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IWNZ President/National Representative - 2011 -2012
International Inner Wheel Board Director - 2013 - 2014

International President's Theme:

- 2011 - 2012 'Think Ahead – Aim High'

Inner Wheel Conference

Napier, 29 March- 2 April, 2012.

Theme: *'The Time of Your Life'*.

Carole Young International IW Vice President represented IIW President Catherine Refabert.



Highlights

- **75th Anniversary of Inner Wheel in New Zealand** -The 75th anniversary of Inner Wheel in New Zealand – a special and memorable anniversary for members.
- **IWNZ Conference 2012** -_My year as IWNZ President was during a notable time for IWNZ. It was appropriate that the 2012 Conference celebrated 75 years of Inner Wheel in New Zealand in Napier, the City of the first Club in NZ. Here we paid tribute to those who had contributed and led us through this period. We celebrated with members not only from the IW Club of Napier, but from throughout New Zealand. We planted a tree in Dolbel Park to commemorate the occasion. Many clubs celebrated in many different ways. The conference was also special for another reason. It was the first IWNZ Conference that was hosted by two Presidents as it spanned the first two years of single year Presidency
- **Communication** - A highlight for me as National President was the opportunity to meet many Inner Wheel members at District Meetings. I must thank District Chairmen for their hospitality and also the District Executives, Club and District members who made me very welcome. During the year I encouraged National Executive members to write regular newsletters to District officers in similar jobs. This helped to breakdown communication barriers and kept them up to date with what was happening in National Council, as well as upcoming requirements. This was well received and appreciated.
- **Inner Wheel Australia Conference** -_I had the pleasure of attending the IW Australia Annual Conference in Perth from 5-8 October 2011. I was made very welcome and pleased to have the opportunity to return the hospitality and to extend a warm welcome to those Australian members who came to our conference.
- **Christchurch Earthquake** -_It was a disturbing and heartbreaking time for all New Zealanders as we learned to live with the tragedy of the Earthquake disaster We were

very appreciative of the generous donation to IWNZ from Australia, and also from other countries, in support of the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

- **Gmail addresses** - IWNZ made good progress by introducing a standard gmail address for all IWNZ Executive members, and also by redesigning the website and the National Directory.
- **Training Days** - We established Training days in all Districts. We are one of the few women's organisations world-wide that provide training for incoming officers.
- **International Inner Wheel Convention** - The IIW Convention in Istanbul, Turkey followed very soon after our Conference. This was another wonderful occasion and a chance to renew international friendships. There were 40 members and partners who attended Convention and stayed on for the Turkey tour afterwards, including attending the Anzac Service at Gallipoli.

I am grateful to Inner Wheel for providing me with the opportunity to meet new friends, both in NZ and in other countries. I enjoyed the position and the challenge.

Let us be proud of Inner Wheel - let us enjoy Inner Wheel.