

# Colleen Payne

IWNZ President/National Representative: 2010 – 2011 (First President to serve only one year)  
International Board Director: 2012 - 2013

## **International Presidents Theme:**

- 2010 - 2011 - Commit with conviction, compassion, consistency

## **Inner Wheel New Zealand Conference:**

Napier May 2012

Theme – *Time of your Life (art deco theme)*

Special Guest: International Inner Wheel Vice President –  
Carole Young (New Zealand)

## **Goals**

My hopes that in embracing our IIW President's theme "Commit with conviction, compassion, consistency", this would inspire members to make a positive commitment to Inner Wheel, have compassion for others and to be consistent in keeping up the wonderful work our members do as an organisation to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves. However three months into my year as President, the City of Christchurch, New Zealand was shaken in September 2010 by the first of over 10,000 earthquakes, with the worst and most tragic devastating earthquake striking on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. As a consequence, the remainder of my year was focused on assisting the families of Christchurch and surrounding areas. I was overwhelmed by the huge number of messages of caring thoughts, prayers, sympathy and the support with many gifts in kind for families from Inner Wheel members. In addition, financial donations of over \$100,000.00 from Inner Wheel members in New Zealand and worldwide were lovingly donated to many worthwhile causes in the Christchurch and the wider area. I was humbled by how members committed with conviction their compassion for those who suffered through tragedy and devastation and how they were consistent in giving so willingly to assist so many worthwhile causes in true Inner Wheel spirit.

## **Highlights**

- Attending the Inner Wheel Australia Conference, 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Dunedin South and Oamaru and meeting with Inner Wheel members throughout New Zealand.
- Presentation of a Margarett Golding Award to Treena van Rijssel of "The House of Grace" in Wellington.
- Financial Assistance from Inner Wheel NZ members to Inner Wheel Australia following their devastating Eastern Seaboard Floods.
- I was privileged to receive Honoured Active membership from my own Inner Wheel Club of Avonhead and a Paul Harris Fellowship awarded to me by the Rotary District NZ9970 for my dedication to Inner Wheel especially with the work associated with the Christchurch earthquakes.



- On behalf of Inner Wheel New Zealand it was an honour to attend a presentation to receive an Award from the Christchurch City Council which recognised the of acts of kindness, service and heroism during and following the Christchurch earthquakes.

Presentation of Community Service Award from  
Christchurch City Council to IWNZ

L to R: Cecile Pierce, Janet Walker, Colleen Payne,  
(the Town Crier), Edith Sim, Nancy Sloane, Ursula Lee

