



INNER WHEEL - FEBRUARY 2022

ANNE-MARIE'S ANGLE

Hasn't it been great to see families continuing to enjoy Waitangi Day celebrations across Aotearoa, New Zealand last weekend. People are adapting well to continue living full lives whilst protecting themselves by limiting the risks of catching Omicron. We are so fortunate to have immediate access to Covid vaccination and reassurance of being triple vaxxed.

Waitangi Day and Lunar New Year are traditional milestones that the "new year" is well underway! Life in our communities is certainly resuming its pace and familiar rhythm as we settle into our "new normal" and living our best lives in the context of Covid restrictions.

We have been so fortunate to have had such a fabulous summer. Mana has certainly been at its best and we have been able to enjoy so many warm, sunny days and long peaceful evenings. Great to spot so many Inner Wheelers at the beach, out walking, cycling and golfing!

Angela Robertson, who Velma has arranged as our speaker this month, has as her theme "Celebrating life on our own terms". What an apt theme in these challenging times when we need to keep our spirits up whilst making choices which keep us safe. Angela encourages people, regardless of their age and stage, to continually expand their horizons, channel energy into activities that matter, and enjoy life! I'm really looking forward to hearing Angela's insights from so many years of working with people. You'd be most welcome to bring a friend along to hear Angela - just include an extra in your online order and let your committee member know when she contacts you to confirm numbers!!

Thinking of safety at our meeting, Gayle has advised the following guidelines under the red traffic light system.

- Prepay food and drinks on-line. More drinks available and can be ordered on the night.
- Arrive wearing masks and keep masks on until seated (put on your mask again to go to the bathroom)
- Proceed to tables and be seated on arrival (no circulating)
- Food and drink will be served to tables (drinks included in online payment for meal).

Our last meeting in December was a delightful gathering of friends. It was so heartwarming to experience the cheer of friendship amongst our ladies.

To those of you experiencing health challenges, your friends at Inner Wheel send you love and support. A phone call or shared coffee makes a huge difference to those unable to get out and about. So let's all pick up the phone or drop in on someone who would be pleased to hear from a friend.

Nga Mihi
Anne-Marie
Club President

TAWA INNER WHEEL 40th CELEBRATION

In light of the Red Traffic Light system now in place it is with regret that the Tawa Club have decided to cancel their 40th Anniversary celebrations.

MOVIE NIGHT

We're disappointed that our premiere screening of Downton Abbey at the Lighthouse Cinema, planned for Thursday 17 March will now be postponed to after its new release date of 28 April. Carol is arranging this special fundraiser for the Child Cancer Foundation, which showed great support to her family during her grandson's illness. While disappointed at this postponement, we look forward to your support in hosting this fundraiser for this wonderful organisation, making such a difference for families affected by child cancer across Aotearoa New Zealand.

PIZZA AND PLONK

What a fun afternoon we all had celebrating International Inner Wheel Day with our annual Pizza and Plonk. Many thanks once again to Janet and Phil Reidy for the use of their wonderful garden. Good food, good wine, great company and even a fun game of croquet.



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL DAY AND THE HISTORY BEHIND IT

10th January 1924 - The first meeting of Inner Wheel.

Every 10th January since 1970, Inner Wheel members worldwide celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. International President Helena Foster (1969-70) was the inspiration behind this day of commemoration.



International Inner Wheel Day
10th January



"I would like to ask all Members of Clubs throughout the world to link together in ACTION on 10th January. I have chosen this special day because it was on 10th January 1924 that the Mother Club Inner Wheel, the Manchester Club, England, first adopted the name Inner Wheel. It can be interpreted in any way you think fit – in group or individuals - giving personal service to someone who needs you – planting a tree or flower to beautify some corner of your land or just the simple act of writing a letter. I am sure that there is inspiration and encouragement to be gained by the knowledge that your fellow Inner Wheel Members throughout the world are at that moment joining together to extend service and friendship."

IIW President 1969-70
Mrs Helena Foster

For those of you who haven't seen the Inner Wheel FaceBook page here are some of the ways other clubs have celebrated International Inner Wheel Day here in New Zealand.



Ahuriri



Orewa and Whangaporoa



Auckland East



Balclutha and Mosgiel



Invercargill North



Opotiki



Marlborough Stoke/Tahunanui



New Plymouth North



Fairfield



Matamata



Riccarton

These pictures show how many clubs in New Zealand celebrated International Inner Wheel Day. On facebook there were many well wishes from many countries overseas - there was even a video from Noumea and last but not least this picture from District 350 Nepal India.

What a wonderful organisation we all belong to doing so much good around the world.



ON-LINE PAYMENT FOR DINNER

Please make payment for this month's meal and drink prior to the meeting and also raffle if you would like one.

- 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

By using these references it is going to make Marg's life a lot easier

JENNY HARRIS



We recently received Jenny Harris' resignation from Inner Wheel. Jenny has been a longstanding and active member of our club, recognised in her being awarded an Honoured Active award in 2014/2015. Jenny joined Plimmerton Inner Wheel in 1990. She participated in many Inner Wheel activities, leading the Inner Wheel Choir for a number of years. Jenny is an accomplished pianist and organist who invited us up the hill to St Albans Church where she entertained us with her stories of the district and delightful playing. We have missed Jenny from our gatherings over recent months as declining health has impeded her mobility. Jenny is now living at Rita Angus Village in Kilbirnie. Jenny enjoys visitors, so do drop by, just phoning ahead so she knows to expect you.

JOCELYN MOLLER

Many of you will have heard of Jocelyn's recent health challenges and I know you've wanted to visit her in hospital. Jocelyn has now settled into Churtonleigh in Churton Park and would love to see you. It is necessary to book in for visiting. Phone 478 4273. She is in Apt 1.



WAIRARAPA GOLF AND SHOP THURSDAY 24 / FRIDAY 25 MARCH at the Copthorne, Solway Park. Golfers and non-golfers alike are warmly welcomed to join our annual overnight golf and shopping excursion Wairarapa. This trip is lots of fun and an excellent way of getting to know one another better. Please pop your name on the board circulating at our meeting or contact Marg Nation (021 515691 or nation@xtra.co.nz).

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

You will have recently received this invitation to attend the Inner Wheel of New Zealand AGM. It's a pretty special invitation as this meeting is not often held in Wellington - so let Brenda or Anne-Marie know if you would like to share a ride! Inner Wheel New Zealand cordially invites members to the Annual General Meeting of Inner Wheel New Zealand to be held at 11.30am, on Sunday 6 th March 2022 at The Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman Hotel 169 Willis Street, Wellington Please advise Judi Newborn by email to secretary@iwnz.org.nz by 20 th February if you propose to attend.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS: 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.

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 women's' 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.

SOURDOUGH DEMONSTRATION

Jocelyn Jackson will demonstrate making sough on Friday 4th March. Donation of \$10 at the door - Funds to go to Ovarian Cancer

OUT AND ABOUT

Big Slab Paraparaumu 25th February.

Boards for these two activities will be at the meeting on Tuesday. If you cannot attend on Tuesday and would like to go please contact your committee member.

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Bennison
Jocelyn Moller
Julia Mottram
Karen Paulin
Maureen Toomath
Rita Carroll
Robin Mita



Upcoming Events proceeding as planned:

- Committee 3pm 8 February (Anne-Marie's)
- 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"
- Slab Furniture 28 February Paraparumu
- Tasty Tues: 6pm 1 March (Diana Paris)
- Sourdough demonstration 4 March Venue TBC
- IWNZ AGM 11.30am 6 March Abel Tasman Hotel, Wellington
- Table for 8 6pm 6 or 12 March Christine Harrison, (christineh656@gmail.com)
- Craft Group 10am 10 March Venue TBC
- Book Group 2pm 4 March Venue TBC
- Club Night: 6pm 15 March Marilyn Garson - Gaza Strip
- Wairarapa Golf / Shop 25/26 March Solway Copthorne, Masterton
- Movie Night 6pm 28 April Lighthouse Cinema, Pautahanui - Child Cancer
- District Empowerment Day 2 April TBA
- Out & About with Sth Wairarapa 6 April Cobblestones, Greytown
- Club Night 6pm 19 April
- Rose Bowl of Friendship 6pm 20 April Tawa Boling Club
- Club Night 6pm 17 May Dr Taku Parai Kaumatua Ngati Toa
- 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).

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YOUR COMMITTEE

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NICE WORDS - Keep your sunny side up, keep yourself beautiful, and indulge yourself.

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.