

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

5 August	Table for 8		Julie McLagan
10 August	Movie Night	5pm	Lighthouse Pauatahanui
11 August	Parliament Visit		Yvonne Thomson
15 August	Club Dinner Meeting	6pm	Boating Club
24 August	Mix & Mingle	4-6pm	The Supply Room, PLimmerton
25 August	Daffodil Day Appeal		
2 September	Tawa Club Wine Tasting		The Borough, Main Rd, Tawa
19 September	Spring Fling Dinner Meeting		

## **UPCOMING REGULAR EVENTS**

9 August	Mahjong	7pm	Every Wednesday, St Mary's, Whitby
10 August	Craft Group	10am	Dianne Roberts - 4 Port Lane, Whitby
14 August	Book Group	2pm	Dianne McGavin's - 39 Schooner Dr, Whitby
15 August	Club Dinner Meeting	6pm	Plimmerton Boating Club
19 August	Rotary Riparian Planting	9am	Plimmerton Domain
5 September	Tasty Tuesday	6pm	Mary Temperton

## MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

## **MOVIE FUNDRAISER**

**Thursday 10**<sup>th</sup> **August** - The date is almost here! Don't forget to bring cash for the raffles. We are also lucky enough to have one of John Fisher's paintings to auction.

If you are bringing a plate, would you drop it off at 4.15pm please. A disposable plate that is compostable would be preferable. Arrival from 4.30 for supper, movie starts at 6pm

## TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT - PARLIAMENT VISIT

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**: Yvonne has organised another exciting event for us to visit Parliament. The focus is on Women's Suffrage. It is 130 years this year of Women's Suffrage in NZ

We will meet at Mana Railway station at 10am for an 11am time slot at Parliament. Lunch at Copperfield's Café, Bowen Street after the visit.

Yvonne has a few spaces left so please contact her at <a href="mailto:ytplace@gmail.com">ytplace@gmail.com</a> or phone 021 267 2906 if you would like to join.

### **DAFFODIL DAY STREET APPEAL**

**Friday 25 August** is Daffodil Day, and we are collecting at our usual 4 sites. Whitby Mall, Porirua Warehouse, Mana New World and Palmers Garden Centre. Thank you to those who put their name down, but we are very short of collectors. If you can help even if it is for an hour rather than two, please let Jan Fisher know as she is coordinating the day. Jan's email is jafishers@xtra.co.nz

### TAWA CLUB WINE TASTING

**Saturday 2nd September** is a Wine Tasting for their Sip and Chat at the Borough, Main Rd, Tawa. Featuring International wines and nibbles. The tasting will be done by Lisa Burling of Hancock's Wine Merchants. \$25 a head, bring partners and friends. Names and numbers needed by 25th August so let please let Joy know <a href="mailto:joy.creet@gmail.com">joy.creet@gmail.com</a> Pay directly to the Borough on the day.

## **SUBS ARE NOW DUE**

Subs have increased this year and made up as follows:

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$60.00
Club Administration Costs	\$19.00
District Levy	\$11.00
NZ Inner Wheel Levy	\$20.00
International Inner Wheel Levy	\$10.00

Please make payment to:

ASB: 12-3254-0081449-01

(Please use your **name** as **reference** and include **subs** as **code**)

### **JOY'S JOTTINGS**

Welcome back to our members who have been enjoying travel and warmth over the last month or two.

I hope you all got something out of Ben's presentation on Cyber Security at our last meeting. I for one am now using different passwords for anything I sign up to. I also have a 6-digit phone pin now as well as face recognition. Feel free to send me any questions you thought of after the talk. Sometimes we think of a question as we try to put things into action.

The large group of us to who braved the cold, wet weather to go to the Ladies Lunch at Shed 5 had a lot of fun. Such a posh lunch at a reasonable price. I love these outings as I always get to know someone a bit better.

We have decided to include a bio of one of our members in each issue of the newsletter as a way for those of us newer members to get to know a little more about others. This month we start with Marg Pine. It is a privilege to have Marg share a little of her story in our newsletter.

At our August dinner meeting we have Whetu Bennett from WREMO speaking on the topic of preparing ourselves and our community in the event of a disaster.

Plans are afoot for a fun Spring Fling themed dinner meeting in September, so save the date! Search out your most colourful or floral frock for the event.

We are also looking at a Rack Attack event in November so keep an eye out for more about that! Many of us will be sorting through our wardrobes now doing a bit of a clear out. Don't take them to your usual donation shop! Keep them for our Rack Attack fundraiser in November.

Go well, Joy.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CALENDAR

We have been asked by the Porirua Photography Society if we would like to purchase some 2024 calendars from them. I think these will be stunning. They will be available to purchase at dinner meetings from late September. A beautiful calendar makes a perfect gift.

#### **ROTARY RIPARIAN PLANTING**

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August** Rotary have asked if we would like to help with this event. Nothing will be very labour intensive as the digging will be already done. They need help with organising volunteer planters and checking they have done it right as well as help with the actual planting.

Hope you can help. Last year many of our Inner Wheel members helped with this fantastic initiative.

### **RESIGNATION**

Pauline Moult has left us after many years of leading our Daffodil Day activities and lending her support so willingly to many other projects. We thank you Pauline and we shall miss you. We wish you well for your future endeavours.



## **LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS**

### **JULY DINNER MEETING**

Our speaker was Ben Creet who did a Couch to 5K Cyber Security presentation. The key points Ben made:

Have a 6-digit pin on your phone. Most of us only have a 4-digit pin.

Have a unique password for each of these - email, social media & online banking. We do not need a lot of characters that we won't remember. Make sure to avoid using personal information.

Have a password notebook or manager (a phone app)

Most of us will use the same password for many different things, (Farmers cards, grocery loyalty cards, Facebook, library cards etc) Ben suggested we change our passwords slowly, one at a time, so over the next few months we have changed 20 passwords.

Microsoft's Defender (inbuilt security virus scanning) is very good, so there is no need to pay for a third-party security system. Apple has a similar system built in.



#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Last month we inducted Gail Coutts and Joanne Jamieson who were introduced by Judy Tilley and Judith Tanner respectively. Welcome to our Inner Wheel club ladies. We look forward to getting to know you better.

We also presented our new members from the past 12 months with Chocolate Fish which were provided by the District Committee.



## **SHED 5 LADIES LUNCH**

Last Friday, 27 ladies made their way (mostly on the train) to Shed 5 in Wellington. After a walk along the waterfront, we arrived at two beautifully prepared tables and a delicious 3 course meal. There was lots of chat and laughter, as you would expect from our ladies and a great time seemed to be had by all.

Many of our new members commented that they loved getting to know people they had not previously had the chance to talk to.

We look forward to next month's outing on 11th August, to Parliament. We will leave Mana Station at 10am as our tour starts at 11am. After the tour, we are booked to have lunch at Copperfield's. I have booked for 20 people and have 2 spaces left to fill. Please txt or email Yvonne if you would like to go. Ph 021 267 2096 <a href="mailto:ytplace@gmail.com">ytplace@gmail.com</a>





#### **GETTING TO KNOW - MARG PINE**

We have a rich tapestry of wonderful ladies in our club. Many of us have led very interesting lives. We hope that by sharing a little more with each other, we can truly appreciate and understand what makes us the strong women we are today. We are honoured to share our first personal life journey from a very brave Marg Pine this month.

### We are stronger than we think.

Some of you are aware of my early childhood and how horrible it was for me. Whenever I think about my childhood it saddens me, but also it made me more determined to become not only a Kindergarten Teacher, but the very best Mum that I could possibly be. As a Kindy teacher I could have an influence on the children I taught, in helping them have great self-esteem and courage in life, no matter what was thrown at them.

In the earlier part of my teaching career, I relieved in many different areas and some of the children had a similar upbringing to me. Family violence and very little food or love shown. That's where it all began, the need to help and protect young children. The punishments that I suffered in my foster home, as a teenager, made me more determined to do well at college and move on to Kindergarten Teachers College. My last year at Wellington East Girls College proved to me that I could achieve, even though I was the only one that believed that. I was voted Form Captain, came top of my class, and received a prize for leadership and influence in Form 5. At the end of that year my class gave me a beautiful silver bracelet. This gift made up for all those years of no Birthdays or Christmases. A very treasured gift.

Two years at Kindergarten Teachers College finishing with an "A" pass and I was on my way. My first teaching job was at Strathmore Park Kindergarten. While there I met my darling David who was working at ANZ Bank. We met in the January, engaged in the April, and married in December 1967. So, this December we have been married for 56 years.

In July 1969 our daughter Jo was born, and we moved into our first home in Tawa. Jase arrived exactly one year after we moved, and then twenty months later Andy was born, and our little family was complete. I loved every part of being a mother, it is by far the best job in the world bringing up your children. David and I became very involved in the Community from Kindergarten right through to college. Plus, we were involved in all their sporting activities. I think I can honestly say that when the children were young it was the happiest time of our lives. I felt complete.

I went back teaching at Beanstalk Kindergarten just before Andy turned 5 and continued there for 7 years. An ideal situation as I only worked mornings, so had the best of both worlds - working at something I loved and being there for our children as well. At this stage we were very involved with the Tawa Squash Club where I played competitively for many years and was involved with mini juniors and juniors. The children all played as well, and David became our chief supporter.

Over the 18 years, I continued to teach and finally finished by teaching career at Tawa Central Kindergarten. You know you have made a difference when a young person around the age of 16 or 17 comes up and calls you by name and say, "you were my Kindergarten teacher" and gives you a hug. - I felt we were living the perfect life.

On July 2nd, 1992, while I was teaching at Tawa, something happened that has had the most profound effect on our lives. Our 19-year-old son Andy had gone away for a varsity break to Kinloch. Andy and 12 of his close friends had travelled up there for what Andy called "a male bonding week". They arrived at Kinloch at about midday and at 4pm Andy fell off the back of a boating tractor. I got a call from ICU, Waikato Hospital to identify him over the phone. From that day our lives were shattered, and our heart broken into a thousand pieces. How could a 6ft.5 gentle giant; a runner, a musician, a guy everyone loved, be gone in the blink of an eye. We turned his life support off at midday on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. That was 31 years ago and although the pain has softened and we live a different life, we still miss our darling boy every day.

But here we are today, we have survived. We are incredibly proud of Jo and Jase who are amazing human beings, and incredible parents with their partners, and top in their chosen fields of careers. They have great inner strength and are both incredibly giving people- they are our children. Love has won through.

More joy arrived with our darling grandchildren Josh 23, Ella 22, Emma 19, & Jonny 16. They bought sunshine into our lives when there wasn't any and continue to do so every day. We adore them. Family must always come first. Our angel Andy continues to guide us from on high — **Marg** xoxo

### **DOG LOVERS - PLAY DATE**

Would you like to join me at Plimmerton Dog Park on **Tuesday 15th August, 11am** with your dog? I have a very friendly Havanese boy named Darcy.

We could have a mingle then walk down the road to the Urban Bakehouse for a coffee and food after.

Please text me on 027 446 3430 **Judy Tilley** if you are interested. If we have enough interest this could become a regular event.

(If park too wet or its raining we can pick another time)

#### **NEW EVENT - MIX & MINGLE**

We are trailing a new event which is open to everyone. A chance for members who cannot attend our daytime events to meet other members outside of our normal club nights. We thought an informal social event would encourage friendship and be a chance to get to know each other better.

If you're at a loose end why not pop by for a drink - Partners welcome, no RSVP needed, just a casual get together.

First one will be held at - The Supply Room, Thursday 24 August, 4-6pm.

### WHAT I'M WATCHING

I am a bit of a fan of British crime dramas so I thought I would share a few of my favourites with you.

**Unforgotten** (Netflix) The programme follows a team of London detectives led by DCI Cassie Stuart (Nicola Walker) and DI Sunny Khan (Sanjeev Bhaskar) as they solve cold cases of disappearance and murder.

**Better** (TVNZ on Demand) We follow DI Lou Slack's epic battle towards redemption, by bringing down Col McHugh; the man she has come to love like a brother and the man she has helped place at the head of Leeds criminal underworld.

Redemption (TVNZ on Demand) DI Colette Cunningham's no-nonsense approach to policing has earned her the respect of her Merseyside Police colleagues. She seems unflappable, until she gets a call from the Garda in Dublin after the body of a young woman is discovered.





### **RECIPE TO TRY**

Christine made this cake for afternoon tea at the August committee meeting. It went down a treat with everyone commenting how nice it was. Recipe kindly supplied by Christine.

### **MOIST APPLE AND DATE CAKE**

2 apples peeled, cored & diced

1 cup of dates, chopped

1 tsp baking soda

3/4 cup of boiling water

125g butter

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla essence

1 & 1/2 cups of flour

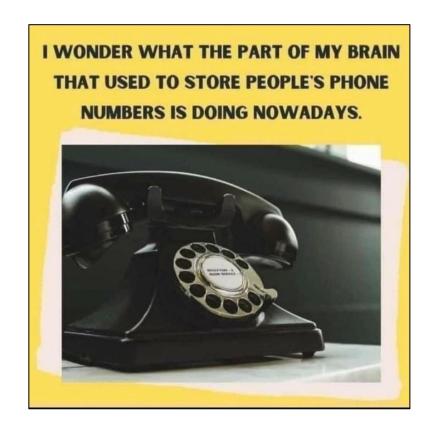
Combine apples, dates, baking soda and water in a mixing bowl and stand for 10 minutes.

Beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add egg and vanilla and beat well.

Stir flour into creamed mixture alternately with apple and date mixture.

Spoon into greased and lined 20cm round tin and bake at 180C for 1 hour.

Leave in tin for at least 10 mins before turning out. Dust with icing sugar.



### **REGULAR EVENT INFORMATION**

## Tasty Tuesday: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6pm

A group meets on the first Tuesday every month for a meal, chat, and a good laugh. For more information contact Mary Temperton 234 1477 or 027 419 2866.

## Mah Jong: Every Wednesday at 7pm

This group, initiated by Marg Pine has been running since 2007. They meet every Wednesday night at St Mary's Church in Whitby from 7-9pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Marg Pine 021 610 906.

## **Book Group**: 2nd Monday of the Month at 2pm

We each give a talk on books we have read in the past month; we don't all have to read the same book. For more information contact Lyndsay Kelly 234 7238.

## Craft Group: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am

Everyone takes along their own project, fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Enid O'Neil 022 529 2232.

## Table for 8: Saturday evenings

You are invited to join a group of Inner Wheelers (partners are welcome too) for a pot luck dinner on a Saturday evening. The host usually cooks the main dish, and each person brings a course or side dish. Dates will be advised. If you would like to be included in the group, please contact Julie McLagan 021 425 872.

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