



# MILLENNIUM NEWS

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## THE LOCKDOWN EDITION

### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

My last newsletter and the urgent email, both mentioned the Coronavirus and I was determined the next newsletter was not going to. In the end the virus has not made this possible, but my aim had been to cover all our activities, groups and other topics. Hopefully you will enjoy them in this newsletter. Things have changed so rapidly, and we are in a very much more dramatic situation than anyone could have expected. So many adjustments have been necessary. Throughout the world people are really suffering in so many ways with the effects of the virus.

We have much to be grateful for here, where we live. While we may face health issues or concern about family members who are away from us, particularly those overseas, our group of people, both in age and location, have less worries about losing jobs, incomes, businesses and the huge challenges that some are facing.

Special thanks to everyone who has, behind the scenes, been working to get this newsletter together and those continuing to work on club activities. I have been impressed by many of our group keeping in touch with one another. People seem to have been so good in coping with the changes and finding ways to make the most of things. My "To Do" lists and projects keep me going. Do let us know if you have any good ideas.

We had an amazing offer regarding our book table from Art and Gaynor. They were prepared at the early stage to set up the book table outside their garage, complete with gloves and sanitizers while the meetings weren't on. Almost the next day the lockdown came in and it had to be put on hold.

If there is anyone in our group who could do with some help or perhaps just a conversation with someone, please don't hesitate to use our phone list and make a call.

In the words of Vera Lynn and as the Queen mentioned in her recent speech to the Commonwealth – *We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day.....* Keep safe. *Joan*

## OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING ? – WHO KNOWS

### **OUR CARER**

The Club's Carer is Marvin Farquhar. If you know of any member who is unwell and would like a card sent or a phone call, please contact Marvin.

This another way of keeping in contact with members during this enforced shut-in.

**Telephone 04 902 2690**

## ***A CHAIN OF VIRAL EVENTS - BARBARA IRELAND***

I shouldn't have got on that plane to the USA on 5th February because there had already been warnings of an imminent pandemic. But the advice hadn't caught the public attention because on all the routes of my journey, I was the only person wearing a face mask. My plan was to stay with my daughter for four months and assist her new business which had taken off like a rocket. With four months exceeding the 90 days of visitor visa status, I also planned a quick trip to the UK to spend time with a favourite niece.

I was in the UK when serious warnings to travel plans began to emerge and I flew back to the USA as Trump was banning all European travellers entry to America. Phew! Again, though the face mask travellers had only risen to about 20% of traffic.

So, I'm back in the USA and settle into filing and computer work and we get insider advice on a Monday that by next week all domestic airports could close. Online I bring forward my departure from 7th June to the following Saturday 21st March for just a \$50 fee; but later that same day we get the push that flights close on Friday!! Another online visit to our wonderful Air New Zealand.com and the flights are brought forward to the next day - Tuesday 17th March at No Cost at all. Great Repatriation Bonus.

En route this time, 85% of folk are masked and we all tend to sit apart from each other. Arriving home in Auckland, there isn't the testing I was expecting but we were all given a card stating symptoms and asked if we had any. On saying "No", you continue on your way and are allowed to take public transport all the way to your home before beginning Self Quarantine for 14 days. Our transport system is superb and I flew Auckland-Wellington; bussed Wellington Airport to Train Station; Trained from Wellington to Waikanae.

All the while wearing my mask, pushing my two cases and thanking my life decisions that had me living in the best place on earth.

Self-Quarantine was expected at home with my son and hubby. I am still wearing my face mask at all times along with plastic gloves. I eat all my meals alone and put my dishes into the dishwasher. If we have to speak, we observe the 2metre distance rule. I alone use a bedroom, a bathroom, and separate tv area. I've spent as much time as possible out in the garden just to be able to breathe the clean fresh air, because I have to don my mask to re-enter the home.

One funny aspect is when I put on my glasses to read a book they immediately steam up because of my face mask. So, I retreat to the bedroom where it is a relief to remove the mask and gloves.

So come Friday 3rd April I will be free of this garb, but will remain in Lockdown as we all are till 26th April and appreciate the guidance and good sense of Jacinda's government.



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### ***Reporting on my being "confined to barracks":***

First it was the toilet paper, then the hand sanitizer. Flour has since become extinct too. This has all been pretty upsetting to us and I appreciate times are tough, but they are just as tough for us as others. So we've tried to be stoic about it all. But now, out of the blue, some low life has just pinched a pair of my wife's knickers off the clothes line. She's not bothered about the knickers, but she wants the 12 clothes pegs back - in case they go into short supply.

**- Rob Graham**

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**This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊**



## DISCUSSION GROUP

Sue Hodgson and I started the discussion group a couple of years ago not knowing whether we would have any interest from members or even quite knowing how we would organise the group.

We now have 13 members and we meet monthly in each other's homes. We meet on a Friday from 10.00am to 12pm although the finishing time can get a bit flexible when a topic excites us.

Each meeting, members are invited to bring along any topic that they would like to discuss with the group. Once we have started on a topic there is often very little to stop us as we may be reminded of similar items to pursue. We try hard not to interrupt each other, and we are mostly good natured even if we disagree. Having met together for a time we have come to understand each other's foibles and passion and have learnt to accept each other. We all learn a lot from each other as all of us has a varied work and life experience. It is a fun meeting and there are many laughs.

Nothing is out of bounds. We are a great group and I really look forward to our get togethers each month. It's a group that I am really missing at the moment in my bubble of one.

Our club groups are an important part of our social interaction and I am really hopeful that they will restart in the not too distant future. - Rosemary Wells



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*It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053 when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. For John this wasn't just any ordinary day. .... This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper that his Parents had bought in the year 2020.*

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**How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My wife keeps trying to come in the house.**

## COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP



As we cannot get together for discussion, we decided members could email problems and items of interest to the group email at any time. Using 'Reply All' members could give their thoughts and help where possible. Also, if any club member has a problem they could ask a computer group person for assistance.

*Rob Graham had been having trouble seeing and finding his Mouse Cursor*

*"I found I could make the Cursor as big as I needed. I went to "Settings" then "System" and typed "Mouse" in the search box then selected "Change Mouse Settings, Adjust Mouse and Cursor Size". I then increased the Cursor size, and also the thickness.*

*I now have an arrow I can see at all times and makes my computer time more enjoyable."* - David Goggin

## LA or EL ?

The Spanish teacher was asking whether the students thought that computers should be feminine or male in gender. So they were divided into two groups.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender (la computadora) because:

1. No one but their creator understands their eternal logic;
2. The native language they used to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one you find yourself spending half your pay on Accessories for it.

Then the teacher asks the women's group:

The women's group concluded that computers should be masculine (el computador) because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They're supposed to help you solve problems but half the time they are the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one you realise that if you'd waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

## WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group meets on Wednesday mornings. We meet, wet or fine, around 9.45 at a designated coffee venue for a social half-hour before setting off on a walk generally of 4 to 5 km.

Walks cover the Kapiti Coast from Otaki in the North to Paekakiriki in the South.

With two 'leaders' taking it in turn to either be at the front or as 'tail-end-Charley' to make sure no one gets lost, we enjoy the beautiful scenery of Kapiti Coast and explore places that otherwise we might drive by and not know were there.

The walks are mostly over flat ground, with encouragement given to those who prefer shorter walks at a more leisurely pace, to have a go as part of the exercise - although some come along just for a chat over coffee. – *Chris Lehen*



## BOOK GROUP

The Millennium Book Group currently has a very comfortable

ten members and we meet in each others' homes once a

month. It is quite amazing just how many books an avid reader can consume in 30 days! Our choice of books is very varied -

historical novels, "chick lit", detective stories, biographies, New

Zealand writers, both fiction and non-fiction. We frequently exchange with each other books we own, but many of our members use the Library and some read "on-line" too. Sharing our enjoyment of reading is what we all feel is at the heart of the Book Group. - *Anne Wall*



Where is your next travel destination?

- Las Kitchenas
- Los Lounges
- Santa Bedrooms
- Porto Gardenas
- Los bed
- Costa Del Balconia
- St bathroom
- La Rotonda De Sofa

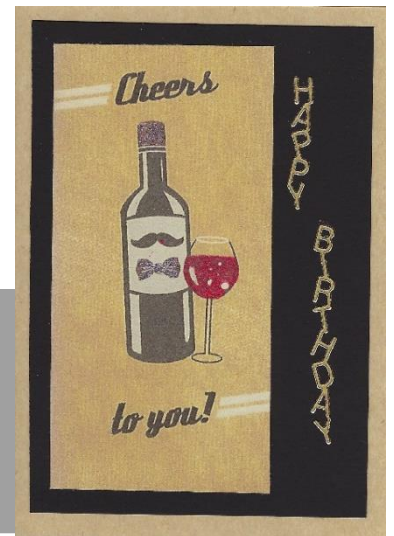
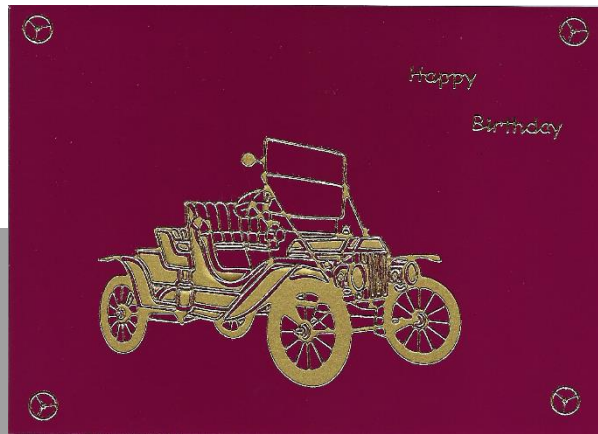
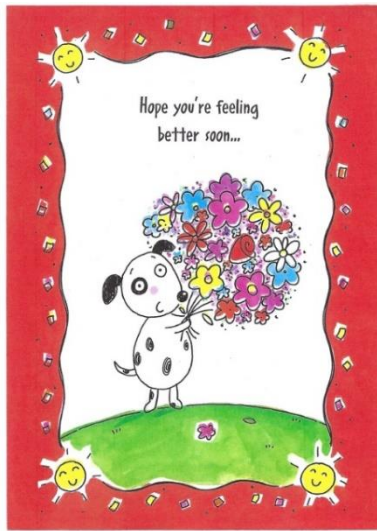
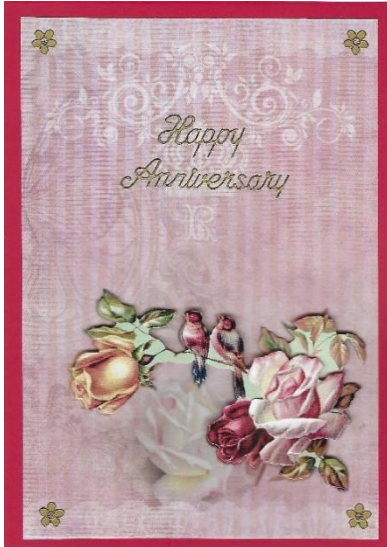
## DINING OUT GROUP



Hello to all of you who regularly come on our dineouts. We were so lucky to squeeze in our dinner at Sopranos weren't we. I was sorry I was not able to go but I have had reports from some of you telling me that it was a good night and the meal was very enjoyable, as usual. When we have our lives back to normal (whatever that is!) we will have our meal at Thai Marina. I look forward to getting a new date for that and being able to catch up with you all then. Take care, cheers, *Shirley Goggin*

## CARD MAKING GROUP

We are a group that get together on the second Wednesday after the main monthly meeting. We 'show and tell' what cards we have made and exchange ideas with each other. Lots of chat followed by afternoon tea. – *Brenda Lehen*



## WRITER'S GROUP

We have six members at present, so there is room for a few more. At our monthly meetings we have been reading to each other and discussing three sorts of things: samples from personal writing we are working on, such as memoirs; our response to that month's pre-set "flash fiction" exercise (300-word limit, on one of three topics); and a short quick exercise on the spot for another topic. If you'd like to try your hand at a flash fiction piece for fun during the lock down, here are some topics (remember, no more than 300 words!):

- Write a story that involves time travel
- Write a story that takes place over breakfast
- Write a story that is mostly dialogue
- Write a story in which something important is lost



If after trying that you would like to join the group for more fun, do contact Alison Viskovic, 021 159 4945. When things get going again, we meet on the third Friday morning each month.

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.  
They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then Nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no bloody flour!

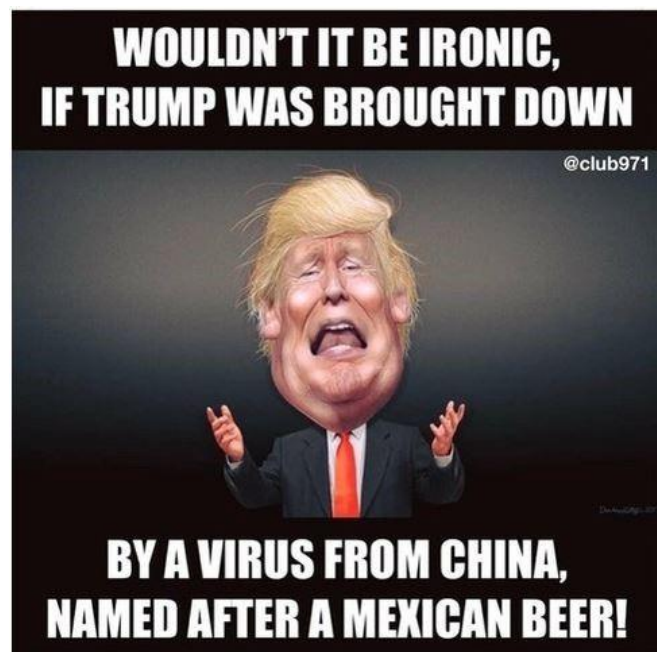
Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whiskey, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lock down  
To recovery and health  
And hope this bloody virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates.

*With Compliments of Don Noble*



## CYCLE GROUP

The Cycle Group meet every second Monday for a ride around the local area, anywhere from Peka Peka to Paekakariki. Usually we're a group of about 12 on any one ride, although the membership is twice that number. All the rides include a stop at a café for coffee and take about 2 hours – including the coffee break. A favourite ride is up the Expressway path to Harrison's café.

Interestingly almost half the group now ride e-bikes which makes light work of any hills or head winds! – *Chris Lehen*



## MUSIC GROUP

Our music group is not a formal group there are no rules or regulations. Our only requirement is to enjoy a very relaxed afternoon listening to a selection of music that can cover all types from orchestral, vocal etc.

Who picks the music? We all do! Each member brings a CD and we play their choice track. Most of us give a short introduction about the piece and why that piece is special to us etc. Nothing is set in concrete we can just come to listen and that's fine as well.

Quality of Hi Fi? Sorry, at my house CD'S are played on a small CD player with the volume cranked up. As yet none of our neighbours have complained.

JOKE Why do bagpipe players walk while they play? Read on I will give you the answer later 😊

Here is a brief list of artists that we have listened to over the past months. Maria Callas, Placido Domingo, Montserrat Caballe, Louis Armstrong, Winifred Atwell, Dave Brubeck Quartet, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Doris Day, Kingston Trio, Kenny Rodgers, Ella Fitzgerald. Spike Milligan, Kiri Te Kanawa, Leonard Cohen, Mel Torme. Tina and Nat King Cole. If you don't recognise a few of these names well neither did I until I joined our group 4 years ago.

Why do bagpipe players walk while they play? To get away from the noise of course.

- **Gaynor Bass**

PS I almost forgot. Yes, we do have coffee or tea around 3 o'clock.

I liked one of the music jokes better than the one Gaynor sent:  
Why should kids not be allowed to watch symphony orchestras?  
Because there is too much sax and violins.

- **Art Bass**

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## GOLDEN OLDIES MOVIEMAKERS



The group have finished their latest movie which we hope to show in the future. Can't promise when. So, we will continue working on the several scripts in contention.

We continue to welcome folk who wished to join us in acting, writing a script, costuming, makeup and assisting during filming.

It is not intended the group meet on a regular monthly basis but only when a script is available. - *David Goggin*

*SPECIAL NOTE FOR ACTORS AND CREW IN THE "MUSEUM" PRODUCTION  
Apologies but the DVD's will not be delivered until we are released from Alert 4*

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## THE REBUS PHOTO CALENDAR FOR 2021

Entries are now open for the 2021 Calendar competition. Here are the guidelines:

- Photos to be submitted in **jpeg** format to [admin@rebus.nz](mailto:admin@rebus.nz)
- Aspect Ratio 16:9 (not 4:3 as cropping to achieve 16:9 can eliminate photo from selection). See your Camera settings.
- Format to be Landscape **NOT** Portrait. (Horizontal width greater than height)
- They need to be reasonably high resolution for good reproduction.
- Photo subject to be an eye-catching scene found **only** in your Club's district.
- The photographer to be either a member - or member's spouse.
- Date photo taken to be between 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 and 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020.
- Entries closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 – **but feel free to send them in earlier please.**
- Judging will be by the Rebus Board with any member who may have entered a photo, not participating in the selection.
- In addition to the 12 photos selected, 12 highly commended miniatures will be published on the rear page.
- Member's Photos may be submitted directly to Rebus, but if a competition is being run by a Club internally, a maximum of 5 entries will be accepted from the Club after local judging.

It is anticipated that the price per Calendar will remain at \$10 with orders being sought later in the year.

Apart from their use in our homes, many members bought additional copies for family and overseas posting. (10 in one case).

So, if you have a flair for photography, please get out there and capture that priceless image - **and think about how many copies of the Calendar you will order.**