



# Inner Wheel New Zealand



## Communicator

### December 2020

Christmas is almost upon us and so too is the last half of the Inner Wheel Year. How quickly the time flies – just as you feel you are getting your teeth into the role, it's time for change. I'm sure the next six months will fly by to.

I have now attended all District Meetings and I am so impressed with the way your District Chairmen have put together wonderful days for our Members, with excellent speakers, and at 3 districts collecting articles for Kits for Kindys. This is a fantastic project spearheaded by Jillian Crossen of the Inner Wheel Club of Avonhead. Stationery, books, pens, crayons, puzzles and an array of children's articles have been packaged up and will be shipped to Vanuatu.

The project Pacific Pathways was founded by New Zealanders Sue & David Mitchell who live in the Samna Province of Vanuatu and experienced first hand the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Harold in April this year. In 2014, Inner Wheel NZ297 Clubs got together and sent 22 plastic containers full of items which were very much appreciated, and this time around we are sending more than 70 containers which is a fantastic effort.

The photo shows members of District NZ294 with some of their 35 containers packed and ready for shipping.



The District NZ297 meeting was first on the list and was held in the beautiful setting of Hanmer Springs. District Secretary Helen Faulkner had arranged a house in the town so Wayne was able to join us for the weekend and also put to good use as kitchen slave for the meeting.



District Chairman Judy Kingsbury had arranged a fabulous day with an entertaining speaker telling us of his decision to spend 2 years biking across the world. Encouraging for those of us who barely get on a bike! Judy's husband Mike also played soothing classical music for us whilst lunching and packing the Kits for Kindys. A wonderful weekend and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the ladies of my new District.



Next I was invited to the NZ291 District Meeting, held at Manurewa and once again there were plenty of items for the Kits for Kindys plus many bread tags had been collected and it was fun sorting the colours the next day. District Chairman Rina had organized a full day which included awarding a scholarship to a young lady with the profits of the fashion show run in the Hobsonville area of Auckland where there is potential for a new Inner Wheel Club.



NZ294 ran their District Meeting in Palmerston North under the leadership of District Chairman Carol Woodfield, in her second year, and we heard from Prue Deighton, a lady with a son diagnosed with Irlen Syndrome after being called a “retard” by his teachers at the age of 7. She explained that between 12 and 14 percent of the population have Irlens and it can be corrected if diagnosed early enough and with the right coloured lenses. It was interesting to see on the screen how many variations of writing people see, some blurry, some doubled-up, all sorts. Some even see better with coloured paper, or non-fluorescent lights.



Once again, there were a huge amount of items gathered for Kits for Kindys and over 30 plastic boxes were loaded for shipment.



The final District to visit was NZ298 in Invercargill where District Chairman Jo had put together a wonderful day, including a bus tour of Historic Invercargill and showing us the site for the Charity Hospital which Melissa Vining, widow of Blair, outlined the plans for.

The meeting ended with two students from Southland Girls High School singing beautifully and also describing the music courses they intend taking next year at Waikato and Massey Universities.



## CONFERENCE 21

Conference planning is well underway and you will have seen the information sent out. The website is live now so I encourage you all to have a look and prepare to register on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021, coincidentally International Inner Wheel day. Note you have the opportunity to win back your registration if you register early. Click on the following link: <https://www.innerwheel.org.nz/iwnz-conference-2021>

## NATIONAL PROJECT

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Hazel Hunter as our Look Good Feel Better National Service Co-ordinator and she has been very busy promoting the “Joy” Christmas Crackers. These are available for a donation of \$20.00 – very well worthwhile as they contain 5 items of makeup in each one. Contact Hazel if you would like to order any.

## PHOTO COMPETITION

There are a few days left for you to get your photographs into our Publicist, Alyssandra Skerrett for the Inner Wheel Photograph Competition. The competition closes at midnight on 4<sup>th</sup> December and the winner will be drawn and announced after that. There are great prizes for the 5 categories so I encourage you to get your entries in now if you have not already done so.

## INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

We still have no details about the proposed online International Convention but I will advise when information is to hand. I have been having online Zoom Meetings with International President Bina Vyas and the 44 other National Presidents – sometimes at inconvenient hours but it is a challenge for her to accommodate the entire world to a suitable time.



## NATIONAL STRATEGY

Our National Strategy is progressing and I am very pleased that a number of our Clubs have significantly increased their membership numbers with others having potential members in the wings. Inner Wheel is starting to get some traction on social media and many clubs are doing their own marketing in their local areas which looks like being very successful.

I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I am looking forward to seeing photos of your activities on International Inner Wheel Day on 10<sup>th</sup> January.



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