

Next Club Meeting: Monday 1st March at 11 a.m.

Our speaker will be Simon Rees from Rees and Rees Jewellers in the High Street, Deal. He is newly arrived in the area, bringing a wealth of talent, including submitting designs to the late Alexander McQueen. VP Janet is told he "hides his light under a bushel" Whilst designing new pieces, he also works in redesigning family pieces for the young generation and does repairs. In the good days to come he will be reopening his day-time workshops.

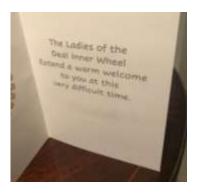
Happy Birthday in February

Pam on 10th, Masheeda on 11th, Shirley on 23rd, Celia (reaching her Project 88 Goal) and Sue on 27th.



Congratulations to all who have had or are about to have their first Covid vaccination. Noor had hers at the vaccination centre in Dover, where she met a volunteer from the Rotary Club of South Foreland. They send their regards to IW Deal.





Liz's daughter Helen has arrived from Australia. Janet left this home baking, flowers and card to welcome her on behalf of our Club. Liz says it is lovely to have her daughter here and that she was very touched by our thoughtfulness. They had a brief distanced visit via the bifold doors and Helen is now off to self isolate in the main house.

We are holding weekly Zoom coffee mornings on Fridays at 11 a.m.

Perhaps you have a family history story to tell or a tale of any kind to entertain us during one of these get-togethers: no more than ten minutes, perhaps only two or three. Sheelagh will start us off with tales of life in Northern Ireland in the 60s.



We met on Zoom on 11th January to celebrate International Inner Wheel day. Some had an international backdrop whilst others started the meeting with an item of international clothing such as a hat and a Japanese Samurai Jacket, which were quickly discarded as the meeting progressed. International Officer, Gillian Heath, in a red beret as a French onion seller, devised a quiz with an international flavour which tested our brains. The winner was Secretary Frances, who will receive a bottle of Cava in due course. The meeting was enjoyed by all.



International IW Day Quiz



Numbers were swelled at our Club meeting on meeting on 1st February by three guests from the Dover Club and our members' friends or relatives, which added another eight, making a total of 29. Our Vice President, Janet, asked Lady Edwina Grosvenor, founder of the organisation "One Small Thing" to be our speaker at the meeting. Edwina has had a career in prison reform all over the world – she has seen the best and the worst, including the notorious "Death Row". Her passion now is to concentrate on justice reform for women in Wales and England. Edwina talked passionately about her subject and all present certainly learned a great deal with regard to the Justice system for women in our country



Made by Frances





Frances received this handmade message of support from a close friend





DOTTY BOARDMAN

President Jennifer Van Lens delivered a socially distanced bouquet of flowers and a certificate to celebrate 'dotty's' birthday, 9th January and also 40 years membership of Inner Wheel.

Dotty has served in all offices for our club and has also served on our District Executive as Treasurer and Chairman, always with a smile and generous nature.



Dot received a certificate in recognition of 40 years of service as a member of Inner Wheel





Janet and Edward seeing in the New Year in traditional style

Story from Janet

40 + years ago we were staying with Ruth and family, my Jewish friend in London .Emma her daughter aged 4 came running into our bedroom. Emma suddenly looked at us, blurted out ... Edward why are you in bed with my auntie Janet then ran downstairs shouting the above and adding .. just like Simeon (her 19 year old Stepbrother) .My friend realised that Emma was growing up and words needed to be said with her step son !!!

The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran: On Friendship

And a youth said, "Speak to us of Friendship."

Your friend is your needs answered.

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.

And he is your board and your fireside.

For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.

When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the "nay" in your own mind, nor do you withhold the "ay."

And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart;

For without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unacclaimed.

When you part from your friend, you grieve not;

For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.

For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth; and only the unprofitable is caught.

And let your best be for your friend.

If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know its flood also.

For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?

Seek him always with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.



Zena Bourner died on 1st
January aged 101 in hospital at
Faversham
A much loved mother,
grandmother, great
grandmother and great great
grandmother
President 1972/3 and long-time
Club member who, in later life,
stayed with us as a Friend
Sadly missed

