



## Presidents Message:

Christmas time is here again and we are already taking names for our Christmas functions--Coffee Morning at Adare Manor for the last time for a few years at least and Christmas Lunch at Carrygerry House.

In the meantime, "Special Christmas Crafts", the making of a Heart Wreath has proved very popular, hosted by SooLing at her home.

American Thanksgiving was held at Theresa house and, as usual, a wonderful night was had by all.

I hope to see you at one or both of our December functions. And I would like to wish you all at home and abroad a very Happy Christmas and safe travelling.

Love, Breda

## Secretary's News (Michele):

**Monthly Meeting** – After the monthly business meeting in the Library at Watch House Cross in November, Goretti spoke to the group. Here is Sarita's account: "Goretti gave us an in-depth tour of **Walking the Camino** which included delving into her back-pack and producing various items....a fascinating insight into how much one would need and how pared down the contents have to be. She included some photos showing just one of the routes she has taken and which gave us an idea of the steepness of that particular trail, plus maps so we could really get a feeling of just where she'd been. Altogether a most informative and interesting talk. Thank you Goretti....you are amazing !! "

## Special Crafts at Soo-Ling's :

Here is the group making heart shaped wreaths.



## Thanksgiving Celebration:



A good time was had by all at this annual event. Thirteen members met at Theresa's house.

*December Dates for Your Diary:*

Please refer to the attached calendar, but note that there the December meeting of the Shanghai Group will take place on Monday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** at Alyson's. Hope that makes sense.

*Annual Christmas Tea:*

By now everyone has booked her place. Please don't forget to bring new pyjamas and socks to donate to Adapt House, the women's shelter in Limerick. Sarita will collect our contributions and deliver them. We will be joining up with The Limerick Tennis Club where a similar collection is being made by Mary Rose. The two of them will then deliver them to the shelter.

*Annual Christmas Luncheon:* To be held on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We enjoyed Carrygerry House near Shannon so much last year that we decided to go back again this year. Please contact Keyna to reserve your place as soon as possible. The cost is € 30 and is subsidised for members—so for **paid-up** members it is € 25. Guests are welcome.

*IWO Website:* Introducing our new Webmaster—Donna! She has kindly agreed to take on the designing and updating of our website. Thanks to Carlos, the husband of our Spanish member Iratze, for setting it up and advising us. Donna will send out information soon on how to find us.

*Book Club:* No meeting is scheduled for December, so, girls, you have two months to finish the next selection: ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE by Anthony Doerr.

*Michele*

PS – Thought for the month:

*“Age doesn't matter, unless you're a cheese.”*

*(taken from the book “Old Age is Always 15 Years Older Than I Am”)*