

## WAIMATE FEDERATION OF



### NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

Hello everyone, we hope you had a relaxing weekend with family and friends. We spent most of it inside eating Hot Cross Buns and Easter eggs! But, its lovely to see the lovely autumn colours, just a bit of a trial cleaning them up! Oh well.....

**WELCOME** Nola Gardner to our federation committee. Just super to have another member to share the load. Nola is to be the Competition convener plus Correspondence secretary.

**REPORTS..... Quiz night** It was marvellous to have such a crowd for this event, 12 teams I hear.

Thank you everyone for your raffles, I hear there were lots, and also at least one team from every WI. Thank you to the helpers, you all did very well, it was a first effort, it'll be easier next time now that we know the rules. Thank you so much Judy for being a very good hostess, I'm sorry I was unable to attend. Thank you Pauline for organising the evening. Total for the night \$806.00! Our treasurer very happy.

**Christmas Farmers Market...** Pauline has inquired about this, we are welcome to have a stall, there will be no charge. The date to be advised

**Beads of courage....** Sheila from Glenavy has sent information about this international charity that Starship is involved with. Glass beads are collected and once or twice a year are sent to Starship. We thought this might be a great roll call for us. The beads need to be glass, as they are autoclaved, and not too small. There is more information on the internet. This may be a chance to sort out some more "stuff"!

**NATIONAL AGM** Your registration forms and money need to be in to Pauline by 20th April. As everyone who attends is a delegate, we have decided to give each WI that attends \$200.00 from the conference account for you to use as you see fit.

**MEMBERSHIP.** Pauline has had an add up...and....our member numbers have risen!! How about that. Well done those of you who have signed up new members. 71 now.

**NORTH OTAGO FUN DAY...** As you saw, we were invited to this day, and we had to take our Creative Minds! Well, 10 Waimate members travelled down to see what the fun was all about and what fun we had! It was THE GREAT WI SEWING BEE!!! We were allowed 2 table cloths, 2 ties and 2 pillowcases plus there was a haberdashery table with laces, wool, buttons, etc etc and we had 1 1/2 hrs to make something. So, a variety of garments were made; smocks, a Christmas stocking, poncho, skirt and top to mention a few. Good fun was had by all, finished off with a cuppa of course. Well done Sue and your team. Then I was asked to present their numerous trophies they had won at their A&P Show.

**SPEAKER FROM GLORIAVALE .... next Wednesday 2pm Senior Citizens Rooms** All the details can be found in the March newsletter. Thank you Glenavy for arranging this meeting. We look to seeing a good crowd attending to hear this interesting speaker.

**CRAFT DAY/WORKSHOP.** We plan to have one of these in May. Has anyone got a hobby/craft they'd like to share? We welcome any suggestions so please contact any one of us with ideas. Does a Saturday suit everyone? Looking forward to hearing from you.

**EISTEDDFOD.....** here is the programme for this Biennial event. We have tried to include some items that would be suitable for all WI's to enter.

There will be a Spelling Bee and Quiz in the am....10am start. Afternoon program 1pm.

#### **DRAMA..**

- 1) Sight Reading.. 2mins. Book supplied
- 2) Mime a children's story. 1 narrator, up to 6 actors, 3-6 mins.
- 3) Tableau. A Kitchen Scene 2 mins hold, 1min hold, 1 1/2 mins clear
- 4) An Original Humorous Poem about a WI member. (with their permission of course!). up to 3 mins.

#### **CHORAL.**

- 1) Gospel Hymn 4 mins, (pianist available)
- 2) Nursery Rhyme Medley in costume. Up to 6 mins
- 3) A Musical Item from your schools days in costume. Up to 4 mins
- 4) a Seekers song. Spoken. Up to 4 mins.

I heard this one the other day....

An eighty year old lady was waiting at her doctor's surgery for a check-up. The nurse ushered her into his room and shut the door. Suddenly the Nurse hears a loud scream and the lady burst out into the waiting room very agitated and unable to speak. The very concerned nurse asked "what's the matter?" The lady replies with difficulty "He..he t-told m-m-me I was pr-pregnant!" The nurse was horrified and rather angry. She marched into the doctor and asked him had he told the lady she was pregnant. He kept writing his notes and said "Yes." The nurse said "She`s eighty years old for heavens sake." He replied,"Has she still got the hiccups?"

That's it for now

Cheers

Lyn. Newsletter Secretary