



INNER WHEEL - APRIL 2022

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

Pulling Together and Supporting One Another, Strengthens the Connectivity of our Club

I have to tell you that I had a great day out with a group of friends last week. And I have to tell you that those friends were Inner Wheelers!

It's certainly been the month for postponements and cancellations as each of us makes personal choices about our comings and goings, with plans and commitments being reassessed on the basis of level of risk.....

And we've done that because the stakes have been high. We knew that the risk of catching Omicron was mitigated by vaccination rates. As infection rates climbed through March, we heard stories of increasing numbers of friends and acquaintances isolating.Some of whom were experiencing rather nasty symptoms.

And over recent days, as the data tells us infection rates are beginning to draw back, I've found myself suspiciously raising my view from the parapet- checking out whether it was "safe" to head out from cover! I guess many of our members are feeling the same. So where do we find ourselves now? April is upon us, autumn colours and daylight hours reminding us that "so too, these things will pass".

As we chatted over lunch at Sunday Cantina the other day, there was a familiar ring to many comments:

- "Gee, I'd forgotten how important it is to take time out and just "be" together"
- "I didn't realise I was losing my confidence to be out and about"
- "I really needed to be amongst friends today - it's been too long"....
- "I've been staying close to home to protect my husband / family from infection"

And, as we headed off home

- "This has been really nice - let's not leave it so long before we get together again".

Chatting with Glenys the other day, she observed:

During this time when many of us are anxious and reluctant to pursue our daily activities and connect with others in case we acquire the virus, I think it's important to try and put things in perspective and have a positive attitude. Not always easy when there is so much deplorable news presented to us on TV. For me this is important for my own mental health and physical wellbeing as well.

I try to maintain my usual daily activities as much as I can. I continue going to my gym class, walking with my Probus group, keeping up my fitness programme, and keeping up with social contact with friends and family, as much as possible. This to me is most important. ...Always keeping in mind personal safety and that of others. Hopefully this period of our lives will be just a memory in a while. We are so fortunate to have one another. When I first met Inner Wheelers it was the warmth of genuine, long lasting friendships amongst the Plimmerton Inner Wheel community that really impressed me. Especially when I learned that these women really do "hang together", supporting one another in times of adversity. What you do every day, really does make a difference!

Our guest for 19 April is Anita Baker, Mayor of Porirua. We would like to give Anita a warm welcome, so please invite a friend along! Just let your committee member know when she contacts you for numbers and please make dinner payments online."

Nga Mihi
Anne-Marie
Club President

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR APRIL MEETING

We are looking forward to being together once again for our April meeting. Plimmerton Boating Club has advised that, with the relaxation of mandates, it will no longer be necessary to show vaccination passes at the door.

- Your Committee contact person will contact you (as usual) to check whether you are intending to attend.
- Please make your payment online. Doing this before the weekend allows these to be processed (by Marg and Karen) in plenty of time.
- When making payment for this month's meal, drink and also raffle if you would like one, please use these reference codes:
 - ## Dinner without a raffle ticket and drink \$28, Reference D
 - ## Dinner with raffle ticket \$33, Reference DR
 - ## Dinner plus soft drink plus raffle ticket \$37, Reference DSR
 - ## Dinner plus wine plus raffle ticket \$40, Reference DWR
- On arrival, please come to the bar to get your drink from the bar staff
- Your meals will be served to you at your table

APRIL MEETING

Mayor Anita Baker is coming to give us her perspective on local politics and challenges for our community in the future.

MAY MEETING

Dr Taku Parai, Kaumatua, Ngati Toa will speak on all the great things happening in the Community since receiving Settlement.

JUNE MEETING

June is our annual Changeover, when our new Club President and Committee take over the reins for the new year. Sheryl and her team are planning a fun night for Inner Wheel members and partners so

SAVE THAT DATE!

- Plimmerton Boating Club
- Tuesday 21 June
- 6pm for 6.30pm
- Watch this space for further details!!

CONDOLENCES

Our hearts go out to Meryll Evans whose beloved husband and companion, Noel, passed away recently. Noel supported Meryll in her various positions as Inner Wheel Club President, District Chair and IWNZ Publicist. Noel would enliven any room with his double bass jazz renditions! It was with great sadness that we heard of Rob McLagan, Julie's husband's passing, last week. Rob was always there to support Julie in her many community service roles over the years. We remember his warm smile and genuine affection to those he met. To Meryll, Julie and your families, we extend our deepest sympathy & support in your time of loss.

EMPOWERMENT DAY - AGM AND CHANGEOVER 11/12 JUNE - What does Empowerment mean?

Empowerment may be defined in several ways, including accepting women's viewpoints, or making an effort to seek them, raising the status of women through education, awareness, literacy, and training. The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.

Sue and Alyssandra have organised a fun afternoon that will give you and your fellow members the opportunity to learn more about Inner Wheel and the roles taken up by the many people that keep this organisation working. They have lot of new and innovative ideas to share with us. In fact it is going to be a great weekend of not only Empowerment Day, AGM and Changeover but a chance to meet up with old friends and make lots of new ones. I encourage you all to come along and enjoy the friendship. Partners are welcome to join us for dinner on the Saturday night and home hosting is available.





CONGRATULATIONS 🌹

We are delighted to announce that IWNZ Past President Dot Anderson-Lee has been elected as an International Inner Wheel Board Director for 2022-23.

Dot will be an amazing asset on the board and IWNZ are delighted to celebrate this great honour

OUT & ABOUT AT BIG SLAB CREATIVE CENTRE AND SUNDAY CANTINA

Velma arranged our visit to Big Slab Creative Centre on the Kapiti Coast for Friday 25 March, followed by lunch at Sunday Cantina in Raumati South. Steph Smith of Big Slab welcomed us warmly, offering a warming coffee on a chilly morning to accompany the delicious muffins Velma had whipped up earlier. The Creative Centre is Steph's baby and she talked of the community networks which have been created with and through Kapiti artisans, whose work is displayed and sold on behalf. Sponsorship of various community groups is also an important part of Big Slab's commitment to strengthening community. As we fanned out to explore the display spaces and gardenings, we were treated to a wonderful array of paintings, art works, garden art and outdoors furniture. Happily decamping to the Sunday Cantina in Raumati, we enjoyed a relaxed, delicious lunch. We had a great day together - reminded of the value of good company and friendship in these Covid times!



NEONATAL KNITTING

This week, I was delighted to receive this lovely note from Val Sherwin who co-ordinates our club's knitting for the Neonatal Trust. "As the winter months are looming, our Neonatal Trust representative will come and collect what knitting and blankets we have. So I counted what we have. We have 43 blankets, 63 Singlets, 4 hats and 1 pair of booties.

I know we have a few more blankets outstanding and these can be handed on as they are completed. I would just like to thank all the Inner Wheeler's and ex Inner Wheeler Jenny Lucas for all the time they have put into putting the Peggy squares together to make these blankets and to Dianna Paris and others in the knitting of the singlets". Here is a photo of them all

If you would like to add to our Neonatal knitting efforts, please let Val or Anne-Marie know - we can supply you with patterns and materials! (2 photos sent separately



SILKY PILLOWS

A big thank you must go to ladies who sew the silky pillows, wheat packs and covers.

One of the ladies suggested that we include the inners for the pillows so that they can be put together and then quickly stitch up the opening on the machine. So from now on when you get your silky pillow packs you will also get the inners.



THIS IS WHY WE ARE MEMBERS OF INNER WHEEL

There is not much that members in New Zealand can do for those in war torn areas apart from sending money but I found this in Opotiki's newsletter about a few posts that have been on Facebook and how those countries who are nearer Ukraine are helping out in these very sad times.

IW Clubs in UK and Europe are contributing goods (and providing transport for these goods); shelter and accommodation for people that they have never met; they are taking risks that we cannot imagine and in fact they are upholding the three Objects of Inner Wheel to the highest level.

From Phyllis Charter Past President IIW - Another 40ft container of food, water, sanitary/health goods, nappies, baby food and other desperately needed things - that we all take for granted - on their way to a distribution point in the centre of Ukraine, from where it can be taken in smaller vehicles to those families and children that are now facing the loss of their homes and starvation

IWC de Bordeaux Alienor Europa:

Through Rotary, we have come in contact with the Consul of Moldava. A semi-trailer already left on Sunday for Ukraine, for Kiev, it was yesterday in Budapest. These were filled with hygiene products, syringes, medicines, masks, for babies, diapers...

From Isabelle Cheval:

Our Inner Wheel friends in Odessa or neighbouring countries do a really extraordinary job, we Inner Wheel far from the front should help them or continue to help them: "friendship, personal service, international understanding. We also need to be welcoming in our homes especially when we are in town.

Inner Wheel District 224 Romania-Moldova together with representatives of the **Inner Wheel Odessa Black Sea** club in action. We are happy to send a report. We bought groceries, detergents, hygiene products for 50 Ukrainians who live in a small hotel in Moldova. Unfortunately, we did not collect them all to take a photo. But we saw their happy eyes and felt gratitude. We hasten to share this warmth and gratitude with you. Peace to all of us. Thank you very much Catherine Refabert to our friend from International Inner Wheel for financial help thanks to which we were able to help refugees from Ukraine.

So we are all sisters together helping one another. What a wonderful organisation we belong to.

CRUISE WELLINGTON HARBOUR

Kay Phillips, President of the Rotary Club of Plimmerton, has invited our members (and partners) to join Plimmerton Rotary for a Cruise on Wellington Harbour.

Details: "On Tuesday 10 May, we will cruise on the Wellington Harbour on Sweet Georgia. The cruise leaves the wharf at 5.30 and the cost is \$30.00 pp plus drinks. Finger Food will be served. Because of Covid-19 restrictions numbers may be limited."

Please register your interest on the Board circulated at our next meeting, phone or email Anne-Marie (amcl.garrett@gmail.com or 027-6986024) if you would like to book for this cruise.

MOVIE NIGHT

The movie fundraiser has been postponed until later in the year.

ROSE OF FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGE FROM TAWA CLUB - INDOOR BOWLS

Wednesday 20th April is the date for your diary if you would like to be part of the Indoor Bowls team. We had ten ladies go along last year and we had a really lovely evening with the Tawa Club, lots of fun and laughter. You don't have to be a bowler to come along there will be plenty of ladies to help you. We usually start at 6pm with dinner (\$25) followed by the bowls. If you would like to be part of the team please email Anne-Marie.

BIRTHDAYS

Christine Newton
Enid O'Neil
Jan Fisher
Joy Creet
Maureen Barber



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

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| • Tasty Tuesday | 6pm | 5 Apr | Supply Room (Diana Paris) |
| • Book Group | 2pm | 11 April | Debbie Howard |
| • Craft Group | 10am | 14 April | Marie Press' |
| • Club Night | 6pm | 19 April | Mayor Anita Baker |
| • Rose Bowl of Friendship | 6pm | 20 April | Tawa Bowling Club ??? |
| • Movie Night | 6pm | 28 April | Lighthouse Cinema, Pautahanui - Child Cancer |
| • Tasty Tuesday | 6pm | 3 May | Supply Room (Diana Paris) |
| • Book Group | 2pm | 9 May | Jan Fisher's |
| • Cruise Wellington Harbour | 5.30pm | 10 May | With Plimmerton Rotary Club |
| • Craft Group | 10am | 12 May | Enid O'Neil's |
| • Club Night | 6pm | 17 May | Dr Taku Parai Kaumatua Ngati Toa |
| • Wairarapa Golf / Shop | TBA | 26/27 May | Solway Copthorne, Masterton (Marg & Brenda) |
| • Committee Meeting | 3pm | 30 May | Velma |
| • Tasty Tuesday | 6pm | 7 June | (Diana Paris) |
| • Craft Group | 10am | 9 June | Diane Roberts' |
| • District Changeover | 10am | 11/12 June | Coast Community Church and Paraparaumu Bowling Club |
| • Book Group | 2pm | 13 June | Carol Woodfield's |
| • Club Changeover | 6pm | 21 June | Plimmerton Boating Club |

MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 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 have read the same book. For more information contact Sheryl Perera (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 at 6pm.

A group meets on the first Tuesday every month for a meal, chat and a good laugh. For more information contact Diana Paris (234 7683).

Mah-Jong:

Every Wednesday night 7-9pm at St Mary's Church in Whitby. Anyone is welcome to join this group and they are willing to teach new members. For more information contact Margaret Pine (021 610 906).

Table for 8:

You are invited to join a group of Inner Wheelers (partners are welcome too) for dinner on a Saturday evening. Please contact Christine Harrison, (christineh656@gmail.com or 234 7535).

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NICE WORDS - Say good words, think good thoughts, do good deeds.

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.