



INNER WHEEL OF PLIMMERTON December 2013



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

President's Snippet

Greetings Everyone

What a great club meeting we had last month. The largest numbers at a meeting this year, and I learned from your feedback that many of you were quite taken with Mary Humphrey's story. Thanks for all the positive feedback.

The secret Angels have purchased their presents for Prison fellowship. They are now all wrapped and awaiting delivery. My son Daniel asked why presents were getting delivered to our place and when I explained that they were for children whose parents were in prison he was surprised to think parents would not be spending Christmas with their child. A sobering thought for us and hopefully the parent too!

Our club has been given an early Christmas present in the form of a \$500 cheque from Marie Hinkley for the purchase of materials for wheat bags and silky pillows. In the New Year we will be asking you to get out your sewing machines and get sewing.

We have a fun night install for you for our last meeting for the year I hope you can all join in us in some Christmas cheer. The destination is top secret, but rest assured you will be well catered for. In case you can't make it that night I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas



and remember...

*The magic of Christmas
Never ends
It's greatest gifts
Are family and friends.*

Yours in Friendship

Debbie

Mary Humphrey

For those of you who were not with us, Mary has had a very eventful life with significant health issues. Amongst other issues Mary had a below knee amputation following a long illness and has had to learn to walk again and to accept the limitations that an amputation can bring.

Mary spoke through tears of her love for her daughter and her husband, both of whom provide a strong bond in her life. Friends,

her church and family have grounded her. Whilst she takes each day as it comes she endeavours to make the most of life and to this end has built a business making and decorating cakes. Rather than show you some photo's here I recommend you look at Mary's website listed below.

<http://cakeexperience.weebly.com>



Mary (in the blue) with her good friend Kylie Welch who joined us for the evening to give Mary (what Mary felt) some much needed courage to speak. Kylie is a celebrant who works in the Wellington area – she has a website aptly named “canimarryyou.com”

December 17th Christmas Car Rally

Our last meeting of the year will be a Car Rally with dinner afterwards. Please be at the Lighthouse Theatre Car Park at 6pm on the dot (no later!!!)

In preparation for the rally please organise yourselves into car loads of three or four people – the driver will be driving not navigating so please have a navigator sitting alongside the driver to give direction, encouragement, warnings of impending

disaster, and maybe even driving tips!!!! When you receive your phone call from your committee member re your attendance please let her know which car you are in and with whom so we can get an idea of how many cars and therefore how many pieces of paper we need to have ready on the night. If you cannot find buddies for the evening let your committee member know and we will ‘hook’ you up with probably the winning team!



A committee member will be setting everyone off so please pay attention to her and obey every command.

Each car will leave at 5 minute intervals and each navigator will receive a pack with a map and the relevant clue for the first destination. When you arrive at your next destination you will find a committee member – maybe wearing a Santa hat – or not depending on their embarrassment levels – on the footpath of the street awaiting your arrival. She will give you your next clue and off you go. There are 7 clues to be unravelled as you move through the Rally.

You will also receive in your starter pack a sealed envelope with a cell phone number which you may call if you are totally lost and it is coming onto dark

and you are sure you have missed dinner. There may be a fine – small or not – associated with the opening of the envelope. In the spirit of fair play all envelopes must be handed in when you eventually reach the final destination.

Be reassured that you will not be traipsing all over town and the whole thing should be over and done with within half an hour or so.

Dinner will be at the final location so it is pretty important to get it right!



There will be a glass of bubbles or wine for everyone when they arrive. If you wish to drink any more wine please bring your own.

And a final note: we will be raising some money for the Philippines so please bring some money for donations, fines and a raffle

A reminder from Pauline



Well, maybe not so much your country in this instance, but your Committee definitely needs YOU!

Not needed quite immediately, but, YOU are needed.

This is an opportunity to think about pitching in for the 2014/2015 year. While many of the current committee members are happy to serve another term the skills and talents that YOU have can definitely be put to good use. Please talk to Pauline Lowe (23463443) the current Vice President about YOUR involvement to ensure that the coming year is full of fun and fellowship.

Assistance for Meryl Evans and our Training Day please

As you know we are due to develop and manage the District Training day next year in preparation of Meryl taking on the role of District Chairman.

The day will be held at our own venue – Aotea College. We need to cater for the day and assistance will be required for the kitchen through the day. Please contact Meryl if you are able to help.

Overhead from a group of mothers:

My Son said:

*“That’s not Santa!
That’s Daddy”*

Mum “that’s right dear”

Son “so who is the Easter Bunny”

Mum “that’s Daddy too”

Son “so how many other lies have you told me??”

NEXT YEAR

We have already organized our meeting evenings for the first 2 months of next year, with our first meeting for the year starting in February:

The Neonatal Trust

Providing support to families of premature or sick full term babies as they make their journey through Neonatal Intensive Care

March:

Margaret McIver:

District Chairman of Inner Wheel will be joining us

April:

To be advised

Dates to Diary

- ✓ **21 January**
Pizza and Plonk with partners at the Reidy’s – Ration Creek Orchard
- ✓ **12 February**
We have an invitation from Tawa Inner Wheel to join them for an evening of **Outdoor Bowls**
- ✓ **16 February**
Wild Sunday. Fundraiser for the Wellington Ronald McDonald House. Enjoy the opportunity to sample unusual “wild” foods, and enjoy great company. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets \$30 each, limited to 100. (some sold already) Contact Janet Reidy
- ✓ **15 March:**
Training day to be hosted by Plimmerton Inner Wheel

- ✓ **22/23 March**
Rotary Bookfair weekend. As always we will be providing coffee and muffin type catering for hungry patrons
- ✓ **1-4 May**
National Conference New Plymouth
- ✓ **21 June**
District change over hosted by Lower Hutt

THIS MONTHS MEETING

Tuesday 17 December
Lighthouse Theatre Car Park
6pm at the latest



Yours in friendship

Adrienne

