

Inner Wheel Club of Mt Roskill Auckland

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2020

IIW President,
Bina Vyas's
theme 2020-21



Dates for Your Diary:

November:

26th: Dolphin Theatre:
'The Long Weekend' –
details below

December:

3rd: C'ttee Mtg

7th: No Morning Tea.
Instead meet at 12
noon for a (buy-your-
own) Lunch at Selwyn
Heights Village Cafe

Sun 13th: Christmas
Lunch (BYO drinks &
food to share) at
Margaret Johns' home
(carpooling available –
phone Hazel)

President's Chat

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are coming to the end of a very different year for us all at Inner Wheel. It is so good to have the diary that is starting to fill up again. The District Meeting was good. It was lovely to catch up with old friends and to meet new friends. My bag coming home was very heavy with the weight of awards we had won!! Thanks to all members who donated either goods or money for Kits for Kindy, Rina was overwhelmed with the response. There will be many containers heading for Vanuatu much to the delight of teachers and children. You will have all received the invitation for the Auckland East Garden Ramble on Sunday 22nd November. I do hope some of you will join me in going along. Please remember to RSVP by 17th. We have been invited back to June Dunningham's villa at Edmund Hillary Retirement Village after afternoon tea. Any queries please give me a call.

Lunch at Selwyn Heights on Monday 7th December, 12 noon (instead of coffee): it would be nice to see those who are maybe unable to make it to Margaret's on the 13th.

Do hope you are all keeping well, stay safe.

In friendship, Fay



IWNZ Conference in Queenstown



INNER WHEEL NEW ZEALAND INC
CONFERENCE 2021 IN QUEENSTOWN, NZ



Save the Date
14-16 May 2021



ADVENTURE INTO INNER WHEEL
DISTRICT NZ298 IS WAITING TO WELCOME YOU

Websites: IIW:

www.internationalinnerwheel.org

IWNZ: www.innerwheel.org.nz

District NZ291:

www.innerwheelNZ291.weebly.com

Mt Roskill:

<https://iwmtroskill.weebly.com>

NOVEMBER

No Meeting this Month – instead we are at



The Dolphin Theatre
12 Spring Street, Onehunga
Thursday 26th November,
7.30pm for 8pm

for a
Fundraising Gala Night
to see a performance of
'THE LONG WEEKEND'
(Comedy Drama)

Tickets \$30pp - includes Nibble & Drinks at
7.30pm; Supper during interval
RSVP Wed 11th Nov: Janet (Ph:636-3556)

Two couples get together for a weekend. Abby and Wynn are high school friends. Their husbands Max & Roger hate each other. Abby and Wynn are jealous of each other. What could possibly go wrong? Norm Foster brings us another excellent play full of wit and astute observations of human nature.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

3rd: Nola Jewell

7th: Simoa Holt

Congratulations!



Almoner:

June Dunningham

Phone: 527-656

If you know of a member who is ill or indisposed please let June know so that she can send a card.

OCTOBER MEETING:

Esther Simpson was our speaker at our October meeting. Esther is a registered nurse and works at the Starship Hospital. Outside work she has been volunteering with GEE (Girls Empowered through Education) for 2 ½ years. It is a NZ registered charity which operates in Nepal to provide education sponsorships to vulnerable girls who would otherwise have no opportunity to go to school. In Nepal GEE works under the umbrella of 'Prisoners Assistance Nepal'. If a mother goes to jail, her children go with her. Thousands of children are in prison but violence, insufficient food and lack of hygiene are common. Prisoners and ex-prisoners are stigmatized by their communities which causes immense financial and emotional hardship and makes them the most vulnerable people in Nepal. PA, Nepal works to find children of these families and provide them with a safe home and education. Currently GEE sponsors 60 girls in three Nepal regions and they have a team of 8 local staff to support these girls. The three conditions a child must meet to qualify for a sponsorship are: to be female, to be from a verified underprivileged background and to not be attending school. Each sponsorship of \$400 a year covers a girl's school fees, uniform and a snack to have at school.



In January Esther was able to travel to Nepal with two other volunteers and Alannah, Director of GEE, who travels to Nepal every year to meet with all their sponsored girls, meet the staff and source out new girls to sponsor. Despite the poverty, they were welcomed into the homes and schools of the girls and shown great kindness. They were able to get updates on how the girls were doing at school, their lives in general and their hopes for the future. They organised small motivational workshops and picnics, which focused on three key topics: worth, confidence and purpose and encouraged the girls to dream of a better future. Most of these girls are the first in their families to receive an education. Esther said that travelling to Nepal and seeing for herself how difficult life is for these children and how big an impact education can have on them and their families made the work GEE does in Nepal all the more important for her.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MEETING:

Eight of our members attended the District meeting held at the Totara Hospice, Manurewa. It was a lively and well-run meeting, thanks to Rina as District Chair and her team), with some interesting reports:

- National President Dot Anderson-Lee reported on:
 - National's strategy this year is to concentrate on IW publicity;
 - Encourage members to attend the IWNZ Conference in Queenstown in May – registrations open in January;
 - Photo competition for all Districts and clubs: entries to be action shots of IW members having fun/laughter/happiness. Five prizes to be won.
- Clubs' 'Time to Shine' stories about their club activities were amazing, especially as they were so often working under Covid lockdown restrictions.
- Brenda Paschke gave a presentation on the new Membership Toolkit and the Membership Pass which she encourages all clubs to use to increase their membership.

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Simoa Holt

Almoner: (non-Committee):

June Dunningham

Our Usual Collections:

Mt Albert Women's Refuge:

Knitting, bedding, linen, clothing, children's books/toys (soft toys - new only).

Middlemore Fdn (KidzFirst)

Same as Women's Refuge

Christian Blind Mission:

Stamps

Lynfield Kindy: Craft items–

Old cards, yoghurt pottles, milk bottle tops, cardboard rolls, coloured pencils, small boxes, art supplies (felt pens, paper etc). (No toilet rolls or egg cartons)

Te Kowhai Kindergarten

(same as for Lynfield Kindy)

Note: Other clubs are collecting wine bottle tops, bread tags, unwanted bras, reading glasses, shoe boxes, knitted blankets for City Mission. Bring items to a mtg & Rina will find them a home.

District Report continued:

- Penelope Spencer (Aotea Ak) has been nominated for NZ291 2nd Vice-Chair.
- Julie Barnes has been nominated for NZ291 Treasurer.
- Annabelle Valentine and Hazel Hunter request all clubs to check whether any of their files need to be archived.
- A 2nd-Chance Education Foundation Award was presented to Heleina Vaha.
- A 'Name the Rose' Competition is being set up to celebrate IWNZ 100th year in 2024. All clubs are asked to contribute ideas for a name to the competition.
- Next district social to be held on Sunday 14th February 2021 – 'Friendship Day'. Mt Roskill club is on catering. More details to come.
- District Awards from the AGM:
 - The Silver Tray "Take Time" Trophy (for friendship & service): Orewa & Whangaparaoa
 - The Editor's Award (for interesting newsletters): Orewa & Whangaparaoa
 - The Susan Auer Crystal Globe Trophy (for international understanding): Mt Roskill
 - The Kauri Casket (for increased membership): Parahaki Whangarei
 - The Laurel Rotherham Trophy (for attendance at a District Meeting): Mt Roskill

Jaqui Scott of the Great Scott Company was the guest speaker. She spoke about 'Assumptions we Make and Overcoming Them' – how our thought processes, feelings and behaviours (positive or negative) lead to positive or negative results and how we can change an outcome by thinking differently.

Raffle: Our very own Bev Lumsden won one of the lovely raffle prizes – well done Bev.

UPDATE ON IW ACTIVITIES:

1. 'Name the Rose' Competition: A rose is being developed to celebrate 100 years of IW in New Zealand. It will be a red rose and developing it has to begin now to have it ready by 2024. Names have to be submitted by 7th February 2021 so bring your ideas to our January meeting or email to President Fay (marie_family@xtra.co.nz).
2. IWNZ Photo Competition: National wants to promote IW and showcase our successes, fun, friendship and food and highlighting members having a connection and having an enjoyable time doing it. Photos to be used on Facebook, flyers and posters to promote our clubs, who we are and what we are giving our time to. So, *the Challenge*: fun action photos (smiling and laughter are great) of IW members having fun with a little accompanying paragraph about the photo. Send suggestions to President Fay no later than Thursday 3rd December so that she can take them to the committee meeting for final selection. National close-off date is midnight 4th December.
3. **Club Lunch**: Monday 7th December: Instead of our usual monthly morning tea, we will meet at 12 noon at the Selwyn Heights Village café for a 'buy-your-own' lunch to celebrate the coming festive season. All members welcome. So, if you are free mark the date in your diary & come along.
4. **Christmas Lunch**: Sunday 13th December, 11.30am. To be held at Margaret John's home, 42 Kinleith Way, Albany (phone Hazel re car-pooling: 626-5683). Cost \$5pp for bbq meat (Margaret & Peter will purchase); BYO drinks and salad or dessert to share.
5. **IIW Day**: Sunday 10th January 2021. To be held at Rina's home, 247 Collie Road, Te Kowhai (phone Janet re car-pooling: 636-3556). BYO drinks and bring a plate of food to share – theme is 'International' so check out your recipe books.
6. Final plans have now been made for our fundraiser 'Pacific Mermaid' harbour cruise, to be held on Sunday 29th November. This cruise is now fully booked. Funds will go to Look Good Feel Better, Child Cancer and several local organisations. Sincere thanks go to the committee for all their hard work in organising this event. We will have photos in our next newsletter.
7. Ten gift bags have now been delivered to the Mt Albert Women's Refuge. The new Manager was thrilled to receive them and asked that her sincere thanks on behalf of all recipients be passed onto all members who have so kindly donated items for these bags.
8. New member, Margaret Geraghty, has joined our club and will be officially welcomed at our January meeting. A good turnout of members to this meeting would be welcome.

OCTOBER MEETING: 'EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION', NEPAL (GEE)



DISTRICT MEETING:
Rina with Nat President



Mt Roskill Members with Awards



2nd-Chance Education Winner



Speaker: Jacqui Scott



Kits for Kindy –
Part of Mt Roskill Donation



Gift Bags for Women
Refuge

