

# Iconz4girlz Leaders E-Newsletter



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Dear leaders and supporters of IFG

With the number of IFG Units continuing to grow, your Ministry Team thought it would be a good idea to send out a regular e-newsletter to keep everyone in the loop.

**Competition**

Calling it the “iconz4girlz Leaders E-newsletter” is not very inspiring though is it, so we would like you to give us your ideas for a name. In fact we are going so far as to make it a competition with a prize to the sender of the name that is chosen.

In this first communication we want to introduce you to the Team. As you see from our photos we are all grannies. After years of being on the front line running our own programmes for girls, we are now in the season to sow what we have learned into the lives of a new generation of leaders. Fortunately, the churches that have chosen to take up the challenge of offering the IFG programme seem to be Bible based churches which honour the older women, valuing the experience, not minding the wrinkles. We are all volunteers and deem it a privilege to be able to serve our Lord in this way.

Because of the expansion of our IFG network, Jennifer has decided that we each have our own patch to look after, so now you have your own go-to person for information, training, pastoral care, resources etc. We will also be responsible for further promoting of IFG in your area, so if you know of another church where it would be good to have an IFG Unit you know who to tell.

## **Charmayne Johnstone** - Upper North Island

Charmayne trained as a PE teacher and has been a real treasure writing the physical components of the IFG programme. Charmayne was the Director of two very successful Fonomarae (Girls' Brigade speak for Jamboree). Charmayne is married to Gary, who is DP at the Elim Christian School in Auckland. They have 5 children, 7 grandchildren and another couple on the way. Charmayne is currently recovering after completing the Taupo Ironman.



### Janice Zachan QSM JP - Lower North Island

Janice lives in Hawkes Bay and is very involved in her community. She is Hawkes Bay rep for Red Cross and is kept busy at the Curtain Bank. Janice has served as the National Commissioner for Girls' Brigade NZ, Girls' Brigade International Vice President - Pacific and Chairperson of the GB Pacific Fellowship.



Janice has a background in accounting and administration and recently earned a National Diploma in Business. Janice and husband Colin enjoy trips away in their campervan, often heading off to visit daughters in Hamilton and Auckland (where there is also a grandson), stopping at all craft shows on the way.

### Christine Brunt - Upper South Island

Chris is in Blenheim. She is the immediate past National Commissioner for GBNZ and initiated the contact with the Boys' Brigade/ICONZ which lead to the setup of IFG. Chris is married to Dave and they recently had a 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Chris has a daughter in Blenheim and a son in America with a third grandchild arriving four weeks ago - so only seen via Skype so far. Chris fulfilled a long held ambition last year, traveling to UK and France to trace her ancestry. One day when she is not so busy with IFG she would like to write a family history.



### Jennifer Box QSM JP

Jennifer is the person most of you will have at least heard of already. As the very busy convener of our team, Jennifer has been attending to all details great and small to ensure the smooth roll out and ongoing running of the Units. Jennifer is also a past National Commissioner of GBNZ, and is currently the GB International Vice President - Pacific and the Chairperson of the GB Pacific fellowship. Jennifer lives near Port Chalmers on the Otago



Harbour. Husband, Les, is a train driver and very involved in the local community through Lions which of course means that Jennifer is also. Jennifer has one daughter living nearby, so she is close by to her two grandchildren, a son also in Dunedin with another daughter domiciled in London.

So there you are - the golden oldies. Passionate for IFG and ready to support you as you use the programme to develop your girls and bring them into a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

With best wishes from your IFG Ministry Team