

# Autumn Communicator



## March 28th 2018

Greetings from Fulton Road, Dunedin



Thank you everyone for honouring International Inner Wheel day on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. Your newsletters were full of fellowship and friendship and a large variety of interesting events. Many clubs have continued to support our National Project “Look Good Feel Better” and so far, we have raised over \$15,000.00 dollars. Classes are held throughout New Zealand. These classes are an opportunity to meet others, whilst being taught tips and techniques to help women face cancer with confidence.

The National Governing Body met in Palmerston North the weekend of 16,17 and 18 March. The executive committee is Christina King, President, Darlene Westrupp, Vice President, Joanne Gaudin, Past President, Margaret Whitmore, Secretary, Lynnette Lightfoot, Treasurer. Also present Michelle Atkinson, NZ291 Chairman, Carole Young, NZ293 Chairman, Judi Newborn, NZ294 Chairman, Carol Haskett, NZ297 Chairman, Dot Anderson-Lee, NZ298 Chairman, Dorothy Booth, Constitution Chairman.

Meryll Evans, Publicist, and incoming Treasurer Anne Joyce joined us on Saturday.

Also present were the Incoming District Chairman, Sylvia Millard, NZ291, Joan Reed NZ293, Marie Gillies, NZ294, and Shirley Milligan, NZ297. On Friday the Annual General Meeting for IWNZ Inc was held and Hazel Hunter, and Carole Haigh were present for that meeting. A small presentation was made to Hazel and Carole to thank them for all the work they have done on our behalf to becoming an incorporated organisation with charitable status.

Reports were received and discussed from everyone present and one could sense the positivity in the meeting and how proud the District Chairman are of the clubs in their part of New Zealand.

Membership and filling the positions on our committees continues to challenge everyone and we would love to hear of some success stories about how your club has attracted new members. My question to the meeting was “How do we unlock the key to willingness and motivation to take office? What do we need to do better and differently in the future to keep our clubs moving forward?” By coming together as a National Governing Body we are working hard to keep our lines of communication open and empower those present with the knowledge they need to lead in their own districts.

The Conference committee have put together an exciting programme and continue to meet regularly. The New Zealand conference is being held at Waipuna, Auckland 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

International Convention in Melbourne is only days away and my exciting news is that I will be carrying the New Zealand flag in the opening ceremony. There are over 100 members from New Zealand attending and it will be a great honour. Clubs have all nominated their proxy vote holders and thank you to Dorothy Booth who has given us voting guidelines to follow. I have three votes, one as the New Zealand President, one as the National Representative and one for the Inner Wheel club of Dunedin South.

For those of you attending this is a suggested guideline for clothing.

WEDNESDAY: Welcome Reception and Banner Exchange – it mentions National Costume. The suggestion is to wear Black and White with a hint of paua and your IWNZ scarf.

THURSDAY: Friendship Dinner. This is an outdoor event so a good time to wear your IWNZ jacket and scarf. FRIDAY: Gala Dinner - is a themed event the Melbourne Cup – A touch of glam. Dress to impress is the theme. Sounds exciting so please enjoy the evening.

Congratulations to the Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill, and the Inner Wheel club of Mosgiel, we have forwarded your entries into the poetry competition on behalf of New Zealand.

Convention WhatsApp group. If you are going to Convention in Melbourne and would like to be in contact with other IWNZ members and get notices about meeting points or information during Convention you are invited to join the WhatsApp group. WhatsApp works as a free messaging service while you in wifi connection. You will need to download the App from your smartphone App Store and once it is installed send your name as a message to phone number 0274182924 (Michelle Atkinson) – she will then reply to you and add you to the group.

From the Brag sheets submitted last IW year, 65 different charities were listed, have a look at the website to see all the logos and all the different ways we are making difference. Make sure you keep your information up to date and include everything you do.

Changeover meetings: NZ297 Saturday 9 June, NZ293 Saturday 16 June, NZ294 Saturday 23 June, NZ298 Saturday 30 June. National changeover in Dunedin Saturday 30 June. NZ291 Saturday July 7.

Thank you everyone for your commitment to Inner Wheel. My thoughts are with the Inner Wheel club of Rangiora as they say farewell to Sheena Elwin. We are sad Sheena did not have the opportunity to lead district NZ297. Other clubs throughout New Zealand have lost members too and those members have left a lasting legacy for us to follow. Please look at all the different ways you can contribute to the strength of your club.

Have a restful Easter and enjoy your time with family and friends. Dunedin is buzzing with excitement and I have ten house guests over Easter as part of the 60,000 extra visitors to Dunedin. One person can make a difference. Warmest regards from my house to yours.

In friendship

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