



# Inner Wheel New Zealand Communicator



## August 2020

Welcome ladies to another new Inner Wheel year. We have some exciting things planned and I am looking forward to “leading the change” for our group.

Our Strategy Team has been extremely busy applying for grants to enable us to set up a data-base of all of our members – when complete this will alleviate much work for Club Secretaries and help us to move forward with our goals for this year and the future.

A target group is the 65+ age group – mainly because funding is available specifically to help this age group engage with others without leaving the comfort of their homes, in these uncertain times. Of course we are mindful that all age groups are welcome within Inner Wheel and our Membership and Marketing Toolkits which will shortly be rolled out will help club Committees attract new members.

International President Bina Vyas has one of her goals for the year as increasing membership by 20% and I think with the Membership teams that we have – led by past President Carol Haskett - that this will be entirely achievable.

Plans are in place to introduce all of these exciting initiatives to you at your District Meetings which I am looking forward to attending, and meeting as many of you as possible.

I really wish there was another word for “meeting” as these events are normally fun and informative and your District Chairmen go to a lot of trouble to make sure that members enjoy the days. Please consider registering when yours comes up.

We are still hopeful our bi-annual conference will go ahead in May 2021, in Queenstown. A lot of planning has been going on by a very capable conference committee, and it would be a shame if Covid-19 interfered with our plans, however we will be taking Ministry of Health advice and would not consider putting our members at any risk. A survey will be coming out shortly to enable us to gauge the possible numbers of members who would consider registering should the conference go ahead.

Your Club Newsletters have been coming through and are a source of great interest and I am often amazed at the projects that clubs are tackling. Not all Clubs are sending these though, so Editors please make sure you send your Newsletters to all members of the National Governing Body along with the National Editor.

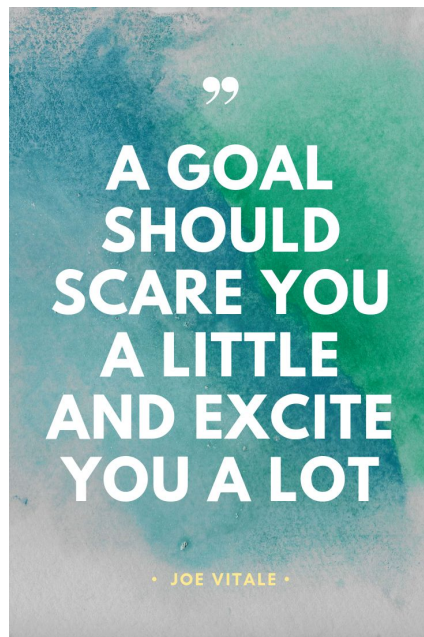
I want to acknowledge all members of the NGB, in particular our Secretary Judi Newborn who is extremely efficient, making my life as President much more enjoyable than it could otherwise be. I also have to thank our Strategy Facilitator Sue Atkins and VP Michelle Atkinson who have both given us an incredible amount of their time and expertise, along with Alyssandra Skerrett who has created

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some awesome Membership cards which will come out to members shortly. We have some great members amongst us and the skills they bring are many and varied for which I am very thankful.

I also wish Darlene Westrupp well as she begins her role as International Board Director, unfortunately the year is going to be rather unusual with the prospect of having to have online Board meetings rather than meeting the rest of the International team in person.

I'm looking forward to a very progressive year as we move Inner Wheel New Zealand forward with our Strategies and Campaigns and I hope all members will be onboard for the journey.



\*\*\* And just one other thing - Inner Wheel NZ day is Tuesday 1 September (created on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 by Jean Currie) - plan a "Walk and Talk" and then send us your photographs for our Media Team to publish.

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