

PLIMMERTON INNER WHEEL NZ294

September 2022



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17 September	District Meeting	TBC	Christian Church, Palmerston North
20 September	Club Dinner Meeting	6pm	Jacqueline Wilton - Changemakers
23 September	Try Something Different	10am	Whitireia Nursing School
28 September	WoW Show	7pm	TSB Arena
1 October	Table for 8	6.30pm	Venue to be confirmed

UPCOMING REGULAR EVENTS

6 September	Tasty Tuesday	6pm	Diana Paris
8 September	Craft Group	10am	Janet Reidy's - 119 Paekakariki Hill Road
12 September	Book Group	2pm	Mary Temperton's - 38 Resolution Dr, Whitby
14 September	Mah Jong	7pm	St Mary's Church, Whitby. Every Wednesday

MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT

A reminder about the visit to the Whitereia Nursing School on Friday 23rd September. There is still room for a few more ladies. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne 021 267 2906.

TABLE FOR 8

The next Table for 8 (or 7) will be held on Saturday 1st October. All members are welcome to attend, either on their own or with a partner. You are invited to join us for an evening of delicious food, friendship, and fun. If you would like to attend, please contact Julie McGlagan 021 425 872 or email jmclagan@seagulls.co.nz to book your seat/s.

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

We will continue to prepay the \$28 meal online beforehand. Drinks and raffles will be purchased on the night as normal. Mask wearing will be your choice. Please respect others choice regarding mask wearing.

After discussion with the catering manager and her new chef, we have been given a later RSVP date. We now need to confirm our dinner numbers to Gayle by the Friday. We would like everyone to provide their RSVP as early as possible on the Thursday please.

Jacqueline Wilton is coming to speak to us from Changemakers Resettlement Forum which is a grassroots non-governmental organisation (NGO) representing over 17 refugee background communities in the greater Wellington region (Aotearoa New Zealand).

They work towards their vision of New Zealanders from refugee backgrounds participating fully in Aotearoa New Zealand life, through advocacy, research, and community development activities. Some of their Community Development programmes include, driver training, swimming lessons, volleyball, and youth groups.

For those who have been knitting Teddies, can you please bring them along to the September meeting as Jacqueline is in contact with newly arriving refugee groups. It would be nice to be able to give her a bundle to take away.

DISTRICT MEETING PALMERSTON NORTH

We have 6 ladies going to this in Palmerston North on Saturday 17 September. If you would like to attend please RSVP by 9th September to Marg Nation. Carpooling is available and home hosting overnight if you wish to stay. It's a wonderful day of fun and friendship and a very good speaker from Cambodia speaking about her experience growing up there during the difficult years of war.

GOODS FOR REFUGEES

We have been asked to supply household goods for refugees coming to Wellington. Any of these goods can be dropped off to Joy Creet or Christine Harrison **before Friday 16th September** please. These goods are required for multiple families, so multiples of these items are needed.

Hot water bottles & covers	Rubbish Bags	Christine Harrison: 2 Musket Lane, Whitby
Electric jugs/kettle	Household/Kitchen items	
Lunch boxes & drink bottles	Bedding	Joy Creet: 30 Leadline Place, Whitby
School Bags	Towels & T Towels	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October Terry Neal: NZ Teacher of International Distance Learning Programmes
November Sue Jameson: NZ294 District Chairman

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New member inductions this month: Anne Baker, Mescal Bradey, Judy Tillet, Judy Cosgriff, Pam Costello, and Helen Henkes. A very warm welcome to all the new ladies, and welcome back to our Club Lorraine Whyte.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ORGANISER (ISO)

Inner Wheel is registered as a charity with the United Nations, and it is the UN categories that we use when reporting back our volunteer hours. Encouraging personal service is one of the objectives of Inner Wheel.

Velma Knight is our club ISO. Her role is to record the number of hours and dollar value we spend in volunteer roles. Examples of this include knitting for neonates, teddies for Ukraine, silky pillows, sewing for Days for Girls and volunteering for charity street appeals such as Cancer Society, and Alzheimer's NZ. Any baking you have done for IW charity activities such as movie night fundraiser, and Pink Ribbon lunch is counted as volunteer service hours. Please keep a record of your service hours and let Velma know.

LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER

Inner Wheel NZ has pledged to support this charity. Each year IW Plimmerton contributes to this in some way. Originally, we thought we would have a Dry July morning tea to raise funds for LGFB, but our IW calendar was already very full, and covid illness meant we had to postpone.

We have now decided that our fundraiser for LGFB this year will be a *Bring and Buy* table at our October meeting. We had a sales table last year for another charity and it was a good, fun thing to do.

Have a think about what you might like to contribute for the table. Baking and preserves always sell well, or small handcrafts, garden produce, jewellery, toiletries etc. We are thinking they will probably be priced at \$2, \$5, \$10, so feel free to put whatever value you think is suitable for your donated items.

Look Good Feel Better have an excellent website that explains their work, and testimonials from recipients. There are even demonstration videos on things like how to apply eyebrow liner. Checkout their website here if you are interested. [LGFB website](#)

SHERYL'S SUMMARY

Each year starts with the International IW President announcing her theme for the year. This year Zenaida Farcon announced, "WORK WONDERS". Sue Jameson pointed out that we have 6 International United Nations Representatives, a voice at international level. In our own community we can affect change. One person can have a dream, but many friends working together can accomplish that dream. That's the beauty of our Inner Wheel organisation. We are a general service group involved in a wide variety of charities. You may not want to be locked into one charity if you have other demands on your time. You need never feel guilty for not fully committing to one charity. With our members being active in a variety of things there is opportunity for you to contribute when and where you can. I know you all generously contribute, and you are all valued members.

Our speaker for this month is Jacqueline Wilton, General Manager of Changemakers Resettlement Programme. This is happy timing considering our newly announced District charity drive is to support local refugees in their resettling. Jacqs works passionately to improve the lot of those who struggle, and hopefully her presentation will help us see where we can help.

Porirua English Language Partners (ELP) is where I first met Jacqs when she was Manager there. This is another organisation that may interest you. ELP is the only English training programme that offers students a home visiting English tutor. I personally volunteer for ELP and find it really rewarding meeting diverse people who are keen to learn. Often that hour (or longer) in their home slowly using English is the one real chance they get to practise their English. ELP Porirua are seeking volunteers and hope to run a training course in October. The ELP flyer is attached at the end of my summary. I am happy to talk to anyone who wants to find out more.

I have just returned from a month away staying with my daughter and getting to know my granddaughter in The Cayman Islands. I had forgotten how busy it is parenting little ones. My hats off to all parents and to all you grandparents who are involved looking after your grandchildren.

I was following our club events from afar and the buzz of events is impressive! Thank you to all who kept things running so well. The Pink Ribbon Luncheon was a great success raising \$750. Thank you, Christine, for pulling that together and making it such fun, and thank you to the supporters. Jan and Joy Creet, on behalf of our club, thank you for running the Daffodil Day Collections. It was humbling watching members of the club not only step up but add their own flair to what they were doing. I can't name you all. Thank you, Joy for running the Dinner meeting. Christine - your summary notices kept us all pulling together.

Kaore te kumara e korero mo tona ake reka; *the kumara doesn't speak of its own sweetness.*

But... well done Karen, your beautiful newsletter has brought our club some attention. Feel free to go online to the IWNZ website and see the article about our movie fundraiser.



Volunteer ESOL
Home Tutor Brochur

Looking forward to catching up with you all. **Noho ora mai, do keep well**

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

AUGUST DINNER MEETING – LIFE IN GAZA



Marilyn Garson was the speaker at our Club Meeting in August. What an amazing speaker and person!! Marilyn spoke about her experience living and working in the Gaza Strip from 2011 to 2015. She initially worked as the economic director of a large NGO programme leading a young Palestinian team. Following this she volunteered to join the United Nations emergency team that remained inside Gaza during the 2014 war which involved 50 days of bombardment.

Marilyn spoke passionately about the appalling situation for these Gazans. The United Nations was prepared to shelter 35,000 displaced Gazans but 293,000 arrived. Gaza City apartment towers which were twelve and fourteen stories high were bombed. Israel killed 2,251 Gazans of whom 1,462 were civilians and 551 were children. Sixty-six Israeli soldiers and six civilians including one child were killed during the same timeframe. Hundreds of thousands of Gazans were made homeless with the schools used as shelters.

It was calculated by the World Bank in 2015 the of the \$5.4 Billion pledged publicly after the war, donors only sent \$340 million to rebuild in that first critical post war year.

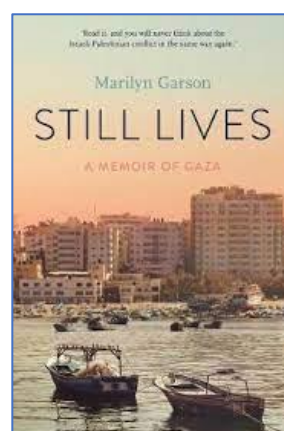
On her last day as a volunteer Marilyn told her colleagues that she was a Jew.

Several Inner Wheelers commented in the question section that they had no idea the situation was so grim for Gazan's and that the resources and power were so unbalanced. We are not taught the history of the Palestinians in New Zealand, but we are rightly taught about the trauma Jewish people have experienced historically.

Marilyn told us she embraces her Jewishness, this is not about being Jewish, it's about the Government of Israel's policy in Palestine which has led to the displacement, blockading, confinement, and brutality of the everyday lives of citizens trying to just go about living and standing on their land.

If you are interested in learning more about this, Marilyn's book *Still Lives - A Memoir of Gaza*, is a gripping if confronting read, but highly informative with has many references to pursue. A point Marilyn made was when her book was published, she was invited to talk on the National Programme on RNZ. This was later cancelled. When she investigated further as to why this happened, she was told they could not interview her without having Israeli input bookending her interview. This highlights the issues Marilyn raised of us not having the knowledge of the Palestinian experience.

I thoroughly recommend the book. I enjoyed Marilyn's talk very much and it is very pertinent with our District Committee now having a focus on refugees for the year ahead. Joy Creet



DAFFODIL DAY COLLECTION

Thank you to Jan Fisher for organising the street appeal collection for the Cancer Society. We had collection points at New World Whitby, Palmers Garden Centre, New World Mana, and The Warehouse Porirua. The total collected at our 4 collection points was \$3,846. A big thankyou to all those ladies who volunteered their time to support this worthy cause.



PRAISE FOR OUR CLUB

I received an email last month from Alyssandra Skerrett IWNZ President about our Club. She had read the August newsletter, learning of all our past activities and the plans we have for the coming months. She went through each article and praised everyone involved on an individual level.

We are a strong club with many caring, devoted, wonderful members. Well done ladies! - A very well deserved and heartfelt thankyou from IWNZ President Alyssandra. Michelle Atkinson, Media Manager (and Past President) also contacted me about our Movie Night fundraiser with high praise. She has featured us on the Inner Wheel website in the News section.

You can check out the story on the IW website here [Plimmerton Movie Night](#)

PINK RIBBON LUNCH

On Friday 19th August 23 ladies attended a Pink Ribbon lunch at Christine's house. Julie organised some lovely raffle prizes and we laughed our way through a Pink themed quiz. As usual there was plenty of yummy food and glass of pink bubbles to wash it down. A lovely way to spend a wet afternoon and fantastic fundraising effort. Thank you to all those who donated. We raised \$750 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. A special thankyou to Christine for being a wonderful host.

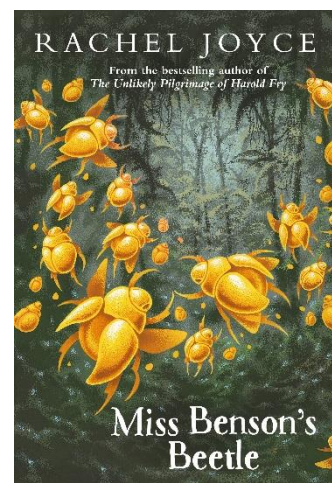


BOOK RECOMMENDATION

I have just finished reading Miss Benson's Beetle. If you enjoyed *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, I think you will enjoy this story about adventure, tenacity, growth, and friendship, laced with humour, grace, forgiveness, and generosity of spirit.

Miss Benson's Beetle - Rachel Joyce

It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a schoolteacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist - the golden beetle of New Caledonia. When she advertises for an assistant to accompany her, the woman she ends up with is the last person she had in mind. Fun-loving Enid Pretty in her tight-fitting pink suit and pom-pom sandals seems to attract trouble wherever she goes. But together these two British women find themselves drawn into a cross-ocean adventure that exceeds all expectations and delivers something neither of them expected to find: the transformative power of friendship.



*I would love to hear about what others are reading, or what books you enjoyed.
Please email me with your suggestions and brief summary of the storyline.*

WELCOME TO SPRING

How do trees feel in Spring?

Releaved

What do the Irish put out in Spring?

Paddy O'Furniture

Spring is the time when it is summer in
the sun, and winter in the shade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Alison MCGregor
- Bev Lillico
- Christine Harrison
- Dianne Roberts
- Faye Raffan
- Marilyn Wallace
- Sue Mexted
- Wynniss Trippner



REGULAR EVENT INFORMATION

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 at 7pm

This group, initiated by Marg Pine has been running since 2007. They meet every Wednesday night at St Mary's Church in Whitby from 7-9pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Marg Pine 021 610 906.

Book Group: 2nd Monday of the Month at 10am

We each give a talk on books we have read in the past month; we don't all have to read the same book. For more information contact Lyndsay Kelly 234 7238.

Craft Group: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am

Everyone takes along their own project, fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Maureen Barber 239 9528.

Table for 8: Saturday evenings

You are invited to join a group of Inner Wheelers (partners are welcome too) for a pot luck dinner on a Saturday evening. The host usually cooks the main dish, and each person brings a course or side dish. Dates will be advised. If you would like to be included in the group, please contact Julie McGlagan 021 425 872.

PARTING WORDS

Spring is in the air. The daffodils are out, and the sun is making an occasional appearance. It is amazing how much better it makes us feel when the rain stops, and the sun comes out. It really lifts the spirits. My husband has been unwell, and I have been on the receiving end of amazing support from my Inner Wheel friends and Almoner, Maureen Barber. In times of need it is a real comfort to know that help is there if we just reach out.

If you, or someone you know would like some support, don't be afraid to contact our wonderful Almoner, Maureen Barber, her contact details are on the last page of the newsletter.

You have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others. Audrey Hepburn

Yours in friendship

Karen 😊

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