





INNER WHEEL - DECEMBER 2021

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

Wow - Christmas is nearly here! The year seems to have whizzed by - a mixed bag of blessings and setbacks. Looking back at the challenges which have formed us, we're all the richer for our experiences as we've adjusted to change in our lives in this evolving Covid environment. For me this brought the joy of welcoming three beautiful babies as new members to our family, the elation and exhaustion they brought with them! That's made 2021 very busy, tripping around as Supergran... ...And the hope that the lifting of border restrictions in 2022 will bring our cute wee Eve and her parents home to NZ for cuddles with her Granny Rie!!

As Bob Dylan reminded us, "the times they are a-changing" and traffic lights are going to take on a whole new meaning! When we next meet, for our Christmas celebration at Plimmerton Boating Club on 14 December, we will need to show our vaccination passes at the door. These government regulations are designed to protect all New Zealanders.

So we look forward to the Christmas season, with its inevitable promise of more change, growth and development in the New Year. We look forward to Christmas as a time to celebrate with family and realise that for many in our community, coronavirus restrictions will continue to prevent unification of many families. I invite you to reach out to those unable to connect with their families this holiday season, so they too experience the true value of friendship through Inner Wheel.

Nga Mihi Anne-Marie Club President



WELLINGTON CITY MISSIONER - Murray Edridge

"Empowering, transforming and creating fullness of life for Wellingtonians in need."

Murray Edridge, Wellington City Missioner our November guest was a very inspiring speaker. He told us of the many new developments at the City Mission which are improving accessibility to those in need in our community.













DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was a great day for fun and friendship. Although masks had to be worn when we arrived once we were inside and sitting in or "club bubble" off they came. We were still able to catch up with old friends and even talk to new people - networking that's what is all about.

The President of each Club spoke about their clubs activities and it was very interesting to hear about some of their activities eg: Distraction Kits for the Police to carry in their cars for when the come upon an accident and have to copy with very upset children - what a great idea and this was only one of them.

The Kapiti Club gave us their version of Snow White which was hilarious, especially Shirley who kept running across the stage opening and shutting the curtain.

Susanne Hindley gave her talk about Days for Girls and the Bring and Buy stall was overflowing. Most of the goods were sold so we will have made quite a bit of money to go towards those sewing machines for the village in Milawi.





CHRISTMAS MEETING

Please bring along a \$10 gift for Secret Santa. It is going to be a fun evening with a real Christmas theme. So don't forget to wear all your Christmas Bling.

It is also important that when you say you are coming you pay for your meal as soon as possible eg: Friday before the meeting at the latest. Otherwise if you are late paying the club has to pay for your meal until your money comes through.

Please make payment for this month's meal and drink prior to the meeting and also raffle if you would like one.

- 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

By using these references it is going to make Marg's life a lot easier.

MARY POTTER HOSPICE STRAWBERRY FAIR - HAD TO BE CANCELLED

Our Midland Park Hospice Strawberry Festival may be cancelled today, but our 24/7 hospice care is not.

Every November you'd usually find us and our amazing team of volunteers serving up thousands of strawberry sundaes in Midland Park, Porirua and Kāpiti. However this year, due to COVID-19 we've had to cancel our series of berrylicous events. Our Hospice Strawberry Festival events raise \$80,000 (that's over 13,000 sundaes!) of crucial funds for Mary Potter Hospice. These funds ensure patients and their families or whānau receive compassionate, free-of-charge hospice care at one of life's most difficult times.

Losing these funds would cause significant financial strain for the Hospice – can you help us reach our \$80,000 fundraising goal? Please share some sweetness by donating to our Hospice Strawberry Festival Appeal today. We couldn't do what we do without your support

Account Name: The Mary Potter Hospice Foundation

Account Number: 01-0537-0020909-005

INVITATION TO TAWA'S 40TH BIRTHDAY

An invitation to the Tawa Club's 40th Anniversary has been extended to us all.

It is to take place on the 27th March at the Tawa Bowling Club.

It is a lunch 11.30 for 12 noon and the cost is \$40

For catering purposes they would like an indication if you will be attending by 3 December with more information coming out in January.

RSVP: Janice Lee janice.lee@xtra.co.nz Tel: 04 232 6167

BOOK GROUP XMAS LUNCH

The book group went to lunch at Karaka Cafe and had such a lovely time. Novelty Cafe and great company.

Some of us popped into the old St Paul's Xmas shop afterwards. It was Wellington on a good day.



CANCER SOCIETY



A big thank you for all our sewers and to Pauline Moult who was able to take :

3 dozen Silky Pillows2 dozen Wheat packs, andNearly 5 dozen covers for the wheat packs

to the Cancer Society recently

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER:

Carolyn Wallace
Jenni Norton
Joy Tongs
Judy Parker
Karen Warner
Yvonne Thomson



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

| Table for Eight: | 6pm | 4 December | (Christine Harrison) |
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| Out and About: | | 5 December | Palmerston North Market and Gardens |
| Out and About: | | 6 December | Peka Peka Christmas Decorations |
| Tasty Tuesday: | 6pm | 7 December | Tuk Tuk restaurant (Diana Paris 021 029 0290) |
| Craft Group: | 10am | 9 December | Yvonne Thomas home (Pot Luck shared Lunch) |
| Club Night: | 6pm | 14 December | Plimmerton Boating |
| Pizza & Plonk: | 3pm | 24 January | Janet Reidy's - Ration Orchard (partners welcome) |
| Committee | 3pm | 31 January | Velma's |
| Tasty Tues: | 6pm | 1 February | (Diana Paris) |
| Craft Group: | 10am | 10 February | (Anne-Marie's) |
| Book Group: | 2pm | 14 February | (Sheryl Perera's) |
| Club Night: | 6pm | 15 February | Angela Robertson |
| Out & About: | | February | Te Papa (Rita Angus - Artist) |
| Out & About : | | March | Te Papa (Tivaevae Quilts) |

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. Our next Table for 8 is scheduled for Saturday 4 December. Please contact Christine Harrison, (christine656@gmail.com or 234 7535).

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NOTES: If you advise us you are coming to a meeting, then don't come, 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.

Should you need a Driver please contact Maureen Barber on 239 9528.

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NICE WORDS - Life is so ironic, it takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to appreciate presence.

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.



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