

Inner wheel Club of Plimmerton July 2015



In coming committee 2015



Carolyn's contemplations -

Welcome to our first newsletter for the upcoming year. It seems ages since we have had a meeting, and I guess it is. I certainly look forward to working with you all for a great year.

From my seat it has been very busy with arranging our changeover, setting up the new committee, Meryll's District changeover which we hosted, learning Dropbox and sharing this information. You will have received information about who's who on the committee and the interest groups. Keep this document for future needs.

Changeover:

The sun was shining so brightly for the changeover that we had to pull the curtains, I would say that is a very good omen for a wonderful year ahead.

What fun we all had, and such wonderful young people entertaining us. Margaret Pine's lovely grand-daughter Emma singing - how brave was that for an 11 year old, we loved her. Then Karishma reading her story "The Bag" - you could have heard a pin drop, it really hit home. The talent of this family did not stop there. Karishma and Kishin her brother then sang two lovely songs to end the afternoon, they had us all up dancing - a sure sign of success.

On top of all this the food by Sandi was stand-out, we all felt as though we were eating in a top restaurant - thank you Sandi for your wonderful cooking. Thank you all for coming, it felt like great support from everyone.

I have a great new committee that I have huge faith in. We met for dinner at our home to talk over ideas for the year. There are so many ideas we could keep going for a very long time.



My whole focus this year is to 'Inspire and Inform.' That means really great speakers, taking risks and trying new things while supporting worthwhile causes. I feel very strong about supporting local organisations who are changing the lives of local children for the positive.

Porirua is truly a great place to live, with wonderful things happening - let's learn and celebrate these things.

We then had the District Changeover at which our very own Meryll handed the chain over after her very successful year as District Chairman. Our club hosted the changeover this year and supplied all the lovely food. It was also a great success.

There are many interesting and inspiring groups operating outside of the normal meetings. Two new ones are the monthly outings called 'Outside the Square' with Lorraine Whyte. Lorraine is a volunteer when all the Cruise ships come into Wellington. She advises them what is on and where to go. Who could be better for this new group. The other new group is the 'Cooks & Foodies' group led by our very own Master Chef Christine Black. We will let you know more about this group at the next meeting.

Diane Roberts and her sewing team successfully completed 70 silky pillows. Great work, we never know when we will personally need one of these pillows so let's keep this project going.

If you have any positive ideas for the club I would love to hear from you – remember this is your club and I am always available to you.

Looking forward to a very interesting year with you all.

*Yours in friendship,
Carolyn
President Pimmerton Inner Wheel*

District changeover

The District Changeover was a huge success, and that is thanks to you ALL.

It was very interesting listening to all the work done in the 11 different clubs who attended the changeover. From Silky pillows, to Days for girls, to supporting the many charities and organisations that need so much help both with funds and volunteers.

Pip Desmond the speaker was very interesting to listen to and told us about her work in East Timor where she went with her husband who was working for the Volunteer Services Abroad. She found herself with time on her hands and she started working with the children teaching them English. They spent 2 years in East Timor Pip spent a lot of time teaching English and trying to learn Tetun. She finally wrote a book in Tetun a language she could barely speak on creative writing to be used as part of the High School Curriculum. Lots more information can be found www.patnpiptimor.wordpress.com and great read.

We we once again won the prize for the most new members for the year - congratulations to you all. It was a very friendly day with lots of contacts made.

GOOD SORTS

Sue Couch - Age Concern Visiting - For the past 5 years Sue has regularly been visiting an elderly couple and was invited to the Age Concern Luncheon at Government House, 1 July 2015

Age Concern visitors and their clients were recently honoured with an invitation to attend a luncheon at Government House hosted by the Governor-General, Sir Jerry Mateparae. It was a beautiful sunny day which showed the lovely gardens off to perfection. One of the eldest guests attending was Ernie, who, in his 102nd year, insisted he could walk from the carpark to the entrance by himself, just as long as he wasn't 'asked to run'. He was adamant that he didn't want to be dropped off outside the main door.

The luncheon for over 100 guests was held in the ballroom which was set attractively with polished silver, linen napkins and stunning flower arrangements on each table. The Governor-General welcomed us and gave a speech on the importance of the visiting Aged Concern does, keeping in contact with those that may be housebound or lonely. After a beautiful luncheon featuring table service, Sir Jerry returned and we all toasted the Queen with a very nice port.

The staff then opened the doors at the end of the ballroom and we wandered through the beautiful downstairs rooms at

Government House, including the formal dining room, library, conservatory and various sitting rooms. It was a wonderful afternoon and so lovely to be treated like 'royalty' for a few hours.

Being an Age Concern visitor is extremely rewarding and anyone who feels they may have some time and would like to become a visitor should contact Monica Robinson at Age Concern Wellington, phone 499 6646.

NEW INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL PRESIDENT AND THEME:



**Charlotte De Vos
IIW President 2015 -16**

UNIQUE & UNITED

A theme with two key words, which have same root, are complementary and contain within themselves the fundamentals of the Inner Wheel philosophy.

Each of us is UNIQUE, so we are all different one from each other.

This difference is based on our background: race, age, gender, physical ability, ethnicity, parental status, appearance, geographic location, personal habits, income, religion, educational background, work experience, marital status.

At each level in Inner Wheel we have this variety of members.

Our members have a clear sense of what UNITES us around the values of Service, Friendship and International Understanding.

Our differences, our diversity, will enrich our lives and the whole organization.

When members feel the strength of their different background, they are more capable of working harmoniously and engaging in actions, services, projects.

We are women from many countries, representing a rich variety of cultures, working together in a great common cause: the progress of mankind.

Inner Wheel is a UNIQUE global network of Members, who are working UNITED in all the 104 Countries, with United Nations relations, serving Human Development in caring the Children, Women, Youth; fighting every kind of violence and fostering the Peace Education. Saving the Environment and the Green planet through the Sustainability in every area.



WINTER the time of year when we need to keep warm and what better way than a glass of delicious mulled wine. This recipe is so easy using the microwave - enjoy.



Power Select: High - Approx, Cooking Time: 9-13 minutes

300ml (1/2 pint) water
100 g (4 oz.) sugar
4 cloves 5cm (2inch) stick cinnamon
2 lemons, thinly sliced
1 bottle red wine

To garnish: 1 orange or lemon thinly sliced

1. Put the water, sugar and spices in a large microwave bowl. Heat on HIGH for 3-5 minutes.
 2. Add the lemons, stir well. Leave to stand for 10 minutes, so the flavours infuse.
 3. Pour in the red wine, heat on HIGH for 6-8 minutes. DO NOT ALLOW THE MIXTURE TO BOIL.
 4. Strain the wine into glasses.
 5. Serve hot decorated with fresh orange or lemon slices.
- Serves: 6 approx 900ml (1 ½ pts).

GARDENING IN JULY

July is a challenging month for the garden. Now is a great time to prepare your fruit trees for the warmer months ahead and a good month to tackle jobs like winter pruning of roses and deciduous fruiting plants and there is still time to plant winter vegetables.

OUR SPEAKER FOR JULY

Dr Patrick McCarthy, Medical Hypnotist will be our first speaker. He will be very inspirational and humorous. His subject will be 'how to think more like an optimist'.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Diane McGavin
Glenys Greaves
Judith Tanner
Mary Temperton
Velma Knight
Brenda Callear
Yvonne Groom



We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at Aotea College Library, Porirua



Please remember that if you have said you are attending and are a no show you will still have to pay \$25 to cover catering costs.

MONTHLY SUB GROUPS:

Book Club: 1st Monday of the Month.

We give a talk each on books we have read in the past month, we don't all have to have read the same book. For more information contact Debbie Howard Phone 2347137

Tasty Tuesday: 2nd Tuesday of the month. A group meet every month on the first Tuesday for a chat and a good laugh. They usually meet at Denny's, occasionally at the Co-op. For more information contact Von Groom Phone 2339555

Craft Morning: 3rd Thursday of the month. and is held at Diane Robert's home 4 Port Lane Whitby at 10am. Everyone takes along their own project and fun and fellowship is had by all. For more information contact Dianne Roberts Phone 237 8087

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 2346471

Table for 8: Meets 4 times a year.

Table for 8 fosters Inner Wheel friendship while enjoying a shared meal at a members home. We meet four times a year Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Everyone takes a turn to host an evening. It is open to couples and singles. The host member will serve the main dish and others will be asked to bring, nibbles/entrée, side dishes and desert.

The winter Table for 8 is now full but if you would like to join us in the future please contact Debbie Howard on 2347137 or debzh@xtra.co.nz to register your interest.