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Dear fellowship Friends

Here we are with a New Year under way and I send greetings to you all from our National Executive.

As we are beginning our year of special celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MWF I thought I would include some ideas and activities that have already been shared with us for the “Golden Year”. We want to encourage you all to celebrate this special year. Remember to encourage Fellowships or Congregations where Fellowships are no longer active, to talk about their history, photos, memorabilia etc, and have a celebration about what has happened.

***From the South Canterbury District.***

South Canterbury MWF during last year has celebrated a “Golden Year” as they prepare to move into their second half century.

'For their first meeting in March they encouraged members to wear hats and gloves, pearls and furs, as would have been done 50 years ago. The meeting began with a service of Thanksgiving and Communion, as was the norm for the first meeting of the year during early years. As was the custom then also, they used members' honorifics rather than Christian names, throughout the day-not as easy as it sounds. The success of the day was reflected in a comment from one elegantly dressed member when she asked the co-ordinator “How are your Littlies?” referring to the fact that the present day members were mostly the young mothers of 50 years ago'.

For their second meeting members responded to the questions-

“Where were you 50 years ago?”

“What were you doing at that time?”

'A photograph competition of members from approx 50 years ago was a good talking point; as was the 50+ year old jewellery worn by many members'.

'The final meeting of the year always has a Christmas emphasis. The Devotions looked at how the Christmas message is conveyed nowadays in comparison to how the message was shared (1) at the time of Jesus birth; and (2) 50 years ago. In keeping with the Golden Year theme, the programme for the evening was “Christmas in the Bag” an adaptation of the popular radio and TV show of the 1960's. All questions were related to Christmas, sacred and secular; and prizes were Christmas gifts. The main competition was “Cake Bag” for an iced Christmas cake.

North Canterbury members were able to attend all three meetings and shared fully in the programmes of the day'.

Thank you Betty for sharing your activities.

***From Bay Of Plenty***

They are planning a garden party this month. One of the Opotiki ladies is opening her home and gardens for a finger food lunch and members will bring memorabilia and dress accordingly. They are delighted that they can hold a meeting in Opotiki which means

these folk don't have the long drive to Te Puke. Best wishes for a successful day to you all.

***From Whanganui/ Manawatu***

They are going back into old minutes and reading about happenings. Minute books will be a great resource for information of the past.

***From Takapuna Fellowship***

“ We hope among other things to have a morning tea and also a part of the service at a coming date soon. We would ideally like a photo or two on our overhead, modern projector.”

***Convention 2014***

Convention 2014 is to be held at Camp El Rancho Waikanae on 11-14 September. Registration forms will be sent out and placed on the web site around the end of March.

As you begin your District fellowship meetings for this year may God's blessings be with you all.

Warm regards  
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