



INNER WHEEL - JANUARY 2022

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

Welcome to 2022!! Looking back over 2021, for all its hiccups, postponements and changes of plan, it just seems to have whizzed by! As Inner Wheelers, 2021 offered so many opportunities for friendship, sharing our good fortune through service to others in both local and international spheres and personal growth.

My personal highlights were attending the Inner Wheel Conference in Queenstown in May, enacting our own World of Wearable Arts in October and celebrating Christmas together in December. Conference was a great opportunity to learn more about our organisation, meet and party with Inner Wheelers from all over the country. We were so disappointed when our planned night out at the WOW dress rehearsal was cancelled so it was a real buzz to see so many of our ladies exercising creativity by in your own "take" on wearable arts. What eventuated was a fun evening of chatter and laughter - which we needed so much after the isolation of lockdown! We wound our year up with a lovely Christmas party in December. Restrictions of Level 2 seemed to lift with the Traffic Light System - it was so nice to be free to mix and mingle prior to dinner, make choices about seating combinations and move around the room at ease! Our appreciation goes to Joy, who shared her family's talents with us. Graham and Sharon's presentation of "O Holy Night" was just beautiful!

And so - to 2022! As the sun peeps over the horizon, bringing the dawn of a New Year, I wish you all the blessings of this wonderful season: may good health, happiness and fulfilment of resolutions be yours. We look forward to 2022 with optimism - and the reassurance of knowing that our club succession is in good hands, with Sheryl Perera stepping up to be our club President for the 2022/23 year.

We are looking forward to another busy and active year. We begin our year with a garden party of "pizza and plonk" at Janet Reidy's (Ration Orchard on Paekakariki Rd). We will be rescheduling the Movie Night Fundraiser for Child Cancer to a mid-week evening in March (more about this at our February meeting). Other social events to note in diaries are the Wairarapa Golf & Shopping expedition in March, celebration of Tawa Inner Wheel's 40th anniversary in March and our annual Indoor Bowls challenge with the Tawa Club in

Nga Mihi
Anne-Marie
Club President

CHRISTMAS PARTY





VISIT TO YVONNE GROOMS TO SEE HER WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Nine of us had a most enjoyable afternoon visiting Yvonne Groom at her lovely property in Peka Peka. As usual Yvonne had done an outstanding job with her Christmas decorations, there were three beautifully decorated trees and many other beautiful decorations on display. Some of these decorations belonged to both Yvonne and Ian's parents.

We all tried not to partake of too many chocolate biscuits but it was not easy. After the scrumptious afternoon tea we all made our way home. We were so lucky with the weather, lovely sunshine after the rain we had the week before when we had to cancel our trip.

Thank you Yvonne for a lovely afternoon outing.



CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

A Big thank you to everyone who volunteered to gift wrap the Christmas Presents in the North City Plaza, especially those that did more than one shift. This activity was with the Porirua and Plimmerton Rotary and a great way to raise funds for our Wellington Children's Hospital. I believe we alone had over 36 hours of voluntary work so a great job done by all. Although some of the gifts needed more than one pair of hands to wrap. It was fun and everyone was in good spirits.



VISIT TO THE MOTTAMS

Julia and Phillip Mottram have a lovely spot to sit and relax in at their new home in Palmerston North. Gorgeous garden full of clever attachments by Phillip. He has built rambling steps under the extensive bush covered hill. We wandered over to the nearby market. Met Kate Paget there selling her Snooty Fruits label. Sheryl bought her unique dessert olives to go with some gorgonzola dulce and sourdough with chia. They all went back to lunch at Julie's - Pot luck lunch and was a great spread of food. Julia also had homemade fizz on offer - lemonade or rhubarb. Some of the group checked out the nearby botanical gardens. A Big Thank you to Julia and Phillip for a lovely Sunday timeout.



ROLE OF THE ISO - VELMA KNIGHT

The role of the ISO on our committee is to support the District Project, take note of volunteer hours and money raised. It is also to the person who keeps in contact with other clubs both in New Zealand and abroad. Velma has recently had contact with the Opotiki Club and they just sent us this lovely photo of their Christmas meeting.



CRAFT GROUP BREAK UP

The Craft group met together at Yvonne Thomson's home for a pot luck lunch. Yvonne was so busy being the hostess with the mostest she forgot about photos and so did everyone else and I forgot to remind them. They were too busy enjoying the good food, fun and friendship of their Craft Group.

SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Dr Angela Robertson has over 30 years experience as a professional learning and development practitioner, manager, coach, writer and speaker. She inspires and supports individuals of all ages to maximise their potential to enhance the quality of their lives. In her book "Celebrating life on our own terms" she shares stories of local men and women in their 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, who seek new opportunities and challenges and engage in productive work, connecting to the community. She maintains later life still offers new possibilities for personal growth.

OUT AND ABOUT CO-ORDINATOR

As you will have noticed from our Upcoming Events diary, we have a couple of visits to Te Papa planned for February and March. Our Out and About events tend to be very popular and I would appreciate a co-ordinator to help organise our visits (tasks such as co-ordinating car shares, arranging meeting times and phoning participants) as I sometimes get too busy to give these really important details the attention they deserve. If you can help, please give me a call. (Anne Marie 027-6986024)

TAWA INNER WHEEL 40th CELEBRATION

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.

RSVP: Janice Lee

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RESIGNATION

It is with sadness that we have received Lou Oldershaw's resignation from Inner Wheel. Lou says she has been a member of our club for some twenty years, enjoying aspects of service, meetings with interesting and stimulating speakers, outings, different activities and has made true and lasting friends.

We thank Lou for her years of dedicated service to our club, her warm friendship and hearty laughter.

PIZZA AND PLONK

We will be celebrating International Inner Wheel Day (which is 10 January) at the Reidy's home on the 24 January 2022 at 4pm and all are welcome. Bring along your plonk, garden chairs, blankets and come and enjoy the afternoon with your Inner Wheel friends. I am sure Janet will have lots of games for us to play and we might even get to feed the eels again.

Please pay on-line into the Inner Wheel Account \$15 per person for your Pizzas.

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY:

Judith McLay



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

- Pizza & Plonk: 3pm 24 January Janet'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 - "Celebrating life on our own terms"
- Out & About: February Te Papa (Rita Angus - Artist)
- Club Night: 6pm 15 March Marilyn Garson - Gaza Strip
- Movie Night March Lighthouse Cinema, Pautahanui
- Out & About March Te Papa (Tivaevae Quilts)
- Wairarapa Golf/Shopping 25/26 March
- District Assembly 10am 2 April TBA
- District Changeover 10am 11 June TBA
- Club Changeover 6pm 21 June

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).

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NICE WORDS - A few nice words can help a person a lot more than you think.

Yours in friendship

Brenda 

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