



## The Inner Wheel turns ...

Once more Inner Wheel has turned another revolution and we are into a new year with a new theme — 'Think Ahead—Aim High'. We should use this meaningful theme in as many ways as possible—to enliven our clubs, increase membership, and, above all, to have fun.

Our sincere thanks go to Past President Colleen Payne and National Council for the way that they led IWNZ through a difficult time last year. Thanks also to Webmaster Meryll Evans and Constitution Chairman Cecile Pierce for their valued contributions.

This year we have an almost completely new National Council who have the challenge of maintaining the standards of our predecessors.

We welcome:

Vice President - Carole Haigh

Secretary - Di Patchett

Treasurer - Judith Gee,

Editor - Frances Burrus

District Chairmen - Wendy Chitty (NZ291)

Joanne Gaudin (NZ293)

Helen Bruce (NZ294)

Nancy Sloane (NZ297)

Jan Cowan (NZ298)

Constitution Chairman - Patricia Caves.

We also welcome our new webmaster, Brenda Paschke.

## Inner Link Magazine

It was unfortunate that the Inner Link Magazine was delayed in reaching you. I trust that you have all now received your copy and enjoyed reading it.

## News from National Council Meeting— 29-31 July 2011

**Website** – Brenda Paschke gave a presentation on the new website and was congratulated on the fresh, modern look. New material has been posted from Districts and National Council. This will be updated regularly and 'old news' removed. Items should be forwarded through District Chairmen.

**Proposals to National Conference** - Proposals for changes to the IWNZ By Laws were circulated at the end of June 2011. After consideration the National Council decided that Proposal 4, relating to the establishment of a Public Relations committee should be withdrawn. Responsibilities for the web page, public relations and the production of the Directory are still evolving.

**Christchurch Earthquake Appeal** - Donations to date total \$70,295 received from IW clubs in NZ, UK, Australia, Europe and the Pacific Islands. We are very grateful and sincerely appreciate the generosity of IW members worldwide.

Currently the balance of the account is \$57,471.66. Any further donations should be sent to National Treasurer Judith Gee (as a separate cheque)

## 75th Anniversary of Inner Wheel in NZ

On November 7 this year we celebrate the 75th year of Inner Wheel in NZ with the anniversary of the Napier Club. I would like all clubs to celebrate this important occasion at their November meeting.

Congratulations also to the many clubs celebrating special anniversaries this year.

## International Inner Wheel Update

New Website—A new IIW website has been launched and we have been asked to contribute to it on a regular basis. This is a great opportunity to profile IWNZ.

Communication Questionnaire—IIW Vice President Carole Young thanks all Clubs and Districts who have responded to this questionnaire.

International membership—As at June 30 2011 there are 99815 members in 3665 clubs in 166 Districts. India has established 53 new clubs but 31 have disbanded in Great Britain and Ireland

IIW Project—The current UNICEF project for child-friendly schools in the Solomon Islands will conclude in June 2012. Any donations should be forwarded through your District Treasurer to IWNZ Treasurer Judith Gee.

IIW Convention—Several members are planning to attend the IIW Convention in Istanbul in April 2012. This will be followed by tours through Turkey, including the opportunity to attend the Gallipoli dawn service on Anzac Day. This promises to be a memorable Convention and is still open for registrations.

### IWNZ Conference

2012 IWNZ Conference 29 March—1 April—This will be a great event so register early to avoid disappointment. Numbers will be limited. Registration forms are on the website.

### Best Wishes

I am sure that all IWNZ members will join me in sending our best wishes to Carole Young (IIW Vice President) and Annabelle Valentine (IIW Board Director) as they undertake their new roles this year.

## Sympathy

On behalf of all IWNZ members I extend sympathy to those clubs and members who have lost loved ones recently. Our thoughts are with you all.

## Communication

IIW President Catherine Refabert is asking how we can improve communication within Inner Wheel and also how we can tell the world more about IW. The questionnaire that you have commented on is part of that process.

We have made a start by updating our website and by planning to have more regular contributions from clubs about their activities. We have established regular communication between National and District officers in order to ensure that they have all the information that they need to keep up to date. This has been well received.

## Thank you all

Thanks to all IW Officers for your enthusiasm and commitment. I am very grateful for your time and knowledge.

Thank you Editors for your Newsletters with reports of your club meetings and activities.

Thank you also to the Manawatu clubs (Manawatu Central Connection, Feilding and Awapuni) who catered for our National Council meeting in Palmerston North. Your company, assistance and food were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your messages of support. I look forward to seeing you at District meetings over the next few months. Enjoy and be proud of Inner Wheel.

*Dorothy*

**National Representative/President  
Inner Wheel New Zealand**



## POINT TO PONDER

Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.