



NZ293 DISTRICT MAGAZINE

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District NZ293 attendees with International Inner Wheel President Chris Kirby at the IWNZ Conference Waipuna Lodge, Auckland



From District Chairman Joan Reed

Well, yes, I did wonder what I had let myself in for when I offered to be District Chairman again, after a twenty year gap. Now, at the end of this year I am so glad that I did take this step. By doing so I guess my 'achievement' meant that District NZ293 could carry on for another year. It is the achievements of the ladies in our Clubs that amazes me.



I am so grateful for the work and support given by District Vice-Chairman Vera Farmilo, District Secretary Laurie Breadmore and District Treasurer Ineke Thissen. We are so fortunate to have these Matamata Club members willing to continue on the District Committee for the coming year. Thanks also go to Past District Chairman Carole Young of Opotiki for her support.

However, I would really love to see members step out, as I did, and come forward, either on Club Committees or for District. Vera will need a Vice-Chairman and we also would like an Editor. I know you would enjoy time while you are serving District or your Club and Vera, Ineke, and Laurie will be a great help.

As I made my Club visits this past year I was so happy and amazed to see what our members do in their Clubs and the way they help others. Projects varied so much - cooking, stitching, knitting, sewing, all of which could be done at home or in the company of friends. They could be working at a Sausage Sizzle, visiting people, organising outings, the list goes on. Plus the donations we can give to Look Good Feel Better, St. Johns, Daffodil Day, Schools, Days for Girls, and so many others - these are so much appreciated. Thank You, Ladies.

Yet! How many ladies in your area do not know what Inner Wheel is? We must get out and spread the word - Friendship is important, helping those in need is important. Maybe you will find a new member who has a talent that can help your Club in some way. Inner Wheel has so much to offer to members and others.

I give my thanks to all members for their support and friendship during the nearly thirty years I have been in Inner Wheel. What a joy it was to be able to attend the wonderful Conference in Auckland in May. It was so well done, so much fun and I was thrilled to meet up with friends from other areas who I hadn't seen for ages. Thank you, Auckland, I had a great time.

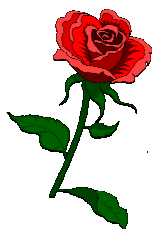
In closing I give my grateful thanks to all members for their support and friendship this year. I do wish you all a great year ahead 2019/2020, and hope to be able to keep up with many friends in the months ahead.

Blessings and Good Wishes to you and your families,

In Inner Wheel Friendship,

Joan

District Chairman
NZ293



Opotiki

This year the Inner Wheel Club of Opotiki has done several fundraising activities from knitting garments to give to children who needed warm clothing to actively raising money.

In May we decided to hold a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea to raise funds to go to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Inner Wheel members were charged a set amount plus a large plate. Invited guests were charged a larger sum of money for Morning Tea. Two members offered to organise it and it was held at a member's home.

On a sunny Friday morning we all arrived at Anne's home with friends, guests and a number of spouses. We all mingled and it was nice to meet up with people we did not know. The table as usual was laden with plates both savoury and sweet. Extra money was collected by having a sales table.

At the end of the day we were able to send the Breast Cancer Foundation a sizable cheque. It was a very enjoyable and successful morning.



Members and friends enjoying fellowship and food!



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL OBJECTS

To promote true friendship

To encourage the ideals of personal service

To foster international understanding

Tauranga Central

Tauranga Central has focused on two charities over the past few months. Firstly we have donated to Bay Music Scholarships which has allowed two talented children to attend music classes this term who would otherwise not have been able to afford the tuition fees.



All ready to go!

Secondly we have volunteered at the local Bay of Plenty Breast Cancer Support group with the running of their 10th annual Papamoa Hills Night Walk. A beautiful calm night under a near full moon with lots of happy walkers supporting a valuable charity to those going through the Breast Cancer journey.



A beautiful evening for a walk!

DISTRICT AWARDS

Evelyn Laird Award

This year's award for the greatest percentage increase in members went to the Inner Wheel Club of Ahuriri for the second year running - well done! President Jill King with the Evelyn Laird trophy and District Chairman Joan Reed.

The Helen Schneller Award had no entries this year.



Ahuriri

Ahuriri Inner Wheel have been focusing on the Empower and Evolve theme during the second half of the Inner Wheel year.

In March we took an early evening stroll through the original Napier Cemetery learning about the lives of the early settlers in our region. While many of these were male role models interwoven alongside were the stories of the women who worked behind the scenes to help create the Napier of today and the society we find ourselves part of. Without these women we would not have the freedoms of choice and lifestyle we do today. *(If you would like to learn more about these past members of Napier's community pick up a tour guide from the I-site next time you're visiting Napier.)*



Rotary are celebrating 30 years of Women in Rotary and so we invited Ahuriri Rotary's first female member Sue Paige to talk about her experiences and tell us about how Rotary has changed in the 27 years she has been a member. Women's roles have come a long way since the 80's even though we all thought we were equal back then! NZ293 Members who were at the District meeting will have heard Sue speak of these changes and how being a Rotarian has "empowered" her and helped her "evolve". While her talk was about Rotary, if we added a filter changing the word to Inner Wheel we would find how similar our organisation is and how if we put energy in how much we can gain from our membership of Inner Wheel.

Our Club celebrated its birthday a little late this year as 9 members were attending the IWNZ Conference the first weekend of May. Perhaps one of the biggest attendances ever from Ahuriri to Conference and all those who were there have come back to the Club fired up by the fantastic speakers, ready to share the Inner Wheel story with fellow members and non-members alike - our membership seems to be growing each month.

We have also continued to support Starlight and Look Good Feel Better, both organisations that empower people and help them to evolve; creating better outcomes - more fulfilling lives.



Members learning about the lives of the early settlers.

Western Napier

PINK RIBBON HIGH TEA

Thoughts of a High Tea came for our fundraiser after a breakfast, lunch or maybe an afternoon tea had been discussed and dismissed. Yes a Pink Ribbon High Tea seemed to be the way to go. Arrangements for a hall, hiring of fancy china and cake stands were decided before the committee meeting closed. Food was the next thought. Club sandwiches along with mini muffins, a little salmon here, a little cream there and the plan was set. The afternoon arrived. A beautiful autumn day saw our guests arriving in two's and three's finding seats sipping their bubbly punch. Many spot prizes held their attention and the Grand Draw drew many ooh's and aah's, so close yet so far away. The tea flowed, the cakes enjoyed and the chattering filled the hall.

Yes all the work and planning was definitely worth it.



Beautifully decorated tables and scrumptious food.



*Silent memories keep you near
As time unfolds another year
Out of our lives you may be gone
But in our hearts you still live on.*

We remember those members who
have passed away recently.



Fairfield

Rhode Street School Sustainable Garden

One of our club outings was to the Sustainable Garden at the Rhode Street School in Hamilton. Over the past nine years classes have planned, planted and sustained their own garden. This entails planting the seeds, growing the seeds, transplanting the seedlings, caring for the plants and hopefully seeing and enjoying the finished product. The students also learn how to graft plants.

There doesn't seem to be many plants or trees that are not included in plantings throughout the school grounds. The many vegetable beds include cabbages, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, zucchinis, peppers and an orchard of feijoas, plums, pears, apples and a persimmon tree has also been planted. There is a huge passionfruit vine and many berries including strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. There is also a tunnel house where plants are grown hydroponically and rainwater is collected into storage tanks for watering systems. Much of the produce goes into providing food for school lunches for students. All students are required to sit down for their morning tea and lunch in a covered area called the "Kai Time Café" which seats 250 students.



Around the back of the school is an "eco island" comprising 3 containers adapted in a 'U' formation that house an interactive whiteboard with iPad, a science lab and a maimai so the students can study the animals and the flora and the fauna on the island while staying out of the weather. The school is extremely grateful for the support of businesses that have taken on-board the "can-do" attitude of students and staff and helped provide goods and services free.

Rhode Street School is one of a few schools in Hamilton that have been given a "Green-Gold Enviro award". The success of these initiatives has been the students leading the whole school vision, supported and sustained by teachers, parents and school leaders. This is a Decile 2 school and the community itself has been much improved by the ongoing community activity at the school.

We were very impressed with the ongoing commitment from everyone at the school to continue to develop this very worthwhile project. It teaches the students so much more than growing plants.



The "boy" and "girl" structures made by students.



Members hearing about different aspects of the gardens.

Napier

Napier, the oldest club in New Zealand and the District is plodding along surely. We have eighteen members who are in good heart.

Our major effort this year was a stall at the Art Deco fair, held in February. St. Paul's Presbyterian church invited us to participate and we gladly consented.

Seven thirty on the Saturday morning, three of our ladies arrived and put up trestles and card tables under a canvas awning then proceeded to load up these with the goods that members and friends had donated. Our treasurer arrived with the money box of change and by 8.30 we had potential customers hanging about looking for bargains.

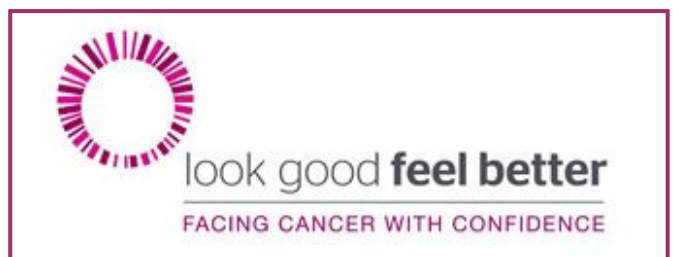


When the clock struck nine we opened for sale and we found the most popular things that sold were the art deco jewellery and scarves. This was because, it was Art Deco weekend in Napier and most of the population were dressed for the occasion. Dancing in the streets, bands playing and choirs singing all around made for a very festive occasion.

Fresh rhubarb, beans and pickles were also good sellers. This has given us a better idea, should we wish to do it again next year if we have the opportunity. The stall stayed open with relays of members taking over the selling positions and we did not close until 3pm which made a very long day for some. However we were very pleased with the amount raised seeing we were only charging \$2 or \$3 for the items.



One of our members has made 50 children's treasure bags and which we will fill with crayons, colouring books, pencils etc. Ten of these bags have recently been delivered to the Hastings Hospital Chaplain.



Inner Wheel New Zealand is continuing the support of Look Good Feel Better as their National Service Project.

From Incoming District Chairman Vera Farmilo

As a new resident, coming to Matamata in the year 2000, I was visited by present District Chairman of NZ293 Joan Reed, inviting me to attend Inner Wheel. After attending the first meeting, I was keen to join the vibrant Inner Wheel Club of Matamata.

Over the years I have held the position of President, Secretary and Treasurer. All three being a good learning curve. I come from a background of Sales and Marketing, Interior Design and the last three years hosting people from around the world at my Bed and Breakfast near Hobbiton.

I am proud to be an Inner Wheel member. It's a place where lasting friendships are made. A place of personal growth. A place you can work together with like-minded friends, creating a better world to live in.

I'm looking forward to my year as District Chairman, especially visiting and learning how each Club has evolved, and sharing my vision for future growth of this great organisation, that I'm sure you are all proud to be part of.

Vera Farmilo

Incoming District Chairman NZ293



SNIPPETS FROM THE DISTRICT MEETING

There was a good attendance at the NZ293 District Meeting held in Napier on 8 June.

Two resolutions were passed:

1. It was moved that District NZ293 discontinue payment of travel reimbursement to individual clubs to attend District meetings. Payment to District Executive for travel to Executive and District meetings would continue.
2. It was moved that District NZ293 centralise the venue for District meetings.

These Resolutions came about because basically there is not enough money in the account to cover expenses! The travel allowance for clubs to travel to District meetings in the past has been more than generous. Delegates and members felt that those attending District meetings could share travel costs and therefore help save the District money. Centralising the venue will also cut down on travel time and costs.

We might have to be ingenious in finding ways of continuing the wonderful fellowship we have in our district!





SITUATIONS VACANT

DON'T
MISS OUT!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to serve your District. Follow in the footsteps of amazing women who have volunteered in this field for more than 40 years! Enquiries made so far have been disappointing and we need your help to keep us on the road.

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Travel costs paid 😊

Shared food tea and coffee supplied 😊

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- ◆ 1st Vice Chairman
- ◆ 2nd Vice Chairman
- ◆ ISO
- ◆ Editor



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THIS ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN THE NOVEMBER 2016 DISTRICT NZ293 MAGAZINE - NOT A LOT HAS CHANGED !!!

COME ON LADIES - IT'S TIME TO PUT YOUR HAND UP - IT'S NOT THAT HARD.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR 2019-2020

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| District Chairman | Vera Farmilo (Matamata) |
| 1st Vice Chairman | - |
| 2nd Vice Chairman | - |
| Past District Chairman | Joan Reed (Matamata) |
| Secretary | Laurie Breadmore (Matamata) |
| Treasurer | Ineke Thiessen (Matamata) |
| Membership Chairman | Joan Reed (Matamata) |
| ISO | - |
| Editor | - |

Where would we be without Matamata !!

INNER WHEEL NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE WAIPUNA LODGE, AUCKLAND



Service of Faith leaders Joanne & Jim Gaudin



Table decorations



PDC Denise White, PDC Carole Young and DC Joan Reed bringing in the NZ293 banner



A skit performed by members of the Ahuriri club



"The Meeting Place"



A beautiful venue when the tide is in!