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celebration !

17 December 2010 marks exactly **three years** since the Society was registered as a charity with the Charities Commission. This year also marks **35 years** since our Society became an Incorporated Society on **25 September 1975**.

MEMBERS, PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2011 ASAP AS WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CONTINUE OUR WORK! THANKS!

**Society helps raise \$9,000
TOWARDS THE PILGRIM'S
PROGRESS BOOKS TO
PRISONERS PROJECT**

WE AIM TO RAISE \$11,000 MORE

P R O M O T I N G M O R A L V A L U E S	<p>Each title is an in-depth Bible study</p> <p>THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN MODERN ENGLISH</p> <p><i>John Bunyan's immortal classic distinctively revised for the 21st century reader</i></p> <p>JOHN BUNYAN and further annotated by L. Edward Hazelbaker</p>	F A I T H H O P E L O V E P E A C E
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For every \$100 donation raised – 10 prisoners have received a copy of the book via prison ministries. (Donors have option of receiving one free per \$100).

Message of sincere thanks

To Society Members, supporters and friends

Dear friends

Thank you so much for supporting us financially, through prayer and in many other practical ways to ensure that we can get high quality and easy-to-read books to each of our 8,800 New Zealand prisoners; - books that promote good moral values and provide answers to those looking for spiritual answers to their deepest spiritual needs. As a registered charity we are committed to “foster[ing] public awareness of the benefits to social economic and moral welfare of community standards.” We also aim “To encourage self-respect and the dignity of the human person made in the image of God” and promote and foster “wholesome personal values as the foundation for stable communities”.

**Kind regards and Season’s Greeting
John Mills – President elect SPCS**



“So he ran until he came to a place somewhat elevated. Upon that place stood a Cross, and below at the bottom there was a Tomb. I saw in my dream that just as Christian ran up to the Cross, his burden came loose from his shoulders and fell off his back. It began to tumble and continued to do so until it came to the mouth of the Tomb. It then fell into the Tomb, and I saw it no more.

“Then Christian was glad and relieved, and he said with a joyful heart, ‘He has given me rest from my sorrow and life through His death.’.... Now as Christian stood looking and weeping, three Shining Ones came to him and greeted him with ‘Peace be to you!’. The first said to him, ‘Your sins are forgiven’. The second one stripped him of the rags he was wearing and clothed him with rich garments. The third set a mark on his forehead and gave him a Document with a seal on it. He instructed him to look at the Document as he continued on his way and to deliver it at the Celestial Gate.”

The Pilgrim’s Progress Chapter 6, pp. 47-48.

The Pilgrim’s Progress books have been supplied by the Society to prisoners via Chaplaincy Services and other agencies working in the following prisons (grouped regionally).

NORTH

Northland Regional Correction Facility
Auckland Prison
Auckland Central Remand
Mt Eden
Auckland Regional Women’s Correction Facility
Spring Hill Correction Facility.

CENTRAL

Waikeria
Rangipo-Tongariro
New Plymouth
Wanganui
Manawatu
Hawkes Bay

SOUTH

Wellington
Rimutaka
Arohata
Christchurch Mens
Christchurch Womens
Rolleston
Otago
Invercargill

Note: SPCS is grateful for the kind cooperation of chaplaincy services and prison

To make a donation to the Society’s Books in Prison Project, please read the colour brochure enclosed in this newsletter and/or visit our website to view it online www.spcs.org.nz Please send your cheque, made payable to the Society (write full name or use “SPCS”), and your address (for a receipt if required), to Books in Prison, C/- SPCS, P.O. Box 13-683 Johnsonville 6440. Donations are tax deductible as SPCS is a registered charity (CC20268). If you want a receipt for tax purposes please send us your postal address on a stamp addressed or pre-paid envelope.

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION !!



Portrait of Patricia Bartlett OBE (1928 –2000), Founder of the Society for Promotion of Community Standards. Photographed ca 6 November 1971 by an Evening Post staff photographer.

December 17 2010 marks exactly **three years** since the Society was registered as a charity with the Charities Commission. This year also marks **35 years** since our Society became an Incorporated Society on **25 September 1975**. This year also marks ten years since the death of **Patricia Bartlett on 9 November 2000**. We remember her with gratitude to God for her life.

The photo (below) was taken on **2 December 1977** by the Evening Post staff photographer, the day she was awarded an OBE for “services to the community” for 25 years as general secretary of SPCS.



Presidential Urgent Appeal for Funding Support for 2011

Dear friends and supporters

As the Society embarks on its 11th year of operation since the passing of its founder Patricia Bartlett and its 36th year since becoming an Incorporated Society, the executive is very conscious of the challenges it faces to continue the “Stand For Decency” and the “Promotion of Community Standards” begun back in 1970 by our Founder and the thousands of financial Society members throughout the country who so valiantly supported her and the national executive.

On behalf of the executive I appeal to you to help us find funding sources for the Society so it can continue its important work. The prompt renewal of your membership donations for the new financial year, commencing 1 January 2011, would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible (33% deductible against taxable income) and we will send you a receipt if requested.

The hard working SPCS executive is in good heart and we are always encouraged by your support.

Kind regards and Seasons Greetings
John Mills – President elect.

Please contact us if you wish to obtain a copy of the book **A Stand for Decency** by journalist **Carolyn Moynihan**, documenting the early history of the Society (1975 to 1995) **\$25.00 + \$5 pp.** “A stimulating read”



Promoting Spiritual and Moral Welfare

The Apostle Paul gave some great advice when he wrote to Christians:

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

If the moral and spiritual dimension of any man or woman is transformed through faith in the Living Christ and He is allowed by them to impart His peace, grace and mercy – then that person will be transformed from spiritual blindness and death to eternal life.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation. Behold the old has gone and the new has begun.” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Sadly, “the ungodly,” or unbelievers, the psalmist wrote, “are like the chaff that the wind driveth away... For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” (Psalm 1).

The ungodly know no real lasting peace and are in constant turmoil in their souls. As the book of Jude states, these men are like “wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam, wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever”.

In the seventh generation after Adam, Scripture records that a righteous man named Enoch, who truly walked with God, prophesied saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

The Interpreter in John Bunyan’s **The Pilgrim Progress**, first published in 1678, told Christian about the content of a certain individual’s dream in order to equip him with Knowledge of what was to come in his life.

“I looked up in my dream and saw the clouds rise and stretch at an unusual rate. Then I heard a great sound of a trumpet. I also saw sitting upon a cloud a Man [the LORD Jesus Christ] who was accompanied by the thousands of Heaven. They were all in flaming fire, and the heavens also were in a burning flame. Then I heard a voice saying, ‘Arise, you Dead, and come to judgement!’ And with that, the rocks broke apart, the graves were opened, and the dead who were in them came out. Some of them were very glad and looked upward, and some of them searched for a place under the mountain in which to hide themselves.

The individual continued, “Then I saw the Man who sat upon the cloud open a book and summon the world to draw near. Yet, because of a fierce flame that flowed out before Him, there was a suitable distance between Him and them, as between the judge and the prisoners on the bench. I also heard it proclaimed to those accompanying the Man sitting on the cloud, ‘Gather together the tares, chaff, and stubble and cast them into the burning lake.’ And with this the Bottomless Pit opened just about where I stood, and out of its mouth came a great deal of smoke and coals of fire with hideous noises. It was also said to the same persons, ‘Gather my wheat into the barn’. And with that I saw many people caught up and carried away into the clouds, But I was left behind. I sought to hide myself as well, but I couldn’t, for the Man sitting upon the cloud continued to keep his eye on me. I remembered my sins, and my conscience constantly accused me.’ At that time I awoke from my sleep.

As the prophet Daniel wrote: “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. And to those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like stars forever and ever (Daniel 12: 2-3).



**A TRIBUTE TO
PATRICIA BARTLETT OBE
(17.3.1928 to 9.11.2000)**

In a fitting tribute to Patricia Bartlett OBE at her funeral service at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt held on Monday 13 November, and attended by over 200 people, Society President Rev. Gordon Demsey said:

“In the New Testament we read of valiant men and women who in past times ‘through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war... putting foreign armies to flight’. This might have been written of Pat Bartlett, for she stands in the same courageous tradition. She fought battles; she challenged entrenched evil; she opposed kingdoms of wicked men; she faced the fury of the libertines [including those in the pornography industry], she was mighty in battle and occasionally routed the enemies of the nation.

“ In the late 1960s, with uncanny foresight, Pat recognised the seeds of moral decay in New Zealand society. She witnessed the increasing divorce rate, the disintegration of the family, the rise of a lucrative pornography industry and the unhealthy encouragement of sexually deviant lifestyles. She saw, as we did, the erosion of absolute Christian standards that once bound our nation together, that protected our homes and the lives of young girls, and that guarded

marriages and families. And her response to the rejection of her pleas and petitions, and the unwillingness of the Government to seriously consider these matters was to form the Society for Promotion of Community Standards Inc. (SPCS) in 1970.

“For two and a half crucial decades Pat Bartlett, as National Secretary and Executive Director of SPCS, challenged successive Governments to define what was meant by [the terms] “the public good” and “public decency” and to create and uphold laws that would preserve them. She insisted that in the community there exists a substantial degree of unity – a “common sense” – of what promotes dignity and well being and what undermines it; without which, she warned us ceaselessly, society disintegrates into (and now has) a jungle of shameless immorality, obscenity and violence where the strong continue to prey on the weak.

“... she was not just a mover and a shaker among us, she was much more. She was a voice for the people and community when no-one was speaking; and the conscience of the nation when our moral leadership failed so drastically.... And, as Pat warned, the shattering of our nation and the fragmentation of personality continues under the destructive force of immorality. Shun immorality [as the Scripture warns]... ‘For he who sows to his own flesh will from his own flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life’ [Galatians 6:8].

“Having sown, New Zealand is now reaping the harvest (of the “liberals”) in unprecedented levels of sexually transmitted diseases, youth suicides, abortion, divorce, mental illness, child abuse, violence and murder.

“Our nation languishes morally. With Pat’s death on Thursday the torch has been laid down. Who dares to take it up again for our Nation?”

Source: Society Newsletter
February 2001: Issue 96. Pages 3-4

CHALLENGES FOR SPCS

Promoting Moral and Spiritual Welfare in New Zealand by first identifying root problems: e.g. Moral Corruption



Feeding frenzy by ‘white collared’ pigs at the trough of moral corruption

One of the six objects for which the Society was established is: “To foster public awareness of the benefits to social, economic and moral welfare of community standards, and to encourage constructive debate and discussion in this area.”

The marked increase in white collar crime in New Zealand over the last few decades suggests a disastrous breakdown in community standards of morality leading to lawlessness with regard to compliance issues and a ruthless disregard for the weak and vulnerable by those with the means to carry out their predatory and greed motivated activities. Evidences of this deterioration are the almost daily revelations in the media of company directors, public servants, business operators and even MPs, convicted in our Courts of fraud and bribery, etc. All of this has taken a huge financial toll on the resources of our enforcement agencies, without mentioning the long-term personal, financial and social damage sustained by banks, financial institutions, small investors and others affected. Our international reputation has also suffered.

Enforcement agencies include the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), Ministry of Economic Development (MED), Commerce Commission, Securities Commission, NZ Police, the Courts, Inland Revenue Department (IRD), statutory Boards and others. Anecdotal evidence and some research studies suggest that only the proverbial ‘tip of the iceberg’ of such crime appears to be uncovered by these agencies as the vast majority goes undetected.

Publicly funded ‘watch dog’ entities such as the Securities Commission blame a lack of resources for hampering its efforts to investigate 50 failed companies, 14 of which have had charges laid against directors, 24 are still being investigated and 12 have had to be referred to other authorities. (see Dom Post 4/12/10 B7). Only three cases have reached a court judgement so far. The government body’s director of investigations, Sue Brown, said the organisation had a budget proportionally “far smaller than our international equivalents.”

Ms Brow’s hope is that the proposed super-regulator, the Financial Markets Authority, would include better resourcing and greater powers when it was launched in April next year, enabling the Commission to investigate more company collapses and do so more thoroughly. Non-compliance matters once detected often lead directly, not only to prosecutions, but also the uncovering of mismanagement and fraud etc.

The National Enforcement Unit of the Companies Office seeks to ensure that NZ registered companies comply with the Companies Act 1993, the Financial Reporting Act, Insolvency Act 2006 and other legislation

The Society (SPCS) executive urges its members to be proactive and uphold community standards by reporting any evidence of suspected fraud, examples of non-compliance by companies etc to appropriate enforcement authorities. It is only when that which is done in the dark is exposed to the light, that its true nature can be made manifest. The outrage many creditors feel towards those who have defrauded them, their feelings of despair and powerlessness to redress the moral evil – takes its toll on their physical and mental health, spiritual well-being and relationships.

Watchdog entities with high media profile such as Consumer Affairs, Target, Fair Go, Crime Watch etc serve a valuable public service and deserve to receive strong public support. Organisations such as Family First, that is a well-respected registered charity, also deserve full support in their endeavours to promote moral welfare by speaking out on issues that should be pricking the conscience of New Zealanders.

**The Society Welcomes
New Members
How to become a member**

Please visit us our Society on the Internet for Forms, email us, or write to us.

<http://www.spcs.org.nz>

Email: spcs.org@gmail.com

SPCS. P.O. Box 13-683 Johnsonville 6440

Note: Membership of SPCS is by way of donation. Cheques should be made out to “SPCS” or Society For Promotion of Community Standards Inc.”

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WANT A RECEIPT SENT TO YOU. Yes/ No
(If “Yes” then please send a pre-paid or stamped addressed envelope). We try and acknowledge by letter all those who send donations of \$100 or more

Having read the Society’s Objectives I wish to support your work and apply for one Full Year’s Membership. I support the Society’s Objectives (as set out on its website and listed on this page)

Contact details

Name.....

Postal address

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Tel. No. and E-mail

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Signed.....

I wish to receive regular email updates on the Society’s work Yes or No (circle)

My membership donation is enclosed (suggested Minimum \$45 for one individual)

The financial year for members runs from 1 January to 31 December.

Major fall-outs from Society’s investigation into the Funding of the New Zealand Porn Industry
(To be published shortly – awaiting legal clearance and review).

Two of the six objects for which the Society was established are: “To focus attention on the harmful nature and consequences of sexual promiscuity, obscenity, pornography and violence” and “foster public awareness of the benefits to social, economic and moral welfare of community standards, and to encourage constructive debate and discussion in this area.” (see all six objectives on p. 8).

To speak authoritatively about the economic, social and moral harm the porn industry and its associated vices such as prostitution and drugs, as it inflicts harm on NZ society, one has to have some knowledge of its funding sources and those entities used as vehicles to promote it. Legal advice we received confirmed that an investigation using the public records, media reports, information accessed from key enforcement agencies such as the Companies Office etc was perfectly in order and legal.

As stated in our September Newsletter (Issue 112), the financial collapse of four high profile hard core porn companies within the porn industry – all directed by pornographer Steve Crow - put into liquidation over a period of five years and owing hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Inland Revenue Department and creditors – provided a sharp focus for initial investigations.

As a result of raising many questions with the Companies Office over these companies and their connections with a San Antonio Texas-based businessman, John Malcolm Carr, and meeting with the Manager of the National Enforcement Office of the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and his staff on 4 November 2009, a full-scale inquiry was launched by the MED into the affairs of Messers Crow and Carr, on their own initiative.

A Few of the Outcomes in 2010

(1) Hardcore porn promoter and failed businessman, Stephen (Steve) Peter Crow, was banned by the MED for four years from being a company director and from being involved in the management and/or promotion of a company.

(from 16 Apr.2010 to 16 Apr.2014). No more directing or promoting porn companies for some time for Mr Steve Crow.

(2) Numerous compliance issues were raised by MED with John Malcolm Carr, currently sole director of hardcore porn companies – Eden Digital Ltd and CVC Group Ltd. His failure to respond to MED communications sent to all addresses associated with his numerous companies over many months, led eventually to a response, but only through his lawyer, Alan Bevan McKay, of Checketts McKay Law, Cromwell.

(3) The MED brought a total of eight charges against Mr John M Carr under the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and he was eventually convicted in the Auckland District Court of multiple offences on 15 October 2010. He was not present at any of the four court fixtures held over three months this year, including the sentencing hearing

(4) The Overseas Investment Office (OIO) has completed its year long investigations into a three million dollar property purchase in 1985 by a company directed by John M Carr, which was owned at the time by a foreign-registered company (see SPCS Dec. Newsletter 2009 p. 8) but failed to seek and obtain clearance from the Overseas Investment Office prior to (or after) the purchase. The OIR is considering its options and Mr Carr remains a person of significant interest to investigators who have been unable to locate him or speak to him.

(5) The media has reported that the director associated with the four porn companies put into liquidation (see above), owes the IRD \$250,000 in relation to two of them and is facing possible bankruptcy in the Auckland District Court. The MED is pursuing charges against him relating to his alleged breaches of the banning orders issued against him under s. 3385 of the Companies Act 1993 by the Registrar of Companies, Mr Neville Harris. A breach of this ban by a person, upon conviction, can carry a sentence of up to five years jail or a maximum \$200,000 fine.

(6) The NZ Domain Name Commissioner's Office is following up a number of compliance issues raised by the Society. For example, NZ porn websites are regularly being illegally registered in the name of bogus, non-existent 'limited liability companies'.

The objects for which the Society is established are:

- (a) To encourage self-respect and the dignity of the human person made in the image of God.
- (b) To promote recognition of the sanctity of human life and its preservation in all stages.
- (c) To promote the benefits of lasting marriage, strong family life and wholesome personal values as the foundation for stable communities.
- (d) To focus attention on the harmful nature and consequences of sexual promiscuity, obscenity, pornography and violence.
- (e) To foster public awareness of the benefits to social, economic and moral welfare of community standards, and to encourage constructive debate and discussion in this area.
- (f) To support responsible freedom of expression which does not injure the public good by degrading, dehumanising or demeaning individuals or classes of people.

The Society's financial year runs from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010.

If you wish to join for 2011 your membership renewal date is based on the month in which your cheque was banked and/or receipted (if you want a receipt for tax purposes then send us a stamped addressed envelope).

Remember all membership donations are tax deductible as the Society is a recognised charity with the Charities Commission (Reg. No. C 20268). It was registered as a charity on 17 December 2007.

The Society's audited Annual Financial Statements are available on the Charities Commission. Its Constitution is available on its website and the Societies websites

www.charities.govt.nz
www.societies.govt.nz