

BOP BRANCH OF NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – JAN 2021

Like that old song says – “Here we go again... ..”

Indeed, we must all give 2021 our best shot, after the miserable struggle that was 2020.

Anyway, I’m planning to enjoy our first meeting **ON SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT TAURANGA RSA ‘OAK TREE ROOM’**. **This will be our AGM, so please make “a bird” of attending.**

The mere thought of a nice meal, nice company, and a nice atmosphere will get me going. Hopefully our President Rob will be able to display his recent surgery. (I mean the RESULT, not the actual stitches!)

Your Committee had been considering subsidising the 2020 Xmas gathering which was sadly cancelled – and therefore we will carry that subsidy forward. So – **DO NOT PAY FOR YOUR MEAL – BUT GET YOUR NAME CHECKED OFF THE LIST WITH THE CASHIER.** (The secretary will pay for all your meals by cheque).

Then, if you each pay the Treasurer (Or Her Distinguished Assistant Lynne) \$30.00, that will cover your meal (\$10.00) and your Annual Subscription (\$20.00). **We hope this will go some way towards compensating you for having so few meetings in 2020.** Visitors are always welcome at our gatherings, but please ask your guest/partner/friend/child to make the normal payment at the cashier’s desk; likewise should you order drinks, please pay for those directly. **Note carefully:** I will be loosening my hungry blood hounds on anyone who doesn’t pay!

Don’t forget to have a bit of spare cash for **Raffle Tickets** \$5.00 – there will be fewer prizes from now on, because it’s hard work getting them all together, and even harder work carrying them into the car and ensuring nothing gets broken, or leaks, etc... We have fewer members now, so your chances of winning a prize are still much the same.

Our National Executive members are quietly moving along with plans for the NZ Founders’ Society National AGM here in Tauranga, but don’t panic – you probably won’t be asked for help – maybe a Raffle ticket, or a tiny contribution? ? ? But can you sing solo, or tap-dance? ? ? Can you perform magic ? ? ? Or are you a secret comedian ? ? ? This, then, is your chance to shine! Costumes are provided free, there are throat lozenges for singers, and a shot of very strong medicine as you take the stage!

Now is the **time to consider standing for your BOP Branch Executive**...We will be taking nominations for all our positions from the floor at the AGM, so be generous. I would like to hand over the Secretary/Treasurer stuff... I’m not certain what Robin’s thoughts are, because we’ve both had such tough times that Founders took a ‘back seat’.

We need to consider the amount of Annual Subscriptions for the Year 2022 - ? And we need a formal resolution that the Treasurer gets “on board” with telephone banking a.s.a.p. (I will have all the guff from Westpac – that’s if I can ever catch a branch when it’s open!)

Please raise any other matters of concern, and call one of the Committee for advice if you are uncertain what you should/could/might – **or should NOT** – say! Meanwhile, keep a safe distance, cough discreetly, and BE KIND. See you on 14th.

Call your attendance to: (Rob might still be ‘out-of-commission’ so don’t call him)

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