



INNER WHEEL OTAUTAHI CANTERBURY



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We can all relate to life's ups and downs, swings, and roundabouts.

Our family recently experienced this with the passing of our 12-year-old Dachshund/Collie, Molly, a much-loved companion who has left her pawprints in our hearts.

We received the most beautifully handwritten card from the vet who we had only recently started taking her to. The more cynical amongst us might think, 'I bet they do this for everyone in the hope that we will continue to use their services in the future.' I honestly do not feel that this is the case, but if it is, I really do not mind. That card deeply touched me.

The fact that this extremely busy person took the time to write those heartfelt words, share in my emotions, address, and stamp the envelope and put it in the post, meant so much to me. During the early 2010's, people believed that e-cards and social media messaging would take over the greeting card industry, replacing cards for non-personal electronic images. This has since faded and greeting cards have found to be as important as ever.

In Britain greeting cards were banned at the beginning of WWII to conserve paper. After some backlash, this ban was soon lifted as the government decided that greetings cards were 'considered essential to the war effort.' Everyone agreed that cards significantly lifted the morale of both front-line fighters and the public back at home, so much so that they should be allowed, despite the worry around resources.

It is with this in mind, that I would like to create the position of **Almoner** in our club - a person who looks after the welfare of others by sending a birthday, congratulations, thinking of you, thank you or whatever is appropriate card, on behalf of all club members. The Almoner would rely on all of us to let them know about the welfare of others, where appropriate.

If you would like to offer your services for this position, please let me know.

Yours in friendship

Viv





BIRTHDAYS

Ra Whanau Ki A Koe

A Very Happy Birthday to

- Carmel Calverley 14 July
- Lynne Rose 19 July
- Karen Looyer 28 July

CLUB CALENDAR

- Club Meeting: **Mon 26/7/21**

68 Harewood Road

Speaker: Herb De Vries

Topic: How and why refugees coming to New Zealand go into business for themselves and the challenges they face.

- Social Meetup: **Sat 10am 7/8/21**

Museum of Toys & Collectibles

36 Manchester St, coffees after

- Walk n Talk: **Sat 4/9/21**

Celebrating Int'l Inner Wheel Day

Details to come

- Sausage Sizzle: **Sun 12/9/21**

Bunnings Tower Junction

- Welcome to Spring: **Sat 18/9/21**

Hosted by Inner Wheel Chch West

12.30pm \$10 + plate for shared lunch

Halswell Library, 341 Halswell Rd

CHANGEOVER DINNER

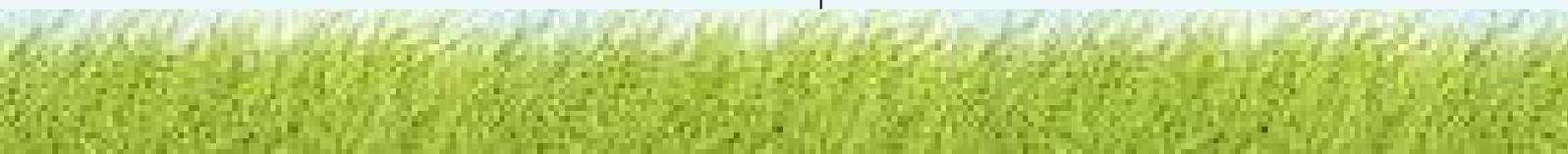


A wonderful way to celebrate the change-over.

We had a fabulous dinner out, a mystery box fund raiser, and gifts galore for the outgoing and ongoing office bearers.

There was a lovely farewell speech from outgoing president Diane, and a welcoming speech from incoming president Viv.

And we had an almost 100% member turnout! We missed you Yvonne and Carole



SERVICE & COMMUNITY

- Donations-in-Kind

IWOC are **donating \$300** to Donations in Kind – a Rotary project providing medical & education equipment to Fiji, Samoa & Tonga. Organiser Gordon Hooper came to speak at our April meeting.

Just a little bit of kindness can go a long way to helping our Pacific Island neighbours!

- IWNZ District 291's appeal for COVID Relief in Fiji

As we have watched the news of the turmoil and devastation due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Fiji, it is very apparent that Fiji is a Nation in great need of help. IWOC are also **donating \$200** to this appeal.

A BEAUTIFUL THANKYOU

" Dear Otautahi group knitters

The Neonatal Unit at Christchurch Women's Hospital would like to thank you so very much, for your kind donation of the beautiful woollen hats, jacket, vests and booties which you have made for our wee babies. These are beautiful. Your donation is really appreciated by the staff and the parents of the Christchurch Women's Neo Natal Unit.

Kindest Regards,
Sarah O'Brien
Neonatal Ward Clerk,
Christchurch
Women's
Hospital."

Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

REMINDERS

- Keep collecting those caps and cans for the Kids Can fundraiser
- Set up your online profile on the Inner Wheel portal
- Keep an eye out and bring along potential new members

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL



IIW President Ebe Martines has set her theme for the 2021-22 year as "Pink First", to be interpreted as Women helping Women. Throughout this year our club is encouraged to think about women first in your projects.

These are the four main areas we can focus on:

- Health
- Opportunity
- Education
- Empowerment

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