



## Inner Wheel South Wairarapa

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### November 2020 Newsletter

Hi everyone

What a lovely evening for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Dinner Meeting at the Offering. A delicious meal served by the staff who were both friendly and efficient.

Our guest for the evening was District Chair Carol Woodfield who was introduced by Alma. Carole gave an interesting talk about District activities and also an introduction of herself and where she came from; lovely Loch Lomond in Scotland. It was through meeting her now husband who was a New Zealander that she moved to Wellington originally for a year but loved her life here so she



stayed. Carol has three children and four grandchildren.

Carol spoke passionately about belonging to Inner Wheel and the friendships she has made, and also joining the committees at club and district levels. Carol also made a plea for more members to think about coming onto our committee at Club level.

It was well overdue for Carol to visit us at our Dinner Meeting, as due to Covid 19 two previous visits were cancelled. It was great to have Carol with us.

### Honoured Active Membership

This prestigious award was awarded to Dale Julius and was presented by Carol Woodfield.

Rosemary Newton gave a preview of Dale's achievements of which there were many:

2017 - 2018 **IPP**

2016 - 2017 President

2015 - 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2014 - 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

2014 - 2015 President South Wairarapa

2013 - 2014 Vice President South Wairarapa



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Dale brought excellent communication and organisational skills to the positions she undertook. Dale has been a most committed Inner Wheel member, only resigning from the committee at the end of last year.

Well done Dale.

### New Member

Our latest member to join our wonderful club is Debrah Johns the operations Manager at the Greytown Medical Centre. Debrah was introduced by Anne, and inducted by Carole Woodfield. Welcome Debrah.



### Past President Ali Rankin

Ali gave a brief chat about being President and joining the committee, at first how daunting it was, and self-doubts whether she would manage the commitment especially standing talking to a crowd. She did manage and did a great job. So another plea for members to step up and join our happy group on the committee. As Ali said; “if she can do it anyone can”.

### President's letter

Dear friends, November is always a month that races past, but this one has started very well. Yesterday morning I walked with a friend round parts of Masterton that she has known most of her life. It took quite a while, as we peered into gardens, of course, and she told me about the people who had lived there in the many lovely houses. Then in the afternoon our IW committee sat round my table with tea and good things to eat, talked a lot and enjoyed planning the months ahead. It was a good day.

This week as we watch events in the US, I'm thinking of our Inner Wheel sisters over there, and in the UK too as they head into winter with a very different Christmas in their sights. Ahead of us, we have our AGM on the 18th, our Brac'n Bow Christmas gathering on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the opportunity to meet up freely for outings, to knit, or just to say hello at any time in between. Have a very happy November everyone. Bevan and his team at The Offering are lined up to look after us beautifully again at the AGM.

See you there.

Love Alma

### Outing to Aston Norwood Café and Gardens

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October was our walk' n talk with Plimmerton Inner Wheel ladies. We had a great turn out and after a drizzly start to the day it turned into a warm fine spring day. The gardens looked lovely with a lot of the trees still in blossom. After a very nice lunch and chat with the ladies we headed out into the gardens to tour around the beautiful well maintained grounds. Many of us went onto the Nursery gardens where you could purchase plants. There were plenty to choose from, flowers vegetables, trees, shrubs, roses, and many others. I can see why so many people get married there, it is certainly a beautiful place and so near to Wellington and the Wairarapa.

A great day was had by all. This is just one of the many outings our Inner Wheel members enjoy.

New members always welcome



### Maureen's Blog

This is my first Newsletter bear with me. I have a hard act to follow. A big thank you to Anne for all her help and a job well done for all her work over many years.

For members who don't know me well here is a small introduction of myself. I am Maureen Mortensen and have been in Greytown for four years. I moved here with my husband who had just retired from the N Z Fire Service. We moved from Mount Maunganui . I repeatedly get asked why the move to the Wairarapa. Our first grandchild was born very premature at 25 weeks. She was in hospital in Wellington for six months and we were travelling to see her often. This prompted us to move closer to Wellington so we could be of help to our Son and Daughter in-law.

We now love the South Wairarapa and happy we made the move.

It was good for me to join Inner Wheel as I knew nobody here and I have made many new friends and everyone has been so friendly.

Talk about small world. At my first Inner Wheel Dinner I was sitting next to Hazel. We got talking and the subject of Norsewood came up, Hazel remarked that maybe I didn't know anything about Norsewood. As it happens I did. My grandmother used to take me there in the school holidays to her Sisters farm. Through that conversation with Hazel it turns out my grandmother and Hazel's grandmother were sisters. I now have two new found cousins Hazel and Ali. My husband's family also have strong connections to Norswood,

Best wishes Maureen

**Diary dates**

**9.11.20**            **Knitting at Doreen's 183 West Street Greytown**

**14.11.20**           **District Meeting** Palmerston North

**18.11.20**           **AGM** at Offerings

**26.11.20**           **Informal Lunch**, to be advised

**2.12. 20**            **Christmas Function** at Brac and Bow

**20.12.20**          **Christmas Fete** Stella Bull Park

**Duties**

Grace            Dorothy

Tha;nks        Alma

Raffle           Maureen

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