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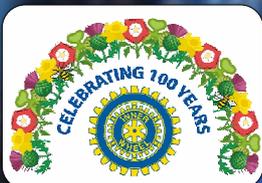
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**Global
Editors' Meet**

**We have so much
to enjoy
at the Convention**



My Dear Fellow Members,

Here we are in April, a sign of new beginnings, Spring for some has arrived! We are a month away from our 19th International Convention which is being held in Manchester at the beginning of May, I'm so much looking forward to meeting all of you as we enjoy all that the LCC together with Apex have organised for each and every one of us.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the LCC, Pam, Phyllis, Liz, Thelma, Sue, Liz N, and Karen also Apex, Paul, Fiona and Cat for all their support and help, along with the IIW Executive Committee, Board Directors, Prabha, our Media/Manager, Yeok San, our webmaster, Alan and Elaine in our Altrincham IIW office. Team work! At its very best.

We have so much to enjoy! An opening ceremony full of sentiment, singing from two choirs, an International Choir led by Iclal an IIW BD, also under the guidance of Iclal, dancing from around the world, and a local Choir led by Liz Norris. An afternoon tea where we can meet new friends and greet old friends. A Friendship Dinner which we will enjoy in eight venues around Manchester hosted by the IIW Executive, LCC and our IIW Board Directors at Gorton Monastery, Manchester Cathedral, Science & Industry Museum, The People's History Museum, Imperial War Museum, Manchester Art Gallery and The Lowry.

We will all be together for a Gala Dinner, an evening of entertainment, music, dancing and FUN! A Roaring Twenties theme is the dress code for the Gala Dinner But! Please feel free to wear your National Costume or a dress of your choice, again tables will be hosted by the IIW Executive, Board Directors and the LCC.

Of course we have a serious side! Our Business Session where we will hear all the proposals that are being debated then voted upon, we have symposiums on various topics organised by our PIIWP Zeny. We will be entertained by a German Choir and hear from Orange the World.

All too soon after our last Business Session we are coming to our Closing Ceremony! Again filled with music, singing and dancing, there is so much for everyone to enjoy and much, much more! We will be celebrating our Friendship in this centenary years. I must also record two events which I have been part of, which were great!

22nd February. Fantastic Philippines! Met by Sofia, the National President and members of the Inner Wheel. Dinner with Past National Presidents. Good to see Edna fully recovered. The 58th Conference, a treat both visually, aurally and amazing technologically competent presentations. Talent Night next day was a spectacular show by highly talented, hard-working members – it certainly brings members together. The grand raffle followed. An exuberant group of 600+!

25th February Makati City was next along with NP Sofia, NR Ann, Fe Victoria, Zeny, Donna and Vicky to attend the National Youth Assembly organised by D383, with D377. DC Gem hosted the buffet lunch and then we were all on our way to the Taal Volcano and Taal Lake.

Monday 26th February, on to the farm in Shiang of the incoming National President, Ditas Crisistomo, D381, along with NP Sofia, PIIWP Zeny, NR Ann Margaret to meet up with more members from D381. A wonderful time. Thanks to Ditas for her hospitality. This was followed by shopping and a fabulous dinner. Memories of Inner Wheel in the Philippines will last forever, thank you all.

On March 27th, we had a Global Editor's Meet with 500 + participants. An excellent programme, well done Prabha and a huge thank you to your District 325 for their support, true friendship, thanks to all who participated, you were great! An amazing 1st, breaking new ground.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon in Manchester.

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Visit of IIW Pres Trish to the Philippines during the 58th National Conference

TRISH'S ADVENTURE PHILIPPINES



After conducting the Board Meeting in Manchester, IIW President Trish flew to Manila on February 22, 2024 to attend the 2-day National Conference of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines. Together with Immediate Past IIW Pres Zeny Farcon,

they were welcomed at the airport by Past International Board Member Fe De Guia, Deputy National Representative Ann Margaret San Antonio, and Inner Wheel Foundation Vice President Khristine Ngo.

They then proceeded to the site of the National Conference, the prestigious and historic Manila Hotel. They were warmly greeted by National President Sofie Lee, and the National Conference officers.

IIW President Trish was the honored guest in the 58th National Conference of Inner Wheel Philippines held on February 23-24, 2024 held at the historic Manila Hotel. The National Conference is an annual gathering of members all over the country to conduct business affairs, share expertise, have fellowships, and enjoy each other's company.

In her keynote speech, she talked about the relevant issues facing women all over the world - anorexia, weather disasters, poverty, etc. She discussed the need for an international foundation to speedily provide the necessary funds for those communities or countries in dire straits. She exhorted the delegates to shine on all the great work that we do in Inner Wheel.

The National Conference is a most awaited event by the members. It is a time for coming together, sharing experiences, and engaging in fellowships with women having the same vision for Inner Wheel.



I had asked countries to send me short articles on those members who have been in Inner Wheel for 50 years or more. Many have come in and the list is impressive.

These ladies are passionate pioneers, an inspiration for generations to come.

Their capacity to encompass and maintain the wheel of Friendship, commitment to serve, and loyalty to the organization should be seen by all in our Inner Wheel World

Let us Shine a Light on our Golden ladies,
Congratulate them, salute them and wish them
many more happy years in Inner Wheel!

GOLDEN LADIES



Australia

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Wyong (Dist. A 53) with 50 or more years' service



Lene Wright

Joined : 1966

I just treasure the love and friendship and the opportunity to serve the community.



Joan Davis

Joined : 1970

I have enjoyed the fellowship and helping those in need. I have held all different positions in Club and District and am currently Vice President of my Club.



Lynette Christie

My fifty years in Inner Wheel has been a real joy. I have made so many wonderful friends and together we have helped many in need within our community



Dorothy Morgan

From my fifty years, I can relate to many happy tales – Serving our Community etc., having fun along the way, Being blessed with happy Friendships, remembered every day, Enjoying worthwhile Projects, my Club is wonderful – you see – And that is what Inner Wheel really means to me.



Gaye Jolly

There are many reasons why I love Inner Wheel but mainly it is the friendship and caring of like-minded ladies who enjoy the company of each other while raising funds and pursuing the many charity projects undertaken by the Club, District and Inner Wheel in general. I am currently Club President.



Ruth Aubin

Ruth has twice been Club President and has attended several IWA Conferences. Her experiences in Inner Wheel have been extensive but what she loves most is that she has been able to form friendships with women whom she might not have otherwise met. Whilst travelling throughout the District when her late husband was Rotary's District Governor she formed many Inner Wheel friendships.



Laurel O'Connell

She has held many positions in the club including President and Treasurer. Laurel enjoys the friendship and service opportunities she has found during her years in Inner Wheel. Both Laurel and husband, Jim, received a Paul Harris Award for their service to the community.



GOLDEN LADIES

Australia



Aileen Cambridge

Joined : 1966
IWC Bendigo (Dist. A60)

WHY AILEEN LOVES INNER WHEEL:

Enjoys the Friendship and company of like-minded women. Being able to assist women/families in need of support, and raising money to assist the community is very much needed. Fellow members become close friends, and lasting friendships made.



Norma Kendal

Joined : Approx. 1969
IWC Bundaberg (Dist. A77)

Why I love Inner Wheel: There are many reasons I love my Inner Wheel, it is a place to meet with my friends. I have learnt a lot over the years and have made many lifelong friendships. I enjoyed my time as Club President and the many other positions I have had the opportunity to hold in my Club.



Jan Keevers

Joined : 1970 (Dist. A77)
First joined Inner Wheel Club of Muswellbrook A52 - 1970. Joined Inner Wheel Club of Newcastle West A52 - 1979. Transferred to Inner Wheel Club of Albury A54 - 1981. Transferred to Inner Wheel Club of Toowoomba A77 - 1987. Transferred to Inner Wheel Club of Brisbane A77- 1994



Jeanette Williams

Dist. A77

My 50-year journey began with Inner Wheel in 1974 as Charter Treasurer of Stoke / Tahunanui club in New Zealand.

In 1986 my husband & I with 2 children moved to Gold Coast Australia, and transferred to the Gold Coast & Hinterland

club where I was Charter Treasurer.

1991 I was Charter President of the Runaway Bay club, and was President when the name changed to Gold Coast North 2001.

As well as having served in many positions at Club level, I was A77 District Chairman 2016/17 and Council Member 2017/18. I am currently A77 Membership Chairman for a second year.

Inner Wheel has given me opportunities for friendships, meeting people & visiting places that I may not have if it wasn't for my membership in this great International Organisation.

Proudest achievements-

A77 District Co-ordinator for 15 plus years from inception of Inner Wheel Australia's Cord Blood Research Project.

Charter Secretary Dist.A77 - 1989/90

District Chairman A77 - 2004/05

Council Member A77 - 2005/06

President of all clubs except Newcastle West

I love Inner Wheel because of the service given by members and the friendship received. Having moved many times because of my husband's occupation, I have always had instant friends, many of whom I am still in contact with.

To be able to attend Conferences and Conventions is a way to not only learn more about our organisation and its members, but of the wonderful service to women and children being carried out by clubs throughout our Inner Wheel world.



Grace Cox

Joined : 1968
IWC Bendigo (Dist. A60)

WHY GRACE LOVES INNER WHEEL:

The Friendship and company of fellow members is like family, very important. Helping the needy, especially women and children, is very supportive and needed today, just as much as it was in the past.



Joan and Bob Field
50 years in Inner Wheel

Belgium & Luxembourg



Guite Michielsen - Latteur

I joined the Inner Wheel Club Antwerp 2, district 217, in 1975. My husband, Richard, was a member of Rotary and my involvement in IW came naturally.

I was president of the club in 1996.

I still enjoy our fortnightly friendly meetings. The friendship I find there delights me every time.



GOLDEN LADIES

Egypt & Jordan



Seham El Gohary

joined IWC of Heliopolis in Cairo in the year 1976. She is an honored active member and chartered IWC Naser City. Worked in district 95 and IIW governing body. She loved being able to represent her country, District, and club in the conventions of Copenhagen and Malaysia where she made lots of multinational friendships.



Zahida Najjar /Shaban

joined IWC of Amman in the year 1972, She believed in Innerwheel mission to promote friendships and foster international understanding. As any Inner wheeler, she volunteered trying to improve the lives of underprivileged women and children in her community. She says "I like Inner wheel because it gave me long lasting friendships , and helped me develop leadership skills, team work, and communication skills."



Widad Kamel Kawar

is one of the founders of IWC of Amman in 1971. Being a collector of heritage costumes, she organised many fashion shows for members and visitors. She says "I wish Inne Wheel clubs worldwide more progress and prosperity, and I am very glad to have witnessed its Centennial."



Jane Habash Dallal

joined IWC of Amman in the seventies of the last century, and worked as club president and on several committees. She loved serving the community and the underprivileged through Inner Wheel projects, and was happy to make lasting friendships while making good deeds. "Happy 100 years IIW".



Hoda Shukry

Graduated from Lycee Egypt and GCE - England. Wife of Mr. Muhammad Al-Vasqy and a mother of three Sons. Joined Inner Wheel Club in 1975. My goal is to strengthen the bonds of friendship and contribute to the development of society, especially Women and Children. Held the position of Treasurer & Chairman of the Social Committee. Supervised the club's annual charity bazaar and donated to charitable projects.



May Demerdash

President of Inner Wheel Alexandria East Club (1973-74). Being a founder, we started by 8 ladies only. Projects included renal dialysis centers, water pipe installation, and donations to the in need. I'm lucky to make lifetime friendships and acquaintances in addition to serving my city Alexandria.



Amal Farag

Member of Inner Wheel Alexandria East Club over 51 years and President (1983 and 1993). I was lucky to make lifetime friends and colleagues offering effective projects in collaboration with other clubs to serve the community (i.e Alexandria University Intensive Care unit)



Nuha Al Jeries / Khoury

My husband was a Rotarian and I joined the Innerwheel when it started in Jordan in the early seventies. It was a pleasure to be a member of the inner wheel; to meet with my friends and to make new friends from Jordan and from the region. I was the first club president who arranged a trip to Egypt to meet members of district and sister clubs.



Lina Farah / Tleel

One of the founders of Inner Wheel Club of Amman in 1971. She believed in community service, she tried to make a positive difference in others lives. She felt that through the IW these goals could be achieved. She tried to focus on women and youth empowerment in addition to service, encourage leadership development and help local charities.



GOLDEN LADIES

Egypt & Jordan



Mehwish Farghaly

"I participated in the establishment of the Inner Wheel Club of Alexandria (D95 Egypt & Jordan) in 1971.

The Inner Wheel is something I have great fondness for."



Syadat Neoutto

"I took part in the establishment of Inner Wheel Club of Alexandria (D95 Egypt & Jordan) in 1971 and served as District Chairman in 1976. I love the Inner Wheel. It allowed me to help my community, and I made many friends."



Hoda El Deeb

"A group of ladies and me were enthusiastic about the idea of establishing an Inner Wheel Club in Alexandria (D95 Egypt & Jordan), following the Rotary Convention in 1971. I am honored to be an IW member."



Salam Hanno

I Joined Inner Wheel in 1971. It was my pleasure to meet many friends from Egypt & Jordan to work together to make life better for the sick & handicapped. Thank Inner Wheel to give me chance to help others.



Samia Hatata

"I joined the Inner Wheel via Rotary in 1973, because I am a Rotarian's wife. IW allowed me to make friends. I was also able to implement many community service projects and served as District Chairman. I was honored to receive The Margarett Golding Award."



Amal Namek

Joined Inner Wheel Club of Cairo South in 1972. District 95 Egypt & Jordan Recipient of Margarett Golding Award in 2014

"I am proud of being an Inner Wheel member because it is a way of life as it mixes friendship with serving the community. I am proud of all the friends I gained in Inner Wheel.

We have to always give both of our time and ourselves with love hoping that our efforts will help create a better tomorrow for others and the world."



Kamilia Nayef Hajj /Muna

She joined Inner Wheel in 1973/ 1974 after her Husband joined the Rotary. She loved the social interaction with the ladies, and was happy to help in the charity work then, she is always pushing her daughter Fatina Abu Jaber to be more involved in the club activities.

Finland



Marjatta Heinonen

Marjatta Heinonen is a founding member of Inner Wheel Tampere club, district 139. The club celebrated its 50th anniversary in February 2024. Marjatta has been actively involved in the club and its

projects for all these years. Internationality and friendship have been important to her in her activities.

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Jane Black

Blyth Club, D3 - Joined 1972

Inner Wheel means a great deal to me - friendships, support and care for each other. It gives me great pleasure knowing that we are helping so many worthwhile causes through fundraising. The highlight of my membership was visiting Tanzania to present the new Club of Dar es Salaam its Charter.



Freda Dawson

Houghton-le-Spring Club, D3 - Joined 1970

What I love about IW is friendship, care, support given to others particularly in times of illness or bereavement. I have precious memories of going to Convention in Paris, singing in the District Choir at Conference and knitting enough blankets to go halfway around the world.

Mary Gordon

Hexham & Tyndale Club, D3 - Joined 1972

A founder member of the Galashiels Club before moving to Hexham & Tyndale Club.



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Barbro Scott
Dundee Club, D1 – Joined 1968

Barbro loves Inner Wheel because she has met so many interesting and nice people she would otherwise not have met, including international members. The opportunity to help the community is of great importance to her and she has appreciated the supportive nature of friends made at Inner Wheel.



Kate Hogg
Montrose Club, D1 – Joined 1974

I am as proud now to be a member as I was when it was chartered on my 33rd birthday. This gave me a special closeness for the club and the friendships I have made will last for ever. I still look forward to our monthly meetings and hope that I be able to keep attending for a 'wee while yet'!



Margaret Pate
Forfar Club, D1 – Joined 1965

Sadly, Margaret has been unable to take an active part in our club meetings & activities for some time, due to ill health. However, she thoroughly enjoys and appreciates members visiting her and keeping up with all the news of what is going on through these visits, the club newsletters, and our District 1 Magazines.



Dorothy Kennedy
Perth Club, D1 – Joined 1969

It's been great, enjoyed it all. Being President of North Fife was a highlight, the Vice President had to wrestle the chain off me at the end of my year!! I have worked under some amazing girls, they gave 100% Friendship and Service, and I'm looking forward to many more years of that.



Morag Saddler
Forfar Club, D1 – Joined 1974

At first Morag didn't enjoy Inner Wheel at all – had to go through a difficult interview with the then President of the Club, she was very much younger than all the other members. But she persevered and soon other younger women joined, and she has loved the 50 years of fun, friendship and the sense of giving back to the community.



Mary Scobie
S rling Club, D1 – Joined 1971

The reason I love Inner Wheel is for the friendship and I enjoy doing what we can for charities.



Doreen Caldwell
Inverness Club, D1 – Joined 1965

IW has brought me great companionship and wonderful friends over the years. I have gained vast knowledge from the different speakers at our monthly meetings. I have also enjoyed the camaraderie that comes with being a member of the Inverness Club.



Myra Wilkie
Motherwell & Wishaw Club, D2 – Joined 1972

Myra says "I would encourage young women today to join a local Inner Wheel Club. The Club has given me endless fun memories, lifelong friends and a wonderful sense of community that I would never have achieved if it had not been for Inner Wheel"



Sheila Kelly
Inverness Club, D1 – Joined 1971

Joining Inner Wheel has been one of the best things I have ever done! There is always a warm welcome at our meetings. Inner Wheel has helped so many people over the world and in our own country, with so many donations of every kind. You all deserve a gold medal!



Audrey Pollard
Cleckheaton Club, D4 – Joined 1967

I joined Inner Wheel in 1967 and during those 57 years, through becoming fully involved in Inner Wheel, I have made many friends – locally, nationally and internationally. Inner Wheel is friendship, fellowship and fun and it is very satisfying working together to help others less fortunate both at home and overseas.



Pam Cranswick
Montrose Club, D1 – Joined 1974

Keeping up with friends at our monthly meetings where we have excellent speakers. Being seated randomly ensures there is always someone different to talk to. Coffee mornings and club events along with visits to other clubs that ensures a sense of friendship and companionship.



Jeannette Woodward & Margery Pinder
Scarborough Club, D4 – Joined 1968 & 1969 respec vely

We have two Past Presidents who have been members of Inner Wheel for over 50 years. Jeannette Woodward has been in Inner Wheel for 56 years. She transferred to the Scarborough club in 1972. Margery Pinder joined our club in 1969 and has been in Inner Wheel for 55 years.



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Jeannette Woodward Inaugural Photo

D4, Jeanette Woodward a member of 56yrs and founder member of Middlesbrough Club in Cleveland showing their inaugural photo, she is second from left.



Wendy Cooper

Nantwich Club, D5 – Joined 1969

Wendy loves the nucleus of friends and contacts that Inner Wheel brings. She enjoys meetings, outings, attending conferences, and having the opportunities to help less fortunate people. Since the death of her husband, Inner Wheel has become more important to her.



Lily Walker

Heckmondwike Club, D4 – Joined 1969

Lily Walker joined Heckmondwike Club in June 1969. In those days it was very formal, attending meetings with hats and gloves. She was secretary several times and President twice. Making many friends for life and has enjoyed the fun, fellowship and service helping charities and others less fortunate.



Wendy Hughes

Nantwich Club, D5 – Joined 1971

Having relocated to Cheshire, Wendy found that Inner Wheel proved a godsend in providing a ready-made "family circle". She loves the way IW brings people together and offers the opportunity to serve charitable causes like Meals on Wheels. Wendy enjoys meetings, outings and attending Conferences.



Betty Thornton

Heckmondwike Club, D4 – Joined 1967

She held the office of Club Correspondent and Overseas Officer for several years when we sent parcels to a family in Poland. She was President 1972-73. She is an artist and has given workshops for members over the years but mostly she has enjoyed the friendships.



Ailsa Clewlow

Biddulph Club, D5 – Joined 1970

I joined Inner Wheel in 1970 as founder president of the Biddulph Club and it was a wonderful way to make friends as I was new to the area. By joining District in 1999 and becoming a Member of Council the friendship of Inner Wheel now extended throughout the country.



Catherine Hughes

York Club, D4 – Joined 1974

I have been Social Chairman twice, Secretary twice and President in the Millennium year. Over the years I have been involved in many fund-raising activities, visits to other club special meetings and of course conferences. I have enjoyed the friendship of so many lovely friends in Inner Wheel.



Pauline Minshull

Sandbach Club, D5 – Joined 1972

Pauline has enjoyed the comradeship of Inner Wheel for 52 years. She values the friendships she has made and loves the opportunities that Inner Wheel has given to her.



Marlise Heaton

York Club, D4 – Joined 1968

Over the years I have enjoyed supporting many charities and carrying out good works in a friendly way. I continue to love the friendship and the feeling of belonging to Inner Wheel. We are here for each other, laughing and chatting.



Judith Leese

Sandbach Club, D5 – Joined 1972

Judith has enjoyed 52 years as a member of the IW Club of Sandbach. She cherishes the friendships she has made and loves the fellowship of Club meetings and events.



Maureen Williams

Sandbach Club, D5 – Joined 1968

Maureen is Sandbach Inner Wheel's longest-serving member, and still active! She's been President and International Chair 4 times each, as well as Treasurer and other roles. She loves the friendship – the wonderful people she has met in Sandbach and many other clubs. She says it keeps her going!



Eileen Stephenson

Denton Club, D5 - Joined 1965

Eileen joined Inner Wheel as a young mother of two toddlers.. She cherishes the many happy memories of past times in the Denton club and values the friends she has made - taking on the role of Club President three times and of being Club Secretary for "many years".



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Iris Stirling

Solihull Club, D6 – Joined 1973

Iris loves Inner Wheel because it has given her lifelong friends all over the world.



Mary Fulford

Leicester Club, D7 – Joined 1966

Mary has been President three times, the last time being when it was our 70th charter year, Secretary three times, Club correspondent and International Service organiser. She enjoyed attending the IIW Convention in Stavanger in 1988. Mary is a regular attender at meetings and takes a great interest in the workings of the Club.



Janet Barlow

Stratford Club, D6 – Joined 1974

Being young when I joined, I was made to feel most welcome and friendships grew. I have been President and Treasurer twice and I have thoroughly enjoyed my years in the organisation.



Lady Pamela Grabham

Kettering Club, D7 – Joined 1967

In the 60's only wives of Rotarians were invited to become members of Inner Wheel, so I have always considered it to be a privilege to be a member and still do. Everyone is so kind and friendly and always supportive.



Mary Janssen

Bedford Club, D7 – Joined 1974

Mary Janssen became a member of Bedford Inner Wheel in 1974. She was very involved from the beginning and has been President four times. Mary has always entered into all aspects of the club's Inner Wheel programmes with enthusiasm and is a very creative, sociable and charismatic lady.



Judy Bell

Huntingdon Club, D7 – Joined 1974

Throughout the years I have always enjoyed every aspect of Inner Wheel. The aims, the Friendship and Fellowship and all the good works achieved by the members and subsequently all the help and monies raised for both local and overseas charities.



Rosemary Mackness

Rushden Club, D7 – Joined 1968

I joined I.W. in 1968 and in those days, members wore hats to meetings, and we called each other by our surnames! I have shared wonderful years of friendship in good and sad times, working for local and international charities. It's been a privilege to be part of my Rushden Club.



Jean Hastings

Spalding Club, D7 – Joined 1970

Having been President, Secretary & International Officer many times I thoroughly enjoy being a member and the friendship that Inner Wheel offers. I am very proud to be part of this organisation.



Angela Edwards

Ashby de la Zouch Club, D7 – Joined 1974

Angela, a very active member of her club, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a bouquet of flowers to recognise her fifty years of service to inner Wheel. Here's looking forward to the next 50!



Jean Short

Kettering Club, D7 – Joined 1974

I have really enjoyed being a member of Corby Inner Wheel and looking back over 50 years there are so many memories. I have been President 4 times. Treasurer and Club Correspondent. I have been warmly welcomed into Kettering club and I think the meaning of Inner Wheel is true friendship.



Ursula Keene

Leicester Club, D7 – Joined 1962

When Ursula joined Inner Wheel Leicester had a membership of 105. Meetings were very formal, not like today. Members were addressed by their husbands' names. She was Leicester Club President in 1974-75.

Ursula is now 101 years old and still attends meetings when she feels well enough.



Julien Birchall

Hinckley Club, D7 – Joined 1965

Joining at my father's suggestion, I remember the dress code was very smart: suits, hats and gloves! However, the benefits remain unchanged; a wealth of wonderful friendships, social events and charity support. I enjoyed being DC in 1991-92 and we received generous hospitality during various international conventions.



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Dorothy Boughton

The ord Club, D8 – Joined 1959

A founder member of the club she has loved joining in all the activities over the years. She is particularly grateful for the friendship and support she received when she became a widow.



Raye Gorton

Banbury Club, D9 – Joined 1969

Joining Inner Wheel was an interest outside of family life which was social, positive and worthwhile. I have taken on the Presidents role, secretary to two presidents, chairman of the International Service Committee and a member of the district International Committee.



Enid Bedford

Ely Club, D8 – Joined 1964

The Inner Wheel meeting has for me been a very special event of the month. I thoroughly enjoyed my year as president and since I joined, I have rarely missed a meeting. A great organisation.



Joyce Crozier

Witney Club, D9 – Joined 1966

Joyce has enjoyed being a member of several clubs due to moving home for her husbands' work commitments and always retaining her membership. This has not stopped her becoming president, programme secretary, catering officer and area delegate for Witney club.



Beryl Dodds

Ipswich East Club, D8 – Joined 1972

The Inner Wheel motto of friendship and service has meant a lot to me, giving me lasting friendships and being able to help the community and further throughout the world.



Jean Wiles

High Wycombe Club, D9 – Joined 1971

Jean has served as President, Secretary, Club Correspondent and taking a three-month term of office as President in 2024. Jean loves the fellowship and friendship that Inner Wheel offers. She has always enjoyed getting to know her fellow Club members, helping others and has always enjoyed attending Conference.



Joy Harris

Ipswich East Club, D8 – Joined 1973

Joy loves everything about her membership of inner Wheel



Jane Campbell

Pershore Club, D10 – Joined 1961

Jane joined IW in Corby in 1961 attending meetings in the afternoon wearing hat and gloves! Baby came to, in a cot at the back of the meeting! Jane has been club president, treasurer, secretary and has just celebrated her 94th birthday. June loves Inner Wheel because of the friendship it affords.



Rita Hughes

Ely Club, D8 – Joined 1970

Rita loves Inner Wheel for the friendships formed and the commitment to helping those less fortunate.



Sylvia Welsford

Cirencester Club, D10 – Joined 1974

Sylvia says it is a privilege to share the loyal friendship of Inner Wheel and be involved in all its good works.



Margaret Mortimer

Great Yarmouth Club, D8 – Joined 1970

Our member Margaret Mortimer (IW009110) joined the IWC of Great Yarmouth 24th November 1972, has been our President during that time for 1976/77, 2007/8, 2012/13 and 2018/19. We had a party to celebrate her 50 years and she is still a valued member of our Committee aged 90 years.



Jane Tiley

Member at Large (Originally Stroud Club), D10 – Joined 1974

I found the meetings rather formal but soon knew I was amongst friends and that busy times lay ahead. Serving as President several times, also as Secretary and Editor, I thank Inner Wheel for giving me opportunities of service, many friendships and some very happy memories.



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Pam England

Dursley Club, D10 – Joined 1964

Pam enjoys the fellowship and friendship within the whole Organisation experienced at Club level when living abroad in the Bahamas and at Conventions.



Yvonne Hodges

Parkstone & Poole Club, D11 – Joined 1973

Proud to be a founder member of Parkstone & Poole Inner Wheel Club and continues to enjoy every aspect of Inner Wheel



Mary Murphy

Cirencester Club, D10 – Joined 1973

I have been club President, Secretary, District Chairman, District Secretary and Member of Council/ I have many happy memories of conferences in Blackpool, Conventions around the world and the lasting friendships, all thanks to Inner Wheel members.



Margaret Traves

Parkstone & Poole Club, D11 – Joined 1973

Proud to be a founder member of Parkstone & Poole Inner Wheel Club and enjoying Inner Wheel as much today as then.



Ann Hodges

Malvern Club, D10 – Joined 1965

I was very excited to join Inner Wheel, I was very enthusiastic so I participated in everything, because it was so enjoyable. I still enjoy attending everything but more importantly I especially enjoy the friendships I have made.



Christine Binding

Parkstone & Poole Club, D11 – Joined 1973

Founder member Christine writes - To me Inner Wheel means 'everything good'. An opportunity to serve our local community, to form lifelong friendships and enjoy great fun together. But - in times of sorrow and sadness - support and comfort given.



Thelma Pitts

Malvern Club, D10 – Joined 1968

Began Inner Wheel in D22 in the Retford Club, moving to D12 and finally D10. Inner Wheel has always been a great source of friendship and service.



Renate Dodd

Cosham Club, D11 – Joined 1969

Renate says it was a privilege to be invited to become an Inner Wheel member. She has enjoyed 55 years of friendship with my fellow members, made lifelong memories over the years and at the same time done a lot of fundraising.



Jean Marsden

Malvern Club, D10 – Joined 1967

Inner Wheel was to support our husbands but it provided means of immediate friendship. People felt that Inner Wheel was a genuine source of support for those in the community who needed help. Now Inner Wheel is security; lovely friends at club and always at the end of a phone.



Joan Musselwhite

Basingstoke Club, D11 – Joined 1969

On joining, Joan was the youngest member and took her 4-year-old daughter to the then, afternoon meetings. She has been President three times and loves Inner Wheel for the fun and lifelong friends it has given her



Mary Owen

Havant Club, D11 – Joined 1970

Mary enjoys Inner Wheel because we can raise money to help those in need, while having friendship and fun. She says being a magistrate with a family of four children and busy doctor husband, a sense of humour is important!



Janet Richardson

Winchester Club, D11 – Joined 1970

A popular and enthusiastic club member, which enables her to retain and enjoy long standing and close friendships.



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Eve Reynolds

Bromley Club, D12 - Joined 1970

The friendship and fellowship forged over many years with like minded people who have made significant contributions to society at home and abroad dispensed with good humour and sense of purpose.



Iris Brock

Crayford & Danson Club, D12 - Joined 1969

In the 55 years since Iris joined Inner Wheel she has seen the meetings and procedures become less formal. When her club closed she joined Crayford and then Crayford merged with Danson. Throughout the changes, friendship is her overriding joy from membership.



Hayzen Elphick

Eastbourne Sovereign Club, D12 - Joined 1969

What I love about being a member of Inner Wheel is mostly the great Friendship and fun that we share. I have been a member in both Hailsham and Eastbourne Sovereign clubs. I have enjoyed being both a Club President and an Overseas Officer.



Elizabeth Weaver

Dover Club, D12 - Joined 1964

60 years of membership, roles at Club, District, Association, and Overseas levels, attending many Conventions, and making friends at home and around the world. A lover of music, Liz conducted the District Choir for years, and says "I have enjoyed everything - you get back far more than you put in"!



Judith Cooper

Eastbourne Sovereign Club, D12 - Joined 1968

What I love most about IW is that I have had almost 55 years of fun and friendship and service in 2 IW clubs, Hailsham and Eastbourne Sovereign and have held office in both. But the highlight has to be my year as District Chairman in 2013/14



Patsy Kerr

Canterbury Club, D12 - Joined 1965

Patsy loves Inner Wheel as it's a nice community, genuinely helping each other and not at all "stand-offish!". Patsy has made many friends within the club and district.

Patsy's mother was a founder member of the IW Canterbury Club in 1925.



Lilian Hubble

Deal Club, D12 - Joined 1959

Lilian loves and remembers IW visiting and caring for the elderly. She enjoyed visiting patients at Deal Memorial hospital. She has knitted thousands of suits for children as well as squares for International IW projects. She was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Betty Selfe

Gravesend Club, D12 - Joined 1953

What I love about being a member, it is a privilege, the friendship and service is second to none.

I am very proud to be a member of Inner Wheel and delighted to have received a Margaret Golding Award.



Pat Booth

Eastbourne Sovereign Club, D12 - Joined 1971

I love Inner Wheel because I have made many good friends, it's like an extension of one's family. I joined in 1971 being a founder member of our club



Marion Luckhurst

Cranbrook & Hawkhurst Club, D12 - Joined 1969

I have enjoyed my time taking every Club Office and also being District Editor and District Chairman. I love the unique friendship and caring work of Inner Wheel and having visited many clubs both here and abroad, I have made a wonderful circle of friends all over the world.



Val Procter

Eastbourne Sovereign Club, D12 - Joined 1971

What I love most about Inner Wheel is how I have benefited from all the friendships and from the service we were able to give, not just within my club but in all of GB & I plus Internationally. Great Memories being a founder member of my club.



Beryl Pledger

Broadstairs Club, D12 - Joined 1967

Beryl Pledger remembers helping with lovely teas for the elderly - hats and magazines were supplied, the care given was impressive. Beryl always enjoyed International Days. She still attends functions. Beryl loves Inner Wheel because of the many friends made over the years.



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Wendy Smith

Gravesend Club, D12 – Joined 1974

I love Inner Wheel for giving me the chance to make so many wonderful friends both in G B & I and also overseas. Thank you



Jane Yates

Maidstone Club, D12 – Joined 1973

Jane enjoys the friendship and service of Inner Wheel, with a particular interest in international charities. Now a member of Maidstone, she was originally in the Warminster Club.



Valerie Martin

Gravesend Club, D12 – Joined 1971

Thank you, Inner Wheel, for giving us the chance to make so many wonderful friends both in G B & I and also overseas.



Bessie Turvill

Gravesend Club, D12 – Joined 1972

Bessie is a lovely lady and has held many fund-raising events at her home and enjoys the companionship of other club members. It's the friendships that Bessie has made that have been so important, and what she loves most about Inner Wheel.



Barbara Williams

Deal Club, D12 – Joined 1965

She loves the friendship, companionship and the feeling of belonging in the town. There's nothing like it worldwide, making such an impact. When she visited Australia, she visited Perth IW and was immediately welcomed by the IW Club.



Pratibha Agarwal

Northwick Park Club, D13 – Joined 1974

Pratibha Agarwal joined IWC Rampur, D-311, India in 1974 before moving to the UK in 2018. She is currently the President of the IWC of Northwick Park and also District 13 International Service Chairman. Inner-Wheel is a way-of-life for her that captivates dedication to friendship, service and international understanding.



Louise Nathanail

Sidcup Club, D12 – Joined 1970

Louise was active in community events along with other members. She found very close friendships with other members and enjoys the friendship and company with members who visit regularly at her home.



Mary Williams

Chelsea & Westminster Club, D13 – Joined 1971

PDC Mary Williams joined the IW Club of Chelsea in 1971 and is currently a member of Chelsea and Westminster. She has been President, several times and is Club Correspondent at present.



Nancie Horton

Sidcup Club, D12 – Joined 1967

Nancie loved, along with other club members, helping in the community. The companionship and fun she found in Inner Wheel was a great comfort to her when her husband died. To this day Inner Wheel continues to be a very important and sustaining part of her life.



Pat Richardson

Chelsea & Westminster Club, D13 – Joined 1970

Pat says she joined Inner Wheel after her husband, Frank, had become a Rotarian and Inner Wheel has provided her with a number of friends over the years, some of whom she is still in touch with. Inner Wheel has also offered Pat the opportunity to do 'good things' in the area.



Jume Churchyard

Maidstone Club, D12 – Joined 1972

Jume enjoys the companionship and friendship of Inner Wheel, as well as doing interesting things. Now a member of Maidstone but originally from Sutton Coldfield Club.



Jackie Springett

Member at Large, D13 – Joined 1972

Jackie was District Chairman in 1984-85. She has been a member of three closed clubs, Chigwell, Loughton and Wanstead and Woodford. Such is Jackie's enjoyment of inner Wheel she became a Member at Large to continue her membership.



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Jean Over

Camberley Club, D14 – Joined 1970

Jean joined Inner Wheel when she was about to leave Ladies Circle and wanted to continue service. As she felt that both organizations had the same basic ideals. "I love the companionship and service we do together helping people around the world"



Menna Davies

Aberdare Club, D15 – Joined 1965

My photo is taken from the era when I joined IW. Everyone wore hats and even gloves, it was quite a social event, enjoying afternoon tea. We were sent a postcard every month to remind us of the meetings.



Colleen Stokes

Camberley Club, D14 – Joined 1973

Colleen husband was a Rotarian and she was persuaded to join by a neighbour and relatives, one of whom, Mona White, was the founder member of the Camberley Club. Colleen says "I was very nervous of all the elegant ladies but they were all charming and welcoming. I have made some really good friends in the Club"



Audrey Moore

Aberdare Club, D15 – Joined 1967

As a young, newly married woman my Inner Wheel membership helped me adjust to new surroundings through the friendships made. I have served as President, Secretary, Club Correspondent and Overseas Service Organiser (the latter for very many years).



Jean Allworth

Purley Club, D14 – Joined 1973

Jean joined IW as a young housewife bringing up her small children. Jean says "The most important aspect of Inner Wheel to me is the lasting friendships that I have made"



Janet Green

Pembroke Club, D15 – Joined 1959

As a proud member I look back with fond memories of the wonderful friendships I have made throughout the years. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate this centenary year and hope that we can encourage women from all walks of life to keep Inner Wheel going for another 100 years



Pat Amey

Kingston upon Thames Club, D14 – Joined 1955

I have enjoyed the opportunity to give service and also the friendships I made that continue even now that I can no longer attend meetings. I am kept in touch with my club and their activities.



Cynthia Whiting

Aberystwyth Club, D15 – Joined 1973

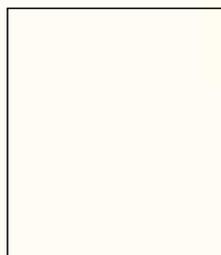
I think the good things about being a member are meeting other members and realising that together we can make an enormous difference. Whilst visiting London I regularly helped out at Warwick Square, giving a wonderful insight into the workings of Inner Wheel.



Sylvia Williams

Cardiff Club, D15 – Joined 1970

In 1970 I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Pontypridd. I have enjoyed friendship and fellowship over many years and attended numerous Association conferences and conventions at Brighton, Paris, Orlando, Stavanger and Amsterdam. I have some great memories.



Anne Shinton

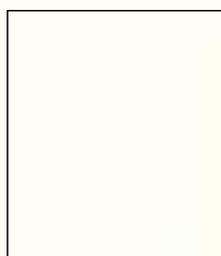
Machen Club, D15 – Joined 1972



Glenys Brown

Pembroke Club, D15 Joined 1971

I have been President, Overseas Chairman, Club Correspondent and enjoyed being Secretary, nine years in total. Since my husband passed away in 2015 Inner Wheel has been a saviour to me with the friendship I have received while helping, when I can, to assist others less fortunate than ourselves.



Joan Osborne

Tenby Club, D15 – Joined 1969

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Sue Broomhead

Tenby Club, D15 – Joined 1971



Barbara King

Dublin Club, D16 – Joined 1970

Barbara is proud to be a founder member of the Dublin club and enjoys the friendships she has made and the wonderful service done by the club.



Margaret Phillips

Pembroke Club, D15 – Joined 1970

Due to failing health Margaret does not attend as much as she did but remains a very supportive member and enjoys all the friendships she has made over many years.



Joan Nott

Torquay Club, D17 – Joined 1960

I joined Swanage Club in 1960 and then Torquay in 1966. Both Clubs welcomed me warmly. I learned so much from speakers at our meetings and enjoyed outings to places of interest and helping others. Most of all I am enjoying the friendship, which I value highly.



Mar Hasson

Derry Club, D16 – Joined 1969

Mar has been involved and integral to all aspects of IW activities, she continues to organise an Annual Golf Event which raises over £3,500 for Charities. Mar held the position of District 16 Chairman in 2021-2022. Her motto was "Grab the Wheel and Grow"



Judith Harper

Welshpool Club, D18 – Joined 1973

"I am proud to be the only remaining Founder member of Welshpool Inner Wheel Club since its Charter meeting in October 1973. During this time, I have endeavoured to follow the aims and objectives of membership (friendship and service to the community), which I hope to continue in the future."



Myrtle Buchanan

Derry Club, D16 – Joined 1973

An Association Past President and very active member of Inner Wheel. Myrtle's service to Inner Wheel is immeasurable and she is very proud of her all-Ireland district. Her wisdom, knowledge and guidance are central to Inner Wheel's success.



Theresa Lampert

Porthmadog Club, D18 – Joined 1971

I was born partially sighted and unable to drive until after the age of 50. My club supported me doing a sponsored drive from John O' Groats to Lands' End, raising money for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. I appreciate the companionship of our members and the fundraising where we can support others.



Mairead Larkin

Dublin Club, D16 – Joined 1972

I travelled to District meetings in Belfast and met women just like myself and I got to know them. IW was amazing it opened a whole new chapter in my Life. Having been District Chairman, District Treasurer, Member of Council and served on the finance committee, Inner Wheel was a second education for me.



Freda Sanderson

Rhyl Club, D18 – Joined 1973

Friendship and Service is our motto and for all this time I have experienced the friendship and fun at our social gatherings and when providing service. Inner Wheel has changed over the last 50 years but the companionship and the sense of purpose remain. Why would I not continue to enjoy my membership?



Sheila Wood

Dublin Club, D16 – Joined 1970

Sheila is a founder member of Dublin Inner Wheel Club. For many years serving on various Committees and became Club President. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time in IW and continues to attend meetings where she appreciates the company and the friendship.



Margaret Elsley

Chester Club, D18 – Joined 1970

I have always enjoyed the fellowship of the members in the club and district. I particularly enjoyed attending conferences over the years and I'm proud of IW members who have raised so much money and support for so many organisations. I am pleased to have been a member of IW for so long.



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Mena Griffiths

Rhyl Club, D18 – Joined 1973

Friendships formed over the 50 years have strengthened, spilt over into, and enriched my private life. But, whilst the social side ensures my continued membership, I take pride in belonging to such a distinguished world-wide organisation.



Rita Hogarth

Kendal Club, D19 – Joined 1968

Rita was President in 1980/1 and treasurer for three years. She has always enjoyed taking members to other clubs for talks, outings and teas plus entertaining the blind. She has knitted numerous items for the needy locally and overseas. Rita has thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship over the years.



Adele Dodd

Mold Club, D18 – Joined 1974

Being a member has widened my circle of friends not only through my club, but by attending Inter Clubs and District meetings. By combined actions, nationally & internationally, Inner Wheel can make a difference not only in our communities here in Britain, but also in the wider world.



Maureen Humphreys

Kendal Club, D19 – Joined 1968

Maureen Humphreys joined Blackburn Inner Wheel in 1968 and eventually transferred to Kendal. She has been an active member and enjoys the friendship of her fellow members.



Dorothy Mellor

North Wirral Club, D18 – Joined 1966



Adelaide Ireland

Carnforth Club, D19 – Joined 1972

A founder member of Carnforth and first secretary, taking on President and International over the years. An active participant in club activities, always making sure new members were made very welcome. Adelaide, at 93, still enjoys the friendship of the club and attends when her health allows



Maureen Garstang

Garstang & Over Wyre Club, D19 – Joined 1973

I joined Over Wyre Inner Wheel on November 22nd 1973, holding many positions in club and District, supporting the Rotary club over the years, they presented me with a Paul Harris Fellow for service given to Club and District, friendship and service are important to me and my club.



Pat Russell

Penrith Club, D19 – Joined 1974

Being an Inner Wheel member has given me everything I want. Fun and friendship in abundance and being able to give service to those less fortunate than myself. I am also honoured and proud to have taken office in Club, District and Association



Dorothy Crowther

Bacup Club, D19 – Joined 1972

Dorothy Crowther has been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Bacup in District 19, since April 1972. At that time the youngest member and now is the eldest. Dorothy is enthusiastic, friendly, and a great help to both existing and new members in all sorts of ways.



Gwen Armstrong

Penrith Club – Joined 1970

I have enjoyed the fellowship and made many close friends, sadly some no longer with us. Over the years I have enjoyed being Social Secretary many times, Speaker finder and Overseas Secretary.



Edna Clarkson

Ribblesdale Club, D19 – Joined 1966

Edna joined Burnley IW in 1966. When her husband George transferred to Ribblesdale Rotary, she founded Ribblesdale IW – Charter date 1985. At 97, she continues to be as active as possible, enjoying both friendship & service. She is a very valued member of our Club.



Hilary Robson

Millom Club, D19 – Joined 1974

When I joined Inner Wheel, I really appreciated the friendship especially with being new to the area. I have enjoyed attending the Conferences and hosting many garden parties. I am so grateful for having been a member and forming lifelong friendships.



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Doreen Bailey

Shepton Malle Club, D20 – Joined 1962

In our 30s my husband and I moved to Somerset and started a dental practice. He was invited to join Rotary so I joined Inner Wheel.

3 sons, 6 times Club President, Dist. Chairman and twice Dist. International Officer meant I rapidly made many lifelong friends



Olive Ellison

Newport Shropshire Club, D21 – Joined 1972

Olive says - As an Inner Wheel member "you are never without a friend"



Diana Keen

Shepton Malle Club, D20 – Joined 1972

I joined when living in Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Surrounded by people who needed help, the IW was the organisation supplying that help and support. A very hands-on experience for me. A unique worldwide organisation which I am very proud to be a member of."



Sheenagh Bradbury

Whitchurch Club, D21 – Joined 1959

Being a member of Inner Wheel is part of the fabric of my life. I have shared so much friendship, locally and in District 21. My year as District Chairman (1974-75) was very special and I have really enjoyed the projects and fundraising that I have been involved with.



Pat Eames

Frome Club, D20 – Joined 1970

I must like Inner Wheel because I'm still here!", when asked how long she had been a member. Pat still enjoys District Meetings, the friendship and company but misses hats and gloves at Conference.



Joan Hooper, Margaret Parkes, Dot Sanders

Sedgley and Wombourne Club, D21-
Joined 1970

As founder members we all continue to enjoy the fellowship and friendships we have made during these 50 years.



Margaret Hannam

Chard Club, D20 – Joined 1968

I became a founder member of the Clifton Club, transferring to Chard in 1969. In both Clubs the warmth of the welcome I received was tangible and the often-lifelong friendships one makes, whilst helping other less fortunate. is very special—friendship and service!



Barbara Moss

Sedgley & Wombourne Club, D21 – Joined 1970

Barbara joined in the inaugural year of the club and thoroughly enjoys the lasting friendships she has made.



Sylvia Hopkins

Chard Club, D20 - 1970

I've enjoyed holding most club offices, including President 4 times. The Association Conferences were always fun and an excuse to visit new places. My years as District Editor were a good experience and working to a deadline concentrated the mind. I am glad I have had the friendship of Inner Wheel.



Joan Orme

Matlock Club, D22 – Joined 1971

To me Inner Wheel is like a comfort blanket of love and friendship having made life long friends whilst having fun and sharing experiences. A chance to help less fortunate people at home and abroad. Visits to other towns and countries at conferences and conventions. Everyone should try it!



Maureen Powell

Member at Large, D21 – Joined 1974

PDC Maureen says - I have been involved with Inner Wheel for over 50 years and have made some wonderful friends and memories within IW that have lasted a lifetime. I am proud to have represented IW and to have helped people from all walks of life.



June Gaunt

Heanor Club, D22 – Joined 1964

I have enjoyed my membership because of Rotary. As husband & wife we enjoyed working together on various projects. I have been President 6 times, International Chairman for 3 years & District Chairman 1994-95. I was awarded a Margarett Golding Award in 1996 for services to fostering children.



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Barbara Woods

Heanor Club, D22 – Joined 1968

I have enjoyed being President 3 times with the last being the year I was 90 years old. I value the fellowship, friendship & fun I have enjoyed throughout my membership of Inner Wheel.



Jenny Seth

Wollaton Park Club – Joined 1972

Jenny says - "I began Inner Wheel in the Sherwood Forest club then moved to Wollaton Park in 2001, I have enjoyed more than 50 years of friendships in Inner Wheel and remain an active member of my club."



Pam Lord

Sutton in Ashfield Club, D22 – Joined 1971

Friendship is the word that best describes what I have experienced during my fifty plus years as a member of Inner Wheel, from the early days as a young mother, to now with mobility issues. It's the friends I have made over the years that I cherish most.



Jean Nock

Warsop Club, D22 – Joined 1972

Jean has 52 years of Inner Wheel Service. Initially joining Swadlincote Club, then the Newark Club and finally Warsop. She has twice been Warsop Club President. Jean said, "Being a member has meant everything to me, helping me through thick and thin."



Jean Matthews

Kirkby in Ashfield Club, D22 – Joined 1974

The special friendship, caring and support shared is so amazing, working together (and having lots of fun) whilst giving service and raising funds for many charities locally, nationally and internationally. Membership has given me friends throughout the world. How lucky I feel!



Shirley Townroe

Warsop Club, D22 – Joined 1972

Shirley is a founder member of Warsop Club, having been President twice, she said, "After over 50 years it is all about friendship and Service, together with friends."



Meg Nelson

Alfreton Club, D22 – Joined 1972

Meg has done many jobs in the club, including President and eventually became District Chairman. She says she enjoys the friendship and activities from all aspects of Alfreton.



Joan Pepperday

Warsop Club, D22 – Joined 1972

Joan is the oldest member at 99 years young of Warsop Club. She has served for 52 years being Club President twice. "Inner Wheel has always meant a lot to me. It was great fun starting the club and we learned as we went along."



Ruth Hunt

Alfreton Club, D22 – Joined 1970

Ruth originally joined the Ripley club, on its closure, she transferred to Alfreton. She loves being part of the Club and the different opportunities and friendships it has given her. She is currently our ISO Office



Marjorie Zillwood

Warsop Club, D22 – Joined 1972

A founder member of Warsop Club with 52 Years Service. She has been Secretary and President twice. She said, "I have always loved being a member of IW, with the friendship and kindness shown to me by other members."



Greta Thornton

Alfreton Club, D22 – Joined 1973

She has done most jobs within the club, including President, and says she enjoys seeing club members who have been her friends for many years. She comes to many club events when her health allows.



Margaret Kilgour

Ayr Club, D23 – Joined 1969

she enjoyed the company and friendship of the other members. She remembers how different things were when she first became a member and how, at that time, she really enjoyed spending time without the older members of the club. Now she's one of the older members.



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Barbara Woods

Heanor Club, D23 – Joined 1968

I have enjoyed being President 3 times with the last being the year I was 90 years old. I value the fellowship, friendship & fun I have enjoyed throughout my membership of Inner Wheel.



Paula Matthews

Clacton-on-Sea Club, D24 – Joined 1967

I was fortunate to join a like-minded group of women, happy to pool their skills, get on with whatever needed to be done, help each other, our men and Society in general. We've had to adapt to survive: but The Inner Wheel Club of Clacton on Sea is still chugging happily along..."



Shirley McGregor

Newton Stewart Club, D23 – Joined 1968

"She enjoys the fun and companionship that Inner Wheel offers." Shirley, the lady in her blue jumper at the end of the table, is a Founder Member of Newton Stewart and joined in 1968. Shirley is sharing fellowship with other club members.



Bobbie Anselmi

Clacton-on-Sea Club, D24 – Joined 1969

I became a member on my 40th birthday and as luck would have it my 90th birthday and the anniversary of 50 years as a member of Inner Wheel happened on a Club meeting day, so once again double celebrations. Thank you, Inner Wheel, for years of fun and friendship."



Sadie Fyfe

Renfrew & Govan Club, D23 – Joined 1962

Sadie joined Paisley Inner Wheel in 1962 and moved to Renfrew and Govan club in 2017 when Paisley sadly closed. Sadie has enjoyed all the many times she has attended district functions, the fun when serving on the International Committee but most of all the overall friendship of her club members.



Jenny Chapman

Godalming Club, D25 - Joined 1966

What Jenny loves most about Inner Wheel is the FRIENDSHIP: the opportunity to work with likeminded friends in fundraising for charity, being of service to the community and having a lot of fun while doing it all. Jenny is also much appreciated for arranging wonderful outings for her Club members



Grace Bodie

Renfrew & Govan Club, D23 – Joined 1964

Grace has been a very active member of the club, carrying out many duties. Apart from being club President she has held a variety of positions on the dist. exe. becoming DC in 1982-1983. Her love and dedication to Inner Wheel shines through & she has many good memories of attending conferences and conventions.



Olive Crosby

Guildford Club, D25 – Joined 1973

Olive continues to love Inner Wheel because of the friendship and fellowship of all the members and the many acts of service undertaken in the local community and beyond. She has maintained full membership of Inner Wheel even though at 96 she is no longer able to attend our meetings.



Helen Jackson

Oban Club, D23 – Joined 1969

Helen says being a member of Inner Wheel has given me the opportunity to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of other IW members at home and worldwide. It has been a pleasure to work with other members raising money for charity



Joan Howes

Chichester Club, D25 – Joined 1970

I've been President twice, and enjoyed the friendship of lots of lovely ladies and the pleasure of being involved in charity and fund raising events with them. Also, over the years we have had many interesting and thought-provoking speakers and outings with the Club.



Olive Colraine

Dumbarton Club, D23 – Joined 1971

Throughout my very long association within Inner Wheel, I have enjoyed many years of companionship, both within my local club and in the various activities undertaken in our community, I have found helping others has been particularly satisfying.



Erica Rohan

Cuckfield & Lindfield Club, D25 – Joined 1965

Erica values the many friendships she has made and has enjoyed serving her local community for nearly 60 years.



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Jill Bridgman

Cuckfield & Lindfield Club, D25 – Joined 1967

Jill enjoys meeting ladies with varied backgrounds, serving her community and getting away from busy daily life. She values being part of a global association with friendship at its heart.



Lorraine Stott

Dunstable Club, D26 – Joined 1971

I have found the friendship and fellowship invaluable. I have always enjoyed being involved, whether on committee or a fund-raising event. Much has changed over the years but one thing still remains, the friends you make in Inner Wheel are yours for life.



Peggy Goodale

Midhurst & Petworth Club, D25 – Joined 1969

A Founder member of the Club, Peggy has witnessed many changes over the years, from the formality of District Meetings wearing hats and gloves, to today's informality. Her mantra is friendship and service with oodles of fun. At 93 Peggy still attends regular monthly meetings.



Lynn Buckledee

Dunstable Club, D26 – Joined 1972

History proves how times will change. Fifty-two years ago, I joined Inner Wheel as a young mother. I found help, guidance and encouragement, but most of all...friendship which has lasted me to this day.



Valerie King

Lewes Club, D25 – Joined 1974

Valerie has been a Lewes Inner Wheel Club member since joining in 1974. She says, 'When I joined, the emphasis was on Service - to the local community particularly. Our social activities now are more for fundraising. This may be partly because our members are older.'



Angela Leaver

Amphill & District Club, D26 – Joined 1971

Founder member Angela considers it a privilege to be a member of Amphill and District Inner Wheel club. Over the years, with life's ups and downs they have always been there for me. What I would describe as extended family.



Jane Pavey

Letchworth Garden City Club, D26 – Joined 1973

Jane says 'You make friends for life,' in times of need you can depend on them for support and loyalty. As part of a large international organisation, you feel you can do good for others; you meet people and you feel an instant connection'



Diana Burton

Amphill & District Club – Joined 1974

When I joined Inner Wheel, it was one of the best decisions I ever made. Over the years I have enjoyed friendship and fun while working together for the community at home and overseas. Without a doubt this is "Friendship and Service" at its best.



Jenny Horlock

Ware Club, D26 – Joined 1968

True to the Inner Wheel decrees, friendship is number one and I have made many. The second is service to others and what joy that brings. I have tried to live to these ideals whilst helping at many fund-raising functions. It has been a long but great fun and rewarding journey.



Margaret Robbins

Barnsley Club, D127 – Joined 1962

Margaret enjoys good, friendly company wherever you go – Club, District meetings, Conferences. Whenever they moved house, she found instant friends through IW. IW does lots of good things supporting those in need at home and abroad.



Jean Nicholls

Luton North Club, D26 – Joined 1972

Moving to Luton and not knowing anyone in the town, I was invited to join Inner Wheel allowing me to make lasting friendships, which I value. We help, talk and support each other whilst supporting those in need both at home and overseas. I feel privileged to be a member.



Jana Meads

Lincoln Club, D127 – Joined 1971

Jana will be 96 in July. Although Jana moved to Southampton, she remains a member of our club and receives all the latest news which she thoroughly enjoys.



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Anne Platts

Woodall Spa Club, D127 – Joined 1971

Joined Louth Club in December 1971. Moved to Woodhall Spa in 2010. It is the friendships made over the years and the fun we have had; it has given stability in my life.



Barbara Lord

Doncaster St Leger Club, D127 – Joined 1974

An instant circle of friends with similar interests within your own area and beyond, more so when being involved at District and Association level. Members around the world give their time freely with enthusiasm, involvement and concern helping those less fortunate. I think IW is the best organisation in the world.



Ena Saltiel

Humberside Club, D127 – Joined 1971

Joined Hull in 1971, moved to Humberside when Hull closed. Inner Wheel has meant a huge amount to Ena over the year, especially fellowship with other members.



Jean Briault

Hallam Club, D127 – Joined 1970

Jean, at 96 years of age, is a regular attender at meetings. She says she loves being a member, much enjoys the friendship of her friends in Inner Wheel and loves attending the various outings arranged by the Club.



Bernice Wilkinson

Barnsley Club, D127 – Joined 1971

Bernice joined the Barnsley Club on 10th May 1971. She remains proud and passionate about Inner Wheel, especially the great work that is done.



Margaret Pyatt

Horwich Club, D128 Joined 1974

Margaret says her first impression of joining Horwich IW was how kind the members were and being made very welcome. This continues today. She enjoys being an active member, supporting social, charitable activities and meeting members from other IW Clubs.



Val Lax

Barnsley Club, D127 – Joined 1967

Val says she is proud to be in IW for the fellowship and friendship and that it helps the less fortunate all over the world.



Eileen Dickinson

Horwich Club, D128 – Joined 1972

Eileen is a proud member of Horwich Inner Wheel and endeavours to attend every meeting whether it is a social or charity event which supports others. She describes the friendliness of IW and enjoys the company of the members and everything that IW represents.



Grace Barker

Louth Club, D127 – Joined 1969

She says the best thing about Inner Wheel is the friendship, she was reluctant to join but was persuaded by her husband John. After her first meeting she realised that Inner Wheel is a friendly club and still enjoys coming along to the meetings.



Jennifer Johnson

Irlam Club, D128 – Joined 1973

Jennifer has held the office of club secretary and club President Jennifer says she has had a wonderful Inner Wheel life of fun, service and friendship. She remembers with great fondness and appreciation, the support given to her by members, during times of ill health.



Gill Turner

Louth Club, D127 – Joined 1971

Friendship is the best thing about Inner Wheel and the support of members when you most need it. Gill really appreciates all members of the club who have gone above and beyond to support her.



Pauline Daniels

Irlam Club, D128 – Joined 1970

I have enjoyed the fellowship and the new friendships that I have made locally, district wide and nationally. A life changing experience



GOLDEN LADIES

GB & I

India



Margaret Buckley

Crompton & Royton Club, D128 – Joined 1969

IW has been a big part of my life as I was so young when I first joined, it's been good to me and I've met some lovely friends. You just hit it off with certain people, I love IW, I have friends and acquaintances all over the country and because of IW, the world.



Renu Bajee

IWC Shimla, D308 – Joined 1972

I enjoy the platform given to me by Inner Wheel to serve the needy, the bridge that helped me to rediscover myself, the bonds of friendship built over the years, a family outside my blood relations responding to my hand of friendship and respecting me for what I am.



Joyce Timms

Leigh Club, D128 – Joined 1968

Joyce predated D128 by some years as she was DC and International Chairman in District 5 before D128 was formed. She has held many club offices and embodies what Inner Wheel is all about enjoying friendship and fun.



Varsha Verma

IWC Ambala, D308 – Joined 1973

The society we live in is dealing with a lot of social, financial, domestic and medical issues. The team spirit at Inner Wheel helps me to reach out to such people through different projects. The friendships I have developed over the years being in Inner wheeler are precious and lifelong



Peggy Williams

St Austell Club, D129 – Joined 1965

Peggy Williams of St Austell Club in District 129 joined Inner Wheel in 1965. She is still a very active member of our club, attending club meetings and supporting Inner Wheel fundraising events. Peggy enjoys Inner Wheel because of the lifelong friendships she has made.



Manju Das

IWC Ambala, D308 – Joined 1973

I love Inner Wheel as it works tirelessly in favour of needy human beings. They help in health, education, opportunity and empowerment. Its objectives are amazing...to promote friendship, its ideals of personal service to make friends Internationally and do service.



Ann Wrightam

Tavistock Club, D129 – Joined 1974

Soon after moving to Cornwall in 1974, I was invited to join the Inner Wheel club in Camelford. Then in 1994 we moved to Tavistock, Devon and I have been a member of Tavistock Inner Wheel since then. I am still enjoying the interesting club and district meetings, the friendship and fun.



Sarla Walia

IWC Ambala, 308 – Joined 1973

I like Inner Wheel Club because I like to serve the needy. It gives me immense happiness and satisfaction. This journey became even more beautiful because Krishna Sagar ji was with me like a good friend. We found joy in being partners with each other and serving people.



Annetta Lock

Liskeard and Looe Club, D129 – Joined 1973

I have enjoyed the friendship of members at my own Club, at District 129 Meetings and Rallies and at National Conferences. I continue to support many overseas charities, collecting items for Moldova, Ukraine and Nepal. I am always busy for my Club crocheting together squares knitted by our members.



Swarn Kanwar

IWC Ambala, D308 – Joined 1972

A chance to serve the weaker sections of the society, IW is a platform which gives pleasure in uplifting the underprivileged and adopt projects which are required from time to time in the community. Fellowship is the essence of Club Service and we have a large extended family to look upon. I derive immense pleasure attending our club and District meets and pray that our friendship lasts forever. We not only have friends in our town but in and around the country with whom we are in regular touch



Ann Whiting

Bodmin Club, D129 – Joined 1969

Ann can recall some wonderful memories of the club including an incident with the Chain of Office! The Inner Wheel and its friendship have been a big part of her life.



Nira Nath

IWC Ambala, D308 – Joined 1973

IW touches the lives of many around us, assisting those in need. IW can reach out to those who are less fortunate, needy, and downtrodden, be a guide, and illuminate the darkest corners of society with compassion, support, and hope. In IW, we can come together shoulder to shoulder, give hope and opportunities to the children, youth, handicapped, elderly, and others, and we can help in some way or another. IW can be the light that guides needy people out of the shadows. Its motto is friendship too. IW has been my life and support for the last 50 years.



GOLDEN LADIES

India



Charulata Chinchankar, PIIWR
IWC Pune, D313 – Joined 1972

The founder Chairman of District 313, Charulata Chinchankar has scaled heights in Inner wheel, representing India as Association President and in the IIW committee as International Inner Wheel Representative. Several proposals suggested by her have been passed in Triennial & International Inner wheel conventions. She is an active mentor for Club as well as District Officers Training. She emphasizes the need to maintain high standards and ideals of the organization.



Bithi Roy Chowdhury
IWC South West Calcutta, D329 – Joined 1961

Bithi Roy Chowdhury wife of very senior Rotarian PP Nirmal Kumar Roy Chowdhury, is the charter member of Inner Wheel club of South West Calcutta district 329. IWC SOUTH WEST CALCUTTA was formed on 21st August 1961 and is the second oldest club in India. Bithi Roy Chowdhury has served the club thrice as president. She has achieved award for her hundred percent attendance in the meetings for the last 63 years. She was also recognized for her perfect attendance in the club projects.

The club has honored her by making her an honored active member.



Pramila Joshi
IWC Hubli, D317 – Joined 1972

A charter member (1972-73) of Inner Wheel Club of Hubli, District 317. Committed to service and meeting likeminded people who believe in friendship and service organize frequent eye camps for the underprivileged. Dedication to our club stems from a profound love for service-oriented initiatives, which define our ethos. Still active member in the club.

Pakistan



Dr. Leelavati Hiremath
IWC Hubli, D317 – Joined 1972

Dr. Leela joined Inner Wheel in the year 1972 as a charter member. Became president in 1989-90. Found club members friendly, lovable, and actively participated in all activities. Club always first to engage in events. Deeply cherished club experience. Got a platform to serve the society, being Doctor was an added advantage in helping and working in health sector. Actively involved in working for pulse polio programmes and for Malnutrition. Still a active member in club.



Asghari Mushtaq
IWC Faisalabad, D344 – Joined 1973

The journey I embarked on with the club was full of great memories and experiences. I learned the importance of dedication and commitment towards the cause by being a worker of this club. Teamwork brought many dear friends to my life and taught me the art of bringing out the best in people. I am proud to be a part of this organisation.



Neeta Shah
IWC Sangli, D317 – Joined 1969

She served club in various capacity. And actively participated in many of dist. events. Her Journey in Inner Wheel is satisfying and fulfilling. She learnt so many skills and techniques in her journey of inner wheel. Still an active member in the club.



Rehana Batalay
IWC Karachi, D327 – Joined 1971

Proudly privileged to have complete 50 years of service at IWC, I have been elected President thrice, served the deaf and blind children of Ida Rieu School, IWC Clinic for 30 years and am now working in the IWC School with underprivileged children. I love the IWC, it gives meaning to life.



Smitha Shirodkar
IWC Miraj, D317

PDC Smitha was the 9th District Chairman of the District. PDC Smitha became the first member of our District to be elected at Association post as Honorary Association Treasurer. PDC Smitha was presented with the Margarett Golding Award a couple of years ago in appreciation of the social welfare activities. Still active member of the Club.



Feeroza Byram Avari
IWC Karachi, D327 – Joined 1973

I've loved every minute of my 50 years in Inner Wheel, progressing from one post to another in my Club, District and lastly as an International Board Director! It gave me tensions and stress at times but has also brought me joy, fun, friendship and a feeling of being part of a whole family.



Prabha Kulkarni
IWC Sangali, D317

Prabha Kulkarni, active member of Inner wheel Club of Sangali of District 317. The 17th District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 317. It was during her year the district started printing a booklet with duties and responsibilities of club office bearers. Still a active member in the club



Yasmeen Cassim
IWC Karachi, D327 – Joined 1973

I have learned and gained a lot from my 50 years in IWC. Caring for each other and sharing good times and times of trouble has created a unique bond. I have served as club President, District Chairman and International Representative. I am proud to be a member of Inner Wheel.



GOLDEN LADIES

Pakistan



Ruhksana Jaffer

IWC Karachi, D327 – Joined 1975

My wonderful journey in Inner Wheel began in 1975, and my world became wider with friendships and service shared. I enjoyed serving as IWCK President twice and District Chairman in 1991-92, leading to many years of interest and fun. The cooperation & friendships created have been a heartening experience.

Singapore



Mary Hoe

Circa 1970 when she joined the IW, the spirited Mary Hoe, 84, now in IW West, recalls their supportive role to the Rotary Clubs. Her Chinese name, Ai Sen, which means first love, shines, as she reminisces the bonds of sisterhood, those that are at the heart of the IW.

Philippines

As we celebrate our 100th year, it is important to note that we owe this distinction to our members who have contributed their invaluable time, talent, and treasure to our organization. Their many years of service, commitment, and dedication have brought honor and glory to Inner Wheel! Here are some of our distinguished senior members:



Mary Jane C. Ortega

IWC San Fernando La Union, D379

Joined 1967

Member for 57 years.

Held positions of National President, Intl. Board Member (1989), President of IW Foundation, District Chairman, and Club President.

"At the age of 26, I was introduced to the motto of "Selflessness in Friendship and Service to

Humanity" which Inner Wheel espoused. I never thought of going into the national scene of Inner Wheel, but I was encouraged to do so by the "Selfless" leaders of IWCP. I have enjoyed the camaraderie, the sisterhood, the feeling of contributing to humanity by caring for the least, the deprived, and the lost, in our community. We went through hard times by losing our members due to old age, but after a season of hanging on, and keeping the club alive, we got new blood. Our club is now at its best, having won awards years in a row, but most especially, I love seeing our younger members, turning into leaders, and seeing their hearts soften and grow bigger for the world we are now in. How can I not love Inner Wheel?"



Gregoria 'Nene' P. Villaflor

IWC Dagupan, D379 – Joined 1970

Member for 54 years. Some of the positions she held: National President, National Rep., Dist. Chairman, Club President.

" I truly appreciate and believe the Mission and Vision and Core Values of Inner Wheel, and our pledge, Selflessness in Friendship, and Service to Humanity with Divine Guidance. What keeps me in Inner Wheel is the camaraderie during fellowship among members, and a great chance of meeting new friends- that finally goes to the service and continued assistance to those in need, especially the helpless, the women, elderly, youth and marginalized sectors of society."

Phyllis Fong

Phyllis Fong is one of our senior members. She joined the Inner Wheel Club in 1972 and is currently a member of Inner Wheel Club of Singapore East.

She has expressed her views as below.

Phyllis Loves Inner Wheel

Being an Inner Wheel member, has helped me to be a better person. It gives me an opportunity to help the under privileged and handicapped adults and children in the community and even abroad.

I have made many friends in Inner Wheel in my district, other districts and even other countries when I served as District Chairman and National Representative. Our friendship has enriched my life over the years. These are the reasons why I love Inner Wheel.

South Africa



Rose Paris

Joined the IW Club of Port Elizabeth in 1972. Inner Wheel has been an important part of my life ever since.

Served as Club President and Treasurer. Transferred to IW Club of PE West when PE Club disbanded & served as President & ISO. Also held Office as District Chairman, District Treasurer & District Extension Officer, National Representative and IIW Board Director from 2012–2014.

So proud to be a member of Inner Wheel & delighted to be going to the Centenary Convention in Manchester to celebrate the 100th birthday of this wonderful organisation.



Netherlands

Service club Inner Wheel 75 years in the Netherlands

Inner Wheel Netherlands has celebrated its 75 years of dedication to projects for women and children on Saturday, March 9.

Service club Inner Wheel Netherlands marked a milestone of 75 years of dedication to supporting women and children in need. Inner Wheel Netherlands and its 63 clubs have worked tirelessly to make a positive difference in communities across the country; not only through fundraising, but also through the many hands-on projects and attention and information about, for example, domestic violence during the Orange the World weeks. The service club celebrated this milestone with a wonderful anniversary program in the Evoluon in Eindhoven with 400 enthusiastic members.

Writer Suzanna Jansen talked about her book 'The revolution or the century of women'. It tells the history of women in the Netherlands in a personal and compelling story of emancipation. Former president Marian Tellegen told the story of the origins of Inner Wheel. This was supported by musical star Maïke Boerdam and her interns who supported Marianne's story through appropriate songs. Wonderful to hear how Inner Wheel Netherlands came into being.

During this celebration, mentalist Stephan Paradaen announced with a beautiful show that the National Service Project Heart for Women had raised euro 204,417,07. The members of the 63 clubs have committed themselves to this important goal for three years. No less a person than the well-known professor of cardiology for women Angela Maas received the check. The money raised will be spent on thorough scientific research into cardiovascular disease in women. "It is heart-warming how the members of Inner Wheel have committed themselves to this important goal," said Angela Maas in her speech of thanks.

Since its founding, Inner Wheel Netherlands has been committed to various initiatives and projects aimed at providing support to women and children. In recent years, there has also been a special focus on drawing attention to women in difficult situations. Inner Wheel Netherlands also actively participated during the Orange the World weeks. Great efforts have been made to create awareness not only among victims but also among perpetrators. Our members also know (some from their own experience) how important creating a safe environment is for women and children who experience domestic violence.

As part of their ongoing commitment to the well-being of children, Inner Wheel Netherlands also launched the new service project Stichting Jarige Job on this anniversary day. This project aims to ensure that every child can experience the joy of a birthday, regardless of the family's financial situation. By financially supporting the Jarige Job Foundation for the next three years, Inner Wheel Netherlands is committed to putting a smile on the faces of children by providing them with an unforgettable birthday experience.

Inner Wheel Netherlands looks back with pride on the past 75 years and looks forward to the many opportunities to bring even more positive change in the coming years.

After the wonderful day's program, a delicious walking dinner was given in the Evoluon restaurant and a DJ ensured that everyone got their feet off the dance floor. It was one big party and the many positive reactions from the members motivate us to continue with each other, for each other and for others.

For more information about the anniversary of IW Netherlands and their projects, please cont. Nathalie Gruben, interim PR chairman, 06-23718879 or nmwd.gruben@gmail.com





The countries were requested to send 1 photo per District of a service project that helps women, whether health or financial empowerment or anything else.

Invest in Women : Accelerate progress was the theme this year for International Women's Day. It gave an opportunity to get some glimpses of how we do this?

It was also asked to send a short article and photos if any celebration was done at the District or National level. We received a few that are shared.

SHINE A LIGHT to make STONG WOMEN STRONGER WORLD.

A Way to celebrate the hundred-year IW fight for women's rights and solidarity among women

The demand for an International Women's Day has existed since 1910, since the Socialist Congress in Copenhagen. Caught between the fronts of East and West, however, March 8 has only been celebrated worldwide since the 1970s. The IWC Markgräflerland (Germany) was delighted to pick up on this tradition. In 2024 it invited IW friends to a Germany-wide online wine tasting: Proceeds from the event benefit a women's shelter and a women's counseling center. Over Zoom, IW friends tasted South Baden wines and listened to stories about fascinating women from this charming region between the Black Forest and the Rhine, Freiburg and Basel - about Lisa (1889-1977), for example, the daughter of a farmer, who lived in a village all her life, worked as a maid and yet made an unlikely career as a recognized poet.

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D313

In a powerful gesture for women empowerment, IWC Ahmedpur-District 313 has donated four vegetable chips making machines worth Rs 2,10,000/- to needy women. These machines will revolutionize their lives, providing them with opportunities for economic independence. By engaging in productive activities like agriculture and entrepreneurship, women can generate income and support their families. This act not only emphasizes gender equality but also recognizes women's potential. It's a step towards breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering progress and empowerment for generations to come.



Inner Wheel Club of Meerut Youth Wings felicitated 5 renowned women of Meerut city for their contribution in providing work opportunities to girls and women. They were felicitated in presence of National Editor Sonal Bansal and District Chairman Anita Singh.

D310



D317

On the occasion of International women's day Inner Wheel Dist 317, Inner Wheel club of Dharwad for the empowerment of women distributed 275 sewing machines in association with Anish memorial foundation Dharwad. At the time of celebration 400 women were present. Dharwad district incharge minister Honorable Shri.Santosh Lad was the chief guest for the function.

D320



8th March 2024 : The Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore East donated a food vending cart to a poor lady with 2 handicapped children to run her business

D313 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

The Women's Day celebration orchestrated by Inner Wheel Clubs of Khadki and Pune Central was a resounding success, meticulously planned under able guidance of DC Rachana Malpani. Innovative vegetable and fruit cuttings, along with an inspiring session with pioneering first lady detective Rajni Ji, were highlights. around 150 members attended the event. Activities hosted by DC Rachana, including a quiz and Bollywood Tambola, added joy and entertainment. Esteemed members like DC Rachana Malpani and PIIWR Charuji graced the event. The event embodied the Inner Wheel spirit, uniting clubs with enthusiasm and splendor to commemorate this important day.



The Audience



Dc Rachna addresses the gathering



Knowing First Lady Detective of India



Vegetable carving



23 clubs jointly collaborated with Magadh Cancer Hospital Patna for a large-scale awareness programme on Cancer detection. Knowledge was shared about different Cancer, Cervical cancer vaccination and a new Colposcopy machine for cancer detection by a team of Doctors.



D325

D329



The Inner Wheel Club Of CALCUTTA DOWN TOWN of Dist 329 helped 41-year-old Menka Sharma undergo treatment for spinal cord and fluid accumulation in the brain at Neurosciences Hospital Mallik Bazaar on Women's Day.

The family was in extreme debt due to the high medical expenses of this extremely complicated medical condition of the patient. This was a small endeavor from the members of IWC Of CALCUTTA DOWN TOWN who helped the family to pay their rising medical bill. In a family if a woman is physically and mentally strong then the family will shine always.

A blood donation project was carried out by a few clubs in District 330 and 331 – all on the same day, January 13th 2024; same time -but different venues catering to a larger population .

Dist. 331

To mark Inner Wheel Day 2024, four Clubs in District 331 came together to organise a very meaningful Inner Wheel Centenary Project - "The Gift of Blood, The Gift of Life", a Blood Donation Drive, in their respective towns. The participating clubs were

- 1) Inner Wheel Club of Sandakan, Sabah – 187 pints of blood.
- 2) IWC of Miri, Sarawak 95 of pints of blood
- 3) IWC of Kuching & IWC of Sibü – a joint project – 44 pints of blood



Waiting to donate liquid love



IWC of Sandakan



Blood donation in progress



District 330

Blood donation project was carried out in different locations in District 330 Four clubs :-

- 1) IWC of Parklands 2) IWC of Bangsar 3)IWC of Subang Selangor and
- 4)IWC of Petaling Jaya together organised a very successful project in the AEON Mall Bukit Tinggi Klang .

Charter President Umarani from IWC Hyderabad Spandan District 315 also participated in the project. There were 130 registrants out of which 89 donors were successful. In Perak , four clubs joined together to organise this blood donation project , held at Aeon Mall in Ipoh.

IWC of Ioras, IWC of Ipoh, IWC of Ipoh East and IWC of Taiping spent a fun filled day at the mall – informing the shoppers of Inner Wheel Clubs.

There were 80 registrants, 59 were successful donors.

IWC of Alor Star -The donation drive was held at the Lotus's Mall Mergong , Alor Setar .There were 45 successful donors.



IWC of Alor Setar



Blood donation in Klang



Blood donation in Ipoh



IWC members & staff of Blood bank- Ipoh

This project by Inner Wheel members, commemorating International Inner Wheel Day donated 433 pints of liquid love to the community !



District 350 Inner Wheel Club of Kir pur

On the occasion of 'International Women's Day' District 350 and Inner Wheel Club of Kirtipur organized 'Harmony of Inner Wheel' where Inner Wheel members enjoyed different games.



District 341 IWC SAHIWAL MAIN

The vocational sewing school for females is a great initiative of IWC of Sahiwal main. Women & girls receive a comprehensive cutting stitching and sewing program. At the end of the program students are given sewing machines and training certificates. Three women who received training from this school are successfully running a school uniform stitching unit in Sahiwal whereby they supply uniform to schools.



District 379

March 19, 2024 The Inner Wheel Club of San Fernando La Union together with the 3 clubs of District 379 here, namely, the Inner Wheel Club of San Fernando La Union North, the Inner Wheel Club of Central San Fernando La Union, and the Inner Wheel Club of La Union South celebrated the National Women's Month and conducted the Wheel CanCerv project by giving free Pap Smear and a reproductive health talk to the women of the community. This project was made possible due to the invaluable help of the OBGYN Department of the Ilocos Training Regional & Medical Center headed by Dr. Aurora Valdez and the OPD Coordinator Dr. Paola Angela Asunto-Bobis. This Free Cervical Screening is in line with Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines' National Directive Project in Celebration of its 2nd Anniversary - "Wheel CanCerv". The reproductive health talk was conducted before the Pap Test by Dr. Valdez wherein she discussed Cervical Cancer, its symptoms, prevention,



and cure. One of the preventive measures for cervical cancer is to conduct regular screening, and pap smear is one of them. Women had a chance to have the free pap smear including the 3 club presidents, Pres. Joyvee of IWCSFLU, Pres. Geremy of IWCSFLUN and Pres Zaima of IWCLUS. Most of the beneficiaries are housewives. Aside from the free pap test, participants were given free snacks and hygiene kits brought by the different clubs. The clubs celebrated National

Women's Month by supporting every endeavor for the betterment of the community, especially the women and children. Keep on shining to be the light for others!

District 379

Women of Worth - WOW by Women Founders Worldwide in partnership with Inner Wheel Club of Cebu Lapu-Lapu, Inner Wheel Club of Cebu Central, District 386, Sto. Niño Mactan Montessori School Inc., Sto. Niño Mactan College and SNMC Law School, EVA Air, and other stakeholders, was held last March 1, at Robinson's Galleria Atrium. The event that was organized by Awe Creatives (founded by Mrs. Jen Murillo - Samson) giving a platform to spotlight women's accomplishments and address ongoing and emerging issues related to women's empowerment and gender equality. This aims to capitalize on the recurring theme "WE for gender equality and inclusive society," introduced in 2023. This theme, launched to renew commitment to the advocacy, builds upon the accomplishments under the 2016-2022 theme, "WE Make CHANGE Work for Women." Eight women were featured through their portraits drawn and sketched by outstanding artist, @Archibald Blanco Goc-ong whose hyper realistic sketch gave greater precision and detail to every portrait that was exhibited at the venue. The 8 featured women who brought their achievements to greater heights were the following: Congressman Ma. Cynthia "Cindi" King - Chan Mrs. Sunshine Lim, Ms. Pilar Pilapil, Dr. Shahana Pearl Uy, Mrs. Jen Murillo - Samson, Atty. Maricris Bathan - Lasco, Margaux Frasco, Mrs. Mary Joy Tabal - Jimenez. Together, we, empowered women, shall "Inspire Inclusion" & Shine A Light!



PHILIPPINES EVENT ON WOMENS DAY Women of Worth



D 332

IWC Singapore

has focused this year on the theme of Aging with Agility and dementia awareness. To strengthen the concept of inclusion we had a session of sharing on multi-generational activities that can contribute to Aging gracefully. We had a practical session of combining music and movement to trigger memory and empower people with dementia to participate. Dance and Music is a well-researched tool to arrest and delay the symptoms of dementia. The highlight of the occasion was the participation of two members of Gen Alpha. With representation from: Baby boomers/ Gen X / Millennials/ Gen Alpha, IWC Singapore hopes to continue to Inspire Inclusion and cultivate active community participation regardless of age and ability.



The Inner Wheel Club of Kandy celebrated International Women's Day 2024 by creating its 4th Endowment Fund at the Centre for Handicapped in Kundasale. The interest generated by the Rs. 200,000/- Endowment will be used to gift an artificial limb to a woman or a girl on the 8th of March every year from now on. This first International Woman's Day limb was gifted to Fatima, a young woman from the Kandy District, who had a birth defect which deprived her of her right leg from below her knee. Fatima was first directed to the Centre by a teacher who felt sorry for the nine-year old child who was sitting forlornly on a low wall in the school playground watching her classmates play during recess. Since that first visit to the Centre in 1997, she has received eleven custom built limbs, all gifted by concerned donors and the forlorn child is now a confident young woman in her mid-30s who has finished her schooling and her higher studies, has married and is the happy mother of two delightful children. She once won the heart of one of her earlier donors by refusing a ride to classes explaining that she preferred to walk, because now I can". Her story is an excellent illustration of how empowering a woman can give her the gift of a future of her choice.



DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE
by IWC İzmir, District 244, Turkiye

Organized by IW Club İzmir, District 244, the first step of the 'Leave Your Mark in Agriculture' project was held in Ege University Faculty of Agriculture for women from the villages of Aliğa last year and they were given certificates by the university. On January 2024 sustaining the same project, 19 women from 4 villages of Menderes were given lectures by 11 teachers at Ege University of Agriculture in İzmir, for three days. Training activities given to women farmers play a major role in this field. Since small-scale family businesses dominate the agricultural sector in Turkiye, the majority of the female workforce in rural areas are unpaid family workers. After the training they receive, women begin to see themselves as female farmers, rather than workers helping the family. Training programs for women have great importance in developing their production and marketing competencies, in their personal development, in improving their ability to access resources, in achieving their economic independence and in reducing gender inequality.





USA

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA

For almost 20 years, the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA has raised money and obtained significant grant money to help women in the San Francisco Bay area who are victims of sexual assault. When a woman arrives at an emergency room because of a sexual assault, the clothes she is wearing are often taken into evidence by local law enforcement.

San Leandro club members help by assembling and distributing rape care kits to local hospitals. Each drawstring bag includes basic clothing and comfort items for women in need. The care kits include sweatpants, shirts, panties, socks, shampoo, conditioner, body bath lotion, a toothbrush and toothpaste, dental floss, a comb and brush, deodorant, hand sanitizer, writing journals, and pens.

The club works in partnership with Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR), an organization that opened in 1971 as the first-ever rape crisis center in the United States. BAWAR ensures that survivors of sexual violence receive quality counseling and emergency advocates while educating the community about this important issue.



MANCHESTER



WELCOME TO 19TH IIW CONVENTION



7-10 May 2024



GLOBAL EDITOR'S MEET

MARCH 27th 2024



The day that I had been thinking, planning, working on for weeks was finally here. After a consultations and dry runs with my District tech team PDC Shweta Sinha DSec Rashmi, DISO Nibha Mishra we were ready to roll. When we started Zoom for our practice session, a couple of hours earlier we found members entering and were so surprised. At 5 mins to 9am GMT we already had 250+ in the waiting room. It was all hands working on admitting, making speakers cohosts and keeping our presentations ready. 500 Zoom room was filled in minutes.



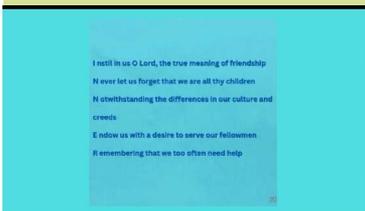
IIW Pres Trish came in punctually as always, there were few minutes of chit chat before the program began. After a few lines of welcome, we had the Inner Wheel Prayer. IIWP Trish was welcomed and introduced through a short video of Trish's Adventures which well showed facets of her personality, her joyous exuberance in meeting members everywhere, her interest in all service activities of every place. IIW EC Board Directors Pat IIW Presidents BDs Editors and members were welcomed. While explaining the purpose of the meet I said-Today's event is an opportunity to share thoughts. It is the platform which editors have used to showcase their talents and share their ideas, creativity, sometimes their Districts work too. Editors need to be the Changemakers on how our organization is portrayed. By working together, we can strengthen and build the image of our activities, of Inner Wheel and how it enriches lives. That is what we should do always even as a member if not an editor – that is the purpose of this meet.



A request for club and District editors to create slogans that describe Inner Wheel. About 130 videos had been received from across the world . I had compiled these into 2 videos with the assistance of PP Nisha Gadia of her Dist. We need to be visible on an ongoing basis, Slogans describe who we are ...and through this where we are and what we do is seen.



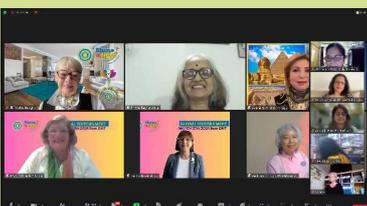
The much awaited and much appreciated Panel Discussion came up next Editors -the backroom Warriors who shine a light



The Past IIW Ed MMs Ashnadelle, Hilmy Mortagy, Michelle Atkinson, Sandra Neretljakovic, Yeok San Cheng along with me have the experience of about a decade. Each one has tried to move the organization ahead, done our bit to make us know each other better while showing our organization to the world. If the questions seemed interesting, the answers were full of knowledge for the listeners Some of the ques were-



- Backroom warriors, do you think the term fits us? Why?
- Social Media posts make an impact, inspire others- your opinion.
- Editors can open the window to the organization- your opinion if yes how
- 1 suggestion to National & District Editors to make their contribution more reader Friendly.
- One suggestion on your idea of a good project action pic
- Being Tech Savvy is essential today to be the Editor-your thoughts.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Every panelist gave answers to the point yet enriching. The chat box was overflowing with messages on how everybody was learning so much, just through this 20 minute panel discussion. That is how we are enriched, through give and take of thoughts.

Next was IW being shown as advertisements, conceptualized and acted on by our members. Creativity, innovation and talents of our members were much admired. Through Conversation, projects, graphics Inner Wheel was pitched to the public! Nearly 30 ads were shown in a compiled video. The Visual Identity ---- The Bigger Picture. We need to create content that's easily shared and viewed is the conclusion derived.

National Editors have debated on the Topic Editors are image Builders of Inner Wheel. 4 are For and 2 against. Mary Bernadette Pangulayan, Philippines, Sonal, Bansal India, Hannie, DeBeer New Zealand Carmelina Cafiero Italy Lesley Shaw USA, Daisy Grillet Belgium & Luxembourg did very well. The listeners enjoyed both the for and against arguments.

District Editors in JAM just a minute presented their views on the topics either An Editor needs to be Creative or Challenges Social media presented to me. 9 District Editors did wonderfully well.

President Trish addressed the gathering in her inimitable style, appreciating and applauding the event. She also spoke about all that she has seen in her travels and how Inner Wheel could help more. She warmly invited all to the Convention in the centenary year. Thank you, Pres Trish, for being the motivating, supporting person that you are to all of us. You Shine A light, which we try to pass along.

A short dance by the Zoom host Dist 325 on I have a dream was presented.

I said "It's Ramadan month, Easter Week, Celebration of the Hindu festival of Holi happened 2 days back and Sprin Equinox Navroz of Zoroastrians last week. As IW members we all stand for peace and International Understanding. We finish the event with prayers for peace, a compilation by my home club Giridih, with assistance from other IW friends". This video was appreciated by many through messages and emails as truly showing Inner Wheel spirit.

I am truly overwhelmed, with the positivity with which the event was met and the appreciation we have received for every segment. Nearly 40 countries attended the meeting even though their clock may have said 3am, 10pm or anything in between. This showed the commitment and passion that members have for IW. This may have been the first time that an event like this was executed but it should not be the last. Such events on various topics should be held to unite members around the world.

The event is available on IIW Youtube channel for viewing.

EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow members,

We are in the last quarter of the Centenary year already. There has been so much excitement, joy, so much of service and so much of celebration, that we did not feel the time passing.

This issue is a salute to the STRONG Women of Inner Wheel, those who have spent 50 years or more on this path of Friendship and Service. When NE Diane Hylton from GB&I sent me an article about one such member, a couple of month's back, I could feel her excitement and said let's see how many there are all over. As it is becoming a regular thing with me now, again the showers started! GB&I have more than a180 and then there are the other countries. I think this issue will motivate more countries to send and perhaps the final publication of my tenure in June will feature more. Kudos ladies , you are pioneers, inspiration, motivation by your mere memberships to all of us.

The countdown has begun and we are soon going to start packing our bags to travel to Manchester for the Convention of the Centenary year. Safe travels, see you there!

Enjoy Inner Wheel

Prabha Raghuraman
IIW ED / MM

