



Burn Support Group Charitable Trust, Inc Auckland

December 2011

Quote for the Month

*There are those who
look at things the way
they are, and ask
why... I dream of
things that never were,
and ask why not?*

Robert Kennedy

Donations

*All donations to the
Burn Support Group
are tax deductible.*

*Please help our
organisation as little
or as much as you
can.*

*Thank you to all our
anonymous donators.*

Another whole year has rolled around so quickly, I think it gets faster every year!!

Summer is nearly here, our pool is up and my kids spend most their days half naked, so that has to be a good sign it's warming up right? ☺

I'm thinking that there is no chance of life slowing down until the Christmas buzz is over so enjoy our newsletter and take a break while you can.

Burn Support would like to wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas; we are looking forward to working with you all in 2012.





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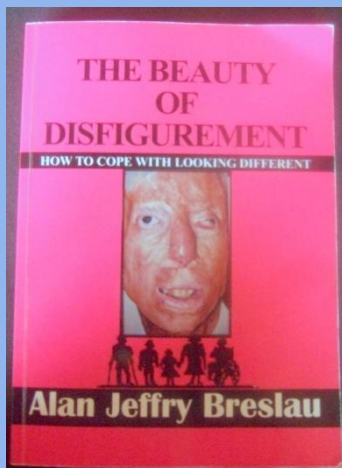
PARENT AND CHILD SHOW 2011

In partnership with the NZ Fire Service and Safekids, Burn Support Group was at the Auckland Parent & Child Show this year, sharing burn prevention messages with interested parents and their children.

Congratulations Alana Bosman from the Northshore area, who won our Raffle fill of goodies. Thank you to everyone who purchased a



Above Photo – from left Carrie Trow – Burn Support Group, Wayne Carter – Safekids Nz, Matt Evans – NZ Fire Service.



The Beauty of Disfigurement How to Cope with Looking Different

By Alan Breslau

Over the 48 years since his accident, Alan has developed many concepts, theories and strategies to help disfigured people cope with the many problems and challenges facing them in their day to day lives.

You can purchase this book through the Burn Support Group for \$30 plus \$5 for postage. Email carrie@burns.org.nz or call 09 270 0640



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WORLD BURN CONGRESS 2011



I had the amazing opportunity to attend the World Burn Congress 2011 in Cincinnati, Ohio in September this year.

I was left speechless!!!

A conference that brings together, Burn Survivors, their families, burn care professionals and more to share with others their stories, attend workshops and see their extended family once again.

This experience gave me insight, strength and connections to others that I will not experience in any other venue. It has made me a better person and definitely changed my life, so many people who have survived and become so inspirational to others. I will treasure this trip for the rest of my life, and would like to sincerely thank the board members for giving me the opportunity to attend.

Carrie Trow X

Below are a few pictures captured on my journey:





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President Georgie Says:

When Carrie sends me a reminder for an article for the December Newsletter, it instantly reminds me that Christmas is once again upon us.

Thanks Carrie "I think".

2011 has been a year of celebrations for Burn Support, starting with having to vacate from the security of Middlemore Hospital, and the hospitality of the Counties Manukau District Health Board. Our thanks to those past board members, which have supported Burn Support for some 25 years. But a move was high on the list of the board and through those dark days, the light of hope culminated yesterday in the celebrations of our new office at the rear of Otahuhu Fire Station.

A special thanks to Brian Butt, Region 1 Fire Region Manager & Kerry Gregory Area 5 Fire Manager.

The receipt of donated books from our first Professional Advisory Group member, Alan Breslau and support from his wife and Burn Supports patron Delwyn Breslau will go down as one of my highlights this year.

Another good year through Southern Stars Telemarketing thanks to Keith & the team's efforts, it has allowed Burn Support to purchase the ultra low -80 degrees freezer, which will be used in the National Burn Centre at Middlemore Hospital.

Carrie was sent to America to represent your Board and Burn Support Group at this year's World Burn Congress and has come back with some new exciting ideas.

Nathalie has been beavering around behind the scenes completing the artwork for new educational resources and establishing a couple of new targeted groups for burns prevention education. Keep up the good work Nathalie. Watch out 2012 Nathalie is on the war path to prevent all burns!!!

Jan has got the financial books in order so in 2012 we shall be able to set a financial calendar to your targeted strategies in a more professional and appropriate manner.

And of course the first big event for us in 2012 is the camp in Rotorua, and it is very pleasing to hear of the number of kids and caregivers who are going to be there.

All Board members have been adding value to our strategies and to them all my personal appreciation and thanks as the team approach has allowed your Group to once again deliver.

Now the Christmas thingies to you all ☺

The traditional best wishes for a fantastic Christmas celebration with your families and loved ones, is a given. To make sure you have a safe and prosperous 2012, is also a given.

But from my family to you all, a very, very Merry Christmas and I hope that you all get through without too much weight gain, ready for another happy exciting and satisfying year as I believe your Board will be.

George Stephens X



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A HUGE 'THANK YOU' to Southern Stars!

Earlier this year, Burn Support Group was fortunate enough to be chosen as the beneficiary of Southern Stars Charitable Trust's outbound telemarketing donation programme; 'Kids In Show Seats' (KISS) once again. Following thousands of calls made by Southern Stars dedicated team of telephone operators, tickets were purchased by the public for their own family/children to attend the show brought and donated for distribution to special needs and disadvantaged children to enjoy the experience and the LIVE theatre.

The pantomime in aid of the Burn Support Group this year was 'Beauty and the Beast' and three live shows were staged on the 15th October. The performances were thoroughly enjoyed by all of those who attended and bought a smile to many children's faces! At the start of each show Burn Support Group was presented with a large cheque showing the incredible amount of \$107,000 raised from this year's campaign.

The Burn Support Group would like to sincerely thank the dedicated team at Southern Stars for their keen effort to support our charity and the many other charities who receive show tickets for children to attend the show, get their faces painted and enjoy some time out with their parents or caregivers.



In the photo above: Southern Stars' Warren M Alder (Fred) presenting the cheque to Burn Support Group's president; George Stephens & Educator; Nathalie Johnson

In this photo: Indiya (7) & Isabella (11) with Mr. Quick Cool





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Burn Support Office Open Day / Christmas Party

On the 20th November, Burn Support Group had their Official Office Opening/Christmas Party – A big thank you to everyone who attended 😊

The celebrations of the new building were started with a blessing and a light meal which everyone enjoyed. Followed by, the blessing of the new Office by Rev Raihania and the cutting of the cake by our Patron - Delwyn Breslau.

Many friends and colleges attended this event to celebrate the future and get an update on what we have been up too. George Stephens - President, welcomed everybody and acknowledge all including the fantastic work carried out by Carrie Trow (Administration) and Nathalie Johnston (Education) in carrying out the Boards functions.

Receiving a selection of Burns Related books, from Alan Breslau the founder of the

International Group the Phoenix Society. Was a special moment, as Alan has been a staunch long time advisor and supporter of the Burn Support Group. This was appropriately acknowledged by making him our first member of the newly established Professional Advisory Group.

From the new beginning the Burn Support Board - like the Phoenix, we will rise above the past and focus on the future, we shall remain committed to those tasks we have set ourselves. Burns Prevention, (through education), Burns Treatment (through supporting the National Burn Centre) and Burn Survivor assistance (through peer support and joint events).

Thank you once again, to everyone who made it to our celebration.





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SPECIAL THANKS



- ❖ Malcolm Logistics
- ❖ Southern Stars Charitable Trust
- ❖ Brookfield Multiplex Constructions
- ❖ The Caple family
- ❖ New Zealand Lottery Grants Board - \$4534.45
- ❖ Heany & Co
- ❖ Say Cheese Photography – Barbara Hankins

A huge thank you from everyone at the Burn Support Group goes out to all our volunteers, donors, sponsors. We are so grateful for your support and on-going commitment to our cause.

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Summer Safetly Tips

Warmer Weather - BBQ'S & PICNICS

- NEVER use accelerants to get the barbeque going.
- Take care that matches of lighters are put in a safe place.
- Make sure children stay away from the barbeque and DO NOT play nearby.

Warmer Weather - RUBBISH & BON FIRES

- NEVER use accelerants to start a fire.
- Make sure there are no combustibles in the rubbish you are burning.
- Make sure the fire is not near buildings, fences or dry vegetation.

- Keep children well AWAY from the fire.

Warmer Weather - HOT SURFACES (DECKS, FOOTPATHS, TILES, SAND)

- Make sure children are wearing footwear so they do not burn the soles of their feet on hot surfaces.

Warmer Weather - EXTRA SAFETY MEASURES

- Make sure everyone has sunblock on at all times.
- Make sure there is a bucket of water or hose nearby ready to turn on when you have any type of fire or a barbecue (in case of accidents).

**RUN BURNS UNDER COLD WATER
FOR AT LEAST 20 MINS**

Newsletter Contributions

If you have any comments about the contents of this newsletter or ideas for future newsletters please don't hesitate in contacting: carrie@burns.org.nz or education@burns.org.nz

And last but not least! We would like to wish you all...

A very Merry Christmas

And a

Happy New Year!



Kind regards,

Carrie Trow, Nathalie Johnson & all the board members from Burn Support Group Charitable Trust Inc.



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