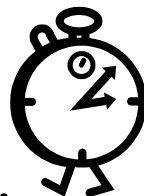




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*Update about Boys' Brigade and ICONZ from around New Zealand
DATE: June 2006*

LOGOS: Thanks to Brian Reid of Christchurch who reduced the size of our logos I have been able to reintroduce them to the Eighty Seconds. Good one Brian

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CL2: Northern Region hosted their CL2 training weekend at Stedfast Park attended by 16 enthusiastic BB officers and ICONZ leaders from Hamilton(4), Torbay(1), Papatoetoe(6), Howick(4) and Papakura (1) led by Richard Harkness (Tauranga City ICONZ -5th Tauranga), David Young (Warkworth ICONZ – 1st Warkworth) and Anna Seccombe (1st Papakura).

SOUTHLAND BATTALION: The CL practicals training weekend led by ICONZ Promotions director Stu Thompson and 14th Dunedin Captain Murray Thompson saw 10 complete the course; 6 - 14th Dunedin; 1 - 18th Southland; 2 – 2nd Southland; 1- Winton. Ten others attended at various times over the weekend.

ANZAC DAY: Tauranga City IcoNZ (5th Tauranga) attended the Anzac Memorial Service with 20 boys, plus leaders, helpers and parents – a good turnout. Tauranga IcoNZ is now challenging other IcoNZ units throughout N Z to have an even larger turnout next year. A good inter country competition for 2007? More next year! Buglers from Canterbury attended various Anzac services in the city

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive members meet in Wellington over the weekend of 23/24/25 of June. Please pray for them and for positive outcomes for BB/ICONZ

NLDC: If you have not sent off registration forms by the end of today – you are too late. All must be at National Office by tomorrow – Friday 2 June. To date we have 31 for NLDC 1, and 10 for NLDC 2 – very encouraging. See you there.

VISIT TO CANTERBURY: I had a very informative and friendly week during May in Christchurch, hosted by Bill and Daphne Lloyd, visiting with Companies, Officers, ICONZ Leaders and Chaplains. We even had morning coffee with the Mayor, Garry Moore at Starbucks. Thanks to all of those Officers who graciously hosted me for the evening at their Company.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Dave and Yvonne Mardon, Canterbury, on celebrating 45 years of marriage in May.

NEW ICONZ UNITS THIS MONTH: New ICONZ units commenced in Himitangi (Dan & Noeline Clark); Eastside Invercargill (Chris Lee); Tamatea Napier (Mr. Danel Rea); Winton (Stu Dixon). This brings our total number of ICONZ units to 19. On the week of 12 May we had 326 lads attending Iconz with 81 leaders and 12 helpers – WOW!

TURKEY HUNT: Himitangi ICONZ report that 23 ICONZ'ers turned out for their Turkey Hunt in sand hills - out in the dark (no it wasn't the leaders who were the turkeys!!). Four dads stayed to help – I suppose they could not believe it either! (if you don't know where Himitangi is – who's the turkey?) Look it up on the map – west from Palmerston North on the coast – a great place.

OAMARU ROAD SHOW: Your venue is at the Eveline Church Hall Lounge situated on Thames Highway on Sunday 6 August starting at 12 noon with lunch. It should be all over by 3:30pm with afternoon tea – wow that is great hospitality.

CENTRAL ROAD SHOW: A final reminder to all those officers and leaders living south of Taupo. I am looking forward to meeting you at the Road Show on Saturday 24 June at St John's Church Wellington at 1:00pm. Members of the Executive will also be present.

A GOOD BOOK TO READ: Paul Strange an Officer at 1st Christchurch recommends a read of Celia Lashlie's book; **"He'll be okay"**, about growing boys in to men. A helpful read for all Officers and Leaders.

QUEENS AWARD: Due to the impending change of our Governor General, Government House is unable to confirm any arrangements for us before the end of August at the earliest. We are penciled in for 9 December and that would be the date if it proceeds. We are planning on the basis that the ceremony will happen. This year all of the BB activities will be held in Wellington city as close as possible to Government House. It will be necessary for awardees and families to arrange their own travel and accommodation. As well as the Saturday afternoon presentation there will be a Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning Church parade, 10:00am -11:00am, possibly all combined with Girls Brigade.

DINNER OUT WEST: It was good to chat recently over dinner under the golden arches with Captain Doreen Sunman and Chaplain Rev Kenneth Smith of 1st Waitakere BB Company.

THIS MONTHS ONE LINER: *Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case!*" (Thanks to Diane Posthuma – Captain 1st Feilding)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: *"Don't worry about anything."* Philippians 4:6
40% what we worry about never happens. 30% already happened. 12% focuses on opinions or situations we can't change. 10% is about our health, which only worsens it. 8% concerns real problems we can influence. Think: 92% of our worries are needless!
(Acknowledgement Word for Today)