



PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL - OCTOBER 2020

Brenda's Banter

Hello again ladies the days just seem to zoom by and I can't believe I need to get the newsletter out again.

It is certainly getting very spring like with the daffodils and blossom out on the trees.

Now we are down to level 1 we should be able to enjoy our socialising when we arrive for dinner at the Plimmerton Boating Club and freely mix and mingle.

It was lovely to have Mandy and Christobel talk to us last month and amazing to realise how much money was raised for the Cancer Society through Daffodil Day. After all \$177,000 is a fantastic amount and it was interesting to learn we collected \$2,500 in just 2 sites.



Next month we will have our own dear Carol (District Chairman) coming to speak to us and we thought we would have some fun with our own WOW. Prizes for the best outfit, handbag, hat and bra's, Anyone who has been to the WOW show knows every other year they have a collection of bras. So thinking caps on lets have some fun - ideas at the end of the newsletter.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District meeting is being held in Palmerston North on the 14th November and this is your chance to come along and support Carol and all the work she does for the District. All the clubs in our district had a visit from Carol last year and all the while she was supporting her son and family with their sick little boy. So come on girls lets give Carol our support by attending the District Meeting. I will be sending out an email and there will be a board at the next meeting.

DRIVERS AND DRIVING

The first two goal's of Inner Wheels are friendship and personal service. We are a group that support each other whenever needed and a suggestion has been put to the committee that we could have a group of members willing to drive fellow members, to appointments, outings, pick them up for meetings etc whenever they need that support. This would be a service that could be used by everyone. After all we are here to look after each other. I will be putting a board around at the next meeting to see if we can get enough of us to make up a pool of drivers that we can all use, whenever we find ourselves needing that sort of support.

LOVE LOCAL EXPO

The Love Local Expo being held at Te Rauparaha stadium is now going ahead on Saturday 17th October. We have volunteers to man the stall but if you would like to join them for a short time please feel free to pop along and support the team promoting Inner Wheel.

OUT AND ABOUT

We now have confirmation of an outing to Te Papa with a guided tour on Monday 19 October. The cost will be \$20 and I will be sending out an email to you shortly with full details and if you are interested please reply to me ASAP as this is the day before our next meeting.

WALK AND TALK

A Walk and Talk with the South Wairarapa ladies has been arranged for Friday 30 October. We will meet half way at the Kaitoke cafe and gardens enjoy a lovely lunch and then have a stroll round the gardens. If you are interested please let me know. There will be a board sent around at the next meeting.

MARY POTTER HOSPICE



Thank you to Pauline, Robyn, Lyndsay, Glenys and Vivienne who collected for the Mary Potter Hospice.

The final total raised was \$76,478.70 which is an amazing result. The money will help to continue the services free of charge to all patients and families.



NEW MEMBER



At our last meeting we inducted our first new member for this year.

A very warm welcome to Sue Faulke.

NEONATAL KNITTING AND MASKS

Neonatal knitting and masks is an ongoing project. They are still aiming for 1,000 masks so if you have any free time and odd scraps of fabric please make more masks.

KITS FOR KINDIES - OUR DISTRICT PROJECT

This is an ongoing project for Inner Wheel partnering with Pacific Pathways to support "Kits for Kindys" project. Our District is asking for your support of this great project.

The District will supply the plastic containers to put the items in and **Free Shipping Costs** are available to Inner Wheel clubs through Pacific Pathways.

I would like to thank you so much for your efforts last month as seen in the picture. We will continue to collect the following items again this month and they will be taken to the District Meeting on the 14 November.

Wooden toys, blocks, trucks, planes etc
Crayons (chubby), chalk, pencils
Scissors, small for children, large for teachers
Marker Pens
Paint, Paper suitable for drawing
Coloured paper for teacher use
Exercise books, colour books, puzzle books
String, Sellotape, glue sticks, staplers, blue tac
Drawing pins, Velcro dots
Magnifying glasses
Jigsaws with large sturdy pieces
Skipping ropes, balls all shapes and sizes
Frisbees, puppets,
Story Books
Charts and other Educational Materials, Alphabets,
Numbers, Animals etc



Please no soft toys as they disintegrate in the heat

In Vanuatu kindergartens/preschools do not get any government funding, they are set up and supported by the communities as best they can. Few if any teaching resources, play equipment or furniture are available and some teachers work for no pay.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - Celeste Mergens, Founder Of days For Girls - Zoom meeting with Box Hill Rotary, Australia. 23/09/2020

Sheryl Perera - Sat in the zoom meeting to hear Celeste Mergens speak. Here is Sheryl's comments:

I found myself sitting in Box Hill Rotary meeting with 207 people.

The talk was inspiring and the Days For Girls organisation must be one of the most worthwhile causes. Quite apart from the value of the kits DFG brings out some amazing strength and leadership in some otherwise very marginalised women.

Celeste started with a shocking story of a girl who committed suicide after being menstrually humiliated. This girl was forced to stand up in class and this revealed a stain which the teacher, then the whole class derided her for. Consequently she hung herself.

Stigma is still happening. Girls are still humiliated. There is still the fear of standing in class, fear of pads falling and other worries. A menstrual stigma. Please let's talk about periods. It's not just the need of menstrual supplies but the humiliation which leads to girls being exploited, outcast and marginalised.

Sanitary pads are always in short supply with constant reports of girls having to do favours at the schools to get one; sexually exploited to get a pad. Just recently because of covid 19 lockdown on supplies again there have been such reports. In one district of Kenya, over 4 months, 4,000 school girls became pregnant. Let's stop the shame and talk about periods.

Days for Girls started when an orphanage in Kenya of 420 suddenly grew to 1400 orphans (after riots) and Celeste was being called upon for help with basic supplies. When she had to think of supplies for the girls she had to come up with lasting equipment as money for disposables would always be diverted to the more urgent need of food.

The first 500 supply of Days For Girls kits had many faults. They have listened to the wisdom of those girls who were served and have since made 38 iterations. It is now a quality, finely designed and standardised product built to last many years. DFG aims for a kit to last 2 to 5 years but some report kits lasting a woman's lifetime. On average there are 3,000 days of menstruation in the life of a woman.

To date Days For Girls have supplied 1.8 million kits to 144 different nations on 6 continents. Celeste says "it is not the power of me but the power of we". Something so small that it is not talked about becomes the catalyst to growing leaders and educated, newly confident women. Communities of men and women have made changes.

In Nepal, menstruating women were untouchable and had to wait in huts during menstruation. It is not uncommon for these girls to be killed by deadly snakebites. The practise of confinement in a hut was outlawed, then in 2018 it incurred fines but still the practice persisted. It wasn't until Days For Girls volunteers brought education teams with equipment that people stopped falling for the myths surrounding periods. Menstruation sheds finally are being pulled down.

The DFG volunteers have had emergency responders during the covid19 providing kits and also handwashing education, making and supplying masks.

The goal of DFG is: Every girl, Everywhere Period. - The work goes on.

TREE PLANTING WITH ROTARY - NEXT PLANTING 10 OCTOBER



Great planting day last Saturday, when a couple of Inner Wheel ladies joined Rotary. Well done to everyone with over 200 plants in the ground and protected

Next planting this **Saturday 10 October**.

All holes are pre dug so not a hard job and we can see Anne-Marie happily making the boxes that shield the plants.

TABLE FOR 8

I am told the Table for 8 meeting went very well so if you are interested to join the next one please contact jmclagan@seagulls.co.nz or 021425872

CRAFT GROUP AND BOOK GROUP MEETINGS



Book Club: 2nd Monday of the Month at 1.30pm. For more information contact Sheryl Perera Phone 233 1944

Craft Morning: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. For more information contact Maureen Barber Phone 239 9528.



ANGEL TREE

For many years we have supported the Angel Tree and I am sure you will all remember Lady Ranapiri-Kupa who came to talk to us last year. This year they have changed how the gifts will be given. We would have to pay for an item which will be bought on our behalf and couriered to the child which will add to the cost. Reluctantly we have decided after many years of supporting the programme we will not be doing it this year. The following is an email received from Lady -

"Thanks for the email and the years your ladies have supported Angel Tree. Inner Wheel has helped us to make a positive impact on the lives of families who at times have experienced a state of vulnerability and brokenness. With your help, we have been able to show families (especially children) that they matter and they are loved, remembered and seen.

For anyone wanting to support Angel Tree directly - they can do so individually through the website: www.hekorowaiwhakapono.nz"

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

Meryll Evans
Sheryl Perera
Sue Cook



MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 2nd Monday of the Month at 1.30pm. 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 Phone 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. A group meet every month on the first Tuesday for a chat and a good laugh. For more information contact Diana Paris Phone 234 7683.

Mah-Jong: every Wednesday night 7-9pm at St Mary's Church in Whitby. Everyone welcome and they are willing to teach new members. For more information contact Margaret Pine Phone 021 610 906

Table for 8: Please contact Julie McLagan, jmclagan@seagulls.co.nz or 021425872.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 October	Craft Group at Diana Paris - 19 Samwell Drive, Whitby
12 October	Book Group at Sheryl Perera - 33 Bayview Road, Paremata
20 October	Club Night Plimmerton Boating Club
	District Chairman Carol Woodfield and WOW night
14 November	District Meeting in Palmerston North

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NICE THOUGHTS

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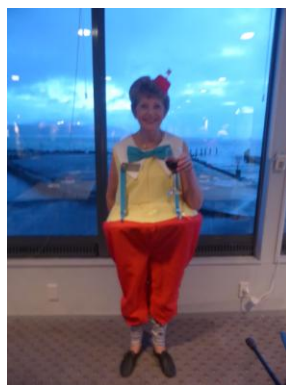
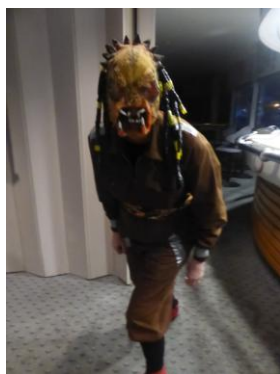
Yours in friendship



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

IDEAS FOR WOW



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