

## TAURANGA & WBOP GREY POWER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER for November 2018

Welcome to the November newsletter and I do hope the contents contain at least a little bit of something for everyone.

From Harcourts:

Hi there fellow members. It's time for our President's 'end of year' newsletter. Jennifer's goal has always been to increase communication with members and we feel privileged to support this very worthwhile initiative with a postal contribution. Enjoy what is always an interesting read with some good advice for us all.

What's been happening in our Real Estate world? Lots really, especially in the 'Auction world'. With the onset of summer and the traditional pick up in activity, our auction team, who we believe is the best in Tauranga, have achieved some amazing results for our vendors. Not least the extra \$54,000 achieved by our own listing at 43 Hallmark Rise last week which was well over the owner's expectations. Amazing! We are all over the moon for her and we'd love to achieve a similar result for you! Couple this result with the fact that Harcourts has won 'NZ's Most Trusted Real Estate Brand' for the past six years plus our totally free marketing programme, hopefully you will consider us worthy of marketing your property when the need arises? We would love to help you.

Enjoy your read, keep safe and keep smiling,

Michelle & Tony

**Positive Ageing Advisory Forum:** Grey Power, together with several organisations and agencies which work with or for the 50+ age group, belong to this forum and it was originally set up as the Elders Forum in 2008/9 to oversee the Age Friendly City Strategy with the Tauranga City Council. This year we took a long look at the new Pokie Machine Bylaw which is being reviewed. We have also heard a presentation regarding 'parking'! As funny as this sounds, it was interesting for the young man to hear ideas and concerns which relate to the older driver and those with disabilities. As you are aware there are an awful lot of building sites in the CBD which are resulting in roads being blocked off and it can get quite confusing to know where to drive. I suggest that you go to the TCC web site or phone them on 5777000 before you set out to find which route is the best or accessible.

**Social:** Following on from the last newsletter where I suggested all sorts of things you could do if you were able to get out and about. At the above Forum, we were told that the City Library has several free groups and classes for a wide range of activities. For example, adult colouring, book club and card making. Unfortunately, these often slow down with the holiday season looming. I'll do my best to find some activities which may still be active over the quieter time. Not everyone has large families to interact with so if I find something I'll pop it in the last Magazine of the year.

**Buses:** A reminder to members who catch the bus – the timetables and some routes could or will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> December this year. Watch for the advertising in the local papers and/or websites and if you have any on going problems, please let the office know.

**For you:** We have a used phone which we no longer use – Uniden XDect SSE37 Series with answer phone and a second handset and base. Works well so if you would like to have an extra or spare phone you can collect it from the office. Donations are always welcome of course.

**Entertainment:** The excitement of the year for some members was the offer of free tickets to the Bollywood Concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. These were offered to us by a member who works for Bay Venues and she kindly offered a block of free tickets to Grey Power members!! WOW what a treat! I think 57 people attended and I understand it was a great experience.

**Political:** There are several issues which are of concern and Grey Power is keen to address these with Parliament on your behalf. One such issue which we are looking at is the Winter Energy payment – although this will have been a great help to some over the cold winter months it has come to our attention that the full amount of the added money is perhaps only paid to one member of a marriage or partner. If you have a question about this do call the office. This, like Sec 70, means that people in a relationship are being treated as an 'economic unit' and not as individuals.



Paddy and Murphy are havin' a pint in the pub, when some scuba divers come on the TV. Paddy says, "Murphy, why is it them deep sea divers always sit on the side of the boat with them air tanks on their backs, and fall backwards out of the boat?" Murphy thinks for a minute then says, "That's easy. It's 'cos if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the friggin boat!"

**Etiquette:** Remember when: "Not so long ago the most elementary sense of good manners caused a man to offer his seat in a bus or a train to any lady who would otherwise have had to stand. Children, too, were brought up to give up their seats for a lady and often for an elderly man. Latterly there has been a marked change. In part this is due to a general lowering of standard of politeness in the post war world. In the main it is the outcome of changes in the status of women. There is now a much greater degree of equality between the sexes."

Taken from: Teach Yourself Etiquette and Good Manners by W. S. Norman 1958

**Dining:** A new German place to dine has opened in Tauranga called Bayern Restaurant & Bar on Wharf St. They are offering a special 10% discount to Grey Power members. Coffee, dine or drink and the prices seem reasonable with GF options. Ph 579 4810 for a reservation or go to their website [www.bayern.com](http://www.bayern.com).



*Two guys are standing in line to enter heaven. One turned around and asked the other how he died. "I froze to death. How about you?" "I had a heart attack." "How did that happen?" "Well, I suspected my wife was cheating on me. So after work I went straight home. I ran upstairs to find my wife sleeping by herself. Then I ran back downstairs and looked in all the hiding spots. When I was running back up the stairs, I had a heart attack." "That's ironic." "Why?" "If you would've looked in the fridge, we'd both be alive."*

Coffee Mornings: Next year we are going to have a speaker each month at the Tauranga meeting and it would be very helpful if members could indicate the type of subjects they would like to listen to. You may know of an interesting speaker or there is just a subject that you'd like to know more about. The same goes for those who attend the Katikati meetings – let Bayden or the office know. Tauranga – email or phone the office please.

**Internet: We are asking again for people with email addresses to please let the office know.**

Because of the cost of postage, the reality is that we cannot afford to send special or urgent messages to members by post. A recent example was when we were, at short notice, offered a block of free tickets to the Bollywood Concert. [This type of offer will always be at short notice] We are also asking that people check that we have your correct email address because with the concert mailout several bounced back. **This is particularly bad with people who have 'clear.net' addresses so could we ask you to just send an email to the office with your name and that will update your address. [tgagrey@power@gmail.com] Thanks so much – we just don't like people to miss out.**

Also, a reminder that internet, computer & smart phone help is available at all the libraries, with a 'one on one' session which is \$10 for half an hour. Call the library 577 7085 to make an appointment.

Xmas cake recipe from Donna which she says is an "anyone can do it" cake.

#### Boiled Christmas Cake

Ingredients:

500g dried fruit	2 eggs, beaten
125g butter	1 cup self-raising flour
1 ½ cup water	1 cup plain flour
1 cup brown sugar	1 tsp baking soda
1 ½ tsp allspice	1/2 cup almonds
3 tbsps. sherry (or any alcohol)	

Method:

Place the first 5 ingredients into a large saucepan and boil for 5 minutes. Cool mixture.

Add eggs, flour, nuts, spices and sherry. Mix well.

Bake in a springform tin lined with baking paper and cook in a 170C oven for 70 - 90 minutes. Cool cake in the tin before removing and storing in an airtight container.

**Joke:** 😊

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

"I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

Reminder: When you are out driving could everyone remember to regularly check their rear vision and side mirrors. This is more important than ever with the roads being busier and with the summer coming we have more people from out of town on the roads. Also, as we age we don't always feel comfortable doing the full speed limit so do check your mirrors, particularly on the open roads, and pull over to let others pass.

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**Senior Services from Salvation Army:** A presentation by Sheryl Duffy-York was given at last week's coffee morning and it was so heartening to hear what they have put in place to "enhance the quality of life and social wellbeing of lonely or isolated people". They run a volunteer friendship support service to help provide a contact or friend to those in need. I will publish the full report of her presentation in the next magazine. You can contact Sheryl 578 4264 ext 712 or phone our office for more information.

**Handyman/person:** Are you at home with some spare time?? If you feel you have the skills to change a light bulb, fill a gap in the wall or knock a nail in competently please give us a call. We have several calls on a regular basis from members who need small jobs done and are not sure who to call. So if you would like to earn a little bit of extra money, meet some fellow members and feel useful call the office on 571 2558



*A taxi passenger taps the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screams, loses control of the car, nearly hits a bus, goes up on the footpath, and stops centimeters from a shop window. For a second, everything goes quiet in the cab, then the driver says, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!" The passenger apologizes and says, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much." The driver replies, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."*

**Government:** Grey Power Federation lobbies government on our behalf on a regular basis but it is a big job and if that is the only voice they hear it sometimes takes a bit of convincing. We urge you to put pen to paper and write to an MP so as to bring their attention to some of the issues that are concerning the over 50 age group. Address: Freepost Parliament, Private Bag 18888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6108. You can send 121 copies in the same envelope they will be delivered to every MP in the House!!

**Macular degeneration:** Last meeting for 2018 – 24<sup>th</sup> November in Katikati at St Pauls Church, 10am. To register call 088 622 852.

That's all for this issue!

Do hope you found something useful or at least had a chuckle. Enjoy the warmer weather and stay safe and well.

Jennifer and Committee