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I am sure I am speaking for all of you when I say I cannot wait to get back to our regular monthly meetings and catching up with friends who have been absent from our lives for several months. I know lockdown was imposed on us for the best of reasons, **but now that we can congregate in groups of up to 100, normality is in sight!!** However, I have not been idle and as it is “that time of year” for the preservers amongst us, the hall cupboard is brimming over with pickles and chutneys, many of which will find their way to the Sales Table in due course to help boost club funds. As a young child I remember helping my grandmother with her preserves – and my parents likewise preserved or bottled garden produce, or blackberries gathered from the hedgerows, so it’s in my blood really, preserving the harvest for later in the year. Pickles and chutneys are more forgiving than jams, as the quantities do not have to be quite as exact – all you need is a large pan, some jars and a reliable recipe book. Once word spreads that you are a preserver, you will be offered jars and all sorts of fruit and vegetables – it really is a simple, gratifying hobby that doesn’t cost a lot and can earn yourself or your club a few dollars.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



President Margaret Coulson has been busy in her garden during lockdown, and this photo is living proof of her hard work and green fingers.

Photo Competition: an in-house photo competition is being held to select entries for the **Rebus Calendar Competition**. The Taupo entries will be judged by a non-member, there will be prizes for the first three winners, and the final five entries will be forward to Rebus NZ Inc. for their judging for the 2021 Calendar.

Thank you Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor, for news from Taupo.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



Human in 2019



Human in 2020

Thanks to Dean Halford, President and Newsletter Editor for these two items – they really bring home to us the seriousness of this pandemic, and how our lives have been changed. Ed.

**“I simply cannot build my hopes on a foundation of confusion misery and death
I think peace and tranquillity will return again.” Anne Frank.**

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB

GOLDEN OLDIES MOVIEMAKERS The group have finished their latest movie which we hope to show in the future. Can't promise when. The title of the movie is **"One Night in the Kapiti Museum"** Herewith are some pix from the film:



LIVING IN LOCKDOWN 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home-schooled by day drinkers.

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!

Day 22 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy.

When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers and we get really excited about car rides.

David Goggin is Newsletter Editor at Waikanae, thank you David, keep up the good work. Ed.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. WANGANUI



Talking without Talking! – Lindsay Stockbridge

The Purakaunui Falls, a 'must see' in the Catlins area, a few months ago, **enter a group** of Chinese tourists, brightly clad and all carrying cameras. The lady on the right told me, in broken English, that she was guiding the group around New Zealand as a follow-up to a photography course back in China. None of the others spoke English, but we had a wonderful conversation. It was all about our cameras, and "I'll show you mine if you show me yours" gave us the opportunity to enthuse over each other's gear. Smiles and laughter all around and a memorable "talking without talking" experience.

I am sure in a few years' time we will have forgotten some of this Covid humour – but here are a few examples from Helen Goldfinch's collection for your amusement. Ed.

Until further notice the days of the week are now called, thisday,thatday,otherday, someday,yesterday, today and nextday!



CRITICAL ADVISORY
8pm is now the official time to remove your day pajamas and to put your night pajamas on



REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



'The Ramblers' at Stanmore Bay. During Lockdown our Committee has held meetings by skype. We have been trying to find a way to socialise, without breaking the lockdown rules of course, and last week, under Level 2, the Committee met on the veranda of the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, our usual venue. It was a "bring your own coffee and muffin" affair, but it was good to be able to meet again



and form some tentative plans for when full meetings resume. Social distancing was strictly observed except for a few seconds when this pic was taken!!! **Now we are able to gather in groups of up to 100 persons.** Our Guest Speaker for June will be Detective Lisa Norton, daughter of one of our members, speaking on the many varied roles of the Police. *Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Norma Aitchison is President of Rebus Club Wanganui. She, and Newsletter Editor Paerau Taylor have been busy in lockdown keeping in touch with members.



Their newsletter has included a gallery of photos representing milestones in their club, and they have encouraged members to keep in touch with one another, as depicted by the "circle of friends." *Thank you Paerau for your artistic Newsletters. Ed.*



REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.



This was Devonport during the first weekends of lockdown. The bustling community was deserted, as were others around the country, but our efforts have paid off, and we can soon get back together again.

Here are a few words of wisdom from Devonport: *Thank you to Charles Digby, President and Newsletter Editor.*

The six best doctors in the world are: Sunlight: Rest: Exercise: Diet: Self Confidence: and Friends.

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. Eleanor Roosevelt.

CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



Yes, it's Cambridge – beautiful building isn't it?

Steve O'Sullivan is the Newsletter Editor for his club, and produces a very professional product. He is obviously far smarter at "all

things newsletterish" than I am, but this picture caught my eye.

How many of us "little girls" have put on a pound or two over lockdown? These two are obviously in for a lifetime of calorie counting, don't you think??? *Thanks Steve for another work of art. Ed.*

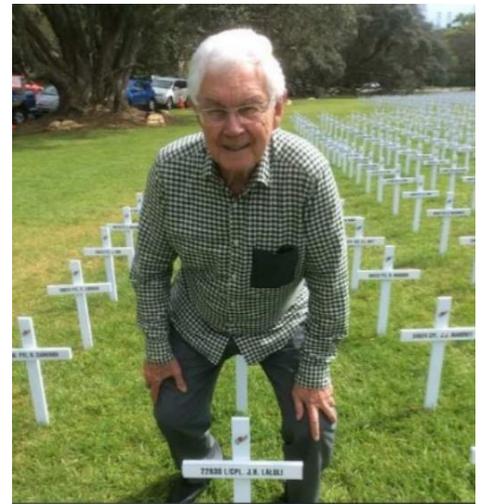


WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Last month this club produced an impressive newsletter that ran to **twenty-four** pages! With regular club meetings on hold, there was plenty of reliving previous talks and visits, but I found it very interesting to note how follow-ups can produce new ideas for visits.

Noel McKay, (left), a volunteer at Auckland War Memorial Museum, addressed the club in 2017 about the valuable artefacts held at the Museum. Over a year later Noel led a guided tour round the Museum for West Auckland Men's Club, which just whetted their appetites for yet another visit. This time it was just prior to Armistice Day, and they visited the Field of Crosses in front of the Museum. There was one cross for each soldier from the Auckland Province who died in World War One. This photo is of member Roger Laloli with his uncle's cross. *Thank you John Mihaljevic, Editor.*



This item was sent to me by a former Board Member of Rebus NZ Inc. I loved it – hope you do too! And it's true:

A WOMAN was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind.

A MAN had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Max would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR. A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!

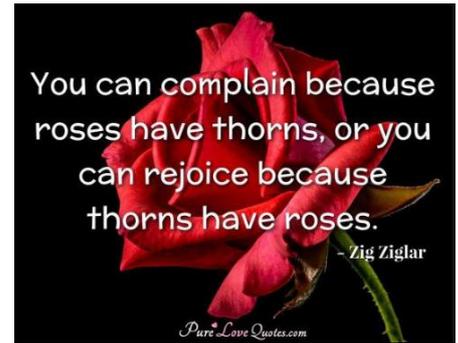
SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



Claude Monet



Lady of Shalott ("She has a lovely face.") Tennyson.



In times of lockdown, when club activities are on hold, it is sometimes rather difficult to fill a newsletter's pages with interesting content for members, or make a story out of nothing. David Woodhams obviously has a beautiful garden, as you will have seen from previous issues, and the first two roses above are beauties under his tender care. Of course, there is always his dog Jade, who has her own column. And then there are the funny stories: Ed.

"A man once counselled his Son that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was for him to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his cornflakes every morning. The Son did this every morning and lived to the grand old age of 93. When he died, he left 14 Children, 28 Grand Children, 35 Great Grand Children and a 15 foot hole in the Crematorium".

Love it David, thank you.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

Walking Group: We will meet at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 26 May 2020 outside the French Tart café on River Road near the Fairfield Bridge for a riverside walk with refreshments afterwards at the café.

Tramping Group: It has been suggested that we do a short walk next Thursday (28 May 2020) around Weavers Lake (Lake Puketirini) in Huntly. It is a nice easy walk, fairly close to home, so would be a good one to start with after our break. It should only take about an hour and a half, including a detour to view a stone bridge.



Mid-Winter Luncheon: Tuesday 21 July 2020 at Hamilton Golf Club, St Andrews, with Matte Black caterers.

Festive Lunch 2020: Tuesday 1 December 2020, booked with Matte Black at Hamilton Golf Club.

David Swain is Bulletin Editor, thank you David, I see your club is very well organised for the rest of the year. Ed.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

An Island Nation Mark O'Brien, who gave us the Bubble drawing last month, has given us another. Very apt as we move down the levels. Thanks Mark.

The Mah-Jong group has had it's first meeting. The Book Club has met and hopefully John Calman's efforts to set up a meeting of the Wine Appreciation Group will be successful. See his contribution below.



PAIRING FOOD & WINE

I know most of us drink the wine we like with the food we like. However, the experts would not always agree with our choices. They would probably suggest as follows: -

DRINK Reds with red meat and Whites with white. However, this does depend on the style of cooking or the choice of sauce flavouring. Other considerations include body, acidity, and alcohol.

WINE “body” or “weight” is your perception of a combination of tannin and alcohol levels plus intensity of flavour of the wine. Full body wines like Shiraz (Syrah) and Cabernet Sauvignon can easily overwhelm light delicate dishes like fish, while light bodied wines such as Riesling can be overwhelmed by a hearty stew or casserole such as venison or beef.

ACIDITY in wine can heighten the perception of food flavour. Dishes that are fatty, oily, rich or salty, can be balanced by more acidic wines and provide a more refreshing change to the palate.

Interestingly, higher ALCOHOL levels in wine can create a hot sensation in the mouth when eating spicy foods. Hot chilli dishes can add to the heat and leave one with an unbalanced taste. That is why wines such as Riesling, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Gris complement such foods so well.

I will comment next month on various wines to match with a range of foods. Cheers, John Calman.

Steve Hutchison is President and Bulletin Editor – always something interesting from you, thanks. Ed.

OMANU REBUS CLUB

Like many clubs during the lockdown, the committee of Omanu have been soldiering on behind the scenes.

President, Jim Henry says: “During the lock down our committee has been keeping in touch with our members by telephone, Rick has been updating the web page with interesting video clips and updates, and Rose has run a great competition during this time.”

Remember! You can't stop the future: You can't rewind the past: The only way to learn the secret ... is to press play! Thanks to Rose Coutts for this.



REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

Before lockdown the AGM for the Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast was held and new committee for 2020/21 selected. The new President, Julian Joy is supported by Malcolm Vincent IPP, Steve Waller Secretary, Bryan Wentworth Treasurer, David Gatland, Les Wistrand and Garth Dutton.



During lockdown, activities were limited, but now that we have reached Level 2 we have had our first Committee meeting, the Walking Group are back pounding the streets and things are coming back to the new normal.

At our March AGM, we were delighted to endorse the Committee's recommendation to award Life Membership to a Past President **George Tregidga** for his outstanding services to the club.

Garth Dutton is Bulletin Editor, thanks for your news Garth. Ed.



And that brings the May edition of Rebus Club News to an end – fewer contributions than usual - but with everything on hold during lockdown that is not surprising. Thank you to my regular contributors, you really do a wonderful job of keeping your members, and the country, involved.

REBUS CALENDAR COMPETITION: Rebus has already received the first entries – start clicking away with your camera or phone while you are out and about exercising, there should be some beauties just waiting to be captured.



Jean - Editor, Club News