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Inner Wheel New Zealand Communicator



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Hello Ladies, the end of the Inner Wheel year is just around the corner.

The last three months have been the busiest of the year for me, beginning with the Virtual Convention in April – put together by IIW President Bina Vyas and her team in Jaipur, India,

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The Virtual Convention was “held” in the Convention Hall in Jaipur – it began with the flag ceremony from the over 40 countries taking part. In the main Hall we were treated to displays of dance, and then keynote speakers, and then it was time for the Business Session. All delegates and proxy vote holders had a training session previously to be able to use the Electronic voting system, but problems arose when none of us could access the Vote Tab for Proposal 1. The IT people had to be called in and within a short space of time the problem was solved and the remaining session ran smoothly. Social Projects were in another Hall, and there was also a photo booth. The whole thing was really well done.

It was a couple of late nights for the 10 of us registered from New Zealand.

The photograph below was manufactured to look like all of the National Representatives were on stage together at



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INNER WHEEL NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE, QUEENSTOWN

Our Conference was very much looked forward to after months of planning. Wayne and I drove down to have a week chilling out in Wanaka before heading over to Queenstown and the Hilton Resort & Spa at Kawarau Falls.

Thursday night began with the Past Presidents' dinner to which Wayne and I had been invited. It was lovely catching up with all of those lovely and inspirational ladies and amazing to think that next year I will be one of them.

Friday was the Well-Being Day, and this was a well worthwhile day, something I hope we include in future conferences. There were 3 speakers and a yoga session and the Hilton provided a beautiful lunch.

Friday evening was our Opening Ceremony, commencing with the Te iti o Tahana Kapa Haka group from Wakatipu High School, then our flag ceremony and ending with a series of Jazz numbers by local duo Jazzicology.

Saturday was our Business Session and all Proposals were passed plus the General Motion. Sue Taylor then unveiled our new Inner Wheel New Zealand website.

After lunch we were treated to "Your Life, Live it" speaker Amanda Foo-Ryland who was a true inspiration, and then followed by Sue Lindsay, CEO of Real Insight who's advice was "don't think about what has passed, think about what you would like in the future".

We had a further session from our own Sue Taylor which was interactive and groups got together to discuss our future strategy: Enrich Membership, Promote Inner Wheel, Digitalise Inner Wheel, Develop Service Opportunities, Change how we operate, Active Support for Clubs – these were all discussed and ideas brainstormed for Sue to put together the 10 most important things for Inner Wheel to work on.

The highlight of Saturday was our Gala Dinner where all members and those husbands/partners who attended could come together for entertainment by Lisa O'Neill, renowned public speaker who inspired the audience with her energy and humour, followed by a buffet dinner. The beautifully decorated tables and place settings were a work of art.

Sunday morning was our Service of Faith where we remembered those members who had passed away since the previous conference. The collection was for the Lakes District Air Rescue Trust and Jules Tapper, the Chairman, spoke to us about the Trust and showed two videos, heart-stopping moments and the reason why these Trusts are so important, and all donations gratefully accepted.

Our National Changeover took place, where I was very pleased to hand over the Chain of Office to incoming National President Michelle Atkinson who's energy and passion for Inner Wheel leaves us in very good hands for the future.

Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton enlightened us about how Queenstown residents & businesses pulled together during the Covid-19 lockdown, especially the large amount of immigrants who are living and working locally and found it extremely difficult to cope with no job or income over that time.

Then the Conference was over, and those of us staying on had the option of going on the Million Dollar Cruise. We were so lucky the weather was perfect and it was a lovely way to end the few days in Queenstown.

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My congratulations go to the Conference Team, led by Rina Maxwell-Hesp, and also to the Hilton Resort & Spa who went out of their way to assist us at all times. Also to the Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Queenstown who were “on the ground” and assisted with Airport pick-ups, and many other necessary tasks locally.

Now we look forward to being “Blown Away” in Wellington in May 2023.

Conference photos will come out in the Inner Link shortly, but also I do have a memory stick with all photos on, and will be bringing it to our District Changeovers, beginning 10 June, so if anyone would like to, they can bring along a memory stick and I will copy the photos for you.

END OF YEAR

I am about to embark on the visits to all Districts beginning shortly with my own District NZ297 in Ashburton. I am hoping that none of our members in that area were affected by the recent flooding.

I look forward to meeting up with all members. Remember a District Meeting is much more than just a meeting – it’s a place to meet up with others, have fun, friendship and it’s something I really look forward to in the Inner Wheel year.

That’s it from me. I wish all Inner Wheel members good health and happiness for the new year ahead and hope to catch up with all of you at some time in the future.

In Inner Wheel Friendship,

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