



PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL - AUGUST 2020

Brenda's Banter

Well I think spring is really here at last, sunshine, rain and wind a real mixture. The flowers are blooming some well before their time and the trees have their new leaves. Still its nice to get out and about and Les and I have taken the opportunity to have a few more days up the mountain again and enjoyed some great skiing. We have to get it in before the end of the season.

It was good having Bill Day, Chair of Wellington Children's Hospital come to talk to us last month. I am sure we will hear more from Bill as the building of the Hospital gets nearer its completion date.



It would have been so easy to have cancelled the last meeting but I think it went quite well even although we could not socialise as much as we normally would. You may not have used your masks but I hope you have them in your handbags ready just in case.

I would like to thank you all for being so understanding and sticking to the rules, it means we can hold the meeting again this month and keep safe. Come October hopefully we will be back to Level 1.

It has been a very busy month for us with the Pink Ribbon Lunch, Daffodil Day and helping with urgent calls from the Cancer Society for Silky Pillows and the Neonatal Unit needing masks for the families.

September meeting we have Mandy and Christobel coming to tells us all about their roles at the Cancer Society.

Mandy joined the Cancer Society 3 days before Daffodil Day last year, and it has been an exciting and ever changing job with the arrival of Covid-19. She is the Fundraising Events Team Lead and works closely with Christobel who is the Community Events Logistics Coordinator.

They are responsible for the fundraising aspect of the Cancer Society along with regular giving, grants and bequests. They also manage events like Relay For Life, Walking Stars, Round the Bays and of course Daffodil Day.

DAFFODIL DAY



A big thank you to everyone who volunteered on Daffodil Day and to Janet and Pauline for organising it.



SILKY PILLOWS AND WHEAT PACKS

The Cancer Society put out an urgent call for Silky Pillows and Wheat Packs so the sewing ladies got busy and 3 dozen silky pillows, 15 wheat packs and nearly 4 dozen covers were delivered to them. I had a phone call from Nora at the Cancer Society who said she was nearly in tears when she got to work and found all these items on her desk, they are really grateful.



NEONATAL KNITTING AND MASKS



A big thank you to everyone who has been knitting for the Neonatal Unit and to everyone that made masks for the families. Here is Val with some of the knitting, Brenda with the masks and Justine from Neonatal Unit holding up the lovely blanket made by our own dear Janet. There were:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 36 Singlets | 5 Cardigans |
| 32 Beanies | 4 Vests |
| 1 Pair of booties | |

And 66 Masks

Masks for the Neonatal is ongoing if you would like to make more and pass them to Val.

PINK RIBBON LUNCH

What a great afternoon we had at Diane McEwan's home for our Pink Ribbon Lunch. A lot of fun and friendship, a quick quiz and of course beautiful food. Over a \$1,000 was raised for this great cause.



Contents of Janet's prize. The Companies below have been very generous with their donations.



Winners of the Quiz

Raffles were provided by :

Clark & Co. - Kelly & Jason Clark plus all their staff.

Paremata New World - Paul & Kate

Plimmerton Deli - Roger Watkin

Christine Woodhouse. Christine@woodhouse.net.nz

Skin care products

Plimmerton Palmers - Richard (owner)

Deidre-Lee at Pacific Yoga Flow

OUT AND ABOUT

An outing to Te Papa with a guided tour had been organised for September but unfortunately because we are at Level 2 this cannot go ahead. Until we move down a level it is hard to organise outings but there is still the Craft Group, Book Group, Mah Jong and Tasty Tuesday where we can still meet with our Inner Wheel friends.

WALK AND TALK

A Walk and Talk with the South Wairarapa ladies has been arranged for Friday 30 October and we will meet half way at the Kaitoke cafe and gardens.

KITS FOR KINDIES - OUR DISTRICT PROJECT

The Inner Wheel Organisation of NZ is partnering with Pacific Pathways to support "Kits for Kindys" project. Our District is asking for your support of this great project.

In Vanuatu kindergartens/preschools do not get any government funding, they are set up and supported by the communities as best they can. Few if any teaching resources, play equipment or furniture are available and some teachers work for no pay.

We will be collecting the following items each month and they will be taken to the District Meeting in November.

Wooden toys, blocks, trucks, planes etc
Crayons (chubby), chalk, pencils
Scissors, small for children, large for teachers
Marker Pens
Paint, Paper suitable for drawing
Coloured paper for teacher use
Exercise books, colour books, puzzle books
String, Sellotape, glue sticks, staplers, blue tac
Drawing pins, Velcro dots

Magnifying glasses
Jigsaws with large sturdy pieces
Skipping ropes, balls all shapes and sizes
Frisbees, puppets,
Story Books
Charts and other Educational Materials, Alphabets,
Numbers, Animals etc

Please no soft toys as they disintegrate in the heat



DAYS FOR GIRLS

The following are the dates for Day for Girls in September. Meet at the usual time 9.30am to 12 noon, 14 The Crowsnest, Whitby. Contact Susanne Hindley on 027 647 0466 if you are interested.

The dates for **September 16 and 30th**

If you decide to go along please make sure you let Marg Nation or myself the hours you spend donating your time as all volunteer hours have to be recorded.

Here is a message from Sue Hindley from Days for Girls (DfG)

"Kits have gone to an intermediate school in Porirua. They had heard about DfG because the Wellington Team spent a great evening at Wainuiomata Intermediate as part of an information evening. Hence they contacted DfG NZ to see if they could also have some kits. Additionally some shields you, or your team made have been distributed to Family Planning to distribute out to about 7 different sites. They have chosen sites where there is a real need, so we know they will be gratefully received and the Catholic Women's League in Upper Hutt have request 12 kits to distribute when they visit Intermediate aged children in Wellington schools."

MARY POTTER HOSPICE

Mary Potter Hospice have asked for our help with their Street Appeal on Friday 18 September. We now have a full team to collect at the Porirua New World so thank you to those who volunteered.

PORIRUA PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Janet Reidy - For the last four years I have attended the Porirua School Leadership Awards hosted by Rotary and Porirua City and thought this year I'd give it a miss. With some gentle encouragement I went again and was very glad I did! Just about every primary school nominated two students for an award and there was plenty of diversity. The Mayor of Porirua presented the awards to an almost capacity crowd of 400 and it was extraordinary hearing the achievements of those youngsters. The Children's Commissioner and the Head Girl from Bishop Viard College gave inspiring presentations and together with music, rounded out a great morning filled with excitement, emotion and spontaneity.

Anne-Marie Garrett - Two senior students from each of 29 local primary schools were presented to Porirua Mayor, Anita Baker and Rotary District Governor, Gillian Jones at Elim Church on 11 August.

Izzy Ford, our Deputy Mayor, introduced the award winners, reading citations highlighting their contribution to school life and the personal qualities they each bring to bear in demonstrating leadership in their school community. The students' achievements were warmly acknowledged by a packed room of enthusiastic, supportive parents, peers and whanau. Judge Andrew Becroft's entertaining presentation of leadership values and virtues saw him donning a series of t-shirts featuring leadership statements such as:

- "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way" - Martin Luther King Jr
- "Take care of the children for how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa" - Dame Whena Cooper

Our morning was wrapped up by Rangikura School's singing performance and Head Girl of Bishop Viard College, Agnes Valasi's, inspiring reflection on development of Leadership potential. This celebration was a timely reminder that capable, compassionate potential leaders, in tune with the needs of others, are well on track to picking up the challenge of community leadership in our city!

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Alison McGregor | Faye Raffin |
| Bev Lillico | Marilyn Wallace |
| Christine Harrison | Dianne Roberts |



MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 2nd Monday of the Month at 1.30pm. We give a talk each on books we have read in the past month, we don't all have to have read the same book. For more information contact Sheryl Perera Phone 233 1944

Craft Morning: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. Everyone takes along their own project and fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Maureen Barber Phone 239 9528.

Tasty Tuesday: 1st Tuesday of the month. A group meet every month on the first Tuesday for a chat and a good laugh. For more information contact Diana Paris Phone 234 7683.

Mah-Jong: every Wednesday night 7-9pm at St Mary's Church in Whitby. Everyone welcome and they are willing to teach new members. For more information contact Margaret Pine Phone 021 610 906

Table for 8: Please contact Julie McLagan, jmclagan@seagulls.co.nz or 021425872. Dates are 3 and 10 October and there are still seats available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | |
|--------------|---|
| 1 September | Tasty Tuesday |
| 10 September | Craft Group at Brenda's 22A Acheron Road, Mana |
| 14 September | Book Group at Janet Reidy's Paekakariki Road, Pauatahanui |
| 15 September | Club Night Plimmerton Boating Club Mandy Evans, Cancer Society |
| 18 September | Mary Potter Hospice Street Appeal |
| 7 November | District Meeting in Palmerston North |

YOUR COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| President/Editor Brenda Callear 233 8244 bcallear@orcon.net.nz Vice President Anne-Marie Garrett 0276986024 amcl.garrett@gmail.com Past President Yvonne Thompson 234 7940 ytplace@gmail.com Secretary Sheryl Perera 233 9144 perera.home@xtra.co.nz Treasurer Joy Tongs 235 5775 pairoftongs@hotmail.com | Events & Almoner Christine Harrison 234 7535 kcharrison@xtra.co.nz ISO Marg Nation - 234 8710 nation@xtra.co.nz Raffles Dinah McEwan 021 719 295 dinah@mcewan.nz Absences Fiona Burrows 234 8543 burrows30@outlook.com NOTES: If you advise us you are coming to a meeting, then don't turn up, we still require you to pay for your dinner as we have committed for catering. | 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. Christine Harrison 234 7535 027 300 6734 IW Bank Acct 12 3254 0081449 01 |
|---|---|---|

NICE THOUGHTS

Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age and dreams are forever.

Yours in friendship



Brenda

Check out the Inner Wheel websites and FaceBook page which are full of interest and information and change all the time. www.innerwheel.org.nz and www.internationalinnerwheel.org