

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope everyone had a really wonderful Christmas and New Year period shared with family and friends, I certainly did., enjoyed all that beautiful sunny weather, plenty of barbeques and got a bit of a tan.

To any of you out there who are perhaps having health issues at this time, our prayers and thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery.

Your committee will be having their first meeting for 2018 on Saturday 3rd February – followed by the annual Presidents BBQ, I will be able to inform you of what we have discussed at our first gathering which will be on **SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Saturday 2nd December 2017 was our annual Christmas Lunch, we enjoyed good company and awesome food and drink, although attendance numbers were down on the previous years all those present had a good time. Thank you to the committee for supplying the food and their time and those that worked tirelessly in the kitchen on the day, without their help we would not have been able to do this.

It has been brought to my attention the some of you have **not** been receiving the bi-monthly newsletters, after some delving on my part I have realised that those of you who have given us your E-Mail address would have got a copy via E-Mail rather than a hard copy in the mail,. I started doing this about 6 months ago due to the rising costs of mail outs and also the fact that so many of us are using our computers now for correspondence. If you still would prefer to get a hard copy please let Lynda or myself know and I will make sure you are on the mail out list. This may also have contributed to the lower turn out at the Christmas Lunch.

For this year we are looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to man the kitchen at our Saturday meetings, to set up the coffee, tea and munchies for everyone and then tidy up during the meeting, we struggled this past 6 months since Judy's retirement. We envisage this person being at the lodge at 9.30 when Lynda and I arrive, do the set up with our assistance if needed, and then stack the dishwasher when everyone's had their cuppa. If you feel you can give us this help please let Lynda or myself know, we will be appreciative of any assistance thank you.

As a number of you are already aware we are going to be incurring additional costs financially in the next 12 months, the hire of the facilities at Domain Lodge have increased and Convatec have withdrawn their sponsorship of our mailouts, how we deal with this we will be discussing at our next meeting, I have already approached the other suppliers regarding sponsorship and are still awaiting all their replies.

Reminder: To those of you who have still to pay your annual subscription could you please do so either by Mailing us a cheque, paying Lynda at our Saturday meeting or paying direct using internet banking our account is - ASB Meadowbank – **123086 0250193 00**

Monthly Lunches: It is the start of a new year our monthly lunches are still happening on **THE LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month; first one for 2018 will be **Wednesday 31st January** at the **Alex Bar and Eatery, Alexandra Park Racecourse Cnr of Greenlane West Rd and Manukau Rd, Greenlane**

Cheers for now - *Mike*

Comedy Corner

A man walks up to the bar with an ostrich behind him, and as he sits, the bartender asks for their order.

The man says, "I'll have a beer," and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?"

"I'll have a beer too," says the ostrich.

The bartender pours the beer and says, "That will be \$3.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pays with the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again, and the man says "I'll have a beer," and the ostrich says "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This became a routine until late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the bartender. "Well, it's close to last call, so I'll have a large Scotch" says the man. "Same for me" says the ostrich. "That will be \$7.20" says the bartender. Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the bar.

The bartender can't hold back his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and I found this old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever needed to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money will be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the bartender. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk, or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

"That's fantastic!" says the bartender. "You are a genius! ... Oh, one other thing sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man replies, "Oh, my second wish was for a chick with long legs."

Saturday Meetings

Saturday 17th February

Domain Lodge, 1 Boyle Cres Grafton

Saturday 14th April

Domain Lodge, 1 Boyle Cres Grafton

Saturday 16th June

Domain Lodge, 1 Boyle Cres Grafton

Saturday 18th August

Domain Lodge, 1 Boyle Cres Grafton

Saturday 13th October

Domain Lodge, 1 Boyle Cres Grafton

Saturday 17th November

Christmas Lunch

Monthly Lunch Meetings, last Wednesday of each month at:

The Alex bar and Eatery,

Alexandra Park Racecourse Cnr of Greenlane West Rd and

Manukau Rd Greenlane,