



NSW/ACT Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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A very happy New Year to all our members.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything,
they just make the best of everything they have.

CENSUS:

Please send your completed forms to me ASAP.

When you are filling in the census form, the front sheet, which is the financial one, has to be sent to the State treasurer, Mrs. Heather Baker with a cheque for state membership.

The rest of the pages are to be sent to me. The top page is for office bearers and pages 1-5 need to be completed and ALL sent back.

ISGF VOTING FORM:

I am waiting on some Guilds to complete the voting slip and return it to me. When I have all the slips in I then have to send all our voting details to the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser.

NATIONAL GATHERING BALLARAT, JULY, 2012.

40 members from NSW/ACT Trefoil Guilds have sent applications to attend.

There are still 4 vacancies that have been allocated to our State available.

TRANSPORT: Please let me know how you are traveling to the Gathering.

If you are flying, I suggest that you book your air-fare ASAP. There are some reasonable deals available at the present time, & the closer the Gathering gets, the dearer the fares are going to be.

TRAIN:

The night XPT leaves Central 8.40 PM & arrives in Melbourne (Southern Cross station) at 7.35 AM.

LOWER HUNTER TREFOIL GUILD:

This is our newest TG and it was my pleasure to join with them in December as 6 members made their Trefoil Guild promise.

The ceremony took place in a lovely park at Maitland on a lovely summer's day (no rain)!

It is very exciting when new Trefoil Guilds are formed. I will have more news of another TG that is forming. I am meeting with ladies from the Yagoona area at the end of February.



INSURANCE OF GUESTS:

Speakers, demonstrators or guests invited to special events are covered by Public Liability Insurance. Trefoil Guilds who allow visitors to attend on a semi regular basis are to be dissuaded from this practice as the visitors are not covered by insurance nor are they entitled to the privileges of membership. Insurance is provided by NSW/ACT Girl Guides Association for Trefoil Guild members. Most Trefoil Guild events and activities have been planned for members who pay membership fee.

TREFOIL GUILD PRAYER:

Please make sure that all your members have a copy of the suggestions for changes to the Trefoil Guild Prayer. There are 20 suggestions so please pick one so I can collate the votes and advise the ATGA of the results for NSW/ACT. I need to have all the votes in by Easter. Good Friday is the 6th. April. SEE LIST AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER:



Inaugural Gathering of FAPW Members and Non-members

Friends of Asia Pacific, WAGGGS is a group which supports the work of the Asia Pacific Region, providing life-changing education and opportunities for many girls and women each year. Membership is open to all under various categories, the minimum level being a one-off payment of 80 GB pounds.

There are a number of members around Australia and an Inaugural Gathering for members and non-members is being planned to be held 21-24 September 2012 in Sydney, accommodation being arranged at The Rocks YHA, quite an upmarket Youth Hostel in the Rocks area, overlooking Sydney Harbour and the Bridge. In addition to learning more about the A-P Region and FAPW, there will be plenty of opportunity for networking with other Australian FAPW members, and exploring Sydney.

For further information about FAPW, please see: <http://asia.wagggsworld.org/en/friends/fapw>.

If you are interested in participating in the Gathering, please contact Marian Langdon: Queensland ml1547963@gmail.com, Judy Harris: South Australia judyharris@bigpond.com OR Barbara Fairbairn: New South Wales abfairbairn@bigpond.com.

EASTERN CREEK TREFOIL GUILD.

Six of our members met Bridget who is a member from Goldsworth Park TG in England, for lunch in Sydney. We also took her up to Sydney Tower. A very enjoyable day.



We also had a picnic to start off our year at Penrith Rowing Club. We had a visitor, Josie Fry from a Sunshine Coast, Queensland TG who is in Penrith for a couple of weeks on holiday.



JAN PIKE

Trefoil Ladies - HAPPY NEW YEAR ó May the year bring good health to yourselves, to Jan GOLD, GOLD, GOLD and myself fresh carrots and to be able to tell all that my best friend Jan is once again a Paralympian medal winner.

December 2011 saw us at the second of three selection trials at Werribee, Victoria and the result was a wonderful start to Christmas. The squad was named and included Paralympian Jan. Nominations to the Australian Paralympic Committee are due in May with the final team to be selected and announced in July. So there are still a few more selections to go during April and May.

Jan said thank you to all Trefoil Guilds who have sent cheques. She is unable sent out individual thank you letters and ask that I let you know every dollar is greatly appreciated. She was unable to ride me over the Christmas January period due to a family member being very sick but now back in the saddle. Despite this set back she kept up her fitness program (not all of us can say the same over the holidays).

Regards: PINKY and Jan Pike

Jan Pike address . Donations can be sent by cheque to Jan Pike 12 Carmel Place Winston Hills 2153 or bank direct debt to JANET PIKE BSB 063241 A/c 10667026 Commonwealth Bank

WEST EPPING TREFOIL HAVE PLEASURE IN INVITING TREFOIL GUILD MEMBERS TO A DINNER MEETING AT RTS TINGIRA TO SUPPORT JAN PIKE'S REQUEST FOR PARAYLMPIAN GLORY ó LONDON 2012

DATE: TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2012

PLACE: RTS TINGIRA CABARITA

TIME: 6.30 PRE DINNER NIBBLES ON DECK

7 pm CHICKEN DINNER AND HEAVENLY DESERT

COST: \$25.00 includes soft drink, tea and coffee BYO wine

RSVP: 26th February 2012 or book a place now and confirm numbers later.

Susan Hart = hart@zip.com.au or Rosemary 9876 6097

Until the next time, be happy and enjoy your Trefoil Guild.

Take care, ROSALIND

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Maintaining/updating/changing the Australian Trefoil Guild Prayer

The Australian Trefoil Guild prayer is as follows as per The Australian Trefoil Guild Handbook . revised 2008 1.3:

We ask your blessing, O Lord, on your servants met together in the Trefoil Guild. Make true Godliness and friendship flourish among us. Guide us in our deliberations and grant us wisdom and understanding in all our decisions and actions. Give us courage and loyalty that we may do according to your will in all things and so be a blessing to those among whom we live. Amen.

1. We ask your blessing, O Lord, on your servants met together in the Trefoil Guild. Make true Godliness and friendship flourish among us. Guide us in our deliberations and grant us wisdom and understanding in all our decisions and actions. Give us courage and loyalty that we may do according to your will in all things and so be a blessing to those among whom we live. Amen.

2. *In our own faith, to our own God We give thanks -
For all the joys of the Trefoil Guild
For acceptance and understanding of each other in the hope that this tolerance will
spread throughout the world and bring enduring Peace to all*

(This is a UK Trefoil prayer).

3. We ask your blessing, O Lord, on our Trefoil guild meeting here today. Make true godliness and friendship flourish among us. Guide our deliberations and grant us wisdom and understanding in all our decisions and actions. Give us courage and loyalty, that we may do your will in all things. Amen.

4. We ask your blessing, O Lord, on the members here together in the Trefoil Guild. Make friendships flourish among us. Guide us in our deliberations and grant us wisdom and understanding in all our decisions and actions. Give us courage and loyalty that we may do according to your will in all things and so be a blessing to those with whom we live. Amen

5. In the current Australian Trefoil Guild prayer - instead of ~~%Thine+~~ maybe the word ~~%our+~~ and instead of ~~%O Lord+~~ substitute ~~%God+~~. Note ~~%Thine+~~ is not used in the current T G prayer.

6. The words ~~%our servants met together in the trefoil guild+~~ be replaced with ~~%those meeting in the Trefoil Guild~~

7. O God, Guide us in our meeting today, and give us wisdom and understanding with our decisions and actions.
Make true love and friendship flourish among us.
Give us courage and strength that we will do your will in all things, and be a blessing to those around us.
We ask your blessings upon us and all Trefoil Guild members. Amen
8. Loving Lord, we ask that your blessings may be with all Trefoil Guild members, when and wherever they meet. May we spread your message of joy, understanding and wisdom and always be ready to give friendship and support wherever it is needed. Amen.
9. We give thanks for all the joys of the Trefoil Guild, for acceptance and understanding of each other in the hope that this tolerance will spread throughout the world and bring enduring peace to all. Amen.
10. Think of others not yourself
Remember to do good
Everyone is an equal
Friendship is for all
Offer to give a helping hand
If others need your help
Let us be
Good Guild members
Understanding
If someone cannot help out;
Let us work together
Dedicated by love and prayer. Amen
11. We give thanks to our God for Friendships and joys of the Trefoil Guild. May we be true to our values and beliefs, and dedicate ourselves afresh to Guiding. May we be worthy to serve our fellows and, by our understand love, bring peace to all. Amen
12. (A reflection- received a number of these and will list them all sometime so that you can use them at meetings of in your newsletters)
From the north to the distant south,
We dedicate ourselves afresh to Guiding
May the memory of our Founders be ever alive
May their ideals always inspire us.
May it help us for our future
This day we renew our Promise of Loyalty and of Service. Amen

13. We have gathered here together to give thanks for the gift of Guiding, and to show we are grateful for the opportunities Guiding gives us for service in the wider world.
We are few but with shared goals, we unite together and make one Trefoil Guild. Our Guild that aspires to uphold the values of guiding, to support the Movement, and all it can offer to young women of today, the leaders of tomorrow. Amen .
14. Bless all members of the Trefoil Guild and especially those who meet together today. Encourage friendship and caring among us as we discuss our agenda , giving us wisdom in making decisions and acting on them.
Help us to be loyal to one another. Grant us the qualities so that we can live in harmony with all who we meet. Amen
15. We ask your blessing O God, on us, as we meet together today in Trefoil Guild.
We pray that your character will be reflected in our words and actions as we interact with each other.
Guide our thoughts and grant us your wisdom and understanding to make decisions and take actions that will honour you.
Give us courage, and loyalty to you and to each other, so that we will do your will in all things and therefore be a blessing to our families and the communities in which we live.
Amen
16. God guide us in our meeting today, and give us wisdom and understanding with our decisions and actions.
Make true love and friendship flourish among us.
Give us courage and strength that we will do your will in all things, and be a blessing to those around us.
We ask your blessings upon us and all Trefoil Guild members. Amen
17. Dear Lord, we ask you to bless all Trefoil Guilds. Help us to follow your wonderful examples of friendship, courage, wisdom and understanding into our decisions and actions.
With your love, we will endeavour to carry the spirit of our Promise into the communities where we live and work. Amen
18. We give thanks for this great Movement of Girl Guides, and for the friendships and warmth gained through our membership. Whatever we do in work, service or play, may we do all in accordance with our highest good.
19. Bless those gathered here, that our meeting may bring companionship and fellowship. Help us to keep alive the spirit of the Guide Promise and Law, and to carry that spirit into our daily lives in the community in which we live and work.
20. We are gathered here together, to give thanks for the gift of Guiding, and to show we are grateful for the opportunities Guiding give us for service in the wider world. With shared goals, we unite together to make one Trefoil Guild. One guild, that aspires to uphold the values of Guiding, to support the Organisation, and all it can offer to young women of today, the leader of tomorrow.