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DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 12th AT 6 P.M.

Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to the next meeting of the co-op. It will give you an opportunity to meet the directors, staff, and other people involved in our centre, as well as, informing you of the wide range of activities we run. You will have the chance to talk about your interests, and things that you would like to be involved in, within the centre.

Hoping you can make it on November 12th, at 6 p.m.



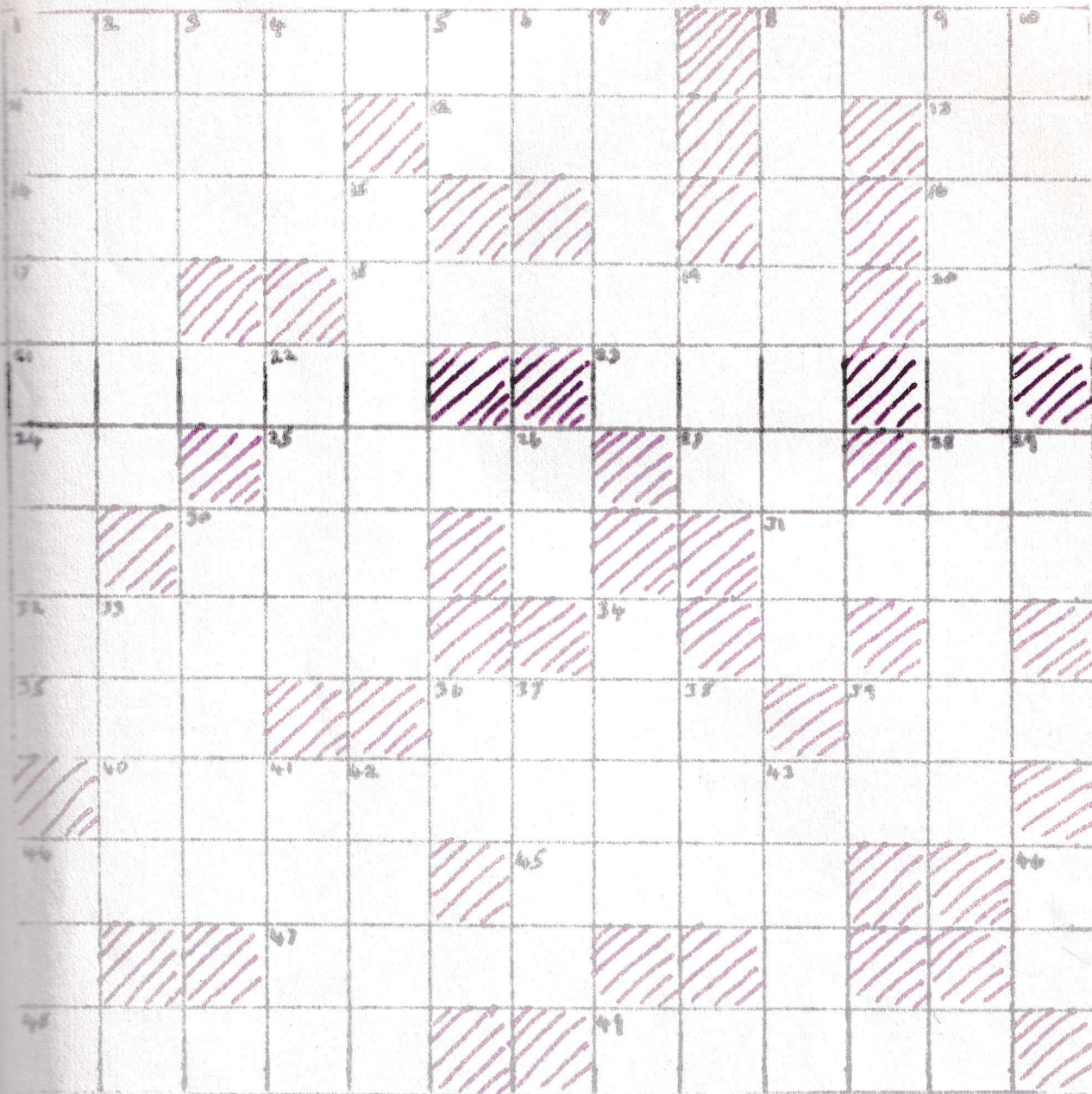
Thanking you,
Maureen Fagan.
CHAIRPERSON.

I would like this to go in the way I wrote it?

It seems to me that when those long years ago when they worked out the rules of our society that no woman was on that panel. We are on the job 24 hrs a day, longer if they could arrange it. Who is around when you think world war three has broken out between your kids before you open your eyes to another day when the house work must be done, when all the needs of the other members of my family need to be met. Don't get me wrong. I love them all very much and like to do for them but when things go on and on that I think my head will fall off I feel like running away from them all. So what about me, the women, don't I need things for me as well. I agree that I feel guilty if the kids don't look

good, if my husband feels neglected and the house is untidy, if I don't get involved in my children's activities, if I get bad tempered about looking after a husband, kids, the house and doing a full time job (which I love.)

Then if I think about me, the person I am, selfish and unfair and all that rubbish. Well I think it's about time to do away with all that crap and start living, where you work it out we are on this earth a few short years but a b---dy long time dead. So let's get going let them sit up and take note that we are people like them we have to do all the same things they do to stay alive. So come on with you over of the



ACROSS

1. African deer.
2. Opposite of "shut".
3. An animal's den.
4. A small riding horse.
5. Only the best will do.
6. Pertaining to the moon.
7. Belonging to me.
8. Eskimo lives in an --loo.
9. Young owls.
10. Part of the verb "to be".
11. Spirit.
12. The upper part of an object.
13. Reposition.
14. Anyone of a lot of things.
15. Baby talk for "Thank you".
16. In the direction of.
17. Past tense of "eat".
18. Noticed.
19. Frequently.
20. Story for "kangaroo".

21. Russian emperor or king.
22. Sick.
23. Nearly return of a date.
24. Insects often found on dogs.
25. Opposite to "far".
26. Story told in a play or novel.
27. Monetary unit of India.

DOWN

1. Crocodile found in America.
2. Nothing.
3. A light metal.
4. A period of time.
5. Opposite of "off".
6. Short for "grandfather" (American).
7. Small white heron.
8. Enter unlawfully on another's land.

9. Of course.
10. Child's playthings.
11. Decayed.
12. Small child.
13. Ground on which a building is to stand.
14. Objective case of "I".
15. Upon.
16. Make up for.
17. Young horse.
18. Have the courage.
19. Television (abbrev).
20. Past tense of "send".
21. Republic of South Africa (inits).
22. Ian Roberts (inits).
23. Back of neck.
24. Island.
25. District.
26. A long way off.
27. Within.

POETS' CORNER

THOUGHTS

Seeking, searching
Wandering, waiting
For people
Friends
Meaningful relationships
Love
Fulfillment
Contentment
Happiness
Peace
Serenity
Within my soul.

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THE WANDERLUST'S LAMENT

No maples now
No Rio-Rios,
A three room house
At Lake Tyers.
No Kangaroo
or hunting trips,
"Metho" now
and Fish and Chips.
My destiny
Is unfulfilled,
My forests gone
My game all killed.
Unable
To your ways adjust,
I still retain my wanderlust.
Craving space
No longer there,
Rivers dry,
My mountains bare,
You found my land
And in your glee
Developed it for you ---
NOT ME

Gary F.

THE SUN

The sleepy sun
Pokes a fiery finger
Towards the slumbering
Still-dark world.

Slowly, but surely
It proceed to
Get out of Bed
And awaken the world.

A sparkling ray of
Sunlight dances merrily
Into my bedroom, and
Rests gently on my face.

I felt the warmth, and
The light around me
Stirring me out of
My long slumber.

The sunlight says to me.
It is now now Norma
Wake up and get up
It is a new day.

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There is a destiny that makes us brothers
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own.

Markham

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SAY THIS EVERY DAY

I have seen yesterday;
I love today;
I am not afraid of tomorrow.

Anon.

"TRY AGAIN"

"There's nothing to stop you from building again
When you find that you castles have crashed;
There's nothing to stop you from dreaming again
When the dreams you once dreamed are all smashed;
There's no law to stop you from wearing a smile
Though perhaps you are crying inside;
There's never a reason for losing a grip
On your faith, on your nerve, on your pride.
There's nothing to gain by recounting your woes into every
listening ear.
For pity and sympathy won't get you far
Though it may be quite kind and sincere:
Get on with the job of rebuilding your life
For it's useless to sigh or complain;
The best thing to do is start out anew,
Pluck up courage - and just try again."

Author unknown

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COURAGE

Successful living requires courage.
Perhaps courage is a basic life quality
which God gives us, since it is of the spirit.
Moments may come when courage alone
shall stand between us and disaster.
In the long pull across the years there will be
times when we shall need dogged courage
to keep us going when the going is hard.
And what is the source of such rugged courage?
Surely that sense of God's presence when we
hear Him say. "I am with you always".

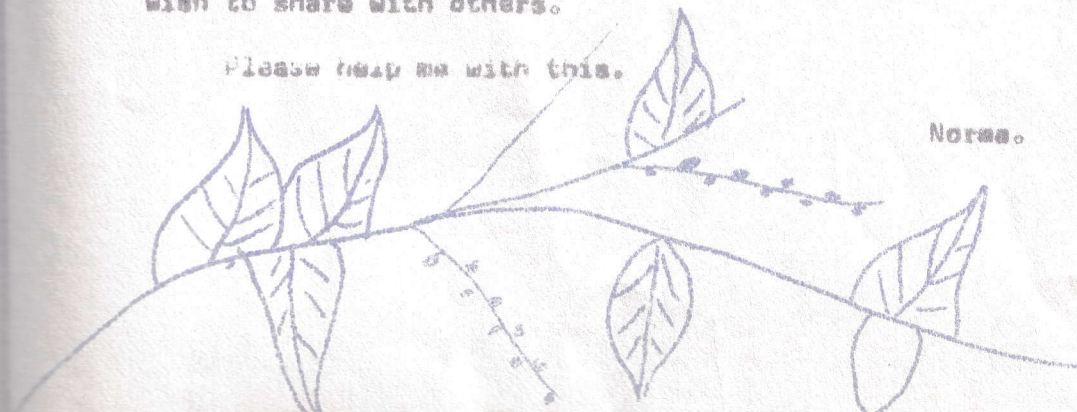
Norman Vincent Peale

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I hope you enjoyed these poems and I would like to make Poets' Corner a regular feature for Shoulder to Shoulder. Contributions from readers are welcomed of either poems they have written themselves, or poems written by other people which they have really enjoyed and wish to share with others.

Please help me with this.

Norma.



THE C.S.D.O.

We did not receive funding for the Children's Services Development Officer. As you know, this affects both the Women's Group and Robertson St., badly as well as the new Co-op which has recently been funded for Flemington.

Perhaps the most pressing need at the moment is our before and after school programmes and without a C.S.D.O., Ross, all of you and all of us have a terrible time ahead of us. In our "free" time we are going to somehow have to organise this service for 1980 because the Save the Children fund is leaving the area.

On Wednesday October 31st, at 2 p.m. Ross and I will be talking with everyone else in the community involved in this one to try and put together our needs and ideas for a submission to the Office of Child Care. As our families grow up with us our numbers of children increase. Robertson St. has 15 children in this age group alone next year without taking enrolments from non Co-op families.

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting - your support is greatly appreciated - the need is urgent!

Look at this -

Women's Group Co-op	- 10 - not yet funded.
Robertson St. Co-op	- 15 - not yet funded
Holy Rosary	- 15 - presently funded by S.C.F.
Flemington	- not yet funded.
Turkish Women's Group	- 10 - not yet funded.

"Not yet funded" means that those centres presently offer services using existing staff space as well as staff cars for transport or making arrangements by staff or a parent. Flemington has been waiting for some months for funding, the rest of the centres have not yet submitted.

The Holy Trinity - Ron Browning, has been attempting to offer after school care and recreation with Sister Penelope

Dear Editor,
The article from "Kippie" on child abuse was out of context when lifted from the journal. The term "child abuse" means different things to different people & very few of us are "experts" - certainly none of us at Robertson St claim to be experts, but I was asked to put something down on paper about how we attempt to provide support to families who come to us. The material in the article was made up of thoughts & ideas expressed by many people over a number of years and as we live & work in Kensington we

would not write about somewhere else, other people write about other areas.

Our landlords also have violence in their families.

It is important to remember that whoever we are and wherever we live we all feel stress at times, all are tempted to strike out at our children & sometimes do. It is fortunate for us that we have somewhere to go in times of stress & the support of a Community Health Centre. If we lived in Malvern we would not!

Janet Allwood

G.O.S.D.C. CONTINUED

all year and is in desperate need of assistance.

CAN WE SET UP a supportive network BETWEEN OURSELVES? I'm sure we can BUT who co-ordinates the EFFORT?

Janet Allwood

Oct. 31st Meeting 2pm. 89 McCracken St.

YOUTH NEEDS GROUP

Seven people attended the first meeting of the Youth Needs Group
on Tuesday 11th Nov.

The general discussion focused on the availability of services and/or activities that are presently operating, such as the E.P.Y.U. programme & the involvement of the CYSS team in Kensington. Attention was also given to discussing the function & operation of other sources, such as the Holland Park Community Centre, & in particular what sorts of activities happen there & for whom.

Generally, it was considered that there is a need to get more people involved in looking at the needs of adolescences teenagers, & this should include consultation with the Youth Services Group with interested parents and kids.

Furthermore, the group discussed the fact that, programmes already happening don't cater for a wide range of needs. Not every kid is interested in sports, or doesn't fit into social functions as well as others. These kids are left, without much opportunity to meet others, and either remain at home or wandering the streets. Parents who have started this group feel strongly, that there needs to be more co-operation between those employed to service the needs of our kids, & parents who are actively interested in their children's future. We are concerned that we head towards a Preventative approach. When setting up & organising services, no matter who these services are for, aiming to cater for.

The next meeting is on Thurs Nov 1st 12 noon at the Women's group house in Mc Cracken St. Hope you can make it.

Helen Ali

A REMINDER!

OCT 31ST

- 10:30 Women's Group Discussion
- 12:30 Newsletter Group.
- 2:pm. Meeting re - Before and After School
(Janet Allwood - Ross Patterson).
89 McCracken St.

NOV 1ST

- Youth Need Group 12 noon.

2nd

- Dinner by VAl the Pom 6pm.
(everyone welcome.)

NOV 5th

- CUP DAY - Drop - In - Centre open
all day B-B-Q.

NOV 7th

- 10:30 Women's Group discussion
- 12:30 Newsletter Group Meeting.

NOV 8th

- Shopping - meet at 10.am.

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DROP - IN - CENTRE

OPEN 9 - 6 each week day
and evening + weekends when advertised. 12