



PRISIDENT DEB WITH OUR LATEST NEW MEMBER – BRENDA CALLEAR

President's Snippet

Hello everyone.

It was lovely to induct another new member to the club at last month's meeting. For those of you not there we welcomed Brenda Callear. Brenda has already put her hand up to help cut the material for the silky pillows, along with two other members. I am relieved that this initiative is in good hands. Recently I joined members from Tawa Inner Wheel in presenting what silky pillows we had made, along with wheat bags, to the Cancer Society. They were so appreciative and it made me realise what a good thing it is we do.

It is Breast Week, 7-14 October. Women and men are continually in need of these pillows. It may seem a small thing that we do but has a big impact on someone's comfort.

September is International month but we have chosen to celebrate WOW this month so we will celebrate International month in October. Celebrating WOW means getting your thinking caps on and see what amazing creations you can come up with. There will be a prize for the most "out there" outfit. Our speaker is Michael George an insurance specialist talking to us about the changes in house insurance that you will all be affected by when you come to re-insure your home. This should be of interest to all of us; regardless of who deals with this in your house hold.

Saturday October 5 is District meeting in Kapiti, this is open to all members and it is a good opportunity to meet like-minded women and hear excellent speakers. This time the speaker is Detective Inspector Tusha Penny who is working with Louisa Nicholas and a team in the

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training of Police Officers dealing with women who have been abused. If you wish to attend please let me know ASAP. (this week would be good) Cost is \$15 per person. I look forward to seeing you all at club night.

Yours in friendship,
Deb

Huge thank you to those who have been involved in making the Silky Pillows and Wheat Bags especially Sue Couch and Rhonda Walmsley.



They have provided not only their time but we have been able to use their rotary cutters and cutting board. Items now on the agenda for purchase (unless of course there are any going spare that could be donated to the club)

Every child has the right to play

Inclusive playgrounds means everyone!!

Our last meeting was an opportunity for me to introduce Pearl Freemantle, a lady with a passion about inclusive play – a belief that all children have a right to play regardless of their abilities and/or disabilities.

Whilst there is a growing improvement in Porirua playgrounds around our different villages and communities, we still do not have an all inclusive playground for children in our city. Statistics such as 25% of our Porirua wide community are children and 20% of people in our city live with some type of disability begins to draw a very clear picture of our lack of facilities.

We talked about a "liberty swing"



A swing that provides an opportunity for people in wheelchairs to enjoy that magical sensation of swinging and we talked about sensory play equipment that allows those with poor eyesight or other sensory issues to join in with their friends and play

Questions were asked of us – what is the cost, would these facilities be used, where else are they – in fact people asked questions to the point that we had to remind them to have a desert!

Easy Access
self directed
play



Courtesy with a smile

Since the meeting we (being Pearl Freemantle, her granddaughter Latishia, Jenny Cordner from Porirua Sundown Rotary Club and myself) have been able to meet with Mayor Nick Leggett and 2 of his Parks & Reserves people, Christine Jacobsen and Jethro Mullen who are charged with the development of parks in our city and around our communities. I am pleased to advise that Mayor Nick has given his full support and we will be working with these people as the council designs and develops an "Inclusive Playground in Porirua". Rotary and Inner Wheel believe that this should be accessible citywide and be a major asset to Porirua. The Rotary Clubs of Tawa and Porirua Sundown are part of this project which means that we will work on this as a cluster. Involvement of members of Inner Wheel will be requested

as we develop further into this major project. Consultation on what we should have, how we get there and where it should be located is the first step. Watch this space

If you would like to see the Youtube video (1 ½ mins) put up by Latisha and her Grandmother follow this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd6SE7vBSeA>

BITS AND BOBS

Recommendations to our Charitable Trust:

\$400 each to Plunket and NeoNatural Trust

Wild Food Sunday – Feb 16.

Mark it in your diary for a culinary delight from 3pm onwards. Funds raised will go to Ronald McDonald House Wellington

October Meeting - Souvenirs from our travels (details to follow)

Next meeting:

17 September 6pm (Tuesday)

Don't forget – if you tell us you are coming and then don't – you still need to pay \$20

The meeting will be a WOW affair so you need to get thinking about your creations.



Yours in friendship

Adrienne