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NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

AUGUST BRANCH MEETING

The next Branch meeting will be a tour of the Court Theatre on **Thursday 27th August (not 3rd September as in the last newsletter)**. We will be meeting in the foyer at 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start. The cost is \$5 and there are passes available to allow free all day parking outside. After the tour it is intended that we go for afternoon tea at a café on Lincoln Rd. Names to **Enid Smith, phone 358 9492** or email aesmith2@clear.net.nz by 19th August

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A warm welcome is extended to new member, Karin Bathgate. Our membership now stands at 52; however only 15 are ordinary members with the rest being senior or honorary members.

TRUST BOARD REPORT - Ellen McCrae Chair

Members of the Trust Board met on 1st July 2015.

Donations

These have been well received and members might be interested know we have adopted the three new gorillas Fataki, Fuzu and Mahali at Orana Park for the current financial year. However gorillas aside all donations drew

heartfelt response stories on what can be achieved with the money and sincere thanks.

Profit for Purpose

Speaking with our accountant at Rightway the other day I was interested to hear his use of the term "Profit for Purpose" (rather than Not for Profit) and I think it is a good descriptor recognising the marvellous work done by branch members to create a profit which can be used to meet our vision of advancing the education of and research opportunities for women and serve the Canterbury community through supporting other charitable activities. Welcome to new trustees

At our meeting we were pleased to welcome Jill van de Geer and Gloria Moyle. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them at future Branch activities.

CPIT Bachelor of Medical Imaging Scholarships

The Trust Board members had the pleasure of selecting two students from the Bachelor of Medical Imaging course at Years 2 and 3 respectively to be recipients of the \$2,000.00 Canterbury Branch NZFGW Trust Scholarships. The recipients are Grace Gibbens Year 2 and Micaela Scott Clark Year 3. This course requires students to do 2 terms of clinical placements per year which means many are incurring travel and accommodation costs as they are placed outside Christchurch or their home town. The candidates must be proven

high achievers across all academic subjects as well as in clinical and professional skills. They must be required to travel to one or more clinical placements. Each wrote a brief outline of their goals and aspirations. Grace comes from the West Coast and Micaela from Gisborne.

Study Travel Award

Sophie Hale who is completing a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and Economics has applied for a Conference Travel Award to go to Vienna where she has been invited to be an exchange student for a term at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Sophie has been awarded \$1,000.00.

NZFGW Canterbury Branch Trust Scholarships

The two endowed scholarships one at the 300 level and one at the 400 - 600 level were confirmed.

Juanita Miln completing a BSc in Biological Sciences was selected for the 300 level scholarship

Vanessa Lowe completing BE (HONS)/Chemical and Process Engineering; 3rd pro, was selected for the 400 - 600 level scholarship

59 applications were received.

Scholarship and Award recipients 2014/15

A list of those who have received awards in this financial year is below.

Revision of our Award Application Forms

Ngaio Francis continues to put considerable effort to bring accuracy and transparency into our award regulations and application forms. Revised forms for the Sadie Balkind Scholarship and Awards have gone up on the website. These awards close 31 October in any year.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS 2014-15

Sadie Balkind Awards

Josephine Clarke, Sophie Davis, Ellyse Gore, Amy Rice

Sadie Balkind Scholarship

Felicity Thomas

Conference Presentation Awards

Katherine Wootton, Frances Charters, Annalise Fletcher, Joanna Pawson, Jennifer Crowther, Della Bennet

Study Travel Awards

Bridget Sandri, Hannah Charan-Dixon, Beth Vanderhaven

Special Travel Awards

Harriet Maher, Nixie Boddy, Catherine O'Donnell-Jackways

Helen Wily Prize 2014 Yun-Hee Choi,

Doris Le Roi Prize 2015 Stephanie McRae

Oonology Prize 2015 Zoe Marychurch

Oonology and Viticulture Fees 2015

Jessica Cairns

Endowed Scholarship 2015 300 Level

Juanita Miln

Endowed Scholarship 2015 400-600 Level

Vanessa Low

CFGW Awards 2015

Ainsley McLean, Grace Jones, Audrey Smith, Simone Templeton, Chloe Thompson, Nathalie Blakely, Kristina Illston, Nelli Sibaeava, Samantha Dudley, Linda Gervasi, Natalie Jones, Juliet Kim, Jordyn Smith, Nicole McRae

CPIT B Med Imaging 2015 Grace Gibbens,

Micaela Clark Scott

The Jim Gardner Memorial Lecture

DATE: Sunday 26 July

PLACE: Lecture Theatre C2 University of Canterbury

TIME: 2pm

SPEAKER: Dr Chris Jones
History Department
University of Canterbury

TOPIC: The 800th Anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta.
Admission is free and afternoon tea will be served in the foyer following the lecture. A gold coin donation for this would be appreciated.

NZFGW CHARITABLE TRUST AWARDS EVENT 2015

The awards function was held in Dunedin this year as five of the fourteen 2015 Fellows are graduates of the University of Otago. The 6th June dawned brilliantly fine, in contrast to the severe flooding experienced in the region in the previous three days, and Otago's campus was at its best. The University Staff Club was a most appropriate venue.

Approximately 32 members, awardees and their partners attended the function including three members of the National Executive – President Ann Pomeroy, Vice President Bernadette Devonport and Awards Convenor Rowena Taylor. Members of Otago Branch who had served on previous national executives since the 1970s were recognised by Sue Cathro (Otago Branch President) in her opening. Ann Pomeroy's speech outlined the important role of Otago Branch in the history of NZFGW and noted that the first two NZFGW Fellows were indeed Otago graduates.

The three awardees present were Kjerstine Severinsen (Harriette Jenkins Awardee 2014), Kalinka Rexer-Huber (2015 Fellow) and Penelope Milsom (2014 Fellow who has completed her Masters in Public Health at Columbia, New York and whose mid-term report became the editorial for the March 2015 NZFGW News). All gave very interesting presentations on their research.

Unfortunately Naomi Johnstone (2015 Fellow, studying PhD in Law at Otago) was unable to attend at the last minute due to illness. Kjerstine, Kalinka and Naomi are all Otago Branch Young Members.

As our awardees, especially our Fellows, are studying throughout New Zealand and indeed the world, it is very difficult to assemble all together to celebrate their success. For 2016, we plan to hold the event in Wellington on Wednesday 1 June (Graduate Women International Day). We hope this advance notice will mean that more awardees and

members will be able to add this date to their calendar.

Thank you very much to Otago Branch, especially Sue Cathro, for hosting such a pleasant occasion.

Rowena Taylor Awards Convenor
**NZFGW Whakaminenga Wahine o Aotearoa
kua whiwhi tohu June 2015 5**

Graduate Women International Letter from the President 18 June 2015

Dear Members

The most monetous change this year has been your positive vote to change names. The rebranding happened smoothly at low cost and was widely greeted with congratulations and pleasure. Many people from different countries have commented on how much more modern, how much clearer and more inclusive the name is. Also based on your positive vote, we have submitted our changed statutes as the final part of our request for tax exemption to the Geneva tax authorities and are awaiting their response.

We continue to actively pursue our strategy, which is paying off in terms of membership and visibility. Indeed for the first time in decades, we have halted membership decline and new NFAs are joining us. Our delegates at CSW in New York in March first heard the news, and I am pleased to confrim it. GWI is still in the process of change, which takes time, and we are doing all we can to support the change. All the benefits that the office has put into place continue to be used by members: webinars, newsletters and website. Two workshops have been run, one in Kenya with six African countries present and one in Bulgaria, supported by VGIF, with three countries present, that focused on membership capacity building as well as "train the trainer" and mentoring training. These have, in turn, generated enthusiasm, revival and new projects. Following the

workshop in Ireland, for example, the NFA has achieved new projects, new members and begun building new partnerships. Following the workshop in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian NFA are engaging their younger members in a strategy for the future.

We continue to increase our web and social media presence, with growing visibility driving visits and, ultimately membership. We urge you to respond rapidly to any new members that our office send to you, if not we are missing opportunities to renew our overall membership and grow.

The office has been working hard on fundraising with two paid staff and four volunteers researching opportunities, building relationships and applying for funding. Fundraising takes time, energy and relationships and cannot happen overnight. We are investing our reserves in projects and activities. Our Ugandan NFA, in partnership with GWI, has launched a pilot for the "Secondary School Teachers for Rural Futures" project which supports young women from rural areas to become teachers. Candidates have been identified to begin their teacher training studies at Makerere University in September 2015. The project will meet the urgent need for qualified women teachers in rural areas of Uganda, vital role models for girls to stay in school. Our Ghanaian members are setting up a workshop series, based on the training they received in Nairobi in March, to support secondary school girls to remain in school and complete their studies.

We have been successful in our advocacy work too, with our oral and written statements being accepted by different United Nations bodies. We were invited to attend the World Education Forum, where Ministers of Education signed a declaration which underscores the commitments of governments to education for the next 15 years.

Preparation for our Cape Town events continue apace, with the website going live in July this year. We urge you to spread the news about it as widely as possible, so we have strong attendance and interesting sessions in our public conference.

NFA leaders and members play a key role in our overall change process. We rely on our NFA leaders to disseminate all our information to all their members. We encourage our NFAs to use the extensive resources that the staff are putting into place. We urge NFAs to pick up the challenge and work with us to make GWI vibrant and successful, as soon as possible. We need to make the change now. As Aesop wrote many hundreds of years ago in his fable of the crow and the pitcher, we will succeed step by step. We can only do it hand in hand with you.

Best regards **Catherine A. Bell** GWI President

Report on June National Executive Meeting

1. Planning is underway for the Council meeting which will combine with the October NE meeting on 3 October (by phone). Agenda items are being sought (including Privacy Policy, Management of Awards in the absence of Auckland and Waikato).
2. Formation of the Independent Members Group is now a matter of urgency.
3. A project to support the education of Nepali women is being developed by CIR.
4. Website updates are being made – further input from members welcome.
5. NZFGW Fellowship Awards Event in Dunedin.

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