

NEXT MEETING

REMINDER AGM

28th March, 2021

NOTICE OF BI-MONTHLY

ST STEPHENS CHURCH
HALL
2 Mahoe Street
MELVILLE

The dates are as follows for
2021.

28 th Mar	2 to 4pm (AGM)
30 th May	2 to 4pm
25 th July	12 to 4pm (Winter Lunch)
26 th Sept	2 to 4pm
28 th Nov	2 to 4pm

Do I have your email address if
not please forward it to
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Paddy was driving along
the road one fine day
when the local policeman,
a friend of his, pulled him
over.

"What's wrong,
Seamus?" Paddy asked.

"Well didn't ya know,
Paddy, that your wife fell
out of the car about five
miles back?" said
Seamus.

"Ah, praise The
Almighty!" Paddy replied
with relief. "I thought I'd
gone deaf!"

Waikato Ostomy Society Coffee Mornings

Over this year we want to trial outreach meetings with ostomate members and also advertise the mornings to attract new ostomate members we know are there.

To begin with we will target the Coromandel Area starting with mornings in Thames (Bite Café) and Paeroa (L and P Cafe) on 14th and 15th April.

We would also like to explore having a morning or afternoon coffee in the Whangamata/Tairua Whitianga area about the same time as we know we have several members in those areas. If members in that area could email or call me to indicate if they would attend and suggest a possible venue.

The local community newspapers and Facebook will be used to list venues and times. We will confirm by email to our members who have an email address.

Following these mornings, we will look at holding coffee mornings in Matamata /Tokoroa and Te Kuiti/Taumararui areas in later months.

Any feedback is welcome.

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Points to Ponder

- 1) Why don't you ever see the headline, "psychic wins lottery"?
- 2) If poison expires, is it more poisonous, or is it no longer poison.
- 3) If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

The Presidents Message – Michael Sumner

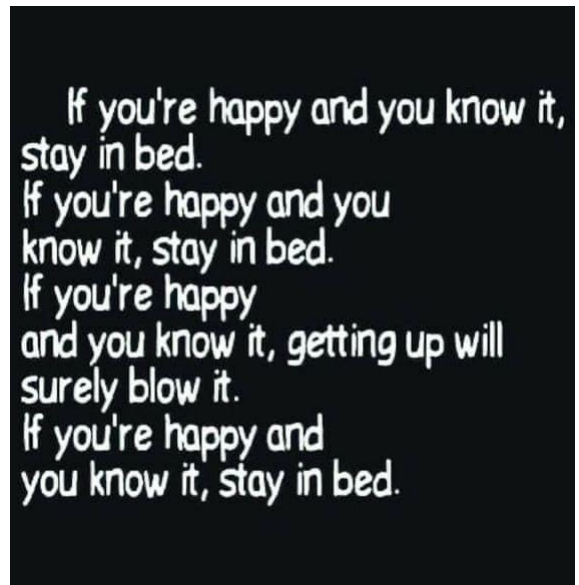
2021 is well underway and the Society kicked off the year's events with a great BBQ lunch hosted by Rodney and Helena McDonald at their amazing home in Pirongia late January. It was neat to catch up with friends, meet new members, have an amazing feast, checked out the view, garden and classic car collection and top it off with a swim. Thank you, Rodney and Helena, for your amazing hospitality.

Looking forward to the rest of the year as we have some great opportunities and events coming up. Barry has been working towards getting some tea and coffee catch ups going in the outlying areas of the Waikato. This is an opportunity for members to get together who usually are unable to make Hamilton meetings due to distance. Keep an eye out in the newsletters for details.

We have the AGM fast approaching on the 28th March 2021. A major issue that needs to be resolved is someone needs to come forward and step into the currently vacant Presidents role. This is vital for the success and direction of the Waikato Ostomy Society. Currently the Secretary and Treasurers roles are filled, and both Jano and I are happy to continue (if re-elected) for another year as long as the Presidents role is filled. I had received feedback from my last message in Novembers Newsletter asking for more information like a job description and what was required. I'll try and summarize but the role would be what you make of it and anything is better than nothing. It just needs someone with some energy to spend a little time and effort regularly in front of events and meetings. Main tasks include: • Help prepare meeting agendas (both bi-monthly and committee) • Chair Meetings • Lead committee on decisions and follow through on actions We are not asking for someone to take on everything, we just need to be able to share the load. Currently the burden is falling on a couple of members and due to time constraints and lack of leadership (mostly on my part) nothing is getting sorted in the required timeframe and it is the Society and members who are losing out, as there is so much more that could be done and achieved and all Waikato ostomates could benefit greatly.

Also, to keep on the radar is the FNZOS Conference & AGM 6-8 August 2021. This year it is hosted by the Hawke's Bay Support Group and is being held in Havelock North. A registration form has been emailed out to our members.

If you have not received this please contact Jano and she will get one to you. More details will be in the next issues of the N.Z Ostomate Journal. These are great events and well worth attending if you can. We will be looking for a Delegate to attend on behalf of the Waikato Ostomy Society, so if interested please let Jano know so it can be put forward to the committee for consideration and selection. As a Delegate, you will be required to attend all of Saturday and the AGM on Sunday, and vote on behalf of the Waikato Ostomy Society. A report of events will also need to be tabled at the following Waikato September meeting. If selected, registration and accommodation costs are covered. **Till next time, take care.**



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people
struggle
with maths

I just asked
myself if I
was crazy
and we
said NO

I wish
everything
was easy as
getting fat.

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