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Ellerslie Combined Probus Club

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President's Preamble

Kia Ora and Happy Probus Month!

Four members from Ellerslie Probus Club enjoyed the Panmure Probus Club's October meeting on Tuesday 7th. An interesting guest speaker described her involvement with beauty pageants, from 'Miss Howick' to 'Miss NZ,' here and overseas. It was fun to meet up with five of our own club members who also belong to Panmure, including the mini-speaker Verna, who talked about her recent Alaskan adventure. You're next on our mini-speaker list, Verna!

Get your 'Caps and Crazy Hats' on for our Probus Month meeting on October 17th. This will be a Mad Hatters' Tea Party, with a quiz generously and expertly devised by Ann Skilling. Yellow and Blue (Probus colours) are also a dress option, but please don't stay away if neither work for you.

This month we are also celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Probus Association of Auckland. Silvana Martignago, CEO of Probus South Pacific Ltd and Margaret Drake, NZ PSPL Representative, will attend the celebratory lunch at the Waipuna Conference Centre on Friday, October 31. There are a few spaces @ \$50 each still available, if anyone is interested.

Bev Williams, President

This Month's Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to:
Irene Howard, Rose Boyle, Mabel Keiser, Judith Stanley and Howard Wills

New Members:

New members are always welcome.
Joining fee \$10 + subscription \$15 from 1 July to the end of the year.

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 17 October at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre

Probus Month celebration: Quiz followed by Mad Hatter's Tea Party: create and wear your own mad hat! A prize will be given to the one judged maddest!

No Share and swap table or raffle this month, in view of all the other arrangements.

Interest Groups

Singing group: Meets fortnightly.
More singers needed. You don't have to be an opera diva to sing with us!
Contact **Hilary Wills** on 021 0545323

Writers' Group: Meets monthly on the second Friday.
Itching to put your thoughts on paper? Come and join us.
Contact **Claire Doyle**: 021 163 5346.

Table Games – Meets every Thursday at 9.45am at Christ Church Parish Hall, Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. Morning Tea is provided and a voluntary donation of \$4.00 is appreciated. Choice of Rummikub, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Upwords etc. We would love more players! Contact:
Val Jackson on 027 5256330 or
Maureen Reed on 027 2840597

Dates for your Diary

17 October: Probus Meeting:
Mad Hatter's Tea Party and quiz

24 October: Trip by ferry to Pine Harbour, with lunch at Pepperjack's

5 November: Committee meeting*

21 November: Probus meeting:
Sing along with our Singing Group

*Committee meetings are open to all members of Ellerslie Combined Probus Club. Come along to have your say.



Christmas Lunch

We're planning to have a Christmas lunch at the "Onehunga 2000 Club" again in early December.

Details in next month's Bulletin

This Month's Trip



(Photo courtesy of Pine Harbour website)

Venue: Pine Harbour

Date: Friday, 24 October

Cost: Gold Card

Departure: Meet at 10.30am at the Downtown Ferry Terminal, Pier 3, to catch the 11.00am ferry to Pine Harbour.

Lunch: 12.00pm at Pepperjacks Café and Grill; order and pay for your own

We're getting out on the water for a 35-minute ferry trip to Pine Harbour, where we'll have lunch at Pepperjacks, before catching the 14.20 return ferry to downtown Auckland, scheduled to arrive at 14.55.

See the Auckland coastline from the water, past Mission Bay, St Heliers and Musick Point, to Pine Harbour, where we can admire the boats in the marina and enjoy lunch at Pepperjacks Café and Grill. If you wish to stretch your legs, you can enjoy a pleasant walk over the bridge and along the shore.

Your Gold Card will cover the ferry ride; you will order and pay for your own lunch.

Probus Association Auckland:

Seniors & Travel Expo

The PAA will have a stall at this Expo, which will be held at the Albany Stadium on the North Shore from 28 February to 1 March **next year**.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the stall on those days. Please advise a member of your Ellerslie Committee if you would like to be involved.

Probus members will enjoy free entry to the Expo with their membership card.

More details to come nearer the time.