



## PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL - JUNE 2021

### Brenda's Banter

Hello Ladies it is so nice to see the sun shining today it makes one feel more alive.

I do hope you enjoyed listening to my daughter-in-law about her work with children with arthritis something we all think only applies to older people. This week she was in Palmerston North at a clinic next week it could be Dunedin.

This will be my last newsletter to you as your President. The year has gone by so quickly and I have enjoyed your company and all our activities. I do hope you are going to join Anne-Marie and myself at the Changeover on the 15 June.

It is rather a long newsletter but full of information especially about our new members so please take the time to read it all.



Brenda Callear, Rachel Callear and Sheryl Perera

### DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

The District Changeover is on Saturday 19 June at the Baptist Church, Te Moana Road, Waikanae. It would be great to see many members there when Carol hands over the chain to Debbie Lattey who has been our District Treasurer for the last three years. Carol has done a wonderful job for the last two years and we should be there to support her.

The speaker is Murray Eldridge the Wellington City Missioner and we are asking for donations of Women's toiletries etc for their "supermarket" which he has set up. They can be left with me or anyone going to the District Meeting. Please let me know if you will be coming to the meeting as I have to have names to the District Secretary by the 11th June.

### MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR OVARIAN CANCER

The movie fundraising for Ovarian Cancer was a huge success. Did you know 8 May was the World Ovarian Cancer Day - I didn't until I googled where to send our money.

I would like to thank you all so much for supporting this cause which has little recognition in the world of so many other cancers. A huge thank you too to all who provided food for the evening. I think everyone enjoyed themselves, the movie was good and we made lots of money. \$2,540 to be precise. Another \$55 has also to be added from Pauline Lowe's raffle.



## CONFERENCE

There were 7 of us that attended the National Conference in Queenstown in mid May. We had a fabulous weekend at the Hilton hotel on the shores of Lake Wakatipu joining with all the other attendees from around NZ for some fun and friendship beginning with cocktails and canapes before the opening ceremony on Friday night. Saturday was full on with a very busy business session in the morning and followed by 3 very interesting, inspirational and entertaining speakers before wrapping up around 3pm. That evening we were treated to a wonderful and sometimes hilarious talk from the guest speaker, Lisa O'Neill who lives just up the road in Levin.



This was followed by the gala dinner, beautiful food, beautifully laid tables and plenty of wine. The service, changeover of president and committee and closing ceremony the next morning heralded the end of what had been a very busy, fun and inspirational weekend. Our Wellington girls did a great little skit to announce Wellington as the next host for the Conference in 2 years time.

Some ended the weekend by going on a champagne cruise on the lake, others used the hotel spa or just went for a walk before we all said our goodbyes till next time.



Below is the skit we performed to encourage members to come and join us at the next Conference to be held in Wellington in 2023 - hilarious is the only way to describe it.



## WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE

Carol Woodfield and I visited the Wellington Free Ambulance to donate the money we raised through the sale of the Entertainment Book.

Clare Carruthers, Director of Fundraising showed us around the offices of the WFA including their Call Centre which was very interesting. They were very grateful to receive the \$800 raised so lets see if we can do better this year.



Brenda Callear, Clare Carruthers and Carol Woodfield

## WESTPAC CHOPPER APPEAL - LFT



A big thank you again to our team of volunteers who helped collect for the Life Flight Trust chopper appeal a very worthy cause.

## VISIT TO THE POLICE MUSEUM

A group of us went to visit the Police Museum in Papakowhai and had a guided tour. Having someone relate to you all the details makes things much more interesting.

Women were first admitted to the New Zealand Police Force as temporary constables in 1941. They did not wear uniforms, and their duties were geared towards women and children. In 1952 eight of them were chosen as the force's first female uniformed officers. You can see in the photo to the right the different uniforms the police women have had since their 1952 through to today. Below you can see how all the things they used to carry is now in one uniform vest. There is an all women's police station in Wainuiomata.



We also learned about the investigations into the Rainbow Warrior, the Mount Erebus air disaster, the Soviet **cruise** liner Mikhail Lermontov boat disaster and the 1981 Springbok tour - all very interesting.



Memorial for Matthew Hunt last policeman killed while working

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our four new members who were inducted in May.

I asked them to write a little about themselves and below is the information they sent to me.

As we are now a very big group it is hard to get to know everyone quickly so please ladies have a chat to our new members and get to know them.



Joy Creet, Caryll Farrer, Brenda Callear, Sue Mexted and Christine Newton

### **Caryll Farrer**

I'm very happy to be in New Zealand and to be with my siblings and family after an absence of 56 years.

I have always enjoyed book clubs and gardening and glad to have found groups here. Learning mahjong, which is a new event for me, and loving it.

My first love is ceramics/pottery which I did in the States for many years. I have yet to pursue that hobby here, but will again in the future.

Honored to be accepted into Inner Wheel, and I look forward to getting to know you all.

### **Christine Newton**

I am married to Mark and we have three children. My two sons and their partners live in Wellington and my daughter and her partner live in London.

My interests are walking, playing golf, reading and spending time with my two grandchildren. I'm also learning to speak Japanese.

I am a part time teacher at Paparangi School teaching Reading Recovery.

### **Joy Creet**

I am married to Doug who is in IT and have two children, Ben and Ella and two delicious grandchildren, Rosie (6) and Riley (4). I have spent a lot of time with them since I retired last July. I worked in a number of areas in my twenties and then trained as a teacher in my thirties. Most of my teaching career was in Deaf Education in various roles. I have a new interest in gardening and am half way through a certificate in Horticulture. I read, walk, and watch Nordic noir on Netflix. I also have an interest in politics with a little 'p'.

### **Sue Mexted**

I moved to Pauatahanui after marrying my husband Steve Mexted 37 years ago. The Mexted family owned farms on the Paekakariki Hill Road, we were 3<sup>rd</sup> generation living there and owned a 10 acre block. Steve and I owned and operated a contracting business, Mexted Contractors Ltd, known for general contracting then later on to building sports grounds around NZ. Our eldest son Cameron and his wife Jean now own the company.

After 14 years of living on the Paekakariki Hill Road, we moved to live in Paremata where the boys played, rugby, cricket, tennis. As a family enjoy boating, water skiing but our main family sport is snow skiing. I worked as a director of our company, along with having a spell working in Real estate in the

Whitby/Paremata/Plimmerton area, life was very busy. My husband became unwell in 2014 so we downsized the family home and moved to Whitby 3 years ago, Steve recently passed away. Along with snow skiing I enjoy reading, gardening, yoga and golf and bike riding. I have a beautiful grandson Henry who lives with his parents in Tawa. Luke and his wife Tish are currently living in Queenstown and Guy and his fiancé Emma, are Wellington based.

### **SILKY PILLOWS AND WHEATPACKS**



A big thank you to our sewers who have once again been busy making silky pillows and wheat packs for the Cancer Society.

They are always in need of more and are so grateful each time we take these in for their use.

### **BAKING PAPER**

We now have Baking paper for sale again. \$13 a roll. If you would like some please pay \$13 into the Inner Wheel Account 12 3254 0081449 01 Ref: Baking Paper and let Christine Harrison know. She will then bring it along to the next meeting. We have been told this could be our last delivery so get in quick.

### **DAYS FOR GIRLS**

Days for Girls (DfG) - If you would like to go along and help please phone ahead to confirm you are going - Susanne Hindley 027 647 0466. Her home is 14 The Crowsnest, Whitby.

The dates are June 9th and 23rd, July 7th and 21

### **EXPO**

Love Porirua are holding an Expo again on the 12 June and we will again be having a stand to promote Inner Wheel. This is part of the Strategic Plan for Inner Wheel to get out there and promote ourselves. So many people do not know what Inner Wheel is or what we do. If you can help in any way, even for a short time please email me.

### **BIRTHDAYS JUNE**

Annette Craig  
Diana Paris  
Julie McLagan

Carol Woodfield  
Fiona Burrows  
Marie Press



### **DINAH MCEWEN**

Dinah would like to thank everyone for their kind words, emails, cards and flowers she received on the passing of her sister.

### **MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:**

**Book Club:** 2nd Monday of the Month at 1.30pm. We each give a talk 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. I am told the Table for 8 meeting went very well so if you are interested to join the next one please contact Julie

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 June 2021	Craft Group at Marie Press, 101, Kahu Road, Paremata
12 June 2021	Love Porirua Expo
14 June 2021	Book Group, TBA
15 June 2021	Changeover
19 June 2021	District Changeover
6 July 2021	Tasty Tuesday
27 August 2021	<b>Pink Ribbon Lunch</b>

**NICE WORDS** - Somewhere, someone else is happy with less than you have.

Yours in friendship

Brenda 

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