



Newsletter – March 2024

2024 Theme “Softening the Hard Times.”

Project “Nourish the Nation”

Dear Members,

Upon returning from a stay in New Plymouth I was relieved to see we had finally had some rain. Still a long way to go before full recovery of the garden, however things are on the improve. The ground should soon be soft enough to plant my new daffodils. There has certainly been a change in weather patterns as some nights have been quite cold with the odd frost nipping at our heels. Our first meeting as the new Executive on Tuesday 19th went well with a few changes made concerning our roles on the committee.

Affiliation fees for 2024: The Wairarapa Federation number of members has dropped from the previous year with 2 Institutes closing, we now have 7 Institutes. Our membership totals 89. There is **no** change to the Institute numbers we currently use for competitions.

New Officers for 2024: This list has been completed and will be distributed with the newsletter.

New Executive Roles:

A little tweaking of roles was required, however, I look forward to the changes made going forward. We welcome Rhonda as our new secretary; as Minute Secretary and Correspondence Secretary roles have been amalgamated.

All correspondence needs to be sent via Rhonda for the Wairarapa Federation. In an effort to curb the growing correspondence list for our meetings the committee has made the decision to table only the correspondence received that requires a paper trail to be kept. Hopefully this will also alleviate the printing of many documents.

National Handcraft competitions 2024: Thank you for the many entries into the National Competitions. These have been collated by Federation Handcraft Officer, Wendy, and have been sent to the Manawatu Federation for judging. I eagerly await viewing the results at the Conference.

103rd National AGM Palmerston North: Please note there will be no lunches provided at the venue. The venue is close by cafes and restaurants in the central city. The theme for the evening performance on Tuesday night is – dressing up as a character from a musical. The registration forms are available. Gaye would appreciate payment of \$160 and information by the end of April. Please notify Gaye whether you are attending as a delegate or as a member so she can complete your form ready to forward to National. Wairarapa Federation is pleased to see our recommendation for the criteria for members to attend has been initiated and now includes member, delegate and / or visitor on the registration form.

Stamps: Federation has finally found a home for the used stamps collected at the AGM. As this involved a car trip to Palmerston North, Federation will no longer be collecting stamps as part of our roll call.

WI News - Te Pānui: Our first replacement for the Home & Country has been distributed. I hope all members received the link. This title is being used in the interim. Any suggestions for the title for this newsletter need to be sent to the National Office by Friday 5th April.

Donations Received: Some of the wool donated at the A.G.M. has already been put to good use with the following articles having been knitted. 3 twiddle-muffs, 6 octopus, 4 pairs of booties and 4 pairs of slippers. Many thanks Wendy.

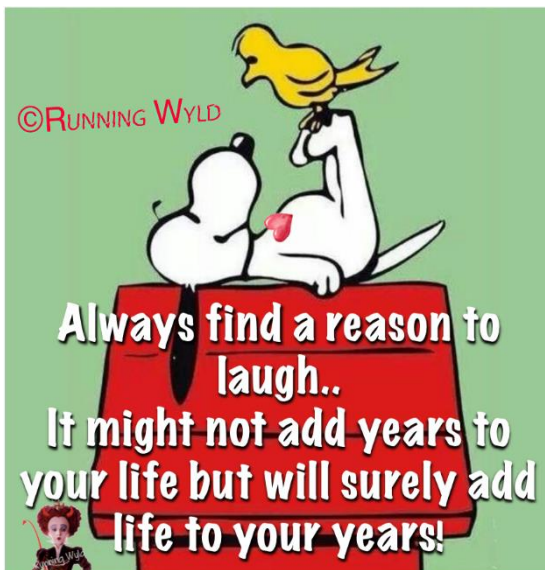
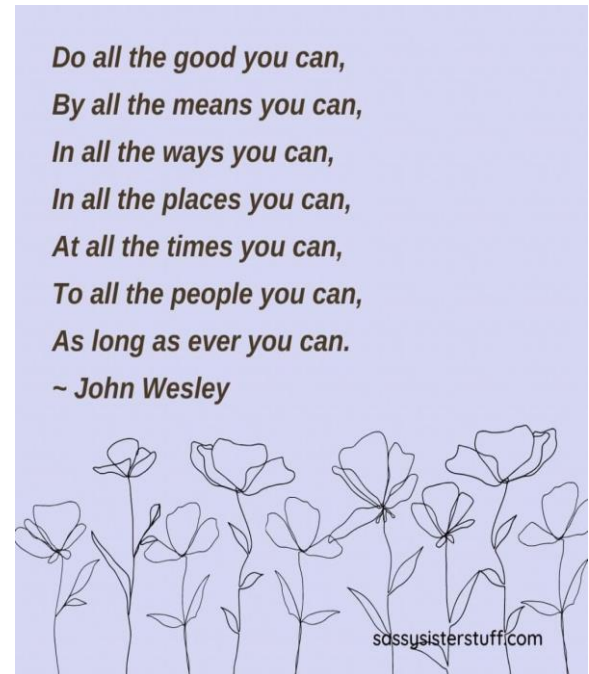
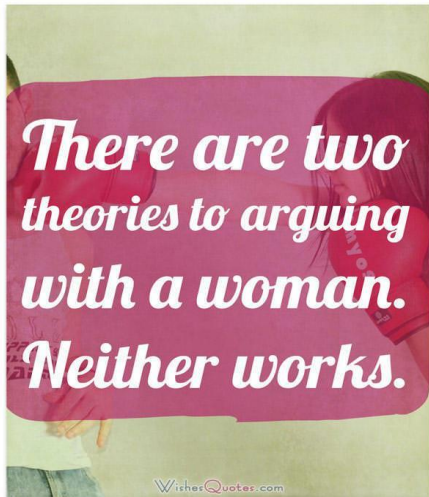
These will be added to the collections already given to Federation over the last few months.

Dates to Remember:

Movie Group
103rd National AGM Palmerston North,
Half Yearly

2nd April 2024
27th -28th May,2024
11th October 2024

Thoughts for the Month:



Yours in WI friendship
Janet Morrison
Wairarapa Federation President

