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August 2020 Newsletter

Hi Everyone

We had a beautiful Changeover Afternoon High Tea! As you can see from the photos below, it was a gracious and very pleasant afternoon. A number of members searched through their collections of fine linen that they had inherited from their mothers and grandmothers, with the added benefit of sharing family stories at the same time before the tables were set. Alma's daughter, Helen and Kathleen's granddaughter, Zoe did the honours as kitchen and waiting "staff", carrying out their duties with aplomb.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

One of the best things about August is the sense that things are about to start moving again, and it is the same for our club. Your committee has been planning for the rest of the year, grateful that we can look forward to spending time together. During the months when we were confined to life within our own front gates, birthdays and other landmarks slid past, concerns and celebrations came and went unnoticed. There is still plenty to catch up on!

So it will be lovely to see you at Cobblestones on the 19th.

Stay warm everyone.

*Alma
President*

So, to everyone having a birthday this month, we wish you a very happy day with friends and/or family. And the same to those with birthdays next month.



ISO Report (International Service Outreach)

We have been asked to help fill a box of toys and activities to send to the preschool children of Vanuatu who have been severely affected by cyclones. IWNZ has a contact on several of the islands who have been assisting with the building of kindergarten and school buildings. This contact will ensure that our donations get to the most needy. The project is called “Kits for Kindies”. We have been asked for any resources that could help the children or teachers:

- Picture books, colouring books puzzle books etc.
- Crayons, marker pens and paints
- Drawing pins, velcro
- Wooden jigsaws
- Balls, string, cellotape, velcro dots, glue, staplers and staples, blue tac, etc.

Next time you shop, please pop something into your trolley for these children. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

Thank you, Rosemary.

District Gathering

Four of us attended this event, a fun-focussed meeting with minimal formality. Alma, Liz, Maureen and I braved the Remutakas on our way to Paraparamu at 8.30 am, Maureen doing the driving. After a warm welcome by Carol Woodfield, Vice Chair and Treasurer Debbie Latey started things off by emphasising the need for members and clubs to get used to the idea of internet banking, also remarking that Clubs should really have no more than \$1000 in their general account, the rest to be in their charity account. I am ashamed to admit that David does all our internet banking – it's time I upped my game! Carol gave her full report which I will not relate here as she is speaking to us later this month. She did, however, state that membership is the big challenge this year. We've already talked about this in previous newsletters.

Carolyn Crutch spoke to us about the new District ISO project called Kits for Kindies organised by Pacific Pathways and it involves some bargain hunting, something many of us really enjoy. See Rosemary's ISO report – this newsletter.

The guest speaker, Libby Carson was an unemployed event manager who spoke about her experience of the global event of the year, Covid 19. While many of us were frightened of getting the virus, Libby was afraid of spending so much time by herself during lockdown. As she put it, "Me and Myself could have had a falling out!" For more about how she managed, look out for the District magazine in November. Suffice to say, she was a fantastic speaker, hilarious but with a serious side.

We were one of two clubs who brought their knitting to show off. See below.



Our 294 District Executive – guess who forgot her hat?



Our National IW President, Dot Anderson-Lee flew in for the day.



No, it's not a cowgirl, it's Darleen our new IIW Board Member with Carol Woodfield, District Chair.

Presentations were made to:

- Membership Award – New Plymouth
- Editor's Award – Wellington
- Chairman's Award – Sue Jamieson (New Plymouth)

Finally clubs spoke about the ways they had spent the \$200 bonus they received from District last year. These included people bringing a friend to the club meeting and the club paying for their meals, placing advertisements in the local newspaper and buying a banner.

Dinner meetings

These are almost certainly to be on the third Wednesday of the month (as usual) at Offerings but this is yet to be confirmed. The price remains at \$25 and is a two course meal. The Rotary Club has reported that the food is very good.

Club Member's Story – Ann Paris

I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and when six months old moved to the unknown place called San Jose, California. My father set up his law/insurance adjusting business and my mother, in her spare time, was very involved with various volunteer organizations. My sister, who is four years younger was born during this time. Our first house was in the middle of orchards. Santa Clara Valley was known as, “The Valley of Heart’s Delight”, which later then became known as Silicon Valley. School years were at Campbell Grammar School, then Campbell High School, and San Jose State University. During elementary school years I had years of tap dancing lessons, ballet, and acrobatics, as well as swimming lessons. I was active in Camp Fire Girls, including becoming a camp counsellor. My years of going to Camp Fire Girls camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains gave me my love of the majestic Redwoods, never imagining I would one day be living amongst them. My high school days were happy days as it was the ‘50’s. At San Jose State I majored in Education with a minor in Art. I was very active in my sorority and totally enjoyed college life.

I met my late husband during summer school while in the summer school choir. We married in August, 1958, bought our first house in Cupertino, California, where I belonged to various volunteer organizations while raising our two girls, Heidi and Natalie. Heidi became interested in horses which prompted our move to the Santa Cruz Mountains where I, also renewed my love of horseback riding. When the girls were in high school I got my real estate license and worked for an office specializing in mountain property. Soon after I got my license my husband died in 1981 in eighteen days of liver cancer. At this time I found I needed a permanent job, so worked for a number of companies before my full time employment with Tandem Computers.

Living in the mountains did have some draw backs as I found out one winter when I was snowed in and without electricity for a week. Very unexpected as this never had happened and hasn’t since. In 1985 there was a huge forest fire that came within a half mile of my house and I was evacuated for a week. Steve was working for the same computer company I was, but in New Zealand and had been sent to the States for analyst training. We met three weeks before he was to return to New Zealand through mutual friends.. It was around the Xmas holidays, so there were a number of great parties we attended. We knew there was something there so maintained a long distance romance. He made plans to have Thanksgiving with me in 1989 and was to arrive in November. In October the Loma Prieta earthquake happened and my house was red tagged with a fissure going through it. Steve did come and we had accommodation at a motel that the insurance paid for. (I had earthquake insurance) Then came the nightmare of rebuilding, but it did happen. Before it was completed Steve and I were married at a neighbour’s house under the Redwoods. He had been transferred from the New Zealand office to the Silicon Valley office. Then came the reshuffle and downturn in which Steve lost his job, but his manager in New Zealand wanted

him back in New Zealand which he accepted. That is how I came to New Zealand. Both of my girls are married, live in California and each has two children.

Informal Lunch

These are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Last month it was held at the Village Café at Martinborough. It was a great turnout – about 15 members turned up nice and early so we didn't have to queue. You probably know this but I didn't know there was a spacious carpark around the back with a rear entrance into the cafe. And the food, of course was scrumptious. Main problem – too many choices! Best of all it was lovely to catch up again. And..... great news! Elaine Fox has offered to be our Social Secretary. Thank you so much Elaine for stepping up to a new role which will be much appreciated by all. Watch this space!

Diary dates

- 19.8.20** Club Afternoon tea meeting at Cobblestones in Administration Building, 2pm, with our District Chair, Carol Woodfield as guest speaker. Cost \$20
- 25.8.20** Informal Lunch, to be advised
- 16.9.20** Dinner meeting, 6 pm, Offerings but to be confirmed.
- ?15.10.20** Walk'n'talk with Plimmerton Club at Kaitoki Gardens in lieu of meeting. NB This is a Thursday.

A delightful poem contributed by Rosemary **Gonna be a Bear**

**In this life I'm a woman. In my next life I'd like to come back as a bear.
When you're a bear, you just hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.**

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that.

When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you are a bear, your mate expects you to wake up growling. He expects you to have hairy legs and excess body Fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear!

Finally, do take care of yourselves

Best wishes,

Anne Hayden
Editor

