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Almoner If you, or someone you know, is experiencing illness or difficulties, please let me know. I will contact you or your family to identify how we can best support you. ...

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Yvonne's thoughts

As we enter our fourth week in lockdown for our age group, I find myself watching shows on TV and expecting characters to do the two metre shuffle. I wonder how long it will take before greeting people with a hug will feel normal again!

In our bubble, we are keeping busy catching up on projects that we were going to do over the summer, that never even got started. As well we have a jigsaw on the go, we do the daily crossword and I think like many others are working our way through tidying cupboards and wardrobes. I have also read a few books and am looking forward to getting back together with the book group to hear what others have read.

Thank you Julia for organising a few virtual trips for us. A great way to get out when you can't get out. A few have commented that they have loved revisiting these spots and others haven't been and have enjoyed seeing somewhere different.

It's great to see that the lockdown seems to be working and the number of cases is dropping. Hopefully it won't be too long until we are meeting again.

Take care and stay safe
In friendship

Yvonne



You will all have now got a copy of the International Inner Wheel Magazine with lots of information about Inner Wheel worldwide and a message from our International President. This was followed by greetings from Bina Vyas, International President Elect, Carol Haskett our National President and Carol Woodfield our District Chairman. What a great organisation to belong to with 108,614 members worldwide, 3,979 clubs in 106 countries.

Big thank you must go to Julia Mottram for keeping us entertained with her virtual "travels".



From the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam which has an amazing collection of Dutch and foreign paintings, to the beautiful gardens in Singapore



Unfortunately because of the virus there is no book club, craft group or Mahjong. Once we are back to normal you can all look forward to joining these groups again. In the meantime I am sure you have found plenty of things to keep you busy. Gardening, clearing out the cupboards, don't forget to save your bras for Zonta, your beads for Caninspire and we may even have a pop up shop later in the year. Those with plenty of wool might like to knit some peggy squares so we can make more blankets for neonatal and Brenda has been busy cutting out silky pillows and wheat packs.

Laughter and humour could be the best mechanism to cope with this lockdown.

The Coronavirus has achieved what no female has ever been able to achieve. It has cancelled sports, closed all bars and kept all guys at home!

When Grandma hears
that you've run out
of toilet paper



Rescue dogs 2020 waiting to go into action

Watch out for scams

Online criminals have been using the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to carry out online scams and malicious cyber activity.

Be aware of an increase in fraudsters trying to take advantage of the COVID-19 situation. Fraudsters may call, email, or text and pretend to be from legitimate organisations to try and access your money or persuade you to download malicious software to your computer or phone. It's important to stay vigilant.

We were so lucky to hold our 30th Anniversary dinner before the lockdown saw us all take to our "bubble". It was a lovely evening with lots of good food, wine and of course fun and friendship. The Virtuoso Strings entertained us and Meryll Evans gave a talk about our history. We had 4 Charter Members present to cut the cake which was delicious.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Fisher

Maureen Barber



A POEM

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.
Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full

But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put these dates in your diary and hope and pray that by next month we are all out of lockdown.

19 May	Club Dinner meeting
16 June	Changeover
27 June	District Changeover

NICE THOUGHTS

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless. Mother Teresa

Don't forget to keep looking on line for more information:

www.innerwheel.org.nz and www.internationalinnerwheel.org