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August/September 2024 newsletter.

President's message.

This month as I read the minutes of each Committee, I see we are having an exciting time for our club.

We have four prospective new members joining our club, with a fifth in the wings interested in seeing if Zonta is the group to join. Two of these members we met at the last dinner meeting.

Our golf day was a great success both financially and with the teams enjoying their day out on the greens as well.

The Melbourne cup day event is progressing and should be a great day, hopefully with many Zonta members attending. I personally am looking forward to this event.

The new marquee is ordered so should be here for our 16 days campaign, which will assist in our visibility to the public during the market day stall. The lighting up of the City hall, the stall at Station Square and the candle light vigil should make us more visible also.

I am so proud of the way all Committees have hit the ground running since Convention with so much activity and enthusiasm.

Elizabeth Rossi

President Zonta Club of Maryborough.

Spring has arrived with our gardens blooming and for some hay fever is running amuck. It certainly is a beautiful time of the year though.

Congratulations Alison Bowman for your award for service to the Community.

As usual, Alison was very humble at the dinner meeting but she is a very deserving winner.



As Elizabeth said, the Committees have hit the ground running with some great ideas for Fundraising, Public relations and Advocacy, spurred on I might say by those who attended the Conference in Brisbane and came away inspired.

Conference report by Lyn Newton.

I'm writing this on my perspective as a Zontian who attended the Conference. I attended as part of one of the largest group from one club and was able to mix with many delegates from across Australia and around the world.

This gave me an opportunity to learn a lot about others as well as the worldwide organization. We enjoyed sessions with keynote speakers, workshops, club stories and presentations to inspire, motivate and celebrate Zonta's achievements over the past 2 years. There were many encounters during business and social occasions to gain ideas for going forward.

Climate change, health and dignity, strengthening services for survivors of violence, ending child marriage, adolescent Girls health and protection were main themes. The introduction of a virtual Safe Space for Women and Girls program funding was debated and democratically voted on, winning over other worthy programs.

Elections for office holders for Zonta International saw several Australians voted into powerful positions.

Our members proved to be great party animals, but as the saying goes, what happens at Convention stays at convention.

I would certainly recommend to any who can, to start saving for the next Convention in Vancouver, Canada 2026.

Thank you to all that made this an interesting and enjoyable event, especially my room mates, Carrie and Kym.

Thank you Lyn.

Congratulations to Area 2 Director Nshara Kingston for her first Area 2 newsletter which was amazing, I hope everyone read it. I look forward to more of the same in the future.

At the September dinner meeting we had guest speaker Kris Dodd who spoke to us about her business Acres of Care Counselling service. She spoke about the amazing affect animals, especially cows and horses, have on a person's mental health. She runs a free program where people can interact with these animals.

Jan spoke about **International Equal pay day**, which was on the 18th. September, with some disturbing statistics even by today's standards.

Carrie then gave everyone an envelope and asked us all to open them. Depending on whether a blue or pink piece of paper was in your envelope, depended on how big your chocolate was just to prove a point.

Well done Ladies and very informative.





Upcoming United Nations days.

October 2nd. **International day of Non-Violence.**

October 11th. **International day of the Girl child.** There is an exercise that has to be uploaded by the 4th. October. You should have all received information about this, if not let me know.

October 15th. Is **International day of Rural Women.**

October 24th. **United Nations day.**

Save the dates:

October 24th. Morning tea put on by the QCWA to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the bus crash. Members to assist on the day, see Sandy Peters for more information.

October 25th. Reclaim the night walk from the Seafront oval HB to the Urangan Pier, organised by the Zonta club of Hervey Bay in conjunction with Fraser Coast Domestic and Family Violence Alliance. 6 P.M. start, all welcome. For more info see Ann Chapman.

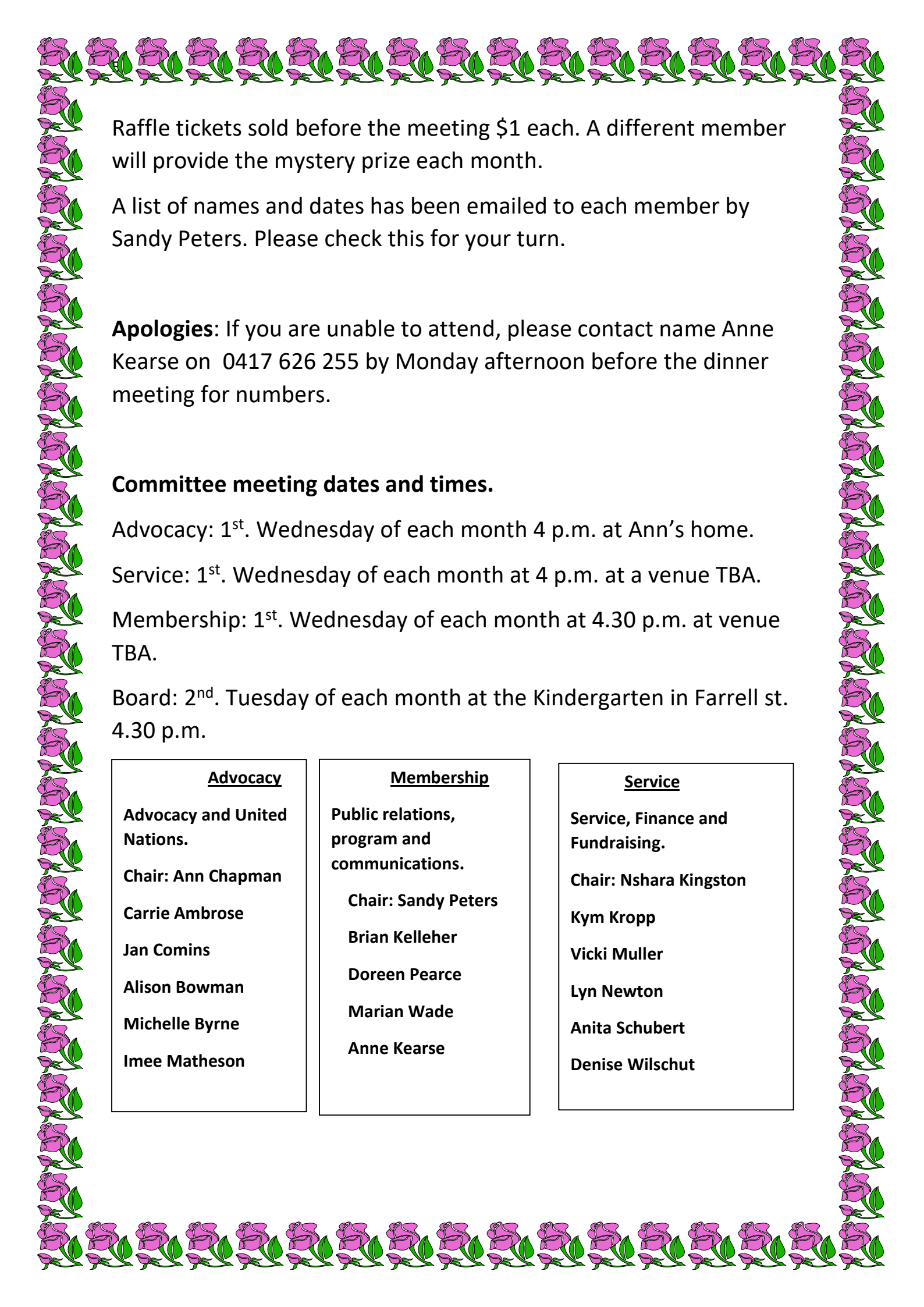
November 5th. Melbourne cup Soiree at the Brolga Theatre. For tickets go to, brolga.ourfrasercoast.com.au/events/1737/zonta-melbourne-cup-event and click on the link. Please tell as many people as possible about this fabulous event.

BIRTHDAYS for August and September.

Belated birthday wishes to Vicki Muller for the 12th. August and Alison Bowman for the 18th. September.

Meetings: Times, dates and venues.

Dinner meeting: The 4th. Wednesday of each month at the Carriers Arms hotel, start time: 5.30 p.m. fellowship and dinner. 6-30 p.m. meeting start.



Raffle tickets sold before the meeting \$1 each. A different member will provide the mystery prize each month.

A list of names and dates has been emailed to each member by Sandy Peters. Please check this for your turn.

Apologies: If you are unable to attend, please contact name Anne Kearse on 0417 626 255 by Monday afternoon before the dinner meeting for numbers.

Committee meeting dates and times.

Advocacy: 1st. Wednesday of each month 4 p.m. at Ann's home.

Service: 1st. Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at a venue TBA.

Membership: 1st. Wednesday of each month at 4.30 p.m. at venue TBA.

Board: 2nd. Tuesday of each month at the Kindergarten in Farrell st. 4.30 p.m.

Advocacy

Advocacy and United Nations.

Chair: Ann Chapman

Carrie Ambrose

Jan Comins

Alison Bowman

Michelle Byrne

Imee Matheson

Membership

Public relations, program and communications.

Chair: Sandy Peters

Brian Kelleher

Doreen Pearce

Marian Wade

Anne Kearse

Service

Service, Finance and Fundraising.

Chair: Nshara Kingston

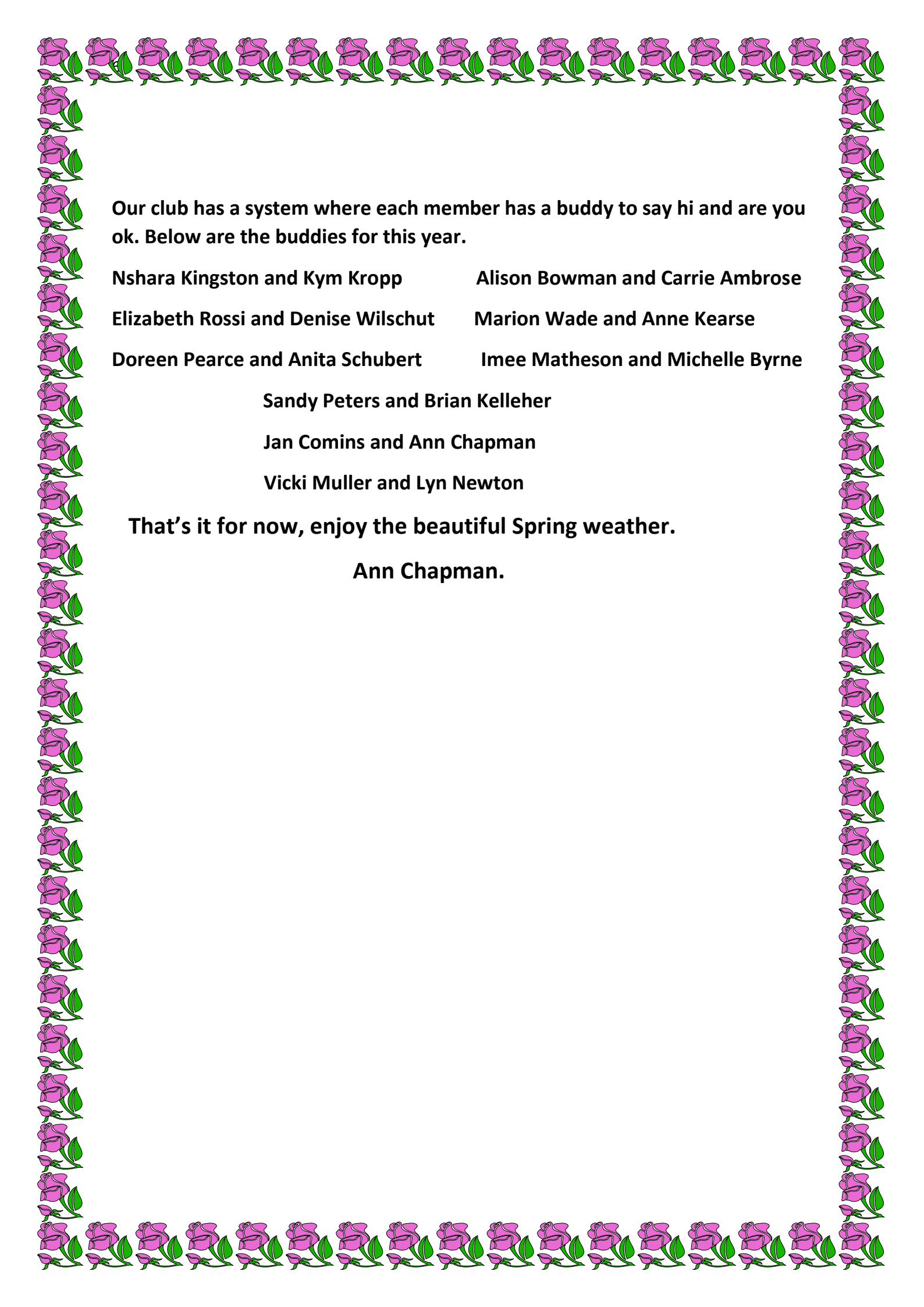
Kym Kropp

Vicki Muller

Lyn Newton

Anita Schubert

Denise Wilschut



Our club has a system where each member has a buddy to say hi and are you ok. Below are the buddies for this year.

Nshara Kingston and Kym Kropp

Alison Bowman and Carrie Ambrose

Elizabeth Rossi and Denise Wilschut

Marion Wade and Anne Kearse

Doreen Pearce and Anita Schubert

Imee Matheson and Michelle Byrne

Sandy Peters and Brian Kelleher

Jan Comins and Ann Chapman

Vicki Muller and Lyn Newton

That's it for now, enjoy the beautiful Spring weather.

Ann Chapman.