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POVERTY BAY WAIROA FEDERATION OF WOMENS' INSTITUTES INC.

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024.

Dear Members,

A big thank you for the great response for the biscuit drop. Well done! Over 270 happy Seniors got a welcome surprise when checking their mail boxes. Extra big bags of biscuits were delivered to A & E at the Hospital, Te Wiremu House, some past members and neighbours.

A big bag of biscuits was delivered to Lyndsay Ball, with a letter of thanks, for his generous donation of plates, cutlery and toilet paper for the Challenge Bowls Trophy Event.

SHADES OF RED; Will be on Saturday 26th October 2024. Please contact Liz or Trish for the venue.

THANK YOU to those who are helping, in the Event Centre Foyer, at the A & P Show on the 18th and 19th October 2024.

Cherie and I have met with Bernadine Smiler from the Maori Womens' Welfare League. Bernadine wanted to Network with us and with what we did in the Community. We've invited her and a friend to meet members at our International/Fun/Showtime Meeting.

SHOWTIME MEETING; Is on the 1st November 2024, at the Masonic Lodge, on Ormond Rd, Gisborne. Cuppa is at 9.30. The Meeting starts at 10.00 a.m. Lunch is \$5.00. A multi draw Raffle is \$1.00 a ticket and will be drawn on the day. There will also be an Edible Auction with Edible Donations gratefully received.

The theme this year is Mexico. The colours of the Flag to wear are red, white and green, any combination or not. A decorated Sombrero bought, made and or decorated is encouraged. We are trying to get a Speaker who has been to Mexico.

The Cooking Competition ; Is 4 pieces of Shortbread -flavour and shape own choice.

The Floral Competition;Is a Fresh Flower arrangement-Red and White Flowers OR Red or White Flowers plus Green Foliage, in any container.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS; For pre-judging to Jean Mills ,by Friday the 25th October 2024 as Margaret Naden will be away.

NEXT YEAR; We will need a new Treasurer.Due to failing eyesight ,our Patsy will retire from this position which she has done for many years.We thank Patsy for her time,doing this job.

DUE to a very busy month,next Federation Meeting will be the 22nd November 2024,at Liz Clarkes home.

Alison and Team W.I.

Report on Poverty Bay Wairoa Federation International Showtime Meeting 2023

Twenty eight people attended the meeting held at Kahutia Bowling Club Rooms on Thursday 17th November.

The meeting started at 10am after morning tea. In keeping with the theme Samoa, members were dressed in bright clothing and the flag of Samoa was on display, along with leis and flowers.

Our guest speaker was Maima Ulu, a NZ born Samoan who works with at risk youth in Gisborne.

He described how his strong family ties have influenced him, the work his siblings do and described Samoa from the view of a tourist having been there several times in his life to visit family.

President Alison Crawford welcomed our visitors NEC member/ Vice President Judy Cathcart and Margaret from Waikiti Valley, Pukekohe Judy opened the meeting saying she always enjoys visiting us, and gets a warm welcome.

Unfortunately Rehette Stoltz was unable to come due to her Mayoral duties and EBOP were unable to come at the last minute.

Long Service certificates were presented by Judy to Daphne Arnold for 50 years membership, Mary Bayley 40 years, Delys Hollamby and Liz Clark 30 years and Janette Gooch and Olive Bowen 20 years. Daphne talked about her mother belonging to Institute in England. Daphne moved to NZ joined Aorangi WI, then Ormond then Patutahi. When she moved to Town she joined Makaraka, Makaraka Matawhero and lastly Puha WI

Lois Proudfoot was asked to speak about starting Institute with her lively 2 year old boy. She stopped going for some time when her boy locked himself in the toilet and someone had to take slats out of the window so school children could climb in to get him out.

The edible auction was held and competition results given as follows

Fresh flowers arranged in a glass bowl

1st Lorraine Horsfield, 2nd Alison Crawford, 3rd Christine Schofield

Cooking a cake, any medium, can be iced.

1st Cherie Cumming, 2nd Cath Atkins, 3rd Betty Thompson

17 cakes were donated to Hospice.

National Competitions

For May Martin Trophy

a tea cosy 1st Cherie Cumming, 2nd Christine Schofield
a jam jar label 1st Jean Mills 2nd Cherie Cumming 3rd Alison Crawford

For Rissington Jubilee Trophy

a photo 5x7 orientation landscape, Title "New Beginnings" -
1st Christine Scofield 2nd Alison Crawford 3rd Jean Mills

Trophy winners

Panui Trophy for Flower arrangement - Lorraine Horsfield Frasertown WI
Liz Ritchie Cup for Institute with most points in competitions- Puha WI

The A&P Show trophies were presented as follows

Cath Brown Trophy for overall effect in Courts- Puha WI
PB Federation trophy for most points in 3 articles in courts- Puha WI
Alley Trophy for best article in courts – Janette Gooch Puha WI
Most points in cooking Judy Ball Turanganui WI [Cooking trophy missing]
Christina James Trophy for most points in knitting handcraft and photography- Turanganui WI
Nancy Hooper most points in Knitting -Raewyn Marriott Turanganui WI
Jubilee Trophy for best exhibit outside courts - Margaret Wallbank Puha WI.

A photo was taken of all trophy winners as well as individual winners.

Raffles were won by Margaret Naden, Judy Cathcart, Delys Hollamby, Judy Ball, Mary Bayley, Lois Proudfoot, Nelda McKinnon, Janette Gooch and Liz Clark.

A game using the letters in Samoa was played while members prepared for the skit Hattie's Hat shop, performed at last national conference, Those who took part were Betty Thompson, Patsy Hine, Mary Bayley, Nelda McKinnon and Alison Crawford.

Lunch was served to finish the day. The catering team were thanked by Alison

Mary Bayley