

Ukraine Fundraising Dinner, 24th August, 2024

On Saturday 24th August, IW District A51 Chairman Sandy Guy and members of A51 supported women from the Ashfield Aquatic Centre who are currently working with two members from IWC of Odessa on the Black Sea and members of the Inner Wheel European Platform to fundraise for women and children in Ukraine. Sadly there does not appear to be any IW Clubs operating in Ukraine now, as most of the women are living abroad

The guest speaker was Dr. Nataliia Drobushar, herself a refugee who was a doctor in Ukraine. Nataliia presented a very emotional speech and slides which told us of the damage created and the disruption to the lives of the families which of course is very challenging for all

We were entertained by some Polish dancers who wore very colorful and beautifully embroidered costumes, we all enjoyed an excellent evening chatting to others and listening to some very sad stories

All funds raised from the evening go to the Humanitarian Centre Gostinna Hata, in Odessa, where more than 6000 refugees, mostly women with babies and children get help. The money will be used to help displaced children with their nutrition and care also to organize psycho-social support for them. The centre also organizes cultural events for children as well as art and sports activities and helps to provide yoga classes for parents

We are very proud Inner Wheel members supporting these women in their fundraising endeavors to help make life a little kinder for those in need