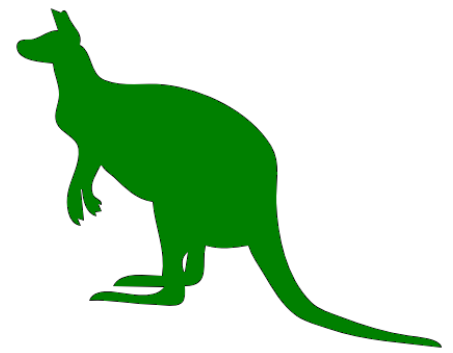


Kangaroo Tales



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Jenny Cameron, one of our Charter Members and now the International Director for Y's Menettes, has sent us her news about her recent trip to Japan.

Wayne and I along with Raelene and Bill Schmidt have just returned from a wonderful three week trip to Japan. We went to Sendai (north of Tokyo) for the International Council Meeting and then the Asia Pacific Area Convention. It is very rewarding to be part of the Council and be acknowledged as part of the YMI



Helen Chen –AD Y's Menettes, Jenny, Lisa Tsu

family. Jennifer Jones from the Adelaide Y Service Club was inducted as the new Y's Men's International President and presided over the meeting. The Meeting went for four and a half days. Each night we were all taken to a different restaurant for our evening meal so we enjoyed a wide variety of cuisine for the few days. It was then time for the Convention. The Y's Menettes from Sendai had gone to a lot of trouble to show off their craft activities. We enjoyed a Tea Ceremony and saw the great strings of cranes that they make each year to celebrate 'Peace Day' August 6th. This was the date that the Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. They had made over six hundred fabric Japanese Emperors and Empresses for people to purchase. When we arrived at the Dinner that night they whisked me away and dressed me in a Kimono for the night. Wayne was also dressed up in traditional dress for the night. The food, entertainment and company was great. We ate lots of interesting food. Some I have no idea what I was eating, some I would not eat again but most was quite delicious. On the second day of the Convention we were taken by bus to visit the surrounding area that had been devastated by the Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011. It was very sobering to see such destruction and how the people are rebuilding their lives today.

After the Convention we journeyed back to Tokyo and had a great time exploring Tokyo, Himiji, Hiroshima and Kyoto. I can certainly recommend a visit to Japan.

Thanks Jenny – and you do look lovely.

The two girls in the photo with Jenny on the first page – Helen and Lisa have very kindly made donations, from their own funds, to our International Y's Menettes Project. I have passed on our thanks for this kind donation.

Awhile ago I asked everyone to send me an old recipe they used to use or have just started to re-use – Bev Buchan has sent me two favorite of hers. Here is one. – *Thanks Bev.*

Passionfruit Biscuits

Biscuit

185g (60zs) butter
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
3/4 cup icing sugar
3 passionfruit
3/4 cup cornflour
1 1/4 cups self-raising flour

Icing

1/2 cup icing sugar
1 teaspoon butter
1 passionfruit

Biscuit

Cream together butter, lemon rind and sifted icing sugar until fluffy. Add passionfruit pulp; mix well. Fold in sifted cornflour and self-raising flour. Put mixture in piping bag fitted with fluted tube. Pipe in decorative shapes on to lightly greased oven tray. Bake in moderately hot oven 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden. Cool on wire racks. When cold, dip tops in passionfruit icing.

Icing

Combine sifted icing sugar, softened butter and passionfruit pulp; mix until smooth. Stir over hot water, beat until smooth and glossy.

Makes about 50.

Please note; Bev puts the mixture in a piping bag so they would look nicer than those in the picture.

An Aussie phones an ambulance because his mates just been hit by a car.....

Aussie: "Please get an ambulance here quick, He's bleeding from his nose and ears and I think both his legs are broken."

Operator: "What is your location Sir?"

Aussie: "On Eucalyptus Street"

Operator: "How do you spell that Sir?"

Silence....(heavy breathing)....and after a minute..

Operator: "Are you there Sir?"

More heavy breathing and another minute later.....

Operator: "Sir, can you hear me?"

This goes on for another few minutes until ...

Operator: "Sir, please answer me, can you still hear me?"

Aussie: "Yes, sorry bout dat,,,,,,I couldn't spell Eucalyptus so I dragged him around to Oak Street."



Louise Coleman – Fresno Club, America

Louise and I correspond and Louise has asked me to pass on a message of greeting to all our girls from all the members of the Fresno Club. Louise also told me that even though they were a few hundred miles away from the California earthquakes, one that measured 7.1, had their recliners moving back and forth which she said was a very strange feeling.

Louise and her husband together with their family cruised to Alaska to celebrate their 50 years of marriage.

Louise's wedding was one week earlier than Lynden's and mine.

I'm sure Louise is also asking herself, "Where have those 50 years gone?"

Love is like eating soup with a fork – You can never get enough of it!

Y's Menettes Regional Meeting.

On a lovely morning with the sun shining, Marg Millar, Bev Buchan, Pauline Verdon and myself travelled together to the Regional meeting at Anakie. It was held in a beautiful community hall. We joined about 20 members from Bendigo, Lansell, Eaglehawk and of course our hosts Geelong. Our Regional Director Michelle Jansen ran an informal but informative meeting for the Office Bearers. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch of soup and casseroles. Michelle then very capably chaired the AGM. There was discussion and feedback re Eaglehawks letter to possibly change the Venue and date of our weekend away. It was decided to leave it as is, and Helen will take some suggestions to the YMCA, CEO to possibly make the venue more user friendly for our ages. Following the meeting the raffle was drawn. We all won a lovely prize with Pauline winning the first prize of beautifully embroidered towels. This was followed by a cuppa and a delicious afternoon tea. Thank you to Geelong for a wonderful day. It was a lot of work for a small club and was much appreciated.

Thank you Glenys Buchanan for this report.



Happy Birthday to our August Birthday Girls.

1st - Shirley Martin

5th – Pauline Verdon

6th – Raelene Schmidt

10th – Bev Buchan

11th – Judy Davie

21st – Chris Waugh and Joy McNamara

22nd – Jenny Cameron

**Extra Special Birthday wishes to both Bev and Chris on their 70's.
Needless to say neither of you look your age!**

We wish you happiness every day, and hope that this will be the start of the best year ever.

It's the Metallic Age

Silver in the hair
gold in our teeth
titanium implants in our hips
metal rods in our spines
lead in our feet
and a platinum card in our pockets.

By Natasha Josefowitz PhD

Sister Club News. Amherst, Canada.

Oena has spent some time at the cottage. Garden going well. Has had some hot humid weather as well as rain. Doug still isn't well and has been having more tests. Oena said they have had news from Jennifer Cameron notifying them that Grete Backgaard Thomsen (Denmark) has been appointed I.D. elect for Y's Menettes. She said it will be hard to fill Jennifer's shoes as she does such a great job. (We all know that). They are still in their summer break. Their next project is their semi Annual Food Drive on September 28th. They join other Service Clubs so they can cover the whole town of Amherst and collect non perishable items for the local food bank. A real busy, but rewarding event.

Thank you Glenys Buchanan for this Sister Club Report.

Reminder!

Fees are now due. Please pay \$25.00 to Glenys as soon as possible.

**A person isn't who they are during the last conversation you had with them –
They're who they've been throughout your whole relationship.**

By Rainer Maria Rilke

Club News

Val O'Brien says – Busy in the garden pruning roses and potting up succulents and cacti. Going to my late husband's Aunties 100th birthday at Philip Island and will catch up with family on my way back home. I have a Mosaic project I am working on, quite challenging but looking forward to completing it.

Marg Millar says – This month has been quiet. The usual coffee and catch ups for brekkie at Macca's. I've just finished my last craft project. I made an Essendon bear for Sophie's partner. We are all excited that I'm going to be a great grandma. (Not old enough)! I went to Anakie for the Annual Meeting for Y's Menettes. It was a lovely day. We were at the bottom of the hills at the Anakie Hall a really lovely spot. After arriving and having coffee we had our executive meeting. Lunch was provided by Geelong, a yummy soup, and casseroles. Choc mints to go with our coffee. Ararat were absent due to their annual ball. A very informative meeting was followed by coffee and slices before we headed home. Thanks Geelong. I visited Les after her op and caught up with her at her place.

Les Campbell says – Finally had my op on 17th July and spent four days in hospital. Unfortunately a few problems but I'm improving now. Thanks for the phone calls, visits and cards, lovely to hear from friends.

Anje Turner says – I don't really have much news but as they say, "no news is good news" This is our first winter down South for many years and must admit have quite enjoyed it except the last 9 days when it was over cast and dull and cold. But the sun has come out and I've noticed the Wattle and blossom so Spring is around the corner. Tomorrow we are off to Melbourne to watch our 17 year old granddaughter sing a solo at VCA and at the weekend we will farewell our 20 year old granddaughter, she is off to study in Grenoble France for 6 months.

Glenys Buchanan says – I had a night in Melbourne with my daughter Lisa. We did some shopping and went to the Craft show. I'm going to Geelong next weekend to catch up with my brother Ian and his family. Looking forward to a week in Robe starting 19th August. It will be cold, and there will be no skinny dipping in the sea but it will be relaxing.

Sue Robinson says – I wish I had happy traveller news but we have been so busy child minding that we haven't been able to get away YET. We did get to see the movie Yesterday and that was very good, loved the music. Hope to see Ride Like a Girl when it comes out but apart from that it's busy with a 9 month old and 3 year old.



Raelene Schmidt says – We have returned from a wonderful trip to Japan. We attended the Ys Men's Area Convention in Sendai - the highlight for us was the installation of Jennifer Jones as the International President for the coming year.

As part of the Convention we toured the area that was ravaged by an earthquake and tsunami in 2011. The impact of both and the damage was unbelievable but the planning and changes made as a consequence have been extensive.

Following the convention we set off with our Rail Passes and visited Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto - we saw some amazing sites, tried some interesting foods, walked a lot of kilometres, climbed many steps, tried not to get lost and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

I was very moved by Hiroshima where we visited the Atomic Bomb site, the Peace Park and the Museum. It is amazing that the area recovered as well as it did from such a catastrophe.

The other bonus was that it was very warm!!!

This photo was taken at the Atomic bomb site in Hiroshima

Thanks Raelene.

Bev Buchan says – Have started birthday celebrations with family having a nice lunch out then back home for cake. More fun coming!!!!

Hopefully we will be off on a trip North on the 13th August then back late September for Bendigo's birthday dinner.

Our Granddaughter Abby is home after a stay in hospital. Treatment is on going but doing ok thank goodness. Just for something else to do the family is moving house this weekend.

I will be missing Daffodil Day this year but I am sure there will be plenty of volunteer's .Thanks everyone for being there when asked.



Dawn Baxter says – Graeme and I enjoyed a few days in Canberra in July when we drove up to attend Granddaughter Eliza's graduation. Hugh came over from Townsville so it was lovely to share the occasion with Melissa and our grandchildren. Eliza graduated with a Degree in International Relations and a Degree in Law with Honours. We were once again very proud grandparents. She was very glad to see the end of five years of hard work. We attended the Monet Exhibition at the National Gallery not a lot of Monet's paintings but a lot of other paintings by artists who influenced him in his early years. Also saw my first "flash mob" with an impromptu performance in the Gallery Shop. We went to the National Library to see an exhibition of satirical cartoons from the thirties up to present times. It was interesting how they have changed over the years. I love Canberra there is so much to see and do and we had a perfect guide with Eliza. Canberra has a light rail now that seems to be very popular.

(L to R) Hugh, Melissa, Eliza, Dawn and Graeme.

Marjie Patton says – I had a lovely five days in Deniliquin. Weather was great! I did not have any doctor's appointments. My hair is growing back, so all is going good. Went and saw The Lion King and Andre Rieu which was awesome. I hope everyone is enjoying their holidays.

(L to R) Shirley Higgins, Marjie Patton, Wendy Earle, Shirley Martin and Judi Taylor.



Joyce Lowe says - Graeme and I left Victoria 6 weeks ago and the time has gone so quickly. We are sitting up at Coolangatta in shorts and T shirts every day, looking for some shade after half an hour in the sun. Holidays are so busy up here with swimming in the great beaches, weekly stage shows, movies, bowls, shopping, ongoing card battles with the Ansets, trips to the hinterland sightseeing and catching up with all our friends in the caravan park is what makes us want to keep coming back, as well as the weather of course.

**Nobody has ever measured,
Not even poets,
Just how much the heart can hold.**

by Zelda Fitzgerald

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle went well and we thank Dawn Baxter for organising it and us so well.

Marg Millar, Bev Buchan and I fronted up to Bunnings for another Sausage Sizzle on a cold Saturday morning. All organized with time for a quick coffee before the hungry hordes descended on us. We had a steady flow of customers until about 11.30am when we started to be pushed. Val O'Brien and Anya Turner were initiated into customer service while Shirley Green took over the barbecue. It was all hands on deck for the next couple of hours. Glenys Buchanan, Judy Taylor and Shirley Martin were on the afternoon shift. Three trips to Coles as we ran out of sausages, bread, sauce and serviettes but we never left a customer waiting and we went to 4pm ending the day with only 6 slices of bread left.

Conclusions - A good profit was made, lots of fun was had, at least a few members of the community are aware who Y Service Club Women are and what we do with the money we raise. People are generous and often tell us to keep the change. There were some rather tired Ys Menettes at the end of the day as we are not as young as we used to be!

Thanks Dawn Baxter for the report and for organising the day.

News continued.....



Glenda Ansett says – Still enjoying our holiday in Queensland. We've been to some great shows, movies and played lots of cards and shopping. Joyce and I caught up with Joy on Tuesday for coffee and a show which was good. We will be home in two weeks.

Me – Lynden and I enjoyed our time with grandchildren over the holidays, and really love the warm weather at the Gold Coast and Byron Bay. It was lovely to catch up with Joyce and Glenda.

We had a flying visit back to Victoria to see Ella, one of our beautiful granddaughters, make her debut at St Francis of the Fields. Some catch up in the garden, a couple of doctor's visits then we are going straight back to the Gold Coast where Lynden and Justin are busy working. To be honest I can't say I am sorry to be saying goodbye to the cold. Keep warm! I do believe Spring is just around the corner.....

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd August 2019 – Daffodil Day – We will need volunteers so will discuss it at our meeting.

Sunday 29th September 2019 – 80th Birthday Celebrations – Y Service Club Bendigo

National Hotel, High Street, Bendigo 12 o'clock

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd May 2020 – Y's Menettes

Weekend Retreat

Queenscliff

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th August 2019

Time: 11.30am

Where: Symonds Street, Golden Square - Store for lunch

Activity: 1.30pm Movie at Henkle Street

Cost of movie: to be advised

Hostesses: None required

Devotions: None required – Executive meeting held.



(R) Our proud eldest son Anthony and his beautiful girl Ella.

Bye for now,

Joy