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Some wonderful things have been happening within our club in recent weeks which I am happy to share with you. Firstly Wanaka Bridge Club held a Charity Fundraising Event and decided to give the proceeds to the Upper Clutha Senior Citizens Club. This week I received a cheque for \$950 which is absolutely fantastic. On behalf of all of us I have extended our thanks and gratitude.

We also received \$400 from the Elsie and Ray Armstrong Charitable Trust to go towards the cost of running our Falls Prevention exercise class on Tuesdays. Lotteries, COGS (Community Organisations Grant Scheme) and Central Lakes Trust all came through with funding to help cover the coordinator role. We still have a small shortfall but have applied to the Graham and Olive West Charitable Trust for the difference. I will let you know how we get on.

We also have funding applications in with Fonterra 'Grass Roots' for a AED (defibrillator) and another with the Otago Masonic Lodge to cover the cost of our Heritage Project which is capturing and protecting our photographs and articles etc. This is our 40th Anniversary year and this project is beautifully timed to correspond with that. Doreen Tyree, Greta Bussell and Peggy Hall have kindly offered their time, expertise and years of club history to this project. Peggy has already done a wonderful job of putting together photo albums so it is very important that these be protected for generations to come. Many thanks to these lovely ladies; this is going to be a big job.

The trip to Bannockburn was wonderful, it was a big day but full of great activities and the weather was fabulous. A letter of thanks was sent to Maurice and Janet Middleditch for allowing us to look around their gardens and gallery.

Please note that there will NOT be a meeting or trip on ANZAC day (25th April), it was decided as this is a public holiday and many of you are involved with the RSA and other activities that we will cancel our meeting out of respect to those who fought for our freedom and their families.

The Arrowtown Autumn Festival 'Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea' is being held on the 18th April and I have confirmed with the organisers that we will be there in great numbers! Please let me know if you are keen to go. This is a popular event and we will be taking a bus over.

The club has gone High Tech with a new website – www.ucscclub.weebly.nz and a Give A Little Account through the Telecom Foundation – www.givealittle.co.nz//org/seniorcitz this is for donations anyone can make on our behalf. We also have a dedicated email address for the club at ucsc.club@gmail.com this stays with the club and can be checked by any committee member or coordinator in the driving seat. These are wonderful things to have set up for prospective members and funding organisations to be able see our photos and gather an understanding of what we are all about – having fun!

I aim to provide more newsletters to keep you informed of happenings around the club, I am always open to feedback. This is your club and you are valued.

Kind regards

Vivienne Coordinator