



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Recently I attended the Combined Services dinner hosted by BPW Franklin. There were representatives from many organisations including the National Council of Women, Guides, Women's Refuge, Rotary and of course BPW clubs.

Guest speaker, Dr. Jackie Blue, was very informative – she has always been an advocate for women in many areas from employment to health issues as well as domestic violence concerns. Some of her comments left an impression on me:

- "Women's Rights are Human Rights" – Hillary Clinton
- Every girl or woman has the right to reach their potential
- Everyone has the right to be safe and free from domestic violence
- Equal Pay for Equal Work – lift the standard of living for women and children
- Better pay provides the means for women in violent relationships – they have the means to leave
- The pattern of employment hasn't changed since the 50s – in respect of the top 10% of jobs; there is a diverging pay gap.

We need multiple strategies to change social laws – BPW in New Zealand and Worldwide are taking steps with remits and discussion and support of various issues and ultimately along with other organisations we can change social laws for the better.

"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will."

— Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

Janet Gibb – President

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the ARTZ Show – Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night – please let Trish or Jan know if you are available.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

October Club

Meeting

Monday 6 October

Zee Barn Cafe

"Meet & Greet" from

5.30 - Dinner 6.00pm

\$25.00

Agenda:

**Monthly Meeting
Followed by our Annual
General Meeting**

NOTE: Please let

**Gayle Scott know of
your attendance**

PH: 021 263 6840 or

scottptgy@xtra.co.nz

Committee Meeting

Mon 29th September

5.30pm, at Jan

Shand's home

Future Committee

Dates

Tue 28/10/14

Mon 24/11/14

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.

OCTOBER DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses: Gillian and Shirley

Nepal Literacy Raffle and books for sale: Janet

Birthday wishes to:

Gayle Scott

September Guest Speaker – Leah Crawford



As coordinator of the Huntly College Gateway Program, Leah Crawford has worked with Tim Foy to develop the program which is growing fast. In the first two terms of 2014, 67 children who knew what they wanted to do and had funding, have been interviewed and placed into work experience. While it is easier to find jobs for the children, it is harder to get them up to go and to keep them there. Leah visits the employers (including 27 in Huntly) and works closely with them.

Prior to starting work experience, students need to be work ready. BPW members Shelley, Shirley and Janet have helped with presentation, being interview ready, employer's expectations and related information presented in 10 minute slots at 8am on 4 consecutive Thursdays repeating it during another term as well. Leah finds that the students still have a certain mentality which limits them. They need to learn that dedication and hard work will make changes.

Leah has used well known sports people to draw kids to attend the Gateway accelerate Class which is open to years 11 and 12 students aged 15/16 years. They are keen to develop the program to include year 10 students to get them thinking about work options. Leah helps students decide "where to" after work placements. Students can stay at school and do WINTEC studies leading to an apprenticeship. Leah networks with people in the community to help the Huntly College students gain placements and is proud to say she is from Huntly. Through the program, they have been able to motivate students to complete units and have helped them into a wide range of employment positions - often initially on trial with part or full time work which often leads to apprenticeships.

Leah shared the success stories of several students with us, kids who know how to act and demonstrate their abilities when they have to. They need consistency of positive reinforcement as many are at risk. Most will go along to work opportunities with support and parents want their children to do better than they did. The kids only get one chance - they know they need to come to the party and most rise to the occasion with only 4 being pulled from the program.

Leah certainly must be thanked for the huge amount of enthusiasm and energy she puts into ensuring the students are ready and well supported for launching into the working world.



Here are some pictures of our BPW women mentors and their attentive subjects – they are to be congratulated for "keeping it real"!



Attitude is the
Difference
between an
Ordeal
and an
Adventure



BELLYFUL NEWS

Bellyful had a cook-a-thon on 12th September and made another 60 meals. 99 meals were recently delivered in one month and there have been 12 so far for September.

As you can see there is a need for this service.

Bellyful are planning to run another Dessert Evening in November, either 3rd or 10th. This was a most successful inaugural evening last year. Bellyful members are asking if BPW would be willing to assist with the desserts.

Any help would be much appreciated.

Please let Betty know if you could help this worthy organisation.

Betty East phone (07) 826 6730

NOTICES

BPW Huntly & Districts AGM

Please note our Annual General Meeting will be held
At Zee Barn Café Main Street Huntly
On Monday 6th October 2014
at 7.30pm

following our dinner and normal meeting
Nominations are open for committee positions
Nomination forms are available by contacting
President Janet Gibb

Huntly Wearable Arts Show – Saturday 4th October 8pm
at Huntly College – cost \$25

Nepal Literacy Fundraiser Raffle

This month the raffle proceeds will go to the Nepal Literacy Fund. There will also be several books for sale on a donation basis to assist with this fundraiser.

Your Committee

President: Janet Gibb
824 6737 or 027 475 3397
Vice President: Trish Foy
828 7590 or 021 840 022
2nd VP: Wendy Horrox
828 8915
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Flowers: Shirley Boyde
828 8540 or 0274 946 715
Other committee: Betty East

*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 Leigh Ingle at leighkaren@xtra.co.nz by the 15th of the month.