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Winners of the 2009 Kapiti Arts & Culture Civic Award & Supreme Award

Hi Coasters

Here we are right on the cusp of a new month again so we'll call this Newsletter April and leave out March - the Newsletter, that is, not the month. Because March was a fairly busy month. Not only did we open Love, Peace and Doris Day to very enthusiastic audiences and an even more enthusiastic cast but we held our Annual General Meeting. Let's start with that.

We had a very good crowd turn up and we must say a big "thank you" to those who took the time and trouble to do so. Like any committee work, I guess, it is always hard to gauge how people feel about the way the society is progressing and the AGM is the only opportunity we have to talk about the results, financial and otherwise, and get some feedback from members. Naturally members are welcome to comment on things at any time but they rarely do. One thing is certain, though, it was another very good year and newly appointed Immediate Past President Tony Lloyd can be well satisfied that, under his leadership for the last two years, our organisation has grown and prospered. Thank you, Tony, for your strong leadership.

In his Annual Report Tony highlighted a number of factors that have contributed to Coasters continued well-being. Our Season of Cabaret shows are, of course, our core activity and we have been very fortunate to have the support of a team of excellent directors prepared to put in the time and expertise required to turn an idea into a success. Our Costume Hire business also contributes strongly to our reputation and to our exchequer and Coasterettes, too, take the good name of Coasters out to the far-flung outposts of the Kapiti District.

The voluntary input of so many people over all of those activities must surely have influenced the judges of the Kapiti Arts & Culture Awards when they adjudged Coasters the district winner for 2009. As Tony says in his report, "These Awards truly reflect the respect and support we receive from our community and every Coaster past and present should feel a true sense of pride in their achievements".

Keep in touch

Derek

**Calling all budding
Delias, Gordons, Jamies
and Nigellas !**
Take a look at Joanne's
message on page 2

New Board

We are pleased to announce that, at the Annual General Meeting on 24th March, the following Coasters were elected as officers of the Society:

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With my presidential hat on I want to say what a delight it is to have so many brand new members on the team and to have a full complement in terms of our Constitution. Also the average age of the Board has dropped considerably, a factor which bodes well for the future of Coasters Musical Theatre.

We are also delighted that Murray Jensen has agreed to retain his role as Patron of Coasters. It is of great comfort to have Murray's experience and support available to us.

We all look forward to an active and interesting Anniversary year.

Derek

Message from Joanne

To mark Coasters' 30th anniversary we are producing our very own recipe book and we want to hear about your recipes. Please share those faithful old recipes that you swear by so that we can put them into a book and create a fantastic fundraising opportunity for Coasters.

We want tried and true baking recipes, old-fashioned favourites or something new and original. Whether it's what grandma used to make or home grown ideas that are simple and easy, we want them.

It can be anything from your gran's 'Spotted Dick' to Aunt Mabel's 'Chicken in a hurry'..... So whether it be Soup and Entrees, Salads, Vegetables, Mains, Desserts, Baking, Sweets & Slices....we want to see them. You may think that the things you cook wouldn't be of any interest to others, but you'd be surprised!

If you'd like to submit a recipe, please email it to Joanne: jnsharp@paradise.net.nz.

The recipe should be reasonably straightforward to make using ingredients that most of us have in the cupboard. They can also involve leftovers, making them cheap and cheerful and of course economical.

Please include the title of the dish, the list of ingredients and the method for preparing and cooking it. Also, please include the number of servings that it makes (if known). The authors of the chosen recipes will be acknowledged.

If you can give your recipe title a link to a Coasters Cabaret (anything from a play on words to the inclusion of song or show titles or even comedy references) all the better. For example 'Kiss me Quiche', 'Blarney Biddy's Bubble & Squeak' or (for all you BoB-ettes out there) 'Bohemian Curry'!!

Be part of Coasters 30th anniversary year and be immortalised in print forever!!

Coasters Calendar – 2010

Land of Make Believe	Coasters #15 May 28, 29, 30 & June 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12	Graham Stevens – 905 6704
Proms In P'ram	Southward Theatre July 31 st 1.30pm & 7pm	Lesley Warren – 902 2894
Kiss The Blarney Some More	Coasters #15 August 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21	Jo Sharp – 905 5518
30 th Anniversary show (as yet untitled)	Coasters #15 November 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27	Derek Cavanagh – 06 364 3939

Love, Peace and Doris Day

By the time you read these notes, "Doris", as the show has been affectionately dubbed, will be (or will be close to being) a part of Coasters' rich history. Congratulations to Tracy for her outstanding vision and inspired choreography that has delighted audiences throughout the season. Being privileged to see the performance each night I couldn't help but be in awe of the way in which Tracy had created so much controlled movement of a large cast of players in a fairly small space. Well done, too, to the whole cast and crew for your parts in making it all happen. It was particularly encouraging to see so many young people making some great music and, in some cases, stretching their vocal abilities to places they didn't realise they could go.

One interesting and very effective innovation in the show was the video accompanying "Obla di, Obla da" starring Charlotte Kerrigan and Preston Roberts with a cast of several and including some very young performers. Thanks to Stephen and Michael Tysoe for putting it together.

LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

Next cab off the rank is Graham Stevens' production "Land of Make Believe". Graham is renowned for having a number of tricks up his sleeve which usually translate into hilarity for his ~~victims~~ audience. Since Graham got his cast together there have been intriguing comments and snippets of conversations about strange animals and other beings.

I guess the only way to uncover the intrigue is to make sure you get along to see the show which opens on May 28th. Ticketing arrangements will be announced shortly.

Proms in Pram

After a break last year we are back on track to bring this erstwhile annual treat back to the Kapiti Coast. As in previous years the music for the event will be presented by Trust Porirua City Brass. Details will be announced a little later in the piece.

One thing we can tell you now is that we will be looking for people to make up a choir to sing a few songs during the performance. Lesley Warren, who is producer this year, is looking for up to 20 singers who will also act as promenaders during the fun bits in the second half of the show. We have had promenaders at most of the previous shows but they were usually selected mainly for their ability to dress up and “act up” rather than their singing abilities. This year it is definitely the other way about.

If you think you have what it takes, give Lesley a call on 902 2894.

Kiss The Blarney Some More

Jo Sharp's previous invitation to us to visit Erin's Isle two year's ago with *Kiss The Blarney* left her with a whole lot of material she didn't get time to use. So she is taking us back there with this sequel. Watch this space for announcements about auditions in a few weeks time.

30th Anniversary Show

For a whole lot of reasons broadly outlined in the last newsletter, the 30th Anniversary show will now be staged in our own home at #15 during November. It's far too early to get into detail at this stage but 30 years of Coasters is a milestone not to be missed. Watch this space.

And finally

Congratulations to one of our newest Coasters, Amy Dacombe, for having been awarded the John Burns Study Award for 2009. The Award is granted by the NZ Navy to tertiary students living in the Wellington region who have exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and perseverance in the face of adversity, including health, disability and family circumstances. Amy received the award to recognise those qualities after she contracted a mystery illness in Japan.

With the illness behind her but more tests ahead, Amy is now a very energetic and enthusiastic member of the cast of *Love, Peace and Doris Day*.

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