



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Wendy, Carole and I attended a Pot Luck Dinner at BPW President Vicky Mee's home on 4th November. Vicky was hosting Dr. Jean Murray, Executive Secretary of BPW Australia and Gabriella Canonica, past International Vice President of Membership from Switzerland. They were staying one night with Vicky before flying out the next day to the BPW American Samoa Conference at which they were both speaking. Present also were members of BPW Franklin.

Jean and Gabriella are very vibrant and enthusiastic, and have travelled together frequently on BPW matters. They regaled us with hilarious tales of travel problems encountered with baggage and the difficulties of keeping to the baggage limit. They had to have clothing for all seasons with them because of the many diverse climates of the countries they had been visiting while on their three weeks of BPW-related touring.

Gabriella talked about membership and suggested that

- The age group of women most likely to be attracted to join BPW clubs would be those between 40 - 65.
- when we are talking about BPW and what it stands for, we should say it stands for working for women, rather than standing for Business and Professional Women as this can be seen as precluding some women from our organisation.
- Rather than focusing on issues such as domestic violence, lack of women on boards (negative slant), we should change the focus on helping women to help themselves to be independent both socially and financially.

There was also discussion about the use and design of the BPW logo and branding.

We all enjoyed the evening very much – great company and a very good hostess. Thanks to Joy Dugdale for making my contribution for the Pot Luck dinner – a delicious Banoffee Pie - recipe in next month's bulletin for those who want an easy dessert for Christmas celebrations and can be made three days ahead!

Kia Kaha Trish Foy – President

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

December Club Meeting

**Monday 7 December
at the Huntly RSA**

MEETING at 6.00pm

DINNER at 6.30pm

SPEAKER follows

\$33.00 per head

Speaker

**Karen Crowe:
Life in the United
Arab Emirates**

**NOTE:
Please let Gayle
Scott know if you are
attending or not by 3**

**Dec – Partners &
Friends welcome**

PH: 021 263 6840 or

Email

scottptgy@xtra.co.nz

Committee Meetings

Mon 30th November

5.30pm, at Jan

Shand's home

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.

Ruth Hanson from England spoke about Nepal, a country she has visited several times and written a book about a Yorkshireman who climbed Everest. Nepal is a democracy which has been in turmoil, but recently the first woman president has been elected indicating things are changing.

Although education has been patchy, more recently the expectations of girls and women have increased due to education. Katmandu is the biggest city and employment center with people living and working on the streets. Ruth's photos showed that it is very colourful and crowded with small tenements above the streets. There is a lot of very old housing which was badly affected by the earthquake. Many of the men go to the Middle East for work on construction sites leaving their families for long periods. Most people in Nepal are Buddhist or Hindu and often consider parts of both with cultural and spiritual places part of everyday life.

A large part of Nepal's income is from Tourism. In rural areas hills are cut into steps, all farmed in traditional methods with crops including rice, lentils and vegetables grown. In mountainous areas the deforestation is causing landslides. Women carry out much of the manual farm work. A lot of food is dried to preserve it. Offerings of food and money are given to the monks who distribute it to the poor.

The talk ended with discussion regarding the BPW assistance for women in Nepal with projects such as sewing and the need to work with established organisations to assist the local people.

Ruth Hanson October Speaker



**Our November
dinner meeting
raised funds for the
Nepal Literacy
fund. Total raised
was \$110**



DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses: Trish Foy & Janet Gibb

Door: Wendy Horrox & Shelley Lynch

Birthday wishes to:



Young Women Achievements

Emily Ussher – Sporting Achievement Recognised

Emily, a year 11 Huntly College Student and former Ohinewai School pupil, won the Waikato Junior Sportswoman of the Year at the Sports Waikato Regional Awards held on 18 November at Waahi Pa, Huntly.

Emily is the Captain of the Huntly College Senior Netball team, Captain of the Under 15 Eastern Waikato Netball Representative team and won the Player of the Year for Eastern Waikato. She was selected for the Under 15 Representative Tournament team to play in North Island Championships which is a significant achievement.

As well as her netball, Emily is a member of a crew of 6 girls in the Huntly College Waka Ama Under 16 team which has had success at Regattas both in NZ and Australia. She also has represented the Rahui Pokeka (Huntly) Waka Ama Club at several big tournaments including a first in an Under 19 race at Thames.

Having known Emily since her first years at Primary school and watching her play for Ohinewai Netball Club and Huntly College, I can testify to the enthusiasm, effort and commitment she puts into her team sports. I have no doubt this is a young lady we will hear more about in the next few years as she continues her achievements in sport.

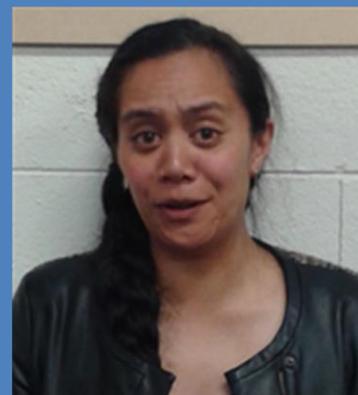
RENATA SMITH – STUDY GRANT RECIPIENT 2015

Renata is passionate about helping people which included looking after her sick grandmother in Kimihia Home. During this time she saw the care nurses gave and with past experience working in a rest home in Australia, Renata decided to study for a Bachelor in Nursing once her youngest daughter was at school. As a single mum of two girls now aged 5 and 8 years who are very proud of their mother, Renata is thankful for the support of her family in caring for them.

Renata found the Bridging course undertaken prior to commencing the degree most helpful in essay writing, gaining confidence in herself, managing her time and processing information.

With the grant from BPW, Renata has been able to purchase all her textbooks for her studies. Mental health or pediatrics is fields Renata is interested in working once graduated in three years.

We congratulate Renata on the excellent results she has gained so far in her exams.



Important Dates

Subscriptions Due Now

\$95

Please pay by direct credit (our preferred option) to

BPW account number **03 1570 0024631 00**

With your '**NAME**' as reference

And '**SUBS**' in the code field.

Or bring a cheque to meeting as alternative option.

Christmas Dinner Meeting 7 December

BRING with you PLEASE

Non-perishable food items for TK Disc and

Chocolates for Random Acts of kindness

Your Committee

President: Trish Foy

828 7590 or 021 840 022

Immediate Past President:

Janet Gibb

(07) 824 6737 or 027 4753397

Secretary: Carole Rodgers

828 8804 or 022 1300 351

Treasurer: Wendy Horrox

828 8804 or 027 202 2252

Catering: Gayle Scott

826 3383 or 021 263 6840

Other committee:

Jan Shand Shelley Lynch

*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.*