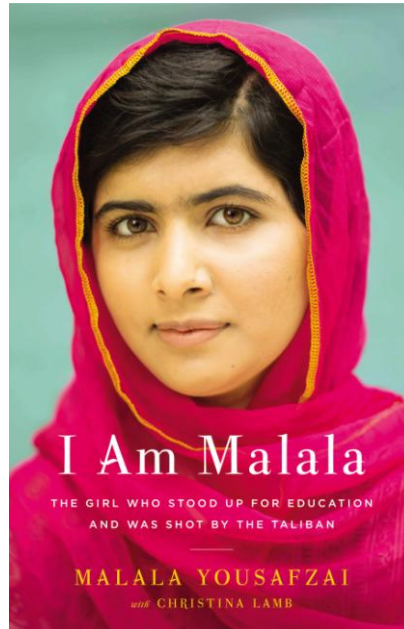
Raffle: Jan and Shirley

Birthday wishes to:

Rosemary Curle

Colleen Yorwarth

Book Review – by Trish Foy



“I AM MALALA – The Girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban”

This was one of the books I managed to read while on my holiday break. It is the auto-biography of Malala Yousafzai, who in 2014 became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala was born on July 12 1997 in Mingora, Swat Valley in Pakistan. As a child she became an advocate for girls’ education and spoke out against the Taliban who had begun taking control of the Swat Valley, attacking schools and denying citizens their basic rights, including girls’ rights to an education. In September 2008, Malala gave a speech in Peshawar, Pakistan entitled “How dare the Taliban take away my basic right to education” and then came to public attention by writing for BBC Urdu through a diary which described living under the Taliban regime. Using the pen name Gul Makai, she often spoke about her family’s fight for girls’ education in her community. In December 2009, she was revealed as the BBC blogger, but continued to speak out about her cause. This eventually resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her.

On Tuesday 9 October 2012, (aged 15) she was shot in the head by a gunman while riding in the bus on the way home from school. The shooting left Malala in a critical condition; she was flown to a military hospital in Peshawar, and later transferred to Birmingham, England for further care and more operations. She survived without suffering any major brain damage and in March 2013, was able to begin attending school in Birmingham.

The shooting resulted in a massive outpouring of support for Malala which continued during her recovery. In 2013, she gave a speech at the United Nations on her 16th birthday and became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. She was nominated again and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

Malala says in the last page of her book – “My mission, our mission, demands that we act decisively to educate girls and empower them to change their lives and communities”.

She is working towards this mission through the Malala Fund, a non-profit organisation investing in community-led education programmes and supporting education advocates around the world.

Trish's THOUGHTS

1. Take a look at our BPW Aims on the last page of this newsletter – especially Nos. 2 & 3. What a role model this young woman is – truly remarkable, smart, unselfish and so very brave. Are we interested in finding out what we can do at BPW club, national and international level, to help Malala in this campaign of ensuring girls' rights to an education?

2. Malala's story reminds us how lucky we are living in a country where we not only have basic rights to all things including an education, but we also have opportunities to advance and empower ourselves should we so choose to.

I encourage you all to read Malala's autobiography if you haven't already. As it says on the back cover of the book – “It will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.” That is why I have set up the Malala Fund, she says.

HELP REQUIRED – BPWNZ AWARDS

I would urgently like to hear from any BPW club members who would like to be involved in judging the above awards.

I'm sure you would find it interesting and it gives you more insight into what clubs are doing in their areas.

We need judges all ready to go as soon as the awards close which is 1 March so please put your hand up and help out.

If you would like to know more information, please email me on davenjen@xtra.co.nz or phone me on 0942 60407 / 0210459772.

Also, those clubs who won awards last year, please start thinking about getting these ready to send back. They need to be posted to:

BPW NZ, PO Box 26 093, North Avon, Christchurch 8148 by Monday April 13th so you have plenty of time.

Please ensure they are well packaged i.e. bubble wrapped.

Thank you. Jenny Brittain

NOTICES

Scholarship Fundraiser

The March dinner meeting is traditionally used as the fundraiser for funds we use for our scholarship award.

Members to bring a salad or other plate to contribute to the meal as per the menu list circulated at the February meeting.

Check with Gayle if you are unsure.

Partners are welcome and we will be joined by members of the tramping group to hear Lindsay and Lyndsay Cumberpatch speak on their recent adventures about the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin boy in Israel's Judean Desert and much more.

Please make sure you let Gayle know if you and a partner are attending or not.

Your Committee

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*We welcome your ideas,
suggestions to improve our
club.*

The International Collect

We ask

That we meet together as women, not allowing beliefs, religion, nationality, ethnicity or language to come between us.

That these meetings enable us to move forward and advance the status of women throughout the world.

That the value of women be recognized in our families, our communities, our workplaces, our country and the world.

That we use our good ideas, our knowledge, our experience to promote the worth of women.
That we combine our strengths to move forward in peace, in serenity and in love.

That women of all generations will do their part to achieve harmony and equality among all human beings

Aims of BPW

BPW International aims to unite business and professional women in all parts of the world to:

1. Work for women's: • economic independence • equal opportunity and representation in economic, civil and political life
2. Encourage and support women and girls to: • develop their professional and leadership potential • undertake lifelong education and training • use their abilities for the benefit of others, locally, nationally and internationally
3. Advocate: • for the elimination of all discrimination against women • for human rights and the use of gender-sensitive perspectives
4. Undertake: • world-wide networking and co-operation between business and professional women • non-profit projects that help women gain economic independence • to present the views of business and professional women to international organisations and agencies, and to business, governments and civil society.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributions to our bulletin are welcome from all club members.
Please email them to janetmgibb@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.**