



INNER WHEEL - MARCH 2022

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

There was a lovely sense of warmth and friendship in the room, further enhanced by Edith O'Neil's induction into the Inner Wheel Club of Plimmerton at our February dinner meeting. It was also such a delight to welcome our guests: Judy Tilley, Mescal Bradley, Heather Smart, Sally Toon, Ann Baker and Jocelyn Syme who joined us for an evening of good conversation, fine food and a thought provoking presentation by Angela Robertson.



Angela Robertson took as her theme, "Life is what you make it".

Angela shared stories of ordinary people who have led fascinating lives. Angela specialises in facilitating people writing life stories: expressing their views and memories through stories of the incidents and relationships which shaped their lives.

Many of us lead lives we consider less than extraordinary. Yet the stories Angela told on Tuesday evening were from such people. The retelling of their stories revealed the hidden depths of their life experience and how this had shaped their personalities and impacted upon their families.

Life in the Gaza Strip

Our March Speaker, Marilyn Garston, will speak about the realities of everyday life for people living on the Gaza Strip in Palestine. We look forward to hearing of Marilyn's experiences Living on the Gaza Strip.

This promises to be an interesting presentation, ***so please feel free to bring a friend along*** (just give her details to your contact Committee member when she phones you).

Nga Mihi
Anne-Marie
Club President

CHANGE, CHANGE, CHANGE!

As the saying goes, "Nothing seems certain these days, other than Change!"

As New Zealand rides the wave of Omicron, all of us are making choices to keep ourselves, our families and communities safe. And as we each adjust our commitments, schedules change too! So you will notice, in our club's schedule of upcoming events, that several dates have postponement options which we are keeping up our sleeves to provide fluidity in our forward planning. I'd like to acknowledge our Committee's commitment to keeping activities running whenever possible and adjusting arrangements as new dates are required.

- Sourdough Cooking Demonstration 4 March has been postponed to later in April. To those ladies already registered, Anne-Marie will keep you updated.
- Wairarapa Golf 24/25 March We know several ladies would be disappointed to miss out on this outing so we have arranged a postponement date of 26/27 May. To those ladies already registered, Marg Nation will keep you up to date with current arrangements.
- The District Empowerment Day has now been canceled and will be combined with the AGM and Changeover in June. You will shortly receive an invite with more information.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR MARCH MEETING

Plimmerton Boating Club has advised that provided we have 25 people attending, our meeting will be viable. Our Committee feels that keeping our programme running during this time of "change" is really important so we are delighted to have received this confirmation from Gayle.

- Your Committee contact person will contact you (as usual) to check whether you are intending to attend.
- Karen, "our numbers lady" will then crunch the numbers and confirm that we'll have enough attendees to go ahead.
- Your contact Committee member then will contact you again, asking you to arrange an online payment (as detailed below).
- 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

MARCH MEETING

Marilyn Garston is coming to speak to us about her experiences living in the Gaza Strip.

Marilyn grew up in Halifax, Canada, the youngest of four sisters. She studied political science and philosophy at the University of Toronto, followed by a Masters in International Development. Marilyn travelled for several years, then immigrated to the Hokianga, where she opened a weaving business. Since that time she has launched locally owned social enterprises, worked with Cambodians with disabilities, imported global handmade goods, and worked with Afghan and Pakistani family and womens' business enterprises.

Marilyn lived and worked in the Gaza Strip from 2011 to 2015. On returning to New Zealand she wrote Still Lives - a Memoir of Gaza. Marilyn now lives in Wellington and Hokianga, usually with a pen in one hand and a ball of wool in the other.

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 they are doing in the Community since receiving Settlement.

BEREAVEMENT

It is with great sadness that I tell you of Jenny Harris' passing. Jenny was a faithful and longstanding member of the Inner Wheel Club of Plimmerton who contributed enthusiastically to so many club activities over the years. Jenny also took a leadership role in musical events: she was the musical director of our club choir which brought such delight in performances at rest homes, community and club events.

We were privileged to have known Jenny for so many wonderful years and enjoyed her wonderful musical skills which she shared so generously.

CONDOLENCES

It was with great sadness that we shared the news last week that Jenny Garner's husband, Ross, had passed away.

Ross was a true friend of Inner Wheel, encouraging and supporting our endeavours over many years. To Jenny and her family, we extend our deepest sympathy with a promise to support you over the coming days, weeks and months.

LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT- RETELLING AND RECORDING OUR LIFE STORIES

If you've been thinking about recording colourful events in your life, you may wish to investigate further Angela Robertson, Speaker at our February dinner meeting facilitated people wanting to record the special times of their lives. Angela's next course commences on Friday 29 April. - **Paraparaumu Library: *Write Your Story – A series of 5 weekly workshops.***

These workshops are very popular so bookings are essential. To reserve your place contact Angela at kiaora@angelarobertson.nz

SOURDOUGH DEMONSTRATION

We have postponed our sourdough breadmaking demonstration until April. Thanks to all those enthusiastic bakers who signed up for this workshop - which Jocelyn looks forward to bringing to you in April.

OUT & ABOUT AT BIG SLAB CREATIVE CENTRE

Velma has arranged a visit to Big Slab in Mazengarb Rd, Paraparaumu on Friday 25 March. Big Slab features outdoor furniture and the Centre also showcases a display of works by local artists. After perusing the wares, we will retire to Sunday Cantina in Raumati South for a delicious lunch!

If you'd like to come, please add your name to the Board circulating at our March meeting or phone Velma on 04-299-1539.

TABLE FOR EIGHT

You are invited to join a group of Inner Wheelers for dinner on Saturday 12 March. Please contact Christine Harrison (christineh656@gmail.com or 234-7535) for further details.

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

Our premiere screening of Downton Abbey at the Lighthouse Cinema, planned for Thursday 28 April will be a special fundraiser for the Child Cancer Foundation. We are all too well aware of the wonderful support this organisation lends to families affected by child cancer across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Carol will tell us more about this event at our March dinner meeting. Meanwhile, let your friends know this event is coming up. Tickets will cost \$25 and be available from mid March. Just pay on-line and the tickets will be first come first served.

NEONATAL KNITTING

Craft group with some of the knitting and the blankets for the Neonatal Unit.

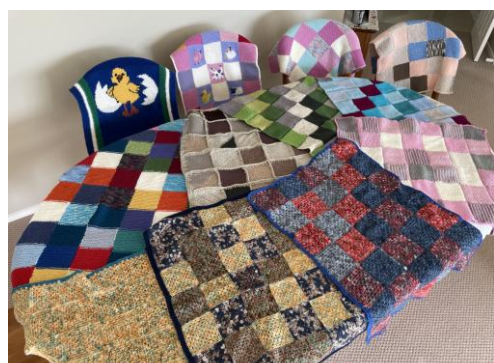


TABLE FOR EIGHT

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 dinner will be held on Saturday 6 or 12 March. Please contact Christine Harrison (christineh656@gmail.com or 234 7535).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF INNER WHEEL NEW ZEALAND

Sheryl and Brenda went along to the AGM in Wellington yesterday and joined the NGB team for lunch.

They have had a great meeting with lots of new ideas and a lot of information is on the Inner Wheel Facebook page and lots more to come.



TASTY TUESDAY



A lovely evening of friendship and fun was had at our local Thai restaurant Tuk Tuk in Porirua.

Every month Diana Paris organises the dinner for any members that would like to come along and enjoy good food and company.

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dianap@infozen.net.nz



NEW MEMBER



Enid was born in Ottawa, Canada the oldest of 7 children. She moved to New Zealand in 1988 with her husband and 2 sons, and is presently in a long term relationship. Enid has 2 grandsons and another due next month - unfortunately, they are in Australia.

Enid graduated from the University of Toronto with a Diploma in Physical and Occupational Therapy. She has always worked as a Physio and with young children and practised in New Zealand as a Paediatric Physio for 20 years.

After retirement Enid and her partner bought a boat in Florida and spent almost 7 years living aboard and cruising in the US, Canada, the Bahamas, and Alaska.

Enid's interests are varied and include family and friends, travel, adventure, boating, scuba diving, fishing, skiing, walking and tramping, cycling, yoga, crafts, reading, and gardening.

CURE OVARIAN CANCER

We received a thank you card from them saying the following " A huge thank you for our generous support which helps them achieve so much. It is really appreciated by all the women across the country living with Ovarian Cancer". Their Annual Report can be read on their website [coocAnnualReport21](#).

ARTICLE IN MARCH WOMEN'S MAGAZINE

There was a wonderful article in the March Women's magazine about Inner Wheel.

Members of Inner Wheel NZ tell how the organisation has helped them feel a sense of connection and community at a time when we need it most.

Its easy to forget how many of th world's good deeds happen behind the scenes. The people doing the fundraisig, baking, knitting and so the story goes..... Well worth buying and a great read.



BIRTHDAYS

Adrienne Murray
Christine Blick
Helen Scott
Jill Turner
Sheryl Levy
Sue Faulke
Val Sherwin



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

• Craft Group	10am	10 March	Anne Bennison
• Table 4 8	6pm	12 March	Various (Christine Harrison)
• Book Group	2pm	14 March	Anne Bennison's
• Club Night:	6pm	15 March	Marilyn Garson - Gaza Strip
• Big Mac Slabs			
• Creative Centre	10.30am	25 March	25 Mazengarb Rd, Paraparaumu (Velma)
• Tasty Tuesday	6pm	5 Apr	9Tuk Tuk(?) (Diana Paris)
• Out & About with Sth Wairarapa		6 April	Cobblestones, Greytown
• Book Group	2pm	11 April	Debbie Howard
• Craft Group	10am	14 April	Marie Press'
• Club Night	6pm	19 April	
• Rose Bowl of Friendship	6pm	20April	Tawa Boling Club ???
• Movie Night	6pm	28 April	Lighthouse Cinema, Pautahanui - Child
• Cancer			
• Cruise Wellington Harbour	5.30pm	10 May	With Plimmerton Rotary Club
• Club Night	6pm	17 May	Dr Taku Parai Kaumatua Ngati Toa
• Wairarapa Golf / Shop	TBA	26/27 May	Solway Copthorne, Masterton (Marg
• &Brenda)			
• District Changeover	10am	11 June	TBA
• Club Changeover	6pm	21 June	TBA

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:

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YOUR COMMITTEE

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NICE WORDS - A positive atmosphere nurtures a positive attitude which is required to take positive action.

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.