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The last few months have been an exciting and busy time with lots to share.

Town Planning Approval. Most of you will have been aware from newspaper reports that B&B has been seeking approval from the Wellington City Council to operate the Centre. For the first time a decision of the commissioner was overturned by a vote of the Council. This meant that a new submission from B&B had to be presented to the Council and two members of the Administrative Core Group (ACG) had to attend a meeting to answer questions from Council members. Many thanks to Pam Skelton and Marianne Kayes for their able job of fielding questions. The final outcome was a unanimous decision by the Council to approve the application.

The newspaper coverage made many more people aware of B&Bs existence and they now want to know more. Tell a friend.

Lease of 38 Owen St. The ACG has reviewed a draft of the lease from the Hospital Board. There are a few minor points that will need discussion with the Board. The draft stated that the rent would be \$25. Since the Society is expected to maintain the property, we would hardly expect to pay more than a peppercorn rent. This is being investigated and with cooperation from the Hospital Board should be finalized before the Christmas lull. We should be in the centre early in the new year!

Fund Raising

Cake Stall. The recent cake stall at Karori Mall brought in \$124.41. Thanks to all of you that did the baking and especially Mary-Clare McCarthy for organizing it.

Garage Sale. We are having a garage sale Saturday, November 21st at 39 Upland Road Kelburn. So those of you who have been Spring cleaning and shifting those unused but too-good-to-discard items from one spot to another, let us do you a favor. And those of you who haven't had the opportunity, or have no intentions of Spring cleaning, there still must be white elephants getting in the way. For those of you shifting house - don't miss this opportunity. Tell your neighbors.

Take your things to one of the following:

Pam Skelton's 67 Montreal Gr. Kingston 894 202

Mary-clare McCarthy's 84 Sutherland Rd Melrose 894572

Marianne Kayes 35 Central Tce. Kelburn 758488

Ring first to insure someone is at home. If it is impossible for you to transport your items, ring one of the above people and something will be arranged.

Anyone out there with a van or trailer that would be available Friday evening? We also need volunteers on Friday to price items and on Saturday to sell things. Ring the above people.

Thanks to Sarah Larkin for offering us the use of her garage for the sale.

Aro Valley Community Carnival. Saturday Nov. 28th! B&B will have a stall at this carnival both as a fundraising and publicity activity. The stall can be of any type, if you have any ideas let them be known. We can have white elephants (those left-over from the garage sale) baked goods, anything.

Offers of ideas and help please. Soon. Contact Mona Clark 757 158.

Buffet Dinner. Those of you who were unable to attend the fund raising dinner missed an enjoyable and stimulating evening. Ros Noonan, City Councillor and Sue Lenton, Women's Refuge Worker spoke on Community Politics. Yvonne du Fresne shared with us a snippet of one of her books. Ros said that if you want to get anything done you need four things: Time, Knowledge, Energy, and Money and if you have the last you can buy the first three.

Planned Early Discharge. It is now possible for women birthing at the hospital to have an early discharge with visits and support from a domiciliary midwife for up to 14 days post-natally. This is a very useful service paid for by the Department of Health. I'm sure that if its existence were more widely known there would be greater demand. Pam Skelton is currently providing such a service and can be contacted at 894202 (pref. after 3 PM). It is important that this service be arranged before the woman enters the hospital.

membership. We now have almost 100 members, and there are probably many who could join if only they knew. Give the membership form to a friend. Letters of Support. As a result of our petition to the Town Planning Authority we now have letters of support from the Wellington Branch of Parents' Centre and the Newtown Residents Assoc. It is heartening to know there are so many who wish us well. Birth and Beyond Resource Library. We are attempting to build our library and are looking for books and research articles that individuals may wish to donate. Magazine articles can be duplicated. If you can recommend a book please give us the reference. Classes. It is time we began getting ante-natal and Thinking about Parenting classes organized. There is a great deal of knowledge and skill among the membership. If you have some Time, Knowledge and Energy please contact a member of the ACG and help us get our ideals into action. Administrative Core Group Meetings. Remember these are open to all members. If you want to be better informed and/or more involved come along. We're a friendly lot. The next three meetings are:

November 26th 8 PM 67 Montreal Grove 894 202
December 17th " " "
January 17th " " "

Thereafter at 38 Owen St.

It's been a good year and onward to 1982!

SEASONS GREETINGS

I _____ wish to become a member of Birth and Beyond and
enclose \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

You may become a member of the society by sending \$10 with the above form to 67 Montreal Grove Wellington. Full members are those enrolled in a programme run by the society. Associate members are those who share philosophical empathy with the objects of the society and may be fully involved in all aspects of the society's functioning.