



Inner wheel Club of Plimmerton December 2015



Carolyn Wallace, Joy Allcock and Meryll Evans



Carolyn's contemplations -

ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL

You have all done so well this month, we have had two major fundraisers and they have both been so successful.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

***RACK ATTACK** was fantastic, so much fun and what a great fundraiser. We will be presenting a cheque of \$4444.44 to Elizabeth Sneyde of the Virtuoso Strings Charitable Trust. What fun we have had with this orchestra, we all love them and know that they 'change the lives of groups of children for the positive'. This money will allow them to buy all the small things they have not been able to manage until now.*

A big thank you to Carol Woodfield for organising Rack Attack, you truly did a wonderful job and of course all others who helped, and there were many. A true Inner Wheel project that so many of you took part in its success.

*Next came our **GARDEN TRAIL**, a joint projects with Rotary. What power two organisations such as this have.*

Fourteen beautiful gardens, great food supplied by you all, the manning of stalls, raffles and many other jobs you participated in. Another wonderful project where so many took part. The day was perfect and everyone had such a lovely time. Over \$26.000-00 was raised for the Te Aro Piko Pathway, which is slowly winding its way around our beautiful Inlet.

*Next we collected **OLD BRAS AND NEW NICKERS** for the women of Arohata. I expected one one bag full, but received five. Over 200 beautiful bras and nickers - thank you so much, it was a fun project which Zonta was very grateful for as I am sure the women of Arohata would have been.*

I did notice that women who have larger breasts wear the most beautiful bras, we with small breasts seem to wear plain and smooth. I wonder what that is all about?

*As I am writing 25 **ANGEL TREE** gifts are being wrapped for the children of inmates. Children are not responsible for what their parents do, so should not miss out on Christmas presents. They will be very happy on Christmas Day. You are all so generous in so many different ways, thank you.*

Our Christmas Party is on the 15th December. What fun we are going to have. Naughty Christmas Fairies Tinkerbelle, Silvermist, Blossom, Tatiana and Adorable will entertain you, enchant you and reward you for being good during the year. All you have to do it bring a wrapped \$10-00 gift to put in the Fairy sack. The Club will supply a glass of wine to each of you to enjoy.

This time of the year is so busy that we can often loose sight of what it is all about. Look after yourselves, be kind to others and love your families.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and an exciting New Year.

*Yours in friendship,
Carolyn
President Plimmerton Inner Wheel*



NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT - JOY ALLCOCK

Joy Allcock spoke of closing the gaps in reading. During the past year Joy's system of teaching children to read by sounds has been trialled in many Porirua Schools. The success has been astounding, now children who have had trouble learning earlier have risen 93% up the reading ladder. They are now nearly equal to children of higher decile schools who have found reading easy. How wonderful is that? There are many children in New Zealand who struggle to achieve in our education system. Joy believes we should teach children by sounding the words, although there are 26 letters in the alphabet there 44 sounds. She explained how the first two years are important and if a child is not reading by the age of 9 they will never catch up. One in four leave school without life skills yet this is such a simple way to learn. For more information you can look at the following websites www.teachmetoread.com or www.literacysuccess.oreg.nz.

RACK ATTACK



What a wonderful night we had fundraising for the Virtuoso Strings. The children played beautiful music, the models were great and a lot of fun was had by all. We raised the fantastic amount of raised \$4,444 so all the hard work was well worth it





BRAS AND PANTS

We had a request from Zonta for Bras and new panties for the women in Aorohata Prison. Our ladies certainly had a good clear out and brought along their pre loved bras and lots of new panties. Thank you to everyone who donated.



PAUATAHANUI GARDEN TRAIL

What a wonderful day was had by all on the Garden Trail. The weather could not have been better and all the gardens were looking radiant. Morning/afternoon tea was provided by our many helpers and \$26,000+ was raised. So again a big thank you to all who donated, baked, and helped with the day.



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ANGEL TREE PRESENTS

25 present were bought for the Children of inmates and have been wrapped ready for delivery.

GOOD SORTS - GLENYS GREAVES and all those who give to others less fortunate at Christmas time.

Glenys once said that during the year for every grandchild she has she buys another gift for a less fortunate child and puts these gifts under the tree in our local Mall. What a wonderful *idea*.

OUR CLUB DINNER MEETING

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at Aotea College Library, Porirua

Reminder this month to bring along a \$10-00 wrapped gift for Fairy bag. If you do not wish to partake that is okay, just do not take a gift when they come around.

Please remember that if you have said you are attending and are a no show you will still have to pay \$20 to cover catering costs.



MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 2nd Monday of the Month.. For more information contact Debbie Howard Phone 2347137

Tasty Tuesday: 1st Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Von Groom Phone 04 2934461

Craft Morning: 2nd Thursday of the month. and is held at Diane Robert's home 4 Port Lane Whitby at 10am. For more information contact Dianne Roberts Phone 237 8087. For the Craft Group members Diane thought it might be nice to end the year with a pot luck lunch and perhaps everyone bring a home made decoration to share its workings, not to give away.

Mah-Jong: every Wednesday night 7-9pm at St Mary's Church in Whitby. For more information contact Margaret Pine Phone 2346471

Table for 8: Meets 4 times a year.

For those new to Inner Wheel, "Table for 8" is an initiative to foster Inner Wheel friendship while enjoying a shared meal at a members home. Everyone will take a turn to host an evening. It is open to couples and singles, so if you don't have a spouse or he is away or doesn't want to come you can still enjoy the company of others. We meet four times a year; Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The host member will serve the main dish and others will be asked to bring, nibbles/entrée, side dishes and dessert. There will be a choice of three dates, you don't get to attend all three however just let me know what is your preferred date, giving me two dates is even better, so I have some flexibility in arranging your reservation. You may not meet all on the same night but hopefully "8" of you will be able to get together!

This has been running successfully for over a year, if you would like to join us please contact Debbie Howard on 2347137 or debzh@xtra.co.nz with your preferred date. Please check your diaries and when you do decide let me know then write it in your diary so you don't double book yourselves! I have avoided December as no takers last time, however have put two dates in for January.

Keen Cooks and Foodies - Thursday 3 December

A very successful and fun evening was held at Christine Blick's home. Ideas for something you would make to give away, or something you could make for a Christmas nibble plate were all so yummy and well worth repeating. Many of the ladies have come away with lots of new ideas.





Outside the Square : November

A group of ladies visited St Gerard's Monastery on the cliff above Oriental Bay is on Thursday 19 November.

The group found the Monastery to be very interesting, informative and have the best views in Wellington.



BIRTHDAY'S FOR DECEMBER

Carolyn Wallace
Joy Tongs
Judy Parker
Robyn Sadlier
Yvonne Thomas
Karen Warner

NICE THOUGHTS:

A good laugh and a long sleep at the two best cures for anything.

Yours in friendship
Brenda



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 10 th January 2016 | International Inner Wheel Day |
| 19 th March 2016 | District Training Day – Palmerston North |
| 28 th April - 1 st May 2016 | IWNA Conference Christchurch Theme “Rebuild the Future” |
| 2 th July 2016 | District Changeover – Palmerston North |

Inner Wheel Web sites are:

<http://plimmertonrotary.org.nz/Inner+Wheel>
<http://www.innerwheel.org.nz>
<http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org>



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