

## NEWSLETTER – New Year's Eve 2014

***And now it has reached the end of 2014.***

*I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are now gearing up for 2015. New Year is always a great time to make those resolutions (if you need to) and plan new beginnings and adventures.*

*For many of us though, this time is simply a great opportunity to have some time off work, take in some leisure to enjoy with family and friends and hopefully not over indulge! We have just returned from having Christmas with our families in Feilding and lots of Peter and Helen's attention being needed by our 4 year old niece and 8 year old nephew - all good fun.*

*Our BPW year ended with a small number of us gathering at Black and White (venue changed due to numbers) for our annual celebration. We had a great demonstration of golf putting skills with many of us being not half-bad golfers. Thank you to the executive for such generosity in putting the raffle together.*

*Our November White Ribbon Breakfast was well supported with 29 in attendance. Our speakers Warren Bain from Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Melanie Loft from SWEET spoke so passionately, it was hard having to ask them to finish. Once again, our club produced a wonderful array of goods for our raffle, such that we had 4 prizes and as a result raised \$190. Your executive have decided to donate \$110 to Summit House Trust for sponsorship of 2 places at the Parenting Course in February and the balance to be donated to our local branch of Big Brothers. It is always so satisfying to be able to support the community.*

*And now to finish on a very sad note. I am sure you are by now aware of the passing of our member Paula Barton on 21 December. Paula had been unwell for some time however in her unassuming and private way, only her close friends and family knew the extent of her illness. I happened to have coffee with her in early December and it was so wonderful to see her personality sparking despite looking so frail.*

*Paula was well involved in the Hawera community and a great supporter of many groups and activities. I am at a loss to find words to describe such a lovely lady, other than to say she will be dearly missed. A memorial service will be held in January to celebrate our Paula.*

*So take time to smell the flowers and enjoy our new year of 2015.*

***Helen***

### ***Next Dinner Meetings***

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2015**  
6pm Tairoa Lodge for  
6.30 pm Dinner

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
6pm Tairoa Lodge for  
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