

Successful District Chairman visit to NZ291's New Caledonian Club

The Inner Wheel Club of Noumea Plaisance welcomed NZ291 District Chairman Brenda Paschke to their December Club meeting on Tuesday, 3 December. President Agnes Jezequel and the 11 members present warmly welcomed both District Chairman Brenda and Penelope Spencer, President of IW Aotea Auckland, to New Caledonia. District Chairman visits to our off-shore Clubs is vital in ensuring members feel they are part of our District and of Inner Wheel New Zealand. This year's visit was to New Caledonia, while the next year's visit will see a visit to our Tokalau Suva club.



The entire meeting was given over to DC Brenda's presentation and the opportunity to provide training about Project Revive, membership, the importance of the Service Record sheet, availability of information and resources, to name just a few topics discussed. While it was at times difficult to navigate the language barrier and Brenda's limited French, there was a lot of discussion and questioning during the presentation.



A huge merci beaucoup to Martine Hickson for her support as translator during the meeting.

It is heartening to hear that there is likely to be several new members joining in the New Year. This led to an interesting discussion about the similarities and differences between the Noumea Club and those in New Zealand.

IW Noumea Plaisance has been very busy in the lead up to Christmas making honey wraps in various sizes, vege bags made from donated net curtains and decorated and branded travel mugs. These will be sold at the upcoming Christmas Market to raise funds for the Club's various charities including support of the young, old, handicapped, Women's Refuge and many more. The amount of service undertaken by the Club is a testament to the members working together and supporting one another. All the very best for successful sales.



Saturday, 7 December, offered a second opportunity to share in friendship and international understanding. Inner Wheel Club of Noumea Plaisance extended an invitation to Brenda, her husband Michael, Penelope Spencer and Duncan Mackay to join them for their annual Christmas Dinner. This offered a wonderful opportunity to meet members unable to attend the Club meeting earlier in the week as well as continue discussions about Inner Wheel and life in New Caledonia.



DC Brenda would like to extend her thanks to President Agnes and all members of the IW Club of Noumea Plaisance for their attention, time, friendship and support. As a District it is also important to acknowledge the support of Inner Wheel New Zealand in assisting us to undertake these biennial visits to our off-shore clubs.

The Inner Wheel Club of Noumea Plaisance certainly exhibits a real dedication to this year's IAW President's theme "Together we can".