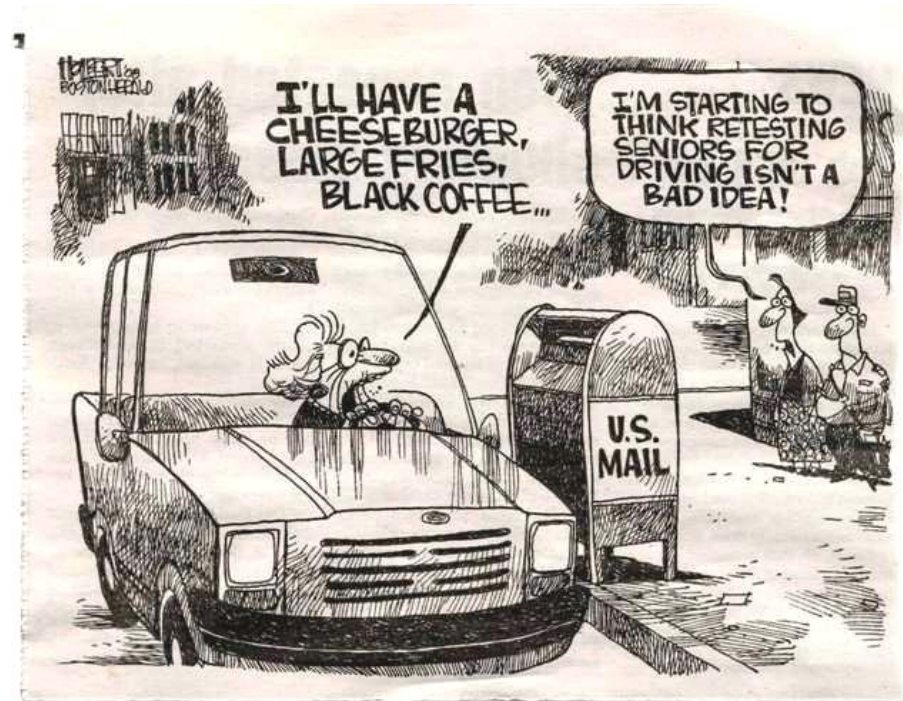


# GREY POWER SOUTH WAIKATO



## News Letter

**Next Meeting : 25th February, 2010**



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Senior Moments



ö Last of Summer Wine ? ö

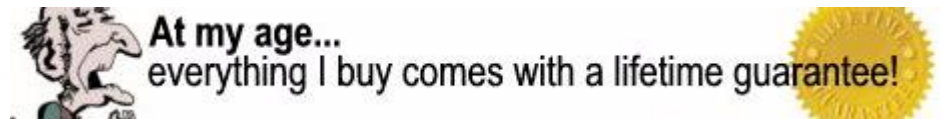
Meeting Dates

Thursday February 25th 2010 (The 4th Thursday)

12 Noon at Elim Church Centre

Aotea Crescent

Tokoroa



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Caller over 12 years ago. I has become a wonderful having my Caring Caller, we have so much in common. Sometimes its just nice to know someone is there.+(From a Client)

**%** A short time ago I was going through a really rough

patchõ my Caring Caller was right there with meõ my Caring Caller was expected to ring once maybe twice a week, but instead she rang in the evening until I managed to sort myself out. She just made me feel at ease as her and I were talking, now we have returned to the twice a week telephone calls which are really great... If there was an award that was available, I would most certainly recommend my caring caller for itõ she went that one step further, she went above and beyond the call of duty. I mean my caring caller didnt have to do that, most people wouldnt. With heart felt thanks from one who would highly recommend the Service.+(From a Client)

A caller was talking to her client on the phone when the client became breathless during the conversation. The caller asked whether she was ok and what assistance she needed. The client said she would be ok and that she would call her son if things got worse. Then the phone went dead. The caller then paged the local Caring Caller coordinator who did not hesitate and called an ambulance for the client. The coordinator followed protocols and informed the Regional Manager. They phoned the hospital a couple of hours later and the client was in the ED surrounded by her family. The caller and coordinator had possibly helped to save her life. (From the Gisborne area)

**%** I am writing to give our sincere thanks for the calls you

made to my father as part of the Caring Caller service. My father appreciated the calls and it helped brighten his day. As the Caring Caller service is operated by volunteers, we are especially thankful and deeply appreciate the time and service you give to the community+(From a Son of a Client)

## President's Report

Greetings Everyone,

The year is well under way and I guess that you are becoming involved in your activities. It will be a busy year for Grey Power. First of all hopefully, at National level they will get everything sorted out with the Board at the AGM. There still seems to be much discussion, none of which I can understand or get my head around. When I do, I will let you all know. In my opinion its all very childish, If there is something serious we need to be told.

Now lets be positive, Later on in the year there will be Local body elections. We are planning to have all candidates speak. We are getting several MPs from both sides of the House to speak. We have the list of speakers that you as members drew up at our workshop. So it will be all go. I also hope to get Paul Blackler from Winz to come and tell us about the new development there, With the economic climate and the Government announcements we all need to be smart thinking and be prepared to voice our thoughts in a positive way. Grey Power members are of an age where we have experience and wisdom. It is up to us to be the counter balance, If we dont agree say so, but in a positive way. This applies to both local and National Government.

I feel the Association here in the South Waikato is in very good heart. Over the holiday period we have had five new members join. Peter Boast has offered to lead a Fundraising Committee, We need two or three people to join him. From my point of view this would be wonderful If you are willing to help please let Peter or myself know. To get the Finances under Control would be a big relief to me. Kelvin Brown has agreed to do the Newsletter, Your President is feeling very happy.

The mail has arrived while I have been writing this message, A letter from Phil Goff Leader of the Opposition requesting a meeting with us re GST. Your executive will arrange this as soon as possible, We are still trying to arrange a meeting with Local MP Louise Upston we have been trying to do this since last year. The new power co. in town has been in touch with me. I will be bringing information to next meeting. At first I was a bit skeptical, but since talking with them, I am changing my mind. Could be worth looking at. Yes it will be an interesting year.

Please write in your diary the Meeting dates Fourth Thursday of the month. 12noon for Lunch. 12.45p.m for meeting. **Plan to be there and have your say** All those who took time to answer the questionnaire in the last newsletter did not want any change to meeting days or time. **We** need your voices, **you** need to be informed.

Graewyn  
President South Waikato Grey Power.



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ion from the  
Taxation REVIEW Committee, as reported in the news  
media, reeks of shades of former Prime Minister, Jenny  
Shipley, when she set the amount of national  
superannuation back to 60% of the Net ordinary after tax  
weekly wage.

Grey Power feels that the recommendation is ridiculous  
that those earning \$70,000 per annum receive tax cuts  
while those below that figure receive nothing. Further,  
Grey Power is concerned that an increase of G.S.T to 15%  
is nothing short of exploitation. Those on low fixed  
incomes pay all their wages/salary in order to exist whilst  
the more affluent only spend a percentage of their income  
on their existence. In addition, many on higher incomes  
have had salary increases during the recession whilst  
those on lower incomes have not. The low income bracket  
has been exploited enough.

õIf this the way National treats those low income people  
then they are looking very much like a one term  
government. Surely, it is long past the time when  
governments should appoint practical people to their  
committees, rather than those who look after their own  
interests.ö

Les Howard  
National President  
Grey Power Federation Inc

## St John Caring Caller

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friendship service that puts you in touch  
with someone who cares about you.

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friendship phone call to those who are  
housebound or living alone to check  
everything is OK.

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### Telephone Volunteers needed.

Do you have 10ó15 minutes a day  
to phone someone to help make  
their day brighter?

Then we would like to hear from  
you!

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