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Christmas Greetings to you all.

This will be our final newsletter for the year, and what a year it has been. We can be thankful we live in this great little country and have come through the Covid crisis without much loss of life, especially as our members are said to be vulnerable at our mature age!

Welcome to new members Linda Sinclair, Keith Goodwin and Michael O'Driscoll. Also to returning member Ross Goble.

As you can see by the Xmas greeting, I am showing off my skills having just done a 3D Paint course with Muriel. I strongly recommend it- it is amazing what it can do. And it's already on your Windows 10 computer waiting for you!

We ended the year with our last Social Meeting on 16th November, perhaps disappointingly without our usual musical entertainment. However Malcolm spoke about a new development in medical ultrasound, and a summary of this talk appears below. After that we were kept entertained by some amazing videos from Muriel and jokes from Harold before ending with an enjoyable finger-food brunch.

Faeye Carson has announced her retirement from kitchen duties after many years of service and we thank her sincerely for all her willing help. Sue Meharry has kindly offered to step in and help out. Many thanks, Sue.

Members will be, like me, saddened to hear of the death of Dr Bill Fraser in July. Bill was a member of our club for several years. He used to say he came over from Hamilton to our club because he found us very friendly and he enjoyed Robin's camera group. Apart from his career in O&G, he will be remembered for his long service in support of the Hamilton Gardens. And he delivered my 2 eldest children!

Malcolm



The Butterfly iQ

Butterfly Network is a private company employing 3-4 hundred employees based in Guilford in Connecticut, USA. It is a digital health company whose mission is to make medical imaging universally accessible and affordable.

Their recent scientific approach is a combination of semiconductor engineering, artificial intelligence and connected mobile software.



The result is the Butterfly iQ- the world's first hand-held whole body ultrasound device. Powered by a battery, recharged on a cordless

charger, it can be carried in a pocket, anywhere in hospital, clinic or even battlefield.

The sound is powered by a single silicon chip and this hand-held device is connected to a smart phone. A free downloaded app provides the software and imaging component. Images from the phone can be stored in the Cloud and retrieved by any computer, or they can be sent to other medical personnel.

The iQ can do 90% of the ultrasound imaging that the larger scanners can do, but (at about \$2000 Us or \$2900 NZ) this is approximately one fiftieth of the larger machine price, and the huge advantages of portability and speed are obvious.

Butterfly are in the process of developing patient-friendly software, giving lay people the basic tools of image interpretation.

Great Truths: If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.....Mark Twain

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery....Winston Churchill

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.....Mark Twain

2021 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS – January 1 to December 31.

Just a reminder that the Subscription Renewal forms will be sent out early January 2021. The SeniorNet Subscription for 2021 is \$35 per person and \$60

for couples but this amount is discounted to \$30 per person and \$50 for couples if paid before 31st March, 2021.

At the same time the Nomination Forms for Committee will be sent to you. Please give some thought to volunteering for the Committee or if you know someone who would like to help out on the Committee, please ask them if you can nominate them. This is your club and we need more volunteers to come on board and do a term.

In mid-January the schedule for Term 1, 2021 classes will be sent out with a booking form. Give some thought to learning more on your computer by booking for a class. Alternatively, take advantage of the comprehensive 'one on one' tutoring sessions with the appropriate tutor. If you have any ideas of classes you would like to see taught or would like to learn about, please let your Committee know. Also if you would like to help out as an assistant or a tutor in any subject, please tell us. We really need more potential tutors as some of us have more classes to tutor than we can handle. Please give it some serious thought – we would really appreciate some help.

AMI Sponsorship

AMI insurance has been emailing their members offering a free 1-year membership with SeniorNet. If any of our current members are AMI customers you can qualify for a free 1-year membership or a free course, (your choice). To do this please give us your full name, address, phone number, email address and Policy No. When you renew your membership please tell us if you are an AMI member and provide the necessary information so we can then claim the amount back from the Company. This is a one-time offer.

We already have a number of new members through the AMI sponsorship, so if you are one of those who joined recently, we already have your information.

Meantime, enjoy the break, take lots of photos, write some interesting stories you can share on the Special Edition and then come back ready to learn more.

Classes will resume on 16th February, 2021. There will be an Open Afternoon at the rooms on Tuesday 9th February 1 pm to 3 pm for the purpose of booking courses, paying subs and general discussion about courses.

Normal Monday afternoon Help Sessions will resume on 15th February, 2021.

Muriel

Internet Dropout:

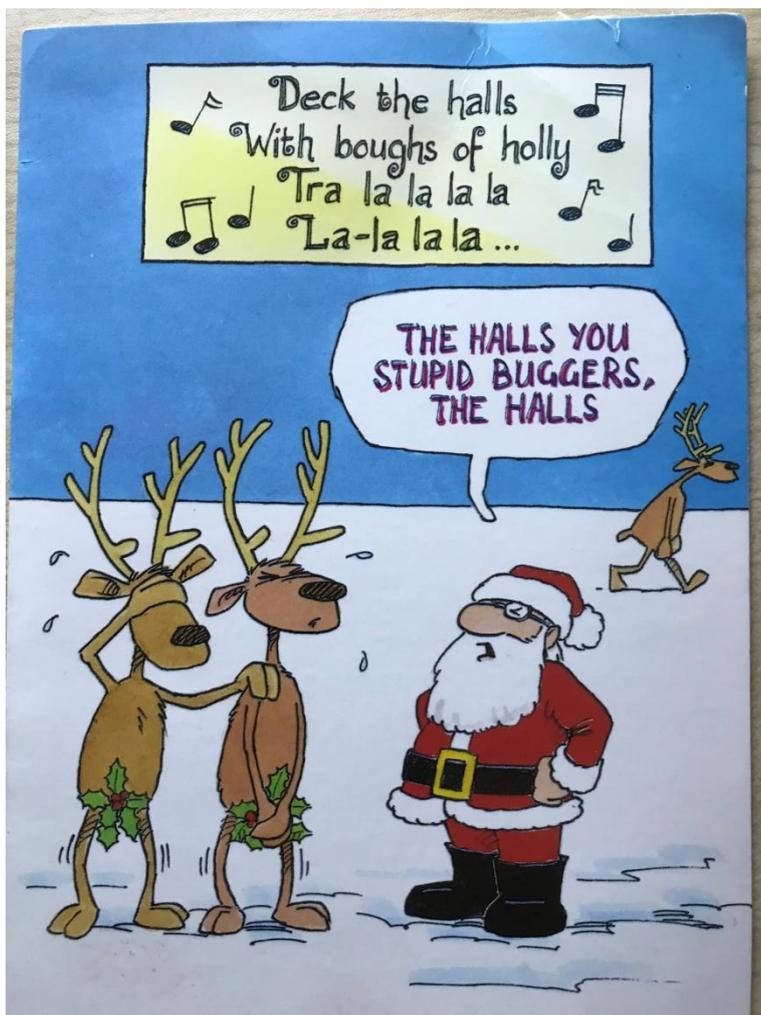
This week my desktop computer began suddenly disconnecting from the net several times a day. Every time I came back to use it I had to log in again – most annoying. I did 2 things- 1. I cleaned and vacuumed all the dust from

the 2 ventilation ports on the computer case (overheating due to reduced air flow van cause computer dropout). 2. I reset my internet connection. To do this go to **Settings**, then **Net and Internet**, then **Status** then scroll down the list until you come to **Network reset** at the bottom. A blue screen will appear and it takes about 5 minutes. I'm not sure which 'cure' worked but I have had no further problems!

A Phishing Scam:

This week I received an email purporting to be from Microsoft, the text of which is as follows- " This is the last time we notified you that we will stop processing incoming emails in your account reasons are you failed to verify your Microsft account which may lead to permanent delete of your account from our data-base in the next few hours" with a box below saing "Verify Now" in bold letters. If you hover over the sender at the top it reads- robinson12368@outlook This is obviously a scam as you can tell from the grammar and punctuation. Do not be fooled!

Malcolm



Some Federation support partners

