

HASTINGS BRANCH 60s Up Movement of NZ Inc - **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018 - 2019**

My 7th Presidents Report, *it is time it was my last* ...as always my thanks go to the Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer & our Committee members who make my job so much easier & it saddens me to say goodbye to Shirley from her role as Treasurer after 13 years but pleased to say she will remain on committee as mentor. Also after 18 years on Committee we say goodbye to Faith, she too will remain a member & will still be seen in the kitchen from time to time. Also it is goodbye to Shelia, thank you for your contributions throughout the year & Collen after 17 years as a Committee member, Sales Table organiser & our Welfare Officer, thank you Colleen, but look forward to seeing you back at our meetings.

We are very thankful for what funds we have received from LOTTO/COGS which has enabled us to offer a subsidised bus fare to our members for our outings and this year Mid-winter Christmas Lunch at EIT in June, a ride on the Hawkes Bay Express Train around Napier in October, which also allowed our less mobile to join us via Monique Driving For You & a day trip to Tui Breweries at Mangatainoka. I also have to again thank Reg & Shirley for the paperwork involved securing those travel funds.

We continue to collect used stamps as well as Can Tabs, Milk Bottle tops, Used Hearing Aid batteries & Wine bottle tops. Non-perishables continue to be collected at each meeting for The Salvation Army Food Bank & RSPCA.

The usual highlight each year is the National AGM/Conference which was in Masterton, 3 of our members attended, always well run & a great opportunity to meet up with our fellow branch members & swap ideas. Wairakei Resort is the venue for 2019 AGM.

We had a really good turnout to our Christmas Luncheon at the Clubs Hastings after our original venue of Angus Inn closed down. A big thank you Jacqui for the time involved with seeking a new venue. Jacqui has also continued to find interesting venues for our monthly Luncheon group outings & is our **'Meet & Greeter'** at our meetings. Thank you.

To Faith, thank you for continuing in the kitchen, manning the morning teas with your helpers at our monthly meeting, we thank you for all the work you have done in your 30 years as a member, we accept your resignation from Committee.

It continues to be difficult to find suitable Entertainers & or Speakers & I thank Bev for the great variety we have had this year, both informative & entertaining. Again this is a difficult role to fill & at this stage we have no one to fill the gap.

The raffles are always popular & thank you to Pat & her helper. We also thank **Mad Butcher** for his continued support with the generous meat packs for our raffles.

We wish you well Colleen & thank Pat Scott for filling in on the Sales Table during Colleen's absence.

Ray you make sure we have a sound system each meeting, thank you for setting that up.

Thank you Dorothy for *'manning the door'* & keeping those name tags up to date.

Shirley MacMillan thank you, you untiringly continue with our **'sit & keep fit'** exercises at each meeting & you make & Ice our Birthday & Christmas Cakes.

Throughout the year I have continued to keep the Newsletter as informative as possible & our webpage has been kept up to date by our webmaster, Ian Kenney.

As at the 31st March membership was 76 with 4 Life Members, as I frequently say it is to you, our members, we say the biggest thanks, as without you we would not exist.

Molly Ballantyne President 14/05/2019