

NEWSLETTER – March 2015

And now it is March!

My apologies – it has been such a fun filled summer and I have been enjoying the wonderful weather and activities so much that our newsletter has slipped down the To Do List. Thank you to Sheryl W for reminding me that I have been remiss!

So, what's been happening in BPW this year so far?

We now have Desiree installed as club secretary as young Cassandra has settled into a routine and she is also a regular at our Exec meetings (Cassandra as well as Desiree). Margie has done such a great job over the years – tallying up dinner attendees is not for the faint hearted each month and her knowledge of who's who in our community has been invaluable when we need a speaker or a helperso a huge thank you from me to you, Margie. Thanks also to Desiree.

February's guest speaker was local mixed media artist, Carryl Murray, who spoke of her recent journey to Paris to exhibit alongside other Taranaki artists. A vivacious speaker plus I had the pleasure of reading the exhibition booklet which she erroneously left behind – it sounds like it was a great opportunity for the artists to show their work on the international stage.

And to celebrate International Women's Day in March, our March meeting guest speaker was Solani Gorkam who has immigrated from Mumbai and now works at Fonterra. We all enjoyed her presentation, especially when she spoke about learning what we consider normal day to day life – cooking, cleaning, washing, etc and she spoke so affectionately of her car "The Beast" (think little lady, big car!). We also welcomed our newest member Irene McKnight to the club – thank you for joining.

Our March Easter themed raffle was organized by the Executive with several extra donations from club members (thank you) with the aim to raise funds to assist our delegates reduce their costs to attend Christchurch conference. Anita was the happy winner but was concerned that as she was heading overseas later that same week, the basket would be empty on her return. Chocolate is obviously a firm favourite in the Scott household!

For our April meeting, the raffle will be ANZAC Day themed and the proceeds will again go towards the conference fund. We are also placing a wreath from the club at Dawn Parade this year so Sheryl Wallis has volunteered to create – I am sure Sheryl will value any offers of help and also donation of poppies. And of course, we would like members to attend Dawn Parade if at all possible – more details will follow.

Conference is going to be attended by Chris Turner and Viv Yeung this year – both have been nominated for NZ Executive positions so they will be our delegates as well. As a club, we have discussed the resolutions and have compiled the mandate for our delegates to vote on behalf of the club. I have attached the summary to this newsletter.

I am also keen to hear of any feedback from our members. We note that Monday night has become a very busy night for meetings/exercise/other events so I have included a couple of questions which would be great to hear your response.

And last but not least, we wish Meredith all the best for no rain on Saturday 28th as she and Steve tie the knot at Stratford. Best wishes to you both for a wonderful day and glorious future together.

Helen

Next Dinner Meetings

20th April 2015

6pm Tairoa Lodge for
6.30 pm Dinner

Women and ANZAC Day

18th May 2015

6pm Tairoa Lodge for
6.30 pm Dinner

Next Exec Meeting

8th April 2015

7.30 pm Anita's house

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National news

Message from Vicky Mee –

It is always a pleasure to spend time talking to members and hearing about the issues that are important in different regions. I am so pleased that some of those issues are coming through to our conference as resolutions to be put to the floor.

Take a look at the table in this issue showing the use we have made of last year's resolutions in press releases, in submissions, taking them on to NCW and BPW International and in further work on them. (This table does not include the correspondence on these resolutions with ministers, government departments and other bodies). It's a very heartening list! We can and are using our voice and making our views known. This and more is what we are aiming for with the 2015 resolutions!

If you feel strongly about the matters raised in this year's resolutions I'd ask you to work with executive in pushing them further. Draft letters ready to send to government ministers, work out possible press releases and think through ways your club and others could help make the policy a reality. Please send this into executive to help us in this work and to make our voice stronger.

One place our voice is strong for women's empowerment is in Gisborne. Congratulations to BPW Gisborne for the work they have put in to a successful initial meeting with local businesses leading up to a launch of the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) later this year. We will be hearing about this regional pilot at conference and we can all consider how as clubs we could make WEPs part of the work we do.

And remember send the invitation for our open Saturday afternoon leadership forum on the 2nd May to your sisters, cousins, daughters, mothers, friends and colleagues in Christchurch! It will be a great afternoon and one they will find inspiring.

I'm looking forward to the buzz of conference and seeing many of you there.

Vicky Mee
President

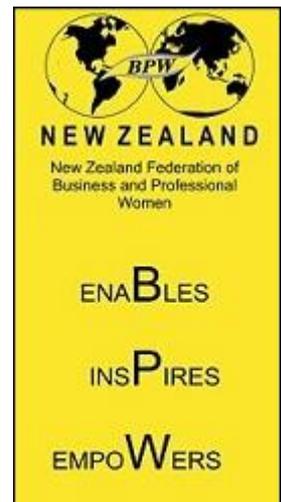


Vicky Mee
President BPW NZ

BPW NZ National Events

- ✓ April 1st Pacific Women's Watch CSW59 feedback
- ✓ April 14th Executive teleconference meeting
- ✓ April 16th Women's hui in Whangarei
- ✓ 1-3 May 2015 BPW NZ Conference Christchurch

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International news

Meet Our President

President Message to the International Board –

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the new collaboration between BPW international and Rotary International. We are excited that both organizations will soon be engaged in worldwide projects of common interest. The agreement was launched the past Oct 1st. while we attended an invitation from Dr.Sam Shee and his wife Isabel in Chicago, Illinois.

Sam and Isabel held a reception honoring both International presidents at their residence which was attended by some 80 guests including the Hon. Sheila Simon, Lt. Governor of the State of Illinois, the Hon. Nancy Rotering, Mayor of Hyland Park, Chevalier Patrick Rea, International Grand Commander – Knights Templar International, Dr. Gloria Groom, Curator of the Art Institute of Chicago, and several other government and civic VIPS.

Representing BPW International were Past International Presidents Yvette Swan, Tuulikki Juusela and LizBenham, executive members Amany Asfour, Susan Jones, Bessie Hironimus, Marta Solimano, andmembers Luisa Monini, Francesca Burack, Kathleen Ray, Mary Lou Lowry, Barbara Yong, and my daughterYasmin El Sayah. Rotary International representatives, in addition to their International President GaryHuang and his wife Corinna from Taiwan, were President-Elect KR “Ravi” Ravindran and his wife, fromColombo, Sri Lanka and several members and guests.

The reception included a tour of the Shee Museum and grounds displaying the many sculptures, one of which was dedicated to BPW and Rotary with the logo and inscription of both organizations. Also in display, was a framed announcement of the event with both presidents' names and the logo of the organizations. The evening event included a short presentation by both international presidents, gift exchanges and presentation of Rotary banners by our members to President Huang from their different clubs in Finland, Australia and the USA. During the gift exchange I had the pleasure of presenting President Gary Huang and our host Sam Shee each with a metal sculpture. The sculpture for President Huang depicted the emblem of Rotary International and the one for Sam Shee was an owl. The most significant gift was given to Mr. Huangwhen I presented him with an etching art piece donated for this event by renown Mexican artist Roman Eguía. The painting showed two open hands extended, symbolizing the meeting of both organizations, and main objective of both Rotary and BPW: always giving ourselves to the service of others. **Together, we will be Making A Difference Through Leadership And Action.”**

*Dr. Yasmin Darwich,
President
BPW International 2014-2017*



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(Mexico), BPW
International President 2014
-2017*

BPW International

<http://www.bpw-international.org/>

Did you know?

Founding President Dr Lena Madesin Phillips said:

"Each woman, as a citizen, must bring to the national policy of her own country, the contribution of forward-looking and constructive thought followed by determined action.

Each woman must dedicate herself to protect and promote the interests of all other women in business and in the professions."



And for some local news:

- Chris Turner has also taken over the role of looking after our own website with the challenge of keeping it pizzazzed and up to date with our local news. Thanks to Anita for the work she has done over the past years.
- 2 NZ Exec nominations from Hawera - Viv Yeung for the Young BPW role and Chris Turner for IT Administrator role. We wish them all the best in the elections at the AGM.
- We have entered the Alix Haywood Newsletter of the Year Award and the Club of the Year Award for the 2015 Conference. Entries are being judged at present - Helen has been a judge but obviously could not judge any of the Club of the Year entries. The Newsletter Award is judged by the NZ Exec Secretary.
- Two or three guests have expressed interest in joining, having enjoyed the conviviality of our club - we are following them up. Please remember to bring a guest with you from time to time.
- *Feedback on the following questions/suggestions = please reply to Helen direct on helenjcook@xtra.co.nz*
- Is Monday the best day for Dinner Meetings? If not, which day suits better?
- Do you enjoy the dinner meeting speakers and can you suggest others?
- Is the format of the Dinner meeting suitable? Is it too short / too long? Are the meals and venue ok - any improvements needed?
- Lastly if you can think of any other news or have photos, feel free. We try to keep it to about 4 pages if possible.
- A big thank you to the following members to help out with the meet and greet.

Dinner Meeting Date	Meet & Greet Roster
	(If you are unable to complete, please arrange for another member to take your seat at the door)
20 April	Viv Yeung and Te Aroha Hohaia
18 May	Rachel Werder and Sheryl Wallis
15 June	Meredith Canton-MacKenzie and Michele McClure
20 July	Margie Jones and Lynne Newell

We also seek your assistance to introduce and thank the speakers at each monthly meeting as many hands make light work.

Thanks.



Helen Cook
President



Rachel Werder
Membership



Meredith Mackenzie
Treasurer



Gwen Cater



Michele McClure



Anita Scott



Desiree Phillips

A Quote From An Exceptional Woman:

‘How very little can be done under the spirit of fear’.

Florence Nightingale

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY, NEW YORK, MARCH 2015



Helen Clark-addressing the UN General Assembly and Hellen Swales & Carolyn Savage representing BPWNZ in New York.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

