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all the members of Inner Wheel
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Amazing!

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We are reminded of the saying by Albert Einstein,

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

Foreword

Trish Douglas International President 2023-2024

It is an honour for me as the International President in this our centenary year to 'pen' a few opening words.

Our grateful thanks must go to Chris Kirby our Past International Inner Wheel President who in 2018 was very conscious of the need to update our Inner Wheel. Therefore, our story began!

Yeok San Cheng, our International Inner Wheel Webmaster has gone above and beyond to pull together our centenary book. What a story it holds! Everyone of you will be amazed!

Helping along the way have been our Communications Committee – International Vice-President Mamta Gupta, International Editor/Media Manager Prabha Raghunandan and the three International Inner Wheel Board Directors 2023-2024 Dorothée Remmler-Bellen, Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten and Michelle Atkinson. Thank you all so much for your input.

My thanks to the Centennial Book Reviewers, International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon, International Constitution Chairman Sissel Michelsen and International Treasurer Sarita, who are Members of the Executive Committee, along with Alan Phillips our International Office Administrator and Elaine Hathaway from the International Office in Altrincham.

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May all Inner Wheel Members continue to Shine A Light in the next century of Inner Wheel!

To International Inner Wheel!

Trish Douglas

President 2023-2024

International Inner Wheel



Foreword

Zenaida Yungco Farcon International President 2022-2023

I am thrilled to see the History Book of International Inner Wheel, a significant milestone in our 100-year journey, unveiled at our 2024 International Convention. I pay tribute to the dedicated members whose diverse contributions have shaped the narrative within these pages. This book is not just a testament to a century of growth, transformation, and enduring legacy but a source of pride for all of us, offering a distinct perspective on our history. It is more than a collection of dates and events; it is a tapestry of human experiences woven together by the dedication and resilience of those who have contributed to our story.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to International Inner Wheel Past President Chris Kirby, whose invaluable contributions in gathering historical data and information from various Inner Wheel countries have made this book possible; the International Inner Wheel Executive Committee of 2022-2023 which approved the continuation of this project and engaged the services of our Webmaster, Yeok San Cheng, to design and publish the book. Special thanks to the Communication Team appointed by President Trish Douglas, Vice-President Mamta Gupta, Board Directors Dorothee Remmler-Bellen, Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten, Michelle Atkinson, and Editor/Media Manager Prabha Raghunandan for their efforts in gathering more information from member countries.

As you explore these pages, I am confident you will find inspiration in the journeys of those who came before us. Their courage and vision laid the groundwork for the successes we enjoy today. Their legacy not only encourages but also motivates us to continue striving for excellence as we embark on the next century filled with hope and determination.

Zenaida Yungco Farcon
President 2022-2023
International Inner Wheel



Foreword

Christine Kirby International President 2018-2019

When I became President of International Inner Wheel in 2018, I was already conscious of the importance of updating the history of Inner Wheel towards the centenary year and the relatively short space of time left to achieve this goal.

The main issues encountered were:

1. A few National, District and Club Executives either felt that to undertake this additional 'centenary' task was too much, or the history update was information they did not wish or feel compelled to share.
2. The design of an acceptable format that would allow individuality while also capturing essential historical information. In this, I am profoundly grateful to the wonderful Ruth Riches from the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland for sharing her expertise in the interests of International Inner Wheel.
3. Rising costs of producing the book. In this instance it was mooted that the history could instead be used as an online International Inner Wheel resource if the costs towards a hard copy were prohibitive.



Experienced Members of long standing were approached to undertake the task at hand in their countries and sometimes beyond their countries using their established contacts. Most eagerly accepted the challenge and I sincerely thank them all for their mammoth efforts.

The intention was that future Board Directors would then approach Non-Districted Clubs and newer Districts because there would be less information to collate in these instances.

After retiring from the International Inner Wheel Executive I passed all histories and other essential information received by me as requested to International Inner Wheel for further and ongoing action.

Chris Kirby AM
President 2018-2019
International Inner Wheel

The making of the book

Mamta Gupta, International Vice-President

The journey of creating a history book to commemorate 100 years of Inner Wheel began with discussions several years ago. However, it wasn't until October 2023 that concrete steps were taken to turn this vision into reality. It was decided that the book would be completed and released during the upcoming International Inner Wheel Convention in May 2024.

To tackle this monumental undertaking within a relatively short timeframe, the Publication Committee was formed, and the project was divided into three major parts. I had the honour of leading the five-member Communication Team.

I am thrilled to share with you the exciting journey we have embarked upon. I took the responsibility of gathering and organising the contributions from all past International Inner Wheel Presidents. Their perspectives, insights, and memories will provide invaluable depth and richness to the narrative, offering a unique glimpse into the evolution of our organisation from its inception to the present day. We prepared a draft structure to assist our leaders in penning down their memoirs. The process of gathering these write-ups has been both inspiring and humbling.

As we worked towards completing this history book, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for everyone who has contributed their time, expertise, and insights to this project. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all past International Inner Wheel Presidents for their prompt response and support.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Communication Team—Dorothee Remmler-Bellen, Marlies Anoldus Luiten, Michelle Atkinson, and Prabha Raghunandan. Their dedication in collecting and compiling write-ups from Associations, Districts, and Non-Districted Clubs have been instrumental in bringing this book to fruition.

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It has been a journey marked by collaboration, creativity, and a deep appreciation for the rich heritage of Inner Wheel. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to play a role in preserving Inner Wheel's legacy for future generations to cherish and celebrate as a source of inspiration for years to come.

Sarita Lunani, International Treasurer

When the suggestion was first made by International President 2018-2019 Chris Kirby and the Executive Committee members about the convenience of having a history book as a source of reference for all Inner Wheel members published on the centennial year, it was as though someone was voicing my long cherished dream. However, I was a bit sceptical as it is a very painstaking project. But perceiving the keen interest of the Executive team and our Webmaster Yeok San Cheng, the decision to go ahead was made. Lo and behold, I am holding the complete draft! The question may be raised: "What is the relevance of a history

book? How does it matter what happened long ago?" The answer is that history connects events, projects and leaders through time. It studies the past and the legacies of the past in the present. Understanding the linkages between past and present is absolutely basic. It is not just useful but essential. History is happening. Proofreading and editing the book was both enjoyable and educational. All those involved in compiling the history book richly deserve to be praised for the magnitude of their effort. The perfection and expediency with which our webmaster Yeok San Cheng has helped in completing the task is admirable.

Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen, International Constitution Chairman

Our Centenary Chronicles are soon to be published. Much of the history behind this book has been dealt with by others on the Publication Team, so I'll leave that out. I have often said that "Inner Wheel doesn't ride the day she saddles her horse" in many other connections. Not in this race! And what a race it has become. The stables and also parts of the racetrack had been prepared, the remaining ones had to be finalised and more nourishing food for the work horses was needed – read contributors, for the final race. Some people work better under pressure, and Inner Wheel Members are no exception to this rule. I like teamwork,

because it works when administered properly. This teamwork has grown into an encyclopaedia of and for Inner Wheel. Nature is intact as we don't have to chop down trees and send heavy copies in every direction. And I think all our Members will find something to their liking. I want to thank our Webmaster Yeok San for putting not only all her energy into this race with time but also her professional knowledge and pride into showcasing our 100 years of existence. You won it for us and with us! Congratulations! Sometimes small blue annual books/booklets come in handy in a process – not needed any longer!

Prabha, International Editor/Media Manager

"A history book of Inner Wheel is being made and you are to be part of the Communication team"-my first introduction to this journey. After nearly 17-18 months on the job as Editor & MM I could immediately foresee the communication fences that would need vaulting, but for an Inner Wheel history buff like me, this was a great opportunity. We, members of the team have been on this roller coaster ride of excitement, panic, discovery, fatigue and irritation together. I have read every input sent to me, seen every photograph,

from several countries before it went for the final compilation. I have seen eras unfolding, legacies being created, heritage built, as for hundred years, hundreds of members, from over hundred countries have walked the path of friendship and service. It was nearly end of February when I sent the last email and today, April 15th, I am reading the book. Kudos Yeok San! You have been burning the midnight oil surely. This is truly a labour of love, passion and commitment to Inner Wheel by Inner Wheel members.

Dorothee Remmler-Bellen, International Board Director

When I was asked by our International President Trish Douglas in October 2023 if I would be willing to join the Communication Group, it was a great pleasure and honour for me. When our group was asked shortly afterwards whether we would accompany and support the development and creation of the Inner Wheel centenary book, it was a matter of course for us to set about the task with full energy and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful team effort for which I would like to thank everyone, especially Yeok San Cheng, who always kept all the threads together. Inner Wheel members all over the world have contributed to this

book. The result is an incredible treasure for all of us. In a unique way, the history and development of Inner Wheel is brought to life here, the diversity of current worldwide activities becomes visible, and a multi-faceted picture of International Inner Wheel emerges. Encouraged and strengthened, we can now embark on Inner Wheel's second century. Margarette Golding and all those who followed her have shown us that we can make a positive difference in the world and shine a light through our commitment, international understanding, and friendship.

Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten, International Board Director

I feel privileged to be involved in the making of this overview of 100 years Inner Wheel. Could Margrette Golding ever have imagined that her initiative would have made such an impact? As a member of the communication team, I had the opportunity to reach out to clubs around the world to collect information for this e-book. It was inspiring to review the worldwide contributions and it made me realise the significance

of the impact we can make. This centennial overview shows that Inner Wheel members around the world shine their lights to make a difference in the lives of others. It can inspire us to support projects, start new initiatives, or connect with other members around the world. Thanks go to the rest of the team and especially Yeok San for compiling this historical e-book. Enjoy reading and be inspired!

Michelle Atkinson, International Board Director

I am humbled and privileged to have played a role in crafting this extraordinary book as a member of the International Inner Wheel communications team. My contribution of assisting in collating and reviewing content has given me the honour of connecting with many members and the chance to read the astonishing stories of global service, friendship, and growth, which has been enlightening and inspiring. Together, the team had worked diligently to ensure that the book captures the essence of Inner Wheel's journey. As the

project progressed, it became evident that we were not just creating a book but weaving together a tapestry of memories, achievements, and milestones. It was a collective and worldwide effort to shine a light on the remarkable journey of Inner Wheel, celebrating its centenary and honouring its impact on countless lives. To the passionate members I worked with, thank you for your unwavering commitment. Ngā Mihi, Thank you everyone.

Alan Phillips, International Inner Wheel Administrator

It has been a great pleasure and a fascinating challenge to support the team in bringing together this history of Inner Wheel, by searching the International Inner Wheel archives for documents, missing names and other information. Finding a company that could digitise the Convention minutes, held in old ledgers for so many years, but holding such vital information, took time and a bit of luck too! This book and the newly digitised records will be useful resources for the next century of International Inner Wheel. An international team, working across time zones, shows what can be achieved through collaboration and the

use of new communication technologies, which pre-pandemic, were unknown to most people in Inner Wheel. Nowadays, members are conversant with regular on-line meetings, enabling timely decisions to be made and getting things done. But, as many Inner Wheel members will experience in May 2024 at the Convention, there is nothing like meeting up in person. The technologies used by Inner Wheel members today, would seem like magic to those of Margarett Golding's time, so, what the next hundred years holds, who knows... but it'll still have Inner Wheel.

Elaine Hathaway, Administrative Consultant and Past Administrator

History has always been fascinating to me. I have a History degree and on graduation became a secondary school teacher of history, many years ago. So I appreciate that the compilation of this book by Yeok San has been a labour of love. Having been involved with the administration of International Inner Wheel since 2005, I am now part of the history of the organisation too, which is quite a surprise. On becoming Administrator all those years ago, I must admit I did not think I would still be working for the organisation (though in a part time and

consultative capacity since 2018) to see the hundredth year anniversary. The major change I have seen administratively speaking since 2005 is the use of technology and the capacity for everything to be done so quickly and remotely. Oddly enough it has not really reduced my workload at all, just changed the speed of delivery and the need to respond fast! It will be fascinating to watch the future developments that will no doubt be incorporated into the work of International Inner Wheel, but to look back at how far things have come is really interesting too.

Preface

May you always have:
Time for the Task, Peace for the Pathway,
Wisdom for the Work, Friends for the Fireside And Love to the Last.
~ International President 1997-1998 Dr Elizabeth Jones¹ ~

The original idea was to produce a book about the fifty years of Inner Wheel. It was initiated by International President 2018-2019 Chris Kirby. A standard form was circulated and a lot of data was collected about charter dates and dates of disbandment, along with some history. Many Inner Wheel bodies around the world started responding in the autumn of 2020. When International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon was handed over the project, she continued to receive the information.

In October of 2022, President Zenaida asked me if I would give a review. I was operating a printing facility and I am still running a publishing business. Most of my work has been for editing and production of scientific journals and publishing for authors of social history. I had authored academic books. Therefore, this topic of the history of Inner Wheel was exciting, more so, because I am an Inner Wheel member. How can I not be interested? I gave my feedback in November, saying there's still much to do to gather contents.

In April 2023, the Executive Committee asked if I would like to work on the project. I was elated. However, Inner Wheel is a huge organisation and the question was how and with whom do I communicate with to get the result I wanted.

I suppose, we do need a good reason to inspire members to participate and be part of history. The centenary celebration of Inner Wheel's formation was the impetus. The "100" was a magical age, an amazing milestone of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, and a pride of Inner Wheel worldwide.

By September of 2023. International President Trish Douglas was in the seat of the centennial presidency. The actual Inner Wheel Day on 10 January 2024 would be only four months away. Quite impossible to produce the book. In the International Governing Body meeting in October, President Trish came up with a brilliant idea to form a Communication Team. It was decided that they could also work on the book.

In October, I presented the concept and contents of the book. I said in an email to the Executive Committee, Editor/Media Manager Prabha, Administrator Alan and Elaine, "...it is not just a 'record' but it is to be a book of our 'achievements', to be our pride of 100 years of friendship and service, easy to read with photos, and perhaps might bring a smile to the readers. A keepsake for every proud member."

An official letter accompanied with the concept and contents of the book was circulated at the end of October to facilitate the work of the Communications Team. Half of this book about the friendship and service of members worldwide is the result of the hard work, the determination and perseverance of this Team.

While the Team went about their work, I pursued a different direction. The development of International Inner Wheel from its formation in 1967 had to be sourced from International Inner Wheel. How are we to find out about Past Presidents and their year of achievements when they have passed on? Are records kept intact and if so, in what form? How do I have access – do I have to fly to Altrincham? For this, Alan was the knight in shining armour! Bit by bit, I started receiving scans of past meeting minutes and Convention reports, not only from Alan but also from queries to senior Inner Wheel friends in the hope that they might have kept records. A few friends did have and I thanked them. The trick to writing, was to start journaling as I read the minutes, categorising each information into its subject matter, such as, constitution, election, social project, office administration and so on.

Once all were collected, it was only a matter of putting them together like jigsaw puzzles and touching up images.

It has been a wonderful experience working on this book. Although it has the potential for another edition, for now, it is for the members to enjoy reading it. Happy centenary in friendship and service!

Yeok San CHENG

Introduction

ONE HUNDRED YEARS — a century of laughter shared, hands reaching out in times of need, and a global network woven through threads of compassion and camaraderie. This book is a testament to that extraordinary journey – the journey of Inner Wheel.

Inner Wheel's story begins with a spark, ignited by Margarett Golding. Her vision, born from a desire to connect with the wives of Rotarians, blossomed into a movement that transcended borders and backgrounds. Inner Wheel offered women a platform – a space for friendship, fellowship, and service.

These opening chapters delve into the very essence of Inner Wheel – its mission and ethos. You'll discover the core values that have guided the organisation for a century, values that bind its members across continents. We explore the guiding light of the Constitution, the framework that ensures Inner Wheel's smooth operation while nurturing its unique culture.

Inner Wheel today is woven from the diverse identities of its members. This book explores how that identity manifests – at official functions, in the selection of international presidential themes, and through social projects that address local and global needs.

Inner Wheel, like any robust organisation, thrives on strong leadership and a well-defined structure. This book starts the Inner Wheel journey through the different tiers of Inner Wheel – from the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, to the first District, the first National Governing Body and the eventual growth as a worldwide voluntary organisation.

The pinnacle of this structure is the International Inner Wheel – the governing body that unites Inner Wheel clubs around the world. This section delves into the history of International Inner Wheel, its governing body, and its remarkable development.

Membership, the lifeblood of any organisation, is a key focus. This book explores the process of becoming an Inner Wheel member, the importance of meetings and conventions, and the intricate world of official communications and administration.

Celebrating leadership, the book features the valedictory addresses delivered by International Presidents at conventions. These pronouncements are not just farewells, but capsules of wisdom, reflecting on achievements and charting a course for the future.

The book also honours those who have made a significant contribution to Inner Wheel. The Roll of Honour is a recognition in the annals of who-is-who, while the prestigious Margarett Golding Award recognises outstanding service to the communities.

Inner Wheel's core strength lies in its commitment to service. "Inner Wheel Service & Friendship Around The World" showcases the incredible range of projects undertaken by members. From addressing local needs to tackling global issues, the impact of Inner Wheel service is undeniable.

Finally, a comprehensive list of National Governing Bodies, Districts, and individual Clubs serves as a comprehensive resource for anyone wanting to delve deeper into the global network of Inner Wheel.

This book is more than just a chronicle of events. It is a celebration of the human spirit – the unwavering spirit that binds Inner Wheel members together. It is a testament to the power of friendship and the transformative impact of service.

As you turn the pages, you will hear the echoes of laughter from meetings, witness the tireless hands working on service projects, and feel the warmth of the global network that unites women across borders. This book is an invitation – an invitation to join Inner Wheel, or simply to be inspired by a century of remarkable achievement. The journey continues, and this book serves as a beacon, guiding Inner Wheel into its next hundred years of friendship and service.

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Who is Inner Wheel?

“Active participation plays a big part
in our enjoyment of being members of
International Inner Wheel.”

~ Lavender Weightman,
First International President.²

The Founder, Margarette Golding

To get to know Inner Wheel is first to know her Founder, Margarette Sarah Owen (20 November 1881- 2 May 1939). Born in Blaenau Ffestiniog, Wales, and grew up in Hay-on-Wye. Married Oliver Golding in 1905 in Barton upon Irwell in Lancashire, England³. He was a Rotarian.

Margarette was trained as a nurse, and held the position of Sister in the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases. She came out of retirement during World War I, 1914-1918. Subsequently, she jointly managed and later became Managing Director of a business manufacturing nurses' uniforms "The Nurses' Outfitting Association" in Stockport, a position she held until her passing.

One can see that Margarette was a modern, well educated young woman then, not content to be like the majority of women of her time. Having experienced the War up close, she had seen suffering and hardship. Being in business, she would have been able to keep abreast of politics, economics and financial situations, hardly conversation pieces among women of her era, but then, women have started to forge ahead taking traditional roles of men. She was a person of financial means, independent, courageous, astute, and also had the skill to tend to human frailty and health.

A woman of integrity, Margarette would print on her company brochures above her signature, "I personally supervise the making of your uniform."⁴

In forming the Inner Wheel Club, Jay French wrote in her book *Inner Wheel A History*, "It certainly is safe to assume she was not so much concerned about the liberation of women as about giving women the opportunity to liberate others from sorrow and suffering."⁵

When Margarette became President of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, she worked hard. She took her role with seriousness, enthusiasm, tact and skillful letter-writing. She would answer correspondences dilligently, from enquiries for advice to form a Club to the operations of a Club. She travelled widely giving talks to Rotarians and their womenfolk. Tact was called for to convince the groups who had formed their own non-Inner Wheel Clubs. Tact was important to assure the Rotarians that Inner Wheel could create more benefits in the service together without encroaching on their prerogatives. She must have been undeterred and determinedly focused to have helped formed a large number of Clubs in a short span of time.



Margarette Sarah Owen, in a nurse's uniform.

Millicent Gaskell, in her book *Home and Horizon*, recounted the many contributions that Margarette made in the service to the community. For example, the factory at Stockport would provide thousands of yards of material, cut out, to be made into garments for crippled children and needy persons by her Club members. She was a philanthropist – a benefactor of the Manchester Girls' Orphanage, and Ancoats Hospital. Margarette was also a Commissioner of the Girl Guides.

Her frugality is seen in the low subscription fees of membership, which was maintained for several years. It was her desire to save the members' pockets, and to let nothing interfere with the formation of Districts and the Association.

She was said to be endowed with the gift of inspiring friendship and devotion. Friends called her Peggy. Many members had kept and treasured the letters which she wrote to them. She was a counsellor.

Her clarity in thought, ability to convey ideas to others and a lively sense of humour made her an excellent speaker.

In 1918, the world was experiencing the Spanish Flu pandemic. Over 50 million people died worldwide and a quarter of the British population were affected – a death toll of 228,000 in Britain alone.⁶ In 1919, the demobilised nurses after the war were unable to find jobs. The Nurses Registration Act in November 1919 was enforced in 1920. The Ministry of Health Act 1919 established the Ministry of Health. These developments standardised the nursing profession.

The Mission

The first thirty members of Inner Wheel had set the characteristics of future Inner Wheel members. How often have we heard, “The beginning is the hardest”?

It is apparent that the founding members were able to discuss and had quickly agreed to their intentions of setting up the first Club – the mission statement, in modern management terms. In all their wisdom, it was so simple, yet so widely applicable to women from all walks of life. Unknowingly to them then, it withstood the test of universality that has since lasted a century.

In 1923, the intention of calling for the formation of the first Club was:

1. To foster friendship among the wives of Rotarians.
2. To give satisfactory help to the Rotary movement without encroaching on the prerogatives of the men.

In 1929, it was reworded as:

1. To promote true friendship and
2. the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and the betterment of social conditions.

In 1933, with the prospect of forming the first association, a drafting committee was set up to form a constitution. It was found that many of the rules of the clubs were remarkably similar. So the task of formulating the first draft was not nearly so difficult as it was thought.⁷

As Inner Wheel Clubs were being formed internationally, it became important to unite members of diverse cultures and languages. The Constitution of International Inner Wheel since its formation in 1967 until today in 2024, specifically states – the objects shall be:

1. To promote true friendship.
2. To encourage the ideals of personal service.
3. To foster international understanding.

The origin of “Mission Statement”. In 1974, Peter Drucker, the management guru, inspired corporations to define a “mission statement” – to define their reason for being.

Margarette Golding, “...the work of any officer is easy, if the officer is backed by her Club.”⁸

The Ethos

Where the mission statement is inspirational, an ethos is the driving culture. It is each member’s personal expression of the mission statement – of what members think, say and do.

The first friendship rally was in April 1936, hosted by District 13 in the Rembrandt Hotel, Kensington. It was the first of many rallies around the world.

International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon said on the conclusion of the European Rally in Berlin on 9-11 September 2022, “It is a time to bond in friendship. We need this for us to be inspired and encouraged to do work for the community in order to attain our objectives. The hugs, kisses, selfie shots, endless chatting and enjoying meals together brought new energy to everyone which is essential to the Inner Wheel members’ work of uplifting the lives of the marginalised sectors of our society. Indeed, it was a wonderful 3-day event that brought smiles to everyone.”

The personal services that members have carried out are well publicised in the mass media, websites and social media. As volunteers, members contribute incalculable time, effort, network and finances.

In finance, two accounts separate the members’ funds from donors’ funds. This ensures that donations are used solely for charitable causes, thereby, maintaining the integrity of the members.

When donations are sought for, the amounts collected are usually not publicised – there is no competition, just the humility of having served for the betterment of those in need.

There is a common line that ends correspondences between members: “In friendship”. The practice is to encourage one another and build each other up, acknowledge hard work in the highest regard with love and promote peace.

When it comes to the serious work of holding office, Gladys Young, founder treasurer of the first Association said, “Our thoughts and energies should be directed towards the vital problems of our day. To do this, we need good leadership and for this careful selection of Club Delegates. Don’t choose Mrs X because it is ‘her turn’ if she is not fitted for the job, but rather Mrs Y because she has real ability, even if she is a more recently joined member.”⁹

Inner Wheel Constitution and culture

The Constitution of International Inner Wheel is for all Inner Wheel Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies. It is flexible yet authoritative. All adhere to one standard Constitution. The flexibility is in allowing byelaws for each body, so as to conform to local laws and customs.

Inner Wheel members are self-governing. The power to change the rules lies only with the members, democratically exercised once every three years at International Inner Wheel Conventions. Each proposal is closely studied so that eventually, by majority votes, the enacted rules ensure the best practical outcome.

The Club rules are not modelled upon any other, not even Rotary, because the needs as a women's only organisation are different. The rules are made with consideration for the many hats that women wear at home and, for some, at work.

Attendances at meetings and social projects are on a best effort basis. The exigencies of family care comes first.

Membership in Inner Wheel does not differentiate the ordinary woman from those with decorations of honour, and academic or professional title. The only title officially recognised is "Dr".

All members, whether an ordinary member or holding a post, can make personal choices to be actively involved in organising or participating in the friendship and service of their Club. Inevitably, the spirit of giving prevails.

Members are different in so many ways. The diversities are mainly in language, religion and political affiliations. How is harmony maintained? English is the official language of communication. Members are encouraged to volunteer as interpreters at Conventions, and translators of messages and newsletters. The Basic Rule says that Inner Wheel shall not be sectarian. Therefore, when a member signs up, her religious belief is personal yet respected by others; and her political affiliation is not for discussion nor advertised.

There are no clauses in the Constitution to discipline or punish erring members. Mediation is the practice. In the event of a serious concern, there is only one final recourse – as a member has joined by invitation from a majority, she shall be excluded by a majority (two-thirds).

The qualification for nomination to hold office does not require institutional certification of any skill or profession. Members are considered of equal standing and ability. The necessary criteria is the willingness to serve and lead with a desire to make improvements.

A position held is internationally recognised in any Inner Wheel body. Therefore, if a member were to relocate, the posts she has held in the past is recognised in the Club she transfers to.

The tenure in holding office is limited, in most posts, to three consecutive years, and subject to re-nomination and election annually. This opens the opportunity to infuse new blood, acts as a barrier in the formation of a privileged caste, enables more numbers with experience in office, and develops a broader base of knowledgeable members. Without this rule, it would be difficult to displace those who cling to office.

Whenever a new project or idea is contemplated, one of the first questions is, "How much will it cost?" It is a cautious approach to spending. Funds from donors are used solely for the service projects. Members will usually "chip in". Therefore, frugality ensures that Inner Wheel should never be a costly "business" and put members into distress.

In this year, 2023-2024, the capitation fee to International Inner Wheel is only £3.50 annually per member. This increase was passed at the Convention in 2006, from £2.35.¹¹ To be a member of Inner Wheel is not a burden. Maintaining such low fees for 18 years is evidence of good housekeeping, coupled with astute and safe returns of investments.

The capacity of Inner Wheel to help those in need, lies in the team spirit. When the need arises, the goodwill of the organisation as a whole yields miraculous results. For example, several hundred thousand pounds sterling were raised: for the UNICEF programmes – Girls' Education in Madagascar and again, in Bolivia; humanitarian aid for refugees of the Ukraine War; vaccines against COVID-19; and humanitarian aid to victims of natural catastrophes. Alone, as an individual, giving such help would be nigh impossible.

Inner Wheel does not affiliate with any organisation. This clause protects members from contracts that could bind to the rules or decisions of the other organisation. Which is why International Inner Wheel confines its involvement in the United Nations and also the World Conference of Women, as 'observer'.

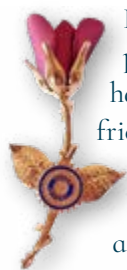
Public identity

In 1930, Margarette Golding announced a resolution in a session of women at the Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) in Edinburgh, “that all Clubs now formed and those forming, be called by the uniform designation of ‘Inner Wheel.’” Also at this meeting, the details of the formation of the first District, District 5, were presented.

The Charter Certificate of an Inner Wheel body shows its official name, registration and formation dates, signed by the International President of the day. The first was issued in 1936. Like a birth certificate, it is a document of verification. When a Club closes, the Charter has to be returned.

The Inner Wheel emblem is the ONLY graphic identity of the organisation used by Clubs, Districts, National and International bodies. The Basic Rules of the International Inner Wheel Constitution says that there shall be a standard naming system of these levels. Each body adds their official name beside or below it as their identity.

The emblem and the name of the Inner Wheel body is used on official stationery, namecards, banners, newsletters, promotional materials such as brochures and balloons, plaques, certificates, invitations, thank you cards and gifts, and so on.



Inner Wheel members are encouraged to wear a lapel pin or badge of the emblem when travelling. Jewellers have created attractive brooches, such as the “rose of friendship” fashioned with the emblem. These can be worn at unofficial functions. The member is the best ambassador of the organisation, when these accessories catch the eye and become a conversation piece about Inner Wheel.

When carrying out a service project or in campaigning a cause, a group of members might wear a common attire printed or embroidered with the emblem, such as a T-shirt, a scarf, an apron, or a cap.

During a fundraising drive, items for sale might have stickers or tags with the emblem printed.

The Inner Wheel Emblem is registered with Rotary International “umbrella” in an agreement 1992 signed by Isabel McKnight. Any deviation from this Agreement would require negotiating a new Agreement.

This would be very costly to International Inner Wheel, a point underlined by Rotary International.

- Vivienne Bolton, International President 2000-2001,
International Board Meeting, Oct 2000.¹²



**INTERNATIONAL
INNER WHEEL**



**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
MANCHESTER**

The identity of International Inner Wheel
and that of a Club.



The original Charter Certificate of the
Inner Wheel Club of Manchester.

Sometimes Inner Wheel members carry out service projects for the public. For example, a motorcade or a parade through town during Pink October, or a forum about mental health. These occasions give exposure to the mission, ethos and identity of Inner Wheel.

A bannerette or small pennant is usually exchanged with other Inner Wheel bodies or gifted to other organisations.

All Inner Wheel bodies are encouraged to have a website that helps identify and explain about Inner Wheel. To help increase legitimacy, it should at least display the emblem, the objects of Inner Wheel, brief history, the officers and contact. Websites are a good place for the public to retrieve information. It can bring together the links of all the official online resources such as the accounts in Facebook, Youtube and so on. Social media is another online tool that can present the activities and announcements for social interaction among members and non-members.

Identity at official Inner Wheel functions

The Club member's badge is the emblem with a Club name bar, and the member's name bar. Another position bar is added if she is holding a position. If the member is not holding a post, she adds the "past" position bar. It is common for members to have held many positions. Usually it is sufficient to wear a badge of the highest post served.

The Club President, District Chairman, National and International Presidents wear a collar with a badge – the chain of office. As each new Inner Wheel year approaches, a new bar etched with the name and the year of office is pinned on the collar. Some of the Clubs have been established for so long that they have two rows of these bars.

Each Club, District and National Governing Body has a vertical pennant flag embroidered with the emblem and the official name. It is usually hung up on display during business sessions or opening ceremonies of meetings and conferences.

Some practices have become traditions but they are not rules. Here are four examples.

Lighting of the candle. This practice is symbolic of friendship. The candle is usually lighted at the beginning of meetings or official functions. The Flame of Friendship was introduced by Inner Wheel Australia's Association President Von Bellizia to the Clubs at their Conference in October 1979. In Inner Wheel New Zealand, the flame is extinguished at the end of the event. Inner Wheel Norway lights three candles, symbolic of blessings for the past, present and future of Inner Wheel.

The Inner Wheel Rose of Friendship. A story was told that a red rose was gifted to the Inner Wheel Club of Kalmar during her charter ceremony by another Club's President in Inner Wheel Sweden. A Club President from Inner Wheel Denmark witnessed it and adopted it for occasions when a new member is admitted and during changeover of officers. In 1964, at the Scarborough Conference of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, President Helena Foster received roses from Inner Wheel Denmark as an expression of their best wishes. She took the idea on her visits around the world.

Prayers and pledges. It is not uncommon to start meetings with prayers especially when Club members are of the same faith. At the start of functions in Inner Wheel Philippines, for instance, office bearers will also adopt a pledge that emphasises action above words.

Loyal toasts. It is customary during a formal Inner Wheel event to make loyal toasts as a mark of respect. One of the loyal toasts is inevitably to International Inner Wheel made with a short introduction of the organisation.



Club badge.



Badge on a District Chairman's chain of office.



Standing banner. Portable and functional in official and promotional events.



A bannerette or pennant with a mono-coloured emblem. A larger version is sometimes hung in front of a rostrum. At District and National Conferences, these larger versions would be hung in a row during the opening ceremonies as a display of all the member Clubs and Districts.



The Flame of Friendship at the Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo's 90th anniversary in 2023.

At the Annual Conference of Inner Wheel GB&I, International President 1976-1977 Marie-Claire Cronstedt presented the Association President a cut glass vase of 46 red roses, one for each country of Inner Wheel.¹³

Presidential themes

Each year, the International President presents a theme to unite members towards a common achievement. The announcement of the theme will be accompanied by an inspiring explanation of its meaning and thrusts.

President Marie-Claire Cronstedt (1976-1977) was the first to declare three words “Preserve, Protect, Promote” which reflects her ideas of how Inner Wheel can play its part. She said, “We live in a time when we more than ever before, form and are responsible for the future. I feel it is very important that Inner Wheel should play an active role in building a better and happier world. Let us not lose our way in a changing world where time and technique are competing, but where mankind will always be the central figure, where man’s ability to think more deeply and fundamentally is a support for us – a gift. Our efforts are vital in the world presented to us, placed in our hands for us to love and tend, and so I say to you – Preserve, Protect, Promote.”

As agreed at the International Convention in May 1976, Sydney, the International Board will consider various themes presented by the incoming President. The first was for the 1977-1978 theme.

Table of Presidential themes 1976-2024.
The concept was not formulated in the early years from 1967 to 1976.

Year	President	Theme
2023 -2024	Patricia (Trish) Douglas	Shine A Light
2022 -2023	Zenaida Yungco Farcon	Work Wonders
2021 -2022	Ebe Panitteri Martines	Pink First
2020 -2021	Bina Vyas, Dr	Lead the Change
2019 -2020	Phyllis Charter	Together We Can
2018 -2019	Christine Kirby	Empower & Evolve
2017 -2018	Kapila Gupta, Dr	Leave A Lasting Legacy
2016 -2017	Olugemisi Alatise	Touch A Heart
2015 -2016	Charlotte De Vos	Unique & United
2014 -2015	Abha Gupta	Light the Path
2013 -2014	Gabriella Adami	We, for women
2012 -2013	Carole Young	Be A Friend
2011 -2012	Catherine Refabert	Think Ahead – Aim High
2010 -2011	Pallavi Shah	Commit with conviction, compassion, consistency
2009 -2010	Anne Fryer	Help bring hope
2008 -2009	Suzanne Hem Nielsen	Realise your Vision and Make a Difference
2007 -2008	Kamala Ramakrishnan	Communicate Our Vision
2006 -2007	Janet Day	Show that you care through friendship and service
2005 -2006	Erna Fandal	Support gives strength
2004 -2005	Metje Hanekamp van de Kamp	Work Together and Give Hope
2003 -2004	Eileen Harsant	Make the friendship positive
2002 -2003	Solveig Svensson	Care for the future
2001 -2002	Carole Buchanan	Enthusiasm creates action
2000 -2001	Vivienne Bolton-Sleigh	Strangers are friends we have not met
1999 -2000	Lillian Pettigrew	Reach out, keep hope alive ‘Turn Giving into Living’
1998 -1999	Lovise Richardson	Make Our World Better Place - Communicate and Educate
1997 -1998	Elizabeth Jones, Dr	Together we are Stronger
1996 -1997	Beth McNeill	Look Beyond Yourself - Be Involved
1995 -1996	Ida Dubbeldam de Klerk	Open Your Heart and Your Home
1994 -1995	Barbara Bennett	Widen Your Horizons
1993 -1994	Anita Aggarwal	Expand To Serve Better
1992 -1993	Gwendolyn Bowman	Understanding
1991 -1992	Isabel McKnight	Take Time
1990 -1991	Margaret Spinning	Give Our World A Future
1989 -1990	Brenda Taylor	Put Your Heart Into It
1988 -1989	Alison Dowson	Protect Children - They Are The Future
1987 -1988	Dora Bailey	Have Patience
1986 -1987	Minna Kapur	Identify
1985 -1986	Doris Browne	Cooperate
1984 -1985	Ragnhild Øglend	Communicate
1983 -1984	Esther Vibal	Continuing Search For Peace
1982 -1983	Brit Fjellander	Understanding and Peace, Identify with the Common Man
1981 -1982	Jenette Pettit	Be Concerned
1980 -1981	Ann Lebeau	Open Your Heart
1979 -1980	Joan Pyke	Help Children Smile
1978 -1979	Elizabeth Bier-Reitsma	Work For Peace Through Love
1977 -1978	Kay Martin	Survival - Be Involved
1976 -1977	Marie-Claire Cronstedt	Preserve, protect, promote

From 2013-2014, each theme was symbolised with a logo. These well designed and attractive logos draw the attention of members, and enhance the inspirational message of the President by giving a visual representation.

Up till 2021-2022, the International Presidents introduced their theme in textual messages. However, the rapid advancements of the Internet have created many online tools which are easily available.



In 2022-2023, International President Zenaida presented her theme in a video, a “theme reveal”. It advanced Inner Wheel communication into the multimedia platform, utilising the existing International Inner Wheel Youtube channel. Like old times, it could still be available in a text form but enhanced with graphical illustrations. That continued with International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas.



2013-2014, Gabriella Adami.



2014-2015, Abha Gupta.



2015-2016, Charlotte De Vos.



2016-2017, Olujemisi Alatise.



2017-2018, Dr Kapila Gupta.



2018-2019, Christine Kirby.



2019-2020, Phyllis Charter.



2020-2021, Bina Vyas.



2021-2022, Ebe Panitteri Martines.



2022-2023, Zenaida Yungco Farcon.



2023-2024, Patricia (Trish) Douglas.

International social project

In the Stockholm Convention on 18-20 May 2000, members made a landmark decision to implement General Motions B and D. General Motion B stated, “At every World Convention, International Inner Wheel designates a social project which would be supported by Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide.” General Motion D stated, “Proposals for projects are to be forwarded from the National Representatives to the International Governing Body. The Governing Body would choose the project by majority vote prior to the Convention. At each Convention, a collection will be taken at the Service of Faith. Proceeds will go towards the chosen International project.”¹⁴ At the same time, a global project “Children’s Art Work” was presented at the Convention.¹⁵

The first International Social Project successfully voted for was the “UNICEF MNT” programme to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide (implemented at the Convention in Florence, 2003). Any involvement by Clubs or District was entirely voluntary and could be given during any period up to the next Convention in May 2006.¹⁶

For the 2012-2015 social project, the change was that countries could choose their own projects which encompass the social project theme.

To help the Clubs in their fundraising, a logo was designed. From then on, each social project theme has had a logo.¹⁷

World Inner Wheel Day

International President 1969-1970 Helena Foster, wrote a letter to all Club Presidents. It reads as follows, “I would like to ask all members of Clubs throughout the world to link together in ACTION on January 10th. I have chosen this special day because it was on January 10th, 1924 that the mother club of Inner Wheel, the Manchester Club, England, first adopted the name Inner Wheel. It can be interpreted in any way you think fit – in groups or as individuals – giving personal service to someone who needs you – planting a tree or flowers to beautify some corner of your land, or just the simple act of writing a letter.

I am sure there is inspiration and encouragement to be gained by the knowledge that your fellow members throughout the world are at that moment joined together to extend service and friendship.”¹⁸

Year	Social Project
2003 -2006	UNICEF Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.
2006 -2009	UNICEF Global Education for Girls Madagascar.
2009 -2012	UNICEF Global Education for Girls Bolivia.
2012 -2015	Happier Futures.
2015 -2018	Happier Futures – Better Lives.
2018 -2021	Caring for Women and Girls.
2021 -2024	Strong Women, Stronger World.



helping children
around the world now



Social project 2012-2015



Social project 2015-2018



Social project 2018-2021



Social project 2021-2024

Since then, World Inner Wheel Day or, in short, Inner Wheel Day has been vibrantly celebrated by Clubs around the world, on or around 10 January. Besides giving personal service, many celebrate this day as the anniversary of Inner Wheel.

On 10 January 2024, Inner Wheel Clubs around the world raised their glass to toast to the centenary of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester.

Inner Wheel Club of Manchester

The first Club of
Inner Wheel worldwide.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MANCHESTER

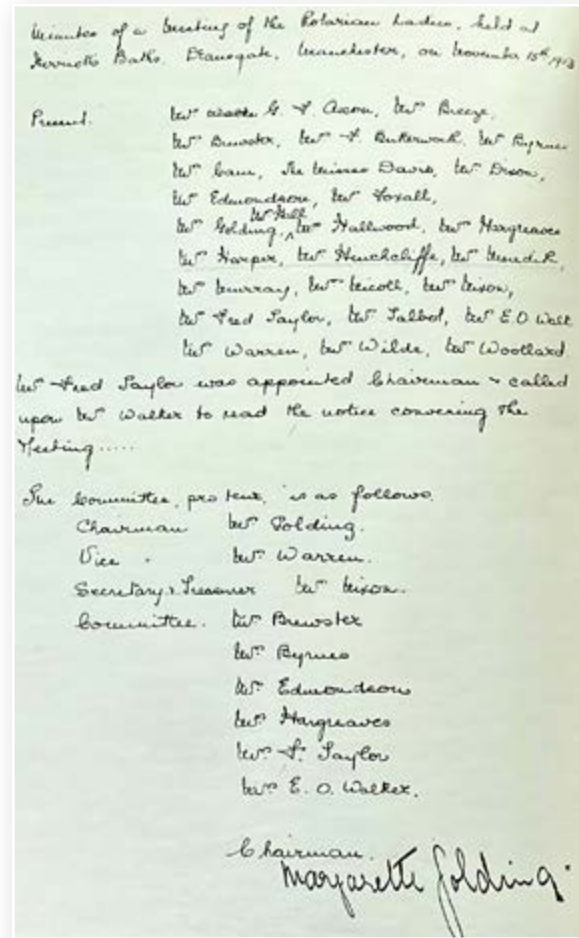
IW Great Britain and Ireland
Chartered: 10 January 1924

Courage borne of concern for the poor

The first Club formed in the Inner Wheel movement is the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, on 10 January 1924. There were then many other groups of women in Britain in the 1920s, for example, the "Rotary Ladies", "Women's Auxilliary" or "Wheels of Service"¹⁹; all of whom were doing what they could to alleviate the social problems of the post-war. In fact, the Right Honourable Thomas James Macnamara, Minister of Labour to the Prime Minister, gave an urgent report to the Cabinet on 12 August 1921, "...in June, not more than one out of every two industrial workers in the country, for a working population of over 12 millions (excluding agriculture and domestic service), was engaged in whole-time employment."²⁰ The economic costs during and after the war were huge. The loss of GDP was estimated to be doubled the total costs of the war to Britain. In trade, Japan and the United States were able to replace Britain in international markets resulting in a significant decline in exports.²¹

The 1920s was an era when women had just begun to make a mark in Britain – women over 30 years of age and who met a property qualification could vote in 1918²². There were few women then that were working and even fewer women professionals. Thus, for these twenty-seven women to start a women's organisation required courage, steadfastness and clarity of thought. Besides, they also had the encouragement of their husbands who were already part of the more established Rotary organisation formed in Chicago in 1905 and which came to Britain in 1911. They were already serving voluntarily, in the background, giving their time and energies to help in any service being undertaken by their menfolk.

So it was that on 15 November 1923, a meeting was arranged with a purpose to set up a Club along the lines of Rotary, which at that time admitted only men. The venue was in the cooling room at Herriot's Turkish Baths in Deansgate, Manchester. M Walker wrote the invitation to the meeting and Mrs Fred Taylor chaired. Ideas and plans were discussed with questions and suggestions. Eventually, a pro tem committee was formed to invite more Rotarian wives. The Chairman was Margarett Golding. Mabel Nixon was Secretary-Treasurer.²³



Minutes of the meeting in the formation of a pro tem committee.

In the next meeting on 10 January 1924, held at the Social Club, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester, thirty were present. A simple set of rules, the purpose, the amount of subscription and procedure for the elections of officers were drawn up. Margarett Golding was elected "President". On her suggestion the Club was named the "Inner Wheel Club of Manchester" implying a connection with Rotary which has a wheel as its logo.



The commemorative plaque that is placed today near the meeting venue, on the left wall of the steps walking down to "100 Barbirolli Square" near the former Manchester Social Club (right), now the site of The Bridgewater Hall.

The Club Rules then and now

The over 4,000 Inner Wheel Clubs formed worldwide today started from the methodical steps taken to form the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester. The rules of establishment and operation were brief, simple and easy to follow. easy to be adopted by others. They were:

1. The name of the Club to be The Inner Wheel.
2. The subscription to be £1 1s per annum with the option of raising it if necessary.
3. The Club to be limited to the wives or womenfolk of Manchester Rotarians or past Rotarians, over 21 years of age.
4. Ladies living at too great a distance from Manchester to attend the meetings to be admitted as Associate Members at a subscription of 10s 6d per annum.
5. Meetings to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 2:30 PM.
6. The Club meetings to continue throughout the year.

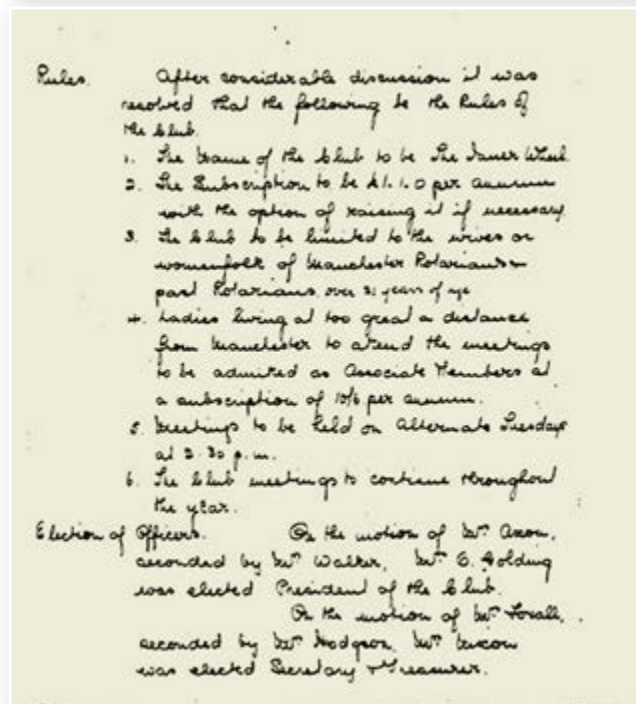
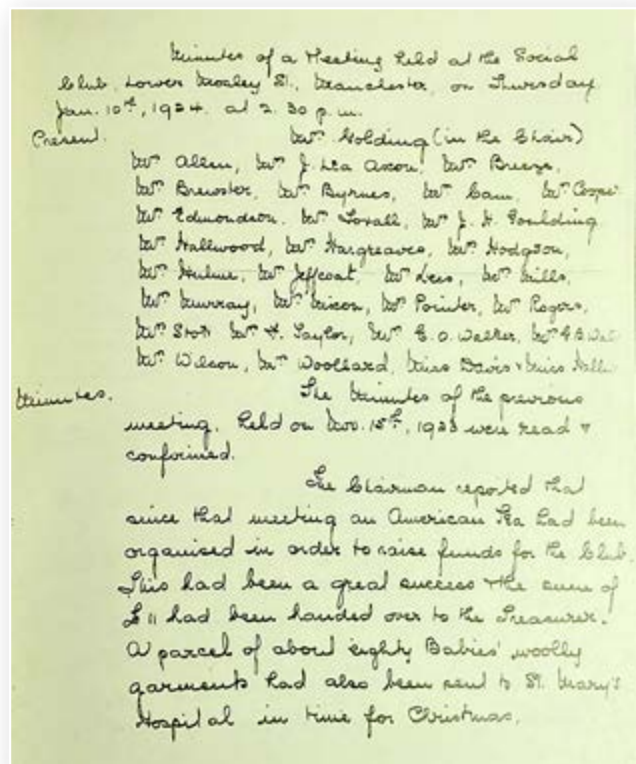
All their activities were noted down at meetings in an orderly fashion, a sign of accountability and good governance. From the first meeting, there was already a seriousness in undertaking service work, of purpose rather than social activities.

Stories were told of the influence of the Club in its very active work locally and the vigorous steps it took to form or assist other Clubs throughout the country. "The St Helens Club, for instance, which began in 1925, appealed to Manchester for guidance and promptly received a copy of the rules, an account of the Club's activities, and an invitation to attend the next meeting."²⁴ It was then important to stress that an Inner Wheel Club has a distinctly separate existence from the clubs which existed simply as auxiliaries to Rotary Clubs.

In 1929, the rules were remodelled to add the principle of limitation to the terms of office and restate the Objects²⁵:

"To promote true friendship and the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and the betterment of social conditions."

The essence of these rules has remained in use till today. All the Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide owe their existence today to the hard work and astute decisions in the initial development of Inner Wheel by the servant leadership of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester.



Where once, it was a requirement to be related to a Rotary member or their kin, the Proposal 17 carried at the International Inner Wheel Convention of 2012 opened membership to all women over 18 years old. (It may be of interest to note that Rotary International legislated the admission of women members from 1 July 1989.²⁶)

2023-2024

The Inner Wheel Club of Manchester currently has 27 members. They meet at Manchester Hall, Bridge St, Manchester, M3BT. Meetings are held 11:30 for 12 noon on the second Tuesday of every month. The Club is in Inner Wheel District 5.



District Chairman Diana Ayres with Club President Christine Sivori on 10 October 2023.



Past President Julie Chapman, project organiser, with the collection of 1,000 (or so) medical blister packs for recycling. Proceeds go to the Marie Curie charity.



The chain of office worn by Margarett Golding.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

It was a wonderful moment when, at the Celebration Luncheon of the First Inner Wheel Club, Manchester, England, Chairman Mrs. J. B. Kirk, J.P. (left) presented a cabinet containing 52 flags, one for each country in which Inner Wheel is now represented, the cabinet itself being a gift from the 64 Clubs in District 5.



In her speech of welcome and thanks, the President, Mrs. N. Tomlinson (on the right of the picture) said that this unique gift would always be a most inspiring reminder to them of an eventful occasion and of the links of friendship which have been forged with so many other nations throughout the world; links which she hoped will play an important part in the furthering of world peace and fellowship.

Speaking of that eventful day, 50 long years ago, Mrs. Tomlinson went on to say: "There will be quite a number of you present, myself included, who will at least have some recollection of 1924 and of that strange red monster, the Manchester tram. I can well imagine, on a cold January afternoon in 1924, Mrs. Golding and other Rotarians' wives rattling along Stockport Road towards Manchester on their way to that historic meeting when Inner Wheel was born. **Not unnaturally we are very proud of the fact that Manchester became the home of the first Inner Wheel Club in the world.** Nevertheless, we are conscious of the obligations which this imposes upon us and of the debt which we owe to Mrs. Golding who became the Founder President, and to the other Founder Members — and we are indeed happy to have two of them with us today.

As we enter the second half of our first century, let us look back for a few moments to the world as it was in 1924. We may think that we are living in troubled times, but in January of that year the boiler-makers had just returned to work after a seven months' strike, whilst the miners and railwaymen were on strike even then. The dock workers had put in a staggering claim for no less than two shillings but eventually settled for half that sum.

But what of the future? — of the next fifty years — I am confident that those who follow us will continue to give service to the movement and I hope that the many new Clubs which will come into being during that period will still regard Manchester as their Mother Club, old in years maybe but still young in spirit.

In conclusion — no words of mine can so aptly describe our aims for the future as those of Past Association President Mrs. Gaskell (who is with us today) when so many years ago she wrote in "Home and Horizon":

"Whatever changes may take place in modes of government, it is impossible to imagine a world where kindness and good works will not be needed: it would be grievous indeed to contemplate a world in which such qualities were not forthcoming from some source. The filling of this need is the pride and joy of Inner Wheel, as well as the mainstay of its existence. **Conceived in loyalty and guided by love, expressed in charity and illuminated by happiness, Inner Wheel has a gift for humanity which enriches beyond intention or hope those who have made the gift.**"



Happy 100th Anniversary to all the members of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester.



Keepsakes. Top: Margarett Golding's favourite jewellery, a Marcasite bracelet.



Right: The petit point purse, shows the fine needlepoint skills of Margarett Golding.

Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland

The first National Governing Body of
Inner Wheel worldwide.



From a Club to a District

The first Club formed in Great Britain and Ireland was the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester on 10 January 1924. News of its formation soon spread and like-minded ladies soon formed other Inner Wheel Clubs.

Association President 1949-1950 Millicent Gaskell wrote, “At a very early stage in Inner Wheel history, a step was taken which was to have far-reaching consequences, and indeed to determine the whole course of the movement. This was the formation of a District...”²⁷ It was Mrs Margarette Golding who proposed to the Manchester Club members that steps be taken to unite all “women’s clubs” existing alongside Rotary Clubs. The Inner Wheel Club of Liverpool was approached. A temporary joint committee was elected to make arrangements for a ladies’ meeting at the forthcoming Rotary District Conference. An announcement was published in the 16 February 1928 bulletin of the Rotary Club of Manchester which stated “with a view to discussing the establishment of Clubs for womenfolk of Rotarians with a uniformity of Name, Aims and Objects”. The meeting was held at the Rotary District Conference in Llandudno, Wales, on 26 February 1928. Inner Wheel District 5 was formed. A few months later, and with a few more new Clubs, a permanent committee was set up with Mrs Golding as Chairman and Mrs Nixon as Secretary.

Life for women in the 1920s

The early 1920s was a time of optimism as England and Wales recover from the devastation of World War I. It was the “Roaring 20s”. Women gained a sense of independence having successfully fought for the rights to vote in 1918. The 1921 Census²⁸ recorded the first female police officer and the first female racing car driver, and more women taking roles that were traditionally held by men in medicine, engineering and law²⁹. However, men still occupied 75% of the managerial roles. It would be more common to find women working as domestic servants, charwomen and housekeepers. By the mid-20s, unemployment hit record highs ending the decade with the Wall Street Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Foundation matters! Why do we need rules?

In “Home and Horizon”, Millicent Gaskell (President 1949-1950, Association of Inner Wheel Clubs) wrote, “The members had before them the example of the Rotarians in their country, who had found efficiency and solidarity through area organisation. They were conscious too of their own deficiencies, for while some had experience of public life, there were others who had no idea whatsoever about the conduct of meetings or general procedure.” Mrs Golding was quoted, “Where there is an uproar at a men’s meeting, that is an intelligent difference of opinion. When the same thing happens at a women’s meeting, it is a case of ‘those silly women quarrelling again.’”

Therefore, the first set of District rules was simple and modestly written. It established the distinctive character of Inner Wheel today, a foundation for other Districts as they came into being, forged from an idea of union and cooperation.

Aims and Objects of No. 5 District, 1928

- Section 1. The name of the organisation shall be the No. 5 District Inner Wheel Committee.
- Section 2. Object. The object of the District Committees shall be – To unite all Inner Wheel Clubs within the territorial limit for the purpose of promoting (a) The interests and furthering the ideals of the Rotary movement and to cooperate with other District Committees in their endeavour to extend the idea of friendship through and by service among women. (b) To encourage and organise meetings for the formation of new Clubs within the territorial limit.
- Section 3. The Committee shall adopt and prescribe the rules and bye-laws for Inner Wheel Clubs.
- Section 4. The territorial limit of the Committees shall be defined by the Rotary area of the District.

The guarantee of continuity

The formation of District No. 5 governed by a set of rules which is easily adopted has proven to be the elixir of life for Inner Wheel. The District provides the network of Clubs for the exchange of information about service and projects, builds camaraderie and rapport among like-minded ladies from all parts of the District who are serving the same causes. More importantly, it is an avenue where members can draw upon the strengths of each other and provide solace to those in trying times.

As Millicent Gaskell wrote in 1953, "It was easy for Clubs to flourish when the first flush of enthusiasm was upon them, especially if they had keen and knowledgeable officers, but such an ideal state of affairs could not last forever. If Clubs were single units, their fortunes would tend to wax and wane according to the personalities of the members, the work demanded of them, and the incidence of fortuitous external circumstances. In the acceptance of obligations towards the District, the Clubs gained the benefit of advice and help in its difficulties, and a stiffening of resolution in the unspoken determination 'not to let the side down'. The District, moreover, proved an effective means of extension, and as new Clubs were formed, they automatically adopted the uniform rules and ideas of procedure." Today, seventy years later, those words were a foreshadow of continuity and growth as Inner Wheel celebrates her centenary with membership in Clubs administered by Districts, Districts by Associations, and all under the umbrella of the International Inner Wheel.

Time for an Association

Five years after the formation of District 5, at the end of 1933, there were thirty-four Clubs in eight Districts, Numbers 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 3, 4 and 8. Notice that these numbers were in no order that a genius mathematician could predict. That was because it followed the numbering of Rotary Districts wherever the Clubs were formed. Each Rotary District had generously allowed the Inner Wheel District to hold their meetings at the same time and in the same venue as their Conferences.

At the Women's Meeting during the RIBI Conference in Scarborough in 1933, it was decided that the time had come to form a central organisation of the existing 79 Clubs. Each District elected a representative and they met after the close of the meeting to elect Mrs Margarete Golding as President and Mrs Nixon as Secretary. Throughout that year, two representatives from each District would meet to draw up the Constitution and Byelaws which were presented and accepted by the Clubs with some amendments, during the RIBI Conference in Douglas, Isle of Man. Thus, on 6 May 1934, the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland was officially formed.³⁰

In 1936, the Association decided to mark the occasion of a Club's formation with a Certificate of Membership (now called "Charter Certificate"). The Certificates of the 79 Clubs (each affectionately called the "seventy-niner", in short the '79er') have the words "Founder Club"³¹.

Today, in 2023-2024, the Association of Great Britain and Ireland has about 11,000 members in 405 Clubs and 29 Districts.

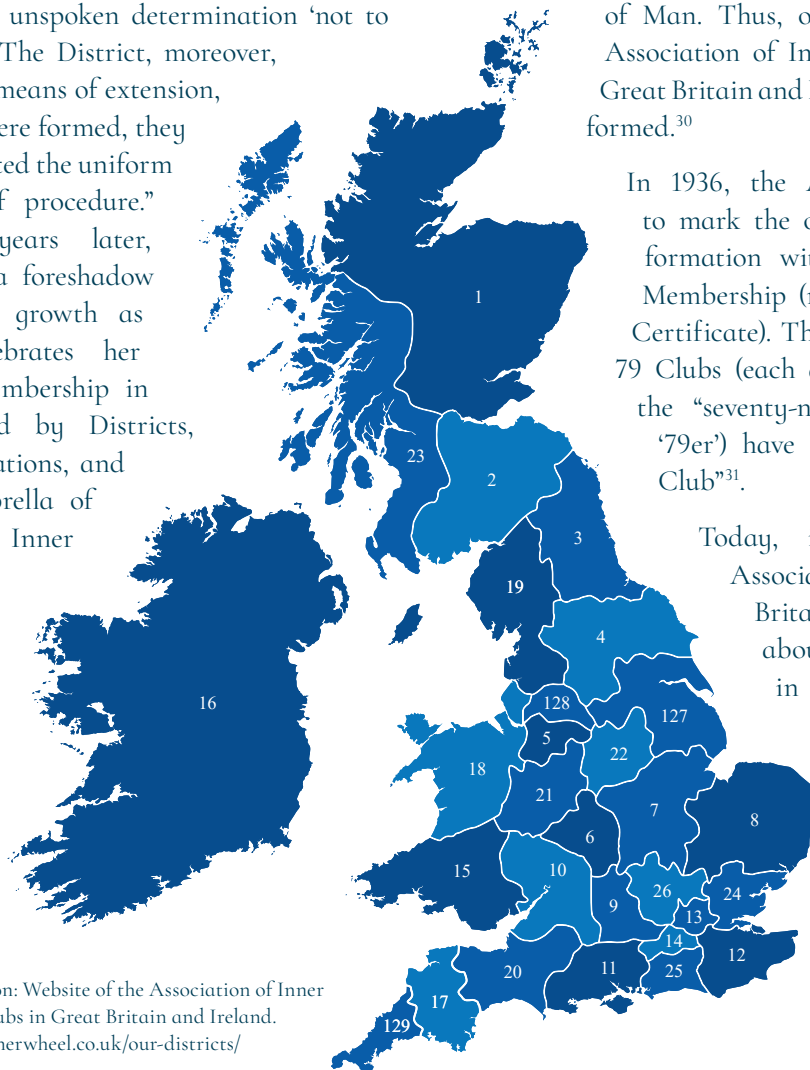


Illustration: Website of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.
<https://innerwheel.co.uk/our-districts/>

District 1

Paisley was the first Club within District 1, formed in 1930, and it was the only '79er' in Scotland. The District was not formed until 1946 and now consists of 18 Clubs, Aberdeen now the oldest. The most distinguished member who served in International Inner Wheel is International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas.

The District has been very active in supporting all Association President charities throughout the years as well as District and Club charities. These activities have ranged from knitting baby blankets to supporting food banks, and donations collected in many ways. Charities supported have included Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance, Mary's Meals, Book Bus and currently, the Scottish Multiple Sclerosis Society.



District 1 amassed a mountain of books for this project "The Book Bus" – so much that the organisers came with the bus to the home of our ISC Nanette where over 50 boxes of books were loaded. Nanette and Jessie are seen with Monica and David Gordon of the Book Bus Zambia loading all the books. Great effort from all our Clubs!



Knitted baby blankets.



Supporting the Food Bank.



The Scottish Charity Air Ambulance operates two fixed-wing planes from Aberdeen. The SCAA relies solely on donations from the public to fuel the flights across Scotland, responding, on average, two emergency call outs every day³².

District 2

District 2 was chartered in 1946, consisting of nine Clubs, eldest being Motherwell & Wishaw. The Clubs support all official charities as well as many small groups through friendship and service within the community. Service is carried out with fun and energy, mostly through food in the form of teas or baking and also collecting food for the less fortunate. The District supports DEBRA, ReCharge and Book Bus. DEBRA is a national charity and patient support organisation for people living with the rare, extremely painful, genetic skin blistering condition, epidermolysis bullosa.

Inner Wheel Club of Galashiels. Photo on the right: Baking 100 bags of tablet for the Christmas Pop Up Shop. Below: collection for the less fortunate.



District Chairman Marjorie McGeary was certainly busy during the run up to Christmas. She baked over 100 cakes with the proceeds to various charities including DEBRA. "100 for 100" is theme of Association President 2023-2024 Karen Davies for the centennial of Inner Wheel.

District 3

District 3 was chartered in 1933, with none of the original Clubs remaining, the oldest being Gateshead. The District has fourteen Clubs and six members had served as Association Presidents.

The members support many charities. They always support the Association President's Charity or project along with the District and Club charities such as Beat, Air Ambulance and Blood Bikes.

District Chairman 2023-2024 Linda Burgess on a Blood Bike motorcycle. The Blood Bike charity are volunteers who serve to provide rapid response on motorcycles, supporting the National Health Service and others..



District 4

District 4 was chartered in 1933 with three of the original '79ers' remaining the oldest being Leeds. There have been seven Association Presidents from this District. The most distinguished member is Margaret Roberts who served as International Inner Wheel Constitution Chairman in 2003-2005.



The Zikomo Trust supports orphans, vulnerable children and the elderly in Malawi through education, healthcare and community support.

Members enjoy raising money in imaginative ways. These include sky dives, walks, Bake Off and many more. They support many charities apart from the Association and District charities. They support The Zikomo Trust, Parkinsons UK and a personal effort from Sue who walked ninety times around Yeadon



Sue Kitching of Inner Wheel Club of Aireborough.

Tarn, a circuit of 1.5 km to raise money to buy eight family tickets to the show Sleeping Beauty for families supported by the Guiseley Community Foundation. They also provide service by supporting local female football teams, helping with car parking and food bank collections.

District 5

District 5 was chartered in 1928 and still has four of the original '79ers', including the first Club in the whole of Inner Wheel, the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester formed on 10 January 1924. District 5 has five Past Association Presidents. The most distinguished member is Isabel McKnight who served as International Inner Wheel President in 1991-1992. Clubs raise funds in a variety of ways from the traditional baby knitting to barbecues, floral arranging to fish and chip suppers. They have supported a variety of charities including SANDS, Book Bus and local charities.



The Inner Wheel Club of Hazel Grove has been busy knitting once again. The avid knitters have made 100's of colourful Easter animals and Easter baskets filled with lovely chocolate treats for sale locally to raise funds for charity. The piece de résistance is the knitted Inner Wheel Pillar Box Topper outside Bramhall Post Office to commemorate the centenary.



The District choir who performs at District functions including the annual service of Thanksgiving on 10th January.



District 6

District 6 was chartered in 1934 and has 11 Clubs, the two oldest chartered in 1947. There have been six Association Presidents from this District. Distinguished members who served International Inner Wheel are Cis Bulpitt (President 1973-1974) Dr Brenda Taylor (President 1989-1990) and Muriel Bradshaw (Treasurer 1997-1999). Members support charities locally and internationally. One Club would supply cake every month to a local hospice, another, a Famine Lunch. However, all done in the spirit of fun and friendship. Blood packs and food banks have been well supported.



Blood packs donation by the Inner Wheel Club of Atherstone. The packs, which are already used in West Midlands Ambulance Service ambulances, contain essential medical supplies (bandages, tourniquets, dressings, and other crucial equipment). Integrating these packs into community defibrillator boxes ensures those in need have access to emergency assistance and life-saving resources.

District 7

District 7 was chartered in 1938 and has 24 Clubs with Kettering being the oldest. There have been six Association Presidents from this District. Members have always supported Association and District charities and have been active in promoting the care and concerns of women. They organised a very successful day supporting the World Women's International Gliding Championship showing the many ways we can work together with other organisations.



"Charity Champions" in the local newspaper.

CHARITY CHAMPIONS

The Inner Wheel Club of Ashby de la Zouch
Women who give service whilst enjoying friendship

What is Inner Wheel? Inner Wheel is one of the largest women's service organisations in the world. From its formation in Manchester in 1924, it now has 17,000 Members within Great Britain and Ireland and over 100,000 members from more than 104 countries across the globe. 2024 is the Inner Wheel Centenary and members from around the world are gathering in Manchester to celebrate. Inner Wheel aims are Friendship and Service. We recycle plastic bottle tops, Ring pulls from drink cans, Stamps and Postcards, all to raise money for different charities. We have raised for different charities over the year 21/22, £1225.

In 2017 the Inner Wheel Club of Ashby de la Zouch celebrated 50 years as a club. We meet at The Hollybush, Breedon on the Hill, the 2nd Thursday in the month. For more information, please contact: Patricia Ciews on 01530 415041 or ciewsiw@gmail.com or if you would like to join a club nearer to you, we can put you in contact with them.

Check out the Inner Wheel website. www.innerwheel.co.uk We are in District 7. www.innerwheeldistrict7.org We look forward to meeting you.

A talk from District 7 Chairman Shirley Cross going through the minutes of Ashby Club in the early years.

A car boot sale, where we raised £400 for Ashby Food Bank

Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee.



From left, Association President 2022-2023 Karen Davies, District Chairman Suzanne Robinson and International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter, at the Women's World Gliding Championship in August 2022. The 14-day Championship saw 50 female pilots from twelve participating countries. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Market Harborough and Lutterworth held the opening ceremonies. It was also an opportunity to promote Inner Wheel¹³.

District 8

District 8 was chartered in 1933 and still has one of the original '79ers', the Inner Wheel Club of Great Yarmouth among its ten Clubs. Three Association Presidents have come from this District. Distinguished members who have served International Inner Wheel are Vivienne Bolton Sleight (President 2000-2001) and Elizabeth Thomas (Treasurer 2019-2021). Members have actively supported local, nationwide and international charities in all manner of ways. They are currently supporting The Longford Trust and Beat through a variety of visits with walks, quizzes and teas.

The Longford Trust is about second chances for people who have been in prison. The Longford Scholarship programme has, over the past 17 years, supported almost 500 young people, most of them in the 20s, to rebuild their lives through education after serving a prison sentence.³⁴



District 9

District 9 was chartered in 1944 and has seven Clubs, the oldest being High Wycombe. There have been three Association Presidents. The most distinguished member is Nancy Sharp who served as International Inner Wheel President in 1971-1972. There are a range of social events, community service activities and fundraising events doing skydives apart from the traditional teas throughout the District supporting a variety of charities including Beat, Book Bus and Medical Detection Dogs. They are also one of the many Districts producing postbox toppers to showcase Inner Wheel.



Skydiving.



Postbox toppers.

District 10

District 10 was chartered in 1932, consisting of thirteen Clubs, including the Inner Wheel Club of Gloucester being one of the '79ers'. There have been five Association Presidents from this District. The most distinguished member is Phyllis Charter who served International Inner Wheel as Constitution Chairman 2016-2018 and President 2019-2020.



Photos from left:
With Air Ambulance,
Collection for
Foodbank.

The District has an annual Fellowship Lunch and Overseas Rally. In addition, members organise many fundraising events, murder mystery evenings, quizzes, skittles and frugal lunches to name a few. These events always give lots of fun and friendship whilst raising money to help chosen charities. Food banks are always well supported. This year they are supporting Hands around the World and Knife Savers as District charities as well as Beat, the Association President's charity. They have always been supportive of all Association charities.

District 11

District 11 was chartered in 1936 and has eighteen Clubs and still has the Inner Wheel Club of Shanklin, one of the '79ers'. There have been two Association Presidents from this District. The most distinguished member is Janet Day who served International Inner Wheel as Treasurer 2002-2005 and President 2006-2007. Members are active as a District in supporting local charities with the chosen District charities for this year being Stop Domestic Abuse and School in a Bag.



District 12

District 12 was chartered in 1932 and consists of seventeen Clubs, six of which are '79ers'. There have been two Association Presidents from this District. The District is active in supporting many charities including Association and District charities. Foodbanks are well supported and the District this year has been asked to provide for either a women's refuge or a homeless shelter. Members have planted trees for the Green Canopy. The District also gives annually a prize to the best student at Kent and Medway Medical School in relation to women's health matters.



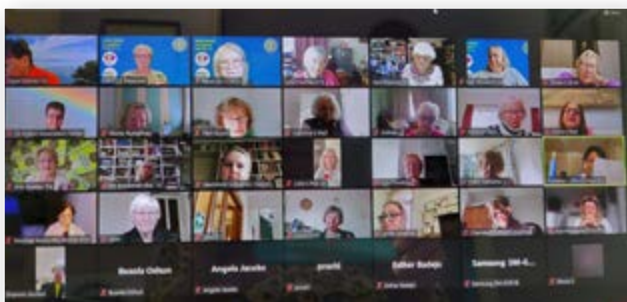
Christmas Shoeboxes.



Planting of trees.

District 13

District 13 was chartered in 1932 and of the eight Clubs only the Inner Wheel Club of Clapham is a '79er'. The newest Club in the District and in the Association in 2023-2024 is the Inner Wheel Club of South East London. There have been six Association Presidents. The most distinguished members who served International Inner Wheel are Helena Foster O.B.E (President 1969-1970) and Beatrice Lapham (Treasurer 2005-2007). Members embrace new technology now and have held their International Rally on Zoom which allows for more participants. They always support the charities of the Association President and District Chairman with a wide range of activities including quizzes and teas.



International Rally on Zoom



Knitting produced.



The new Inner Wheel Club of South East London.

District 14

District 14 was chartered in 1932, consisting of nine Clubs. There have been five Association Presidents from this District. Two distinguished members who served as International Inner Wheel Presidents are Lavender Weightman JP (1967-1969) and Kay M Martin (1977-1978). The charities supported in 2023-2024 are Dementia UK, BEAT, and Revive and Thrive. The District is always supportive of local charities as well as the charities supported by the Association and the District, including Air Ambulance and the Book Bus. Funds were raised with soup lunches and teas among many other activities.



Soup lunch.



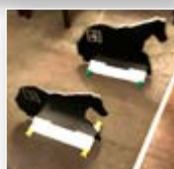
Raising money through friendship.

District 15

District 15 was chartered in 1938 and currently has 19 Clubs, including one of the '79ers', the Inner Wheel Club of Newport. Three members have served as Association Presidents. The most distinguished member is Dr Elizabeth Jones who served at International Inner Wheel as President 1997-1998 and as Constitution Chairman in 2000-2001. This District has always supported the charities of the Association and District as well as local. Air Ambulance Wales has always been well supported as well as Blood Bikes, SAAFA, Hearing Dogs and many others. Funds have been raised in a variety of ways, including flying, sky diving and horse racing. Whichever way money has been raised, fun and friendship always prevails.



Top right, clockwise:
Raising money by gliding,
Air Ambulance Wales,
Blood Bikes,
Horse racing,
and collecting for
Foodbank.



District 16

District 16 was chartered in 1945 and is made up of fifteen Clubs, including one '79er', the Inner Wheel Club of Belfast. This District has had two Association Presidents. The most distinguished member is Dr Hylida Armstrong OBE, who served International Inner Wheel as President in 1974-75. The District's fundraising activities are for local, national and international charities. Friendships are forged in an open non-judgemental way and members have fun working on projects together.



A fundraising afternoon tea.



Walking the length of Ireland for Stroke Association.

District 17

District 17 was chartered in 1936 and consists of six Clubs, including the '79er' Inner Wheel Club of Torquay. There have been three Association Presidents from this District. Most distinguished member is Dora Bailey who served as International Inner Wheel President in 1987-1988. The District is supporting Blood Bikers as well as Beat and Book Bus. Members have always supported charities in various ways through table top sales and meals, and have showcased Inner Wheel whenever they can in gardens.



Knitting blankets.



Postbox topper.



Garden promoting Inner Wheel.

District 18

District 18 was chartered in 1936 and consists of seventeen Clubs, including the '79er' Inner Wheel Club of Bangor. There have been five members who served as Association Presidents. The most distinguished members who served at International Inner Wheel are Joan Pyke as President in 1979-1980 and Eileen Harsant JP as President 2003-2004 and Treasurer in 1999-2002. The District supports many local and national charities on a regular basis, including Cerebral Palsy, Riding For The Disabled Association, Air Ambulance, lifeboats and foodbanks.



Foodbank donations.



Christmas treats.



Porridge sachets supporting Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries: "energy to learn and hope for a better future".



Supporting Southport Lifeboat. The UK has a unique 200-year-old history of volunteers with unfailing courage and selflessness who answer the call for search-and-rescue of someone in peril at sea.

District 19

District 19 was chartered in 1947 and consists of eighteen Clubs, including the Inner Wheel Club of Blackburn, a '79er'. It has had one Association President. The District is supporting Blood control kits and Derian House children's hospice. They also support a variety of local and national charities through a variety of ways. Bric-à-brac stalls in the market, knitting angels or simply collecting items for a local charity, all is done in friendship.



Bric-à-brac stall in a market.



Knitted "angels" (left) and bags of donations for charity

District 20

District 20 was chartered in 1972 and consists of sixteen Clubs including the Inner Wheel Club of Taunton, a '79er'. It has had two Association Presidents. The most distinguished is Joan Fitzmaurice who served International Inner Wheel as Constitution Chairman 1988-1989. The members support the Association charities of Beat and Book Bus apart from other local and national charities. The way of fundraising has been incredible from bag packing to knitting. All the same outcome, supporting good causes.



Christmas stall.



Handmade masks for charity.



Knitted blankets.



Foodbank collection.

District 21

District 21 was chartered in 1972 and comprises fifteen Clubs, the oldest is the Inner Wheel Club of Whitchurch. There have been three Association Presidents from this District. The most distinguished members who served at International Inner Wheel are Anne Fryer as Constitution Chairman 2005-2007 and President 2009-2010, and Norma Friar as Constitution Chairman 2010-2013. The Clubs are free to support any local, national or international charities. The District is currently supporting Blood Bikes. Monies raised are through a variety of ways, from invitation events of famous speakers to afternoon tea.



A fundraising stall.



The interview with Jay Blades, TV presenter.



Reverse advent calendars to charity KIP which provides service and support for people who are rough living or homeless.

District 22

District 22 was chartered in 1972 and comprises of nineteen Clubs. There have been three Association Presidents. The most distinguished member is Barbara Bennett who served as International Inner Wheel President in 1994-1995. The members enjoy fun and friendship together with social and fundraising activities. They are supporting Nottingham Women's Centre and Derby Women's Centre along with Association charities and many others.



Skydiving to raise funds for Beat.



Raising money through floral arrangements.



The fundraising market stall.



Christmas gifts for children.

District 23

District 23 was chartered in 1972 comprising of fourteen Clubs, the oldest being the Inner Wheel Club of Oban. There has been one Association President and is the most distinguished member Jenette Pettit who served as International Inner Wheel President in 1981-1982. The District aims to celebrate and promote the work of Inner Wheel and its many activities that through our friendship touches the lives of many locally and internationally. They have developed a close link with District 88 of Inner Wheel Germany and hope to visit in celebration of their year of culture.



Supporting Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.



Supporting MND, a charity that funds research and clinical trials, and helps families with members suffering from motor neuron disease.

District 24

District 24 was chartered in 1974 and consists of nine Clubs, the oldest being the Inner Wheel Club of Braintree & Bocking. There have been three Association Presidents from this District including the current 2023-2024 President Anthea Tilsley. Members are currently supporting Project 21 and BEAT. Each year, the District Chairman issues a challenge to all members and Clubs in order to award a trophy donated in memory of former member Daphne Cole. This year's challenge is in line with Association President's theme 100 for 100 and is a writing competition.



Knitted "Manchester Bees".



Best wishes Di, Melanie and Rhys – skydiving for Beat.



Ready to send to Smalls For All, a charity that collects underwear for people in Africa and the UK who cannot afford or cannot get any – "Because dignity matters."

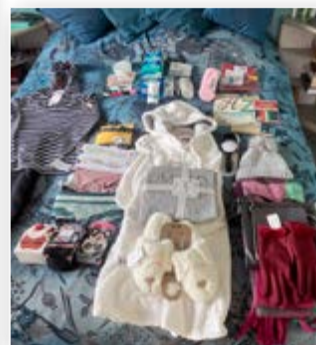
District 25

District 25 was chartered in 1982 and comprises eight Clubs including the Inner Wheel Club of Guilford, a '79er'. The Inner Wheel Club of Brighton and Hove, chartered in 1932, would have been a '79er' but it was reorganised as the 80th Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Hove.

There has been one Association President from this District. Members support a wide range of charities and community groups, and projects that are small to larger national and international bodies. The District's charity is Farming Community Network, a small charity which provides a lifeline for farmers. Fundraising is in all manner of ways.



Invitation to a guest speaker, hosted in a member's garden with tea.



Donations to Ukraine.



Donations to Foodbank.

District 26

District 26 was chartered in 1985 and consists of fifteen Clubs, the oldest being the Inner Wheel Club of Hertford. In 2023, several Clubs joined forces for a massive project to help the Milton Keynes Foodbank. They broke the Guinness World Record for the longest line of food cans. The members support Women and Girls providing Saafkins and Safepads, as well as the local foodbanks. All fundraising activities are with the spirit of friendship.



Autumn postbox topper.

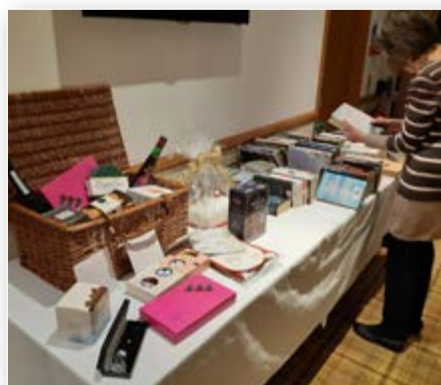


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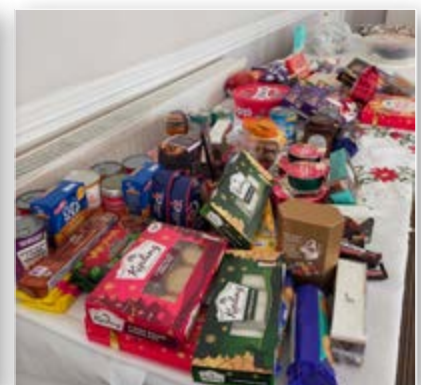
The Record team of the longest line of food cans: 102,447 cans, 7.64 km, achieved on 16 October 2023.³⁵

District 127

District 127 was chartered in 1985 and comprises of twelve Clubs, the oldest being the Inner Wheel Club of Barnsley. Clubs hold charity and social events during the year such as coffee mornings, and knit and natter. Members are currently supporting the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, along with Purple Community Fund, Jacob's Well Appeal, Water Aid, Sightsavers and Mary's Meals. Many of the fundraising activities end up with fun and laughter.



Raffle prizes at the international rally speakers from Jacobs Well Appeal. Jacob's Well Appeal is a charity organisation that sends humanitarian aid such as medical, educational and agricultural supplies to countries in crises and disasters.



Donations to the Foodbank.

District 128

District 128 was chartered in 1987 consisting of seventeen Clubs, including the Inner Wheel Club of St Helens, a '79er'. Apart from the Association charities, the District are also supporting Wigan & Leigh Hospice which provides palliative and end-of-life care. Many Clubs also support local small charities and Foodbanks. Fundraising is always with innovation and fun.



How to do a rally near the Big Top.



Afternoon tea fundraiser.

District 129

District 129 was chartered in 1989 and consists of ten Clubs, the oldest being the Inner Wheel Club of St Austell. Clubs run in their own way organising events for members to enjoy friendship and raise funds for the community at the same time. The variety of items that this District make is incredible and these activities have always been with fun and laughter.



Ready for the craft fair.



Donation of books to the local hospital.



A beautiful quilt as a prize for a raffle draw.



A charity stall.

International Inner Wheel

The administrative body of
Inner Wheel worldwide.

The origin

The first Club

To understand the formation of International Inner Wheel, it has to start with the formation of the first Club by thirty women on 10 January 1924 in Manchester, England. The Inner Wheel Club of Manchester was an inspiration for the formation of many Clubs in the United Kingdom. In those days, members had to be spouses of Rotarians to form or join an Inner Wheel Club. The first Club of Rotary in Europe, the Rotary Club of Dublin was formed on 22 February 1911, more than a decade ahead³⁶. As it was then a mens' only club, the womenfolk found it beneficial to form their own clubs to give organised support to the men.

The first District, the first Association

In 1928, several Clubs grouped together to form District 5. The number correlating to the District numbering of Rotary. Time marched on and Inner Wheel Clubs and Districts continued to flourish. On 6 May 1934, the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland was officially formed in a meeting in Douglas, Isle of Man. Margarette Golding retired in 1936, after having realised her dream of seeing the one-hundredth Club.³⁷

The first few overseas Clubs

As Rotary Clubs spread in the UK and Europe, Inner Wheel Clubs also did: 1931 Ballarat (Australia), 1932 North Sydney (Australia), 1933 Bendigo (Australia), 1935 Bergen (Norway), 1936 Napier (New Zealand), 1938 Port Elizabeth (South Africa), 1945 Winnipeg (Canada), 1946 Singapore (then, Crown Colony of the UK), 1947 Apeldoorn (then, Holland).

The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs

In 1945, the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland wrote to these overseas Clubs, asking if they wished to be affiliated. Thus, at the first Conference after the War in 1947, the Association was renamed "Association of Inner Wheel Clubs". The first District outside the UK was District 26, formed from six Clubs in the Netherlands. The first teething problems of an international association soon emerged. For example, balancing the different currencies in the payment of capitation, the right to vote of countries where currency regulations forbade paying of capitation and the need to translate the rule books into the different languages.

Association Presidents were invited to visit overseas Clubs "to see how Inner Wheel lived and worked"³⁸. Therefore, in 1952, 1956 and 1958, ad hoc committees comprising members with specialised knowledge were set up "to consider the present and future status of Clubs overseas with special reference to control, representation and obligations". The 1957 Annual Conference saw major constitutional changes and it was exercised the following year.³⁹ The important change was, if the Club were prepared to pay capitation fees, it would entitle them to representation for constitutional business.

In 1962, a recommendation by another ad hoc committee was passed at the Annual Conference in Blackpool. The change was that a District no matter where in the world situated should have the same rights as a District in Great Britain and Ireland; that it should have a representative on the Governing Body of the Association. This was exercised at the Annual Assembly for Officers in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. District representatives from the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark were invited to sit on the Governing Body. They could not become officers.

International Inner Wheel

In 1966, at the Annual Conference in Blackpool, a momentous proposal was put forward by the Governing Body – "that an international association should be formed." International Inner Wheel was formed on 1 July 1967. The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs reverted to their former name of "Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland".

The initial exercise involved the apportionment of finances, locally and overseas. Solicitors and auditors were consulted. Going global meant more expenses, a new constitution and a new universal friendship. At the Association Conference in 1967 at Brighton, chaired by Association President 1966-1967 Mabel Ponting, the first Executives were elected.

With that formed, until today, there are four administrative levels: Club, District, National and International.

The International Governing Body



1962 Association of Inner Wheel Clubs' Annual Assembly for Officers in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

For the first time, a gathering of representatives from overseas countries, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden. Joan Cheer, Association President 1962-1963 at centre, second row from front.



First Board Meeting, Copenhagen, October 1967.

From left standing: Eva Herud (Norway), Birte Fangel (Denmark), Nancy Sharp (Great Britain and Ireland), Trudy van der Grift (The Netherlands), Elsebeth Bager (Sweden).

Seated: Helena Foster (Vice-President), Lavender Weightman (President), Jessie Casson (Treasurer).



Board Meeting 1992, Munich.

From left, back row: Cyprus, Australia, South Africa, The Philippines, USA, Belgium and Luxembourg, Canada, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Great Britain and Ireland (Deputy), New Zealand and The Netherlands.

Middle row: Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei, India, Finland, Denmark, Nigeria, Egypt, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Germany, Israel, Sri Lanka, France.

Front row: Treasurer, Immediate Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary.

Development of International Inner Wheel

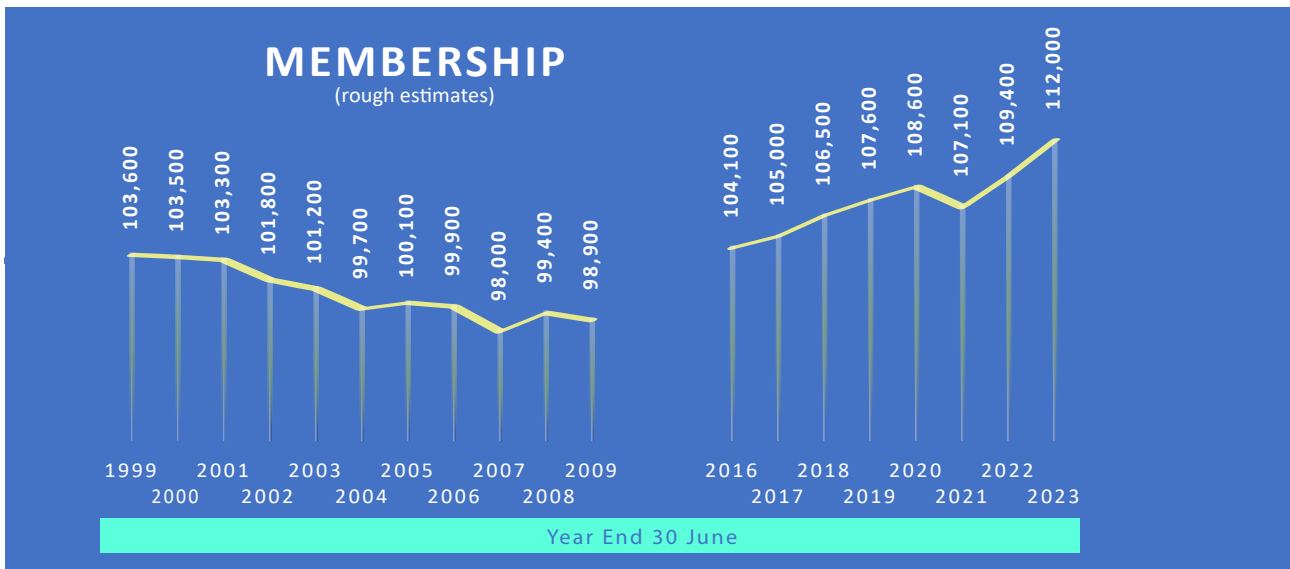
Statistics at a glance
Development in brief

Objective:
Promoting true friendship

All starting at the same beginning –
all going off in different directions –
all coming together in achieving ambitions.
All making INNER WHEEL
such a wonderful and varied organisation.

- Phyllis Charter, International Inner Wheel President 2019-2020,
Convention Minutes, 17-18 April 2021⁴⁰.





Growth of membership estimated from capitation fees received as reported by Treasurers. The approximate membership numbers are derived assuming full capitation paid.^{41 42 43 44 45 46 47}

Membership

On 1 July 1967, International Inner Wheel was established. It started with twenty-nine countries, 42,538 Members in 1,276 Clubs.

Seven of the countries were districted:

Australia,	India,
Denmark,	Holland,
Great Britain and	Norway and
Ireland,	Sweden.

Twenty-two countries were non-districted and was under the direct responsibility of International Inner Wheel:

The Bahamas,	Jamaica,
Belgium,	Kenya,
Bermuda,	Malaysia,
Canada,	New Guinea,
Ceylon,	New Zealand,
Cyprus,	Nigeria,
Finland,	Pakistan,
France,	Sierra Leone,
Ghana,	Singapore,
Gibraltar,	South Africa, and
Israel,	United States of America.

Three years later, the first International Inner Wheel Convention in The Hague, 11-12 May 1970 reported 1,450 Clubs in forty countries and a membership of over 50,000.⁴⁸

In 2000, with the addition of Bahrain, Inner Wheel reached 100 countries.⁴⁹

In the book “The First Twenty-Five Years 1967-1992”, Helena Foster attributed the growth was from personal contacts and the interest of many Rotarians in different countries. The ladies in other women’s clubs joined Inner Wheel, attracted by her international horizons.

From 1967 till 2012, a woman could not join Inner Wheel without being related to a Rotarian or former Rotarian. Later in 2003, it was relaxed to include a wider scope of Rotary programmes. In the 15th International Convention in Istanbul, 19-21 April 2012, a critical decision was passed to admit women generally, so long as the majority of members agree.

Twelve members were required to form a Club which corresponds to the location of the Rotary Club, in name as well. Unless, there isn’t one. In 2015, this was changed to ten members.

A District that was formed would also have to correspond to Rotary’s naming. When Rotary introduced the 4-digit numbering in 1990, Inner Wheel remained 2 or 3-digits. Until today, four Clubs can form a District.

Meetings and Conventions

The Executive Committee will have their first meeting just before the start of the new Inner Wheel year. At the same time, it would be the last meeting for the outgoing Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets for a second time, followed by the Governing Body's first meeting in October to review the year-end accounts and the new Inner Wheel year. In a Convention year, the Governing Body also meets on the eve of the event⁵⁰. In a year, the Executive Committee would have met at least four times.

The venue of Board meetings would be at any place economically viable. The first was held in Copenhagen. Other places in the past, to name a few, were in Sydney, Brussels, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Athens, Italy, Paris, India, Singapore, Berlin, Rhodes, Munich, the Philippines.

On 23 January 2020, Wuhan in China was placed under lockdown due to the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak. By April 2020, most parts of the world were in lockdown. The last Executive Committee meeting with the Governing Body was held for the first time online using the Zoom app by International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter. It was the start of many meetings carried online. For the first time, the world was gathered in one meeting "room". What Phyllis Charter started, Dr Bina Vyas, her successor, continued with online leadership training programmes, opening the floor to enthusiastic question-answer sessions. The Inner Wheel organisations worldwide had already caught on and online meetings enabled the Inner Wheel bodies worldwide to carry on.

Conventions are held once every three years, no earlier than April to allow proposals to emanate from two of the three Governing Body meetings held between Conventions.⁵¹

For the first time, due to the pandemic lockdown worldwide, the 18th Convention on 17-18 April 2021 was held online, hosted by Inner Wheel India. International President 2020-2021 Bina Vyas said, "The physical convention has been cancelled to protect members' health. Now members could be sitting in the safety of their own homes with a virtual convention. The way forward is to convert challenges into opportunities, adopting modern technology and the positivity of going for this idea."⁵² It was a full event comprising opening ceremony, entertainment, seminars, business sessions, chat rooms, virtual tours and debates in a virtual convention hall.

It is planned that there will be a further Governing Body meeting before the end of the Inner Wheel year, which will be held virtually. Alan Phillips gave a brief overview of how the teleconferencing could work and would investigate the most practical and cost-effective methods that this could be enacted.

(Minutes of the Governing Body, 3-5 October 2018.)

The Governing Body has a system of selecting the host of the next Convention⁵³:

1. Receipt of bids from interested Inner Wheel groups following a standard blueprint – available from International Inner Wheel to all who need a copy. A full budget should be included to ensure that it included itemised details of expenditure and income in all areas.⁵⁴
2. The Governing Body of the previous Convention year would be provided with all the bids to evaluate.
3. Voting would be by the Governing Body based on their view as to which was the strongest bid at the Convention Governing Body meeting.
4. The successful bid will then be announced at the Convention.

As bids were presented five years ahead, the biggest challenge is to find a registration fee for the Convention that will bring the most value for the members and the organisers.⁵⁵

The main business of the Convention is to present, debate and vote for changes to the Constitution. One vote is given to each Club, District, National Governing Body, International Governing Body Officer, National Representative and Past International President.

In celebrating the centenary of Inner Wheel, the 19th Convention on 7-10 May 2024 will be held in Manchester, England, where Inner Wheel first started.

National Governing Body Presidents, District Chairmen and Club Presidents planning to take their chain of office to the Convention should check with their National Governing Body, District or Club insurance policy that it will be fully covered for loss and/or damage. It may be necessary to arrange temporary cover with their personal insurance company. (Beatrice Lapham (International Treasurer) Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting, 12-15 October 2005)

Official Communications and Administration

The heart of all official communications in International Inner Wheel is at the headquarters, under the care of the administrator.

In the first two years of formation, President Lavender Weightman, Vice-President Helena Foster and Treasurer Jessie Casson, started up the secretariat as it was called then, with part-time paid clerical staff and assistance of members from nearby Districts. Jessie Casson, who was the treasurer, passed away quite suddenly in 1968. Margaret Cross stepped in as Acting Treasurer.

In 1969-1972, Adelaide Lack was appointed Honorary Secretary. She trained the staff and helped with the immense planning of the first Convention.

The only way to communicate with the countries then was by post. In the first few months, there was no office! Helena Foster said, "The Executive Committee spent many nights in bedrooms at Berners Hotel discussing pamphlets and other materials urgently needed for extension."⁵⁶

Through the goodwill of a Rotarian connected with the British Optical Association, International Inner Wheel signed a lease with them for 21 years and moved in on 1 January 1968. The address was Ground Floor, No. 27 Three Kings Yard, W1 in Westminster, London. In 1978, the premises had to be returned when the owners sold it, with compensation for the remainder of the lease. The quick move was to St Olaf's House on a short lease while waiting for repairs and reconstruction to a new purchase at 5 Dartmouth Row. The headquarters was here from 1 July 1983 to October 1990. In October 1990, the headquarters moved to rented premises at Station House, Altrincham, Cheshire⁵⁷ and then to move again in 1996 to Stafford Court, Washway Road, Cheshire. In April 2011 till present day, the headquarters has been in Suite 2.3 MyBuro, 20 Market Street, Altrincham. This was acquired using the reserves accumulated from the sales of the first two properties.⁵⁸

In 1997, Board Directors were supplied with official notepaper from headquarters for their correspondences. Board Meetings were tape recorded⁵⁹ In 1998, the office purchased a computer system with email facilities.⁶⁰ In 2000, the staff were given training on the use of computer applications.⁶¹ In 2005, the office considered the use of a broadband service.⁶²

In 1965, the Postmaster General installed the ten millionth telephone in Britain. INTELSAT satellites over the Pacific and Indian Ocean were deployed in 1969. Subscriber Trunk Dialling with the first intercontinental service between London and New York was in 1970 and became fully implemented throughout the UK in 1978. The telephone exchange in the UK was fully automated in 1976. The facsimile service, Fonofax, was launched in 1979. International Direct Dialling was available in the whole of UK in 1982. The first cordless phone was in 1989 but it was not until 1995 that the mobile service became widely available to consumers. 1994 was an explosion of internet service providers.⁶⁸ Even though Internet access was available in 2001, the cost was still too high for the ordinary folk. The first iPhone debuted in 2007 and the HTC Dream, the first Android phone, was released in 2008.

In the Board Meeting in October 2005, Elaine Hathaway (Secretary) said, "The purchase of a scanner has also enabled the office to provide photographs and documentation to those requesting them for souvenirs, newsletters and programmes, as well as handle the many documents and pictures coming to the office for forward distribution. We are also in the process of changing to broadband to reduce the costs and increase the speed of receipt and delivery of information. The process of redesigning forms will also continue. Form design is quite a complicated matter. Often the interpretation of what is required will vary between each individual. Transcribing handwritten information is also often a problem. However we will try and move towards using e-mail addresses when they are provided and if they are written legibly; hopefully the provision of e-mailable or downloadable forms which can be word processed will help us make fewer mistakes!"

Proposals, Governing Body Minutes were posted together with Magazines/Newsletters. In 2007, they were also uploaded to the website.⁶³ In the same year, an information brochure for new members was produced in English, Spanish, French, Japanese and Italian.⁶⁴

The first newsletter was published in March 1968, a four-page printed on thin yellow paper and slipped inside the Great Britain and Ireland Magazine. The first six were edited by Vice-President Helena Foster. The first Editor, Audrey Sarjeant, set the standard with the first “real” Magazine issue in December 1969. A special Convention edition started in 1970, but ended in 1979. Esther Vibal introduced an eight-page broadsheet format. In May 1986, the Newsletter reverted to the 16-page booklet. After issue no. 52 in June 1988, future editions carried the Inner Wheel year, numbered 1 and 2 in that year. The 1990-1991 issue featured contributions from nineteen countries and Convention news.

In the early publications, the cost of production of the Magazine was offset by advertisements. AW Matthews Ltd who supplied the badges and regalia were a regular. The 1976 Convention Edition of the Magazine Issue No. 27 was fully sponsored by the members of Australia and a heartfelt appreciation was published in Helena Foster’s book *The First 25 Years 1967-1992*. Since then, advertisements were not solicited. The number of issues were reduced from three to twice a year for a twelve-page publication.⁶⁵ It was a major expense paid from the capitation received but was then the best communication medium for news and announcements.

The only official historical publication of International Inner Wheel was by the second International President 1969-1970 Helena Foster. In it she had a detailed account of the first twenty-five years.



As an organisation, it is logical to have a domain name ending with “.org”. The initial thought was to use “innerwheel.org”. Unfortunately, it was already taken! It was decided that the website will have the URL “internationalinnerwheel.org”. The website was “live” on 30 July 2011.⁶⁹

A website was created in 2006 “without moving graphics or sound to complicate the user”.⁶⁶ In 2007, it was expanded to include more downloadable content. In 2012, the website was modernised and the concept of “branding” Inner Wheel was introduced after consultation with a professional firm. The emphasis was on consistency and a corporate look. It also featured Inner Wheel news from around the world. Electronic copies of the Magazine was uploaded as well as printed. The first postings on Facebook started in December 2011 with a call to all members to join an art competition for display at the 2012 Convention in Istanbul. The new colours of the Inner Wheel emblem, rebranded, was also displayed on the backdrop of the Convention stage. The first Instagram post started in June 2014 and the next in December 2014 for a photography competition for the exhibition at the 2015 Convention in Copenhagen. Seven videos were first uploaded to the International Inner Wheel Youtube Channel on 4 July 2014, including some taken at the Convention in Istanbul. An account at X (formerly Twitter) was opened in October 2013. These postings were a team effort of the Editor/Media Manager, administrative staff and the staff of a web provider.

The website was again revised in 2022-2023. It was looking heavy and complex. In re-addressing, the website would focus on contents fit for non-members to view. For members, a “members’ portal” with cloud storage was created with official messages and announcements of International Inner Wheel. The social media platforms would “share” news from Inner Wheel bodies. In other words, “using the right tools made for the job”.

In 2021-2022, with increased cost of printing and postage, the Executive Committee decided on a proposal by Editor/Media Manager Yeok San Cheng, to produce a completely electronic version. Digital printshops could produce hard copies as and when desired by members themselves. It proved to be beneficial because more pages could be added and in full colour, with no delays of delivery and without the limitation of printing and postage costs. On top of the two issues of the Magazine, she published six special editions called “In The Pink” focussing on the theme of International President Ebe Panitteri Martines which highlighted stories about the work on the theme around the world and another highlighting membership. This trend was continued in 2022-2023 with “Wonder Women” and in 2023-2024 with “We Shine” by Editor/Media Manager Prabha Raghunandan.



The Internet era has enabled members to be connected in diverse ways. Today, “share” is a word that bears a new meaning for distributing multimedia content. There is no cost except for a smartphone and an Internet connection which could also be free if one knows where to go. The emails, website, social media apps, and the call and messaging apps meant that networking is easy and quick. However, to ensure a point of reference, International Inner Wheel maintains the email and website as the official source of announcements, and using the other platforms for publicising and promotions.

In 2022-2023, the Executive Officers, Editor/Media Manager and staff of International Inner Wheel were assigned corporate email addresses for their official work. As in the past, the practice has been that any announcements will be emailed first to the Governing Body and then second to the National Representatives and District Chairman without National Representatives. After a pause, it is then posted on the media platforms.

In the early years, a Directory of names and contact details of all the members of the Governing Body, National Representatives, Past International Presidents and Club Secretaries were in print and posted. The cost was offset by a fee chargeable for each book ordered, without a fee for postage. It has been a loss every year and the number of orders were decreasing resulting in leftover stock which would not be usable the following year. Another issue was that the printed copy would be costly to maintain an errata for the change of officers and changes in contact details after publication.

The officers' details were received in a variety of formats – handwritten, faxed, scanned and emailed. Extracting them into a machine readable format meant deciphering and typing. This was a source of error. There were also some which were given in a wordprocessor or spreadsheet file but the information in them needed further reorganising. These labour intensive work had required employing extra help.⁶⁷

In the Board Meeting, 2-4 October 2012, Secretary Elaine Hathaway conveyed an idea for a new system which was implemented. It involved Inner Wheel bodies creating official Google email addresses which would not change year to year. In addition, the website will have a special log-in page with password for each subscribing member. It will display a searchable database of officers' contacts available to anyone who logs in. The printed version of the Directory continued as well.

In 2022-2023, the web database was discontinued in order that International Inner Wheel comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (“UK GDPR”), tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018. In continuing to serve the members, without violating the Law, a request for contact details can be made with an online form. Additionally, in compliance, the printing and posting of a Directory ended in 2022-2023.

In an effort to improve the efficiency in collecting the officers' contacts, a form was created for them to fill in. When filled, it is automatically added into an online spreadsheet. An offline pre-formatted spreadsheet is also provided, if its use is preferred.

In February-March 2024, International President Trish Douglas and the Executive Committee made a historical decision to digitise the hardcopies of the Minutes of the Governing Board and Minutes of the Business Sessions of the Convention. Many of the documents were well preserved and filed in ledger folders. The exercise was carried out by Administrator Alan Phillips and was completed by a professional scanning facility. The preservation of such records maximises the value of Inner Wheel's legacy for posterity.

With these latest developments of International Inner Wheel in the last decade – from online conferencing to publications and data management, and from print to cloud storage – Inner Wheel members are on a surer footing to enter the next century.

1967-1969 Lavender Weightman
1969-1970 Helena Foster

Extracted from “The First Twenty-Five Years 1967-1992” by Helena Foster.
This book contains the Presidents 1967 to 1992.

The Presidents
1993-2003

Extracted from the Minutes of the Business Sessions of the Conventions.



1967 to 2024
International
Inner Wheel
President's
chain of office

1967-1969 Lavender Weightman: The First President

On the 1st of July 1967, Lavender Weightman (Great Britain and Ireland) became the first President of International Inner Wheel. A host of good wishes and letters from many countries, as well as invitations to visit, gave great encouragement to the formidable task of establishing a truly international organisation.

President Lavender was founder Secretary/Treasurer of the Purley Club in 1948 and after holding District offices became President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in 1965. Her clarity of thought towards our future and her enthusiasm was self-evident. The President's other interests included education, sports, crosswords and philately since the age of seven! Her husband, a solicitor, was an Alderman of the London Borough of Croydon.

The Officers met on the 4th July 1967 and the most important objective was to get the administration in order as quickly as possible. It was agreed that visits should be kept to a minimum during the first year. The work increased and so did the problems, as well as requests for information about International Inner Wheel.

The wisdom of the first President and Vice-President serving two years soon became apparent as continuity in decision making was all important.

The first meeting of the Board held in Copenhagen on the 3rd/4th October 1967, was a historic and unique occasion.

In her welcome to the Officers – Vice-President Helena Foster, Treasurer Jessie Casson and Board Members Birte Fangel (Denmark), Nancy Sharp (Great Britain and Ireland), Trudy van der Grift (The Netherlands), Eva Herud (Norway) and Elsebeth Sager (Sweden). President Lavender said :-

"We must plan for the future as well as for the present time. We should strive to extend our lines of communication throughout the world... The immediate task is to make International Inner Wheel work, to deal with day to day administration and fundamentals, but to delegate as much as possible to National Councils, where most of the Inner Wheel work will be undertaken. It was necessary to maintain the closest links with Non-districted Clubs – a feeling of remoteness could destroy Inner Wheel friendship."

After wishing Members a happy and interesting year in Friendship and Service, the President proceeded with the Agenda. Some items are recorded as part of our early history.

Office premises: The Vice-President gave details of the accommodation at 27 Three Kings Yard, Davies Street, London to be leased from the British Optical Association. The necessary planning permission had been obtained and the required alterations were in hand. The Lease to be agreed by our Solicitors was for 21 years only with a breaking clause at seven and fourteen years. We had the right to assign our Lease. The proposed rental was £750 per annum plus rates.

Furniture: Apart from the beautiful Presidential chair presented by the disbanded Egham Club, and two filing cabinets, we had no other furniture – hence the idea of a "Bride's List".

The Board agreed the Constitution of the Executive Committee would be the Officers of International Inner Wheel, and one member co-opted from the Board for each meeting as desired, until such time as there was an Immediate Past President.

All decisions of the Executive Committee would be ratified by the Board at the appropriate Board Meeting.

Finance: The Treasurer informed the Board that the balance of our funds amounted to £1372.18.8 on 30th September 1967. The Treasurer asked all Districts to pay their Capitation Fees as soon as possible. £50 each had been given to India and Australia towards the setting up of their National Councils. To cover small incidental expenses, it was agreed that the President be allowed £100 (not to include Christmas Cards) and each Officer £25.

Four Trustees were appointed – Mesdames Weightman, Foster, Casson and Mrs. Millicent Gaskell (Past Association President, Great Britain and Ireland).

Appointments of International Inner Wheel Solicitors Bailey, Shaw and Gillett and Auditors Wilding and Company were confirmed by the Board.

National Bye-Laws were approved for Denmark, Great Britain and Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

A number of new Clubs had been registered and an application had been received from The Philippines for the Association of 34 Clubs to be part of International Inner Wheel.

The division and renumbering of Districts was discussed in detail, and it was confirmed that International Inner Wheel would be prepared to consider forming smaller Inner Wheel Districts.

It was agreed that Inner Wheel Districts should be renumbered to correspond where possible, with Rotary International numbering, Districts in Europe would not use the hundred digit.

Great Britain and Ireland kindly offered to add a coloured insertion to their own Magazine to enable a Newsletter to be published by International Inner Wheel as soon as possible. The additional cost and increased postage would be borne by International Inner Wheel.

International Service: Each Country should have an organiser. Where there is no such member, contact should be made through the Board.

Presidential Visits: The President said she had been able to attend the Charter Presentation to the Antwerp Club on her journey home from Copenhagen. An invitation had been received to visit Australia in March 1968, but the President felt this was too soon and could be better planned in the Autumn, to make the most of the journey.

Board member Birte Fangel attended the Executive meeting held in January 1968.

Good contacts had been made by a border Danish Club with Rotarian wives in Northern Germany. It was agreed that Fru Fangel should encourage formation of a Club if the opportunity arose.

Later that month we moved to our own office – what a joy to see the transformation from a dirty, oily workshop to white walls and paintwork. One of our early visitors was from Nassau.

The second Board Meeting was held at Blackpool in April 1968 at the same time as the Great Britain and Ireland Conference, as Board members from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and The Netherlands had been invited to attend.

At this meeting, badges for International Inner Wheel Representatives in silver gilt were approved and Sweden requested that some colour be introduced into Charters

– the emblem in blue and gold and blue lettering

Chairs had been purchased for the office at £25 each and it was hoped that each Country might be prepared to purchase a chair for their Board member.

General insurances and a personal accident policy for the President had been taken out.

Each Board member reported steady progress in her Country, with Council Meetings and the formation of new Clubs and Districts.

There were now 1300 Clubs in 33 Countries, the latest being Rhodes (as part of Greece) and Castries in St. Lucia, Windward Isles. India had formed 22 Clubs since the last Meeting. Membership was approximately 45,000.

The Inner Wheel Club of Winnipeg, Canada celebrated their 25th Anniversary this year and since their formation in 1943 have served in many areas of need. Of special interest is the assistance given to Rotarians with their Model United Nations Assembly. Rotary Clubs send a high school boy or girl as a delegate to the Assembly where they represent the various countries in the United Nations for a three day session. Rotary wives help the visitors with hospitality, transportation and registration.

President Lavender made her first visit as International President to the Great Britain and Ireland Conference, bringing greetings from members throughout the world. That morning she had received a cable from Australia to say they had formed their National Committee.

The President attended a Reception, given by the President of Rotary International, in Great Britain and Ireland and had the privilege of exchanging greetings with the President of Rotary International and Mrs. Luther Hodges, and the General Secretary and Mrs. George Means.

Sadly we accepted the enforced resignation of Treasurer Jessie Casson through illness and her death in September was a profound shock to all her friends.

Her contribution to International Inner Wheel in friendship, service and international understanding was of lasting benefit and typical of her long Inner Wheel membership.

A very active first year, establishing sound foundations for the future.

We welcomed Mrs. Margaret Cross not only as acting Treasurer but a friend of long standing also Board Member Elsebeth Bager (Sweden) to the Executive Meeting in September 1968. Mrs. Molly Hickson, Board Member for Great Britain and Ireland, was invited to the next Executive Meeting in December.

ON TOUR WITH THE PRESIDENT – FROM HER DIARY

President Lavender arrived in the Philippines at the beginning of October. Her first engagement in Manila was to present twenty-five Charters to Club Presidents at a large gathering of Rotarians and members in Filipino dress. The President too wore a beautiful cream coloured Filipino dress given to her by members of Quezon City Inner Wheel. The President saw much community work. In Manila members encourage local women from the villages to become first class machinists and to sell their work through a shop employing two assistants and a manageress on the ground floor. In the same building are the offices of the Manila Club and Association Headquarters.

In Quezon City, members run a free medical mobile clinic weekly, and in eleven months the clinic had assisted 7,947 patients. Doctors who are Rotarians or Inner Wheel members give their services free. Drug houses are generous and Inner Wheel provides these from money raising events.

Cavite City run barrio (villages or hamlets) schemes in education and hygiene, members providing pencils, books and material for clothing.

On to Australia where President Lavender met many Clubs and Rotarians. From Victoria to Ararat for an inter-Club meeting, where the hall was decorated with an ark on the stage and animals two by two around the walls! Adelaide was the next centre, spending time to discuss District formation with Club Presidents and enjoying lunches and barbecues for relaxation! Clubs in South Australia held a combined meeting and after other gatherings the President flew back to Sydney.

Gosford, Shell-Harbour, Auburn and many other Clubs entertained the President including District 50 holding its annual picnic at Bathurst.

Just three days in New Zealand meant much planning, but did enable the President to meet members informally and discuss Inner Wheel matters.

On returning to Sydney the President flew to Perth to meet members from Gosnells, Melville, Kalamunda and Subiaco.

Arriving in Singapore the President met members of the Club from five nationalities, and was in time for the opening of a Girl's Home. Members had organised cookery demonstrations as a form of rehabilitation, supplying a cooker and a year's supply of calor gas.

In Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) visits were made to several family projects – The Colombo Club gave a cottage to a fisherman's widow and Colombo West looked after several families in a village for blind folk. Colombo hoped to raise funds to extend the women's ward of a local hospital. A visit to Kandy made a very happy interlude, meeting new friends.

The President's visit to India was a very extensive one, and included Trivandrum, where members organise a workshop making artificial limbs, to Quilon where Inner Wheel members prepare supper for Rotary and their rupees swell the Inner Wheel Charity Fund. Inner Wheel members also hold their meeting at the same time.

On to Bangalore where District 317S were holding a District Meeting and in the evening the President was entertained by Inner Wheel members and their daughterst to programme of Indian dances. In Mysore members run a children's library, providing all the books at a kindergarten school supported by Rotary.

Bombay was the next venue to attend an inter-city meeting of Clubs in District 315, and an opportunity to hear the practical ways in which Bombay, Bombay West and Bombay North give community service. The President attended the important meeting of Districts 305 and 315 where they decided that they wished for representation on the Board and to form a National Council for the setting up of the Indian Association of Inner Wheel Clubs.

At an evening meeting, held outside at Broach, part of District 305, Clubs joined together to meet the President. One of the many projects undertaken by members was the setting up of Birth Control Clinics, now made possible by the generous financial assistance of Inner Wheel in Sweden.

President Lavender attended the wedding of a Rotarian and presented his bride with her Inner Wheel badge during a suitable moment in the long Hindu ceremony.

Now it was the turn of Baroda and Anand where Clubs have established Birth Control Clinics and treatment of trachoma. A long drive to Ahmedabad (where the first Inner Wheel Club in India was formed) and then

by air to Jaipur, to attend a Charter presentation and welcome the Club into International Inner Wheel.

Agra had fixed their meeting for the full moon so the President was able to see the Taj Mahal in all its serenity by moonlight and had time to visit the Club's project — a room at the local hospital, furnished and equipped for children needing physiotherapy.

The last visit — to ISRAEL and a warm welcome from the Tel Aviv members. Members do much good supporting work at the Speech Therapy Centre and the Recreational Centre where children from many countries get to know each other by playing together.

Being away from home for ten weeks needed much planning and dedication, but undoubtedly such visits greatly assisted extension at this particular time in our development.

Our third Board Meeting was indeed exciting, colourful and memorable in every way. The President welcomed the Representatives of four new National Councils/Associations, from Australia (Mrs. Kath Armstrong). Canada (Mrs. Wanda Weldon). The Philippines (Mrs. Trinidad Legarda) and India (Dr. Malti Rana), as well as the Founder member Countries of Denmark, Great Britain and Ireland, Norway, Sweden and The Netherlands. Nine different countries — many thousands of miles apart — were getting to know and understand each other as individuals, learning how International Inner Wheel works in each Country. Perhaps it was in the Reports given by each Representative that one felt the fascination and inspiration of pooling ideas.

From the other side of the world. Mrs. Armstrong brought greetings from Australia, speaking with much enthusiasm of the scope for development and the hope that an Association would be formed soon. The President's recent visit had stimulated much interest in Inner Wheel throughout the continent.

Mrs. Weldon brought tiny booties made from white skin and fur made by the Indian community in Canada. Inner Wheel helped to market the goods to augment the low incomes of the inhabitants. With a "New World" outlook and wide business experience. Mrs. Weldon gave us many practical ideas.

The Philippines Board member arrived with a beautiful outsize orchid for the President and a very large gaily coloured embroidered bag full of treasures! Amongst these were dolls in national costume as a gift for Headquarters. Mrs. Legarda spoke of the many ways

in which members were helping their country. One of the most unusual was the distribution of "Rice Kits" containing seeds of improved rice variety, insecticides and fertilisers. The Clubs establish "pilot" farms. and by these means it was hoped to spread the idea of better farming methods and ultimate self-support in rice — the basic staple food of the people.

Dr. Malti Rana, India, referred to the rapid growth of Clubs and they too hoped to form an Indian Association. The President's visit had been much appreciated.

Dr. Rana spoke with gratitude of the help received from the Swedish Districts towards Family Planning in India. A most practical link between two countries and Dr. Rana was looking forward to speaking to the Swedish Clubs on her return journey.

The Board confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Adelaide Lack as Honorary Secretary and much regretted she could not be present due to illness.

It was suggested that a new firm of Solicitors should be engaged, in the vicinity of the office and it was left to the Executive Committee to approach Messrs. Culross and Co. of Duke Street. W.I.

Our Auditors Messrs. Wilding and Co. joined the Board to discuss the Treasurer's financial report and Accounts for the year 1967/68. The Auditors explained that these did not represent a full year's working. After very lengthy discussions, it was agreed, by a majority vote, that the capitation fee be raised to 5/- per member for the year 1969/70.

Extension We now had our first Club in Germany Lubeck with 28 members, and the President thanked Fru Fangel for her wonderful work and the many contacts she had already made. Fru Fangel said that Inner Wheel was most welcome in Germany and District formation would not be far away.

A Club had been formed in Monrovia. Liberia and a Club might be formed in Kisumu, Kenya, through a member of District 12 now living there.

Australia reported that the National Council had regrouped their Clubs making four new Districts.

Canada stressed the distances between Clubs and asked if some assistance could be given for extension work and the setting up of the National Association. Mrs. Weldon would be speaking to about 100 wives from many Clubs later in the week.

Denmark now had 84 Clubs and had held two Council Meetings. A chair had been presented to International Inner Wheel.

Great Britain And Ireland had formed 5 new Clubs and the total number now was 861 Clubs with a membership of 29,884.

India's membership was about 2,000 members in 85 Clubs. They would be meeting to consider submitting a Constitution for India for approval by the Board.

The Netherlands members were concerned about the expense of another District, but they had a good year and interest was increasing amongst members.

Norway was also having difficulty with finance and explained that it was 1,000 miles from South to North in the new District. The Districts would like to present a chair to International Inner Wheel.

The Philippines still had Clubs who had not yet opted to join International Inner Wheel, but it was hoped they would do so before long. There was a possibility of forming two Districts.

Sweden had already contributed 25,000 Swedish crowns to the Family Planning project in India in co-operation with Dr. Malti Rana. There was the possibility of a Swedish Magazine being published as much information and news got lost and never reached the Club member.

It was agreed by the Board that Canada should receive £50 towards the setting up of the National Committee.

India should receive £100 to be paid from the Indian account to help the initial expenses of bringing the two Districts 310 and 317S together to participate in discussions on the formation of the National Association.

International Inner Wheel Convention, Holland — 11th/12th May 1970

The Vice-President referred to the visit made by the President and Officers to meet the Netherlands Committee and the Board had been given Minutes of that meeting.

The Netherlands Committee had already given much thought to the Convention, and Mevr. van der Grift had made enquiries about hotel accommodation. The venue would be the Netherlands Congress Centre at The Hague, one of the foremost Convention Centres in Europe. The cost would be 4,900 guilders for the two days (approximately £4901 including four

microphones. and the Hall had a seating capacity of 2000.

It was agreed that Conventions should be held every three years and the next Convention would be in 1973.

Nominations for International Inner Wheel Officers 1969/70 As there was only one nomination for each office, the President declared the following nominees returned unopposed:

President – Mrs. Helena Foster, England

Vice-President – Fru Etsebeth Bager, Sweden

Treasurer – Mrs. Margaret Cross, England.

Representation on Board — Under the present Constitution, a country could be represented on the Board with one District having a minimum of four Clubs. It was obvious that financially this would not be practicable in the future and after lengthy discussion it was agreed that a proposal to amend the Constitution should be placed on the Convention Agenda:- “Governing Body — One representative from each Country with a National Council comprising one or more Districts and having a minimum of eight Clubs.”

Board members warmly thanked the President for her chairmanship of a long but very interesting and informative Meeting.

The President's last official engagement was in Bournemouth to attend the Annual Conference of Great Britain and Ireland Clubs. Two very special Exhibitions were on show – the first depicting service projects and the versatility of Inner Wheel Service and the second of members' craftsmanship in wool – all to be given to needy people.

Both were a joy to see and were a great attraction to all the delegates.

As Lavender Weightman ended her two year term of office as our first President and Board Members retired, the words I wrote in an early Newsletter seem now more appropriate than ever “International Inner Wheel will one day have cause to look back with gratitude and admiration to those members who served during the ‘formative years’.”

1969-1970 Helena Foster: World Inner Wheel Day

President Helena Foster (Great Britain and Ireland) is the wife of a retired mustard manufacturer, and her Inner Wheel membership of the Brighthouse Club goes back to their marriage in December 1943! Her great interest is in people of all ages – having spent many years as a School Governor and in community and youth service work. As a Regional Administrator for the Womens Royal Voluntary Service, she is well trained for emergencies! She loves cats, books, antiques and travel, but not rough seas! The President was born in Somerset, had a private school education and after attending a Secretarial Training College spent her “working” years in the legal world.

From an enchanting villa on Cap Ferrat, France, the President wrote – Although on holiday, my thoughts are never far from Inner Wheel and the friendships which bind us together all over the world. You, the reader, the individual member, are needed to add your personal contribution to Club life. Looking around. I realise more and more what a wealth of ability and talent we have within our organisation - not just specialists, but people with the gift of bringing up their family, so that they will become courageous and honest citizens of the future – people who are good listeners and always willing to sacrifice time and leisure – people who give service with gaiety.

Others may rule the world, but our part, however small, is to fill the gaps. There are so many to be found if we only use our imagination. Sometimes our own friends need us too —do look around and see if someone wants a sympathetic ear.”

WORLD INNER WHEEL DAY In a letter to all Club Presidents — “I would like to ask all members of Clubs throughout the world to link together in ACTION on January 10th, I have chosen this special day because it was on January 10th 1924, that the Mother Club of Inner Wheel, the Manchester Club, England, first adopted the name Inner Wheel. It can be interpreted in any way you think fit — in groups or as individuals — giving personal service to someone who needs you — planting a tree or flowers to beautify some corner of your land, or just the simple act of writing a letter.

I am sure there is inspiration and encouragement to be gained by the knowledge that your fellow members throughout the world are at that moment joined together to extend service and friendship.”

THE PRESIDENT’S VISITS

The President’s first engagement was a very special one — to present the Inner Wheel Club of Lubeck with their Charter — the first in Germany. A most memorable evening, supported by members and Rotarians from Denmark, local Rotary Clubs and other organisations. The Minister of Economics (Hr. Gaul) was also a guest. There were great hopes for future extension. From Lubeck the President travelled with Fru Birte Fangel and her husband to Denmark attending a Club meeting at Kastrop. Vice-President Elsebeth Sager accompanied the President to the Scandinavian Rally at Saltsjobaden, near Stockholm to be greeted by 280 members from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It was a great delight to start the year by visiting many old friends and meeting new ones. There can be no better way of spreading friendship than to meet, exchange ideas and share a table.

We welcomed our new Editor Mrs. Audrey Sarjeant and the President said that Mrs. Sarjeant had written in French to all French and Belgian Clubs.

AFRICAN SAFARI. “Seven Countries in six weeks. starting on United Nations Day!

The Swahili word “Safari” means any expedition into the bush. Mine was to discover what Inner Wheel means in the vast continent of Africa and to encourage its growth. All these Clubs were non-districted at the time of my visit and very far apart!”

SIERRA LEONE. It was almost midnight when I touched down on African soil at Freetown but a smiling President and Immediate Past President (in her National dress) greeted me with roses and flowers from members’ gardens. Highlights of my visit were a special lunch prepared by Club members, a Government cocktail party where I met officials and other V.I.Ps. I visited the Mayor, appeared on Television and recorded for Women’s Hour – all good publicity for Inner Wheel! It was interesting to go to the Sierra Leone Children’s Home, the Lakka TB Hospital and the Cheshire Home for Crippled children, where the Club together with Rotary, is helping to improve conditions as well as raising funds for the old, the blind and patients in a mental home.

LIBERIA. My visit to Monrovia was all too short as my plane was seven hours late! The President and members had travelled three times to the Airport to

meet me and we were both relieved to find each other. The President's home is in beautiful surroundings and instead of fairies, she has crocodiles at the bottom of her garden — in a lake!

The Monrovia Charter Presentation was a most delightful occasion at the Ducor Hotel, and the Rotary President-elect entered fully into the evening with great charm and wisdom. The President's maiden speech was delivered with impressive dignity and it was good to find thirty founder members.

GHANA. Accra is a very active Club, with eight nationalities and I was impressed by the service they give, especially to the Mampong Deaf and Dumb Home, run by an English Teacher. Sewing machines had been given to a school but sometimes the girls were too poor to bring material.

The Accra President and her husband took me to Takoradi, a small but enthusiastic group and our long journey took us past waving coconut palms, cocoa trees and colourful villages.

The New Club at Kumasi, with their Ghanaian President are already active and some of the Indian members were thrilled to hear of the Swedish link with the Indian Family Planning project.

NIGERIA. The Presidents of Lagos and Ikeja with members were waiting to greet me at the Airport, and helping hands got me through the customs and immigration quickly. As well as other useful service, the Club gives scholarships to enable girls to finish their education and I was pleased to see three of them at the Club meeting, also attended by the Ikeja members. I had the opportunity of speaking to women of other organisations and met the Rotary International Adviser for the Region, who hoped for Rotary extension. Ikeja Charter Presentation was well supported by Rotarians and their wives, the President and her husband from Lagos and other guests, all adding gaiety to the evening. Membership comprises Nigerian and expatriates and promises to be most successful.

SOUTH AFRICA. A very long hop to Durban to address representatives of the four Rotary Ann Clubs, where many questions were asked and interest shown by younger members in the international aspect of Inner Wheel.

On to PORT ELIZABETH — a very old established Club in Inner Wheel — with many excellent service projects, to a happy meeting of members and Rotary

Ann. I hope very much that we shall have a new Inner Wheel Club at Port Elizabeth West.

My stay in Wynberg was somewhat marred by having pneumonia, but thanks to the forethought of a Rotarian husband my address was taped and broadcast to a meeting of members and guests. Massive doses of penicillin and kindly nursing by my President hostess enabled me to keep to schedule for my important date at Kisumu.

Earlier I had been able to speak to the Rondebosch Rotary Ann and was made most welcome by Mrs. Duminy, wife of the 1st Vice-President of Rotary International and by Mrs. Freedberg wife of the Rotary District Governor.

KENYA. Kisumu on Lake Victoria and the Equator. was full of interest! I learnt how to wear a sari from the Indian members: with the President took much needed match boxes and bottles of all sizes to the Leprosarium; marvelled at the patience of the Nuns and the Dutch physiotherapist at Nyabondo Crippled Children's Home.

The Charter Presentation at Kericho Tea Hotel. supported by the Presidents of Nairobi and Mombasa (the latter about 800 miles away!) guests and Rotarians was a wonderful evening.

Mombasa, with youth at the helm, had every minute planned. In one short day, in tropical heat, I saw the Mayor, did a tour of the city, received a cheque for their 'Place of Safety' for destitute children, heard crippled children sing Carols, attended a cocktail party to meet the District Governor and Rotarians. A delightful lunch enabled me to address members and guests from other women's organisations.

Back to Nairobi, for a Television appearance, meetings with the Mayor and Miss Kenyatta, the East African Women's League Officers, and lions in the Game Reserve!

With the President, I saw the work for Crippled Children, one of their many service projects. and the variety of goods being collected for their Annual Boutique Sale.

The luncheon in my honour was well attended by members and guests from other organisations.

ETHIOPIA. Two enchanting small boys with roses met me at Addis Ababa Airport, accompanied by the President and members, the photographers and Press!

A fascinating country, with ancient and modern living side by side, a magnificent Post Office and other modern buildings and 12th century Lalinela just a Dakota ride away. At Princess Tshahi Hospital, I met New Zealander Dr. Hamlin, working through C.O.R.S.A. and saw women patients awaiting help.

Before lunching at the British Embassy, I went to the Clinic run by the wives, helped by clothing gifts from Inner Wheel.

A most memorable end to my long journey was the granting of an audience by His Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie, who expressed the hope that Inner Wheel would expand. Mayors, Ministers, the Press, Television Social Workers and people in different walks of life took the trouble to tell me about customs and traditions, their problems, and their hopes — with wonderful hospitality I never felt a stranger in a strange land and I learnt a lot!

THE FOURTH BOARD MEETING held at Headquarters and Berners Hotel, London April 1970.

The President said she had been thinking a great deal about the role of the Board Member She was the President's main link with the country and it was her responsibility to communicate what took place at the Board meeting to the members. The Board had not met for fourteen months solely due to economy and to maintain contact with them the President had sent out "Round Robins" (Circular letters) every three months.

Extracts from the Minutes

Office Staff. The Honorary Secretary Mrs Lack reported that Miss Butler would be leaving for health reasons and Miss Davies would be getting married in June. The President said the extra work Involved with the Convention had imposed a great strain on all the Officers but it was hoped to have adequate staff before long.

The Immediate Past President expected to have the draft Manual ready by the end of June for the Board's approval. The Inner Wheel Club of Anvers had translated the former Great Britain and Ireland Association Manual into French.

The Honorary Treasurer. Mrs. Cross said increased postage had exceeded the budget and the Board agreed that countries outside Europe would receive the International Inner Wheel Magazine by surface mail. Copies for Board Members by air. Directory and Capitation fee forms – one copy to be sent to each

National Association or Council for reproduction and distribution to Clubs.

Extension. Many new Clubs had been formed and enquiries had been received from Morocco, Switzerland, Rhodesia, Dusseldorf (Germany). France and the U.S.A. The total number of Clubs was now 1,454.

Constitution. The President stated that any proposals to amend the Constitution approved at the Convention would be effective from the 1st of July 1970 and would not be retrospective. Germany had translated the Constitution into their language.

Great Britain and Ireland – Byelaws. These were agreed by the Board, including the amendment passed at the Great Britain and Ireland Association Conference.

Directories. The price of the 1970/71 Directory would be 3/ sterling, and would include Club International Service Organisers names and addresses.

Reports. The nine Countries represented gave news of good progress in Club formation and interesting service projects The new District A70 Australia was an important step forward.

Editor. Mrs Sarjeant joined the meeting and gave a brief resume of her work. It was proving difficult to obtain advertisements and any suggestions would be welcome. The President thanked Mrs Sarjeant for her interesting Newsletters and said it was the unanimous wish of the Board that she should continue as Editor for the year 1970/71.

CONVENTION. The President gave details of the arrangements made for the Meeting on Monday afternoon the 11th May when Her Majesty Queen Juliana would be present, and said that after the meeting the Officers Members of the Board and the Netherlands Convention Committee would be presented to the Queen. Mrs Langelaan, Chairman of the Netherlands District had invited all members of the Board to her house for tea at 4 pm on Wednesday the 13th of May.

Visit to Africa. As many details of her visit had appeared in the March issue the President's remarks were confined to some of the problems and conditions affecting daily life.

Communications, shortage of trained personnel, tools for the jobs (such as school books, materials, spare parts), transport, housing, water and other welfare

services were obvious problems in some of the more rural areas, as well as superstition.

Many of the Clubs had members from several countries and the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa had no less than twenty-two different nationalities in their membership!

The President stressed the importance of encouraging membership from those who had husbands in Rotary belonging to the country concerned, if Inner Wheel were to remain and extend its fellowship. Many members worked full time and were not accustomed to participate in outside social welfare activities – Rotarians too were not used to women in public life. The President was impressed with the ability of the women she met, the emphasis on education and being well informed. There was tremendous opportunity for expansion of Inner Wheel in the future. In this part of the world, where the position of women was becoming increasingly important and younger members should be encouraged to take an active part in their Clubs.

VENUE FOR CONVENTION 1973. It was agreed that subject to it being possible to make all the necessary arrangements the 1973 Convention would be in Scandinavia in the Spring.

On behalf of the Board and all members throughout the world, the President warmly thanked Mrs. Weightman for all she had done during her period of office to put International Inner Wheel on a sound basis.

After the meeting, members proceeded to the House of Lords for tea by very kind invitation of the Dowager Marchioness of Reading. The Chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service Lady Reading gave a witty and fascinating history of the House and parliamentary procedure and the main debate was on hijacking – a topic of international interest!

“Accompanied by my husband, it gave me very special pleasure to attend my own Association Conference of Great Britain and Ireland Clubs with over 3,000 guests, including some from other countries. It was most happy last evening and we were all delighted that the President of Rotary International Jim Conway and his wife, as well as R.I.B.I. President Gordon Taylor and his wife could join us.

OUR FIRST CONVENTION at the Hague. The Netherlands on the 11th and 12th of May 1970 was a dream fulfilled after many months of detailed planning and initial anxieties – mostly financial – until the registrations started to meet our budget! The

undoubted success of the Convention was made possible by the wonderful co-operation of our Netherlands hostesses and their Rotarians, the Conventions Committee and all who travelled from distant lands to make it memorable. Hearing greetings from member countries for the first time and their participation in the Business Sessions gave delegates an opportunity to see International Inner Wheel as a reality!

A detailed report will be found in the Convention Section.

Rotary International. The President was invited to a dinner party to meet Mrs Louise Walk, the wife of the incoming President of Rotary International visiting England for the Assembly of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

In June the President made a flying visit to Norway meeting Officers and members from Districts 28S, 28N, 29 and 31. Starting in Stavanger, the home town of Board Member Mia Ellingsen, there were lunchtime and evening gatherings. An inter-city meeting in Sandnes enabled President Helena to meet Rotarian wives from two potential Clubs, Strand and Kopervik and listen to a three minute speech – “How the God Thor recovered his hammer”! Accompanied by her travelling companion Mia, they flew to Bergen, saw some of the famous landmarks and had a delightful Folk-lore evening.

Flying further North to Trondheim, to keep an important date – the Charter Feast of the Hemne Club. This took place at an old Manor House at Orkanger, and after the formal Presentation, came a traditional candle-lit dinner in the cellar restaurant.

We were glad to have the District Governor Rotarian Otto Knudsen and his wife with us and much enjoyed their overnight hospitality.

From Trondheim to Oslo meeting old and new friends from Districts 29 and 31.

The farewell dinner at Frognerseteren Hoved restaurant, the three minute speech.

“The string of pearls”, and the generous hospitality of Norwegian members everywhere made a most happy finale to an eventful year.

The President concludes – “For me this year has been a “journey of a lifetime” and I send you my special thanks for your friendship and loyalty. Thank you, too, for many moments of gaiety and fun – Inner Wheel was meant to be a “tonic” for its members too.

1992-1994 Gwendolen Bowman

I was indeed privileged to be your President for the Jubilee Year 1992/1993. It was a very busy time with many decisions to make which are now a matter of history.

I did indeed cover many countries and someone once said 'It isn't the travel that broadens one, its all the rich foreign food'.

However, Elsa Maxwell said 'heavy women command more attention than thin ones and usually have more friends'.

So, eat up girls!!

I cannot possibly express my thanks to the depths that I feel for your love and understanding but I hope that these words will give you some idea of what memories I have from my contact with you.

MEMORIES

- M** is for the MEMBERS by whose sweet grace
I visited their lands and met face to face.
- E** is for EVERYTHING they made me understand
From fundraising to service in each and every land.
- M** is for MEMBERSHIP the whole world over
From Moscow to Korea, to the white cliffs of Dover.
- O** is for OFFICERS who all play a part
To fulfil all their duties with blythe spirit and heart.
- R** is for REMINDERS we get from time to time
To return to the basics and tread the straight line.
- I** is for INTEGRITY which all Clubs hold dear
To act as world leaders with our conscience clear.
- E** again for EFFORT it takes for good work
Which Inner Wheel members surely don't shirk.
- S** is for SINCERITY when I give you my thanks
For a year of fond memories kept safe in my bank.

The theme 'UNDERSTANDING' was so well received by the members, I have put together these words.

UNDERSTANDING

- U** is for US, united we stand
Against all injustice throughout every land.
- N** is for the NURTURING of children so poor
By sending them clothes and warm clothes galore.
- D** is for DUTIES which all of us know
Will make each one strong and in character grow.
- E** is to ENJOY whatever we do
To keep our Club wealthy in happiness too.
- R** is for RELIEF that all of us feel
When at elections all positions are filled.
- S** is for SERVICE we all like to give
To make someone's life much better to live.
- T** is for TOLERANCE in thought and in deed
Towards all our neighbours customs and creeds.

A is for ACTION whenever it's needed
 That desperate cries go not unheeded.
N is for NOTIONS we have at this time
 To alter the rules to make life sublime.
D is for DELIGHT when we meet an old friend
 From some far-off place or just round the bend.
E is for ENTHUSIASM whatever our age
 Lest the Book of Extension show a blank page.
R is for RICHES we store up each day
 When friendships are made along our life's way.
I is for INTEREST we all hope to hold
 To bring a new Club into the fold.
N is for NURSING new Members along
 To make them feel welcome and that they belong.
G is for GRATITUDE we all of us feel
 For the privilege to belong to our own Inner Wheel.

To you my friends ...

May you have warm on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and a smooth road all the way to your door.

I thank you sincerely for giving me the privilege to have been your President 1992/1993.

Gwendolen Bowman

International Inner Wheel President, 1992/1993

1993-1994 Anita Aggarwal

Having to report your activities when you have barely completed one-sixth of the year is snappy business. For the months – July and August – there are just a few visits to report but the itinerary for coming months is quite hectic. Apart from the trip to Vienna, my movements have mostly been confined to my country itself.

Definitely, I should have a lot to relate as the flurry of international visits begin. In fact, I am excited about the busy schedule ahead and keenly await the hectic phase when I would literally be living out of a suitcase!

The very first event that followed after taking over the office of I.I.W. President was a trip to Vienna on July 1, 1993. The visit gained added significance as the United Nations Centre is located in the same city. Hinke, Uli and Ines, our Representatives with the centre at Vienna accompanied me and familiarised me with the working of the U.N. especially how we have a close co-ordination on various common grounds of development.

Mr George Puthupally, Social Affairs Officer and Mr F. Mayrhofer Grunbuhel, Director and Deputy to Under Secretary General at the centre were visibly enthusiastic in their interaction. We held discussions about the future of Ageing, Family & Woman Committees which are moving offices from Vienna to New York. It was good to feel reassured that we are in their good graces. It followed clearly from discussions that they hold our work in high esteem and are full of appreciation for I.I.W.

Commenting on the committees moving to New York, they felt that in the absence of these committees, accreditation becomes relevant only in case I.I.W. decides to keep its Representatives on Drug and Crime Prevention committees which were going to remain in Vienna.

The Representatives gave me company all along. It emerged from my discussion with them that there is a good case for streamlining the two-way information flow between Vienna and the rest of Inner Wheel world. Timely and detailed reports from Board Members can help them put together a true picture. Similarly, well published global perspectives about the U.N. activities can motivate members all over the world.

Vienna also offered an opportunity to get face to face with members from three Inner Wheel Clubs whom I visited at a get together organised in the evening. A whistle stop city tour of Vienna left a lasting and pleasant impression.

Back in my home country, I visited Madras to attend the installation of Association President and Council Members. It was indeed heart-warming to be showered with good wishes from eight Districts at their joint felicitation. I felt touched to witness such genuine enthusiasm amongst members, ready to make their wholehearted contribution in making the theme a veritable success. Their sincerity of purpose was more than evident from the fact that many had undertaken long journeys to boost our morale. A light entertainment programme organised so imaginatively by different Districts on the same evening regaled one and all with its rich cultural tapestry.

In consonance with I.I.W. theme 'EXPAND TO SERVE BETTER' Calcutta members organised a seminar to focus on Inner Wheel and extension possibilities. The objective behind the elaborate exercise was to thrash out a strategy to add on to our existing strength. A lot of preplanning had gone into organising the brainstorming session. Many concrete suggestions were analysed, and depth of thinking clearly reflected the hard work of the participants.

It would be presumptuous to expect overnight results but with the passage of time, I expect a very positive response and a befitting spurt in growth.

On my way to Sydney my trip to Manila in The Philippines was exhilarating to perceive a pleasantly surprising level of enthusiasm amongst Inner Wheel members, notably so at the fun and frolic evening organised by them.

I am looking forward to my visits to New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia in October, to Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh in November/December then to Mauritius, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria and Greece in January and February, to Great Britain & Ireland, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Belgium in April and May, to West Indies in June and wish for closer interactions.

It might be too early to sum up my impressions but I am certain of one thing – our love for friendship and mutual sharing through Inner Wheel is endless and forever. It shall continue to transcend all kinds of man-made barriers and never stop growing.

1994-1995 Barbara Bennett

The theme for 1994/1995 was 'Widen your Horizons'. Many members did just that including me - my own horizons were widened by the visits which I was privileged to make throughout the world.

It was a year of transition, the first for National Representatives serving in tandem with Board Members and the last when twenty-five members would meet for what had been an Annual Board Meeting; from then on sixteen Board Directors together with the members of the Executive Committee would form the Governing Body. This reorganisation was not without its administrative problems but National Representatives are now well established as the link between their country and International Inner Wheel whilst Board Directors represent the whole membership of Inner Wheel.

Presidential visits are governed quite often by where the President lives and whether travel costs can be kept within the budget. My first visit was to the United States of America where I attended the Conference held in Sacramento. I was able to visit Clubs in District 516 and also the Non-Districted Club of Santa Rosa West. I then flew on to Canada and how fortunate I was to be there at the time of the Fall and to see the changing colour of the trees in the wooded area of Flin Flon, one of the Clubs I visited in District 555. I was able to visit all the Clubs in District 555 including Moose Jaw, a town with many murals and not a sign of any graffiti.

In January I went to Switzerland to District 199 but mainly to see and hear of, at first hand, the work of the members of the N.G.O. Committees representing Inner Wheel at the United Nations. The buildings are vast and impressive, set in beautiful grounds. I sat in at a meeting on the 'Rights of the Child' during the morning and in the afternoon saw the very dedicated work of the team at UNESCO.

In February I journeyed to India to attend the Triennial Conference held in Cochin but first a brief stay in Madras. After the Conference I was hosted by Association President Vimla Abraham and her husband on Spice Island a delightful, relaxing spot and as the name implies heady with the scent of spices. I stopped off in Bombay on the way home and witnessed the very worthwhile project being carried out by members of District 314 in supplying clean water and good sanitation.

It was a great delight to be with members of the Non-Districted Club of Malta on the occasion of their 18th Charter Anniversary. I arrived home just in time to attend my own Great Britain & Ireland Conference. Later I was invited to be the guest speaker at the Overseas Rally of District 16, Ireland.

Then to Belgium & Luxembourg for the Friendship Day. My grand finale was to Nice to address the ladies luncheon arranged by District 73 during the Rotary International Convention.

It was a privilege to serve International Inner Wheel as President, one not many members are able to enjoy but it has given me a wealth of memories and a host of good friends throughout the world. I shall long remember the luncheons, dinners, tea parties and pot luck suppers, plaques unveiled, ribbons cut to open much needed amenities for the disadvantaged and by no means least, the most generous hospitality and the care my hostesses extended to me in my travels, it was all greatly appreciated and I thank you.

1995-1996 Ida Dubbeldam-de Klerk

The year 1995/1996 will be recorded in the history of International Inner Wheel as a special year: for the first time we worked with a Board of 16 elected Directors, according to the decisions taken during the Convention in Sydney. Working with a new structure can cause feelings of disappointment and misunderstanding, but we have to look to the future, be involved in the future and to think in time whether it is necessary to change tack.

A negative result of our new structure is that Inner Wheel members of 'small' Inner Wheel countries - small in membership - have less chance of being elected as Board Director.

During my visits to 'small' countries I was confronted with this problem. In some countries I even noticed that members had become resigned to this fact.

During my year as President of International Inner Wheel I had so many valuable contacts, interesting meetings and instructive experiences. It is impressive to see how Inner Wheel members dedicate themselves to social projects, how they are so responsive to the signals from people who need help, attention and encouragement.

In reflecting on my year I see an enormous many-coloured bouquet of flowers; the flowers are the Inner Wheel members and each flower is different, beautiful and special. All the flowers need each other to form a bouquet. In this way we need each other and it does not matter in which part of the world we live.

I am very grateful that my theme 'Open your heart and your home' has been put into practice by many Inner Wheel members. From all over the world I have received letters, messages and magazines informing me in which way the Inner Wheel members were working with the theme.

In countries which I have visited I noticed the important projects, the social involvement and the unity of purpose among Clubs and Districts.

It is remarkable that close co-operation between Inner Wheel members stimulates friendship and willingness to help in all circumstances. That is very essential.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the invitations which you have extended to me.

My first visit was to the Nordic Rally in Sandefjord (Norway). After the nice three days of friendship I flew to Finland, where I had a visit to the spouse of the Finnish President and meetings with many Inner Wheel members.

In France I had a meeting with the nine District Chairmen and an attractive stay in Lyon.

The so-called Rally Charlemagne had been organized by the Club of Naples (Italy) and was very successful.

During my visits to Sri Lanka, India and The Philippines I noticed their wonderful activities.

A visit to Cyprus was so organized that I could meet all the Clubs. It is great that a small country as Cyprus has almost the same number of Inner Wheel Clubs as Rotary Clubs.

Visits to another part of the world: Surinam (South America) and Curacao gave insight in to the structure of the Clubs and the projects. In Surinam I had an interesting visit to the spouse of the President. At the Isle of Curacao I attended the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Club.

Trips to the Inner Wheel in Switzerland, Great Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium and Sicily were different, full of experiences, friendship and understanding.

In my own country, The Netherlands, I could attend three special events: the 50th Anniversary of the first formed Club, the annual festive meeting for all members and the friendship meeting of three Districts from Great Britain, Sweden and The Netherlands. My visit to Austria had two purposes: to meet the three Inner Wheel Clubs of Vienna and to attend the meeting of the Committee on the Family of the United Nations.

It confirmed my opinion how important it is for our organisation as one of the largest international women's organizations to have the relationship with the United Nations. It is important for the external image of International Inner Wheel and benefit both organisations.

During my visits I gave television, radio and press interviews in several countries.

A highlight in Inner Wheel is the annual Board Meeting, during my year held in Brussels. All the Directors had the opportunity of speaking freely and expressing their opinions.

A lively open discussion about the future policy for International Inner Wheel results in the proposal being carried to adjourn general business to allow more time for an open forum discussion about the future of International Inner Wheel. It was also agreed to form sub-committees working within the Board. In May we had the movement of Headquarters from Altrincham to Sale. That was especially for our Secretary a very busy time.

During my year in office I noticed the following: the relation Inner Wheel-Rotary is different in each country. It is my feeling that International Inner Wheel and Rotary International should take a close look at the relationship between the two organisations with a view to further inter-action.

I am convinced that visits to the different Inner Wheel countries are very useful.

Open and confidential discussions with Association, Council, District and Club members are of vital importance.

To be a member of International Inner Wheel, one of the largest womens' organisations in the world is very special, but to be your President was really a valuable, fascinating experience and a privilege.

Thank you for your trust and your friendship.

1996-1997 Beth McNeill

It is a great honour to serve Inner Wheel in the position of International President, and those of us who are so honoured are greatly privileged to see and learn of the tremendous contributions and service carried out, sometimes in very difficult conditions, in the name of Inner Wheel.

With modern communications, living far from Headquarters presents no problems, but because of time and distance I have arranged visits when travelling to or from meetings.

My term commenced with us settled into our spacious new office in Sale and immediately after taking office I headed home to attend the Biennial Conference of New Zealand's National Council.

I was very honoured to be invited to join a new Rotary International Committee, - 'WOMEN IN FUTURE SOCIETY', a first all - women committee with myself one of three non-Rotarian members. In August I travelled to R.I. Headquarters in Evanston, U.S.A. where Mrs Celia Giay, wife of the President, chaired a most interesting three day meeting. We discussed such issues as health, education, economics and self-development for women worldwide.

Travels took me across the Tasman to the Annual Conference of Inner Wheel Australia before going on to England where the Board Directors Meeting brought another first. During the meeting Directors moved into pre- allocated sub-committees. They discussed Extension, Future Policy, Promotion and United Nations, submitting reports for consideration.

During my visit to Sri Lanka in November I attended the Annual Conference in Colombo and travelled inland to Kandy, meeting members.

My next visit was to Districts 314, 320 and 323 in India where I attended many functions including a District Conference, Rallies, a Charter Ceremony and a variety of projects. I appreciated that members travelled great distances from other Districts to meet me.

From India I continued to Bangladesh, visiting Dhaka and Chittagong, attending functions and visiting projects. While in Dhaka I received an audience with the President of Bangladesh, Justice Sharabuddin Ahmed. We spoke of International Inner Wheel and the work Clubs undertake in his Country.

In February I toured South Africa visiting both Districts and viewing projects.

Throughout my visits I have been warmly welcomed and overwhelmed with hospitality and affection.

I have been interviewed by the press, radio and television and some occasions televised. I have always asked those planning itineraries to try to arrange for me to visit projects and have the opportunity to chat with members. I am very appreciative of the efforts that have been taken to do this. I have been so humbled. and proud of the work you do.

Last week I enjoyed attending the Association of Great Britain & Ireland Annual Conference and I look forward to further visits before the year's end.

I have said that ours is a wonderful organisation, - that we have the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of countless people if we 'Look Beyond Yourself - Be Involved'. I have seen many projects. I have read many reports. You are looking beyond yourselves. You are involved. You are making a difference and I thank you.

1997-1998 Dr Elizabeth Jones

Graham Greene travelled with an aunt, Robert Louis Stevenson travelled with a donkey. In 1997/98 I travelled with a wheel - that little badge, the wheel within the wheel, that we all wear with pride.

My thanks to Inner Wheel and it's members for the privilege, the pleasure, the opportunity to go where I never would have gone, to see what I never would have seen and to meet people I never would have met in the ordinary way.

I preached the gospel of togetherness, and how it leads to added strength and hopefully an increase in members and clubs, keeping our organisation healthy and happy.

I was amazed on the number and quality of projects and charitable efforts practiced in all the countries I visited - really Big projects. I enjoyed especially seeing work done for children and spent some happy hours talking with the recipients - language no problem.

Everywhere I went everyone was kind and helpful and anxious to make me feel welcome and wanted and I'm especially grateful to National Representatives - some have since been promoted - who looked after me, fetched and carried for me - I sometimes felt like that other Elizabeth - perhaps she had more trunks and an even bigger following. I made a lot of friends. I was told the other day that my job now is to keep them and I hope to see a lot of them here in Stockholm.

I started off with Greece and that visit set the standard for all the others. I launched a Cookery Book in Thessaloniki in support of Rotary's Polio Plus and then went down to Athens watched a romantic sunset and paid a visit to the Mayor of Athens - once met never forgotten. I'm very grateful to my son for coming with me to Sri Lanka and India. I had high hopes of an arranged marriage for him in India - the ladies were all very friendly and attentive and treated him well - but he came home as he went.

In Sri Lanka I met 14 of their clubs and marvelled at their projects and enjoyed their meetings then left in state to go on to India, sharing the tight security and publicity on Colombo airport with Prince Charles.

India was an experience - a good Conference, very friendly members - a few days I shall always remember - a special gift of a bottle of whisky kept in the wardrobe.

I spent a week in Melbourne with the Australian Association Executive Committee, working during the day and socialising in the evenings. I had a very cheerful lunch with very young members of a busy young club, giving good calliper service to the local Children's Hospital.

Then on to New Zealand for a Conference there, had a very happy time and enjoyed New Zealand. I found the bay like Ireland, but their lakes may be bigger but our hills are greener.

In all the countries I visited Rotarians were very much in evidence, very supportive and interested - lots of Past District Governors, all willing and able.

I.I.W. Secretary, Margaret Palmer came with me to Finland and Italy. She was very helpful and attentive - carrying my bag and keeping me informed, but I had to think well before I spoke and watch to see a smile or no smile. In Finland we attended the Nordic Rally - the language I found difficult and wondered on my interpreter's impression of my short chats - Hers were about twice as long and I was a trifle anxious as to what she was putting over.

Italy was an adventure. I'd spent nine months there once upon a time. In Udine the President of the Club had arranged for me to visit the Military Hospital where I used to work and where I met my husband. I attended the Charter Presentation of two new clubs, an outside Garden Party and brought home a medallion of the Pope - good for a lapsed Presbyterian.

My last trip abroad was to Geneva where I went to meet our Representatives at the UN - all three girls. I learnt a lot about UN, looked in on meetings, visited the Headquarters of the Red Cross and admired the peacocks. Evenings were spent with Clubs and Members.

My thanks to my fellow members of the International Inner Wheel Executive Committee together with Honorary Editor and Constitution Chairman for their friendship, help and company at meetings and their wisdom and advice during the year. I enjoyed the get-togethers and the M6 in spite of the long wait around Birmingham.

My Board Directors were a friendly crowd - some I'd known before, they too were helpful and supportive and I enjoyed my Board Meeting with open and friendly discussion.

The travel agent responsible for arranging my journeys - she too played her part. I always knew where I was going, always got there and came back.

The girls in the office were always welcoming - always a "cuppa" and a smile and nothing too much trouble. And last but by no means least, a big thank-you to my sparring partner, Margaret Palmer- a name known world-wide and commanding the greatest respect. She was a big help and support, always available, always ready to throw out the lifeline at home and abroad always very loyal and a true helpmate. We had our moments but they were short if sharp ones.

May I wish you all from President downwards, a very happy Convention and when you go back to your countries, your Clubs, your Districts etc, may you take back with you a little of the Friendship, Fellowship, Togetherness and Fun that I hope we will share here in Stockholm over the next few days. I wish you joy and happiness in all you do in Inner Wheel and may you always have:

Time for the Task,
Peace for the Pathway,
Wisdom for the Work,
Friends for the Fireside
And Love to the Last.

1998-1999 Lovise Richardson

1998/1999 was the year when members throughout the world celebrated, in many different ways, the beginning of Inner Wheel and remembered the vision and inspiration of our founders - Mrs Oliver Golding and the wives of the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Manchester. It was indeed a pleasure to join members of the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester to celebrate their 75th year.

At the beginning of the Inner Wheel year, Clubs and Districts received a letter from me asking them to consider the idea of helping to educate a child. The response was overwhelming and a sincere thank you is extended to those Clubs and Districts who wrote telling of their projects. There were also many other projects undertaken that were not advised but it can be said that thousands of children received some form of help with their education in celebration of the 75th year of Inner Wheel.

Invitations were received to visit many countries but, sadly, it was not possible to accept them all but I know from reading the magazines, newsletters and bulletins that were received that friendships are being shared and the disadvantaged are being helped wherever there are Inner Wheel members.

Official visits were made to The Philippines, the U.S.A., Belgium, Australia, Germany, Croatia, G. B. & I., Morocco, Switzerland and Austria. These visits gave me the opportunity to see, first hand, the work that members are doing to help those people disadvantaged by illness, poverty and disasters and also experience that special bond of friendship that exists between Inner Wheel members.

It was a pleasure to attend Inner Wheel National Changeovers, Leadership Training Seminars, National Conferences, Rallies, Charters, National Council Meetings, District Meetings, Club Meetings, Executive Meetings, Presentations, breakfasts, morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas, dinners and coffee evenings. Always to be remembered will be the visits to projects where Inner Wheel members help to feed and educate children in schools, orphanages and impoverished areas and the many other projects to help those in need. Beautiful choirs were listened to, interesting speakers heard - including Princess Anne - and many local dignitaries were met. At all times Inner Wheel friendship was very evident and it is with pride I say that enthusiastic members throughout the world are upholding the Objects of Inner Wheel.

A visit to the United Nations in Vienna took place during a visit to Austria. Our very enthusiastic Inner Wheel Representatives to the United Nations accompanied me when we spent an interesting morning with United Nations staff.

In March, 1999 the Charter of the first Inner Wheel Club in Japan took place - the Inner Wheel Club of Sapporo. Thanks must be extended to the President of the Rotary Club of Sapporo East, Dr Aoki for believing in the Objects of Inner Wheel and seeing the need for Inner Wheel in Japan.

To those members who arranged my itineraries, were my special escorts, were my hosts, who flew with me, drove me, walked with me, dined and danced with me, wrote to me and those members who just stopped to say hullo, my very sincere appreciation is extended to you all.

It was pleasing that membership, during this year, increased by a small number. Many new Clubs Chartered but, sadly, Charters were returned from some Clubs who could not go on.

The distance between my home in Australia and Headquarters in the United Kingdom was not a problem with communication by telephone, fax and post. During the year the decision was made that the word processors at International Inner Wheel Headquarters would be replaced with computers.

The Executive met five times at Headquarters and the International Inner Wheel Governing Body meeting was held in London. At these meetings the Executive and Board Directors were always aware that it was our responsibility to make decisions that would be in the best interest of the members and uphold the Constitution. My thanks are extended to the Executive, Board Directors, Constitution Chairman, Editor and Secretary for their dedication, support and friendship.

During my year as President I experienced the enthusiasm members have for Inner Wheel and I can only encourage you all to continue to be enthusiastic when talking about Inner Wheel to prospective new members.

Appreciation is extended to all members for the acceptance of the 1998/1999 theme. By communicating and educating we did Make Our World a Better Place.

1999-2000 Lillian Pettigrew

I have been honoured and privileged to serve you, the members, as your President International Inner Wheel 1999/2000.

It has been a challenging, rewarding, educational, and humbling experience to represent the International membership and be afforded the opportunity to see Inner Wheel in action.

You can read a report, or look at a picture, but to see the impact of Inner Wheel volunteer commitment to humanity and humanitarian projects through the eyes of the donors and recipients is to see the Objects of International Inner Wheel as our Founders envisioned.

The International Inner Wheel Business Sessions have included 3 Executive Committee Meetings, and the October Governing Body Meeting held in Manchester, all eliciting lively interaction and member contributions through Business Sessions and Open Forum with issues to be resolved and Convention preparations in the interest of the membership.

Invitations received and visits co-ordinated have been rewarding. I regret I was unable to accept all invitations for inability to make appropriate arrangements and in one instance loss of the invitation.

However the year started with a visit to participate in the 50th Anniversary celebration of the first Inner Wheel Club in France, La Valenciennes, a very special occasion. Then on to Paris for a project visit, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, attending the Charter of the 10th Inner Wheel Club of Lebanon, (Beirut Cosmopolitan) attending Inner Wheel Meetings, visiting projects and visits arranged with the First Lady of Lebanon, Her excellency Mrs Andree Lahoud, and Her Excellency Mrs Nayla Moawad, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Talal, in Jordan, and The First Lady of Egypt Her Excellency Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, all supporters and working in association of projects with Inner Wheel involvement. Following this I returned to Canada to visit District 707 and attend the 25th Anniversary of St Mary's Inner Wheel Club (Chartered by Past I.I.W. President Dr Hylda Armstrong) and the 40th Anniversary Moose Jaw Inner Wheel, District 555.

In the New Year 2000, there were visits to India, District 323, International Chairman's Meeting and District Conference, The Millennium District Conference 322 Sri Lanka, and the 34th National Conference The Philippines. All Conferences supported by Rotary and followed by project visits post Conference. Rotarian Mr Kumar of India, composed words and music to the 1999/2000 I.I.W. Theme for the Conference 323.

The next schedule took me to Greece, District 247 Conference with a visit to the Mayor of Athens and projects. 70 members from Cyprus attended the Conference. Mexico District 418 Conference, projects, visits and assisted in unveiling a monument to Inner Wheel donated by the Mayor and the city of Merida, and Pakistan District 327 Conference including Chartering 3 new, 1 renewed Clubs. This was followed by an invitation to attend and speak at the Rotary International 3270 Conference, project visits and a meeting with Rotary International President Carlo Ravizza.

After spending 3 days at home and presenting the Charter to a new inner Wheel Club in District 555 Canada, I travelled to Wales to attend the National Conference of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland, where I was invited to meet with Rotary International President Carlo, (attending the R.I.B.I. Conference in Wales). Five days later off to the Inner Wheel New Zealand Conference 2000 where the President planted a tree, the Hart House in Auckland, a project chosen throughout New Zealand, followed by a project visit.

My last official visit will be to Charter the Inner Wheel Club of St Petersburg, Russia immediately following the Convention.

There were countries visited who do not have the avenue of National Representative to provide a year end report and the work being done is not included. This will be addressed by the 2000/2001 I.I.W. President.

The warm hospitality friendship and fellowship extended in all countries was impressive and heart-warming. There was ample opportunity, to interact, to listen to members, at the grass roots level, to learn of their concerns, hopes and dreams, as listening provides that vital link to understanding and open communication at all levels of Inner Wheel.

Communication, a commodity some of us take so casually but for others whether it be of language or technological, communication can be difficult and translation for English often distorts the intended meaning. Questions, clarification and information was shared and it was an education to see from another's point of view. We must always be open and receptive to the needs of the membership as our members are our strength.

Through these visits there was evidence Inner Wheel often has a high profile and media support. Public Relations and promotion are crucial to exposure, recognition and extension.

In countries visited I found the relationship between Rotary and Inner Wheel supportive and cooperative, often sharing projects and concerned for the needs of the deprived and destitute.

It was a privilege and humbling to see the magnitude and diversification in projects, often unique to a country, to learn of the support between countries when disaster strikes, and the time, effort, heart and soul members dedicate, to 'REACH OUT' to improve quality of life across all ages.

The visits with Rotary International President Carlo Ravizza were an exchange of information which he termed as being 'very fruitful' and will serve to keep the lines of communication open. President Carlo did explain the lack of available space in the Friendship Centre at the 2000 Rotary International Convention as the reason he was not able to approve International Inner Wheel attendance for this year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year and I will repeat my opening sentiments. It has been a challenging, rewarding, educational and humbling experience to work for and with you, to experience the vast amount of love, concern and understanding you, the members give so graciously to preserve life and promote peace.

Thank you for your support of the Objects of International Inner Wheel and our unlimited ability to 'REACH OUT' Keep HOPE Alive, turn giving into living.

WHEN YOU ARE COMMITTED TO SOMETHING YOU KNOW IS GOING TO HAPPEN, YOU ACT AS THOUGH IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. That action is a powerful affirmative and testimony to the achievements of the 100,000 plus International Inner Wheel members.

2001-2001 Vivienne Bolton

It has been remarked that 'No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, sailed to an uncharted land, or offered new hope to the human spirit'.

Members of Inner Wheel are the antithesis of pessimism. During my travels to many regions of the Inner Wheel world I was privileged to witness the tremendous panorama of hope extended to those in despair. It was difficult to gauge the magnitude of personal service that underlines the constancy of effort by Inner Wheel Members to alleviate every cry for help, every facet of need, nor was it easy to measure the courage my fellow Members displayed when faced with well nigh impossible tasks.

2001 was declared the Year of the Volunteer. The dictionary explanation of the word volunteer is... 'One who offers to give, supply, perform or enter into any service without being asked to do so.' Volunteers are those who are committed to enhance human potential and the quality of daily life..... I met countless "Volunteers" in all manner of situations and venues... in other words... INNER WHEEL MEMBERS!

Compassion with Action is, I believe, the Hallmark of Inner Wheel, transcending all barriers of language or culture.

I found evidence of Inner Wheel Compassion with Action everywhere I visited..... for instance; in a Refuge for the elderly and disabled in Singapore..... in clinics and hospitals in Tamil Nadu, India..... striving to eradicate tuberculosis in Southern France..... supporting the Paralympics in Sydney..... vocational training in Naples, Milan, Sicily..... the list is endless and awe inspiring. It also was with great delight I listened on many occasions to groups of Medical staff extolling the dedication of Inner Wheel members.

The complete itinerary, fascinating, full of enjoyment and wonder, traumatic at times, revealed an ever expanding saga of united purpose that defies brief description. It all began with a Seminar requested in Bulgaria where Rotarians had encouraged interest in forming Inner Wheel, and where I was met with such enthusiasm and excitement. This was the start of a most marvellous journey of discovery during which my path was strewn with thoughtful kindness by each and every perceptive and generous host to whom I am greatly indebted for enriching my life with such lasting friendship. It was a joy to present Charters to Dobrich in Bulgaria and Pula in Croatia..... the fervent enthusiasm and desire for growth in Eastern Europe was most heartening. I had the very unexpected pleasure of attending the inaugural meeting of a third Club in Nepal hosted by the Rotary Club of Patan South..... an unforgettable occasion ending with a huge bonfire and barbeque and animated conversation well into the night!

What a bonus it was to greet friends and colleagues from the Governing Body again at various venues in their own countries after having had such marvellous opportunities to mix business and pleasure very successfully at our meeting in Edinburgh.

Busy schedules were punctuated with many Gala evenings and other social gatherings with local dignitaries..... and Embassy officials who expressed great interest and a desire to initiate co-operation between NGOs such as Inner Wheel and Government Departments.

Sightseeing, historic temples and palaces, colourful market scenes, exotic costumes and dance, a myriad of blossoms tossed in the warm breeze that wafted a tantalising hint of spices and incense, seething traffic, an occasional temple elephant with majestic step, sunrise over the Himalayas - all feature importantly in a collage of memory, together with non-stop chat in Odense, Bournemouth, Nice, the Island of Brijuni Colombo, Singapore, Melbourne, Kuala Lumpur, Palermo, to name but a few centres of magnificent hospitality. (Inner Wheel members do indeed know that - 'Happiness - is to cherish the Gift of Laughter').

Throughout this cacophony of sound and sight it was a tremendous relief to be completely confident that matters at Headquarters, Sale were dealt with so competently on my behalf by Administrator/Secretary Margaret Palmer (with whom I was in constant touch) and the Office Staff. I am permanently grateful to them all for such support and loyalty all through my term of Office. Also the friendship and expertise of my fellow Executive Members made the outcome of our discussion at Headquarters positive and fulfilling.

Most vivid and lasting are my memories of the children that greeted me wherever I visited..... small very excited children in the village of Wattala, Sri Lanka where I opened a Montessori School..... all equipment and ongoing maintenance funded by Inner Wheel..... we had a lot of fun that morning..... parents are encouraged to learn with their children..... others in a hospital ward in Klang, Malaysia, looking with great anticipation at the packages given to me to distribute..... those large brown eyes shining with wonder followed my every movement..... tiny babies in an incubator gifted by the Kingston Club of Jamaica..... the children of Kathmandu caught in the poverty trap of neglect yet eager to come to Saturday morning Clinics with a reward of milk and biscuits, the medication and premises funded by local Club Members..... children who will never walk, see or hear, lovingly cared for daily by Members in Australia, the Middle and Far East, throughout the West Indies to Europe and the United Kingdom..... then the children playing delightedly with water

from a new well, one of many constructed by Rotary that now enables a child to enter school WITHOUT carrying his own vessel of water..... a distressing sight are the children in oncology wards, those suffering with Aids and appalling neglect, yet resilient and ready to smile at their Inner Wheel friends.

I was glad to have the opportunity to open many projects geared to providing basic education..... to see Street Theatre Groups in dynamic action demonstrating the advantage of clean water, polio drops, rubella injections etc. and to be welcomed with song and energetic dance by the children at the Babara Kelly Home in Chennai. The children of the world more than deserve the time and effort so willingly given to their wellbeing by Inner Wheel Members and I am filled with both pride and humility to have been at the heart of such endeavour during a year of such enlightenment.

There are no "Highlights"..... all that was experienced had great significance and impact. I sincerely appreciate the contribution of each and every Member of Inner Wheel which has given me such a wealth of friendship and an amazing galaxy of memories. It was very pleasing to note at each venue that the challenge behind my suggested theme..... "Strangers are Friends we have not met" was taken up and put into action to bring the dream of mutual respect among all people a little nearer.

Past International President Minna Kapur once said "It takes both rain and sunshine to make the rainbow of goodwill and compassion that spreads International Understanding". So, together we might pursue the end of the rainbow. My heartfelt thanks to you all for affording me the privilege and marvellous opportunity of a lifetime as your President.

Madame President I wish you and everyone present a most happy and successful Convention.

When the clamour of participation has died away and we return to our Clubs, would that the delight of being caught in this web of enjoyable involvement in this atmosphere of happy fellowship, could overflow to all those who need this spirit so desperately.

My sincere Good Wishes go with you in all you do for Inner Wheel.

2002-2003 Carole Buchanan

An 'Amazing Journey' is how I describe the Inner Wheel year of 2001-2002, when I was honoured to be President of International Inner Wheel. Thank you to the members for allowing me this privilege.

The theme of 'ENTHUSIASM CREATES ACTION' was generously supported by all members. It was a great thrill to receive a copy of a 'Dessert Recipe Book' prepared by the Inner Wheel Club of Paramaribo, in the Republic of Suriname, South America, in honour of their 45th Anniversary, urged by the theme to do such a project. There were many wonderful projects commenced and completed throughout the world using the theme as a starting point.

Official visits were made to Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Jordan & Lebanon, Great Britain &

Ireland, Turkey, Switzerland, France and New Zealand. The warmth of welcome was wonderful, even in the early hours of the morning or very late at night! There were flowers, garlands, dancers and drummers and always that welcoming Inner Wheel smile when I emerged from the 'Arrivals' door of a strange airport in a strange country. Thank you to everyone, for the programmes you arranged and especially for your friendship. I will never forget it and I am so looking forward to renewing these friendships at this Convention in Florence.

It was a pleasure to take part in your Conferences, your District Meetings, to attend Charters in Turkey and Switzerland, to contribute to discussions on such serious topics as the 'Empowerment of Women' and the disturbing topic of 'Violence against Women', to attend Rotary Meetings especially convened in my honour and to visit first hand the many, many projects that you as Inner Wheel members inaugurated and supported to help your Communities. I am so proud of you all.

It gave me a feeling of immense pride when the Australian National Anthem was played alongside the one from the country in which I was visiting and even Waltzing Matilda was played on two occasions!

I attended four Executive meetings at Headquarters and I thank the Administrator/Secretary, Margaret Palmer for her diligence in preparations for these meetings with the help of the Office Staff and for the members of the Executive for their encouragement and support. The Governing Body Meeting was held in Chester where only thirteen of the sixteen Board Directors were able to attend, some as a result of uncertain travel arrangements after the September 11th tragedy. My thanks to them for their contribution to this important meeting where the future of International Inner Wheel was discussed besides many other important items on the agenda.

The objects of Inner Wheel could never be achieved without the dedication, planning and work of our members. I thank you for your contribution whether it be large or small from, Club, District, National and International levels and I was immensely proud to be the President during the year of ENTHUSIASM CREATES ACTION.

2002-2003 Solveig Svensson

What a fabulous sight it is from here with the seats filled by Inner Wheel friends and guests and all your smiling faces. I am sure that you all can feel the warm friendship from the moment you stepped in here. Thank you and a very warm welcome and Good Morning to all of you.

It was in 1924 Inner Wheel was born. Times have changed but the objects are still the same: Friendship • Personal Service • International Understanding.

Of the Inner Wheel Year 2002-03 it remains only a fourth. It seems to me as if the Inner Wheel has rotated very fast. The time goes fast when life is substantial and enjoyable.

I have had the privilege to meet many Inner Wheel and Rotary friends. I have learned a lot about new countries and cultures, religions and animal life as well as natures.

I have also got insights in many different projects and got assured that Inner Wheel in all countries really - Care for the Future.

We are very fortunate to have members who are prepared to dedicate their talents and efforts to the benefit of Inner Wheel.

I have seen what Inner Wheel members all over the world are doing for people in need and I can assure you that I am immensely proud to be your President.

Care for the Future you can do in many ways. Prevent spreading of drugs through the use of Sniffer Dogs as Sweden and Finland does. Information about injuries the drugs can do on human bodies, as England, India, Sweden, Germany are doing.

To prevent and cure diseases through:

- Projects as the Inner Wheel Doctor
- Health Care
- Information in schools
- Educate people in health and care
- Vaccinations as Polio
- Give away medical equipment and wheel chairs
- Tree planting
- Education for poor children
- Distribution of Iodine Salt

In Bangladesh the Inner Wheel Clubs are supporting schools for handicapped children as well as youth being deaf, blind and mentally disabled through education, books and school uniforms.

The Acid Burn Clinic in Dhaka is supported by Inner Wheel. To spoil a life hurling acid on a person is deemed as one of peoples most heinous crimes. To the clinic in Dhaka came last year 495 burned women and children. The support from Inner Wheel comprises the rehabilitation, medical assistance equipment, donating clothes, bedding and furniture for the survivors.

On **Sri Lanka** I got the privilege to inaugurate "The Community Centre" donated by Inner Wheel there is a library, a playground, computer room, computer training and a community hall. I also visited a home for mentally retarded children as well as a school for deaf children.

Barbara Kelly Home (outside Chennai) was built by Inner Wheel and Inner Wheel also pays for the personnel. Inner Wheel members pay regular visits to the home and teach the girls in dressmaking, art, music and computer knowledge and so on. The Barbara Kelly Home is hosting 20 poor single parent girls.

Other projects in India are:

- Education and seminars and conferences on how to prevent Aids
- Women Rights such as threats to girls and how to protect them
- Sewing classes
- Beds and blankets to hospital
- Tricycles to handicapped boys and girls

For eight years the Clubs in District 323 have taken turns to visit **The Cancer Paediatric Ward**. The children are engaged and entertained by drawing, paper craft, puppet shows, music, magic shows etc. Some of the children attend a workshop on Reiki (a healing technique) conducted by the Inner Wheel. The children are also provided with health drinks, fruits, chocolates, bakery products, watercolours, pencils, hygenic articles.

In Malaysia I had the opportunity to visit a hospital and Neuro Surgical ward. The majority of the patients were victims of traffic accidents. They were amputees, in bed or sitting in a wheel chair. A television set was donated by Inner Wheel and all patients got fruit bags, vitamins, biscuits and sweets.

Over 100 million people around the world are in direct need of wheel chairs but simply cannot afford one. These are the millions who have been disabled by diseases, old age, natural disasters and land mines. A wheel chair will make a world of difference to them, make it possible for them to attend school, go to work, do household work and be part of the society. Our Inner Wheel members in Malaysia and Saba give them dignity, hope, mobility and independence as they are sponsoring the Wheel Chair Foundation.

Other projects I have seen and heard of are:

- The Blood Cord Bank
- Meals on Wheels
- Health Education
- Teddy Bears to hospitals and ambulances
- Boxes with toilet equipment
- PolioPlus
- Nutrition information to mothers
- Playgrounds
- Library support
- Training centres
- Summer camps for children
- Visiting old age homes
- Visiting hospitals
- Breastfeeding program

As Inner Wheel members around the world

- Preserve
- Protect
- Promote
- Are involved
- Work for peace - true love
- Are helping children to smile with open heart
- Concerned and understanding and communicate, co-operate
- Protecting the children
- Put their hearts into it
- They take time
- They give our world a future
- Understanding
- They expand
- Widen our horizons
- Open their heart and home
- Look beyond
- Are involved
- Work together
- Are stronger
- Makes our world a better place
- Communicate
- Educate
- We can reach out to Strangers - Friends We Have Not Met and through
- Enthusiasm Create Action and
- Care for the Future

Let's hope the world will be a better place.

2003-2004 Eileen Harsant

A Presidential year brings a kaleidoscope of memories, and I am frequently asked what I enjoyed most. It is a question which is impossible to answer, because although each country is different, Inner Wheel is the same the world over; it was a joy to meet members everywhere and to see some of the projects they are involved with.

My first visit was slightly unusual, in that I went to District 87 in Germany to attend a meeting of their Publicity Committee. Members there are very conscious of the public perception of Inner Wheel and are working to make it better known. Of course it was also the occasion to meet many members socially and to enjoy a little sightseeing.

After Christmas my husband John was able to join me on my travels and it was good to have him (as my slave) to deal with all the mundane things like tickets, passports and luggage. After a brief visit to Portugal, where the Lisbon West Club held its twentieth Anniversary in conjunction with the eightieth birthday of Inner Wheel, I returned home to join members from GB & I in Manchester as our first Club celebrated the anniversary of that first meeting on 10th January 1924. It was a memorable day. Inner Wheel has come a long way since then!

Then began a series of official visits, sometimes just with time for the laundry and repacking before we were off again – to Sri Lanka and India, where the problems of poverty and deprivation are being tackled by Inner Wheel in such a positive way – to Cyprus, where I was able to meet every Club on the island – to Israel, which had not had a visit from the President for seventeen years and it was wonderful to see how well the Clubs are functioning in difficult political circumstances. A break over Easter gave time to draw breath before starting a round the world trip, stopping off to meet members in Singapore on the way here to New Zealand for a brief six days, then on to the delightful Caribbean island of St. Thomas. A friendship day in Belgium was a most rewarding occasion, very well attended by members and with several visitors from other countries, my last two visits were complete contrasts – first, a few days in Iceland, the land of fire and ice, where the members value their Inner Wheel friendship in an inhospitable climate – and lastly, to Bangladesh, a country which lacks so many resources and again our Clubs are working hard to help all sections of the population. Everywhere we went we were greeted with welcoming smiles and flowers and it was easy to feel among friends immediately. Very often the Rotarians joined in, and John was grateful for a little male company! Seeing your projects is a very humbling experience – the variety of ways in which you help is incredible, and I only wish that more of you could see what goes on in the name of Inner Wheel.

2004 was for me the year of the Conference, for I attended Association Conference in India, here in New Zealand and in the United States, besides my own Association Conference in GB & I. I also visited District Conferences in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. All were very well organised, with a happy mix of efficient business and excellent and colourful entertainment.

I shall long remember the graceful dancing in the Asian countries – by both adults and children – and delightful singing everywhere, to say nothing of an evocative steel band on a warm evening in the Caribbean.

The Governing Body Meeting in October was held in Bournemouth on the south coast of England, in glorious sunshine, and was a very happy occasion. I am always amazed how quickly the friendships are established between the Board Directors, most of whom have not met each other until they come to the meeting – friendships which in many cases become long lasting, despite the distances between them. I thank them for their contributions at that meeting to furthering the aims of International Inner Wheel. It was a great pleasure for me to meet some of them again on my travels – and indeed to see some of them here too.

Whilst the President is travelling the world, the work goes on at home in the office, and it was always comforting to know that it was in the capable hands of Administrator/Secretary Margaret Palmer. I am grateful to her for her support and also to my colleagues on the Executive Committee.

Executive Meetings have to be fitted in three times a year and are quite hard work – we cannot bring members from anywhere in the world to Headquarters and expect the business to be accomplished in a couple of hours. The discussion goes on, in or out of office hours, but we were united in wishing to do the best for IIW.

So I have memories which will always be with me, but the outstanding impression was surely of Clubs everywhere doing their utmost to "Make the Friendship Positive". I have quoted Mother Theresa before, when she said we can do no great things, only small things with great love. No we cannot solve the huge problems of this troubled world, but the whole 82 years of Inner Wheel is a history of deeds of kindness and friendship which have improved the lives of so many less fortunate than we are.

I was privileged to see a little of the history in the making during my year as President, and I thank you all for giving me that opportunity, I know you will continue to share your friendship and I wish you every success in all that you do in the future. Enjoy the Convention, and enjoy your Inner Wheel!

2004-2005 Metje Hanekamp-van de Kamp

It is a privilege for me to tell you about the very special year as President of International Inner Wheel.

How wonderful it was to attend Conferences and District Meetings in Australia, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Pakistan, the AGM of Great Britain and Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico. I learned a lot about the different countries and their way of life in their own particular circumstances. I have had the opportunity to accept invitations to stay with Inner Wheel members in their home. That is so special.

Inner Wheel asked me to charter new clubs, 7 in The Philippines, 1 in Bogotá in Colombia, 1 in Sri Lanka. It was nice to welcome them and I wish all these new enthusiastic members a happy time in our Organization. Installation of new members in a club is also wonderful and I could do this in several places. And as a very special honour from the Governor of Pakistan I was allowed to give the Rotary pin to 7 new Rotary members.

I also accepted invitations to attend Club Celebrations in Vienna and in Rotterdam.

Also a pleasure was to join the Rally Charlemagne (Germany) and a Friendship Day in Belgium. As a good neighbour I visited them.

But the most important item was: meeting the Inner Wheel members all over the world, even in Kuala Lumpur during a stopover from Australia. To listen to them, to see what they do in their society to make a better life for the less privileged people. How they Work together and give Hope to so many.

All these projects, I will mention a few just to give you an idea: Redecorate a maternity clinic, helping schools in many ways such as: school uniforms, school materials, books and stationary, music instruments, ruck sacks; TV and audio equipment for deaf and dumb children, wheel chairs, computer literacy programs, help to disabled people with artificial limbs, help to Institutes for the Blind Children, help to Elderly People Centres, giving sewing machines, financial help for surgery of children with cleft lips, building, together with Rotary new houses for very poor people. But also making a better environment through cleaning streets, recycle many goods. I can go on with a very long list of successful projects of Inner Wheel members.

During this year we have had the Tsunami disaster and also many hurricanes (The Philippines and in USA). Inner Wheel offered help; in Sri Lanka houses were built, and a Community Centre. I thank all those clubs who donated so much money.

In January 2006 President Erna and I attended the openings ceremony. On that occasion I expressed my appreciation and thanks to all the Inner Wheel members of Sri Lanka who worked so hard. The money was very well spent and the accounts were correct.

In many ways we have worked together with Rotary. They invited me to be the guest speaker at a Rotary Meeting and that was inspirational for both of us, Rotary and Inner Wheel. My last visit was to Chicago as the special guest of Rotary International President Glenn Estess. His invitation to attend the Celebration of Centennial Rotary and the plaque he presented me as recognition of the work in International Inner Wheel was a highlight as well.

Without the help of Secretary/Administrator Margaret Palmer and later on Elaine Hathaway and Pat it should have been very hard. The Executive Committee and all the Board Directors worked together in a very friendly way and with dedication. I thank every involved member of International Inner Wheel, I am very grateful to you. You have given me a wonderful year and I know that Inner Wheel, as a very healthy Organization, deserves to succeed.

SUPPORT GIVES STRENGTH.



2005-2006 Erna Fandal

I have been looking forward to meeting you all and reporting from my year as your International Inner Wheel President.

As you all know I now only have a couple of months left of my Presidential year. It's been a busy year and my time has been divided between business, Executive and Governing Body meetings, and travels to near and far destinations.

I have visited Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, France, Great Britain & Ireland, Turkey, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, India and Italy. In between these visits I have also managed to attend a National gathering, a Council meeting and three anniversaries in my own country Norway.

In Switzerland and Cyprus I had the honour of chartering new clubs. To welcome new members to our large International Inner Wheel family gives me great joy, and I hope in the future for growth in our numbers.

In each and every country I have visited the reception has been fantastic, and I would like to thank all of the representatives and committees for taking such good care of me, for giving me the opportunity to visit and experience their projects and culture.

It's quite impossible to tell you of all the exciting events, people and projects I have had the pleasure of meeting and attending. However, I can assure you that in every corner of the world where Inner Wheel is represented fantastic projects are being maintained and new projects are being planned. These projects will give many children, women and men new meaning to their lives.

All around the world Inner Wheel clubs focus on problems and problem areas. Solutions are suggested and adapted and these solutions are not short term, but are often maintained for decades. The prioritised areas are food, clothing, housing and education for women and children. Also the fight against drugs and HIV/Aids are major projects in many countries. The projects are often dependent on monetary contributions from Inner Wheel members, but in many instances personal dedication and time is necessary for the projects to succeed.

Finally I would like to send a message to all our clubs. Keep up the good work, many children and women are dependent on our continuous support. Remember we have an obligation to women in all countries. We have an obligation to stand by our objects:

To promote true friendship
To encourage the ideals of personal service
To foster International understanding

2006-2007 Janet Day

Over many years serving in various Offices at Club, District and Association levels I became increasingly interested in the activities and involvement of members throughout the world and the dedicated work of our UN Representatives. However during the three years serving as IIW Treasurer my interest grew more rapidly as I corresponded with members on financial matters. Letters inevitably included information about help given to people living in very different circumstances and included details of activities arranged with the less fortunate and also about fundraising events organised to provide financial aid to support them.

This learning curve was greatly increased in the year serving as Vice-President culminating in the year 2006/2007 when, as your President, I was so fortunate to receive and accept many invitations to meet you in your own countries and to see the wonderful work that you do so willingly as volunteers, in the name of International Inner Wheel.

The Dictionary explanation of the word 'volunteer' is 'One who offers to give, supply, perform or enter into any means of Service without being asked to do so'. They are those who are committed to enhance human potential and increase the quality of life and I have met so many in all manner of situations and occasions – they are, of course Inner Wheel members. Such caring, compassion, consideration and selfless dedication is found in no other organisation that I know of and I have been blessed to see it everywhere I visited - and I know that this applies to members everywhere.

Whether it was in a hospice in Delhi.....homes for HIV/AIDS children in Kuala Lumpur and Johannesburg.....supporting a medical charity in a township in Port Elizabeth which is attempting to combat tuberculosis in an HIV/AIDS clinic.....befriending the lonely in Vienna.

Members in Malawi provide prisoners with food and clothing and in India women prisoners are supported with schooling organised for their young children.

In Constantia equipment for a maternity home is funded, the patients are young girls and rape victims and they are given essential items and clothing. Members in Cape Town support a special clinic for rape victims - of all ages and both sexes. A 'New Generation' Club in Jordan, Amman Petra, planned to make a Video about womens' health issues for villagers living in remote areas, and then follow up with further meetings attended by Doctors or medics.

In Sri Lanka 'Street Children' are given refuge and education, and wheelchairs are provided in profusion for young and old alike –one man had been completely housebound for many years and to witness his tears of gratitude was totally overwhelming. The rebuilding and equipping of homes and schools in Watala and Kosgoda, following the 2004 tsunami, continues and this also happens in Greece, Italy and other countries following the natural disasters of earthquake, fire and flood. Clubs in G.B.& I finance shelter and aqua-boxes to help in these situation. There is a great need for funding for renovation and restoration work on artefacts and ancient buildings in Sicily as well as for deprived people of all ages.

Huge support is given to the elderly everywhere with the first project for the newly chartered Club in Hatyai, Thailand being the refurbishment of a large almost derelict home for elderly people. There is help for displaced people and refugees in Austria, Jordan and South Africa; clothes, bedding and toys are donated to refuges for ill treated wives/partners and children.

It is not possible to list everything here but it must be sufficient to say that whenever and wherever there is a need, no matter how great or small, Inner Wheel members' are there – sometimes just a smile, a kindly word or a gentle touch is enough –

it's Showing that you Care through Friendship and Service.

I listened, on many different occasions, to medical staff, Government Ministers, Royalty, members of the general public extolling the work and dedication of Inner Wheel members. Many Rotarians said how much they value the work and support of 'their' Inner Wheel Club - and several admitted that Rotary International would not achieve so much without our help.

Attending National and District Conferences in India, Sri Lanka, France, Egypt and Jordan and G.B. & I were all most enjoyable and well organised providing a mix of efficient and informative business, lively discussion and wonderfully colourful entertainment.

It was a great privilege to personally Charter four new Clubs and very exciting for the first to be in a new country – The Inner Wheel Club of Hatyai in Thailand. The ceremony was well planned with excellent speeches, excited members and great support from Rotarians, families, friends and Malaysian members. Colombo Mid-City in Sri Lanka, and Dausa in India followed, and finally Schwerin in north east Germany, all very special in their own way and I greatly enjoyed meeting all the members and listening to their plans.

51 new Clubs were formed during the year with over 800 members.

I had asked, especially, to see as many projects as practically possible and to meet the members; the itinerary for every visit took this into account and all were well organised. Busy schedules were punctuated with Dinners, Lunches and social gatherings attended by local and national dignitaries all very keen to enhance and encourage further co-operation between Inner Wheel and other NGO's.

A meeting with staff at the Rotary International office in Tokyo proved to be interesting and I received an invitation to write an article for the official Rotary magazine in Japan.

Time was found for Sightseeing - historic temples, cathedrals and churches....a Buddhist festival.... palaces.... colourful markets....museums....seething traffic and working elephants....beautiful costumes and national dress..... amazing scenery and exotic food ... Vivid memories of flying up through the mist from Tokyo airport to see the sun shining on the snow-capped peak of mount Fuji...

There was non-stop chat in Wismar; Sapporo; KL and KK; Gaborone, Botswana; Vienna; Colombo; Bournemouth; Mumbai; Amiens; Cairo and Amman; Ljubljana; Bled; Trapani; Pretoria; Cape Town; Madeira and so many other places – beautiful music and concerts in Vienna and dancing and singing in Egypt and Jordan; India, Malaysia and Thailand.

all of which feature importantly in a collage of memories.

I am so grateful that my husband, Malcolm, was included in many of these visits. He greatly enjoyed the varied itinerary arranged both by Inner Wheel and Rotary, meeting members and seeing the huge variety of projects - he also proved to be an excellent travel agent and baggage handler.

Work obviously goes on at Headquarters whilst the President is away and, whilst it is most important that she has frequent contact it is not always possible, therefore it was a great relief to know that matters were being dealt with, very competently, by Administrator/Secretary Elaine together with Pat and Alison, I am extremely grateful to them all for their loyalty and support. Executive Committee meetings are held three times a year with a great deal of work fitted into four days and I thank my colleagues for their friendship, support and expertise which made the discussions and decisions, which were sometimes quite complex, more readily accomplished.

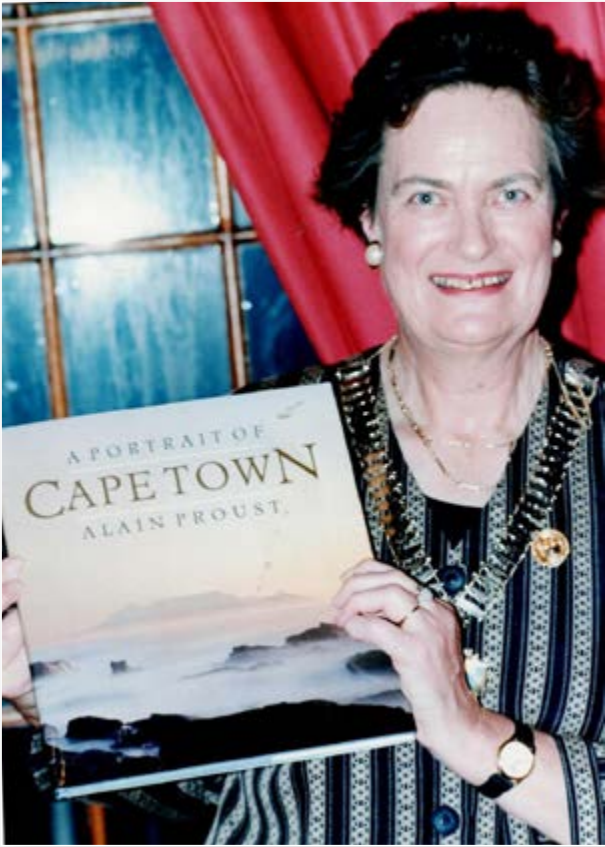
The Governing Body meeting was held in October on the offshore island of Jersey, in beautiful sunny weather. This was a slight departure from mainland UK and it enabled the office staff to try out different procedures and communication strategies, which worked well. Although two Board Directors were unable to attend, and were sadly missed, it was a happy and productive occasion with all aspects of Inner Wheel discussed, both in and out of the meetings, leading to greater international understanding and long term friendships made. I thank them for their contributions and for their valued friendship and support - it was an added pleasure to meet some of them again during my travels.

I have so many memories which will always be with me but most vivid and lasting are the faces of those you help in abundance...the happy and excited faces of 3-12 year olds in the Rumah Solehah home for HIV/AIDS sufferers in Kuala Lumpur when they received their school bags and sang songs...the 15 year old 'street boy' reading to me in faltering English in Jaipur....the little orphan boy in Bedfordview SA who invited me to make a triangular sandcastle...The sick and disabled receiving your care...old people in residential homes, many estranged from their families, receiving warm scarves, tea and cakes and, most importantly, a listening ear.

However the most outstanding impression must be of Clubs and members everywhere doing their utmost to make this world a better place by easing the plight of so many who are less fortunate than ourselves. We cannot hope to solve all the problems in this troubled world but we can do small things with love, compassion and sincerity.

I thank you all for the giving me the honour and privilege to serve this wonderful organisation in many ways but most of all as your President and for taking the theme so positively to heart – I am sure that you will always **SHOW THAT YOU CARE** through FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE.

I send my sincere Good Wishes to you all for all that you do in Inner Wheel and for a very happy and successful Convention.
(Whilst, sadly, it is not possible for me to be with you in person I am certainly with you in spirit!)



International President 1996-1997 Beth McNeill in South Africa



International President 2006-2007 Janet Day in South Africa.



International President 2002-2003 Solveig Svensson in South Africa.



International Presidents: Ann Lebeau 1980-1981 (left) with 2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos (2015-2016)



International President 1990-1991 Margaret Spinning in Mexico.

2007-2008 Kamala Ramakrishnan

Every third year around this time – the time of the International Convention three IIW Presidents come to the podium to share with members, memories of their year as IIW President. At previous Conventions, I have admired our IIW President's ability to convey a year's experiences in all of 5 minutes. But now, standing here before you, I realize it is not easy and I am not confident that I will be able to convey all that the year meant to me..

The great poet laureate of India, Rabindranath Tagore writing to his future readers said

" Who are you readers, reading my poems a hundred years hence?
I cannot send you one flower from my spring
Or one streak of gold from clouds above me
But in the joy of your heart may you feel the living joy
That sang one spring morning, sending its glad voice across a hundred years."

Dear friends I do hope that you too will feel in your heart the living joy that serving for a year as your President gave me. Your own feelings will then make up for any emotional failure on my part in sharing with you a wonderful year that has left in me memories and experiences that were both immensely enjoyable and totally illuminating.

I have often been asked what I enjoyed most about my year A very difficult question indeed, for every activity brought its own pleasures, but I think that having been a very involved member of the Inner Wheel for 35 years, the administrative role that I played while heading the Executive gave me my greatest satisfaction. Over the four Executive meetings of the year held at IIW Head Quarters, we, the members of the EC along with CCC Shirley and Administrator Elaine took care of numerous administrative details, discussed fresh ideas that would take our moment forward and answered varied queries from member countries in our efforts to help them find solutions to their problems.

The Governing body meeting in October, held in the beautiful old world environment of a hotel just a short distance away from our office was another great experience. Within a day the EC and the board Directors who had never met each other till then bonded into a team of friends. We went through a lot of agenda, took a lot of good decisions and I thank the Board Directors 08-09 for all their contributions. Thanks to all this, when I handed over my collar of office at the end of my year, I felt I had done my little bit to inch our Inner Wheel a little more forward.

I have also been asked – what did my year teach me? Simple -- I learnt humility. You know, sitting at the head of the executive it is very easy to imagine one as very important. Initially I did believe that Inner Wheel's progress is because of its International Presidents. . But as I started my travels, as I met members from across the globe and saw the enthusiasm of the club President and the members for their club and projects, I knew that these unsung volunteers are the true backbone of Inner Wheel, the reason why Inner Wheel has survived and grown so successfully.

The projects that our clubs take on are truly remarkable and it was my great fortune to be given an opportunity to see some of the great work that our members do around the world. In the tiny village of Kosagada, I was able to see the Tsunami relief work that District 322, had taken on in a big way in the tragic aftermath of the Tsunami. In Perth, Western Australia while touring Rotary's WA Cord Blood Bank in the Red Cross Building of central Perth I shared the pride of Inner Wheel members in Rotary having as part of its millennium project accepted the Inner Wheel idea of the cord blood bank project. In Italy I heard from Bruno Musso, President of the Med Child Foundation about what the foundation does to promote development and protection of the rights of children of the countries in the Mediterranean region and felt proud that that all the clubs of Italy were associated in this excellent project. Even on my one day trip to GB&I I managed to get a birds eye view of some of their prestigious service projects through a quick look at some of the stalls at their Conference venue. A project that impressed me in Mexico was the interesting project of the IWC of Cuvernica Valle called "Huevos Organicos", ("Organic Eggs"). It was a place where mentally challenged people were provided necessary stimuli to make it possible for them to learn to work at simple tasks, earn a livelihood or just have some quality of life. A project worth emulating.

In New Zealand, I was also taken to the small, lovely school for special children that the IWC of Fairfield is very involved in. The mat on the school floor which was created with different textures, was one of the donations of the club and was something that the children enjoyed touching. Watching the children there playing with the mat and the other equipment donated by the club, I realized that working with needs of special children and school children are some of our most satisfying projects. In Singapore I could not believe the beautiful bags that a designer helped create in a battered women's home that the IWC of Singapore was associated with. These bags were made from clothes and shawls donated by people. And in Turkey I was fascinated by the special playroom that had been created for the tiny tots by our IW Members in an idealistic public school catering to the lower income group. I was really happy to see Inner Wheel members involved with such a school. And finally on the last leg of my trip, in the beautiful island of Martinique in the Caribbean, a small non districted club, the IWC of Martinique very sensitively created a schoolroom with a teacher at the pediatrics centre in Lamentin for children who lost their school days because of a hospital stay. And this was just a few of the many that I saw. I wish I could tell you all that I saw but we know it is not possible.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart" said Helen Keller. Nothing could have been truer. As I travelled long distances to meet Inner Wheel members around the world, participated in their District and National Conferences and Rallies, projects and gala dinners, basked in the care extended to me by the National Representatives and experienced the warmth of affection that surrounded me, total strangers became good friends of. The Charlemagne Rally at Tours, the Annual conferences of Sri Lanka, GB&I and New Zealand, the District Conferences of the districts of Mexico and meetings with members of the clubs of Western Australia, Dist 204 in Italy, Turkey and Singapore and the non districted clubs of Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Caribbean. Sightseeing tours and the occasional shopping flings all added to the kaleidoscope of memories that I carry.

And along with all this there is another memory that I cherish as a highpoint of my year – the opportunity to address the RI Convention at Los Angeles last June. As I addressed a huge gathering of Rotarians, spouses and invitees telling them all about Inner Wheel I felt that I was doing justice to the IIW theme of the year. 'Communicate our Vision'.

My greatest thrill of the year – the inauguration of the IWC of Bello Horizonte in Brazil that marked our entry into a new land. And we also saw growth – 76 new clubs that brought in 1242 members.

I am often asked – what would I term my achievements for the year and I say -- in Inner Wheel at every level it is all team work – we do not believe in any individual effort. And I confess I had a great team to work with and we did bring in changes. The News on the web was one such innovation. With the twin desire of saving money and making our newsletter less dated , I mooted and all accepted that we have just one physical newsletter and have instead a web-based newsletter every three months. Thanks to our Editor Wendy who gamely took on the challenge, 'News on the Web" has proved popular. We also decided that the Vice President would now handle the IIW International Project. Suzanne took it on enthusiastically that year and the idea has clicked as Anne takes on the challenge this year. One more idea was put forward. – the idea of creating zones and having a board Director represent her zone. Our CCC Shirley has done a marvelous job of giving body to an idea and today at the Convention we are discussing it in our Seminars. Will it become a reality – I do not know. It might if enough members like the idea and the proposal is passed sometime in the future. Our Treasurer Doris constantly sought out methods to improve finance management and did a great job of it. And Elaine our Administrator was just too marvelous. She put firm foundations for a lot of castles in the air that I built. If our administration runs on well oiled wheels we owe it to Elaine our human dynamo and to our efficient Pat. Friends as I say a big thank you to all of you who made my year possible I request each one of you to continue to work for the success and growth of our organization for many still need us. New Generation Clubs and clubs sponsored in new lands are the need of the hour. I wish to end with one message -- always be ready for change – there is nothing so sacred that it cannot be set aside in favor of something better . Be ready to open your mind to new thoughts without fear of failure for all progress is cumulative effects of preceding successes and failures. I wish the convention all success.

2008-2009 Suzanne Nielsen

Let me start by saying, that I am overwhelmed by the way the theme of the year "Realise Your Vision and Make a Difference" has been received by members worldwide, and for the way it has been implemented in the many projects undertaken by our members worldwide.

It has been important for me to emphasize the necessity of realising what kind of visions we have. Realising that, is the first step on our way to make a difference, no matter if we talk about our own lives or of making a difference to people around us, who need our help.

Inner Wheel members are giving so much to the communities in so many countries, and we can be proud of what we are doing to make a difference to others, and we must continue to maintain this commitment.

I also want to thank you for the many positive e-mails and letters, I have received during this year. Modern internet technology makes it very easy to have a close contact and to communicate with members worldwide, it certainly makes the world smaller, but the personal contact can never be replaced by modern technology.

I have to say that writing this report has been very difficult, because there are so many details, so many experiences, I would like to share with you, but unfortunately it is not possible, we simply don't have time enough, and you might even fall a sleep before I finish.

Visiting members and seeing projects has of course been an important part of my year as President of International Inner Wheel. But besides that there has been administration, meetings with the Executive Committee and the meeting with the Governing Body in October 2008. Both have been very rewarding experiences and a way to obtain a better insight in our organisation. Meeting with other people is always a fountain of inspiration, new ideas but also a possibility of personal development.

The invitations I have received have taken me from Tromsø in Norway, north of the Polar Circle to Nigeria in the South and the Philippines in the East. A planned visit to Madagascar was cancelled due to very sad circumstances taking place in the country. Of course it was also a great disappointment to the Inner Wheel members in Madagascar, who except for being brought into these sad conditions, also had to cancel all the planned activities, and it was a great disappointment to me of course.

I have enjoyed all my visits but I have considered it a privilege also being invited to countries or areas, which haven't had a visit before, or at least not for some years. Unfortunately I have had to decline invitations, where they have been received too late to fit into my schedule.

My first visit went to Rostock in Germany to attend a meeting named "Bridging the Baltic Sea" with members from countries around the Baltic Sea. There were members coming from Germany, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. The week-end was a fellowship week-end but also with a cultural element, a lecture about the Nobel Prize winner Thomas Mann. There was also an opportunity for me to address the members followed by good discussions.

The following week-end I was invited to speak at a Rotary District Conference in D.1480. Not all Rotarians know much about Inner Wheel, so this was an excellent opportunity for me to tell about International Inner Wheel and what we stand for.

In September the next visit went to Tromsø, the Gateway to the Arctic, in Norway, 500 km from the Polar Circle. Because of the situation of the town, it used to be the starting point for Polar Expeditions. During my stay I was informed about one of the Norwegian projects – the Fistula Project in Ethiopia.

There are many sad stories about women forced to live a humiliating isolated life. Repudiated by their husbands.

After an interesting visit to the University of Tromsø, the only place where you can have a master degree in conflict solution at their Centre for Peace. We also heard about the efforts of extracting medicine from the arctic areas. Days with good opportunities of exchanging views on Inner Wheel matters.

In October I attended the Annual Conference in Denmark combined with a fellowship week-end, on which occasion we also celebrated the 60 years Anniversary of Inner Wheel in Denmark in a festive atmosphere.

From November 14th to November 21st my visit went to Nigeria. The first place to visit was a project in D.911 – a Vocational Centre for Women's Empowerment. This project involves vocational/skill acquisition and small scale business set up for 200 people. This is to give them economic and social power to support their families.

They also have a computer literacy programme organised by D.911 in partnership with D.85 in Germany. The project is for less privileged women in the society. About 95% of the students attend the classes with low rate of absenteeism, and the same number passes their various tests done regularly. Other projects includes: Baking and catering, beading and hat making, sewing and dress making and hair dressing – to mention some of the activities. It gave me great pleasure handing over sewing machines, hair dryers, ovens and computers for training girls, boys and women. Another project is support to Orphans and HIV/AIDS Victims. The District assists these children with their accommodation, feeding and education, and is responsible for 50 children.

The next project for me to see was the Children's Transit Home. This is a place for orphaned children, children running away from their homes because of neglect or abuse or for other reasons. The children are staying there, while the police try to find parents or other relatives, but sometimes the children prefer to stay in the institution rather than going back home. Among other things Inner Wheel has provided the institution with a water tank. The access of water and electricity is a big and ongoing problem in Nigeria. Later on a Boat Cruise I had the pleasure to present the Margarete Golding Award to National Representative Yemise Yalatisè.

From Lagos we went by car to Ibadan to visit D.913. The first item on the program was a welcome ceremony and party at Ilesa Mammography Centre. It was my privilege to commission the new built centre and to unveil the mammographic equipment. The next morning we visited a "Ward Youth Inspiration Centre", where young people can work with computers or study in the library – a place where to find inspiration "in outside the classroom lecture time". The mission of the centre is to provide all-year-round practical activities, to open the mind of the youth and promote education, health, democracy and good governance.

Then followed a visit to a one day "Health Fair" project, another project supported by Inner Wheel, where people could come for examinations by doctors working voluntarily. A patient diagnosed with a hernia could not afford to pay for an operation, so the District decided to pay for this. The visit to the Health Fair centre was followed by a press conference.

On November 19th we went by plane to Calabar D. 914. A courtesy visit to the Executive Governor was again followed by a press conference. Later I was taken to a private home to visit a young man. After an accident as a child he was now suffering from paralysis, and because the family is poor, they have not been able to pay for any treatment. The District had provided him with a computer, a wheel chair, and from time to time with money.

After visiting D.914 we returned to Lagos for the final part of my visit. Because of my special interest in health care, I was taken to see two hospitals both supported by Inner Wheel clubs, a Critical Ward and a Dialysis Centre. After the visits to the hospitals, the Governor of Rotary D. 9110 had invited me to visit the Rotary Centre for a lunch.

My next official visit went to Naples, Italy from November 28th until December 1st. I was invited to speak at the "Women for Europe" Conference. During the Conference three workshops had been arranged, where gender equality on the topics Family Life, Labour/Culture and Society were discussed. And finally Inner Wheel's role in the future on the conditions of women was discussed.

During my stay I was informed of one of the projects undertaken by members of the IW Club Luisa Bruni. Each member works voluntarily one or two days a week helping the children of poor Spanish immigrants doing their home work, teaching the girls in sewing or whatever need they have. Because it is the President's project, the IW members must report to the President regularly.

The following week-end I was invited to attend the Annual District event in D.9, Cyprus. The Annual District Event was devoted to the environment and Cyprus contribution to the Biodiversity of Europe. I was happy also to receive an invitation from the two Non-Districted clubs in the North – an excellent opportunity for all of us to meet for a lunch, and an opportunity of having good discussions. During my stay in Cyprus I was taken to see different projects supported by Inner Wheel clubs. The Elpida Foundation, a hostel where parents can stay, while their child is treated at a children's cancer hospital close to the centre. They also support an Alzheimer hostel and a hostel for people with multiple sclerosis. On the last day of my visit I was taken to different projects, Limassol Hospital, project of IW Club Farmagusta and IW Club of Limassol Amathusia. Inner Wheel members are improving the conditions for the patients by painting the walls and decorate with pictures and curtains and setting up aquariums with fish.

From February 2nd – 9th I was invited to the Philippines to attend the 43rd National Conference. The day after my arrival we went to visit Gawad Kalinga, Inner Wheel Rainbow Village, where poor families are living under miserable conditions. The IW Club Makati is building new houses to the families – until now 30 – but they hope to achieve the number of 72. Projects like this are carried out in different areas in the Philippines. It was an honour and pleasure for me to hand over a key to a new house to a family with 6 children. We also went to visit a recycling project, where an Inner Wheel member is in charge of a production of bags made by paper from telephone books and newspapers – impressive to see what can be produced by recycling. The profit from selling goes to a foundation.

During my stay in Manilla there was a pleasant surprise – a new club was chartered – an excellent opportunity for me to welcome the new members into our Inner Wheel family.

The 43rd National Conference was a festive event with a mixture of business sessions and performance by Inner Wheel members from the different Districts. The Districts also reported on their projects – scholarships, supplementary feeding programme, proper dental care, free treatment and free consultation and medicine given, vocational training school and drinking water fountain – to mention some of the projects supported by Inner Wheel.

After the Philippines I went to Bangladesh to celebrate the 30 years Anniversary of Chittagong IW Club, the oldest club in Bangladesh, and to attend their Conference. I was also invited to speak on the subject “Women Empowerment” at a Rotary District Conference. Fortunately we managed to celebrate Chittagong and to visit Chattagram Maa-Shishu General Hospital of which Inner Wheel is a great supporter and to meet a lot of Inner Wheel members, before I had to leave the country for security reasons because of a mutiny. The conference and all other planned arrangements were cancelled – a very sad situation, and of course also a great disappointment for all of us.

From Bangladesh I went to Malaysia for meetings in Kota Kinabalu before the Convention. After some busy days of meetings I was invited to the 29th Annual General Meeting and Fellowship week-end of D. 330, Malaysia and Singapore, in Kuala Lumpur. This event was also a mixture of business sessions and fellowship week-end with entertainment by Inner Wheel members.

Once more I noted how many talented women we have in Inner Wheel. I was also informed of the many projects, in which Inner Wheel members are involved – children’s homes, hospital - paediatric ward, a spastic centre in Singapore, wheel chair to disabled people and feeding programmes.

In April I went to the Netherlands to take part in the celebration of the 60 years Anniversary of Inner Wheel in the Netherlands, a festive event with presentation of a cheque to their national project the Kika project. This is a research project into medication for treatment of children with cancer, and the presentation of a cheque to Girl’s Education. In connection with the celebration I had the honour

of opening an art exhibition by Inner Wheel members with sculptures, paintings and photos once more I was impressed by the many talents.

My last visit before the Convention went to Belfast to attend the GB&I Conference. I was happy once more to have the opportunity to address the members. During the Conference a cheque was presented to The Alzheimer Association, a project for the Association President Myrtle Buchanan. Alzheimer is still an illness which is tabooed. A cheque was also presented to an organisation named Whizz Kidz, who help disabled children with life skills training. Many overseas charities including Girl's Education have been supported by members from the Association. Something new which might be an idea to others is the "Talking Magazine" for the GB&I members, who are blind or have impaired eyesight. Again some inspiring days with a well organised Conference and with time for fellowship.

During my travels this year, I have had the opportunity of meeting with many of you in your own country. It has been a great pleasure for me, and I have felt honoured and privileged to be present at many special occasions and to see a number of projects undertaken by Inner Wheel members. I am overwhelmed by the warmth, the hospitality and the friendship I have received everywhere, something I will never forget and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

2009-2010 Anne Fryer

My first encounter with Inner Wheel and that was as a young girl in the 1950's when the Inner Wheel Club of Tunstall was a thriving and vibrant Club and where my mother was a member until her death so Inner Wheel has in some way always been part of my life. I joined Inner Wheel in 1972 and have never looked back.

On 1st. July 2009 - after an apprenticeship of only almost forty years! - I became President of probably the world's biggest, and certainly the world's most significant, women's organisation.

For me THE most important part of a President's role is to visit our members and to see what they're doing and how they're serving and to thank them, congratulate them and encourage them.

Unfortunately, the President can't just go where and when she wants to. First, she has to be invited and her visit will usually fit in around an association conference in larger countries but secondly it is very important to support and encourage the smaller countries within our organisation.

Generally the months of July, August and September are quiet months but are busy with planning the year. To a large extent I knew in advance where I would be going and as you can appreciate quite a lot of planning was necessary and it did look as though quite a lot of racing about was going to be needed.

However, long before I took office I had accepted an invitation for July. I went to Knutsford club's 70th Charter anniversary in District 5 only two weeks after taking office. They were very considerate to a new girl and couldn't have been kinder.

In September, following the Executive meeting, I chaired the meeting of the Governing Body, which was held in Knutsford, when the Board Directors and the Executive Committee members met together to discuss policy and new ideas.

My first overseas trip was to Australia in October for their association conference. I flew into Melbourne to be greeted by Past International Inner Wheel President, Carole Buchanan – she was International Inner Wheel President when I was GB&I Association President and attended our Conference in Bournemouth. Before the Australian Association Conference I was very happy to attend the Charter Presentation of a new Club, Inner Wheel Club of Hamilton, Victoria - a very special and happy occasion. It was an eerie feeling to see an actual Charter thousands of miles away from home and to see my own signature on it!

Australia is one of the oldest centres of Inner Wheel and as you might expect they are well organised. The conference was held in Wangaratta, Victoria which is a cathedral city about 150 miles north east of Melbourne. I was fortunate in being invited to attend their Council Meeting. It truly amazes me that we throughout International Inner Wheel have varying backgrounds and practises but are basically the same. I found that very reassuring.

Inner Wheel in Australia is involved in many projects of its own in addition to the service given through their support of Rotary. One of the most significant is their "Cord Blood" project. Most of you will know of the medical benefits to be gained from umbilical cord blood and in Australia Inner Wheel has been instrumental in mobilising support and raising substantial funds for this resource. And I should also mention that I planted a tree, a Pinot Oak, while I was in Wangaratta; I'm told that it still thriving and is over 15 feet. I also visited an animal rescue centre supported by the local Club.

I would have loved to have brought a Wombat home!

Australia provided an opportunity to meet some wonderful members who are truly dedicated to Inner Wheel.

I wasn't long back from Australia before I had to think about November, which promised to be a busy month with trips to Greece, Turkey and – a very welcome trip, given the time of year – Mauritius.

The Greek trip was a quick one to their conference in Athens but it did allow time for some sightseeing within the ancient city, especially the Acropolis – including the suggestion that I did something about getting the Elgin marbles back - and a chance to catch up with some old friends. Importantly I was able to see three very special projects which the members of Greece support; a special School for Children with physical disabilities, an elderly residential home which had a church within the house and the Smile of a Child Foundation Home where thirty abandoned abused children from 7 months to 18 years, legally taken away from their parents, live.

I was privileged to be invited to the British Embassy and was received graciously by the Ambassador, David Landsman. The picture behind is one of Lord Byron.

One of the joys of Inner Wheel is the chance we have to make friends around the world and from time to time to meet them and catch up and also to put faces to people who previously have been no more than names on letters or emails.

The visit to Turkey was really a business trip to look at arrangements for the Istanbul Convention.

For those of you who haven't been there, Istanbul is a lovely city and I don't doubt that the Convention in April will be a memorable one. The local members have worked very hard and the Australians and New Zealanders are particularly pleased because the timing lets them commemorate ANZAC day – a day that means so much to them still – at Anzac Cove, where so many thousands of their countrymen lie.

And so on to the lovely warmth of Mauritius. I was able to visit the islands of both Mauritius itself and the IWCs of Curepipe and Quatre Bornes and the IWC of Rodrigues from the Island of Rodrigues and arrangements had been made for representatives from other Indian Ocean islands to join in the 25th Charter anniversary celebrations. It was a wonderful visit and very much appreciated by members.

The first picture commemorates the visit of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire when he laid the foundation stone for a home in 1990, a typical view of the landscape, Curepipe and Quatre Bornes evening celebration, banner exchange in Rodrigues and two enthusiastic Rotarians and the Officers of Rodrigues Rotaract.

The clubs of Mauritius support many causes some of which I was able to experience and one such cause was the help given to a school dedicated to the care of abused children. On this occasion I was asked to distribute gifts.

At this stage I felt like a bit of a rest but there was one more trip before Christmas and in many respects an unusual one and a perfect example of IW friendship overcoming political divides. Egypt and Jordan are, of course, two separate countries but they are one Inner Wheel district and my trip demonstrated just how we can overcome those things that divide us. All members work closely and the office of District Chairman alternates each year between the two countries. We are fortunate – or at least then we were; for good or ill, things have moved on since I went – in that Inner Wheel in both countries is supported at the highest level.

In Egypt, Mme. Mubarak was our patron and in Jordan a great supporter of Inner Wheel is Princess Basma, the sister of the late King Hussein. I was fortunate to thank them for their support.

Highlights of Cairo began with a get together with the District Executive and other Inner Wheel members, a tour of the city, a visit to Inner Wheel supported projects; Mother and Child Care Centre Education and Care for Orphaned Girls. I was welcomed to the Faculty of Medicine by the Dean who thanked me for the help and support given to the local hospital by members. He presented me with a plaque of gratitude to International Inner Wheel which is now displayed at Inner Wheel Headquarters.

He then followed an adventure into the Sahara Desert to see the Pyramids, the Sphinx, camels and lots of sand. It was very windy and the photographs are less than flattering!

The next day we arrived in Amman, Jordan and here I met with many members and visited a Children's Education Centre run by volunteers. There are many Inner Wheel projects of a similar nature and include visiting Mother and Baby wards with gifts for the needy, the King Hussein Cancer Centre supported by the IWC of Philadelphia and the charity Operation Smile for children suffering Cleft Palates. This latter charity appears to be a cause that Inner Wheel embraces worldwide. I visited the Gaza Refugee Camp near to Jerash where acts of kindness, friendship and service are provided by the IWC of Amman.

My final appointment in Jordan was to have the honour of meeting and having lunch with HRH Princess Basma, and many Inner Wheel members.

After what seemed like a very short Christmas break, it was off again, this time for a three week trip to Sri Lanka and India to their conferences. In Sri Lanka – we try hard to be politically correct and not to refer to Ceylon, but in fact the locals still do so – think of tea – and many of the utility companies are called Ceylon something or other – in Sri Lanka I was hosted by a dear old friend Nirmalie Gumtikalle and her daughter. Their Silver Jubilee Conference was a colourful and happy event with excellent reports. The members of Sri Lanka worked extremely hard following the Tsunami which devastated parts of the country in supporting victims and their families and helping to rebuild the lives and homes of the many affected by this tragedy. Their projects are many and varied; sewing machines donated to widows to make mosquito nets which generate an income for them. Many members teach IT skills every week to young children, a priority project has been family counselling service for army widows. Other projects are many and varied; tea and entertainment for the elderly, books provided for a Children's Home, support of needy families, and other causes such as support of a school for blind children, parties for disabled children, cleft palate surgery, providing items for the Cancer Hospital and many more.

My final pleasure was to present the Charter to the new Club of Kandy Heritage – always a touching and poignant moment.

From Colombo it was a fairly simple flight via Delhi to Varanasi in the north eastern part of the country for the Indian Conference. For those of you who have not been to India the culture shock is frightening. First the crowds and then the noise; the enormous opulence enjoyed by some and the direst poverty suffered by the rest. India is the fastest growing Inner Wheel country and will soon have the largest proportion of membership.

A large, enthusiastic membership means that they have big conferences and it also means that the service that is given makes a real difference to those who need help so badly. As a simple example of something very different; because weddings are so expensive in the Indian culture, an Inner Wheel club in Delhi arranged and financed, and I was able to attend, a group wedding for 21 couples. Their service to others overall is exemplary.

There was some time for relaxation and I was able to visit the Taj Mahal and take a trip on the holy Ganges.

After the exotic sights of Sri Lanka and India, it was down to earth with a bang.

After a quick break to chair the third meeting of the Executive Committee, my next visit, in wet, miserable March was to sunny Wolverhampton, one of the 79ers, the original group of the first Inner Wheel Clubs and the oldest club in my District and, I suppose, mother, grandmother or great-grandmother to all our District 21 clubs, for their 80th. Charter Anniversary. A happy day. By the end of March I was beginning to feel fairly confident and beginning to feel that I was on the last lap, but there were two more visits to make and in many respects they were the two I was most looking forward to. In April it was the GB&I Conference in Bournemouth. In some respects "playing at home" is very unnerving; people know you too well; they've seen you over the years; they've seen your mistakes. In the event it was a very happy few days and my own members could not have been kinder.

And then in May, my last overseas trip, this time to New Zealand. You can't go to New Zealand without seeing sheep!! Although we can't pretend to know the country well, Noel and I love New Zealand and particularly the South Island, which is where I spent my time in Invercargill. For a small country the New Zealanders do so much and do it so well in everything they do. Their service through Inner Wheel is exemplary and it was so horrific that only six months after I was there they were devastated by the earthquake and the loss of so many lives. The cathedral in Christchurch was one of our favourite places and although it was horrible to see it so badly damaged it has been even more concerning to learn recently that it was so badly damaged as to be beyond repair. However, I do not doubt that the New Zealanders will be resolute.

These pictures show the NZ President Annabelle Valentine in the red jacket, me together with her Executive Committee and Conference Committee and Stewards who were dressed as clowns for the whole of the Conference.

Three shots to prove I did see the sea!

The New Zealand members have long been producing “silky pillows” for sufferers of breast cancer which are especially good for protecting the wound after surgery. Their patterns have been sent across the world.

President Annabelle and I enter the Conference Hall. Quite a moment!

My final picture of New Zealand is taken at the Southlands Museum in Invercargill where I met Henry – a 110 year old Tuatara. He has three girl friends, Juliet, Lucy and Mildred. Mildred is his number one favourite and they have heaps of children which were not produced until he was in his eighties! A slow learner obviously!

After the long flight home I had a very special occasion awaiting me. The 60th Anniversary of the IWC of Wellington in my District – a very apt place to finish such a wonderful and fulfilling and happy year. And so the wheel turns full circle. It seems that no sooner was I back from New Zealand than it was time for my last Executive meeting and time for me to pass on the paraphernalia of office to my successor. A year in which I had tried to give everything I had, which had given me so much opportunity, which had given me so much pleasure and a greater understanding of the world around us. The party may be over but the memory lingers on. Inner Wheel will always be in my heart. As Confucius said, “Wherever you go, go with all your heart.” I DID!!

2010-2011

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On 1st. July 2010, Outgoing President Anne Fryer installed me & the team, in a simple ceremony as per our tradition. The year 2010-11 as IIW President, started on a positive note. IIW office was in a rented premises. On 30th. June 2010 the outgoing & Incoming team visited a site in Altrincham for possible new Office premises. In the **very first** Executive Meeting as President, the site we had seen the previous day, was unanimously liked by all & a decision was taken to make a bid for the place, which was eventually accepted. You can see the elated outgoing & incoming team.

Here you can see the external facade of the new Office in Altrincham. // The formalities to purchase the property needed attention & time in the first 6 months of the year.

An important milestone for International Inner Wheel was set, when we shifted our Offices from rented premises to our own office in Altrincham. We were all elated when the last Executive Meeting of the year, was held in the new premises. This is the outer Reception area with Elaine’s Office space.

The inner part of the new Office. Pat & Alison are at work.

The 2nd. IIW Executive Meeting & the Governing Body Meeting of the year were held in Mumbai, India. At the GBM important matters were discussed & resolutions for Formation of Company,/purchase of property/making Honorary member by IIW to have distinguished role models for IIW, were passed.

The confusion regarding who can be nominated for various IIW posts, Reserves of IIW were the other important issues raised during the year, discussed & clarified

Before the Governing Body Meeting, the IIW Executive was a little anxious as, the constitution required that all in GB had to be present to pass the resolutions. I am glad that **all** were present. I thank all in the Governing Body for their cooperation.

It was not just work for the Governing Body in Mumbai. The evenings were fun, fellowship & entertainment.

One evening was “Glimpses of Culture & Textiles” by Able, differently able & capable. Dances from different states of India were performed.

Textiles from various parts of India; /rare sarees of different weave, different texture, material, colours were presented by 80 of our own **Inner Wheel members** from my District 314.

The physically & mentally challenged children & senior citizens also participated.

These are the visually challenged presenting a dance.

As you can see, the audience watched with rapt attention & enjoyed it. Presence of a troupe of 10 from Nigeria, added glamour to the function. A Rally of Dist. 314 was organised on the occasion. More than 1000 delegates attended. The BDs were welcomed Indian style. I thank my Club IWC of Bom. West Dist.314 for their love & cooperation.

Friends, when I took up the mantle of IIW President, I had decided to reach out to **as many IW members in as many** countries as possible & encourage them. This was a challenge as I had to remain within the fixed budget of President's travel. I am glad that I could visit & meet **many** IW members in the **15** countries I visited, besides the 13 Districts within India.

I am happy that I attended 3 Rallies, where groups of countries had participated, giving me a chance to meet **many** members at one place. The other places I visited were **small** Districts, not often visited by IIW Presidents. Their enthusiasm added to my energy.

Now, just to brief you on the countries I visited. Tampere in Finland, Montreaux in Switzerland, Battipaglia in Southern Italy, Srilanka Conference, Mauritius, Reunion Islands in Indian ocean, / Great Britain & Ireland Conference in Cardiff, South Asia Rally in Srilanka, Trento Castellino & northern parts of Italy, / Nepal, Bangladesh, / France for celebration of 60 years of IW, / Turkey, Mexico & Dubai for starting the 1st. Club in U E & Dist. 323,308,313,306,317,318,326,329 & my own District 314 in India.

I began my International visit with Tampere in Finland, to attend the Nordic Rally. I reached Helsinki, in high spirits for the 1st. International visit. It was a pleasant beginning. Pic is of the National Council Presidents of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Netherland.

Here, I would like to acknowledge & thank all the Aides who helped with translations. My crusade to communicate with members would not have been possible, had it not been for their continuous help with translation. Thank You Paola, Ginnette, Ulku, Zhazha, Jasmine, Hannele.

Meeting the Consul Generals & Mayors of the cities in Finland, Italy, Turkey, Bangladesh was an honour.

Consul General of India in Turkey

In Italy, met 7 Mayors in 7 cities. It gladdened my heart to know that they were all aware of IW & our activities// & were very appreciative of the work done locally by our members.

As President met many Rtns., Rtn. Dignitaries & addressed Rotary & Association functions & felicitation visits to Districts & Clubs in India. Pic. is when **at that** time Rotary International President Elect Kalyan Bannerjee & myself were felicitated by Rotary Club of Bombay West.

With RI President 2011-12 Rtn. Kalyan Bannerjee

It was an honour to meet the President & first Lady of Mauritius. The interview was relayed in the news that evening.

Next visit was to Montreaux in Switzerland to attend the Charlamagne Rally where **all** the European IW countries gather together. Traditional welcome in Montreaux at the Charlamagne Rally.

A day before the Rally, the 4th. Inner Wheel European Meeting was held. Had the pleasure to meet 32 leaders from 11 European countries under one roof.

At this Rally, I was delighted to meet & address 600 delegates from 13 countries in the popular Strovenki Theatre. Thank You Ruth & Verena for your care.

Met many IW member in between function. Pic. Informal Meeting with members from Germany.

Visit to Battipaglia in the southern region of Italy. Northern part I believe is more frequented. So far southern part is visited only once by an IIW President & that too long time back. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm of the members, // which is evident in the pic.

Attended Meetings of IWCs of Salerno, Pompei, Caserta, Naples & presented Charter to the new IWC of Capua.

One of the 2 surviving greek temples in the world & the ruins of Pompei, with members in Italy. At the time of 2nd. visit on invitation of IWC of Trento. I also visited IWCs of Venice, Thiene, Marostica, Bassano & Vicenza.

Some members that I met, will remind me why IW is what it is today. In all I visited 13 IWCs in Italy. I thank NC President Julia & NR Paola for arranging Meetings with number of Clubs giving me an opportunity to meet maximum number of members in total.

It was then time to visit Districts in India. This was a royal welcome in Dist.317.

Lot of Projects are carried out in India. I saw many, /but there is one that I would like to mention here, is this school for 2000 tribal children. Though the picture is blurred, it churned up so many emotions in me, that I felt I had to share this project with you. These children are the 1st. lot in family to get formal education.

In the same area as the school, the Sunderbans area, /inhabited by tribals,/ the IWCs in Dist. 329, support "Project Dignity". The tribals had no toilets & used open spaces. Now, a scheme is in place whereby, IWCs pay a certain amount & the family contributes by way of labour. Another local NGO makes sure that the toilets are kept clean. The ailments have decreased by 60-70% in the tribals of that area

Next was District Conference of Srilanka. The warm welcome by NR Priyanthie & DC Mala. 2nd. Visit to Srilanka was for the South Asia Rally. Members from India, Srilanka, Bangla Desh, Nepal, Malaysia & Singapore attended in large numbers.

Every District presented dances & items from their countries, making it colourful & entertaining.

At one of the District Rallies in India. The IW members themselves performed. It was enjoyable entertainment & fellowship. A great way to follow traditions & keep the culture alive.

Another project that touched my heart was in creating a ward for mothers with premature babies. This Hospital caters to the poorest of the poor. The just delivered mothers had to lie down in the corridor, waiting to breast feed their premies. This ward will enable them a decent place to breast feed with dignity & to adjust with their premy babies before discharge.

Architecturally beautiful Nepal was a last minute addition to present Charter to 4 new Clubs & to appreciate their increase from 4 to 12 in the year.

It was a unique opportunity to give Charter to 4 IWCs at the time of my visit. I would like to appreciate Kamal Kharel who spear headed this increase.

In Bangla Desh,/ Dhaka & specially Chittagong was all lighted up at the time of my visit. Lest you misunderstand, it was not for me, but the Cricket World Cup being hosted at the same time.

Bangla Desh has not had a visit from an IWC President for a long time. The enthusiasm is evident in the welcome, which crosses all boundaries. Thank you Dilruba, for binding all together & creating the spark.

Silence!!! District 328 Conference is in progress.

It was my good fortune to join the celebration of 60 years of IW in France.

& also to enjoy the hospitality of Catherine. I congratulate President Catherine again & all the members in France on the occasion of 60 years of IW in France.

I was awaiting visits to Mauritius & Reunion island with excitement.

These are the riot of colours that unfolded as the plane circled the Mauritius island, as the permission to land was delayed.

In Mauritius, I was surprised to know, that there are many needy people. The pic. To the left is of one of their Projects, the Day Care Centre where the IWC provides aid for education, music, learning gardening etc. I am happy because these are NDCs doing such good work.

DC Marilyn Camelon persuaded me to visit Dist. 920 formed of RUN Island & Madagascar for their District Conference.

friendship was personified with the presence of members from Nigeria, France, Mauritius & ofcourse, India.

Amazing was their Home for the Handicapped. They had indigenous ways to create physical comforts for the children & also looked after their emotional well being.

IW was born in Manchester in England. So attending the Conference of Great Britain & Ireland was like going to the Mecca of IW. It was an experience to cherish.

Addressing 2300 delegates at the Conference was certainly a memorable experience. I thank Pam Boyd for her care.

In GB & I, I was glad to know that **more than 85 members** have served IW for more than **50 years**. Let us applaud the commitment of these members with a loud applause.

Turkey was a last minute addition to the itinerary. This is Ataturk Memorial. I am sure you will visit this patriotic, almost a religious destination of Turkey. With me are the georgeous ladies who are taking care of you right now.

Inauguration of Science Laboratory put up by the IWCs in Turkey in a school.

& Here are the beneficiaries of the laboratory. The teachers & the students.

I thank my CO Board Director Ulku, NR Ela, DC Aysegul for their care. I especially felt overwhelmed when they celebrated my birthday together. One of my cherished moments.

Last stop was the Exotic Mexico. Pretty, friendly members with colourful costumes.

At the Conference, Meaningful traditions. Lighting the candle of love, faith, hope, friendship, service & passing it on.

Exotic welcome

Exotic parties, Hosted by an Internationally acclaimed traditional dress designer.

Mexicans are Fun loving & Love to dance. Thank you Zhazha & Mercedes, for the lovely experience. Let me end by telling you that Mexico also had one of the Best Projects that I witnessed. I was taken to a church where there were seated more than 200 senior citizens. It brought tears to my eyes to see the IW members themselves make tasty food & serve the senior citizens. They do this every month & also celebrate their birthdays & distribute goodies. They plan to make a shelter for these senior citizens with canteen to serve food. This will bring relief to the elders whose children go out to earn while elders have to fend for themselves.

My last job at the end of the year was to hand over the collar to a worthy successor in Catherine Refabert.

I thank all with whom I had the privilege to work. PP Suzanne, Past Treasurer Doris, Past CCCC Shirley,

PP Anne, Administrator Elaine. Besides the routine work, I thank Elaine especially for her efforts in shifting Office in that year & Pat & Alison in office not in this picture,

IIW Executive of 2010-11 & 11-12 for your friendship & support

Friends, I thank all of you for making my journey as President so eventful & enjoyable. I received lot of love & made lasting friendships along the way. IW gives opportunity to more than 800 members every year, to take up leadership at various levels. I recommend & wish that all of you take this opportunity in IW to take up leadership, to widen horizons & to sharpen the leadership skills. I have enjoyed & learnt different skills with each post at Club, District, Association & the entire experience culminating in 2010-11, the year as IIW President.

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I have put in my best to Commit with conviction, compassion, consistency & I Thank my friends in the IIW Executive & all of you for making it so beautiful.

THANK YOU

2011-2012 Catherine Rafabert

During my year as international President I tried to give meaning and life to the theme of the year
« THINK AHEAD AIM HIGH »

As this theme should lead our thoughts and decisions while shaping our future and way forward I had a credo all the year round, the Joel Barker statement in the « power of vision »

« Vision without action is a dream

Action without vision is simply passing the time

Action with vision is making a positive difference »

The power of vision was inspiring me all the year round, to think together, dream together and act together to make a difference

I immediately focused on the communication strategy both internal and external, in order to start and find solutions to foster the acknowledge and awareness of our association

My first mission was to launch a new international web site , It was done In India in Bangalore, the IT city, where the costs are much lower than in Europe. It was ready on August 1st.

We received a lot of feedback and requests to improve the readability and the printing of this new web site it will be implemented in the next weeks . You can see the both versions on the screen ;it will be like on the second slide, with blue writing on white background and softer blue colours ,it will definitely be easy to print ; but this work is not finished, this web site must be still improved to make it more dynamic, more appealing with easier navigation.

To improve our internal communication I have asked our Indian web master to implement a new data base for each of our 4000 clubs. It will be a totally secure site, probably a dedicated site in the near future, which will allow HQ to reach all the clubs with one click, or choose by country, by position, those who needed to be reached and receive all the information for a better governance, when it will be achieved , I hope, on May 15th, if all of you fill the requested document

What a fantastic improvement of the IIW management ?

I know, there is still some small problems which are solved, when required, by Elaine Hathaway or the Web master.

In 7 months I visited 12 countries and started with Germany, in Gutersloh , an important visit organised by Hildegund Scheipermeier where she invited chairmen or representatives from the 7 districts. One of the main subjects was the re-installation of a National Representative, as well as many questions about our Constitution and our Convention.

The result of this meeting was a vote in favour or against a National Representative and the answer was positive, so I want to express my congratulations and thanks to the German friends present in this auditorium, and now I hope for a new National Council to be introduced in the coming years. The next visit was to Amsterdam for the 5th European meeting , devoted this year to the Convention proposals, some solutions to improve the promotion of IW, and a video by Ulku Somer on Istanbul, an excellent way to bring up the Convention. The decision was taken to invite at the next meeting in Graz, the Baltic and the Balkan countries.

I followed this by a visit to Sri Lanka., This Island has almost 450 members in 19 Clubs and 1 District, very active, very efficient. I attended a district meeting in Negombo with a wonderful presentation on the beach of the way of life in Sri Lanka. I could visit various projects devoted to newborns, children, orphanages and elderly people , but I wish to focus on one important project intended by Chairman Roshi Peiris to support rape victims , help them by starting an income and supporting when necessary their children's education. It was a really nice project

From there I flew to Delhi ,where an important press meeting, and a big rally were organised . Just to remind you, India has now almost 30.000 members and 27 districts. .I had a warm welcome by Bina Vyas the Association president whose goal this year was :

- to increase by 5 members each club

- Start a minimum of 5 clubs in each district

better publicise IW, working in each district in building the Image of IW in India, by organising one day seminars.

- Ask each club to adopt a village for at least 3 years , a really interesting concept where districts are carrying educational, medical, literacy, adult education,, environmental, Women and Youth development, senior citizens Care, old age homes Projects..... I was happy to be able to visit two of them near Anand, Gujarat....

Then I could attend the first Past District Chairman meeting in Ahmadebad which focused on communication, promotion and how could the PDC's better work for IIW ?

In Bangalore I attended another District Rally , and had a meeting with all the Presidents to explain them the goals of some important proposals at the Convention

I was also able to meet our web master, Sandeep Shrinavas.

Once in Chennai I visit the village of SERUDHUR devastated during the tsunami, where , thanks to the Financial help of France , IW could re-build a big shelter which is now the centre of the village's life ; I unveiled a plaque commemorating it, it was a very emotional moment

i visited several other clubs in the south and had always a great and warmest welcome by the clubs After India I had my first Governing Body meeting near Manchester where Communication and Convention were the two main topics,

I wish to outline the wonderful work we have done with Norma Friar our Constitution chairman, as a year of Convention is more than a full time job, I can promise you.

Then I attend the two meetings one in Finland in Tuusula and the other in Torino for seminars called « women for Europe »

Since the first meeting held in Naples in 2009, these seminars are working on the role IIW could play in thinking, comparing and working on women's status in Europe. It is an important concept because women situation is changing fast in the world, we cannot be a passive observer when almost everywhere the role ,and now the safety of women, remain one of the highest priorities

It also gives a new image , a modern one which will I am sure , enhance our awareness in the public These workshops, seminars and forums initiated a real change and the media was very interested in them, we had a good media coverage both printed and television coverage

Promoting IW not just through service but through intellectual endeavour must now become a normal process in all our IW countries

In Torino Women for Europe seminars we had members coming from 14 countries with an important delegation from Nigeria, this shows the interest of Africa to these type of new events.

In Torino I also attend the 14th edition of the European Literary prize » 6 women in search of an author » in poetry and prose .

This European prize, Many European members are participating in the writing contest....,It is one of the many means we choose to fulfil international understanding, a fundamental aim of our Constitution.

In December, for a period of 3 weeks, I visited the district 909 in central Africa , with 8 French speaking countries, I had the chance to see clubs from 5 countries :Mali, Benin, Burkina Faso, Togo and Senegal

In Cotonou, Benin I could lay down the foundation stone of a centre inside the hospital, for women coming to have a fistula surgery. It is a centre which will accommodate them before and after the surgery ; it is unfortunately a huge disease in Africa and all visited countries have many projects to help these women totally rejected by the society.

In Ouagadougou, I could visit the centre built with the help of France for girls abandoned by their family, those who have escaped from a violent husband or when raped. In this centre they are learning different crafts to be able to have an income, when they are able to leave, and IW is also taking care of their babies.,

In Bobo Dioulasso ,with the help of the French National Council there was a real collaboration with a school for blind children. Support was provided by giving them a Braille computer .In Senegal I was happy to greet and welcome 10 new members in the club of Dakar and could visit a very efficient centre for handicapped children

In Bamako, Mali I attended the inauguration of the construction of an hospital for women with fistulas due either to early marriages (for 11-12 years old girls) or due to excision. This project seems now on the Wheel

In January I attended the Inner Wheel Day in Rome with all the clubs of the 210 district, an extremely friendly meeting

In Benevento and in Matera I attended two important culturalevents :

In Benevento the IW club ,with other Italian clubs are supporting an interesting project called : « in the Longobardo footsteps in Italy » promoting through exhibitions, conferences, art restorations the Lombard civilisation spread out in many European countries, (one of the next event will be end of October exhibition in Hamburg)

In Matera, the IW club is supporting the candidature of this city as cultural European city for 2019 as well as many charity projects of which the annual grants to Young students specially in musical field. During the first days of March I attended the Charter ceremony of the new club of Graz created thanks to the energy and the enthusiasm of Gabrielle Schuempf, and had an interesting meeting with the 3 Clubs from Vienna and other cities in Austria, I think, I hope I convince them to finally create an Austrian district....

I ended visiting the GB & I annual conference in Bournemouth with 2300 attendees, and wonderful charities presentations : the Sue Ryder project, Winston's Wish, a fantastic speech by Olivia Giles She was a quadruple amputee - amputated of her 4 limbs and, a model of courage and love for life.

On the Monday we had a beach friendship meeting with an incredible photo : the friendship circle, realised with all members of the Association President's district members.

I want to thank all the members of my team as well as the administrative one, We had a wonderful time together, with a real inner Wheel spirit.... Maintaining positive and fruitful work. Thank you

2012-2013 Carole Young

She summarised that 2012 – 2013 was a year for international consolidation and growth within our organisation. “Proposal 17” had been passed with resounding approval at Convention in Istanbul and International Inner Wheel was ready to take an important step forward.

She considered that:-

People is what Inner Wheel is about.

- Technology, branding, publicity, modern methods of communication and so on, are all very important aspects of Inner Wheel but without people, we have nothing.

BE A FRIEND

Her Presidential theme linked to our Inner Wheel objectives

- To Promote True Friendship
- To Encourage the Ideals of Personal Service
- To Foster International Understanding.

She visited 14 countries and met many Inner Wheel members.

Sadly, it was not possible to accept all the invitations that she had received.

IIW Presidential visits around the world included Australia Canada Denmark GB & I India, Indonesia Italy Malaysia Mexico New Zealand Philippines Scotland Singapore Sri Lanka

- She was privileged to see many projects being worked on by our members worldwide.
- She saw and heard about many visions for the future of Clubs and Districts.
- She saw the membership upholding the objective

To Encourage The Ideals of Personal Service

What did she learn from our members during her Presidential year?

Friends Care About Each Other

- Friends gather to celebrate joys and sorrows.
- Friends take an interest in the welfare of their neighbours, their families, and their club members. Friends share their time, their talents, their compassion and their energy. They help each other with whatever is going on in their lives at the time. She saw and read about many instances of friends within Clubs sharing ideas and resources as they undertook projects large and small. Some resources come easily, some are hard earned but all can be shared for the benefit of others. She explained that very often your visions and your dreams develop from your ideas and your resources. She saw instances of small ideas growing into dreams that take many years to accomplish through the support of Members.

Many impressive projects are developed and achieved.

- She saw tree plantings;
- She saw school rooms built;
- She saw old people's homes built;
- She saw meals being provided to old people and to school children.
- She saw clean water being supplied to people in slums;
- She saw toilets being provided for villages and for schools.
- She read about dogs being trained to detect Narcotic Drugs.
- She saw and read about prosthetic limbs being built and supplied to both children and adults;
- She saw children from orphanages being educated and clothed.
- She read about medical and dental hygiene programmes;
- She read and heard about educational books being provided for the under privileged.
- In all the projects that she saw and read about throughout her year as IIW President she was totally humbled by the efforts and energy of our members and it reminded me that Friends do not notice creed or colour when they are working together and that Friendships Bridge Geographic Boundaries & Divisions

She thanked

- Her Governing Body team of 2012 – 2013, for all their input throughout the year.
- To all members whom she met in her travels worldwide, she thanked them for their care and friendship.
- To all members worldwide, she thanked them for their endeavours and success and for fulfilling the theme.
- She thanked Administrator Elaine for the help and support she provided.
- To her husband Ken, she said a simple “thank you” for his total support and encouragement throughout her Inner Wheel journey.

- The Maori people of New Zealand have a saying which she shared with the delegates
- He aha te mea nui o te ao?”
- “What is the most important thing in the world?”
- He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!”
- “It is people! It is people! It is people
- BE A FRIEND

2013-2014 Gabriela Adami

President Gabriella summarised her year particularly concentrating upon the theme of her year We, for women and her campaign against all forms of violence and abuse against women. She particularly reminded the delegates that this should include their relationships with each other and that friendship meant that members should be kind to one another, be less critical, be more affirming of each other.

She emphasised the need to continue to campaign against all forms of violence towards women, from domestic violence to the plight of women and their children in conflict zones and during natural disasters where resources were scarce, to those enduring sexual trafficking and the violence created by subjugation.

Many of her visits took place within the celebrations of Inner Wheel celebrating its 90th anniversary. To be able to visit so many places to mark this anniversary was a wonderful opportunity. She thanked all those she had met on her travels.



International President 1986-1987 Minna Kapur on 28 February 2024.
 “The happiest moment of my life was the time I spent in Copenhagen for the International Inner Wheel Convention. There were more than 3000 people. I was in my crimson magenta and gold sari, and I sat down and I was escorted to my seat by Dr. Kapila Gupta, who then sat down for my lecture. As I was asked to speak, I got up with cold feet, but then there was total silence. And when the speech ended, there was no movement. I saw one lone gentleman who got up and started clapping. And then there was a spontaneous response by 3000 people who gave me a standing ovation, an experience I had never seen in my life before. One chap came up to me, shook my hand and said, my dear, you are the second mother that I have ever seen. The two French ladies embraced me and wept bitterly and said, we loved your speech. I had cold feet and I was very nervous, but very happy that so many people responded to my speech. Thank you so much, Copenhagen, for being so kind to me, so nice to me. I love you all, and I shall continue to love this beautiful place.



International President 1988-1989 Alison Dowson
 on Inner Wheel Zealand Facebook, 6 June 2020.

“Protect Children – They are the future” was the chosen theme by Alison Dowson as the first New Zealand International President (1988-1989). Inner Wheel New Zealand congratulated Alison on her 50 years membership and contribution by presenting her with flowers recently to mark the occasion. The Inner Wheel Club of Riccarton honoured Alison to mark her remarkable journey of 50 years.



International President 2010-2011 Pallavi Shal at the Charlemagne Rally in Geneva, Switzerland.



International President 1993-1994 Anita Aggarwal
 with Sydney Convention Organising team, October 1993.

“The Conventions, normally held in April-May, was held in Sydney in October, to experience the change of weather. The significance of this Convention was the passing of proposals for 16 Board Directors and National Representatives. As we celebrate our centennial year, I wish everyone dedicated service and unwavering commitment to our organisation, Inner Wheel.”
 - Anita Aggarwal, 11 December 2023.



International President 2007-2008 Kamala Ramakrishnan was a speaker at the first plenary session of Rotary International Convention in May 2008, in Los Angeles.



International President 1999-2000 Lillian Pettigrew (left) visits Pakistan

2014-2015 Abha Gupta

“Distinguished ladies and friends,

It is extremely difficult to present a report that can truly express how wonderful it has been to be the International Innerwheel President. The opportunity to travel so extensively and to meet so many people does not come to very many individuals so it is necessary to try and give everyone an idea of the magnitude of the experience.

You may wonder if you have read about my schedule why there have been so many visits and invitations within Asia.

India has the largest membership of all the countries in Inner Wheel, it has the most Clubs, it has 27 Districts and it is still expanding with many Clubs being formed annually. It is neighbours to other countries that are also experiencing growth – Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Although glancing at a world map you might think the area is quite a small and compact one to travel around but let me tell you it is actually quite the opposite.

- It is the seventh-largest country by area, 3.288 million km² (1.269 million sq miles) and the second-most populous country in the world with over 1.2 billion people. It has 122 major languages and almost 1600 other languages and dialects. It is fabulously diverse in geography, climate, culture and style. To travel extensively within its borders is quite like a world adventure without ever having to leave the country.

It is perhaps easiest to show you a small selection of photographs from the many hundreds that have been taken this year from the 23 events I have attended in India alone.

To be an International President of an organisation that has over 33,000 members in her own country is particularly overwhelming. To be an Indian President of IIW when the Indian Clubs celebrated the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the organisation in India has been amazingly magnificent.

Conferences, Rallies, District and Club events Inner Wheel Indian style are fabulous affairs for all the members, so to be feted as the International Inner Wheel President at these celebrations is something else.

Like making a speech at the Hollywood Oscars it is absolutely impossible to even try to name everyone who has participated in making my year in India so very special. However I can assure everyone it has been utterly, utterly breathtaking.

I do not however wish to give the impression that all an international President does is attend parties and be honoured. Her role also is to see some of the charitable projects and service carried out by the membership worldwide. I have been shown some really important projects where members have really gone that extra mile to help others less fortunate than themselves. It has been so heart-warming how enthusiastically the membership embraced the theme for 2014-15 Light The Path

We do have to be aware that in many parts of the world where we have Clubs the political, the economic and the social framework may well be straining. We seem to be living in particularly turbulent times.

In many parts of the world natural disasters afflict all manner of suffering. Members need our thoughts and assistance when it is possible – the help given to the victims of Typhoon Yolande in the Philippines has been a case in point. Individuals wanting to help those in Malawi after the appeal from the Non Districted Club of Blantyre, explaining that many Malawians lost everything they had in the floods there, has also shown how genuinely kind our membership is.

It has been most enlightening to attend National Conferences in Denmark, Nepal, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh and GB&I. These are often run on an annual basis and require a huge amount of organisational prowess from the organising committees. To be a chief guest to these events is extremely humbling. They are for the members of the country concerned so to be given a glimpse into their Inner Wheel world and an opportunity to meet and speak to members is both quite daunting and exciting in equal measure.

Equally enjoyable have been the Friendship Days and meetings in Dubai and the European countries at Italy, Norway, Germany, Finland, and Belgium, I have been able to visit.

As you will possibly be aware we are all now enjoying the hospitality of Denmark. The tremendous sheer hard work of local Convention Committee members and the clubs in Denmark behind the scenes for the last 3 years can only be guessed at. They have met all my requests and the challenges of catering for such a diverse audience with enormous grace and good humour. It gives you all the opportunity to experience the hospitality and generosity of spirit of our hosts that I have received wherever I have been.

I have been very pleased to have been able to work for Inner Wheel in this role. The travelling, the meetings and the responsibility of the job are not matters to be undertaken lightly- it is both exhausting and exhilarating in equal measure. I will be soon leaving the office with satisfaction and pleased that I can look back on it as a job well done and that I have managed to Light the Path for the future generations of Inner Wheel members who follow on behind us.”

2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos

Impressions of my Unique Year 2015-2016

Always a pleasure to give the charter to new clubs as Varna Europea in Bulgaria, where each member presented themselves in what they are unique; Kavarna in Bulgaria, Tour'Naiade in my country Belgium, Vexin-Seine in France and Chisinau Elite Europe in Moldova, new country in Inner Wheel.

In India 2 clubs were created the same day: Chennai Unique and Chennai United.

And I've had the honor to welcome the new district 255 in Republic Macedonia.

The main purposes of my visits were Conferences and other meetings as:

1. The Conference of IW Australia
2. The Conference of D322 in Sri Lanka
3. The triennial Conference in India
4. The 50th National Conference in the Philippines
5. The Conference in Greece
6. The Conference of GB & I
7. The Conference of New Zealand
8. The Friendship days in France
9. The Conference in Italy
10. The Conference of D920 in La Réunion
11. The District meeting D86 in Germany

In some countries the members did great performances in their talent's night.

A colorful presentation by the Indian members; Music Hall performances by the members of the Philippines; and very funny sketches by the members of D920 (La Réunion & Madagascar)

There was not that many time to visit social projects, but those I could visit were very interesting: Una casa per la vita in Battipaglia (Italy) a home for children. India: a senior citizens home in Apnalay (project of IWC Calcutta) ; the charming girls of BK Home in Chennai; the impressive dialysis centre for women in Bangalore.

In the Philippines: The Sunday school for kids and the school for children with Down syndrome. In Greece the storage room for food for poor people, and the collecting of medicines for the refugees. In D920 Kazanou , the joint project with Rotary, where parents can stay while their children are in hospital.

In Sri Lanka a wheel chair donation and the very emotional and hard visit to the rehabilitation center for young soldiers.

A little bit of sight-seeing: Matera in Italy, le Mont Saint-Michel in France, Stuttgart in Germany, the Great Ocean Road in Australia, Acropolis in Athens, a winery in Moldova, the Taj Mahal in India, and Christchurch New-Zealand (10 years after Convention and 5 years after the terrible earth quake).

At each visit there was a cake cutting time. The most possible variety of cakes with the theme Unique & United.

And in Inner Wheel we can't forget all the Inner Wheel paparazzi, and photoshoots like in India, where each morning there was a photo session of one hour.

Due to circumstances I couldn't attend Egypt & Jordan and Croatia, and I am really sorry for that.

To end it is time to thank all of you, my club members, the Executive committee members and media manager, the Governing Body and Elaine at office.

And of course my 3 daughters and their husbands, who have given my Unique 7 Grandchildren.

They were the stars of my year and have accompanied me during all my travel and are now known as "the hands"

Let us remember that we are all Unique and that we work United for our Unique Organisation.

2016-2017 Oluyemisi Alatise

I started my visit from Nigeria in District 913 and proceeded to Cotonou and Togo in West Africa to commission the VVF Centre built by Inner Wheel Club of Cotonou Espoo.

I visited Pakistan and broker peace between the warring Districts. I visited Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad and had the privilege to lay a Wreath at the Cenotaph of the Country.

I met with Four Mayors in Italy, Citta de Castello, Spoleto, Treviso and Trieste. I delivered various speeches at each of the visited Clubs, notably in Treviso where my Micro Credit papers was requested for adoption for the Refugees in the State. I met many members in each of the State visited. I must commend a well-planned 21 days visit. A Calendar was produced with the Theme logo to raise fund for the Earthquake victims.

In Mexico I was received by Two State Governors, Puebla and Morelos where I was given a State Flag Ceremony and received a Distinguished Guest Award. I arranged a peace meeting with the two Districts and was able to bring them to work together again after almost 10 years of disagreement.

I visited India and tour the State of Bangalore, Calcutta, Mumbai, I attended the National Conference in Prem Preteek in Puri and Annand.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of District 909 in West Africa, that had six countries in attendance. I tried to get them to form another District and eventually form a National Governing Body, to have direct communication with IIW. It may take some time, but they are working towards it. In Burkina Faso I met with the Prime Minister of the country and advocated for Law against Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Had a stopover in Cote D'voire and Cotonou.

I attended the IWA Conference in Sydney and linked up with a 87 years old IWM who has been in communication with me for over 25 years in Cairns.

I was also received in Finland and attended the Club meeting of Tapiola. Made effort to meet with members in St. Petersburg in Moscow

I attended the Nordic Rally in Skagen Denmark and had reception at the Beach of North Sea and Baltic, Skagen. Made attempt to broker peace within the members.

In Nigeria, was at the National Rally of Clubs bringing 3 Districts together and attended by over 200 members. I was received by two State Governor of Anambra and Enugu States, a reception in Abuja with the presence of Minister of Information.

I attended the District Conference in Colombo. Had a private meeting with Inner Wheel members of Colombo, to stop the various courts litigation to no avail.

In Mauritius attended joint Clubs meeting and Gala Dinner. I had meeting the Rotary Clubs and advocated for growth of Inner Wheel in the country. The Minister for Gender Matters was visited, and I also met with President of the country Her Exc. Ameen Gurib.

In Uganda, the two very strong Clubs arranged a joint meeting which I attended. I noticed they were not in any communication with IIW. I met the Speaker of Parliament and was also received by Nigerian High Commission. I made attempt to visit Malawi, despite previous communication and visa arrangement, but was denied entry.

I was received in Mombasa, Kenya by the first Club in Africa, Inner Wheel Club of Mombasa. Visited various project handed by the Club especially the one to commemorate their 50th Charter anniversary.

I was invited by Inner Wheel Club of Casablanca Renaissance, the Preschool project for less priviledged fund raising was well attended.

The Annual General Conference of Inner Wheel USA and Inner Wheel Friendship Luncheon was held during the Rotary Convention in USA Atlanta, was priviledged to be in attendance.

The Association Meeting of Great Britain and Ireland was also attended by me, visiting various District Meetings and addressing members.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the opportunity of service. I am grateful for acceptance of my theme for year, which was the pointer of service for many Clubs. I travelled to many trouble spots to make Inner Wheel stronger. The Coffee Table Books formed 50% of my luggage anywhere I visited. Some invitations were not honoured because I had problem of visa to visit the concerned countries.

Olujemisi Alatise
IIW President 2016/2017



2017-2018 Kapila Gupta

It is a pleasure to present a Report for the year 2017-18! as President of International Inner Wheel. Preparing this report & covering all that happened during the year was a challenge to precise writing but a nostalgic journey down the memory lane.

after an apprenticeship of only 25 years! - I became President of probably the world's biggest, and certainly the world's most significant, women's organisation with Installation at Manchester.

--IIW Theme -2017-18

During my year as international President I tried to give meaning and life to the theme of the year-----

Leave a lasting Legacy

For me THE most important part of a President's role is to visit our members and to see what they're doing and how they're serving and to thank them, congratulate them .my focus was support and encourage the smaller countries within our organization , However, long before I took office I had accepted an invitation for June. I went to attend installation ceremony of National President Patricia-

On 1st July as i landed at Delhi Airport My home club members welcomed me and -----To Celebrate my being IIWP

launched drive on save and educate girl child

Environment promotion and Protection

Free Mammography mobile van for cancer detection.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES- I visited --

Inauguration of toilets for girls-- all over Asian countries

Midday meal delivery kits, sanitary napkin packets, school bags to girls and women of slum area, day care centres

Inducted 33 members at one go -- IWC Noida, Bangladesh,

Donated colposcope to a hospital - & Computer Lab to needy school for kids --both jointly by clubs of D301

Polio drops to kids ---

Hospital wards adopted--,

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON drug abuse & ORGAN DONATION --D314

Earthquake victims were settled -- Nepal, Mexico,

Flood affected areas of Lismore restored

Branding IW ----

By whatever way IWCs could show all worked hard towards branding IW .Umbrellas to vendors with IW logos, IW Signs at famous roads, inviting distinguished guests, consulates and high officials to the meetings to promote IW awareness

Media Promotion ----

Not only in India where it was easy to get media to cover the good work done by IW clubs ,but in countries like --Izmir, FAMAT, Netherlands ,Mexico ,Bangladesh ,Nepal ,Germany ,Greece, .

In Philippines-- Entire event was live on fb.

Recognition by other organisations ----

IMA, Senior Citizens club, Rohtak, Rotary Rohtak and D3011, DG D3481, Rotary club of Taipei Rotary club Dhaka. Rotary DG 3281-
Greetings and messages sent throughout were well received by members.

IW DAY WORLDWIDE WITH A DIFFERENCE ----

Celebrated as membership growth and Saplings plantation day,

At UNO-Vienna --As speaker

Promoting IW not just through service but through intellectual endeavour must now become a normal process in all our IW countries

AGM -D322 -Sri Lanka ---

Was well attended by most of the clubs of the District as well PDCs , PNRs ,PIIWBDs.

Mostly familiar faces. encouraged all to promote objectives of IW.

--IWC Williamstown-

Month started with meeting with LCC / PCO AT Melbourne and visiting IWC Williamstown --

Home Club of Convention CH -Val Corva and met Members of IWC Point Cook ---a unique combination of Indian origin members now living in Melbourne.

All four weekends at zonal meets -foot prints --IW Promotional programmes

Zonal IW Promotion India ----- AP Patricia Hilton -Planned month long programmes of IW

Promotion in all four zones of India --

National level---Branding IW

Sanitation and hygiene in schools & launched Sanitary Napkin vending machines

Save and educate girl child

Sanitation and hygiene in schools

Green Environment awareness Rally.

Recognition of women achievers

September

National Rally at Stavern, Norway

PIIWBD Sissel hosted me and had meeting with her club members too.

Bulgaria

D248--Plovdiv--

National training programme for club officers, group discussions were unique feature.

Launching of awareness programme on drugs in schools. Met young Gen Members of IWC Sofia over dinner at Sofia, who showed me how inspire of working full time or part, they are enjoying IW membership.

IWA Australia is one of the oldest centres of Inner Wheel .The conference was held at Lismore, NR Karen made arrangements to pick me from Brisbane via beautiful Gold coast drive -- I was invited to attend their Council Meeting. It truly amazes me that we throughout International Inner Wheel have varying backgrounds and practises but are basically the same.

Inner Wheel in Australia is involved in many projects but one of the most significant is their "Cord Blood" project. Most of you will know of the medical benefits to be gained from umbilical cord blood and in Australia Inner Wheel has been instrumental in mobilising support and raising substantial funds for this resource. And I should also mention that I planted a rose sapling at a famous park restored after floods. On the last day had visited famous zoo and saw live Kangaroos and Koalas, I would have loved to have taken a Wombat home!

November ---

Netherlands--National conference

One of the joys of Inner Wheel is the chance we have to make friends around the world and from time to time to meet them and catch up and also to put faces to people who previously have been no more than names on letters or emails.

Meeting with NP/NR from Belgium & Luxembourg
NP,PIIWBD Corrine and some members came to Netherlands conference as well had meeting with me and exchanged views.

National event --India -Swarnmanjari--Golden Jubilee celebrations of IIW Formation --
A large, enthusiastic membership means that they have big conferences and it also means that the service that is given makes a real difference to those who need help so badly. As a simple example of something very different; Self defence programmes for girls, Tiffin boxes and vocational help to Women & Girls. .Release of post office cover with IW Stamp

IWC FAMAT--

D -73 --Dinner meeting with members as well as Deputy Mayor of Nice,
D69--District Conference and Gala Dinner to celebrate silver Jubilee of Club Pau Got chance to meet Past CCC Gunder Lannoy and IIWPP Catherine Refabert.

Izmir --WFE 8-SEMINAR

Since the first meeting held in Naples in 2009, these seminars are working on the role IIW could play in thinking, comparing and working on women's status in Europe. It is an important concept because women situation is changing fast in the world, we cannot be a passive observer when almost everywhere the role and now the safety of women remains one of the highest priorities

December----

Mexico----D417-D418----

So warmly received by Members of both the Districts which is very encouraging for IW growth in any country. Visited Earthquake hit rehabilitated areas.
Got to know how break a Pinata

-January

IW DAY AT Bangladesh ---A very memorable visit. Met a state President! Talked about IW activities with President of Bangladesh. MP received at Martyrs memorial.
Met the Speaker of Parliament and was interviewed live on national TV.
What more could I ask for?

ND CLUB -Taipei west -A very fruitful visit ,where RDG 3481- organized Dinner and gave promise to form four new clubs li was honoured in Rotary meeting of Rt Club Taipei West.
IW members promised to expand IW. All thanks to efforts of IIWBD Pearl Mohan.

Nepal ---D350

A newly formed District but going strong with founder D.C. Kamal .Attended 4th District Conference so weil organized by D.C. Kamala.

Feb-----

Greece ----

A historic visit to world's historic city .Attended District Conference. Visited Project sites .Members are trying their best for IW growth .A very meaningful service activities is undertaken to create awareness against child abuses.

Manila --Philippines ----

Very enthusiastic IW members received me at airport .Visited ICWPI Office. Visited day care Centre being run by IW club. Visited park being maintained by IW clubs sponsoring and helping in organising Sports for special children. IW activities. National Conference live on fb.

March

Germany -- from 4th March starting at Friedrichshafen meeting IW members, at IWC Lindau, had cruise at Lake Constance to be welcomed by members of IWC Konstanz and Ravensberg. On way met many IW members involved in many IW activities with younger D.C. Jutta with a vision. PIIWBD Hildegund drove me to Munich. Had great meeting at memorial hotel meeting with all the clubs of Munich.

Austria

Unique Rally in Bodensee Lake district

Bregenz a unique Rally of members from four countries around the lake Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Lichtenstein.

GB & I----attended National Annual conference at Bournemouth. Every year more than 2000 members gather to listen to famous speakers. The Mayor of Bournemouth briefed everyone about the town. He was also introduced to IW world.at the AGM and important decisions were taken .Members were encouraged to bring in more younger members and promote IW through social media.

Singapore -----

A unique example of two different countries beyond borders - every year organising AGM for years together ,fellowship dinner etc,
Clubs celebrating Silver ,Golden Jubilees –

D304--IWC Ratlam

D323--IWC Chennai--

D319-----

IWC B.North

IWC B.South

D69---IWC Pau

IWC Plovdiv

ICI--2018-19

D325 Hosting ---Incoming DC Training programme

Friends, I thank all of you for making my journey as President so eventful & enjoyable. I received lot of love & made lasting friendships along the way.

I want to thank all the members of my team as well as the administrative one. We had a wonderful time together, with a real inner Wheel spirit. Maintaining positive and fruitful work.
Thank you

I have put in my best to Leave a Lasting Legacy & all of you for making it so beautiful.



6 December 2011, in Cotonou, Benin. The laying of the first stone of the shelter for women with fistula by International President Catherine Refabert.



22 March 2013, hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur, District Chairman Juanita Lee registering International President Carole Young for the Annual General Meeting of Districts 330 and 331.



19 May 2016. Visit by International Vice-President Charlotte De Vos to Madagascar.



International President 2016-2017 Olyemisi Alatise presenting her book "Female Challenges From Cradle to Old Age" containing a compilation of articles from twenty-eight countries to support the eradication of female genital mutilation.



Visit by International President Dr Kapila Gupta and her delegation to Rotary Club of Taipei West in 2018.



14 March 2019. International President Christine Kirby 2018-2019 receiving the "IW Excellence Spirit Award" of Inner Wheel USA from National President Margie Jones (right).



19 January 2020, road trip to Ipoh, Malaysia. International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter, "I can imagine how Inner Wheel started!"



International President 2020-2021 Dr Bina Vyas conducting a Zoom online conferencing session with past Board Directors.

2018-2019 Christine Kirby

After Changeover on 1 July 2018 the IIW Executive welcomed Mr Alan Phillips as full time IIW Administrator and initiated the necessary professional employment contracts.

From the outset of my Presidential year, the IIW Media Manger/Editor role was altered to assist the MM/Editor who had advised the IIW Executive that the increasing duties required of her dual roles - Media and Editor- had become too much for one person.

Using Facebook, I acknowledged and celebrated important UN days, added highlights from my official visits and their IW projects and began an International Conversation encouraging members to post a short message on what Inner Wheel means to them.

At IIW headquarters we arranged a more professional IIW office facade. The IIW flag was to be permanently displayed beside the logo, along with a banner archive of at least the past 2 and current IIW Presidential banners. There is now a colourful dedicated library space in the office for NGB and Districts' magazines received by IIW.

We began filing photos of these banners on IIW's website along with the past Presidents' details and themes.

During my term my aim for the Executive was to:

- Control IIW expenditure.
- Determine the most efficient use of IIW assets.
- Create the wider distribution of IW information and IIW connection to our members.

Executive meetings were held at the IIW office, saving the regular and unnecessary cost of venue and add-on hire expenses and allowing the Executive ready access during meetings to all IIW archives and current IW information.

We also began the conversation towards running more cost effective future Governing Body meetings.

A Frequently Asked Questions section of the IIW website was initiated to highlight a solution to those Constitutional and general IW questions that can sometimes repeatedly occur.

Project profiles were commenced on the website, using a selection of those extra reports on interesting IW projects requested of the Board Directors.

Prior to attending the meeting of the Governing Body, in Manchester in October, I travelled via Jaipur, India, meeting with IIW Treasurer, Azhagu, Administrator Alan and the local Convention Committee for the inaugural preparatory meetings of the 2021 Convention. This involved site inspections and budgetary and strategic staging meetings, to honour the Blueprint and safeguard both the organisation's commitment and its members' money. Both the Convention Budget and Contracts were very carefully and regularly revised by the Executive.

It is disappointing that by the end of my Presidency there remained no signed contract between IIW and the Professional Convention Organiser.

In Manchester for the GB meeting, having just had so much determined at the Convention, we encouraged the BDs to explore methods for the wider sharing of IW information and to demystify the IIW connection to our members, both expressed concerns of the members at the 2018 Convention.

Official visits highlighted my year, and I am most grateful for the generosity and warm hospitality of so many.

The visits began locally as a guest at the Changeover of my District, A51 who additionally hosted a wonderful reception to honour my IIW Presidency. To the end of the 2018 my visits included the charter of IWC Caen Reine Mathilde, in Normandy, France; a visit to Paris for a FAMAT dinner and to present a substantial cheque for the project Mecenat Cardiac Surgery; visiting D 199 Switzerland and Lichtenstein for club meetings and gatherings in Geneva, Sion, Fribourg and Bern; the IWA Conference in Canberra, the exciting charter of IWC Odessa Black Sea, Ukraine; District 255 Macedonia to attend meetings and to speak at the National conference for the International Day of Tolerance and participating in the charter of the IWC Lys Europea.

In January 2019 I flew to Graz, Austria joining an Inner Wheel Day lunch with members from Austria and adjoining countries.

From Graz I visited the Clubs of Budapest and Bitola.

En route to the Indian Association Triennial I travelled to Chennai then Mumbai and saw very successful projects. In Pune I addressed the wonderful Triennial of the Association of Inner Wheel in India.

With the IIW Executive all attending the Triennial it was a cost saving for IIW to hold its February Executive meeting while still in Pune.

From Pune I visited Agra after which we concluded my Indian visit in Delhi.

March began my 10-week IW journey in Johannesburg, South Africa. There I met most Club representatives and discussed their activities. I toured such long-term projects as Lambano whose logo is 'receiving children and giving hope' and which provides both housing and a hospice for aids orphans.

In Bloemfontein I attended the District 932 meeting and heard from the members about a variety of their interesting projects some of which we visited.

In Cape Town I joined District 935 at their annual International Women's Day dinner and was presented with the Marjorie Geffen Award, from both Districts 932 & 935. I was proud to officially start part of the televised annual Cape Town bike race for its over 32000 competitors. A great fundraiser for IW.

During my live radio interview at a popular Cape Town radio station it was a welcome surprise to have a listener give phone testimony to the wonderful work IW does around Cape Town.

From Cape Town I flew to Las Vegas for the meetings of both the Governing Body of IWUSA and the IWUSA Foundation and the celebration of the Foundation's 30th anniversary. There I was honoured to receive the IW USA Excellence Spirit Award.

In Charlotte, North Carolina I chartered a new Club- IWC Plantation Estates, a Club based in a retirement complex. I also addressed the Rotary Club of Charlotte.

I enjoyed the successful D211 meeting, in Taormina, Sicily and then visited a number of active Sicilian Clubs all over the island, attending functions, seeing local projects absorbing the history and meeting local mayors and assorted government officials.

From Italy I flew to the GB&I Conference in Cardiff where the Association's ongoing support to a great variety of worthwhile international projects was at the forefront. In Istanbul, Turkey I participated in a well-attended and well publicised rally presenting such topics as Leaders in Heels, Violence against Women and Children, the Sustainability of Women.

Following the rally, I visited a variety of Clubs' wonderful projects in Istanbul and Bursa.

I then flew Down Under to the IW New Zealand Conference in Auckland where a highlight was its strong promotion of both its Clubs' projects and the long term very successful National project, 'Look Good, Feel Better' in support of Cancer patients.

After departing New Zealand, I enjoyed the hospitality of District 99, Israel, especially enjoying the special combined District meeting that highlighted the ongoing projects of its 8 Clubs, some of which I was privileged to visit.

I greatly enjoyed a special lunch with various members of IWC Acre- Muslim, Jew and Christian - all just IW members supporting each other and making a difference.

I was able to meet with some members of all 9 Clubs of D920 Reunion and Madagascar, to participate in the District meeting, learning through presentation of their very worthwhile projects the importance of each Club within their communities.

In all my official visits Clubs, Districts and NGBs were encouraged to use the IIW website and social media to interact positively with members globally.

I urged members to:

- Keep Looking- for potential new member,
- Keep Learning- more about our organisation and its important history and
- Keep Listening- to members, working positively with them and abiding by majority decisions.

This should be an ongoing aim of all Inner Wheel Clubs.

Throughout my visits I witnessed fabulous initiatives and extraordinary commitment by our members to Inner Wheel projects.

I therefore encouraged members to write the story of their Clubs', Districts' or NGBs' projects and to submit these stories with photos to the IIW Editor. We began to organise a comprehensive history of IW for the website and this painstaking task continues towards the IW centenary.

Apart from official visits I also attended a Women for Europe rally in Syros, Greece, a gathering of happy and enthusiastic IW members from a number of countries exchanging ideas, and fostering IW friendships.

I am grateful to many people for memorable experiences as a member and then President of the IIW Executive:

1. VP Phyllis, Treasurer Azhagu, CC Corinne and Administrator Alan who worked tirelessly and collaboratively with me as a team, and without whose knowledge, guidance and encouragement the job would have been much more difficult.
2. And to those PIPs or other esteemed members-from many parts of the world whose IW wisdom, opinion and support I found so valuable, I thank you.
3. To all members of IW, as a collective, goes my complete admiration for the inestimable good you bring to this world, when you work in support of each to make a difference.

2019-2020 Phyllis Charter

Instead of saying "Hello everyone" – I will say - Good morning – Good afternoon - Good evening - and to those of you around the world who should be fast asleep – I will whisper - Good Night.

I trust that you are enjoying your morning coffee, your afternoon tea, or even your evening gin and tonic - but no going to sleep with your cup of cocoa. However, wherever you are, I expect that 2019-20 - my year as International Inner Wheel President - was a year of two halves. In fact, almost two lives.

During the first half, I was able to celebrate the Chartering of New Clubs, Anniversaries of older ones, participate in Business Meetings and Conferences and be given the opportunity to visit many of the praiseworthy projects that are at the heart of Inner Wheel.

Visiting deprived areas, orphanages, women's shelters, feeding the hungry or handing over toilet blocks - you realise the extremes that Inner Wheel Members go to in giving service.

Time does not allow me to give justice to the membership for what I saw being achieved in the name of Inner Wheel.

The second part of my year was in lockdown, just like most of you, a virtual life in a world of "**Zoom**". What a change, staring at a screen, instead of meeting face to face. Like all of you, I soon learnt that life and Inner Wheel goes on; quickly adapting to this virtual world for meetings, conferences and now a Convention.

My Inner Wheel Theme for the year was - "**TOGETHER WE CAN**". Encouraging members to work together with their Neighbouring and International Inner Wheel clubs, it proved that Together we can all make the world a safer and better place.

Visiting countries - large or small - with one District or many - with 200 or even 20,000 members - I was met with the same enthusiasm. Enthusiasm in and for their clubs, for each other and for their projects.

I was proud and privileged to be surrounded by this enthusiasm as I visited and saw for myself how Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies operated according to their own Culture and Economies.

All starting at the same beginning – **all** going off in different directions – **all** coming together in achieving ambitions. **All** making Inner Wheel such a wonderful and varied organisation.

Dressed up to celebrate, or sleeves rolled up at a project, every country, busy city or remote village all left me with a special memory.

My year began, when I Chartered the Vigo and Campoamor Inner Wheel Clubs in Spain and the Split Palmina Club in Croatia. These clubs had proven their dedication to the spirit of Inner Wheel by already giving service to their communities at the time of their Charter.

To Charter a new Inner Wheel Club is always a special beginning. It is a joy to be with a group of ladies joining together for friendship and service, bringing our Objectives to a new dimension.

My first Official visit in GB&I, was my own District, District 10, when District Chairman Jane Peak was installed in the presence the President of GB&I, Enid Law. Rather special for me, as Jane was President of her club when I was District Chairman and Enid and I worked together for many years on the GB&I Association.

My next visit was to IW USA, where President Gill and her enthusiastic members held a Conference with a selection of training Workshops, combined with varied activities and reports. The results from their IW Foundation are remarkable to say the least.

It was here where I met a most remarkable young man - Pedro Pimenta. The most courageous and motivational young person I have ever met.

As a young man in Brazil, Pedro lost all his limbs in saving his life from meningitis. He struggled to see a future until their Foundation funded his being fitted with four prosthetic limbs giving him a new life with reason to live. He now has a degree, is married with one child and if you need motivating - follow his footpath.

At the formal dinner and Installation of Officers I was very proud to present a well-deserved Magartette Golding Award to member Suzanne Robinson.

Twenty-four hours later I was in Munster, Germany attending the European Meeting for National representatives, where inspirational topics and subjects caused much lively discussion.

Onwards then to Rotterdam in the Netherlands for the first European Rally, organised by President Karin and fellow members, with the Symposium on "Move to Connect" causing many lively debates.

The first week of October was Executive and Governing Body Meetings at our HQ near Manchester. A wonderful opportunity for Board Directors to meet with the Executive to discuss International Inner Wheel affairs.

My next visit was to Bulgaria for the District 248 Conference and the opportunity to visit many Clubs and see numerous worthwhile projects.

One of the projects was to a school with a new Inner Wheel Library. Reading is knowledge - so I set a challenge for the children to read more books. I was surprised by how many received certificates.

The inducting of many new members was again a highpoint in this wonderful country with such strong traditions and culture.

November saw me in India, the home of Projects, Palaces and People. Greeted and guided by National President Mamta we traversed this large country with up to 3 flights in a day, attending Clubs, District Conferences, Anniversaries, the National Conference and projects in cities and the remotest of villages.

A project with a difference was a mass group wedding celebration, where couples were given the opportunity of a real wedding day and household items to start their married life.

One special event was celebrating the 65th anniversary of the first IW Club in India, the IWC of Ahmedabad.

Another occasion I will not forget was in Gunter D315 with DC Vinita, where I was a model for a display of diamond jewellery. A girl's dream. Unfortunately, I had to return them!!

Back to reality, with Inner Wheel Members and School Children for a street parade, followed by presentations to Orphanages and the opening an Inner Wheel Study Centre. All attracting TV - Radio - and Press interviews.

How do you draw media attention to a project?

Easy, get hundreds of Inner Wheel members all dressed alike in pink sarees to hold parades with horse drawn carriages in City Streets and throw in an elephant as an extra attraction. This is how National President Mamta attracted the media for her Mission Mamta project to create an Orphan Free India within five years.

This was climaxed by the Association National Meet with the theme Miration – The Inspired Miracle. Masses of friendship, fun and motivational speakers.

My final visit in India was District 314 for their Conference, a Golden Tapestry – a Woven Vision. This was followed by the Inauguration of their Golden Jubilee Project, a Resource and Support Centre for Rural Development with “Happy School” facilities in a very remote village.

Leaving India - a country with 27 Districts, I flew to Sri Lanka. A country with just 1 District but once again steeped in tradition, enthusiasm and friendship.

The District Conference included many vivid reports of their social and service activities.

With District Chairman Diana and fellow members, we presented a hospital with wheel chairs. You cannot record the delight on the nurse’s faces as they immediately put them to use in favour of their old wooden trolleys.

My first visit of 2020 was to celebrate Inner Wheel Day in Turkey with D242 and D244. A memorable celebration, where encouraged by District Chairman Meltem, overseas clubs twinned with local clubs thus strengthening Friendship and Co-operation across borders.

After visiting many exciting projects, such as providing School Libraries, new classrooms and gymnasiums, I helped plant an Inner Wheel Rose Garden in the Izmir Community Park.

From Turkey it was on to D 330 Malaysia and D 331 Singapore, again with their own traditions and culture. Well organised Business meetings with questions and answer sessions and the opportunity to visit projects. All combined with an Inner Wheel Day Celebration.

One of the diverse and varied projects was The Taman Tugu Forest, right in the middle of the busy city of Kuala Lumpur, complete with monkeys and snakes. Along with School Children, we planted Seedlings and Trees regenerating the forest to protect the environment and air of the city.

Before leaving I presented a well-deserved Margarett Golding Award to PBD Pearl Mohan for her dedicated charitable work.

Travelling to Southern Italy, I visited three Districts situated between Palermo and Rome.

Energised by projects in their communities, Club Meetings were a credit to the Presidents as they attracted many young new members. National President Lina and myself were interviewed many times for radio to highlight the activities of Inner Wheel.

My final visit - before lockdown took me to the Philippines. A diverse and beautiful country with enthusiastic Members and vibrant Clubs to match.

I attended the 54th National Conference in Manila. Two full days of Business and Fellowship, combined with celebrating the 70th anniversary of Inner Wheel in the Philippines.

The plenary session included the signing of a contract for a high-profile National Project between the Infant and Paediatric Nutrition Association and the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines.

The Conference concluded with a wonderful "Evening of Talent" based on Musicals, showing members of the Philippines had a hidden Forte, worthy of any Oscar Award.

If in doubt of Inner Wheel branding visit the Philippines. Placards in the middle of the highway, adverts on taxi, vans, trucks and even buses. You cannot fail to know of Inner Wheel.

The **second part** of my year, being in lockdown and social distancing, was to be a life of computer screens. With **Zoom** replacing face-to-face meetings the Executive and Governing Body discovered new ways of conducting virtual Business. Thank you to Editor Kerstin, for our Annual IIW Magazine and your enthusiasm in producing the 4 Web Bulletins during my year - a first for IIW.

Also, thank you to the Executive Members and Board Directors for your support and enthusiasm and, if you could have seen it, their wonderful "dancing across borders" at the Governing Body Meeting.

A big thank you to Administrator Alan and Elaine for all their hard work and smooth running of the Office.

I trust that all I have been able to achieve in my year - with the help of my amazing team of course, combined with the enthusiasm we have all seen in your Clubs - will ensure a future for Inner Wheel.

Last but not least, a very big "**thank you**" to **all** members, **all** around the world for proving that **TOGETHER WE CAN** do the impossible to make everything possible for others and for making 2019-20 a special and memorable year for me.

2020-2021 Dr Bina Vyas

International Inner Wheel Executives, IIW Board Directors, National Presidents, National Representatives, District Chairmen, Past International Inner Wheel Presidents, Past Board Directors, Past National Presidents & Past National Representatives, Convention Coordinator & Convention Committee Members, Club Presidents & My dear nearly 108,000 Members in the world, Rotarians & Invited Guests.

Namaste Friends

It is with immense pleasure and happiness that I welcome you all to the 18th International Inner Wheel First Virtual Convention 2021 – "Friendship Turns Digital".

The pandemic has forced us to cancel the physical Convention which had been planned to be held in the most glamorous Convention Centre of the heritage, historical, Pink city Jaipur.

However, this Virtual Convention is distinctive in more ways than one. India is hosting a Convention for the first time and that too - the first Virtual Convention which will go down in the annals of Inner Wheel history.

I am happy to give an insight into the Sessions of this Virtual Convention. There are Business Sessions on Constitutional Changes through Proposals and Reports of IIW Executives and Editor. We have added many attractions in this Convention. For the first time we are bringing two Talk Shows - one with the Inner Wheel Representatives in the United Nations and the second with the Presidents & Members of the Non-Districted Clubs.

There are also two major interesting Presentations on the International Covid Fund and Lebanon's Success story.

For the first time, there are 4 enchanting Channels which you can turn on whenever you desire – An Exhibition of wonderful, Innovative Projects being done by countries and displayed through collages with fascinating photos of projects and eye catching captions; Entertainment Channel where you can watch beautifully choreographed dance videos by Inner Wheel countries ; Dances by professionals in India depicting the diverse cultures of India; A third Channel to showcase excellent projects as success stories of clubs in various countries which can be replicated in other countries also and the fourth Channel to give you all a glimpse of the most attractive sight-seeing places in Jaipur and other major cities of India along with an insight into the art, culture and handicrafts of India.

Friends, Virtual technology has enhanced our abilities. We are learning innovative ways to manage our work and are able to accept challenges of any magnitude and accomplish them with perfection. International Inner Wheel and the host country, India have accepted this great challenge and have strived to bring to all I W Members – an alluring newness to the Virtual Convention and thereby achieve all that we have been desiring.

My compliments to the IIW Executive, & Governing Body and the Convention Coordinator, Past Association President & Past Board Director Renu Baljee and the 3 Committee Members – Treasurer of the Virtual Convention Gomathi Vishwanathan, Past Association Presidents Shailaja Bhat & Pushpa Suryamurthy.

Our sincere appreciation for the Promotion Committee who voluntarily and enthusiastically came forward to contribute to the Promotion of our 18th International Inner Wheel First Virtual Convention in their respective countries. My dear friends, being in Inner Wheel since 35 years, I have been visualising how our Clubs should evolve, grow and progress in the coming years.

This is how I thought of the International Inner Wheel Theme – “LEAD THE CHANGE”.

However, I had never realised that my Theme – “LEAD THE CHANGE”, would in reality open up a Pandora of opportunities and changes in Inner Wheel.

Inner Wheel is the largest Women's Voluntary Service Organisation in the world – a beautiful Organisation with tremendous global women power. It is time our Organisation goes through a transformation, a complete metamorphosis.

Innovation and Change are happening at many levels in the world and Inner Wheel is no exception. We have already adopted the digital culture never seen before. The Virtual and Zoom platforms have now opened up a plethora of new experiences for all of us.

Change is the law of nature and it is for us to usher in change and demonstrate to the world our capabilities and our strength.

In spite of the pandemic, we have had a great year in keeping with the perfectly timed Theme – LEAD THE CHANGE – best suited to the current situation in Inner Wheel. It is for us to meet the challenges and give a facelift to Inner Wheel.

Challenges are plenty in Inner Wheel. Keeping in mind the fact that we are approaching our centenary year in 2024, we need to address innumerable issues before us if we want to bring in Change for a better Inner Wheel world.

- 1. We need to Plan and Develop a positive VISION for the growth of our Organisation. Accelerate our efforts to increase Membership of all age groups and increase the No. of Clubs.**

- 2.** We need to make Inner Wheel financially strong & independent through proper investments in the growth & development of our Members. Instead of just growing a Corpus, we need to invest and utilise our Corpus in initiating International Corporate Projects.

This will build and project the brand image of Inner Wheel everywhere and attract more and more professional women in our Organisation. The Corpus value however strong, declines due to inflation and cost. We need to keep up a constant growth of our members. And Spending on the growth of Members, will keep increasing the financial stability of International Inner Wheel.

- 3.** We have to Work collectively on common Goals and on huge, massive International Corporate Projects – benefitting thousands of beneficiaries. This will involve Members across the globe to demonstrate the internationality of Inner Wheel.
- 4.** We need to Empower leadership at all levels – Clubs, Districts, National & International and motivate good, aspiring and ambitious leaders.
- 5.** We have to provide transparency and avoid hidden agendas
- 6.** We need to have Zones in Inner Wheel countries based on their Membership strength to ensure the deserving stake in the Executive and Governing Body.
- 7.** Our efforts should be directed in Working closely with the United Nations in their programs to Maintain Consistency in our efforts to achieve our desired goals
- 8.** Our priority should be our projects for YOUTH Build leadership abilities in them & develop their skills because youth is the only sustainable asset for us.
- 9.** It is necessary to bring in Constitutional Changes at least once in 2 years. Meeting of Voting Delegates and visionary positive people can introduce changes rapidly. A visionary Proposal in the 2012 Istanbul Convention suggested the introduction of a Council on Legislation. We need to adapt this now even more.

We cannot wait for 3 years to incorporate changes in our Constitution since we have to keep pace with changes taking place very rapidly.

- 10.** To bring in young girls at a tender age, we should introduce Clubs for age Group 12 to 18 as Angel Clubs to build our youth and prepare them as future leaders – thereby ensuring that they would be our prospective members. If we need young leaders, we have to start clubs for school girls. They have the potential and we need to catch them young. We need to accelerate our growth and service by inducting young members who can bring in new fresh energy and new vision in Inner Wheel.
- 11.** To generate financial sufficiency to fund Corporate Projects, we need to have our own Inner Wheel Foundation, which will collect & accept charity funds from Members, Governments & other Institutions. This will bring plenty of opportunities to us to serve the world community and give the feeling of internationality to the Members.
- 12.** Small countries do not have enough resources and they need backing from International Inner Wheel, if we have to retain them and absorb them in our fold. This can be done by way of Corporate Projects.

- 13.** We should be target oriented at all levels in Inner Wheel, instead of working directionless. Uniform Goals need to be given to all Clubs for direction & clarity. When all Clubs in the world achieve extraordinary results, the impact will be prominently visible, noticeable & appreciable. This will demonstrate our solidarity in addressing the issues of the world and it will also build the much-needed brand image of Inner Wheel.
- 14.** Friends, Clubs cannot work in isolation anymore. Collaboration and Cooperation are the key words today – Collaboration with other NGOs, other Organisations, Government Agencies for community development work and Cooperation in our projects with other Clubs, Districts, Countries and International are the only ways to move ahead in the coming decades. We also need cooperation, support and involvement of our family members, which will enhance our activities and projects.
- 15.** If we want to Lead The Change, if Changes have to come rapidly in Inner Wheel, if we have to grow and serve, we need to come out of our stagnated figures of Membership, No of Clubs and No of Members.

We need to bring in Young Professional leaders Open minded, flexible and resourceful leaders at all levels to help in the growth of our Organisation in every way. We need to professionalise Inner Wheel. This is the acute need of today. Our leadership must be Organisation centric, unbiased and without any prejudice.

- 16.** Pandemics come and go But friends.... it is time we need to look within our Organisation and get rid of the pandemic in Inner Wheel. If we have to avoid stagnation and strengthen our Membership, we need to keep away from negativity in every way – negative attitudes, negative behaviour, false ego, cliques at all levels to create a majority and lack of continuity and consistency in our programs. We have to rise above our personal biases and prejudices and demonstrate a disciplined & rule-based Organisation.
- 17.** Friends... it is sad that We are losing the values of life - the very essence of friendship, fellowship and harmonious working with each other. We are forgetting the Objectives of our Organisation – Friendship, Service & International Understanding – a strong, solid foundation on which our beloved Organisation Inner Wheel is standing tall today.

To keep pace with the changes, we should keep changing our modus operandi for our community services and we have to be flexible in our approaches. We have to bring in the internationality of Inner Wheel, broaden our thinking and encourage global voice.

We should love and meet challenges. We cannot rest any more in the comfort of safety but we need to grab every opportunity to grow, serve & change. As we serve, we change the lives of not only others, we change our lives too.

Albert Einstein has said “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile”

Resistance to change is an universal truth and that is why change takes time but ultimately it leads to joy and happiness.

We women have the power to change the Organisation and the world. Women have always been accommodating themselves to changes and leading from the front as Global Leaders with a Vision for tomorrow.

We have to usher in many epoch making, historic changes... To bring in a proper Planned New Inner Wheel... A New Method of Working... and this is possible if we give a facelift to our Organisation.

To bring about a positive transformation, it is for our Members to take charge, voice opinions, give suggestions and demand changes for our Organisation so that we can lead the change for a better Inner Wheel world... which we are all eager to establish... Inner Wheel of a New Order... to fulfil the aspirations of our society, community and particularly, women & children.

We need to remember that it is only with sensitivity, empathy and compassion that we can develop & achieve a Common Vision and Mission for the upliftment of under privileged women and girls in particular.

To achieve this Mission, we have to change ourselves – in our thinking, working, beliefs, in our preconceived notions of people, in our interpersonal relations, behaviour, communication, in our attitudes and in our entire approach to Inner Wheel.

I would like to convey my best wishes to all the creative and innovative women who will ignite the CHANGE & LEAD THE CHANGE for the betterment of family in particular, and humanity in general.

God has gifted and blessed we women with qualities like loving, caring, sharing, understanding, generosity, patience, tolerance, kindness, compassion, and benevolence. We need our Organisation to adopt these values as our Corporate Values.

Friends... There is a popular saying...

People who change after change... Will survive
People who change with change... Will succeed
People who ignite the change... Will Lead

So friends,

This year marks the beginning of CHANGE,

Let us then LEAD THE CHANGE with a great deal of humility, sensitivity and integrity to Change lives so that someone, somewhere, sometime, someday will thank us for whatever little we are able to contribute for the welfare of the community.

Thank you.

Namaste.

This year marks the beginning of change.

18th International Inner Wheel Convention 2021 (Virtual)



Inaugural Address by International President Dr Bina Vyas.



Discussion on proposals to amend the Constitution.



Virtual Convention Hall



Online voting screen



International President 2021-2022 Ebe Panitteri Martines at the “Journées de l’Amitié à Angoulême” meaning “Days of Friendship in Angoulême” celebrated in District 69, part of Inner Wheel FAMAT (Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia).



International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Yungco Farcon arriving at the 5th South Asia Rally held in Dakar, Bangladesh on 26-27 August 2022.



28 May 2022. International President 2021-2022 Ebe Panitteri Martines (second from left) at the 40th anniversary of the Inner Wheel Club of Trento, District 206, Inner Wheel Italy.



International President Zenaida (third from right) at the European Rally on 9-11 September 2022 in Berlin.



23-24 September 2023. International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas (front row right, in black) at the Autumn Rally of District 248, Inner Wheel Bulgaria.



September 2023. International President Trish Douglas (in red) visiting the Finnish Parliament House, Helsinki.

2021-2022 Ebe Panitteri Martines

Good morning to all International Inner Wheel authorities and Inner Wheel Officers, Voting Delegates and Members attending the 19th International Convention.

Heartfelt greetings to International Inner Wheel President Trish Douglas, Vice-President Mamta Gupta, Immediate Past President Zenaida Farcon, Treasurer Sarita Lunani, Constitution Chairman Sissel Michelsen, Editor/Media Manager Prabha Raghunandan, all Board Directors, Voting Delegates, authorities and Members from all over the world.

This is a special meeting for all of us because we are going to discuss and approve changes to our International Constitution and celebrate the first centenary year since the foundation of Inner Wheel here in Manchester, in 1924, thanks to the farsightedness of our Founder, Margarete Golding.

I had the privilege of being elected International Inner Wheel President, the second one from Italy, in 2021-2022 and once more I desire to thank all Inner Wheel Members for having given me the chance to reach the top of our beloved world Organisation and live this extraordinary experience.

You will all remember that our 18th Convention in 2021 took place virtually and was attended by more than 4,400 members from Inner Wheel countries. A great success!

My presidential year was characterised by the spreading of the coronavirus throughout the world. Consequently, I was not able to travel but kept interacting with Executive Committee Members, Board Directors, National Governing Bodies, Districts and Clubs and received more than 90 invitations. This great problem was brilliantly solved resorting to online meetings on the Zoom platform and sending video-recorded speeches on various occasions as requested by inviting Clubs, Districts, National Governing Bodies and Councils. When the COVID-19 pandemic subsided, I visited France and Switzerland before the end of the Inner Wheel year.

Four Executive Committee meetings were organised. Three of them were on the Zoom platform and the last one was at our Office in Altrincham. The International Governing Body Meeting took place online on October the 6th, 7th, 8th 2021, after the second meeting of the

Executive Committee. A supplementary meeting, an informal get-together was organised in June 2022 to meet the new Board Directors and say goodbye to those who had completed their year(s) of service.

We had regularly received reports from the local 2021 Convention Coordinator Pam McConnell and I had the privilege to record the announcement of the present Convention.

Merger and reorganisation of Districts (Canada and FAMAT) were also discussed.

Electronic balloting was introduced in my Presidential year.

Five thousand Euros from my Presidential Funds were donated to the Red Cross to help Ukraine.

Clubs from all over the world were invited to send donations which were subsequently sent to the neighbouring Inner Wheel countries to help refugees from Ukraine.

Regular reports and receipts were sent to International Inner Wheel Headquarters to justify the amounts of money spent.

Since the beginning of the Inner Wheel year, letters were sent to Club Presidents, District Chairmen, National Representatives, National or Association Presidents, Board Directors and Non-Districted Clubs, to introduce the Board Directors and to welcome all of them in their respective roles. I announced my Presidential Theme "Pink First", its four areas of attention – Health – Education – Opportunity – Empowerment, and the goals for each Club to increase the number of Members by 10%. The International Social Project "Strong Women, Stronger World" was perfectly in tune with my theme.

In August, the PowerPoint "Pink First" was presented virtually to all National Presidents, National Representatives, Districts, Districts without National Representative, Board Directors and Non-Districted Clubs. The same was subsequently presented at the 15th European Meeting in Rimini and District Meetings in Italy, "Women Helping Women", to attain gender equality under the auspices of United Nations Agenda 2030.

My theme "Pink First" was well accepted and appreciated throughout the Inner Wheel world and

Clubs developed multiple ways of honouring it in their countries to favour women's empowerment which is essential for creating a more just, inclusive and prosperous world, that is a "Pink First" future where women can thrive and lead change.

The main priorities of my presidential theme "Pink First" have been the right stimulus for all Inner Wheel Clubs in the world to foster initiatives in its four areas of Health, Education, Opportunity and Empowerment.

Since the beginning of the Inner Wheel year, initiatives were taken to improve healthy life expectancy, such as in Inner Wheel Great Britain and Ireland – raising funds for the Stroke Association and in aid of Gloucester Deaf Association.

Some more examples: The Club of Negombo in Sri Lanka organised an ad hoc meeting and a walk with school girls wearing pink blouses and ribbon, doctors, healthcare workers, civil authorities carrying pink banners with key health messages to symbolise Breast Cancer Awareness, thus contributing to life expectancy of women. The programme of the Association of Inner Clubs in India was: Health, Hygiene, Happiness.

Education is the second pillar of "Pink First": everyone has the right to education, which is an essential element of the economic and social development of individuals to reduce poverty, and improve health and living conditions.

Inner Wheel Clubs in Bulgaria, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Turkey, Belgium, Lebanon developed important initiatives such as inculcating the joy of reading, tuition and learning material for schools.

Every year the International Literacy Day, on September 8th, reminds the international community about the importance of literacy: District 329 India launched the book "Meri Kitaab" (My Book) with basic information for beginners. About 30,000 copies were already distributed in villages and slums areas.

The Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur Scholarship programme provided registration fees for six students who were offered scholarships for their 3 year-diploma courses.

The third pillar is Opportunities, that is increasing women participation in the workforce, recognising and valuing unpaid care and domestic work, and wage equity. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Lahore Sharqui and Sahiwal Central in Pakistan supported vocational centres and provided training in sewing clothes and

making handbags and other objects, enabling women to get employment or open their home business and donated sewing machines to women to work at home.

The Club of Bangalore District 319 India donated solar lights to a school in a rural area and to a household and a shop: "No electricity? Let's go solar!"

The Inner Wheel Club of Mindanao, the Philippines, District 385 Chairman shared her knowledge in mushroom cultivation with women to earn a decent living and "secure the future of their families".

Empowerment is the fourth pillar of "Pink First". The Inner Wheel Club of Cabanatuan District 377 Philippines' President at the age of 25 is the youngest President of her Club. "Ignite your dream" is a project that will encourage young girls to pursue their dreams and a seminar on women empowerment will focus on women's health, mental health and stress management.

Since the very beginning of my presidential year, I participated, often virtually, sometimes in person or sending video-recorded and written messages in numerous events such as:

Installations

- National/Association Presidents in India and the Philippines.
- District Chairmen of District 328 in Bangladesh, District 302 in India, and District 380 and District 383 in the Philippines.
- Presidents of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Cochin, Coimbatore North, Vijayawada, Ootacamund and Parur (District 320) India, Kampala and Gaba in Uganda, Central Ortigas (District 380) in the Philippines, Brescia Vittoria Alata (District 206) in Italy and the Non-Districted Club Le Lamentin Martinique.

Club and District Anniversaries

- 75th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Singapore.
- 50th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Oamaru, District 298 in New Zealand.
- 40th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Palermo, District 211 in Italy.
- 40th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Battipaglia, District 210 in Italy.
- Golden Jubilee, District 95 in Egypt and Jordan.
- Golden Jubilee, Inner Wheel Club of Negombo, District 322 in Sri Lanka.
- 20th Anniversary, District 909 in Senegal.

- 60th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Caloocan, District 380 of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines Inc.
- 25th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Makati, District 383 in the Philippines.
- 30th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Citta' di Castello, District 209 in Italy.
- 30th Anniversary, Inner Wheel Club of Arezzo, District 209 in Italy.
- 61st Anniversary, Non-Districted Inner Wheel Club of Mombasa in Kenya.
- 40th Anniversaries, Inner Wheel Clubs of Bergamo in District 204, six Clubs of Brescia, Brescia Vittoria Alata, Cervignano Palmanova, Padova, Trento and Trieste of District 206 in Italy, Inner Wheel Club of Rome, District 208, and Inner Wheel Club of Trapani, District 211 in Italy.
- Virtual speech at Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Reale, District 210 in Italy, about cervical cancer.
- Confirmation of contact between District 204 and District 206 in Venice, Italy.
- Conference of Club International Service Organisers in Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- Inner Wheel Club of Foligno, District 209 in Italy: invitation for a conversation on the theme "We are women, therefore..."
- Attendance with speech at District 211 Forum in Taormina, Italy.
- Virtual congratulatory messages at the 56th National Conference of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines Inc. at Pasay City and Sisterhood Segment "The power of Sisterhood, Stronger together" in Marriot Hotel in Manila.
- Attendance at District 206 Forum and Rotary District 2060 in Italy: "When there is a will, there is a way".
- Speech at the virtual Conference of the Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland in April 2022.
- Message to Inner Wheel USA Triennial Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Message for the Triennial Conference of the Inner Wheel Clubs in India at Varanasi.
- Virtual attendance at the Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Ovest.
- Discussion about nuclear risks by District 210 in Italy.
- Contact agreement ceremony between the Inner Wheel Club of Venice, District 206 in Italy with the Inner Wheel Club of Lille Metropole Europea, District 67 of FAMAT, in Venice.
- Message to District 920 Reunion and Madagascar Meeting in May 2022.
- Invitation from District 199, Inner Wheel Switzerland and Liechtenstein, to attend (in person) their meeting and changeover ceremony.
- Invitation to attend virtually in the International Forum by District 204, Italy, "MedWomen, Empowerment and green transition".
- Invitation to attend "Friendship Days" in Angouleme, France (in person).
- International Inner Wheel President's message for the book "A ray of IW with pink stars", a collection of stories by Inner Wheel Leaders from India.

Various occasions

- Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India – National Webinar and App release "A step towards empowering women", coordinated by District 313 under the umbrella of my Presidential theme. I inaugurated the App.
- Video message to District 328 in Bangladesh for their first District programme.
- Invitation by Association President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India to make the acquaintance of three young ladies who have been able to combat their disabilities and live with them.
- Message for Diwali or Deepavali night organised by the Club International Service Organisers of District 330 (Malaysia and Singapore).
- Message for Inner Wheel District 328 in Bangladesh, International Service Organisers' Meeting publication.
- New Zealand Friendship Day virtual meeting with National President/National Representative, Chairmen of Districts 291, 294, 297, 298, Club Presidents and Members.
- Virtual speech at the 15th European Meeting on 10-11 September in Rimini, Italy.
- "Goodwill" message to National Conference/Rally Ogemekun 2022 of Inner Wheel Nigeria.
- Message to District 915 Chairman for invitation to attend Annual General Meeting of District 915 at Yaounde in Cameroon (Inner Wheel Central Africa).
- Message to District 320 Chairman in India, District Souvenir Conference in Pollachi.

52nd Inner Wheel Day

I had the honour to attend virtually and deliver a speech or send a video recorded message to celebrate Inner Wheel Day in:

- District 18 of the Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, in the presence of Association President Betty Roberts
- District 136, in Iceland, in the presence of their country's "First Lady" Mrs Elisa Red.
- District 328 of Bangladesh.
- District 192 of Inner Wheel Austria and Czech Republic.
- Association of the Inner Wheel Clubs in the Philippines Inc.: Sharing the initiative taken by my predecessor Helena Foster, the second International President, I sent a letter to National Representatives, Districts and Non-Districted Clubs asking them to support the "Wheel Can Cerv" campaign launched by the Association of the Inner Wheel Clubs in the Philippines to help eradicate cervical cancer thus honouring the first priority of my Presidential theme "Pink First" – Women's Health.
- District 204, Italy: meeting in Bergamo and speech.
- District 206, Italy: meeting in Lucinico (Gorizia, International Inner Wheel President's Report.
- Message for District 328, Bangladesh: meeting in June 2022.
- Invitation by Rotary Governor District 2060 to the Gala Dinner in Udine in the presence of the Representative of Rotary International's President.
- Christmas greetings at the meeting of the National Council of Italy in Rome

United Nations' International Days

All the year long, I kept sending messages about the most important and meaningful UN International Days connected with Presidential Theme "Pink First".

- International Day of Peace: I celebrated this event as Chief Speaker at national level in the Philippines.
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: I was again Chief Speaker in the Philippines at national level, and also delivered my speech in District 341, Pakistan.
- A video recorded message was sent to the Inner Wheel Club of Chittagong, District 345 in Bangladesh.

Charters

I was invited to attend, in person or virtually, the following Charter ceremonies:

- Inner Wheel Club of Padova Specola 4.0, District 206 in Italy.
- Inner Wheel Club of Venezia Mestre, District 206 in Italy.
- Inner Wheel Club of Aversa, District 210, Italy.
- Inner Wheel Club of Roma Castelporziano, District 208, Italy.
- Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Reale and Inner Wheel Club of Napoli Matilde Serao, District 210, Italy.

I could not attend a number of similar ceremonies, also abroad, due to other contemporaneous events.

National Governing Body/District Meetings

- Virtual greetings and speech District 211, Italy.
- 1st Meeting at Enna, District 206, Italy.
- First District Meeting in Riva del Garda.

Greetings and speech

- District 204, Italy: first District Meeting in Milan, presentation of PowerPoint n "Pink First".
- District 210, Italy: first District Meeting in Battipaglia. Speech and PowerPoint presentation of presidential theme "Pink First".

International Inner Wheel Newsletters and Magazines

Six issues of the newsletter "In The Pink" and two issues the "IIW Magazine" were published and posted on the International Inner Wheel website by 2021-2022 Editor/Media Manager Yeok San Cheng containing all information concerning my Presidential year.

Number of Clubs

Many Clubs were founded during my presidential year, mainly in India, thus increasing the total number of membership to about 111,159 in 4,123 Clubs in 100 countries.

All activities, initiatives and services connected with my theme "Pink First" have been realised honouring the objects and principles of our great World Organisation

Enjoy this meeting and its social events!

Thank you for your attention

2022-2023 Zenaida Yungco Farcon

My warmest thanks to my teammates in the Executive Committee of 2022-2023, who are all team players. Constitution Chairman Sissel Michelsen has been very conscientious in reviewing the proposals and checking the nomination papers. Our Treasurer, Sarita Lunani, for her simplified presentation of financial reports to the appreciation of the members of the Board. My Immediate Past President, Ebe Panitteri, was always ready to share her wisdom concerning issues brought before us. My Vice-President Trish Douglas was super supportive and always prompt in her replies.

My appreciation also goes to all the sixteen Board Directors who regularly communicated with the Non-Districted Clubs and Districts without National Representatives and encouraged them to create wonders in their communities

My gratitude goes to the countries that invited me to visit and grace their local activities and events.

I was given the great honour of inducting the National Officers of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines when I was just two days into my term. It was there, too, that they honoured me with the Distinction and Global Achievement Award.

On 26-27 August 2022, I was blessed to be able to participate in the much-awaited 5th South Asia Rally, which was attended by 700 delegates from India, Nepal, Malaysia and the Philippines, and hosted by Bangladesh. It was my first of many visits to Inner Wheel countries. I was pleasantly surprised when they carried me in a beautifully designed palanquin to the ballroom. It was their way of honouring me as the International President.

I also attended the European Rally, successfully hosted by Inner Wheel Germany from 9-11 September 2023. Around 600 members from 22 countries gathered to STAY CONNECTED, the Rally's theme.

In Switzerland, Inner Wheel leaders welcomed us warmly and made great efforts to organise a meet-up with top District and Club leaders, and the past and new Board Directors.

Then, in October 2022, I attended Inner Wheel Australia's 53rd Annual Conference in Sydney. I was honoured to declare the Conference open and had the opportunity to give an inspirational message.

In November, I participated in the first-ever International Conference of Past District Chairmen held in Anand, India. The local Districts honoured me by inviting me to attend several club anniversary celebrations and the inauguration of some of their worthy projects.

On 10 January 2023, the anniversary of Inner Wheel's founding, I celebrated Inner Wheel Day with the gracious members of District 95 of Inner Wheel Egypt and Jordan. Our stay was peppered with business and fellowship meetings, project visits and sightseeing with District leaders.

My husband (Virgilio "Jun") and I then proceeded to Israel for our personal pilgrimage to the Holy Land and also to renew our marriage vows at the Church of Cana. I was happy to have a brief meeting and a dinner fellowship with the top leaders of Inner Wheel Israel, District 99.

In February, the International Inner Wheel Executive Committee arrived in Manila, and we conducted our third Executive Committee Meeting in the board room of the 4-storey headquarters of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines. After our two-day meeting, we flew to Cebu City for the 57th National Conference of Inner Wheel Philippines, with more than 700 members in attendance, including members from the Inner Wheel Clubs of Kota Kinabalu and Subang Selangor of Inner Wheel Malaysia, and West Albany of Inner Wheel Australia.

It was in March that I found myself travelling across different continents, making beautiful memories, beginning in Asia and ending in Europe.

I had the delightful opportunity to celebrate International Women's Day in Langkawi, Malaysia, with Inner Wheel members from the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Singapore and Malaysia.

Then, in mid-March, I attended the Spring Meeting of Inner Wheel USA and met the recipient of their Foundation's Give-A-Hand project. I was honoured to be conferred the Excellence Spirit Award and the Golden Cog Award for the Superior Service provided to Inner Wheel over many years.

On 27-29 March, I was able to join 1,092 members at the first live Conference of the Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland since 2019. This was



the event with the highest number of attendees. The collection of inspirational speakers made for a very memorable event.

Later, I flew to Italy and participated in meaningful meetings and gala dinners in different cities. Local Inner Wheel members made sure that I visited famous historical and religious sites to make my visit unforgettable. And what a surprise it was when the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Florence sang the Philippines National Anthem! It was so loving of them to have practised and perfected their singing of the anthem.

From 21-24 April, my Inner Wheel Travel Diary documented my participation in the 9th District 350 Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal. I inaugurated the mega-health camp that provided health services to women and young girls.

From 4-7 May, I attended the 16th Biennial New Zealand Conference, which left me "blown away." The event was a wonderful opportunity to rekindle past friendships and establish new ones. It was quite a coincidence that the Gala Night's theme "Coronation", was the same night with the crowning of King Charles III, the new King.

The last visit I made was to Norway. I attended the National Assembly in Oslo. One of the charities they support is the Customs Authority's project to combat narcotics and drugs. There was a live demonstration of a trained sniffer dog.

After the Conference, I met the other members of the Executive Committee in Oslo at Constitution Chairman Sissel's lovely home, and we all travelled together for two and a half hours to Sweden. There, we had our fourth Executive Committee meeting. We also had the opportunity to record the Changeover

Ceremonies between the Outgoing and Incoming members of the Executive. Thanks to the superb hospitality extended to us by Sissel and her loving husband, Harald Michelsen.

During all of my visits, I saw with my very own eyes the popular Wonders of the World, like the Pyramids of Giza, the Taj Mahal, and the ancient city of Petra. I was in awe with the beauty of it all. But what consumed me most was the Wonders of Inner Wheel Members – the committed and dedicated contributions of Inner Wheel Members in transforming, building and uplifting humanity. I affirm that all Inner Wheel Members have the capability to do Wonders in our communities as we forge genuine friendships, render true service and empower those we serve.

As the highest officer of the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel, I have conducted myself with utmost dedication and commitment since day one.

I am also proud to report that, during my watch, we were very prudent in handling the International Inner Wheel funds. The International Inner Wheel Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023, reported that almost all disbursements were made within the set budget.

For 2022-23, we passed a resolution that all minutes, magazines, newsletters, and presidential greetings were not to be printed but would only be electronic copies. This is the way forward as we modernise the Inner Wheel and, at the same time, help save trees and protect our environment. For this resolution, International Inner Wheel saved around £73,000.

I am greatly humbled to have witnessed the achievement of my Presidential Goals in the countries where Inner Wheel thrives. In 2022-2023, we welcomed

2,191 new members and 136 new clubs to our Inner Wheel Family, including next-generation Clubs that will ensure organisational continuity.

Throughout the world, we have rendered service projects aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and International Inner Wheel's "Strong Women, Stronger World".

Speaking of the United Nations, we thank our seven members who represent International Inner Wheel at the United Nations. They follow and assist the work sessions of the Commissions on important themes such as human rights, the rights of children, the status of women and the rights of older persons.

Another goal that we have achieved is the improvement of communication within our own Clubs, Districts, and National Governing Bodies through digital technology. We have made our presence felt more than ever on the World Wide Web through our websites and social media accounts, which we should continue to leverage on, to be able to invite more women to join Inner Wheel. I want to extend a special thank-you to the International Editor/Media Manager Prabha Raghunandan, for the extra effort she has put into her service. Thank-you also to our Administrator Alan Phillips, Assistant Administrator Elaine Hathaway, and Webmaster Yeok San Cheng, who are always ready to extend a helping hand.

As travel restrictions have eased, our face-to-face gatherings and organisational activities have created Friendship Links between Clubs and Districts, in and across Inner Wheel countries.

My dear Inner Wheel friends, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support of appeals

from International Inner Wheel to help the victims of war, floods, and earthquakes.

To all the Wonder Women of Inner Wheel throughout the world, I will be forever be grateful for the blessing of being able to serve you and to serve with you. It has been a great privilege and honour to represent International Inner Wheel. Please extend my heartfelt gratitude to your spouses, partners and children, for without their support and understanding, how can we continue to do our part to make a better and stronger world?

This being said, I would like to honour my husband and our children for the love and support they have given me throughout my year of "Work Wonders". Thank you to my dear family, for understanding how important my service in the Inner Wheel is to me.

My dear Inner Wheel friends, I hope that, just like me, you have all found great joy in our "Work Wonders" throughout the year. May these wonders serve as a beacon of light to many. And now, together with International Inner Wheel Centennial President Trish Douglas, let us "Shine A Light" of Inner Wheel's service to brighten the lives of all humanity!

This is the journey that we must all traverse! Let us remain committed to the service of Inner Wheel. Let us continue to steadfastly give and share our blessings, reaching out to others, in making their lives as beautiful as the life we have all been blessed with.

My heart is forever at your service.

Long live INNER WHEEL!

International Inner Wheel Roll of Honour

Office Bearers
Margarette Golding Award

The International team

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL is the administrative body of Inner Wheel organisations worldwide. Generally, four or more Clubs are administered by a District. Two or more Districts may form a National Governing Body. Clubs which are not administered by the District, called Non-Districted Clubs, are directly under the purview of an assigned International Board Director.

The international team is headed by an Executive Committee of five elected officers: President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, and Constitution Chairman. Each member has a vote which is used for decisions at meetings, elections and change of Constitution at Conventions. The President has the casting vote.

Although the International President is nominated and elected each year with the other officers, it has been to date the Vice-President who has been elected International President.

The Executive Committee together with sixteen elected Board Directors, make up the International Governing Body. Each member has one vote. The International Governing Body controls and manages the affairs and funds of International Inner Wheel.

An Editor/Media Manager is also an officer of the International Inner Wheel, nominated and elected. She is responsible for the International website and social media platforms, media output and promotional documents which includes the twice-yearly international magazine. Her attendance at the International Executive, Governing Body and International Convention meetings is by invitation from the Executive Committee, as an observer where she also submits a report.

All the officers assume their official duties and responsibilities on the first of July, and step down on 30 June, a tenure of one year. This also corresponds to the financial period of International Inner Wheel.

By October each year, nominations for new officers for the ensuing Inner Wheel year would have been submitted to International Inner Wheel. A nomination booklet is published around January. Elections are conducted around the end of March. One vote is to be cast for each selection of the incoming officer. In 2022, e-balloting was introduced

Once every three years, a Convention is convened usually in May, to deliberate on changes to the Constitution. It is also a time when the largest representation of members worldwide gather. Proposals would have been submitted from all levels more than 18 months ahead, and amendments to them made more than six months before the Convention. The Constitution Chairman leads a committee to vet through the proposals for appropriate wording and relevance. Proposals and amendments to the proposal are published a few months before the Convention. They are then presented and votes counted at the business sessions.

The Executive Committee is assisted by a full time administrator and a part-time staff, for the secretarial, bookkeeping, communications and office management functions. Professionals are appointed for other necessary work and consultations.

Two Trustees are appointed by the Executive Committee. One of the Trustees, by law, must be a past Board Member or Board Director from Great Britain and Ireland. The Trustees' responsibility is for the properties of International Inner Wheel, that is, the general management including authorising major repairs and alterations.

The Executive Committee will appoint members as representatives to the United Nations in Geneva, New York and Vienna. The Vice-President and the representatives are responsible for maintaining the interests of International Inner Wheel in the United Nations, as an observer in the UN's Economic and Social Council.

The communication with the International Inner Wheel team is through an elected National Representative of the highest administrative body. For example, members of a Club with a National Governing Body will have one elected National Representative at the National Governing Body level. A Club under a District with no National Governing Body will have a National Representative elected at the District level. Non-Districted Clubs do not need a National Representative but instead, liaises directly through the assigned Board Director.

The primary source of income for the expenses of International Inner Wheel are met by the collection of a capitation fee from each Club member.

International Presidents 1967 to 2024

Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Patricia Douglas 2023-24 IW GB & I	Shine A Light
	Zenaida Yungco Farcon 2022-23 IW Philippines	Work Wonders
	Ebe Panitteri Martines 2021-22 IW Italy	Pink First
	Bina Vyas 2020-21 IW India (Jaipur Convention)	Lead The Change
	Phyllis Charter 2019-20 IW GB & I	Together We Can
	Christine Kirby 2018-19 IW Australia	Empower and Evolve
	Kapila Gupta, Dr 2017-18 IW India (Melbourne Convention)	Leave A Lasting Legacy








Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Oluyemisi Alatise 2016-17 IW Nigeria	Touch A Heart
	Charlotte De Vos 2015-16 IW Belgium & Luxembourg	Unique And United
	Abha Gupta 2014-15 IW India (Copenhagen Convention)	Light The Path
	Gabriella Adami 2013-14 IW Italy	We, For Women
	Carole Young 2012-13 IW New Zealand	Be A Friend
	Catherine Refabert 2011-12 IW FAMAT (Istanbul Convention)	Think Ahead – Aim High
	Pallavi Shah 2010-11 IW India	Commit With Conviction, Compassion, Consistency





Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	<p>Anne Fryer</p>	<p>2009-10 IW GB & I</p> <p>Help Brings Hope</p>
	<p>Suzanne Nielsen</p>	<p>2008-09 IW Denmark (Kota Kinabalu Convention)</p> <p>Realise Your Vision And Make A Difference</p>
	<p>Kamala Ramakrishnan</p>	<p>2007-08 IW India</p> <p>Communicate Our Vision</p>
	<p>Janet Day</p>	<p>2006-07 IW GB & I</p> <p>Show That You Care Through Friendship And Service</p>
	<p>Erna Fandal</p>	<p>2005-06 IW Norway (New Zealand Convention)</p> <p>Support Gives Strength</p>
	<p>Metje Hanekamp van de Kamp</p>	<p>2004-05 IW Netherlands</p> <p>Work Together And Give Hope</p>
	<p>Eileen Harsant</p>	<p>2003-04 IW GB & I</p> <p>Make the Friendship Positive</p>

	Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Solveig Svensson	2002-03 IW Sweden (Florence Convention)	Care For The Future
	Carole Buchanan	2001-02 IW Australia	Enthusiasm Creates Action
	Vivienne Bolton-Sleigh	2000-01 IW GB & I	Strangers Are Friends We Have Not Met
	Lillian Pettigrew	1999-2000 IW Canada (Sweden Convention)	Reach Out, Keep Hope Alive 'Turn the Giving Into Living'
	Louise Richardson	1998-09 IW Australia	Make Our World A Better Place – Communicate and Educate
	Elizabeth Jones, Dr	1997-98 IW GB & I	Together We Are Stronger
	Beth McNeill	1996-97 IW New Zealand (Berlin Convention)	Look Beyond Yourself, Be Involved

	Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Ida Dubbeldam de Klerk	1995-96 IW Netherlands	Open Your Heart And Your Home
	Barbara Bennett	1994-95 IW GB & I	Widen Your Horizons
	Anita Aggarwal	1993-94 IW India (Sydney Convention)	Expand to Serve Better
	Gwen Bowman	1992-93 IW Australia	Understanding
	Isabel McKnight	1991-92 IW GB & I	Take Time
	Margaret Spenning	1990-91 IW Norway (The Hague Convention)	Give Our World A Future
	Brenda Taylor, Dr	1989-90 IW GB & I	Put Your Heart Into It

	Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Alison Dowson	1988-89 IW New Zealand	Protect Children — They Are The Future
	Dora Bailey	1987-88 IW GB & I (Stravanger Convention)	Have Patience
	Minna Kapur	1986-87 IW India	Identify
	Doris Browne	1985-86 IW GB & I	Cooperate
	Ragnhild Øglænd	1984-85 IW Norway (Orlando Convention)	Communicate
	Esther Vibal	1983-84 IW Philippines	Continuing Search For Peace
	Brit Fjellander	1982-83 IW Sweden	Understanding And Peace

	Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Jenette Petit	1981-82 IW GB & I (Paris Convention)	Be Concerned
	Ann Lebeau	1980-1981 IW Belgium	Open Your Heart
	Joan Pyke	1979-80 IW GB & I	Help Children Smile
	Elizabeth Bier Reitsma	1978-79 IW Netherlands (Brighton Convention)	Work For Peace Through Love
	Kay Martin	1977-78 IW GB & I	Survival – Be Involved
	Marie-Claire Cronstedt	1976-77 IW Sweden	Preserve, Protect, Promote
	Gwen Davies	1975-76 IW Australia (Sydney Convention)	—

	Name	Year of office	Presidential theme
	Hylde Armstrong, Dr	1974-75 IW GB & I	—
	Cis Bulpitt	1973-74 IW GB & I	—
	Birte Fangel	1972-73 IW Denmark (Copenhagen Convention)	—
	Nancy Sharp	1971-72 IW GB & I	—
	Elsbeth Bager	1970-71 IW Sweden	—
	Helena Foster	1969-70 IW GB & I (The Hague Convention)	—
	Lavender Weightman	1967-69 IW GB & I	—

International Treasurers 1967 to 2024

Year	Treasurer
2023 - 2024	Sarita Lunani
2022 - 2023	Sarita Lunani
2021 - 2022	Sarita Lunani
2020 - 2021	Elizabeth Thomas
2019 - 2020	Elizabeth Thomas
2018 - 2019	Azhagu Annamalai
2017 - 2018	Azhagu Annamalai
2016 - 2017	Azhagu Annamalai
2015 - 2016	Kapila Gupta, Dr
2014 - 2015	Kapila Gupta, Dr
2013 - 2014	Kapila Gupta, Dr
2012 - 2013	Charlotte De Vos
2011 - 2012	Charlotte De Vos
2010 - 2011	Charlotte De Vos
2009 - 2010	Doris Johnsen
2008 - 2009	Doris Johnsen
2007 - 2008	Doris Johnsen
2006 - 2007	Beatrice Lapham
2005 - 2006	Beatrice Lapham
2004 - 2005	Janet Day
2003 - 2004	Janet Day
2002 - 2003	Janet Day
2001 - 2002	Eileen Harsant
2000 - 2001	Eileen Harsant
1999 - 2000	Eileen Harsant
1998 - 1999	Muriel Bradshaw
1997 - 1998	Muriel Bradshaw
1996 - 1997	Irene Savage
1995 - 1996	Irene Savage

Year	Treasurer
1994 - 1995	Irene Savage
1993 - 1994	Mary Durose
1992 - 1993	Mary Durose
1991 - 1992	Mary Durose
1990 - 1991	Barbara Bennett
1989 - 1990	Barbara Bennett
1988 - 1989	Barbara Bennett
1987 - 1988	Ingrid Svalling
1986 - 1987	Ingrid Svalling
1985 - 1986	Ingrid Svalling
1984 - 1985	Dora Bailey
1983 - 1984	Dora Bailey
1982 - 1983	Dora Bailey
1981 - 1982	Sybil Hole
1980 - 1981	Sybil Hole
1979 - 1980	Sybil Hole
1978 - 1979	Peta Collins
1977 - 1978	Peta Collins
1976 - 1977	Peta Collins
1975 - 1976	Meg Guthrie
1974 - 1975	Meg Guthrie
1973 - 1974	Meg Guthrie
1972 - 1973	Adelaide Lack (Executive Member, Financial Administration)
1971 - 1972	Margaret Cross (Executive Member, Finance)
1970 - 1971	Margaret Cross
1969 - 1970	Margaret Cross
1968 - 1969	Margaret Cross
1967 - 1968	Jessie Casson

Administrators 1969 to 2024



From left: Adelaide Lack, Elaine Hathaway and Alan Phillips.

Year	Administrator
2018 - 2024	Alan Phillips
2006 - 2018	Elaine Hathaway
1989 - 2006	Margaret Palmer
1988 - 1989	Freesia Dine
1986 - 1988	Betty Selfe
1978 - 1986	Pamela Read
1972 - 1978	Frances Huntley
1969 - 1972	Adelaide Lack (Honorary Secretary)

Constitution Chairman

The post was first filled in 1988⁷⁰, appointed by the Governing Body⁷¹. In 2006, she became part of the Governing Body⁷². In 2012, she became part of the Executive Committee, nominated from Districts of National Governing Bodies and elected by the Governing Body. Since the Convention in 2021, she has been elected by the voting delegates.

Year	Constitution Chairman
2023 - 2024	Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen
2022 - 2023	Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen
2021 - 2022	Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen
2020 - 2021	Corinne Dalleur
2019 - 2020	Corinne Dalleur
2018 - 2019	Corinne Dalleur
2017 - 2018	Phyllis Charter
2016 - 2017	Phyllis Charter
2015 - 2016	Gunder Lannoy
2014 - 2015	Gunder Lannoy
2013 - 2014	Gunder Lannoy
2012 - 2013	Norma Friar
2011 - 2012	Norma Friar
2010 - 2011	Norma Friar
2009 - 2010	Shirley Hope
2008 - 2009	Shirley Hope
2007 - 2008	Shirley Hope
2006 - 2007	Anne Fryer
2005 - 2006	Anne Fryer
2004 - 2005	Margaret Roberts
2003 - 2004	Margaret Roberts
2002 - 2003	Lovise Richardson
2001 - 2002	Lovise Richardson
2000 - 2001	Elizabeth Jones, Dr
1999 - 2000	Brenda Taylor, Dr
1998 - 1999	Brenda Taylor, Dr
1997 - 1998	Brenda Taylor, Dr
1996 - 1997	Brenda Taylor, Dr
1995 - 1996	Brenda Taylor, Dr
1994 - 1995	Joy Whowell
1993 - 1994	Joy Whowell
1992 - 1993	Joy Whowell
1991 - 1992	Margaret Limbach
1990 - 1991	Margaret Limbach
1989 - 1990	Margaret Limbach
1988 - 1989	Joan Fitzmaurice

Editor/Media Manager

The post of Editor/Media Manager was created at the Convention in 2015. At the Convention in 2000, the name of Honorary Editor was changed to Editor, with the same benefits given to the Board Director except that she is not in the International Governing Body.⁷³

Year	Hon. Editor or Ed/Media Manager
2023 - 2024	Prabha Raghunandan
2022 - 2023	Prabha Raghunandan
2021 - 2022	Yeok San Cheng
2020 - 2021	Kerstin Jonson (till Dec 2020)
2019 - 2020	Kerstin Jonson
2018 - 2019	Sandra Neretljakovic
2017 - 2018	Sandra Neretljakovic
2016 - 2017	Michelle Atkinson
2015 - 2016	Michelle Atkinson
2014 - 2015	Michelle Atkinson
2013 - 2014	Ashnadelle Hilmy-Mortagy
2012 - 2013	Susanne Merten-Wente (till Oct 2012)
2011 - 2012	Susanne Merten-Wente
2010 - 2011	Gomathi Viswanathan
2009 - 2010	Wendy Tindall-Shepherd
2008 - 2009	Wendy Tindall-Shepherd
2007 - 2008	Wendy Tindall-Shepherd
2006 - 2007	Sally Herbert
2005 - 2006	Sally Herbert
2004 - 2005	Sally Herbert
2003 - 2004	Kamala Ramakrishnan
2002 - 2003	Rosemary Simpson
2001 - 2002	Rosemary Simpson
2000 - 2001	Rosemary Simpson
1997 - 2000	Ethel Rae (Hap) Naylor
1994 - 1997	Joan Boughey
1991 - 1994	Lucy C May
1988 - 1991	Esther-Marie Wiig
1985 - 1988	Lucy Davies
1982 - 1985	Nollie Reitsma-van Moorsel
1979 - 1982	Esther Vibal
1976 - 1979	Jay French
1973 - 1976	Brenda Read
1969 - 1973	Audrey Sarjeant
1967 - 1969	Helena Foster

Board Members 1967 to 1994

One representative from each country having the necessary constitutional qualifications (with one or more Districts with eight or more Clubs, which had been functioning as a District for a minimum of two years)⁷⁴. The Board Member would bring her country's views and participated in the wider policy of International Inner Wheel. She was a vital link between the President and her country and would represent the President when requested to do so.

Board meetings were held once a year and a copy of the Board Minutes were sent to each Club. These gave up-to-date information on policy and the development of International Inner Wheel.

With expansion, the Governing Body was too large and expensive to maintain. The proposal to reduce the number to sixteen "Board Directors" and restructure a new role of National Representative, was passed at the 9th Convention in Sydney, 1993, effective 1995-1996.⁷⁵

Entry year	First representative Board Member	Inner Wheel country represented
1967 - 1968	Birte Fangel	Denmark
	Nancy Sharp	Great Britain and Ireland
	Trudy van der Grift	The Netherlands
	Eva Herud	Norway
	Elsebeth Bager	Sweden
1968 - 1969	Kath Armstrong	Australia
	Fay Weldon	Canada
	Malati Rana, Dr.	India
	Trining Legarda	The Philippines
1970 - 1971	Bea Dillard	The USA
1971 - 1972	C de la Haye	France
	Y Samuel	Belgium
1973 - 1974	S Alaily	Egypt-Jordan
	R Gallgher	New Zealand
1975 - 1976	Representative from India	Sri Lanka
1980 - 1981	E C Riekmann	Germany
	E Berner	Israel
1983 - 1984	L Bruni	Italy
1985 - 1986	Representative from France	Andorra, Morocco and Tunisia
1986 - 1987	Doreen Geffen	South Africa
	Representative from Belgium	Luxembourg
1987 - 1988	Bakshish Singh, Dr	Malaysia
	Bisi Solaru	Nigeria
	Nirmalie Gunatilleke	Sri Lanka
1988 - 1989	Roushanara Rahman	Bangladesh
	Representative from Malaysia	Singapore
	Representative from Malaysia	Brunei
	Representative from Egypt	Cyprus
1989 - 1990	Maija Fernstrom	Finland
	Hazel Roessinger	Switzerland
1991 - 1992	Thraki Jones	Cyprus

On the 25th year, there were 25 countries represented.⁷⁶

Table of the last batch of Board Members

Board Member 1992-1993-1994	Country represented
Carole Buchanan	Australia
Dilruba Ahmed	Bangladesh
Fina Bruyer	Belgium & Luxembourg
Evelyn Burch	Canada
Thraki Jones	Cyprus
Bitten Prior	Denmark
Amal Namek (Deputy 1992-1993)	Egypt & Jordan
Hoda El Dib	
Pirkko Kiikka	Finland
Jeanne Perucho	France
Annette Kleyboldt	Germany
Elizabeth Jones	Great Britain and Ireland
Leela Ratnam	India

Board Member 1992-1993-1994	Country represented
Mina Shapira	Israel
Annamaria Veronelli	Italy
Joan Salleh	Malaysia- Singapore-Brunei.
Pauline Stoop-de Vey Mestdagh	Holland
Beth McNeill	New Zealand
Omotayo Olutoye	Nigeria
Inger Bolton-King	Norway
Stella Bernabe	The Philippines
Moira Seaman	South Africa
Gwendoline Tissera	Sri Lanka
Solveig Svensson	Sweden
Ursula Seleger-Hansen	Switzerland
Frances Sinnett	United States of America



1986-1987 Board Members with International President Minna Kapur.
Photo credit: Minna Kapur



Board Members with International Executive Committee, 1993-1994
Photo credit: Anita Aggarwal

Board Directors 1995-2024

In the Board meeting of 5-9 October 1998, President Lovise Richardson welcomed and said to the Board Directors, “This year we are celebrating the founding of Inner Wheel 75 years ago. From the very beginning, and during those years, members have made decisions that have enabled Inner Wheel to grow and operate so successfully throughout the world. Today we begin three days of deliberations that will continue to shape the future of Inner Wheel. We have all gained Inner Wheel experience in our respective countries but we must remember we are not here as representatives of our countries. In all our discussions we must remember that any decisions we make will affect members from 91 countries throughout the world who have different customs, cultures and religions. We must make decisions that will ensure the successful functioning of our Organisation and the attainment of its objects.”

1995-1996

Abha Gupta
Anja Toivanen
Anna-Lena Dreijer
Aud Sjaeloe Bakke
Dilruba Ahmed
Doris Stolz
Genevieve Petit
Jonna Hellemann Andersen
Lillian Pettigrew
Lilo Stolz
Lovise Richardson
Muriel Bradshaw
Nuccia D'Agata
Rinie Gobby
Rosi Fischer
Shirley Crowley

1996-1997

Carole Buchanan
Eleonora De Kort-Boeschoten
Genevieve Petit
Inger Bolton-King
Jonna Hellemann Andersen
Lella Agathou
Lillian Pettigrew
Lilo Stolz
Muriel Bradshaw
Norma Trillia
Nuccia D' Agata
Patricia Caves
Rosi Fischer
Sherifa Zein
Vicky Kernphorne
Vimla Abraham

1997-1998

Abha Gupta
Anja Toivanen
Aud Sjaelo Bakke
Claudia Herrli-Bener
Delores Burgess
Fay Cox
Liesbeth Talsma-Harkema
Lis Rahbek Rasmussen
Margaret Lovstrom
Micaela Mulas
Monique Parkinson
Nirmalie Gunatilleke
Pat Caves
Solveig Svensson
Vivienne Bolton
Waltraut Salander

1998-1999

Aud Sjaelo Bakke
Christiane Byrne
Claudia Herrli-Bener
Dineke Brouwer-van Huystee
Jane Green
Jean Khoo
Jeanette Roberts
Joan Cotton
Lis Rahbek Rasmussen
Margaret Lovstrom
Micaela Mulas
Monique Parkinson
Shirley Hope
Solveig Svensson
Vivienne Bolton
Waltraut Salander

1999-2000

Alison Dowson
Annamaria Veronelli
Carmen Santillan
Catherine Moreillon
Christiane Byrne
Dineke Brouwer-van Huystee
Erika Claussen
Jacqueline A Fakhoury
Jean Hillier
Joan Cotton
Joan Penney
Margaret Sansom
Marianne Sterner-Svensson
May Aesopus
Pirkko Kiikka
Vicky Kempthorne

2000-2001

Annamaria Vcronelli
Betty Jeske
Carmen Santillan
Catherine Moreillon
Gudrun Roenholt Hansen
Jean Hillier
Jeanette Roberts
Joan Penney
Jutta Grabkowsky
May Aesopou
Metje Hanekamp-van De Kamp
Pirkko Kiikka
Shashi Gupta
Shirley Hope
Yvette Bocherens
Yvonne Cavazzi

2001-2002

Alison Dowson
Annette Semple
Annita Schelling-Torriani
Belly Jeske
Betina Lombardi
Erna Fandal
Gudrun Ronholt Hansen
Ina Beckurts
Iris Otto-Verhoeks
Jessie Wang
Jo Weekes
Kristina Jarvenpaa
Margaret Roberts
Pamela Smorenburg
Renu Baljee
Yvette Bocherens

2002-2003

Anne McGill
Annette Semple
Annita Schelling-Torriani
Chandrani Gunewardena
Delores Burgess
Erna Fandal
Ina Beckurts
Jessie Wang
Kamala Ramakrishnan
Kristina Jarvenpaa
Mahmuda Siddiqi
Margaret Roberts
Pamela Smorenburg
Rosalind Jardeleza
Suzanne Whitty

2003-2004

Alice De Vault
Anne Fryer
Annie Baiwir
Carolyn Riches
Franca Faraone
Gulnar Marfatia
Gunder Lannoy
Iris Otto-Verhock
Jutta Grabkowsky
Margrit Pattichis
Rauni Pokkinen
Reidun Abrahamsen
Susanne Hunziker
Suzanne Whitty
Thea de Gooyer
Vivienne Anderson

2004-2005

Anne Baiwir
Anne Fryer
Franca Faraone
Gunder Lannoy
Jean Currie
Kerstin Lindstrand
Margrit Pattichis
Nancy Ning Hsin Chow
Rauni Pokkinen
Reidun Abrahamsen
Robyn Murray
Rose Marie Hansen
Susanne Hem Nielsen
Susanne Hunziker
Thea de Gooyer
Ursula Kobriger

2005-2006

Christiane Boecker
Christien Gazendam-Scholten
Clori Palazzo
Eunice Nwankwo
Jean Currie
Jessie Carlson
Jocelyne Haigh
Kerstin Lindstrand
Margaret Collins
Marie-Anne Leuzinger
Maxie Christen
Pirkko Karmakoski
Renuka Amalean
Robyn White
Roshan Chindhy
Suzanne Nielsen

2006-2007

Almond Royds
Annelise Gyldahl Jensen
Anne Fryer
Annette Kleyboldt
Charlotte de Vos
Hilary Gardner
Ineke Sasse van Griethuysen
Inger Bolton King
Jessie Carlson
Jocelyne Haigh
Karin Rydja-Lindahl
Margaret Collins
Marie-Anne Leuzinger
Maxie Christen
Pirkko Karmakoski
Rose Marie Nikolakopoulou

2007-2008

Almond Royds
Ann Kvist-Walter
Annelise Gyldahl
Carolyn Brown
Carolyn Riches
Charlotte De Vos
Doris Stolz
Eleonore Naef
Gabriella Adami
Jensen Ursula Kobriger
Karin Rydja-Lindahl
Norma Friar
Olufunmilayo Adesina
Rose-Marie Nikolakopoulou
Sophie van den Berg
Ulla Eloranta



Board Directors 2005-2006 with International President Erna Fandel (seated left) and Vice-President Janet Day.

2008-2009

Ann Kvist-Walter
Carmel Fernandopulle
Carole Young
Catherine Refabert
Eleonore Naef
Gabriella Adami
Gunnel Torstensson
Norma Friar
Pallavi Shah
Rinie Gobby
Rosalind Jardeleza
Seham Elgohary
Sophie van den Berg
Ulku Somer
Ulla Eloranta
Val Corva

2009-2010

Andree Schots
Annette Bangma
Annette Kleyboldt
Beatrice Guerrini
Carole Young
Catherine Refabert
Doreen Shand
Gunnel Torstensson
Jean Matthews
Liz Ralston
Margaret Batt
Mercedes Velten de Garcia
Nancy Ning Hsin Chow
Ruth Beausire
Sally Unam
Ulku Somer

2010-2011

Andrée Schots
Annette Bangma
Beatrice Guerrini
Christiane Requin
Doreen Shand
Jean Matthews
Joan Beech-Jones
Margaret Batt
Maria Koutita
Marion Patchett
Mercedes Velten
Oluyemisi Alatise
Patricia Traill
Rathy Mahendran
Ruth Beausire
Ulrike Kylberg

2011-2012

Alma Lilia Quintero De Chevez
Annabelle Valentine
Audrey Pollard,
Ayfer Carkoglu
Beatrice Heyse-Verhoeven
Debbie Varotsou
Elaine Willis
Elizabeth Oluranti Adetuberu
Lorraine Hyde
Paola Lagorara
Patricia Traill
Ritva-Liisa Hovi
Shirin Ghadiali
Ulrike Kylberg
Verena Spahr
Vinitha Guneratne

2012-2013

Ainol Ramli
Annelise Andersen
Audrey Pollard,
Ayfer Carkoglu
Bakky Ngozi Adiriki
Beatrice Heyse-Verhoeven
Birgith By
Christiane Requin
Colleen Payne
Joke Emmelkamp-van der Molen
Norma Trillia
Pamela Watkins
Paola Lagorara
Ritva-Liisa Hovi
Rosemary Paris
Verena Spahr

2013-2014

Arlette De Waele
Birgith By
Dorothy Booth
Doyin Abiodun Oredein
Edna Blything
Hannele Karhunen
Heidi Mueller
Joy Sundram
Letty van Hooff Snel
Luisa Vinciguerra
Maria de la luz Rodriguez
Pamela McConnell
Priyanthie Perera
Rosemary Paris
Suzanne Robinson
Valerie Gibson



2010-2011 Board Directors with International President Pallavi Shah (seated centre), Vice-President Catherine Refabert (on her right) and Immediate Past President Anne Fryer (on her left).

2014-2015

Annelise Andersen
Arlette De Waele
Ayo Odelana
Carole Haigh
Christine Berggren
Hannele Karhunen
Heidi Mueller
Indira Kandasamy
Kathleen Brodrick
Letty van Hooff Snel
Luisa Vinciguerra
Margaret Whitchurch
Nathalie Brun
Pamela McConnell
Patricia Garcia
Suzanne Robinson

2015-2016

Akhter Jahan
Ashnadelle Hilmy/Mortagy
Benedicte Haubroe
Chris Kirby
Corinne Dalleur van der Drift
Deniz Ozhun
Dona O ' Brien
Janinka de Beer Rabsztyn
Kathleen Brodrick
Lisbeth Speich
Lucy Tokuzip
Lyn Jensen
Nathalie Brun
Nelly Bratoeva
Phyllis Charter
Sissel Hoihjelle Michelsen

2016-2017

Benedicte Haubroe
Bev Crowe
Corinne Dalleur van der Drift
Dona O'Brien
Hazel Hunter
Hildegund Scheipermeier
Ifeyinwa Ndefo
Janet Dionigi
Lisbeth Speich
Maija-Leena Virta-Kangas
Marijke Van Der Meijden-De Dreu
Nelly Bratoeva
Pearl Jai Mohan
Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen
Swarna Soysa
Thelma Pacsoo

2017-2018

Beatrice Kraemer Andreotti
Christine Berggren
Diane Patchett
Gabriele Schruempf
Helene Torkildsen
Janet Dionigi
Kay Morland
Lene Kruger Schade
Maija-Leena Virta-Kangas
Miriam Fisher
Monica Wood
Nina Kalt Leenslag
Pearl Jai Mohan
Sissy Avgerinou
Stefani Roeders Arnold
Thelma Pacsoo



Board Directors 2017-2018 with International President Kapila Gupta at the International Inner Wheel Convention, 12-14 April 2018, Melbourne.



Board Directors 2016-2017 with International President Olujemisi Alatise.



International Governing Body meeting 30 September to 2 October 2014 with International President 2014-2015 Abha Gupta.

2018-2019

Beatrice Kramer Andreotti
Ebe Panitteri
Francine Beij Mos
Gabriele Schruempf
Grace Adekoya
Gulgun Dolunay
Helene Torkildsen
Joanne Gaudin
Lene Kruger Schade
Margareta Momkvist
Marilyn Armstrong
Miriam Fisher
Muna Sweiss
Roshani Peiris
Sissy Avgerinou
Trish Douglas

2019-2020

Angelika Walde
Bambi de Ceuninck-Leunckens
Christina King
Ebe Martines Panitteri
Francine Beij Mos
Karen Winters
Lorna Bradley
Margareta Momkvist
Margareta Wesslau
Marja Kyrola
Nahid Nawaz
Patricia Mary Hilton
Sandra Neretljakovic
Shad Masood
Yanislava Ilieva
Zenaida Farcon

2020-2021

Angelika Walde
Darlene Westrupp
Farida Hashem
Gemma Pironcini Venuti
Lorna Bradley
Maria Papadopoulou-Falidas
Margareta Wesslau
Marja Kyrola
Marjorie Jones
Ria Heijens
Sandra Neretljakovic
Stefani Roeders Arnold
Trish Douglas
Yanislava Ilieva
Zehranur Ustas
Zenaida Farcon

2021-2022

Carol Haskett
Catherine Ineichen
Diana Rahaman
Feeroza Byram Avari
Gemma Pironcini Venuti
Jutta Stender-Vorwachs
Kaija Keijola
Karin van Helden
Laila El Aswad
Mamta Gupta
Marjorie Jones
Patricia Garcia Gonzalez
Phebean Alade
Seetha Lakshmi SNK Narayanan
Zena Coles
Zhivka Stoyanova

2022-2023

Beatrix von Fassong
Cinzia Tomatis Fermani
Dot Anderson-Lee
Elizabeth Tooke
Fe Victoria De Guia
Gillette Broadaway
Ingelög Wyndhamn
Kaija Keijola
Kirsten Moller
Liv Elin Broberg
Marie-Françoise Pignard
Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten
Shanta Jayalath
Uche Agbim
Zena Coles
Zhivka Stoyanova

2023-2024

Ann Acaster
Cinzia Tomatis
Dorothee Remmler-Bellen
Elena Zaharieva
Gillette Broadaway
İclal Kardiçalı
Ingelög Wyndhamn
Jumana Masri
Kamal Prava Kharel
Kirsten Möller
Liv Elin Lewin
Marie Francois Pignard
Marlies Arnoldus
Michelle Atkinson
Paulette Dewinter-De Soete
Snježana Petrović-Tkalčec

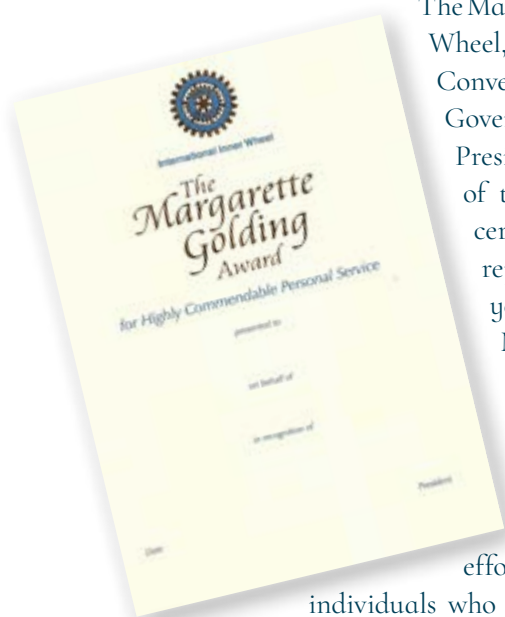


Board Directors 2022-2023 at Mottram Hall, with International President Zenaida Farcon (front second from left).



Board Directors 2023-2024 at Mottram Hall, with International President Trish Douglas (third from right)

Margarette Golding Award



The Margarette Golding Award, named after the founder of Inner Wheel, was established at the 11th International Inner Wheel Convention in Stockholm, May 2000. In the International Governing Body meeting in October 2000, International President Vivienne Bolton discussed the implementation of the award. A recipient would receive a brooch and a certificate. She presented a sketch of a design for the brooch represented by the margueritte, a tiny white flower with a yellow centre. Margueritte is the French version of the name Margarette. A Club or District may nominate a candidate



who is an individual that have made highly commendable outstanding or exceptional voluntary service to the local or wider community which must be completely unconnected with work on behalf or for Inner Wheel. The award is presented by International Inner Wheel and is in recognition of outstanding achievements in community service, humanitarian efforts, and the promotion of goodwill and understanding. Recipients are often individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to making a positive impact on their communities. The criteria are set high so that the award remains a truly significant marker of an individual's commitment to others.

Recipients of the Margarette Golding Award (in alphabetical order)

At the International Governing Body meeting which ended on 7 October 2001, Carole Buchanan who was the International President, presented the first Margarette Golding Award to Margaret J Palmer, International Inner Wheel Administrator-Secretary.

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| A Kala • Jun 2023 | Anne Willis • Feb 2003 |
| Abha Gupta • Oct 2019 | Annegret Thianer Lohmar • Jun 2022 |
| Alesandra de Carneri • Jun 2016 | Annelie Fabry • Feb 2004 |
| Alice Pulford • Feb 2016 | Annelise Grenke • Feb 2019 |
| Alison Boldy, Dr • Feb 2004 | Annemarie Kury • Jul 2009 |
| Amal Namek • Jul 2014 | Annemarie Ruch • Jun 2005 |
| Ambra Finazzi Bergamaschi • Jun 2018 | Annie Rita Samaranayake • Sep 2002 |
| Andrea Rovati • Jun 2018 | Antje Steinrotter • Feb 2012 |
| Andree Mentre • Feb 2002 | Antonia Frick • Feb 2015 |
| Anita Wolf • Feb 2004 | Asoka Kumari Kaligotla • Oct 2021 |
| Anja Toivanen • Jun 2003 | Aspassia Stylianidou • Jun 2005 |
| Anka Reiners • Jun 2021 | Audrey Cooper • Feb 2002 |
| Ann Elise Breivik • Nov 2004 | Audrey White • Oct 2009 |
| Ann Pradhan • Jun 2011 | Augusta Micheli Marianecchi • Oct 2017 |
| Ann Tutbury • Sep 2003 | Ayo Odelana • Jul 2014 |
| Anna Achilleoudi, Dr • Feb 2002 | Ayse Aysen Erdil • Feb 2009 |
| Anna-Stina Ursby • Jun 2003 | Ayse Mayda • Feb 2009 |
| Anne Lasimbang • Jun 2002 | Balogun Bukunola, Dr • Oct 2010 |
| Anne McGill • Jul 2008 | Barbara Bauer Pelz • Jun 2013 |
| Anne McKinney • Jul 2014 | Barbara Heys • Jun 2002 |
| Anne Rougier • Jun 2023 | Barbara Judith Walker • Jun 2012 |

Barbara Marriott • Sep 2003
 Barbara von Saldern • Sep 2003
 Beatrice Chinwe Okoye • Jun 2002
 Beatte Muller • Oct 2018
 Belkis Unver • Feb 2019
 Berit Mellbye • Jun 2003
 Beryl Beynon, Dr • Feb 2004
 Beryl Cormack • Jun 2002
 Beryl May Heath • Oct 2005
 Beryl Morse • Jun 2002
 Beryl Pryde • Oct 2021
 Beryl Walton • Feb 2003
 Bettina Lombardi Crisci • Jun 2018
 Betty Brimble • Jun 2003
 Betty Flanagan • Jun 2010
 Betty Iris Byrne • Oct 2008
 Betty Selfe • Feb 2020
 Beverley Beckers • Feb 2004
 Birgitta Svensson • Jun 2015
 Brenda Lowe • Oct 2017
 Brigitte Eschenburg • Jun 2018
 Brigitte Osthues • Feb 2017
 Burcin Kipman • Feb 2015
 Carmen Abdool • Feb 2002
 Carmen Gallini Rosset • Jun 2023
 Carol Thompson • Feb 2014
 Carol Williams • Feb 2018
 Carolyn Cade • Jun 2002
 Carrie Davis • Jun 2011
 Catherine Hamlin, Dr • Jun 2002
 Catherine Vonier • Oct 2018
 Cecilia Warren • Feb 2021
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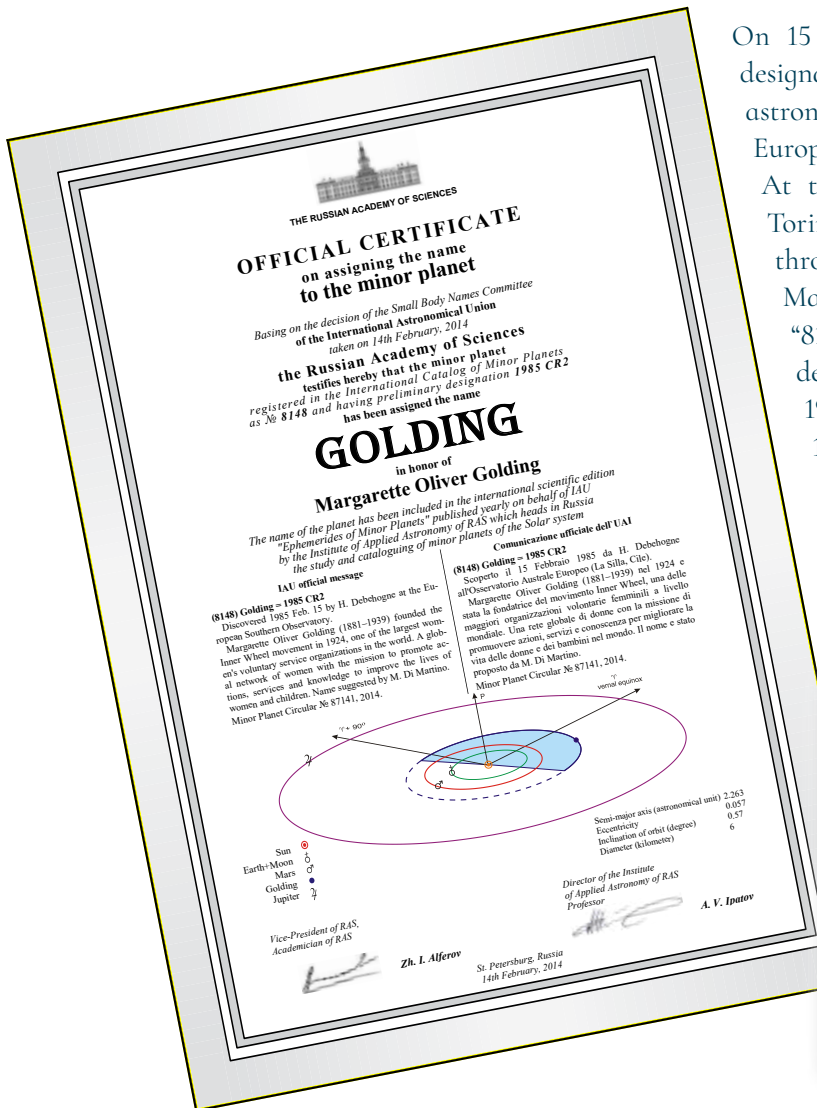
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Do you know?

Inner Wheel FAMAT helped opened a school in Madagascar which was named the Margarete Golding school.⁷⁷

– Catherine Refabert,
International Governing Body meeting, Oct 2009

Asteroid 8148 Golding



On 15 February 1985, an asteroid provisionally designated “1985 CR2” was discovered by the Belgian astronomer Henry Debehogne (1928-2007)⁷⁸ at the European Southern Observatory, La Silla, Chile. At the initiative of the Inner Wheel Club of Torino Europea (District 204, Inner Wheel Italy), through the auspices of Italian astronomer Dr Mario Di Martino, “1985 CR2” was named “8148 Golding” on 14 February 2014, with the description, “Margarete Oliver Golding (1881-1939) founded the Inner Wheel movement in 1924, one of the largest women’s voluntary service organisations in the world. A global network of women with the mission to promote actions, services and knowledge to improve the lives of women and children.”



In conjunction with their 10th anniversary celebration, the Club organised an event “From Lower Mosley Street... to Deep Space” on 17 June 2014, which was honoured by the presence of Gabriella Adami (International President 2013-2014). A certificate attesting to the name of the asteroid issued by the Russian Academy of Sciences was unveiled.

“Margarete lives among the stars, and lights our Inner Wheel commitment.”⁷⁹

~ Luisa Vinciguerra,
 International Board Director
 (2013-2015)

Do you know?

Detailed information about the asteroid, including an animation of its orbital position in relation to the earth and other planets at a specified date, can be viewed on the website by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology. This is the URL for 8148 Golding:



Inner Wheel Service & Friendship around the world

For a hundred years, Inner Wheel members have demonstrated the inner spirit that energises the passion for goodness. It is this vivacity that shines upon those who are without to spur them with cheerful hope and enthusiasm.



Beyond this page are their stories. To begin, are the Clubs without Districts (yet), simply called Non-Districted Clubs.

(in alphabetical order)

Objective: Encouraging the ideals of Personal Service

Whatever changes may take place in modes of government, it is impossible to imagine a world where kindness and good works will not be needed; it would be grievous indeed to contemplate a world where such qualities were not forthcoming from some source. The filling of this need is the pride and joy of Inner Wheel, as well as the mainstay of its existence.

Conceived in loyalty and guided by love,
expressed in charity and illuminated by happiness,
Inner Wheel has a gift for humanity
which enriches beyond intention or hope
those who have made the gift.⁸⁰

- Millicent Gaskell (First President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs), *Home and Horizon*, 1953





INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BANJA LAKU

IW Bosnia and Herzegovin.
Chartered: 12 Apr 2010

We mark each Inner Wheel year with many activities and projects.

The biggest and most important project was the restoration of kindergarten "Neven" that was completely destroyed in the floods of 2014. With the cooperation of Inner Wheel Clubs in District 192, the entire kindergarten was renovated and smiles were returned to the faces of the children and their educators.

We are very proud of this project.



Charter celebration 2 May 2010.
Founder and Charter President: Željka Grabež Biuković



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BELGRADE SINGIDUNUM

IW Serbia.
Chartered: 23 Mar 2008

The Charter Ceremony of the Club was held on 23 October 2008. Charter President Gordana Djenadic was installed with 20 members.

Since then, many members have passed through the Club which is currently with 13 members. A lot of nice activities have been carried out. We achieved numerous collaborations with other Clubs both in Serbia and abroad, in particular, the Inner Wheel Clubs in Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Macedonia and Bulgaria. We invite them to our events and are happy to go to their celebrations.

Over the years, we have carried out activities and prayers for people who have struggled with life, for example:

- with the association of parents of children with autism.
- with ATINA, an association which helps women victims of human trafficking.
- supported "Svratiste" a local children's shelter in Belgrade which helps children working on the streets to find a roof over their heads.
- supported Mother's Home, whose residents are women and children, victims of domestic violence.
- helped the victims of the great floods.
- cooperate with admissions offices for the elderly and sick.
- supported a few students with scholarships for studies and etc.



As a noteworthy activity, we would single out the nice cooperation with the art workshop "Pohvala Ruci", meaning "Praise the Hand". On that occasion, we feted young men and women, about 18 years old, with Down Syndrome. It was also a successful fundraising dinner.

Besides charity activities, we also enjoyed our regular meetings, visiting theatres, concerts, exhibitions and fashion shows.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BIJE LJINA
IW Bosnia and Herzegovin.
Chartered: 2018

A large number of activities were carried in the 5 years since formation, of which we will single out:

1. Donation to the Music School “Stevan Stojanović Mokranjac” in Bijeljina for the purchase of a semi-concert piano in 2018 and donation for the purchase of a professional accordion in 2023.
2. We donated significant medical resources to the ambulance service of the Bijeljina Health Centre necessary for uninterrupted work and raising the quality of service to the citizens of Bijeljina in emergency situations.
3. On the occasion of celebrating World Food Day, members organised “Meal from the heart” and donated necessary groceries to the People's Kitchen in Bijeljina.



4. “Pink October” was carried out jointly with the Bijeljina Health Centre to mark World Day against Breast Cancer by distributing educational materials and pink balloons with messages of support.
5. On “Inner Wheel Day”, we annually give a donation to babies born on 10th January 10 in the maternity hospital of Bijeljina Hospital.
6. Annually, we organise an activity and offer assistance at the Safe House, and give away New Year presents to the children with special needs at the elementary school “Petar Kočić” in Brodac.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BUDAPEST
IW Hungary.
Chartered: 23 Sep 1997

The first Inner Wheel Club in Hungary. Currently, there are 32 Active Members and one Honorary Member. Our 2023-2024 projects are donations to: The Together Children's Cancer Charity, Autism Foundation, and Family Care Center Nagymaros. Past Project beneficiaries: Smile Family and Children Welfare Service, Family Nursery, Batthyany Laszlo Roman Catholic Boarding School for Blind Children, Dog “Happy” Guide Dog Training.



Challenges facing the Club are to find young members and new international charity connections. Last year members supported the Inner Wheel Club of Split to help earthquake victims in Croatia.

Members have close rapport with most of the Hungarian Rotary Clubs, supporting each other's charity initiatives and events.

Goals for 2024-2025 are to organise a Christmas Bazaar, a Charity Movie Event, and to get more “traction” on social media. Final comment: “We love Inner Wheel!”



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BURNIE

IW Australia.
Chartered: 1 Mar 1983

The members were very active in District A80, Tasmania, until the Club became Non-Districted in 2022.

In October 1985, the Club members hosted the entourage of International Past President Gwen Davies travelling on a bus tour of Tasmania prior to attending the Inner Wheel Australia Conference at the Albert Hall, Launceston, Tasmania.



The Club catered for the Burnie Rotary Bowls Night from February 1984 until February 2023 annually. Donations were given to many charities including Inner Wheel Australia project, Cord Blood Research, made bags and gowns for North West Regional Hospital Radiotherapy Department, Warrabee Women's Shelter, Clifford

Craig Research, Camp Quality, Operation Christmas Child, John Fawcett Foundation, Hospital Chaplaincy, School Chaplaincy, Wheelchairs for Kids, Menzies Research, Royal Flying Doctors Service, Ronald McDonald House, Northwest Medical Research, Cancer Auxiliary, Riding for the Disabled, Shoe Boxes, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

A wooden table and seats were donated to the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden in recognition of two Inner Wheel members who had passed away and a stainless-steel seat was donated to the Burnie Council in memory of Past President Dawn Collins to recognise her contribution to Inner Wheel.



Marj Heathcote and Barbara Schmidt relax on the Dawn Collins Seat in the Burnie Park.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CLARENCE

IW Australia.
Chartered: 26 May 2007

The City of Clarence is located in the greater urban area of Tasmania's capital, Hobart. The Club was chartered in 2007 with 20 members, there are currently 28 members of whom 7 were in the original charter group.

Connecting with our local community is very important to us and recently we have had a particular focus on understanding the challenges faced by the disadvantaged in our home town. We are a busy Club reflecting the Inner Wheel spirit of friendship and service in our various activities; a significant feature is the many hours members spend together at working bees to produce items either for sale or direct donation to worthy causes. The picture shows our fundraising stall at a craft fair stocked with our handmade items.





INNER WHEEL CLUB OF GGABA

IW Uganda.
Chartered: 20 January 2020

Starting with only 12 members, the Club now has 20 as of 13 January 2024. Meetings are every second and last Thursday of the month at Hotel Africana.



International Board Director Francine Beij Mos at the Charter of the Inner Wheel Club of Ggaba.

We have had a number of projects since our inception. The most current one being St Lillian's Jubilee Home for the physically and mentally handicapped children situated at Gayaza, Wakiso District in Uganda.

The Club assessed the needs of the Home and aided them on a list of their immediate needs. We, the members, are committed to continue sharing the little we can afford with St Lillian's community, especially during the festive season, in order to put a smile on these innocent faces, and shine a light on their predicament.



At St Lillian's Jubilee Home, Christmas of 2023.



Inner Wheel centenary celebration by the Club with International Board Director Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KAMPALA

IW Uganda.
Chartered: Jul 1985

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 1 to 2PM at All Saints Cathedral Kampala (ASCK), Church Hall.

The main Project for Inner Wheel Club of Kampala is known as Sleeping Children Around the Word (SCAW). This is in partnership with SCAW Canada which donates Sleeping Kits annually and they are distributed to different regions within the country. A Sleeping Kit includes a mattress, blanket, basin, a pair of bedsheets, a set of uniform, school bag, lunch box, a water bottle, a dozen of exercise books and a mathematical set. These items are given to children aged between 6 and 12 years. One child from the beneficiary family receives these items on the distribution day and is usually accompanied by a family member or guardian.



Inner Wheel centenary celebration by the Club with International Board Director Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten.



Sleeping Kits ready for distribution, the queue and the walk home.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KAUNAS

IW Lithuania.
Chartered: 14 Nov 2005

Currently there are 17 active members. Most of them are wives or family members of Rotarians. Meetings are twice a month, usually on Tuesdays.

Club members invite interesting speakers to their meetings, join projects in organised outings, sightseeing tours, and also carry out charitable activities.

For the past 17 years, the Club has been taking care of a family house “The Chimney of home”, annually organising summer camps for the children, at Club members’ homestead with presents, a Christmas tree and gifts; and gathering to clean their surroundings and a variety of other activities.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF LJUBLJANA

IW Slovenia.
Chartered: 28 Nov 1998



The Inner Wheel Club Ljubljana is the first Inner Wheel Club in Slovenia. One of the biggest achievements so far is this year’s project on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Club’s formation — the purchase of a new instrument, a horn, for a young and talented musician, Tibor Cemič. His family had lost all their property in this year’s catastrophic floods in Slovenia. The funds for the purchase were raised at a charity classical music concert at the Slovenian Philharmonic in Ljubljana in cooperation with the Gallus Foundation, flute soloists Martin Belič (a member of the Munich Philharmonic), and Anamaria Lajh (the Amadeo Orchestra) and conductor Tilen Draksler. The campaign is also supported by the Rotary Club of Ljubljana and the Friends of Youth Association.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF LUSAKA

IW Zambia.
Chartered: 16 Nov 2021



Charter President
Judy Lewis being
installed by Rotary
Past District
Governor Lucie
Kasanga.

The Club was formed by a group of Rotary Anns when International Past President Dr Bina Vyas approached Judy Lewis, the Club's Charter President. Starting with only 12 members and in a space of a year, it grew to 19, all enthusiastic to help the needy. Meetings are at lunch, Tuesdays, once monthly. Members enjoy different cuisines in different venues. There are now 24 members and still growing

In the first year, we undertook small projects – donating food to orphanages, clothing to the premature babies' ward and children's cancer ward, and food to the rehabilitation ward at the hospital for the mental challenged Fund raising

get-togethers and lunches kept us going.

Led by Mrs Pumulo Nyathando (Club President 2023-2024), the Club assists the Awakening Impact Ministries which empowers women in the rural community with sewing machines by providing materials and funds for a sewing teacher. An assortment of dialysis medication was donated to the dialysis ward at Levy Mwanawasa Hospital. At the Home of Happiness, an orphanage for abandoned mentally disturbed children, a happy Christmas party with hot lunches and gift packs was organised. We will continue to support this home giving assistance such as bedding, cleaning materials and food supplies.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MARIBOR

IW Slovenia.
Chartered: 4 Nov 2000



The Club was formed by the Rotary Club of Maribor, chaired by Mr Vlado Podhostnik, and the Inner Wheel Club from Ljubljana, headed by Mrs Jožica Drese. The Club currently has 11 members.

This Inner Wheel year, the focus of all activities is on helping people in Slovenia who have been affected by the catastrophic floods in August 2023. The floods affected two-thirds of the country. With the cooperation of the local Red Cross, we channeled our focus to help socially deprived families with children who have lost their homes

in the floods. Special attention was given to children with special needs by donating additional therapies that parents cannot afford.

We were helped by friends from all the Croatian Inner Wheel Clubs of District 191 and the Inner Wheel Club of Passau in Germany. The damage will take years to repair, so donations and all activities will continue to be focussed on helping those affected by the floods.





INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MOMBASA

IW Kenya.
Chartered: 2 Jan 1961

The Club was formed in 1959 and received its Charter in 1961 as “Overseas Club No. 226”. There were 12 members then. The first President is Mrs Revti Karve. Many of the senior members are no more with us today, resting peacefully in their Heavenly Abode. Amen. They have left behind a lasting legacy which we continue to emulate. Today, we have 22 members.

The core projects are :

1. Girl Child Education.
2. Sanitary napkin Sponsorship
3. Eye Care and Cataract camps
4. Boreholes in Rural locations
5. Disability Aid Sponsorships
6. Breast Cancer
7. Feeding Programme

We are still pretty active and share pictures of activities on Facebook.



Presentation of sewing machines on completing Diploma in Sewing 2017



Cataract surgery in an organised eye camp.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MONTERREY

IW Mexico.
Chartered: 16 Mar 2022

On a Wednesday, 16 March 2022, ten friends made the decision to establish the first Inner Wheel Club in the north of the country, in the City of Monterrey,

capital of the State of Nuevo León, Mexico. Charter President was María Dolores González Quintana and Club Secretary was Gloria María Pavón Vargas.



Founding members: Isabel Cárdenas, Patricia Heredia, Naydu Huacuja, Laura Martínez, Dalia Reyes, Marina Reyes, Angélica Seifert and Fernanda Valencia.



Donation to Amigos Unidos.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MUKONO

IW Uganda.
Chartered: 22 Nov 2023

The project, this Inner Wheel year, is to teach mothers how to feed 0 to 5 year-olds because it is one of the reasons that children acquire rickets, malnourishment and die before aged 5. Club member, Joyce Kalinda, is a nurse at AFAAYO Children's Clinic. and she shares her experience in order that we can help.



Left: A 3-year-old child who could not sit because of rickets. The poor girl did not get attention at an early age.



From right to left: Charter President Esther Naggujja, Hajjat Sulaina Nalubega and Joyce Kalinda.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SAINT GEORGES

IW Canada.
Chartered: 21 May 1983

The Club's mission is to work together with the heads and staff of ten primary schools; to provide clothes, snacks, warm meals and learning materials to children in need.

The Club's activities include:

- Being involved with the annual Rotary Club blood collection activity since 2001.
- Participating in the Annual Rotary Club Blood Clinic since 2001.
- Helping an average of 120 children a year with a budget of \$57,000. We have donated more than half a million Canadian dollars since our founding.

With over 36 years of volunteer activity under the friendship and service motto, our 36 current members wish to continue their mission of helping the children in need for many years to come. Our involvement includes the purchase of clothes, shoes, warm meals, snacks, etc.

Our work is a common project that motivates and unites us. The leaders of our ten elementary schools bear witness to all the good we provide to the little ones through our financial support and our attention as 'godmothers'.



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Saint Georges. The Club is located in the southern part of the province of Quebec where French is the official language.

The generous donations we receive from various organisations and companies are proof that our contribution to the school community has been highly recognized since 2001.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SAPPORO

IW Japan.
Chartered: Mar 1999

International President Lovise Richardson (1998-1999) reported in the International Convention 2000 Minutes⁸¹, “In March, 1999 the Charter of the first Inner Wheel Club in Japan took place, the Inner Wheel Club of Sapporo. Thanks must be extended to the President of the Rotary Club of Sapporo East, Dr Aoki for believing in the Objects of Inner Wheel and seeing the need for Inner Wheel in Japan.”

The Charter was in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club⁸². In 2010-2011, The Inner Wheel Club of Cuornè e Canavese reported donations in support of children orphaned by the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake⁸³.

Excerpt translated from the Rotary Club of Sapporo East webpage by the Club President Kuniko Matsumiya (2009-2010)⁸⁴:

The Inner Wheel Club is made up of the wives of Rotary Club members.... Sapporo Inner Wheel Club is the only Club in Japan and was established 10 years ago. For the past 10 years, we have continued to enjoy service activities while building friendships among our members, with the goals of ... Inner Wheel Club's mission... We are working on various initiatives to expand the circle of new Clubs in Japan.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SAVINJSKO SALESKA

IW Slovenia.
Chartered: 9 Aug 2022

In 2022, we had a great honour to start a new story with exceptional ladies. With our charter we set a goal to support our community. Charter President was Iris Kocevar. The first service project was a fundraising for the Maternity Home Žalec-Mozirje and helping children in need. We continue to do so today under Club President 2023-2024, Sabina Rozman.





**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
SCONE**
IW Australia.
Chartered: 12 May 1972



Mother's Day Raffle

Scone is a small farming and horse community located about 3 hours north of Sydney. The Club was part of a District in Australia until the District closed. It has 20 active members, a gain of three from 2022-2023. A lunch celebration was recently held for a number of long-time members who were turning 80. Our main way of raising money is through raffles and market stalls. Nationally, the Club supports the Cord Blood Research Project. Raffles are held each year around Mother's Day. In the community, the Club members support families with special needs, and donate backpacks filled with clothes and other treats for those going through a tough time. One of our favorite charities is providing equipment to the local ambulance service and assisting the Red Cross by volunteering as needed. We donate prizes to the schools for academic rewards. Our social gatherings for coffee are always filled with lots of laughter and chatter. The Club meeting is a dinner meeting.



**INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
TAMAR VALLEY**
IW Australia.
Chartered: 10 Feb 1975

Our Club has only recently, in 2022 become non-districted. This was due to the closure of yet another Club in the District and the inability to find a President and Executive members. We began as the Inner Wheel Club of Beaconsfield Inc. in 1975 with 14 members. The cost of the Charter Dinner was \$2.75 per head! Our membership has fluctuated over the years and is at present 18 members. In 2012, we became the Inner Wheel Club of Tamar Valley as this is more accurate, depicting where our members reside.

The most important aspect of our Club is that of friendship and that is what has been our strength to continue. It is wonderful looking back at past Club Presidents and other members who have passed on and remembering their contributions to our Club. Our members have always been passionate about what they do, sewing, cooking, having fun, making friends, and most importantly, helping those less fortunate than themselves.

It is impossible to list all our donations over almost fifty years but they covered many areas, some local and personal, and many overseas projects. Times have changed when 30 cents was charged for entry to a Cup Afternoon! As we have aged, our fundraising has become limited. Bunnings Barbeques are now beyond us but we filled boxes for Samaritan's Purse and donated many gifts to our local Women's Shelter.

Our Club has produced five District Chairmen and two others transferred to our Club. Many have served on the Executive and Conference Committees.





INNER WHEEL CLUB OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

IW Trinidad and Tobago.
Chartered: 18 May 1985

The Club has made great strides since its charter. Promoting friendship and service in its community outreach have been significant. The promotion of education, good health and respect for the environment have been foremost in its thrust. In our multiracial-multicultural communities and country, building bridges, promoting good living and leadership qualities are ideals we constantly strive for.



Inner Wheel Day, Jan 2020, donation of seedlings to primary school children to promote agriculture.



Having fun dressing up at Istanbul Convention 2012



Christmas cheers to primary school children with our own member as Santa Claus (2019).



Club Executive Committee 2023-2024



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF VIGO
 IW Spain.
 Chartered: 03 May 2019

On her first tour of duty, International President Phyllis (2019-2020) attended the Charter ceremony of the Club⁸⁵. Many Rotarians were also present. The Inner Wheel Club of Andorra (Inner Wheel FAMAT) was the sponsoring Club. The Charter President of the Club, Karen Laustsen commenced the year with fundraising for their Amigo Vigo charity.



International President Phyllis with Club Charter President Karen Laustsen.

In the Amigo Vigo project, members collect aluminium can rings, and packs them for Inner Wheel Club of Thisted (Inner Wheel Denmark) who collects from others too, and ships the bulk to a manufacturer of leg braces. In return, Inner Wheel Club of Thisted gives used glasses which Inner Wheel Club of Vigo ships to Namibia and Cambodia.



Necklaces of aluminium can rings packed and ready to go.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF ZRENJANIN
 IW Serbia.
 Chartered: 25 Sep 2000



8 March 2001. Celebration with friends from Belgrade, Novi Sad, Pančevo and Kikinda.



10th Club anniversary in 2011.

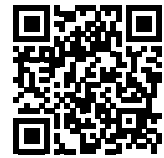
Developing friendship, enlarging the Club's membership and rallying with members from other Clubs is the way to achieving recognition and affiliation within Inner Wheel internationally.



Donation to Children's ward of the General Hospital in Zrenjanin, 2004.



Donation to a shelter for women in Zrenjanin on Easter 2022.



Inner Wheel Germany has the third largest membership in International Inner Wheel – 8,400 women in 226 Clubs in a spread of 7 Districts. The first Inner Wheel Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Lübeck, chartered in 1968, and is located in the first District, District 89, founded in 1978. The youngest Club, also in the north, called Cuxland was chartered in 2023. When Berlin Wall that divided the western and eastern part of Germany was demolished in 1989, Inner Wheel gradually spread out into the east with Brandenburg-Havel as the first Club chartered in the state of Brandenburg. Today there are 17 Clubs in the east in three of the Inner Wheel Districts. In 1990, the first National Governing Body of Inner Wheel Germany was chartered but was dissolved in 2008. A National Representative remains as the liaison with International Inner Wheel and serious attempts are being made to reinstall the National Governing Body. In the past, thirty or more members have served as International Board Members and Directors or in other functions. The International Inner Wheel Convention 1997 was hosted in Berlin, the European Meeting 2008 in Köln and 2019 in Münster, and in 2022, the European Rally.



Germany's Centenary Project



For the 100th anniversary of Inner Wheel, members of Inner Wheel Germany wanted to do something unique, to “shine a light” throughout, in line with the International President’s theme 2023-2024. Jointly with an experienced partner, Kinderlachen e.V., all the seven Districts and 226 Clubs, and other individuals, raised funds to support 15 homes for neglected and traumatised children, and youngsters. We call the homes “lighthouses” and they are spread all over Germany. Support is given in the form of items and services, for example, playground swings, horses for therapy, a contractor’s shed as a place of retreat for the youngsters. These are “extras” not provided by the state which can be helpful in the therapy of traumatised children. As a symbol of our relationship, all homes receive a model lighthouse, as big as a child. An enormous sum has been raised so far, and we are positive that more will come!



The next event called “Festival of Lighthouses” in Stuttgart, on 20-22 September 2024 will be held in conjunction with the celebration of Inner Wheel’s centenary. It will be a commemoration of the light that shines to cherish the work of this project.



Festive atmosphere at Baden-Baden.

European Rally 2022,
International President Zenaida Farcon
with District Chairmen.



Friendship

Every three years, members and friends gather at a “German Meeting” hosted by one of the Clubs. The programmes are festive get-togethers and exchanges among friends. In 2023, it was in Baden-Baden by the Inner Wheel Club of Baden-Baden Favorite, and in 2026, it will be in Frankfurt.

After having hosted the **Rally Charlemagne** in Kassel in 1987 and in Erfurt-Gotha in 2004, Inner Wheel Germany was proud to be the host of the **European Rally** in 2022 in Berlin. Despite the trepidations of hosting soon after the COVID-19 pandemic, members had organised a fantastic programme of symposium, sightseeing and gala-events to “Stay Connected” with over 600 Inner Wheel members and friends from sixteen European countries.

Inner Wheel Germany uses a web based form and system called “**International Contact Pool**” to connect members and especially, new friends. Its mission: get connected... stay connected, meet friends – strengthen friendship – experience

cultural diversity – promote international understanding. The Form helps to coordinate visits to other Inner Wheel Clubs. Networking, business trips, holiday visits, Club excursions, or establishing friendships with partner Clubs, and many more, is possible and easy to plan with the International Contact Pool.



The German Club magazine **Rundschau** has been another way to stay connected for forty-two years now. All Clubs send articles about their activities which are put together by a team of seven District Editors printed twice a year and found also online on the Inner Wheel Germany website www.innerwheel.de

District 81

After the first German Club was founded in Lübeck in 1968, it took ten years for the Inner Wheel idea to gain traction in Germany. It became necessary to support the newly formed Clubs by the charter of a District, District 89. In the 1980s and 90s, the number of new Clubs formed in Germany reached its peak. So in 1984, District 89 was divided and District 90 was created. District 81 branched off from District 90 in 1991-1992. Today District 81 consists of thirty Clubs with around 1,200 members.



The oldest Club in the District is Solingen, the 12th Club in Inner Wheel Germany chartered in 1978, home to the 2023-2024 District Chairman. It was the Club's Charter President who initiated the membership directory of Inner Wheel Germany. In mid-2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the youngest Club, Vulkaneifel was formed, home to the 2023-2024 District Treasurer. District 81 is a pioneer in implementing the data protection requirements of Inner Wheel Germany. The webmaster of Inner Wheel Germany is from this District.

Stretching from Aachen and Trier in the west to Kassel in the east, from Wuppertal in the north and Frankfurt in the south, District 81 encompasses two large metropolitan areas. On the one hand, there is the economic and transportation hub of Frankfurt/Rhine-Main with its large and populous area, and on the other hand there is the Cologne-Bonn area on the Rhine. In District 81, there are also rural low mountain areas such as the Eifel, Hunsrück, Taunus and the Bergisches Land. There, the places are smaller and the distances are longer, which limits the Clubs' ability to recruit members. There are four health resorts in District 81 alone: Bad Homburg, Bad Nauheim, Bad Orb and Bad Wildungen with their spa establishments, some of which date back to the Art Nouveau period.

Over the years since their charter, the Clubs of District 81 have been collecting donations through a variety of activities, for example, baking, running and dancing.

The funds have been used to support and promote. For example, aiding hospices, children's hospitals or children's homes or in literacy programmes for women in Africa or Nepal. The members have also been involved in helping refugees as a result of the Russo-Ukrainian War. Besides collecting relief supplies, members also took in those affected.

In the summer of 2021, days of raging floods occurred in the District when the Ahr River overflowed. It caused some of the Clubs, themselves, to become recipients of donations. Villages were entirely swept away, and there were destructions to homes, cars, agricultural land and even a motorway. Many lives were lost

The catastrophe initiated enormous service activities. Members teamed up with other service Clubs to carry out large hands-on projects together. The District Chairman then, organised a summer festival for the children of the affected Ahr Valley. Through fundraising campaigns of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Germany and Europe, over a quarter of a million Euros were made available by spring of 2022. The former National



District project "Christian Hospice Bergisches Land".



Waffle sales at the "Brückenfest" by the Remscheid and Solingen Clubs.



"Running for a good cause" campaign, Inner Wheel Club of Offenbach-Hanau-Maintal.



Heart pillow for breast cancer patients.



Destructive floods.



Summer festival for the children in the Ahr Valley.

Representative of Germany wrote, "I am touched and deeply grateful for these signs of solidarity; that's real friendship – standing together."

District 85

The District started in 1990-1991 with thirteen Clubs and has grown to thirty Clubs with around 1,000 members. It is located in the north of Germany, in mainly rural areas and the region of Lower Saxony where the state capital of Hanover is, in the city-state of Bremen and Magdeburg. Members are aged between 40 and 97 years old. Ilsabe Fließbach, the first District Chairman, has fond memories of the Club's activities. True friendships were made possible by the formation of the District. “Working together brings people together and is fun,” she says. Friendship activities were skiing and hiking meetings among members and Districts. It was with great pleasure that picnics and dance parties were organised. “The friendship between the individual Inner Wheel Clubs has grown tremendously,” she continues.



2023-2024 District Executive Committee, from left: Susanne Veenker, Meike Ahrends, Waltraud Pissarsky, Brigitte Groppe, Meike Völz, Geneviève Naffin, Nadine Volling, Miranda Koene.

Club delegates also meet at two District conferences a year. A warm welcome, friendly encounters and mutual exchanges are the focus.

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Fundraising and social projects

The members are very active and versatile in terms of fundraising. For example, flea markets and Christmas markets are visited for a sale, members are represented at bazaars and they organise surprise packages at Christmas time. Donations are also collected via advent calendars or, more often now, through cinema matinées.

There are numerous social projects within the various Clubs. These include, among others: Projects to help children with cancer, the “Wünschewagen” (a social initiative to fulfill last wishes) and the food banks in the region. Swimming courses for children are co-organised, women's shelters are supported and families in need are clothed. The Clubs in District 85 are happy to help with love and dedication to the people. In addition to a wide variety of Club projects, and Inner Wheel Germany's project 2020-2024 are also supported.

International Friendship



District 85 has nurtured a friendship with District 56 of Inner Wheel Netherlands for 25 years. The most recent gathering was on 22-24 September 2023. The participants were welcomed by Inner Wheel Netherlands's National President Anita Meerdink, her predecessor Willeke Overink, and her successor Nathalie Gruben, among others.

The group consisted of ten Dutch and thirty German members, including the 2023-2024 District Chairman Brigitte Groppe and her deputy, Miranda Koene.

A joyful reunion was noticeable. The friends got to know the old Hanseatic city of Deventer and experienced an Ukrainian dinner in the theater, followed by performances of a professional music group from Ukraine.

District 86

District 86 located in the in south-west of Germany was chartered on 1 July 1991, from a division of District 88 which had grown considerably. It started with eleven Clubs and 324 members. By 2023-2024, it has forty-four Clubs and 1,565 members, making it the District in Inner Wheel Germany with the largest number of Clubs and members. The oldest Club the Inner Wheel Club of Heidelberg-Mannheim, chartered in 1974 and the youngest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Bingen chartered in 2019.

Club memberships are between 12 to 65 members ranging in age from 26 to 98. The members work together in voluntary service and friendship and support about 370 regional and international social projects annually.

The Clubs have a total of 26 friendship links with other Clubs internationally. These are mainly with Clubs in Inner Wheel France and Inner Wheel Switzerland. In 2018, a friendship link between District 86 and District 206 in the north of Italy was inked.

The Blue Bus Project



“The Blue Bus” is a 21-year-old success story which started in 2002. “The Blue Bus” is a mobile youth centre. For five days a week, it moves and locates itself in five small villages in the east of Germany, near the Oder River. At each location, children in this remote and economically underdeveloped region enjoy a time of fun, song, cooking, prayer, music and art, under loving and professional mentors. Over the years, it has become a “second home” for many young adults. Once a year, members follow the bus for trips to these locations to have an on-site idea of this incomparable and highly successful social project. During its dedication, Professor Wolfgang Huber, Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, called “The Blue Bus” a “Blue Wonder”. We are so pleased about the long continuity of our “Blue Wonder”.



A celebration of friendship — Baden-Baden Connects 2023

The highlight of every Inner Wheel Germany member is to participate in a gathering of friendship for a few days in a wonderful atmosphere.

The gathering in 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. In a second attempt in 2023, the Inner Wheel Club of Baden-Baden Favorite hosted the event and themed it “Baden-Baden Connects”. It was a splash of activities including a golf tournament, a reception at the casino, sight-seeing tours through the town to a variety of sites, an elegant gala evening with a “Friendship” theme at the Kurhaus and concluded with a musical matinee in the largest opera house and concert hall in Germany. There was something for everybody. It was a meeting of a special kind, a happy and cordial get-together. Inner Wheel “conquered” the beautiful spa town in the Black Forest, because wherever one was standing or walking, there would be a happy group of Inner Wheel ladies. The blue wristbands, however, did help a lot in recognising one another.

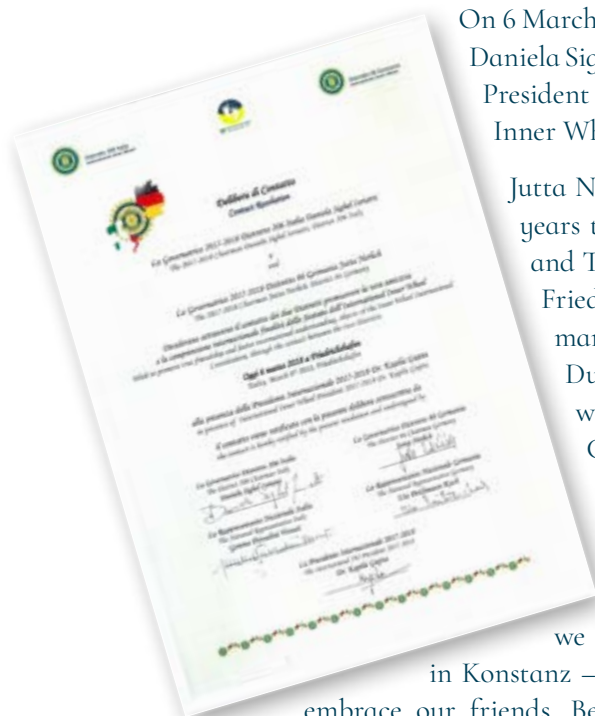
Once again, it shows that face-to-face engagements are needed to strengthen our unity and social connection. It was a lot of fun, getting to experience new things and having room and time for conversations, but also listening to a presentation as an invitation to reflect – this is the right combination for beautiful impressions and lasting memories.

Every social commitment of a Club binds the Club members closer together, creates shared memories and deepens the friendship.

Friendship link between District 206, Inner Wheel Italy and District 86, Inner Wheel Germany

On 6 March 2018, District 86 Chairman Jutta Nerlich and District 206 Chairman Daniela Sighel Ioriatti signed a friendship link in the presence of the International President 2017-2018, Dr Kapila Gupta and many other members from both Inner Wheel countries.

Jutta Nerlich and Daniela Sighel Ioriatti have known each other for several years thanks to the friendship link between their Clubs of Oberschwaben and Trento Carf. The ceremony was held at the Graf-Zeppelin building in Friedrichshafen. Soon after, a gathering was organised in Verona where many of their members participated to experience a wonderful weekend. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, friendship continued although it was via video conferencing. We enjoyed a wonderful New Year's Day Concert, and a year later, we organised a virtual walk through the most beautiful cities in our Districts together with 144 friends. We were thrilled and this strengthened our friendship. Next, we will meet once again in Konstanz – we can hardly wait to embrace our friends. Because of international contacts, a small flame at club level turns into a bright flame of friendship. We shine a light!



District 87

In 1995, District 87 emerged from the division of District 90. It started with 13 Clubs and 440 members. In 2023-2024, there are 26 Clubs and 1,043 members. The oldest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Gelsenkirchen chartered in 1976. The Inner Wheel Club of Warendorf, the youngest Club, was chartered in 2013.

We are located to the west of Germany, in North Rhine-Westphalia, at the border with the Netherlands. Not surprisingly, some Clubs have friendship links with the Inner Wheel Netherlands Clubs. It is a small District in terms of area and all Clubs can be reached in less than two hours from north to south. Parts of the District is characterised by rural areas, other are industrial and there are a few university cities like Köln, Düsseldorf, Essen and Münster.



Members actively hold high office:

- International Board Member and Board Director: Christiane Böcker (2005-2006), Margareta Momquist (2018-2020) and Dorothee Remmler-Bellen (2023-2024).
- Inner Wheel Germany National Representatives: Christiane Böcker (2003-2004), Antje Steinrötter (2013-2014), Margareta Momquist (2016-2017) and Dorothee Remmler-Bellen (2021-2022).
- Inner Wheel Germany Editor: Bärbel Nacimiento (2016-2019) and Barbara Fäth (2023-2024).

Projects in our District are concerned with:

- Rights of the child: Children's homes, Children's clinics, youth welfare centres, services for children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, cyberbullying, Inner Wheel Germany's Project.
- Family: Mother and children's facilities, support for children of mentally ill parents, pregnancy conflict counselling, food banks, family home, heart cushion campaign, wishing tree campaign, telephone counselling.
- Refugee aid: Support for various institutions for refugees.
- Fundraising: Christmas markets, bazaars, second hand-sales, charity concerts, cinema screenings.



A book donation to children learning to read their first own book (Inner Wheel Club of Geldern).



Fresh fruit and vegetables for children at school (Inner Wheel Club of Duisburg)



Many Clubs sewed heart-shaped pillows to give some relief to cancer patients.



Friends from Inner Wheel Club of Duisburg donated one lasting grocery in the 24 days before Christmas to give to a food bank.



Friends from Inner Wheel Club of Ahlen-Münsterland collected money for the victims of a devastating earthquake that hit Syria in 2023.



Refugee families from Ukraine being welcomed into their temporary hometown in our District (Inner Wheel Club of Warendorf).



A very successful second hand-sale of classy handbags organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Recklinghausen.



A benefit concert by the Inner Wheel Club of Mönchengladbach in aid of the Inner Wheel Germany Project.

District 88

District 88 is proud to present our star project: Asante e.V., a registered association which provides education, fights poverty and hunger in Tiwi, Kenya giving children a brighter future, through a private school – the Kristina Academy – set up to help orphans. The founder, Christine Rottland, has received several awards worldwide. International Inner Wheel presented her the **Margarette Golding Award in June 2017.**



MASK Award in 2018

Mobile Art School in Kenya, “MASK”, supports creativity and innovation in youth, educators and communities. It encourages a sense of tomorrow through art, the root of all innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership. Kristina’s Academy was awarded 1st place among five other nominees.

Federal Cross of Merit Germany



Bundesverdienstkreuz in Berlin, January 2018. The award was for her contribution in charity and voluntary work in Tiwi, Kenya.

Ein Herz für Kinder (“A heart for children”)



Honorary award for Christine’s life work from the foundation, Ein Herz für Kinder in December 2016.

Kristina’s Academy

Their motto: “Educate the children and it won’t be necessary to punish the men.” - Pythagoras.

Asante e.V. is active in health and medical care, supporting pregnant women and providing housing for mothers and their sick children. There is not enough space to mention all the fields where help is provided. We are grateful for any support of our charity activities.



The Academy is the perfect environment for education, fun and support for children and their family members.



Food distribution for children and their families.



Handcrafted angels for Africa

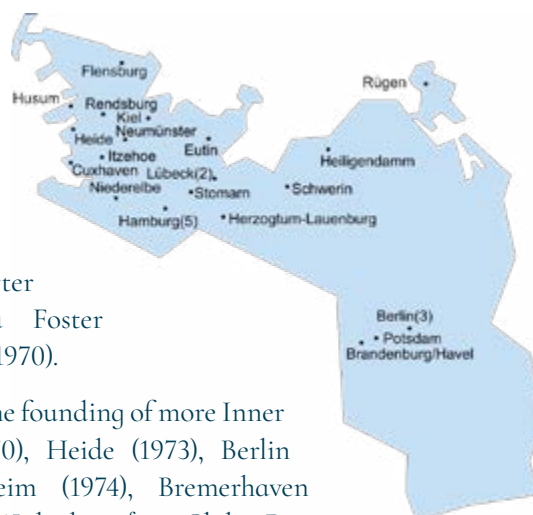


Providing job opportunities and income for single mothers through handicraft.

District 89



In 1968, at the initiative of Birthe Fangl from Denmark, the first Inner Wheel Club in Germany – the Inner Wheel of Lübeck, was chartered with 25 members. The charter was presented by Helena Foster (International President 1969-1970).



This was soon followed by the founding of more Inner Wheel Clubs: Husum (1970), Heide (1973), Berlin (1974), Heidelberg-Mannheim (1974), Bremerhaven (1976), and Gelsenkirchen. With these first Clubs, District 89 was formed in order to bind the Clubs closer together. The first District meeting on 5 October 1978 in Lübeck was attended by 11 Inner Wheel Clubs with 350 members. The first District Chairman is Erna Rieckmann from the Inner Wheel Club of Lübeck.

The number of Inner Wheel Clubs grew steadily. After the charter of the 35th Club in 1984, the Inner Wheel Club of Munich, District 89 was divided and the new District 90 emerged.



Social activities

District 89 is the northernmost Inner Wheel District in Germany and comprises 28 Clubs located in six federal states: Berlin, Brandenburg, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein. The Clubs are all involved in many social and humanitarian projects, such as the Lighthouse Project. This project includes many Clubs' support for a children's special education home in Bad Segeberg and Stipsdorf; and the Blue Bus.

Maintaining friendship

The District has also organised and has held many national and international friendship meetings and events to strengthen relations between the Inner Wheel Clubs, Districts and internationally. These include, for instance, the first Inner Wheel Germany meeting in Kiel in 1986, the 10th International Inner Wheel Convention in Berlin in 1997, winter and dinner gatherings organised by individual Clubs for the whole District, the North Sea Meeting, annual friendship meetings of individual Clubs or short trips together.

District 89 is very proud of its history and looks forward to continuing to successfully realise the goals of Inner Wheel.

District 90

District 90 was chartered in 1984 by the division of District 89. In 2023-2024, it has 28 Clubs and 1,065 members ranging in age from 30 to 96.

Outstanding Club members are:

Anette Kleyboldt (Inner Wheel Club of Herne) — 1992-1994 National Representative and 2006-2007 International Inner Wheel Board Director.

Dr Hildegund Scheipermeier (Inner Wheel Club of Gütersloh) — 2016-2017 International Inner Wheel Board Director and 2006-2007 National Representative.

Catherine Refabert, International Inner Wheel President 2011-2012, reported in the International Board Meeting, October 2011

"I started my visit in Gütersloh and I met all 7 District Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of this big Inner Wheel country, the biggest continental European country.

After meeting the media and the Mayor of the city we started very open discussions on all the main Inner Wheel questions, for them to find an appropriate governance structure and to participate fully in the development of the organisation at international level; the Convention and the Proposals, the communication in particular with HQ, the Internet which opens new dimensions for the worldwide communications, I explained with a lot of conviction to the Chairmen the Officers and the Members, the role and the importance of a National Representative. I continuously told them that a **National Representative** is not a power over the District officers but the national communication coordinator; somebody who should help them a lot by providing all the information they need to know to better achieve their mission as Chairmen in an Inner Wheel structure, to achieve our 3 ways of communication: from the Clubs to the upper levels, from the upper levels to the Clubs and between members.⁸⁶



Recipients of the Margarete Golding Award:

Ingrid Borchert (Inner Wheel Club of Bochum-Hellweg), Elisabeth Kersken (Inner Wheel Club of Bielefeld), Edelgard Radig (Inner Wheel Club of Iserlohn), Freifrau Sitta von Eckardstein (Inner Wheel Club of Detmold-Blomberg), Catherine Vonier (Inner Wheel Club of Do-Hörde), and Christiane Linden (Inner Wheel Club of Lüdenscheid).



The Past District Chairmen, Gudrun Frommholz (Inner Wheel Club of Herford-Widukind), created the Inner Wheel Song which was first played at the District Conference in Spenge in 2005.

What should be the most important objectives for Inner Wheel friends?

Friendship: includes acceptance of different beings, trust, loyalty, honesty and mutual support.

Helpfulness: stands for cooperation with other persons based on a mutual willingness to assist each other

International understanding: fosters a bilateral understanding with other populations and cultures thus avoiding resentments leading to conflicts

These three important aims should be part of the daily life of all friends within Inner Wheel. We should stand behind them from the bottom of our hearts!



**INNER WHEEL
DISTRICT 95**
IW Egypt-Jordan

The first Club in District 95 is the Inner Wheel Club of Amman in Jordan, chartered on 21 Jul 1971. The second is the Inner Wheel Club of Alexandria in Egypt, chartered on 6 Dec 1971. On 23 Nov 1971, Nancy Sharp, International President 1971-1972, was invited to the formation of the Inner Wheel Club of Cairo (chartered on 10 Dec 1971). It was a fruitful visit which also led to the charter of District 95, in Dec 1971. The notable founding members of the District are Laila Abou El Ela, Ziki Zaki, Lidia Atallah and Violet Habibi.

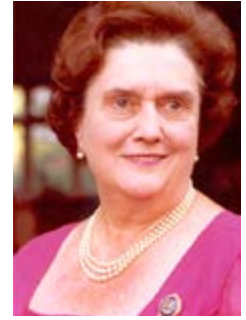
In 2023-2024, District 95 has 31 Clubs with 815 members located in Egypt and 3 Clubs with 120 members in Jordan.



Ziki Zaki



Violet Habibi



Nancy Sharp



Nidaa Association for the Rehabilitation of Deaf Children & Hearing Impaired.



Girls' Education Initiative (GEI). Nineteen New Girl Friendly Schools, 2008-2009.



A fully equipped sewing workshop at Kafraïn, Jordan Valley, 2022.



Initiative for Clean Water and Sewage System for 60 homes in Al Minya, Egypt, 2016.



Friendship link between District 95 Egypt & Jordan and District 707 Canada, signed in Cairo, Egypt, 2019.



Friendship link between the Inner Wheel Club of Amman Petra, District 95 and Inner Wheel Club of Dalyan, District 242, Inner Wheel Turkey, in 2019. Front row middle is Phyllis Charter, International President 2019-2020.



District 95 Golden Jubilee celebration in Cairo, 2021.



**INNER WHEEL
DISTRICT 96**
IW Cyprus

District 96 was established in 1973 by the late Thraki Jones as founder Chairman. After the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, and the occupation of the northern part of Cyprus by the Turkish army, District 96 was unable to function since two of the Inner Wheel Clubs were displaced. In 1978, International President 1977-1978, the late Kay Martin, visited Cyprus and gave her strong support for the revitalisation of District 96.

Various International Presidents have visited District 96 over the years. In 1992, International Inner Wheel held its International Governing Body Meeting in Cyprus – a great honour. On 21 to 24 April 2023, District 96 hosted the 17th European Meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Friendship and Service



2023. District 96 Clubs Committee.



2023. The 50th anniversary celebration of District 96.



17th European Meeting.



17th European Meeting. Friendship bloomed among the participants from 17 different countries.



A multifunctional playground equipment handed over to the Limassol Municipality by the Inner Wheel Club of Famagusta, 16 Jul 2018.⁸⁷



The Inner Wheel Club of Limassol gave financial aid to the Child Welfare Association (Limassol Daycare Station). December 2022.



In January 2020, the Inner Wheel Club of Paphos exchanged friendship link agreements with the Inner Wheel Club of Philadelphia, District 95 (Inner Wheel Egypt and Jordan).⁸⁹



In February 2024, District Chairman Maria Souroulla attended an afternoon fundraising event graced by the First Lady of Cyprus, Mrs Philippa Karsera. The event was hosted by Angela Lacovidou of the Inner Wheel Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea. Money raised supports Sotira's Children Social Welfare Council for the community's kindergartens.⁹¹



The Inner Wheel Club of Limassol Amathusia gave financial support to the children's section of the Autism Intervention Centre, Limassol.⁸⁸

On 30 October 2014, the Inner Wheel Club of Nicosia held a Charity Fashion Show at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre, with participation by the Lucifair Boutique. Net proceeds of the event goes in support of the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends.⁹²



November 2022. The unveiling ceremony of the statue "Regina the Queen of Cyprus" by the artist Giotas Ioannidou took place in Limanaki of Latsia. The event was organised by the Inner Wheel Club Polis Chrysochous Arsinoe Europea and the unveiling was by the First Lady Andri Anastasiadis, wife of the President of Cyprus.⁹⁰

On 14 May 2019, The Inner Wheel Club of Larnaca organised a musical performance entitled "Music Anthology" at the Municipal Theatre of Larnaca. Well known singers, the Ypsiphone Sonias Theodoridou and the mobile orchestra of Theodoros Orphanidis made it an event worth going. All proceeds was donated to Iasoneio Colours of Life, centre for adults with special needs.⁹³

In 8 March 2023, the Inner Wheel Club of Larnaca-Kition organised a public lecture on "The position of women in different cultures and religions" at the Sun Hall in Finikoudes. The lecture was delivered by Dr Aretis Dimosthenous.⁹⁴

The Inner Wheel Club of Israel, located in Tel Aviv, was the first Club established in 1957. District 99 was chartered in 1978 with Effrat Brener as the first District Chairman. At its height, the District had thirty Clubs in the 80s. However, today, in 2023-2024, there are only seven.

The Clubs, in brief:

- Haifa: established in 1978 in Haifa City, Charter President – Aliza Gilad.
- Nazareth: established in 1976 in Nazareth City, Charter President – Lidia Tabbar.
- Carmel: established in 1976 in Haifa City.
- Acco: established in 1982 in Acre City. Charter President – Rachel Katran.
- Naharia: established in 1986 in Naharia City, Charter President – Rachel Maskeet .
- Stella Maris: established in 2014 in Haifa City, Charter President – Najwa Suidan.
- Ramat Yishai: established in 2015 in Ramat Yishai, Charter President – Shirly Morag.



Stella Maris charter certificate, May 2014

Friendship

Several Israeli members attended the conventions in Denmark 2015, the virtual convention held in Jaipur India in 2021, and the European Meeting of April 2023.

There have been visits from International Presidents. Eileen Harsant (International President 2003-2004) visited during District Chairman Hanna Tal's tenure. In May 2019, Christine Kirby (International President 2018-2019) visited when District Chairman was Bracha Sariel.



National Representatives at the European Meeting held in Larnaca Cyprus.



Visiting Sacred Heart Hospice with Past International President Christine Kirby



We had a Zoom video conference with International President (2020-2021) Dr Bina Vyas on Inner Wheel Day, January 2021, attended by District Chairman Doris Majdalani and members.

In January 2023, Zenaida Farcon (International President 2022-2023) made her visit and was welcomed by District Chairman Tova Gilat and members (pictured on left).

Services



Courageous Bracelet by the Inner Wheel Club of Haifa, Past District Chairman Orna Gan Zvi. The purpose of this project is to support children in need and to make them happy.

In the minutes of the Christchurch Convention, 2000 Eileen Harsant reported:

Then began a series of official visits... to... to Israel, which had not had a visit from the President for seventeen years and it was wonderful to see how well the Clubs are functioning in difficult political circumstances.⁹⁵



The Warm House Club for elderly people by the Inner Wheel Club of Stella Maris. The Warm House Club was established in 2018 on the initiative by Past District Chairman Doris Majdalani.



Down Syndrome Club by the Inner Wheel Club of Nazareth. This was established by Past Club President Randa Nussir.



Bar-Bat Mizva Ceremony was jointly organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Carmel and the Rotary Club of Carmel.



**INNER WHEEL
DISTRICT 136**
IW Iceland.

Inner Wheel reached Iceland in 1973 when pharmacist Ingibjörg Guðmundsdóttir lobbied for the establishment of the Inner Wheel Club of Reykjavík. It was successfully chartered on 15 March of the same year. Membership and the number of Clubs quickly increased – along came Selfoss a small village in the south, Akureyri up north, Borgarnes in the middle of the country, Hafnafjörður, Keflavík, Reykjavík Breiðholt, Garðabær and Kópavogur, all nine in the large Reykjavík area. On 7 November 1987, District 136 was chartered. Sadly, Akureyri, Borgarnes and Reykjavík Breiðholt had to disband.



Nordic Meeting 2004



2023-2024 District Executive Committee



Inner Wheel Club of Hafnafjordur



Inner Wheel Club of Reykjavik



Inner Wheel Club of Selfoss



Inner Wheel Club of Keflavik



Inner Wheel Club of Reykjavík President 2023-2024 Stefania Borg Thorsteinsson, honouring Guðrúna for forty long years of service in Inner Wheel.

In 2004, we welcomed International President (2003-2004) Eileen Harsant and her husband. A very nice couple who were nice to have as guests and whom everyone enjoyed meeting. They came for the Nordic Meeting which Inner Wheel Iceland was host to participants from Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark. The Nordic meetings were an annual affair from 2000 until 2018. The National Representatives and her deputy from the Nordic countries would meet up for a couple of days to discuss about happenings in their Inner Wheel Clubs. On the agenda was also the proposals of Conventions. However, Nordic Meetings stopped in 2019 as participation and the agenda of the European Meetings were thought to be sufficient.

The goal that all Clubs have is primarily set on friendship. Monthly meetings provide an opportunity to form friendships and offer services. Each meeting incorporates a special discussion relating to topics on education and culture.

All Club have a free hand with the way and depth of involvement to their chosen service to the needy. Usually, support is given to people who need help, especially around Christmas time. For example, churches have stands for distributing food parcels to the needy every Christmas and then we, at Inner Wheel, would donate a sum of money for that activity.



An "Inner Wheel" rolling pin.



For the future...

The first idea for humanitarian service through Inner Wheel came to Croatia from a member of Inner Wheel Italy, Mrs Snježana Susović Hefti. With her help, the first Inner Wheel Club of Zagreb was chartered in 1992. By the end of the year 2000, nine more Clubs followed: Split, Karlovac and Rijeka in 1995, Dubrovnik, Osijek and Varaždin in 1996, Čakovec in 1997, Pula in 1999, and Zagreb Gardec in 2000. These ten Clubs decided to unite and establish a District, which became chartered on 27 September 2000 with its office based in Zagreb. The first District Chairman is Biserka Preinenger Fižulić, a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Zagreb, who initiated the formation of the District. The charter ceremony was held on 13 December 2000.

In 2009, during the annual District committee meeting in Pula, District Chairman Cvetana Divić organised the first annual District conference open to all members. New Clubs continued to be chartered: the Inner Wheel Clubs of Šibenik, Zadar, Prelog, Slavonski Brod and Split Palmina. Sadly, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Zadar and Zagreb had to disband. This Inner Wheel year, 2023-2024, District 191 has 13 Clubs with about 230 active members.

In 2014-2015, we elected our first National Representative for 2015-2017, Sandra Nereć Jaković. She was also elected as International Inner Wheel Editor/Media Manager two terms 2017-2019. She represented District 191 and the Clubs, as the proxy holder in the 2018 Melbourne Convention, and for the first time, we voted in the proposals to amend the International Constitution. Sandra went on to be elected to two terms as International Board Director 2019-2021.

International Presidents have been invited to visit our District several times. It has been a huge honour and privilege to extend our very warm welcome to them. President Vivienne Bolton-Sleigh witnessed the Charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Pula and attended the first District Conference on 28 November 2000. President Kapila Gupta witnessed the Charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Split and Dubrovnik in May 2018. President Phyllis Charter visited Split in 2019 and was at the Charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Split Palmina.

Friendship links have been signed between Inner Wheel Clubs of Split and Dubrovnik, Šibenik and Corner Ancona. In 2009, Dubrovnik and Bari Levante and in 2021-2022 Split Palmina and Berlin Spree.



In 2017-2018, District 210 (Inner Wheel Italy), contacted our District suggesting closer and better contacts as members of two neighbouring countries. Encouraged by District 210 Chairman Irene Ficociello Calzetta, the friendship link on 21 May 2018, hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Bari Levante, was signed in the presence of International President Kapila Gupta. President Kapila congratulated the achievement of two major goals of Inner Wheel – true friendship and international understanding.



District Chairman Ruza Smrcek 2022-2023 (photo: far right) at the Inner Wheel rally “Bridge for Peace”, Rimini, Italy, in April 2023; with Angela Azara Imbesi, and joint organisers Amelia Sales Vella (District 206) and Lilly Pasini (District 209). This rally was attended by twelve members from District 191. The outcome: the Adriatic Sea does not divide but connects us.



Twelve members attended the rally “Bridge for Peace” at Rimini, Italy in April 2023.

District Conference in Varaždin, June 2023. Members with Marija Ziskovic, Margarete Golding Award recipient.



Service Activities

District 191 carried out the first annual humanitarian activity in 2006-2007. Up till 2023-2024, about €170,000 worth of contributions have been given to those in need within the local community. The contributions were in aid of education, health, and special welfare needs, especially for women and children.



All Clubs carry out several humanitarian services each year in a big or small way, to support children, the elderly, the homeless, victims of domestic violence, educational and social institutions, health care facilities and hospitals, and organisations for various illnesses. The District also contributed to the Inner Wheel International COVID-19 Fund.

In 2020, after the strong earthquake in Banovina (Central Croatia), our members started a fundraising campaign to provide mobile homes for the victims. With our own funds we bought the first. Following that was an avalanche of support from Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide. Within three month, a fund of about €95.000 was collected from Inner Wheel Members, Clubs, and Districts. Overall, we were able to provide for seven families comprising five mobile homes, and two prefabricated wooden houses, all of which were fully equipped. The Adela Women’s Centre in Sisak, were given a new central heating stove and large household equipment.



The first house donated to a family in Banovina after the catastrophic earthquake and the inscription installed on all the donated houses.



The first Club of the District was the Inner Wheel Club of Wien-West in 1984. the Charter President was Caroline Sunley. Ten days later Wien-Nordost was chartered with its President Hinke Sundermann.

District 192 was chartered on 28 September 2013 after great effort by Gabriele Schrumpf and Gertie Munro, and supported by the International Board Director Ruth Beausire who was in charge of those Non-Districted Clubs then. In 2015, the Inner Wheel Club of Morava in Czechia was added to the District. In 2017-2018, Gabriele Schrumpf was elected the first National Representative of District 192.

International Inner Wheel Representatives to the UN in Vienna

Since 1985, members of the District have accepted appointments as the International Inner Wheel Representatives to the United Nations' office in Vienna. These Representatives attend meetings and report to the International Executive Committee. Their work is overseen by the International Inner Wheel Vice-President in office, who visits on her tour of duty.

International Vice-President Christine Kirby in the International Governing Board Meeting, October 2017 replied to the question by Board Directors about how appointments to the UN were made.

She explained that the organisation was very grateful to those living nearby the UN centres who had volunteered as Representatives. It was explained that some worked at the UN in other capacities — e.g. as translators to the committees. Some had been relied upon for many years.⁹⁷

At the 5th European Meeting, a decision was made to include the Baltic and Balkan countries⁹⁶. And so, Gabriele Schrumpf and Gertie Munro organised the 6th European Meeting, 31 August to 2 September 2012, in Graz, Austria. At that time, the Clubs in Austria were not yet formed into a District. It was attended by 28 members from 14 countries. From then, the impetus to form a District was set.



Charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Morava in Jun 2015 attended by International Vice-President Charlotte De Vos (third from left).



Charter ceremony of District 192 in 2013.





District Conference June 2017 with International President 2017-2018 Dr Kapila Gupta.

Service Projects

Projects in the District are carried out by the individual Clubs. Members often donate generously when there are natural disasters, like the tsunami in the Philippines, the earthquakes in Nepal, Croatia and Turkey, floods in our own country and so on. The following are some examples.

The Inner Wheel Club of Salzburg organises women’s golf tournaments every two years called the “Charity Ladies Cup” at the Golf and Country Club of Salzburg-Klessheim. Other fundraising activities are concerts, and making products for sale. Proceeds of the sales are used to support projects such as women suffering from breast cancer, and children with disabilities. During COVID-19, funds were channeled to help women who lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

The Inner Wheel Club of Gaz-Uhrturm fundraises by selling specially designed Advent calendars. The proceeds from the sale go to selected social institutions for vulnerable women, young people with disabilities, young people in need of learning assistance or socially disadvantaged families and students at school event. (Picture, 2023 Advent Calendar)



2020 Award ceremony of the Charities Ladies Cup. From left: Dr Gertraud Hubner (organiser of the golf tournament), Dr Elisabeth Telsnig (Inner Wheel Club of Salzburg President 2020-2021), Madeleine Usner von Oswald (Board Member of the Golf & Country Club of Salzburg-Klessheim).



Inner Wheel Club of Wien Nord Ost: Giving free access to high quality musical support for youths.



In 1980, Hazel Roessiger and her husband emigrated from the USA and took residence in the region of Morges on the banks of Lake Geneva Lake in the French speaking part of Switzerland. With the help of an Inner Wheel member in France, she founded the Inner Wheel Club of Morges, the first in Switzerland. It was chartered on 2 April 1982 and given the Club number, 2518.

Soon after, women of different linguistic regions of Switzerland founded more Clubs. District 199 was founded in 1987 and was joined in 1999 by Clubs in Liechtenstein. In 2023-2024, there are 40 Clubs with over 1,600 members. The characteristic of District 199 is that all District meetings, announcements and correspondences are conducted in German and French. English, being the official language of Inner Wheel, is translated by members for members. One day, when a Club can be chartered in Tessin, Italian might be added to this multi-linguistic District.



On 17-19 September 2010, District 199 hosted the **Charlemagne Rally** in Montreux, attended by 700 participants from 14 countries. It was the second time the District was hosting. The name of the Rally was symbolic of countries that once belonged to the empire of Charlemagne in the 8th and 9th century. An alpenhorn concert marked the opening and in a cordial and warm manner, the participants were welcomed in their own language. It was an honour to receive the International President 2010-2011, Pallavi Shah, at this event. With the inclusion of other European countries, the name was changed to the **European Rally** in 2019. These events take place for “Friendship” and “International Understanding” with programmes such as excursions, cocktails, and delicious meals – something for every taste and interest.



For the 30th anniversary of District 199 in 2017, we chartered a big ship to navigate around Lake Geneva. On board was the sound of typical folk music welcoming the participants, a delicious aperitif and a large variety of appetizers for a tour of several hours. Members and friends came from all over the District, having the opportunity to cultivate Inner Wheel friendship and to make new Inner Wheel friends.





Every year, our District has a common social project but each Club has also its own projects. They are all different – domestic and overseas projects – concerned mainly with children and women, and also supporting organisations that care for disabled persons.

Examples for domestic projects

- Providing an emergency shelter as a refuge for six or seven teenagers and young adults aged 14 to 23 years who are living in precarious housing and living conditions. The facility has the basic physical needs and represents a safe space for the users.
- Supporting the training of dogs to detect onset of diabetic and epileptic fits. Once trained, the dogs are given to chronically ill children. The dogs are close to these children and could signal before a fit occurs.

Example for overseas projects

Nepal: Helping to build and upkeep a primary school. As good education is the key for a better life, we also finance the transport to a secondary school (duration of seven years) for two of the best achieving children of every year.



Brazil: Supporting “Casa Maria Theresia”, a social centre in Teresina, north-east of Brazil. The centre’s aim is to protect and uplift the lives of women and children living in the poor quarter “Nossa Senhora da Guia”. Children who have no place to go during the day end up on the streets. The centre offers an integral programme for the young people and women of the quarter. The women have the opportunity to attend free training courses to obtain better skills to earn a living.



In support of all our domestic and overseas projects, a lot of different activities for fundraising are carried out by our very active members.





Inspired by the Inner Wheel red rose brooches worn by Inner Wheel members from Turkey, the spouses of Rotarians in the northern part of Cyprus gathered to charter the Inner Wheel Clubs of Lefkoşa Sarayonu and Girne on 15 November 2005. The Clubs have been active from the beginning as Non-Districted Clubs. In April 2011, the Inner Wheel Club of Girne hosted the second series of the project “Women for Europe – the Role of Inner Wheel”, WfE 2, with eighty participants from nine countries – France, Finland, Italy, Denmark, Luxembourg, Norway, Germany, Türkiye and Belgium. The project was initiated in November 2008 and coordinated by the Inner Wheel Club of Naples Luisa Bruni in Italy as a multi-cultural multi-year project for the future of women in Europe⁹⁸.

On 1 July 2021, District 222 was chartered with five Clubs and 251 members. The charter ceremony was held on 1 September 2021, which by that time had successfully grown to eight Clubs. By December 2023, District 222 has 12 Clubs and 560 members, and two Margarete Golding Award recipients – demonstrating significant progress since they stepped into Inner Wheel.



International President Erna Fandal flew in for the Charter Ceremony of Lefkoşa Sarayonu and Girne on 25 Mar 2006.



Charter Ceremony of District 222.



WfE 2 hosted by Inner Wheel Club of Girne. Members also attended other conferences and rallies. For example: Women for Europe 3 in Tuusula, Finland, European Meeting 13 in Munster in 2019.



At the Conference for Past District Chairmen in Anand, India, District Chairman Isin R Cemil spoke on membership for the young.



In 2021-2022, as Immediate Past International President, Dr Bina Vyas visited and presented an educational seminar for 95 members and another seminar for Districts 222, 242 and 244.



Handover ceremony of ten outgoing Club Presidents to their incoming Club Presidents.



Two Margarete Golding Award recipients (holding their certificate) in the presence of International Board Director Iclal Kardicali (5th from right) who was visiting Northern Cyprus to perform the second part of her award-winning project “Do You Like Music?” on 19 October 2023. (Inner Wheel Club of Lefkosa)



HPV Vaccination Awareness Programme.

In 2018-2019, the Inner Wheel Club of Girne provided vaccinations to 33 children, and 57 young girls ranging 12 to 15 years old. Several seminars were given to the students and their families. The programme was conducted in coordination with the

Education and Health Ministries of north Cyprus. In 2022-2023, in line with International President Zenaida Farcon’s call for women’s health, the programme was restarted.

Following devastating earthquakes in eastern Turkey, all Clubs of District 222 provided essential aid, shelter tents, a container serving as a health clinic and shelter, and container houses.



Joint District Projects. 42 fruit trees were planted at SOS Homeless Children’s Village in a tree planting project with District 341 located in Pakistan. In a climate crises awareness project with District 242 and organised by District 244 of Inner Wheel Turkiye, members were

briefed and trained about the climate crises, its effects on the planet via a hybrid on-line and face-to-face seminar where the carbon foot print of all the three Districts was assessed.



IWC Girne celebrating with children after their donation to the school.



300 students were screened for blood sugar during the Week of Diabetes by the Inner Wheel Club of Lefkoşa Sarayonu.



Wish Tree Project initiated in 2018 by the Inner Wheel Club of Bellapais. It has reached almost 7,000 children by end of 2023.

A project by the Inner Wheel Club of Next Generation Bellapais and the Inner Wheel Club of Bellapais to help women suffering from abuse and violence. A total of 24 women (11 locals and 13 foreigners) contacted lawyers, eight received legal advice and four received assistance.



Handicraft Sale of ornaments and goods produced by people with disabilities, an event organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Lefkoşa Yenikent to help them.



The Inner Wheel Club of Kale with children and ceramics.



Inner Wheel District 224 was created on 22 February 22 2013. The There Clubs are located in Romania and Moldova. The first Club opened a long time ago in Târgu Jiu Romania. It existed for only a very short time. Today, in 2023-2024, there are five Clubs in Romania and three in Moldova, with a total membership of 116, about a quarter of whom are below 40 years of age. They are the Inner Wheel Clubs of Bacau, Dunubius Giurgiu, Iasi, Galati, and Braila in Romania; Chisinau Elite Europea, Chisinau Community, and Comrat in Moldova. There have been six District Chairmen through the years, starting with Cristina Petrescu, and followed by Lucille Mihaila, Geanina Stoica, Diana Agrina-Vladu, Natalia Vavilina, and Carlleta Irimia. The District 224 National Representative 2023-2024 to the International Inner Wheel is Natalia Vavilina.



The Inner Wheel Club of Bacau has 19 members in 2023-2024. Club President is Cristina Petrescu. The Club focuses on:

- The awareness of society regarding substance abuse among young people and adolescents. It will be a pilot project to spread among all Inner Wheel Clubs in the District
- Outdoor playground for children assisted by the maternal centre, with financial support of the Inner Wheel Club of Wien Nord Ost (District 192 in Austria).
- Assistance and donations to refugees from Ukraine and the donation of four high power electric generators to the refugee centre in Cernauti, Ukraine, with financial support of Inner Wheel Clubs in FAMAT, Inner Wheel Club of Wien Nord Ost, District 45 in Denmark, Rotary Club of Wien Nostroy).
- Material support provided to victims of domestic violence.
- Grants of Excellence in high schools.



The Inner Wheel Club of Braila has 21 members. Club President is Daniela Mihalache. Their focus project is on HPV vaccinations.



International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas (second from left) with National Representative Natalia (right) and District Chairman Carlleta Irimia (middle).



Representatives of Clubs in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Austria meeting up in Galati, Romania, with International Presidents 2023-2024 Trish Douglas (middle) and 2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos (fourth from left).



The Inner Wheel Club of Danubius Giurgiu has 14 members in 2023-

2024. Club President is Madalina Naiseanu. The Club focuses on:
- Providing assistance and donations to refugees from Ukraine.
 - Modernisation of a six-bed salon and a treatment room in the Pediatric Department of the Giurgiu County Hospital.
 - Donated in the fight against the COVID-19.
 - Organised theater performances for pensioners in Giurgiu.
 - Organised the annual donation of packages at the Mironesti Centre for the elderly, hot food, and consumables.
 - Organised seminars for students about a healthy lifestyle.
 - Organised family workshops for the District about "Education for life", for girls from disadvantaged backgrounds.
 - Annual competitions to award students at the "L. Panaitopol Mathematics and Physics Competition.
 - Awarded 5 excellence scholarships to students in their last year of high school



The Inner Wheel Club of Chisinau Community has 12 members. Club President is Victoria Sobor. Their projects are focussed on:

- Psychological rehabilitation courses to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova with the assistance of Moldovan psychologists.
- Support and promotion of the children's dance ensemble "Natal" of the art school V. Polyakov.
- Provide material and social support for retired teachers of secondary schools in Chisinau and Dubossary.
- Organised classes in drawing for children and making Christmas tree toys from felt.



The Inner Wheel Club of Iaisi has 18 members. Club President is Angelica Suchar. Their focus project is empowerment of the next generation.



The charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Chisinau Elite Europea. The Club has 8 members. Club President is Veronica Gulca. Their projects are:

- Providing material support for low-income large families.
- Providing assistance to Ukrainian refugees in all regions of Moldova with the financial support of Districts 191 in Croatia and 217 in Belgium, Inner Wheel Clubs of Groningen in the Netherlands, München Europea, Leverkusen-Dormagen and Mannheim Europea in Germany, Sion in Switzerland and Clubs in Inner Wheel FAMAT.
- Providing material support to victims of domestic violence
- Providing psychological and material assistance to disabled children in Chisinau.



The Inner Wheel Club of Galati has 12 members who are all the youngest in the District. Club President is Marina Gatoni. Their focus project is on the fight against substance abuse.



The Inner Wheel Club of Comrat has 10 members. Club President is Anna Statova. Their projects are focussed on:

- Off-site canteen for the poor.
- Provided gifts for 700 orphans.
- Providing gifts and furniture to four rehabilitation centres.



Gifts and assistance for low-income families.



INNER WHEEL DISTRICTS 242, 244 IW Turkiye

The Inner Wheel Club of Edirne (Charter President Emel Sezer) was the first formed in 1990, followed by the Inner Wheel Club of İzmir (Charter President Sezgin Öztekin) in the same year, in two separate regions of Türkiye 600 km apart. In 1996, District 242 was formed, led by the first Chairman Necla Aktar. In 2009, District 244 was formed led by the first Chairman Deniz Özhun. In 2023-2024, there are 20 Clubs in Türkiye: 13 in District 242 and 7 in District

244. We are proud to have nominated fifteen recipients of the Margarete Golding Award by International Inner Wheel. Six of our members have also served as International Board Directors: Ülkü Somer (2006-2008), Ayfer Çarkoğlu (2010-2012), Deniz Özhun (2012-2013), Gülgün Dolunay (2018-2019), Nur Ustaş (2020-2021), and İclal Kardiçalı (2023-2024).

The 15th International Inner Wheel Convention, 17-21 May 2012 in Istanbul was hosted by both Districts, attended by 2,300 members. International President was Catherine Refabert (2011-2012), the Local Convention Committee was Ülkü Somer (Chairman), International Board Director Ayfer Çarkoğlu, National Representative Ayşegül Ünügür, District 242 Chairman Hülya Dağlı and District 244 Chairman Verda Yemişçi. The opening concert of the Convention was "From Janissaries to Mozart and Haydn" performed by the İzmir Symphony Orchestra conducted by İclal Kardiçalı.



International President Christine (left) with LCC Chairman Ülkü.



International President Kapila with İclal & Ayfer.

The project, Women for Europe – the Role of Inner Wheel (WfE 8), 8th in the series, on 23-25 November 2017, was hosted by the Clubs of District 244 in İzmir, in the presence of International President 2017-2018 Kapila Gupta. Main organisers were Past Board Director Ayfer Çarkoğlu, District 244 Chairman İclal Kardiçalı. The project was initiated in November 2008 and coordinated by the Inner Wheel Club of Naples Luisa Bruni in Italy as a multi-cultural multi-year project for the future of women in Europe⁹⁹.



International President Kapila with National Representative N. Ustaş.



WfE 8 participants



The Inner Wheel
Rose Garden.



International President
Phyllis and District
Chairman T. Özgiller.



International President Phyllis with District 244
Executive Committee.

Districts 242 and 244 hosted the official visit of International President Phyllis Charter on 13-15 January 13-16 2020 where she planted a rose bush in the opening ceremony of an Inner Wheel Garden of Roses at the İzmir Fair. Past District Chairman Sara Pardo took her on a tour of the city of Smyrna (ancient İzmir) and to the historic city Ephesus to visit the House of the Virgin Mary.



International President Dr Bina with a few
members of District 244.



International President Dr
Bina Vyas (right) and District
Chairman 244 Melek Güsar.



International President Dr Bina with members on a tour to Urla.

District 244 was host to the official visit of Immediate Past International President Dr Bina Vyas on 14 April 2022 where she delivered seminars for three days on Inner Wheel rules, responsibilities and commitments. Dr Bina Vyas went home leaving us with lasting friendship and valuable knowledge.



Past International Board Director İclal Kardiçalı wrote a book “Do You Like Music?” for children about learning and loving music. As a project of District 244, İclal with Club members assisted her and visited schools to teach, sing, have fun with music, and thereby encouraging children to love music, and to use music as therapy. For this music project, Past International Board Director İclal was one of six recipients of the award “Rotary People of Action: Champions of Inclusion” at Cape Town on 4 April 2023.



From Smyrna to İzmir, was a creative and dynamic historical project of District 244 for students ages 9 to 11 years, to develop urban awareness with a co-responsibility in where they live. The Clubs worked at different schools giving seminars backed with animations, comic based visuals, and students acting on stage. (Photo above right: Sara Pardo, author of “From Smyrna to İzmir”, teaching the children.)



For two years, the Inner Wheel Club of Ege assisted 35 psychology students of the Aegean University in the “Viennese Social Competence VISC Project”. The research cum social project trained 512 students to deal with bullying, coping with negative emotions, as well as fostering social and intercultural competence among them.



On 2 June 2022, the Inner Wheel Club of İzmir organised a trip to Aliağa for the whole District and District 222. At the village of Helvacı, the members presented six carpet looms to women who weave traditional carpets. It is the Club’s contribution to support the weaving of 500-year-old traditional carpet patterns and to train village women for an opportunity to become economically independent.

Members and guests at the Helvacı Carpets exhibition.



Carpet loom



Mayor of Aliağa and Club President Bijen.



In commemorating the 100th year of Inner Wheel’s growth, District 244 members visited Manisa on 24 October 2023. It is the location of a forest area for the planting of trees donated to the İzmir Forest Foundation in memory of the centennial. Members have been working on a Climate Change Project, recording the carbon footprints of all members for four months. They calculated how much of their carbon footprint can be reduced, by first measuring their consumption of energy such as water, electricity, and gas. Carbon neutrality can be obtained by planting as many trees as the consumption.

The first, the Inner Wheel Club of Rhodes, was established in 1967. The Club had 28 members and the Charter President was Rita Vrouhou. In the following years, four more Clubs were chartered: Athens, Thessaloniki, Kavala and Xanthi.

On the 28 October 1990, six Clubs formed District 247 District with the first District Chairman, Oute Psimorifou, and District Secretary Rena Xantzaki. In 2023-2024, 55 years later, District 247 has 15 Clubs, with over 350 members.



On 4-7 April 2019, the Inner Wheel Club of Syros organised the 9th “Women for Europe – The Role of Inner Wheel” project, WfE 9. The theme was “The Children leading Europe into the 22nd century. Decisive dedication to their rights”. Members from eleven countries participated. The event was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, the South Aegean Region and the Municipality of Syros. There was great cooperation among the Club members led by the then International Board Director Luisa Vinciguera and the District Chairman, Déppy Varotsou. International President 2018-2019 Christine Kirby spoke with heartfelt words about the ideals of Inner Wheel and the empowerment which Inner Wheel accords to every member. The event was attended by representatives of political and religious groups, including the Member of the European Parliament Eva Kaili, the Director of the “Eliza” Foundation, Aphrodite Stathi and the Chief of Staff of the “Home Project”, Vassilios Michaelides. The programme included cultural events such as traditional dancing, the ancient tragedy “Electra Sophocles” and guided tours of the island of Syros. The last item was the friendship link signing ceremony between the Inner Wheel Clubs of Syros and Turin.



“Offer Life”, Bone Marrow Donation Project 2022-2024

In 2022, District 247 launched a 2-year project “Offer Life”, in collaboration with the Association “Orama Elpidas Volunteer Bone Marrow Donors” – an organisation established by the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Mrs. Vardinoyannis, which helps to find donors for bone marrow transplants and maintains a donor bank. All the Clubs participated and collected money from friends of Inner Wheel all over Greece. At the same time, there was a search for willing donors of bone marrow. By July, the first part of the programme was completed in a presentation ceremony to Orama Elpidas’ representative, Mrs Ino Konstantopoulou. District Chairman Eleni Panagiotou presented a list with the names of 4 donors, money collected from well wishers to cover a year’s needs of oral swabs for donors and 22,000 printed donor application forms.



“Golden Award” for the support to Ukrainian Refugees reception centres

At the Voluntary Action 2022 Festival, in Athens, organised by Skywalker.gr, District 247 was presented the honour of the Golden Award. It is in recognition for the significant support in essentials that were given in April 2022 to two refugee reception centres in aid of Ukrainian women and children refugees, to facilitate their stay in Greece. The success of this project was due to the support and pursuit of sponsorships from companies for aid by almost all Clubs, led by District Chairman 2021-2022 Eleni Giannidaki. In this project, the Schisto facility in Attica, were supplied with beddings, personal care items, masks, antiseptics, baby foam baths, disposable gloves. The Inner Wheel Club of Ilioupolis received the sponsorship from a pharmaceutical company. The Inner wheel Club of Kifissia received sponsorship of thirteen pallets (5,000 tins) of infant milk powder which were given to the Elefsina facility. Clothings, shoes, underwear, toys, stationery and other essential items were given to the Serres facility from sponsorships of members, individuals and manufacturers. About 400 women and children benefitted from this project.



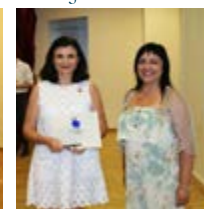
For the Ukrainian refugees.



Eleni Giannidaki at the Serre facility.



District Chairman 2022-2023 Eleni Panagiotou, and prominent members of District 247.



The moment of the award.

National project for abused children

Within the framework of the 3-year International Inner Wheel Social Project “Caring for Women and Children”, District 247 in 2018, led by District Chairman Debbie Varotsou, collaborated with the “ELIZA” Foundation which promotes “zero tolerance for child abuse”. The District undertook the printing and nationwide distribution of the ELIZA Guides “You are not born a parent, you become one” and “The Shaking Syndrome”. It was distributed in locations where there are Inner Wheel Clubs. In this way, Inner Wheel could spread awareness and stood by all children and their families, to protect babies and young children at risk of physical abuse. The leaflets and the booklet (5,000 prints) were given to targeted audience such as pediatricians, hospitals and nurseries where young mothers could be informed.



District Chairman Dey Varotsou and prominent members of District 247 ready for the nationwide distribution.

The establishment of Inner Wheel in Bulgaria began in the city of Plovdiv. The spark was ignited by the doyenne of Inner Wheel in Bulgaria, Mrs Maya Chausheva. It was started when Rotarians from Plovdiv sent documents with the names of their wives to the Rotary office in Switzerland, asking for assistance in establishing a women's Club in Plovdiv. The Inner Wheel Club of Plovdiv was chartered on 7 Jun 1967. In 1998, Mrs Marina Kornovska from Varna initiated the creation of the second, and the Inner Wheel Club of Haskovo was chartered on 18 October 1999. With unceasing enthusiasm of these remarkable women, many Clubs began to form throughout the country: Vidin, Dobrich, Haskovo, Shumen, Stara Zagora, Yambol, and Kazanlak. By 2002, there were nine Clubs. They gathered in June 2003 in the city of Stara Zagora and voted to create a District. Mara Lateva from the Inner Wheel Club Haskovo went to Florence for the 12th International Inner Wheel Convention and handed the letter of decision to Administrator Margaret Palmer. District 248 was chartered on 5 November 2003, with Mrs Marina Cholakova-Kornovska as the first District Chairman. On January 2014, in commemorating the 90th anniversary, an Inner Wheel anthem composed for the District was announced by Chairman Mariana Yordanova.

We are proud to have nominated four distinguished personalities for the Margarete Golding Award: Marina Cholakova-Kornovska (first District Chairman and founder of the Inner Wheel Club Varna), Maya Chausheva (founder and Charter President the Inner Wheel Club of Plovdiv), Dr Yordanka Nencheva (founder "Let's Save the Woman" Foundation), and Maria Zhekova (philanthropist, honorary citizen of Stara Zagora city, and honorary member of the Inner Wheel Club of Stara Zagora).

The following have served in International Inner Wheel as Board Directors: Nelly Bratoeva 2015-2017, Yanislava Ilieva 2019-2021, Zhivka Stoyanova 2021-2023, and Elena Zaharieva 2023-2024.

Friendship

In June 2008 in Horsens, Denmark, District Chairman Neli Bratoeva signed a Memorandum of Friendship between District 248 in Bulgaria and District 45 in Denmark. Another friendship link with District 210 in Italy was signed by District Chairman Yanislava Ilieva in May 2012. A friendship link between the Inner Wheel Clubs of Varna-Marina and Suadiye of District 242 in Turkey was signed on 7 October 2023.

In October 2011, on the suggestion of Mariana Stoeva from the Inner Wheel Club of Plovdiv, the District hosted the first meeting of Inner Wheel Clubs of the Balkan countries, attended by Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania and Croatia.

Varna was the venue in October 2014, of the 6th series of the project "Women for Europe – the Role of Inner Wheel", WfE 6. The theme "Forward to EXPO Milan 2015" was attended by members from 14 countries – Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Germany, Egypt, Italy, Jordan, Romania, Finland, Turkey, Sweden and Reunion Island.

International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas was at Plovdiv as our special guest from 23 and 24 September 2023 at the third autumn rally cum meeting of District 248 themed "In the Circle of Women's Energy". The 2-day programme included five workshops, an Ikebana competition and a gala dinner.¹⁰⁰



Talented skills in Ikebana!

Service

The “Cheti-Dari” (Read-Donate) project is an initiative of the Inner Wheel Club of Shumen. The aim is to combine the desire to read and to do good. The project is for students in grades 1 to 12. Their task is to read books and earn credits which they then give to a charity of their choice. All Clubs in the District will finance the charitable causes for which the children have chosen. Prizes are given annually to the students who have read the most books and accumulated the most credits. To date, 2,134 students from all over Bulgaria have registered, 5,160 books read, 43,440 credits distributed for charitable causes and 49 charity campaigns carried out.

In the month of October 2023 many of the Clubs joined the rest of the world in Pink October to conduct campaigns and initiatives for awareness and prevention of breast cancer.

District 248 is proud of the assistance provided to Ukrainian refugees. We were all united in providing whatever help needed! Thanks for the financial support of Inner Wheel members worldwide, coordinated by International Inner Wheel, in response to the needs of the people of Ukraine. As a result of the refugees, many mostly women and children, have settled in Bulgaria. Far from their homeland and loved ones, they have been facing serious life challenges to meet their most urgent needs: shelter, food, school for their children, access to health and social services. Thanks to a memorandum signed on 12 October 2022 between International Inner Wheel and District 248, financial support was received. The Clubs of District 248 could provide invaluable assistance to the Ukrainian refugees and their families with medicines, first-aid kits, food and essential goods, kitchenware, and learning materials for the children. The members also provided emotional and psychological support, talked and listened to them, expressed sympathy for their problems and willingly offered help. A total of 19 projects have been accomplished so far to support the Ukrainian refugees in Bulgaria, implemented by the Inner Wheel Clubs: Burgas, Varna, Dobrich, Etropole, Plevn, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Stara Zagora Beroe, Haskovo, Shumen and Yambol. Of the 2,592 beneficiaries, 100 were children.

PHOTOS OF THE CHETI-DARI PROGRAMME



Children with their certificate of participation in the Cheti-Dari programme.



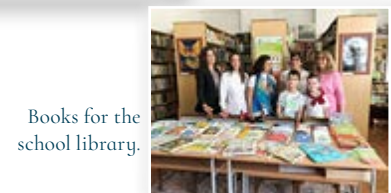
Outdoor mobile game devices.



Dry pool for the disabled.



Barbaroni pouf for the children's day care centre.



Books for the school library.

PHOTOS OF UKRANIAN REFUGEE AID PROGRAMME



“Thank you Inner Wheel” placards held by Ukrainian refugee families.



Donation of medical kits.



Basic daily essentials.



Toys for the children.



“For your studies.”



Giving emotional and psychological support.



Some need more help than others.



The Golden Years

Inner Wheel of Sri Lanka has celebrated 58 years of friendship and service; even though the District 322, by which Sri Lanka is identified, has completed just 38 years.

It all started in 1965 when the Club Service Director and Fellowship Committee Chairman of the Rotary Club of Colombo (chartered in 1929) felt it was time to establish the Inner Wheel movement in Ceylon, with the formation of the first Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo.

Seven ladies who were present at this momentous occasion in the residence of Rotarian Richard Fernando on 15 February 1965 unanimously agreed to the formation of Inner Wheel in Ceylon.

The pioneer ladies were Gerty Billimoria, Jer Nilgiri, Mrs Jean Fernando, Mrs Somasundaram, Mrs K Sinnathamby, Mrs Hayhurst and Lra Wijewardene.

The first official meeting of nineteen ladies was held at the Hotel Taprobane at 11:00 AM on 18 March at which the necessity of forming an Inner Wheel Club was discussed and explained. The constitution was discussed along with the main objects.

A committee was formed with Mrs Gerty Billimoria as President Pro Temp, Vice-President Mrs K Sinnathamby, Mrs Hayhurst as Secretary, Treasurer Mrs Jean Fernando and International Representative was Mrs Sinnathambi. These founder members were quite enthusiastic and had enlisted 50 ladies as members.

1965 was an eventful year with the visit of Mrs A A Hitching, President 1964-1965 of The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs. The Colombo Club carried out its first project then, at the Cheshire Home in Mount Lavinia, to adopt a girl with deformities. The Club continues to assist this home as its on-going project of 58 years of service.

The Charter of the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo was received on 15 July 1965 followed by the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo West in 1966 with Mrs Zubeida Marikar as the Charter President. Two Clubs in India, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Trivandrum and Quilon in 1965-1966 were formed by the husband and wife duo,

Rotary Governor Jimmy and Inner Wheel District Chair Jer Nilgiri. The Charter presentation of these Clubs were attended by Mrs Gerty Billimoria, Mrs K Sinnathamby and Mrs Ira Wijewardene.

During the same year, Jer Nilgiri presented the Charter Certificate to the Inner Wheel Club of Madras (Main Club). The Inner Wheel Club of Kandy was in the pipeline during the years 1967-1968 and its inaugural meeting was held in January 1969. Kandy received its Charter on 14 February 1969.

The Clubs in the region spread and with the formation of many Clubs, International Inner Wheel felt it necessary to form a National Council of Inner Wheel Clubs of India and Ceylon, enabling it to be the administrator of the Clubs in this region. The Past District Chairmen would be elected as International Inner Wheel Representatives with Council meetings held twice a year.

The first District Conference in Ceylon was held in 1971-1972, led by Association President Shiela Irani and District Chairman Jer Nilgiri, hosted by the four Clubs in Ceylon: Colombo, Colombo West, Colombo North and Kandy. They were part of District 320, which was the fifth District formed in the Indian Sub-Continent in 1970 with Mrs Seetha Rajamony as the first District Chairman, from the Inner Wheel Club of Trivandrum.

The Inner Wheel Club of Negombo received its charter in 1972. In 1972-1973, District 320 bifurcated to District 321. The region was spread out from Madras to Cape Comorin (now known as Chennai and Kaniyakumari). Ceylon became a Republic and renamed Sri Lanka in 1972. The newly formed District covered the Southern parts of India and included Sri Lanka, in keeping with the boundaries of Rotary. Mrs Lucille Amarasurya of the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo became the first District Chairman of District 321 having eleven Clubs of which four were in Sri Lanka. In 1985, the Districts were rearranged again and with Nirmalie Gunathileke of the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo West as the first District Chairman. District 322 became solely based in Sri Lanka.



Inner Wheel Club of Kandy receiving her Charter.

The years that followed saw the formation of more Clubs: Ja-Ela/Kandana, Matale and Colombo Mid Town.

The District Chairmen were from India as well as from Sri Lanka. Those from Sri Lanka were:

- 1971-1972 Jer Nilgiriya, Colombo, District 320
- 1974-1975 Lucille Amarasuriya, Colombo, District 321
- 1976-1977 Mahalaksmie Satkurunathan, Colombo West, District 321
- 1978-1979 Florence Pathinayake, Kandy, District 321
- 1980-1981 Nirmalie Gunathileke, Colombo West, District 321
- 1982-1983 Gnanapoo De Croos, Negombo, District 321

Now, in 2023-2024, we have had 37 District Chairmen and an exceptional leadership by Nirmalie Gunathileke serving the District three times and Diana Rahman twice.

The following served as International Board Directors:

- 1997-1998 Nirmalie Gunatilleke
- 2002-2003 Chandrani Gunawaradana
- 2005-2006 Renuka Amalean
- 2008-2009 Dr Carmel Fernandopulle
- 2011-2012 Vinitha Gunaratne
- 2013-2014 Priyanthie Perera
- 2014-2015 Indira Kandasamy
- 2016-2017 Swarna Soysa
- 2018-2019 Roshani Peiris
- 2021-2022 Diana Rahaman
- 2022-2023 Shanta Jayalath

International Inner Wheel bestowed the Margarett Golding Award to Mrs Nirmalie Gunatilleke, the Late Mrs. Annie Samaranyake, Mrs Kumari Kulatunge, Mrs Mala Weerasekera and Mrs Radha Sundarampillai.

District 322 now has 19 Clubs with 422 members at present led by District Chairman Upeka Peiris.

A basic sewing course at Singer Academy sponsored for 12 women in need (WIN Her Jaffna). Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Jaffna will mentor and empower them.

Some of our service projects:



Environmental Education and Conservation project in collaboration with the youth wing of the Wild Life and Nature Protection Society in two schools in Mattala. The children were interactively taught about the effects of the environment and human-elephant conflict, and they planted native trees.



Organised eye and health camps for 150 needy elders in collaboration with Helpage Sri Lanka and Dharshini Jayasekera. The Club sponsored breakfast and tea for the participants.



Installed a water purification project at Kapugollawa Maha Vidyalaya Horrawa Pathana to benefit 382 children.



Wheel chairs, water filters, fans, adult pampers, stationary, plates, cups, cleaning items, light bulbs and dry rations were donated to a home. 100 of the residents were provided with snacks, and for fun, a magic show for them and support staff.





INNER WHEEL
DISTRICTS 327, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344
IW Pakistan

Inner Wheel started in Pakistan in 1962 in Karachi. It was not until 1966 that the Inner Wheel Club of Karachi was chartered with Freny Rustamjee as the Charter President. In 1986-87, there were eight Clubs in Pakistan, some being formed, but not yet chartered. Anjum Farasat, President of Inner Wheel Club of Lahore and Najam Shamsi, President of the Inner Wheel Club of Karachi, then proposed to International Inner Wheel headquarters to form a District. District 327 was chartered in 1988 aligned with the Rotary District 3270. Feeroza Avari was the first District Chairman who was also elected the first National Representative in 1994-1995. The second National Representative was Anjum Farasat in 1995-1996.

In 2005-2006, the twenty-three Clubs of District 327 were redistributed into northern and southern Districts – 340 and 327, because their geographical distances were becoming unmanageable. Nagham Rauf became the National Representative of both Districts. Tabassum Tanveer became Chairman of 340 with fifteen Clubs.

In 2014-2015, District 340 was split into Districts 341 and 342. About fifteen Clubs became Non-Districted. The number of Non-Districted Clubs increased in the following years. In 2017-2018, the Non-Districted Clubs formed Districts 343 (Chairman Sajida Khalil) and 344 (Chairman Elahi Rehmat). In 2022, District 340 was formed again with Clubs in a new geographical area chaired by Rizwana Durrani.

Now, in 2023-2024, there are 88 Inner Wheel Clubs and six Districts in Pakistan. Two members have held the post of International Board Director: Shad Masud (2019-2020) and Feeroza Avari (2021-2022).



1963. Founding members.



1989. First District Conference.



First all-District meet on 10 Feb 2008 in Cochin, India attended by District Chairmen from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan.



2022. Participation in District 307 Conference.

In July 2022, heavy floods hit Pakistan. International Inner Wheel coordinated donations and we are highly grateful for their generosity. About GBP20,000 was raised. Two water projects in the north and one housing project in the south were carried out. Forty hand pumps were installed in Dera Ismail Khans suburbs and a solar submersible water boring with a large tank. These are backward poor areas with a population of about 16,000.

Their water source were from open ponds. By giving them potable clean water, water borne diseases are significantly reduced.

The third project in Sindh is a model village of nine houses with communal cattle pen and vegetable gardens in a flood affected village. When completed, it will be a model to teach other villagers to live hygienically in a small community



Solar Submersible Water Project.



Installation of forty hand pumps.



Winter clothings, bedding and foodstuff to the flood affected people of south Punjab.



Building nine houses in flood affected village (Noor Muhammad Kashkeli).

District 327



Nov 2023. Visit to a school for special children.



Distributing dental kits at Ida Rieu School for the blind and deaf.



The Inner Wheel Karachi Secondary School for low-income families. "A dream realised."



1973. District 327 with Rotarians.

District 340



Livestock and rehabilitation.



Basti Basti Dastarkhwan for needy people.



Vocational training for hearing impaired children.



District Chairman Shahida Tahir organised a visit to District 330 in Kuala Lumpur, 4 Sep 2007.



Celebrating school "Annual Day" at Rise School for special children.



Distribution of mattresses in tribal areas.

District 341



Better future for the youth.



New uniforms for the under-privileged.



Seminar on World Diabetes Day.



Fostering societal welfare.



Planting trees to save the environment.



Breast cancer awareness programme.



National Rally in Naran 2013.

District 342



Donation of solar panels in joint project with District 911, Inner Wheel Nigeria on the official visit of International President 2016-1017 Olujemisi Oboidum Alatise.



Bringing cheer to the special children at Sam School.



Tree planting.



Breast cancer awareness programme.



Master Ayub School for street children funded by members of District 342.



Bringing cheer to the children in the thalassaemia ward of the Children's Hospital, Multan.



Supporting the cricket team of the blind.



The Pink Ribbon

District 343



Donations and bringing cheer to children at a thalassaemia centre.



Presenting vocational training certificate.



Distribution of food to the children of Bakhtawar Public School.

District 343 (continued)



Supporting a school for the blind.



Distribution of masks for school children.



Donation of dowry.

District 344



Installation of solar water grid.



Celebrating the ceremonial charter presentation to two new Inner Wheel Clubs.



Sponsoring a school's annual day. Students with placards, "We are the message of peace."



Inauguration of a nursery and bathroom for women prisoners.



Hearing aids for the children of Murghazar School for the deaf and dumb in Lahore.



Conference.



Donation of a mobile ambulance to Hijaz Hospital.



Giving Christmas cheer at an orphanage.



The Inner Wheel Club of Chittagong in Bangladesh is the first Club formed in 1979. It is a Non-Districted Club. Mrs Sultana Nizam was the Charter President and Dr Shireen Huq was the Club Secretary. In 1982-83, four more Clubs were chartered: Dhaka, Dhaka South, Khulna and Khulna North. These four became part of District 329 administered by the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and Sri Lanka.

The first District was District 328, chartered in 1985, with five Clubs. Founder Chairman: Prof. Rowshan Ara Rahman. First District Secretary: Rehana Jalal. The following decades witnessed a remarkable expansion. New Clubs sprouted across the country. Dilruba Ahmed became the first National Representative in 1994-1995. In 2014, District 328 was divided to form District 345 under the guidance and initiative of Dilruba Ahmed, Tahera Muzaffar and Sharmin Hossain. The first District Chairman is Ruzina Afzal and Secretary was Sharmin Hossain. In 2023-2024, District 328 has 59 Clubs, and District 345 has 53.

In 1995-1996, Dilruba Ahmed was elected to the post of International Board Director. She is also the recipient of the Margarete Golding Award in 2001 for her contributions towards the underprivileged.

Both Districts hosted the 5th South Asia Rally in Dhaka on 26-27 August 2022, attended by International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Y Farcon. The first District Conference of District 345 was held in Dhaka and attended by International President 2014-2015 Abha Gupta who ceremonially inducted the District Officers. Districts 328 and 329 in India held an Inter-District ISO Meet in Bangladesh, organised by 345 District Chairman 2018-2019 Mohsena Reza, to foster goodwill, understanding and strengthen the ties of friendship.

Throughout the history of both Districts, we have championed a multitude of causes. Education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and environmental protection have all been central to our endeavours. From establishing schools and medical camps to tackling issues like illiteracy and poverty, we have consistently strived to make a tangible impact on the communities we serve.



From left: District 328 Chairman Shamsunnahar Haque, District Vice-Chairman II Zesrina Haider, International President Zenaida Y. Farcon, and Convenor Dilruba Ahmed.

5th South Asia Rally

The 5th South Asia Rally, with the slogan "Pride and Performance" was held on 26-27 August 2022 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. This prestigious two-day Rally, was hosted by Inner Wheel Districts 328 and 345, in Bangladesh under the able leadership of the event convenor, Dilruba Ahmed. 728 Inner Wheel friends, especially from the south of Asia – India, Nepal, Malaysia and the Philippines, attended the Rally. It was a celebration of friendship and fellowship.



District ISO Meet 2023.



District 345 Rally.



District 345 Friendship Day



District 345 Foundation Day.



District 345 fellowship with Rotarians.

Highlights of District 345 service projects



Orange the World!

Inner Wheel members join the United Nations Women in a worldwide campaign UNiTE on the 25th of each month – “Orange Day”, a day to mobilise people around the world to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls. Once a year on the 25 November, Inner Wheel members observe the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.¹⁰¹



More than 4,000 saplings have been planted by Clubs around the country.



100 school bags have been donated by Clubs.



All Clubs jointly donated food and medical equipment to the National Cancer Institute in Dhaka.



100 sanitary napkins were distributed by the Inner Wheel Club of Oasis Dhaka on International Day of the Girl Child.



All Clubs organised awareness programmes of mental health in observing World Mental Health Day.



A dialysis machine for kidney patients was donated to the Chottogram Kidney Foundation by the Inner Wheel Club of Agrabad.



The Inner Wheel Club of Comilla organised a rally on Breast Cancer Day.

Wheelchairs were donated to handicapped people by the Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North West.



Among the poor children who received food distributed by the Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Radiant.



Highlights of District 328 service projects

On 22 January 2021, the Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka West, established a **free primary school** “Borodol Biddya Niketon”, for the underprivileged children of Ashashuni Satkhira. The school building is located at the land of Club President Nargis Jamayet. The school is run by the donations and funds from the members of the Club. There are 100 students in each class. The Club provides books, clothes, educational materials and tiffin food to these students. It has enhanced the reach and branding of Inner Wheel and currently plays a vital role in children’s education in this remote village of Bangladesh.



The Inner Wheel Club of Bogura started an **Inner Wheel Sewing Training Centre** for underprivileged women in 2013 . Charter President, Professor Fazilatunnessa, allotted two rooms at her farmhouse in Bhatkandi to establish continuity of the project. The school has a master tailor, four sewing machines and training tools. To date, this school has trained 265 women and distributed 45 sewing machines to the best trainees. The Club members have been running this school with their own funds with significant contributions from other Clubs. It has been generating income for the women and through skills development and created employment opportunities for them.

Society for Rehabilitation of Autistic Children (SRAC). This is a continuous project of the Inner Wheel Club of Dhanmondi since 2012 (the founder of this organisation is a member of the Club). This organisation provides teaching aids, training and in-house therapy of autistic children in mental health and well-being. The treatment process is lengthy and expensive. It started with 2 children in one room, and now there are 30 and two buildings. Vocational training is arranged for those aged 15 to 22 years old to support their living. Clubs in the District provides financial aid.



Bhavanipore Atim Khana Orphanage in Gazipur is the project of the Inner Wheel Club of Gulshan since 1995. It is home to around 70 orphaned girls. The girls receive education from Class I to Class X, and some have pursued higher studies or found employment. Club members donate and provide monthly food expenses, and free sanitary napkins. In the past 28 years, about 2,000 orphaned girls have benefitted.



In 1972, with five Inner Wheel Clubs located in Malaysia and Singapore, namely the Inner Wheel Clubs of Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Taiping and Kota Kinabalu, a District to be formed was mooted. However, only three Clubs responded – Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Taiping. In 1974, another attempt to form a District was again brought up but was not successful. In 1978, the Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh President Dr Bakshish Singh pledged to establish a District as one of her projects for the year. As the response to form a District was positive, International Inner Wheel was informed. Subsequently, International President 1979-1980, Mrs Joan Pyke visited Malaysia to advise and helped with the formation. Thus Inner Wheel District 330 comprising of five Clubs – Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Taiping, Tawau and Kota Kinabalu and corresponding with the Rotary District 3300 was formed in 1980. Dr Bakshish became the first District Chairman. At that time, there were already three Clubs in Singapore and it was not until 1987 that they joined District 330. It can be said then that the oldest Club in District 330 is the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore, chartered on 17 November 1946 – in fact, the first Club in the Asian region.

At the 32nd District Annual General Meeting in March 2012, District 330 passed a resolution to form Districts 330 (located on the peninsula of West Malaysia) and 331 (situated in Malaysian Borneo and the island of Singapore), both with an elected National Representative. On 1 July 2022, the four Clubs in Singapore formed their own District 332 with their own elected National Representative. The oldest Club currently is the Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh (4 October 1948), and the second oldest and largest membership is the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur (22 March 1949) with 78 members. In 2023-2024, there are over 420 members in 20 Clubs in District 330 and five Clubs in 331.

The Margarette Golding Award recipients are Anne Lasimbang, To' Puan Lam Leepin, Dato Dr Madhuri Majumder, Girija Menon and Pearl Jai Mohan. Seven members have served as International Inner Wheel Board Representative or Board Member. Nine members have held the highest office of service as International Board Director, and one as International Editor/Media Manager in 2021-2022.

Friendship

14th International Inner Wheel Convention

The Inner Wheel Club of Kota Kinabalu hosted the 14th International Inner Wheel Convention in 2009, in Kota Kinabalu with participants from thirty-six countries. It is the first time the Convention is held in Asia. The Convention was declared open by International President 2008-2009 Suzanne Hem Nielsen. The guest of honour was the Chief Minister of Sabah state. For the Hospitality Night, the delegates were ferried by buses to the Sabah Foundation, the venue, accompanied by police escorts to stop traffic along the way! The guest of honour was the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment. A spectacular fireworks display mesmerised the crowd. At the business session, 37 proposals and one general motion were open for consideration by about 300 voting delegates. The gala night theme was “Festival of Colours”, where the guest of honour, the Minister of Foreign Affairs had happily joined in the dancing and mingling with the members. Everyone had such an enjoyable time, spirits were so high that the members from Nigeria surprised all by joining in to give a delightful impromptu performance.^{102,103}



Business Session.



Local Convention Committee.

4th South Asia Rally, 19 March 2017, Kuala Lumpur

Aptly themed “Circle of Sisterhood”, the South Asia Rally was a gathering of over 600 Inner Wheel members from the south Asian countries of India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Singapore, and host District 330, and the UK. International Vice-President Dr Kapila Gupta was the guest of honour. Guests were treated to a series of speeches, talk shows, motivational talks, women related talks and plenty of fellowship. They also had an array of Malaysian food for lunch and an assortment of games to keep them all busy and happily occupied.¹⁰⁴



Opening ceremony by International Vice-President Dr Kapila Gupta.

World Inner Wheel Day

The Clubs commemorate World Inner Day every year on or around 10 January. One of the Clubs will usually organise to host for the whole District. One of the most memorable occasions was in 2017, organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with all the 18 Clubs. 150 members gathered in friendship with teasers and laughter, games and prizes, and memories in photos. The Clubs donated 3,523.41 kg worth of provisions, exceeding all expectations, and achieved ranking and admission in the Malaysia Book of Records as the “Biggest Hamper”. The provisions were sent to Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) to be distributed to 220 refugee children who attend free school daily at that Centre.



Visit to MSRI to distribute provisions.

First Friendship Rally 2022



A friendship rally was held for the first time as a gathering of all three Districts who were once-upon-a-time one. It was organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Kuching, District 331 on 31 September to 1 October 2022, in Kuching, Sarawak – the “Land of the Hornbill”. There were about 55 participants from Districts 330, 331 and 332. The warmup was a meet and greet dinner by the hotel poolside, celebrating quizzes, birthdays, and on-the-spot singing and dancing. The next day were talks, a beadwork workshop, followed by a theatre dinner show of the legendary Putri Santubong, the warrior princess, at the Sarawak Cultural Village, played specially for the group which ended with members dancing with the whole cast.

Friendship Links



Three decades of Inner Wheel Friendship since 1996, between the Clubs of Kota Kinabalu (District 331) and Paraiso (District 378).



The Clubs of Kota Kinabalu and Phillip Island on 24 May 2014 marked the very first of such a pacts signed between Inner Wheel in Australia and Malaysia.



The Clubs of Subang Selangor and San Fernando La Union (District 379) Inner Wheel Philippines on 26 May 2023.

Service

Fun With English. The Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh East conducted English Language Camps in 2013 to 2016 for seven cohorts of 100 pupils each time in public primary schools spread out in the small towns of Perak state in Malaysia. English is taught as a communicative language in the curriculum with lessons ranging from two to two and a half hours a week. Pupils in the rural are weaker in the subject than the urban children as they are less exposed to the usage of English. The full-day programme



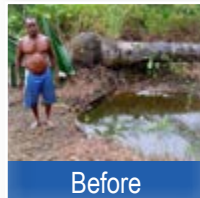
was designed by Club members who are qualified English teachers, with the aim of instilling fun to learn the language. The State and District Education Departments, Cambridge English For Life and the respective school's english teachers were all roped in to help. The school teachers were encouraged to adopt the approach. The modules were so successful that the Club was invited to continue for the next few years.



The Gift of Blood, The Gift of Life. The District 331 Inner Wheel Clubs of Kuching, Miri, Sandakan and Sibul marked Inner Wheel Day 2024 with a blood donation drive. The 325 pints of life-saving blood collected was to replenish the blood bank of their town's general hospital. It will not only help those in urgent need of blood products, but also contribute to the well-being and peace of mind of the patients and their loved ones!



Build Pump Store



Before

The H Water Project by the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur, District 330, was to provide access to fresh clean water in remote villages in Pahang, Malaysia. The project of 43 wells were carried out from 23 November 2023 to 10 April 2024. Each well was dug to 15 feet deep, includes cement rings, a water pump and a 600-gallon storage tank. Funds were raised in this Presidential Project 2023-2024 by Inner Wheel members and the family and friends of Past National Representative Juanita Lee, in memory of her son, the late Dato' Lee Chung Han.



Pink October 2023. In District 330, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Apsaras, Bangsar, Ipoh East, and Ioras Ipoh, led by Dr Theyveeka of the Inner Wheel Club of Parklands, promoted the screening of breast cancer. 6,600 were screened across Malaysia from 23 October to 4 November 2023. The project, with the National Cancer Society, and jointly with several private clinics, earned Club Presidents Dr Theyveeka Selvy Rajoo, Kannaki Vellusamy (Ipoh East) and Ashvinder Kaur (Ioras Ipoh), certificates of the highest appreciation and gratitude, and a mention in the Malaysia Book of Records.



Sabah earthquake – Kota Belud Water project.

The earthquake that hit Sabah in June 2015, resulted in mud floods which contaminated the Kadamaian River, the primary source of water for the water treatment plant in the Kota Belud area. As a result, the affected villagers had to rely heavily on the limited clean water supplied by the Water Department tankers. In view of their plight, eight Clubs from District 331 rallied to raise the funds required to purchase the construction materials, while the villagers contributed their sweat equity in the up-grading of existing ground water wells, locating and constructing new ground water wells, or installing connections to gravity feed piped water systems, under the supervision of a dedicated Project manager. This alternative source of water supply benefitted 2,735 residents from eleven villages and a teachers' quarters.

Gift of Water, Gift of Life.

This is a District 331 joint Clubs cum community-based project in Sabah, 2020-2022. On the island of Pulau Banggi, Sabah, the villagers of Kampung Palak, are mainly into hunting and small-scale farming. They lack ready access to the electricity grid and piped water, relying on make-shift rainwater harvesting structures and open deep groundwater wells for their daily needs. The villagers were keen to construct a proper water supply system, but the lack of income opportunities rendered them incapable of raising the required funds.

In 2020, the Clubs raised the funds to purchase the construction materials, while PACOS Trust, as a partner in service for this project, supervised the construction of the water systems and trained the villagers in the maintenance of the water pumps and filtration systems that were installed. The Project also involved the upgrading of the ground water wells, and



Fire extinguishers for longhouses of Sarawak.

Fire outbreaks at the wooden longhouses in Sarawak are a common occurrence. Many of these wooden longhouses, especially those located in the rural and interior areas of Sarawak, house between 15 to 20 households, and are only accessible via dirt tracks or rivers. The causes of fire outbreaks were mainly due to “electrical short circuits, gas equipment malfunctioning, embers, oil lamps and candles”, and usually occurs in the daytime when only women and children, and the elderly are at home. In 2021, the Clubs in District 331 raised sufficient funds to purchase fire extinguishers for four villages. With the assistance of fire-safety officers, Inner Wheel hoped to empower the womenfolk with the appropriate fire-safety knowledge and the necessary fire-fighting skills and equipment to safe-guard their homes and families. A total of 712 households with a population of 6,480 villagers, benefitted from this Project.



Celebrating the access to clean filtered water.

the construction of a permanent rainwater harvesting structure and covers for the wells. This Project benefitted over 600 villagers and demonstrated the positive synergy that can be achieved from not only working together as a District, but also with other like-minded organisations and even the beneficiaries themselves.



In 1946, the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore was chartered. It is the oldest Inner Wheel Club in Asia. Singapore was still a British Colony at the time and the Club was the result of British, Australian and some other nationals living in Singapore who already had a connection with the Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland. The first Club President was Mrs K M Englemann who served from 1946 to 1948. In 1975, two new Clubs, Singapore East and Singapore West, were inaugurated. In 1987, these three Clubs joined District 330 in Malaysia.

At the thirty-second District Annual General Meeting of District 330 held in Kota Kinabalu, a resolution was passed to form a new District comprising the three Clubs in Singapore and six Clubs in East Malaysia. International Inner Wheel was informed and on 15 May 2012, District 331 was chartered.

In 2019, the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore Central was chartered. During the Annual General Meeting of District 331 in March 2022, it was decided that Singapore should have its own District. District 332 was chartered on 1 Jul 2022.

Like all other Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide, personal service and international friendship have been strong sides of the leadership of the Clubs. It has never been documented how much all four Clubs positively impacted the charity and social scene in Singapore but from 1946 onwards, women, children and the less privileged have benefitted from their generosity and continue to do so. As a testimony to the resilience of the Clubs we didn't miss a beat during COVID-19, continuing to support and assist many efforts to alleviate the suffering and difficulties of migrants, women and children – sewing aprons, baking cupcakes for frontline workers, providing care packs for migrants and food packages for needy residents.



Inner Wheel Club of Singapore's silver anniversary luncheon at the King's Hotel on 14 October 1971. Photo shows the past presidents, from left standing: Tan Ley Chee, Eunice Lecomber, Amina Jumabhoy, Dorothy Hon, Nissa Jumabhoy, Ellen Louis; seated: Clara Anciano, Myra Cresson, Babs Snow and Taj Namazie. The event was reported in the New Nation newspaper, "When the Club was formed, there were only a dozen members. Today, its membership has grown to more than 70." Taj Namazie had remarked, "When the Club was still new, we helped the Rotarians a lot. Those were good times."



In 2016, the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore celebrated her 70th Anniversary. Her 75th anniversary had to be held via zoom undaunted by COVID-19 movement restrictions – the spirit remained strong.



Not by chance, on 4 March 2023 in Langkawi, celebrating International Women's Day with Districts 330 and 331 members. From left: 330-331 National Representative Parimala, International President Zenaida, 332 National Representative Nany and deputy Lucia.



The inaugural meeting of District 332 was held in May 2022 and executive members were confirmed.



The charter night of the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore Central on the 22 November 2019 with twelve charter members.



2012. Inner Wheel Club of Singapore East in Cebu, Philippines. A project for feeding about five thousand squatters living on cemetery land.



Inner Wheel Club of Singapore Central planting trees to celebrate her 5th anniversary. A project in "Greening Singapore" on 11 October 2023.



On 24 February 2021, the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West handed a cheque to Foodbank Singapore, jointly in aid of a food programme, commencing September 2021 and tentatively ending in May 2024.



Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West's food distribution project at Sin Ming Elder Care Centre, one of the seven distribution areas in Singapore where the Club provided food for around 700 needy households averaging two to three family members each.



President Anjili Chopra of the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore with her designer cakes for the children in the Student Care Centre.



Inner Wheel Club of Singapore giving monthly birthday cakes to the Good Shepherd Student Care Centre.



The Inner Wheel Club of Kathmandu was the first Club in Nepal, chartered in 1965, followed by the Inner Wheel Club of Patan in 1994 with 12 chartered members. It was after 2009, that Inner Wheel gained rapid momentum in Nepal. District 350 was chartered on 27 June 2014. The first National Representative was elected for the 2018-2019. Currently, we have 41 Clubs with more than 1,000 active and motivated members.



Drama on the theme “Shine a Light” performed by the Inner Wheel Club of Kirtipur.



District Executive Committee members celebrating the Teej programme.



Celebrating District Vice-Chairman's birthday after the District Executive Committee meeting.



Exchanging bannerettes in friendship between the Inner Wheel Clubs of Bagmati and Naida Elite (District 301 in India).



Inner Wheel members celebrating Dashain. Dashain is Nepal's grandest and most widely celebrated festival. It is a time when families come together, communities unite, and the entire nation reverberates with the echoes of joy and devotion. This festival emphasises the significance of family bonds and the importance of maintaining close relationships.



A mega health camp was organised by District 350 in April 2023 at the Grande International Hospital. It was a huge success with more than 3,000 participants. The project was launched by our special guest, International Inner Wheel President Zenaida Farcon, and President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India, Dr Surjeet Kaur.



The Inner Wheel Club of Narayani organised a food distribution at Devghat.



Four Inner Wheel Clubs organised a joint awareness programme on dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.



Cleanliness programme organised by the Inner Wheel Club of New Road City Kathmandu at Ashok Vinayak temple.



Community house built for villagers in the very far west of Karanga village in Nepal.



A bus shed for travellers.



Road signage with the Inner Wheel brand mark.



School bags filled with stationeries for children in a remote school.



Wheelchairs donated to a cancer centre.

Pink Rally, a walk through the streets, jointly organised by Rakshya Cancer Care Society and Inner Wheel District 350 to promote awareness and prevention of breast cancer.





**INNER WHEEL
DISTRICTS 417, 418**
IW Mexico

The Inner Wheel Club of Mexico City was formed on 6 September 1983. Its charter contains 40 signatures of charter members. Around the same time, the Inner Wheel Club of Puebla was chartered. By end of 1989, other Clubs were chartered: Tlalpan, Aeropuerto, Cuernavaca Oriente, Cuernavaca Chipitlan, Yautepec, Villahermosa and Atizapán. Notable members involved in the early years were Gloria Maria Pavon de Madrid, daughter of a distinguished Rotarian Past Chairman, and Mercedes Velten. International President 1984-1985 Ragnhild Øglænd presented the charter of Aeropuerto to Charter Club President Mercedes Velten on her official visit to Mexico. Mercedes Velten was the first National Representative and had served as International Board Director. Tribute is be given to Georgina Fernández (Inner Wheel Club of Tlalpan) who first translated the rules book into Spanish but

sadly passed away shortly after the formation of her Club¹⁰⁵.

District 418 was chartered on 11 November 1989, the first District in Mexico and Latin America. The Mayor of Puebla then had offered an elegant reception to all who attended the charter ceremony. The District Chairman was Gloria María Pavón de Madrid.

A year later on 15 Dec 1990, District 417 received her charter.

The following International Presidents have visited our Districts: Ragnhild Øglænd, Norway, Alison Dawson, Lilian Pettigrew, Metje Hanekamp-VanDe Kamp, Kamala Ramakrishnan, Pallavi Shah, Oluyemesi Alatise, and Kapila Gupta.



Official visit of International President 2012-2013 Carole Young to the Bi-District Conference in 2013.



Friendship rally of Districts 417 and 418 in Cuernavaca, 2012.



Exchange of Club bannerettes between the Inner Wheel Clubs of Ciudad de México (by Mercedes Velten) and Wattala in District 344, Sri Lanka (by Sweenitha Fernando) in January 2023.



Attending the International Inner Wheel Convention in Copenhagen, May 2015.



Members from several Clubs at the inauguration of a monument dedicated to Inner Wheel by the Inner Wheel Club of Xicotepéc de Juárez, 2014



The flagship project of the Inner Wheel Club of Lomas de Chapultepec is to help blind girls in the homes to have music classes. This work has given us happiness by seeing their progress and hearing them play the musical instruments. They enjoy their classes and having music in their lives. At Christmas, we had the joy of being able to bring them pajamas, perfumes, jackets, stuffed animals, and spending time with them. Seeing them enjoy their gifts was wonderful.



In the cold season we also distributed blankets to the people who needed them most in different foundations, we also helped one of these foundations by repeatedly sending them water so that all the homeless people and whoever needed it could take a bath.



The Inner Wheel Club of Cuitláhuac prepares a diner regularly visited by about 60 elderly people each month. Besides this, the Club distributes clothings, shoes, and toys to those in need and also support a school for pre-schoolers.

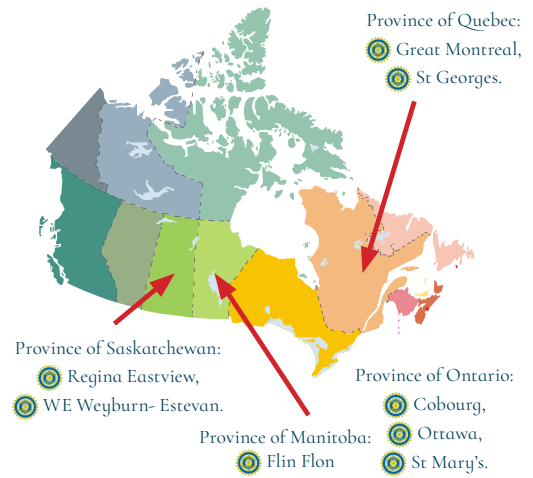


“Ma. Josefa O. de Dominguez” is an indigenous Early Childhood Education Centre in Cuentepec, Morelos. It serves a population 20 or 30 students from 2 to 4 years of age. A project of the Inner Wheel Club of Valle De Cuernavaca.



For the past eleven years, the Inner Wheel Club of Valle De Cuernavaca has been providing scholarships. Ten children ages seven to twenty are currently supported. Two from the first batch will be graduating from college.

The Inner Wheel Club of Winnipeg was the first Club chartered in Canada, in 1943, followed by Minnedosa (1950) and Neepawa (June 1956). The latter is the longest serving Club to date in Canada, with 24 charter members. Sadly, on 30 Jun 2021, it had to close¹⁰⁶. District 555 was first formed in 1968 and later District 707 in 1987. Sadly, 555 had to close in 2022 and the remaining three Clubs of Regina Eastview, Flin Flon and Weyburn Estevan came under the administration of District 707. Today, in 2023-2024, District 707 has seven Clubs and helps to oversee one Non-Districted Club (the Inner Wheel Club of Saint Georges). Several members of Inner Wheel Clubs in Canada have served on the International Board and the most notable among them is International Inner Wheel President 1999-2000 Lillian Pettigrew from the Regina Eastview Club.



Friendship and service



The Inner Wheel Club of Cobourg, Ontario meets once a month from September through June for a dinner gathering with a guest speaker. The Club organises the District Annual General Meetings once every four years and assists with Rotary fundraising events.



The Inner Wheel Club of Greater Montreal provide helps vulnerable people and supports non-profit organization dedicated to the well-being of women and children. The Club achieves these goals by organising fundraising events and participating in volunteer work.



The Inner Wheel Club of Ottawa carries out yearly projects such as supporting Immigrant Women Services Ottawa (IWSO) and Children at Risk (CAR), Parents' Lifeline of Eastern Ontario (PLEO), Nelson House of Ottawa, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Dandelion Dance Group, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and The Canadian Cancer Society.



The Inner Wheel Club of St Mary's supports St. Marys Heritage Festival, Festival of Lights, Salvation Army, St Marys Hospital Foundation, Meals-on-Wheels, a student bursary, and develop and maintain a flower bed at the Post Office and the Stratford Perth Rotary Hospice.



The members of Flin Flon Inner Wheel Club and friends have been catering all of the food for a luncheon for more than 200 senior citizens in their communities of Flin Flon in Manitoba, and Creighton and Denare Beach in Saskatchewan for over 30 years now.



The Regina Eastview Inner Wheel Club Members have made supporting charities in the community a priority. The Mental Health Association is one example. As well as making financial donations, each year the Club has catered a tea and provided entertainment for the clients of the Mental Health Association to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Another project is collecting toiletries for donation to our local women's shelters. Each year we choose a local charity to receive a larger donation. A new project is providing gifts at Christmas for men who are living in shelters. The picture shows our Club members in 2024 with the gifts for Waterston House men's shelter.



The Inner Wheel Club of WE Weyburn Estevan has a young membership compared to Flin Flon and Regina Eastview. The Club focuses on friendship, supporting each other, and fun. They raise money for charity through house raffles and their members are very involved in multiple organisations in their community.

The Inner Wheel Clubs of Flin Flon, Regina Eastview and WE Weyburn Estevan are situated in the western part of District 707. These Clubs choose a joint project to support. Each Club paid into a fund that was used to make a large gift basket which is raffled at the Rotary District Conference. The money raised was donated to a charity chosen by the Inner Wheel members at the Annual District meeting. Support over the years has been given to cancer patients undergoing treatment, therapeutic riding, food banks, First Start programmes for treatment of traumatic injury, mental health associations, transition houses for women, the Stephen Lewis Foundation, Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH), Shelterbox, and international exchange students as well as many other charities. The local Clubs support causes in their own communities.

Inner Wheel in the sub-region of West Africa grew in close connection with the growth of Rotary Clubs. Inner Wheel Clubs were spread out from Senegal to Nigeria. Although Nigeria went on to form their own Districts from 1983, District 909 is the largest spread today (2023-2024) in Inner Wheel connecting across seven countries (**Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Togo**), speaking English, Portuguese and predominantly French; comprising 18 Clubs with more than 200 members.

As women were only officially admitted into Rotary in 1989¹⁰⁷, the wives of Rotarians in West Africa (or indeed, throughout the world) were forming their own Inner Wheel Clubs in the first half century of Inner Wheel. General meetings were held in conjunction with Rotary Conferences and Assemblies. In the early days, Rotary in West Africa¹⁰⁸ was designated District 910, and only redesignated as 9100 in the Rotary year of 1991-1992 (similar to the Inner Wheel year, 1 July to 30 June). With such support, the Inner Wheel Clubs in West Africa felt part of “District 910”. Growth was tough going. The political instability of the region¹⁰⁹ was difficult for communications, formation and functioning of the Clubs, what more, in the attempts for a District to function. It would be several years on before Inner Wheel District 909 (and District 910) emerged.

Eventually, before the Rotary District Assembly in Dakar in 2002, members asked the Rotary District Governor Edouado Soccoro Suarez to invite Past International Inner Wheel Board Director Yvette Bocherens to a training seminar. This seminar in Accra in April 2003 gave rise to a meeting of the Clubs, with a pro tem committee to set up the administrative formalities for the approval of a District. At the International Governing Body’s meeting in October 2002, chaired by International President 2002-2003 Solveig Svensson, approval was given and District 909 was chartered in **February 2003**. The first District Chairman is Fatou Thiam. The first District Conference on 3 April 2003 in Accra was held alongside the Rotary 9100 Assembly. Attending, were eight Inner Wheel Clubs from six francophone countries.



Fatou Thiam,
the first District Chairman.



Fahimatou Aline Paraïso Salifou,
the first National Representative



District Chairman Mariam Sèye
initiated the District-wide
fistula programme.

At the 2015 District meeting in Bamako, it was decided to present candidatures for District Chairman by rotation and in alphabetical order of the different countries that make up the District. This would allow everyone to have access to the post. When **International President 2016-2017 Oluyemisi Alatise** made her official visit to District 909 in 2017, she noted the lack of visibility of District 909 members’ activities internationally. Hence, with the encouragement and support of President Oluyemisi, in 2019, the first **National Representative**, Fahimatou Aline Paraïso Salifou from Benin, was elected. Today, in 2023-2024, the National Representative continues to act as the undisputed useful link between the Clubs in District 909 and the International Governing Body, transmitting information from international headquarters to the Clubs in a timely manner and disseminating news of Clubs’ activities to headquarters and other Clubs worldwide.



Formation meeting of District 909 in Accra, April 2003.



Participants at the formation meeting.

At the District Annual General Meeting in Bamako, February 2010, District Chairman Mariam Sèye proposed obstetric fistula as a district-wide project. As a result, all the Clubs in the District, with the means at their disposal, have been working for several years for that cause.

As a flagship project, the Inner Wheel Clubs in Benin constructed a two-storey building designed to provide accommodation, with pre- and post-operative care for women suffering from obstetric fistula. The foundation stone for this jewel was laid on 6 December 2011 by International President 2011-2012 Catherine Refabert, during her official visit to Benin.



Shelter for women with fistula.



Mar 2023. Friendship without borders. Members and Rajmonda Grabocka, Charter President of the Non-Districted Club of Korca in Albania, met up with members of the Inner Wheel Club of Dakar Teranga (in Senegal). They exchanged bannettes, ideas and experiences for further friendship and cooperation. The contact was made with the help of International Board Director Zhivka Stoyanova.



1 Nov 2023. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Bamako Koulouba and Bamako Friendship in Mali, donated mattresses, food, milk, diapers and clothes for the Moutougoula Orphanage. The joy of the children and the tears of the orphanage management were heartfelt. In thanking, the children sang songs.



13 Aug 2022. When the Reverend Sister of Notre Dame de l'Eglise Orphanage called urgently for help, the Inner Wheel Club of Lome in Togo sent a delegation to relieve them a bit and to give them a smile.



24 Jun 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Inner Wheel Club of Abidjan II Plateaux in the Ivory Coast, donated handwashing kits, reusable face masks, foodstuff, and soap to the Community Education Centre "Cecalpha-inclusif".



Nov 2023. The Inner Wheel Club of Conakry in Guinea drilled a borehole which supplied drinking water to a community of 500 pupils at the Hadja Kadiatou Seth School. The nearest water source is miles away. The project included a well 80 metres deep, piping, three 3,000-litre tanks on iron stands and internal pumps to the school. Two external pumps were also connected for the community outside the school.



29 Oct 2022. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Zoodo de Ouagadougou and Ouaga Soleil in Burkina Faso, donated food and other non-food items to the Rama Foundation. The centre receives women suffering from obstetric fistula. The donation would help support the women and children who are mostly young mothers.



**INNER WHEEL
DISTRICT 915**
IW Central Africa

District 915 was formed under the patronage of Rotary District 9150, when the Rotary District Governor was Fred Ne Tiabu. It was chartered on 21 November 2011 led by the first District Chairman Claudine Ngoy Kayembe. The District started with four Inner Wheel Clubs: Kinshasa, Bukavu and Butembo in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**; and Yaoundé in **Cameroon**. The Clubs of Beni and Butembo have disbanded due to the unrest in eastern DRC. The Inner Wheel Club of Saphir in Cameroon is the most recently chartered in 2018. The National Representative 2023-2024 is Adèle Tchakountio.



Claudine Ngoy Kayembe,
first District Chairman



Adèle Tchakountio
(right) in a casual
meet-up with the
Inner Wheel Club of
Bassano del Grappa
CARF in Italy.
Oct 2019)



Donation of 70 S200 solar lamps, 4 S300 solar lamps, removable boards to the students of the CES of Ngoya in a rural area on 10 Jan 2015 in line with the International Presidential theme of 2014-2015, "Light the Path".



Laying the first foundation
stones for a women's shelter in
Fouban by the Inner Wheel
Club of Kinshasa. (2023)



27 Jan 2023. The Inner Wheel Club of Yaoundé provided a water pump to students and the population of Bamena, West Cameroon.



Aug 2021. The Inner Wheel Club of Saphir gave donations to an autistic centre.



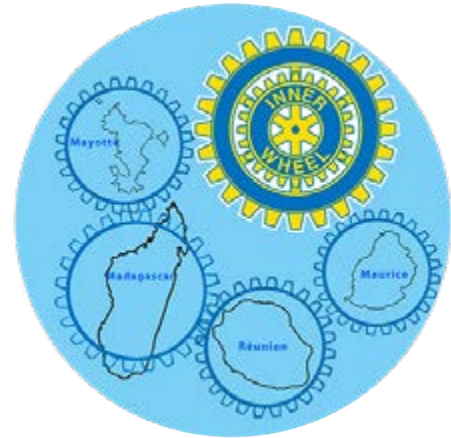
2016-2017. "Happier Futures Better Lives" project for children by the Inner Wheel Club of Bukavu.

The formation of District 920 was notified to the International Governing Body in their board meeting of March 1992 in Munich. The charter was signed in January 1993 following the official visit of International President 1993-1994 Anita Aggarwal to Réunion.

With the four Clubs of Antananarivo in Madagascar, Saint-Denis Reunion and Tampon/Saint-Pierre in Réunion and Djibouti, the first District meeting was held in March 1993 with District Chairman Mrs Christine Dupuis.

In 1994, the Inner Wheel Club of Mayotte was chartered. As the membership of Mayotte and Djibouti were mostly expatriates, they closed a few years later.

Currently, in 2023-2024, there are eleven Clubs on four islands; three in **Madagascar** (Antananarivo, Toamasina and Mahjanga), six in **Réunion** (Saint-Denis Réunion, Tampon/Saint-Pierre, Saint-Paul/Etang Sale, Esperance 920 and Saint-Denis Vanille), one in **Mauritius** (Le Réduit) and one in **Mayotte** (Jasmine Mayotte).



The Inner Wheel Club Of Le Réduit had the pleasure of welcoming the Clubs of St Denis Réunion, St Paul/Etang Salé, St Benoît/St André and Espérance 920 on Saturday, 13 January 2024 in conjunction with the worldwide jubilations of the Inner Wheel's centenary. Home hospitality organised by the members of our Club was an opportunity to mark this event and to get to know each other. It was a moment of pure camaraderie and good humor.¹¹⁰



Ceremonial installation of District Chairman Jasmine Sery in May 2016, in the presence of International Inner Wheel President 2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos. Jasmine Sery is now serving as the National Representative 2023-2024.



Club Presidents of District 920 in a group photo during the official visit of International Inner Wheel President 2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos in May 2016.



The mobile sewing training project was carried out in 2019 in Antananarivo in Madagascar. The idea is to empower women for a better life and in so doing, uplift their families financially. A truck-mounted container was set up which moves from one village to another. Following it, are teachers providing sewing, and knitting lessons. Till today in 2023-2024, more than 350 women have benefitted from the project and created their own business.



An appeal from the Organs Transplantation Unit of South University Hospital of Reunion Island led us to the project “Zen Remembrance Garden”. It is a memorial for organ donors’ families and organ recipients in the hospital’s park. Thanks to the generosity of two construction firms and the commitment of our members, the tree-shaded lovely garden was inaugurated during 26th District 920 Conference in May 2019, in presence of a few families. A stele by Inner Wheel District 920 was unveiled with the inscription, “In memory of organ donors in recognition to their families and to the chance of a new life.”



Clubs of District 920 have always shown enthusiasm in responding to appeals for aid to victims of natural disasters. In November 2013, when cyclone Yolanda ravaged the Philippines, we sent financial support to District 386. Funds collected was invested to rebuild a village for the fishermen who lost their boats. As a sign of recognition, the boats were named after the Inner Wheel countries who have joined hands to give their support to the survivors.



The **Inner Wheel Club of Port Elizabeth**, the first in southern Africa, was chartered on 3 September 1938, and holds the **Number One Overseas Charter**. Due to the Second World War, the charter was only received in February 1946. The delayed inauguration made it the fifth Club to open outside Great Britain and Ireland. Despite these delays, the Club has flourished until 2015 when it had to close. The remaining members joined Port Elizabeth West.

After five additional Clubs was chartered, District 935 was inaugurated on 7 November 1979. Following the formation of twelve more Clubs, District 935 was divided geographically, retaining nine Clubs in the south-west and leaving the remaining Clubs to create District 932 on 11 June 1994. Since then, five new Clubs have been chartered – two in 935 and one each from South Africa, Botswana and Eswatini in 932.

The charter ceremony of 932 was a gala dinner held in Port Elizabeth. Attending were many prominent members, distinguished Rotarians and honoured guests from all over southern Africa. District 935 Chairman Vicky Kempthorne installed Carolyn Riches of the Inner Wheel Club of Port Elizabeth as Charter Chairman of District 932.

The newest Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Eswatini in Mbabane, was chartered on 5 January 2021 during the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to modern technology there was no delay in receiving the charter. The Club immediately swung into action and began rendering services to their community under these difficult circumstances. Due to lockdowns and strict travel restrictions, a celebratory function could not be held to welcome our newest members.

A visit from an International President is considered to be the highlight and a milestone in both Districts. The following International Presidents were our guests: Jenette Petitt (March 1982), Dora Bailey (November 1987), Gwen Bowan (September 1992), Beth McNeill (March 1997), Solveig Svensson (May 2003), Janet Day (May 2007) and Christine Kirby (March 2019).



Executive Committee of the new Inner Wheel District 932.



District 932 spans 3 countries: South Africa (including the provinces of Gauteng, North West, Free State and Eastern Cape), Botswana and Eswatini. It has a rich diversity of languages and cultures.



The distances between the Clubs of District 932 are huge (e.g. Port Elizabeth West is 635 km away from its nearest Club, Bloemfontein). Opportunities for inter-club fellowship are hard to come by. We therefore turn our Annual General Meetings (AGM) into weekend gatherings with social functions before and after the actual meeting, giving us plenty of time for meeting old friends and forming new friendships. After holding three AGMs by video conferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions, we appreciated our time together even more than ever when we finally gathered in Bloemfontein at the July 2023 AGM.



In District 932, the Inner Wheel Club of Gaborone was chartered in Aug 1997, Vryburg in 1999 and lastly, in Jan 2021, the Inner Wheel Club of Eswatini.



District 932 Chairman Astrid Ndzinga from Gaborone, Botswana, delivered a very sincere congratulatory message at the 75th charter anniversary of Port Elizabeth (District 945) in 2013. It was attended by dignitaries and representatives from past and present charities that the Club had helped over the past 75 years.



Gifts from District 932 eventually presented to the Inner Wheel Club of Eswatini in 2023. From left: Pinkie Nyandoro, Tengetile Mabuza, Lynn Goedhals (Past District Chairman), Fiona Millin, Celiwe Dlamini, Julie Thring (Club President).

Service

The Doreen and Pikkie Geffen Bursary Fund was established in 1997 in memory of the founder of District 935, Doreen Geffen. She is a valued member of the Inner Wheel Club of Wynberg for close on all the years of its existence. Always devoted to the needs of others, and held a steadfast belief in uniting people throughout the world.

Upon her death in 1995, the Geffen family initiated the Bursary Fund in her name. It was decided that the beneficiary would be an Undergraduate Social Science student at the University Of Cape Town (UCT).

The family opened the Fund with 5,000.00 rands, on condition that Inner Wheel Districts 932 and 935 would match that amount. The Clubs have been adding to the amount annually.

Although the Bursary Fund is managed by UCT, Inner Wheel members have been involved from the beginning. Shona Sturgeon was instrumental in steering the fund towards social work students at UCT. She genuinely felt that Doreen would have liked that, and it reflected most closely what Inner Wheel stands for and does. Shona has made a considerable contribution to the selection of the students. From her position as a Senior Lecturer and the Coordinator of the Undergraduate Programme in the Department of Social Development at UCT, she was both the person who knew and recommended the students. Shona retired from UCT in 2010 and her role as a selector is now filled by Fatima Williams. Although not an Inner Wheel member, Fatima is committed to the Bursary and knows the students well. To date, Shona is still the Inner Wheel member who makes the final choice.



Doreen Geffen



Shona Sturgeon



Shona Sturgeon with students Siphokuhle Mqwabalala (left) and Shereen Gadien (right)

To further support this bursary, the Doreen Geffen Award was established. This award is presented in recognition of similar community-spirited persons who are held in high esteem and therefore deserving of recognition. Clubs from both Districts, who would like to honour a member of society or a member of their own Club, can be recognised with a Doreen Geffen Inner Wheel Bursary Award. The award comprises of a silver brooch in the form of a rose and a certificate. To date, in 2023-2024, 81 awards have been presented. Both the Bursary and the Doreen Geffen Award, have been presented at the District 935 Annual Women's Day dinner.

The history of this bursary illustrates how a wonderful idea, supported over the years by like-minded people, can bring about such positive outcomes. One such outcome is Elise Smith who is a Social Worker at a home for abused women. Elise was nominated and honoured with a Doreen Geffen Award by the Inner Wheel Club of Durbanville for her tireless efforts working with these women. In accepting the award, Elise expressed that she was and always would be a Social Worker but would like to give back to the profession by mentoring students – evidence of how and why this bursary fund was started and why it is so important.

The bursary has enabled so many students to enter the profession of social work, a profession that aims to not only support the vulnerable, but also to empower people to cope with their challenging circumstances. Each year since the inception of the bursary, one to three students have received assistance from the bursary to cover their fees.



Christine Kirby receiving her award from Luana Consani of the Inner Wheel Club of Durbanville (centre) and Past District Chairman Berenice Johannisen-Louw (right).



Elise Smith (front centre) with members of IW Durbanville



INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA

Districts A40, A50, A51, A53, A54, A55, A60, A61, A62, A70, A76, A77

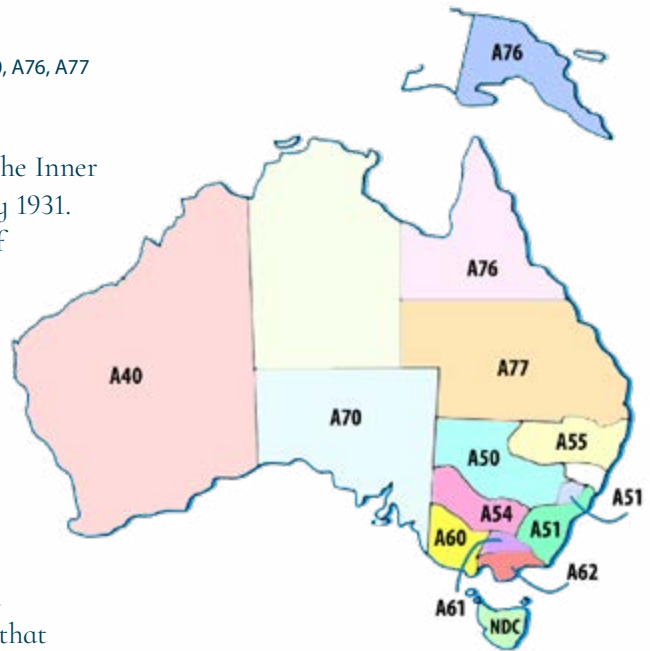
The first Inner Wheel Club formed in Australia was the Inner Wheel Club of Ballarat in the state of Victoria in May 1931. This was closely followed by the Inner Wheel Club of North Sydney in New South Wales on 6 December 1932. Both Clubs were sent Charter Certificate "Overseas Charter No. 1". The third was the Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo in Victoria on 19 August 1933) which also received "Overseas Charter No. 1". This issuing of a membership certificate, now called Charter was started in 1936¹¹¹.

District 27 was the first, formed in May 1956, and divided to become Districts 50 and 51 on 1 July 1964. Due to the slow mail to England, it was found later that these numbers were already in use. The solution was to add the letter "A" before a District number, denoting Australia. The National Governing Body "Inner Wheel Australia" commenced on 1 July 1968 with these two Districts, A50 and A51. Mrs Kath Armstrong was the first National President (1968-1970).

On 4 November 1968, Mrs Lavender Weightman, the first International Inner Wheel President attended a combined meeting of all Clubs, held in Sydney. Her visit was eagerly awaited and invaluable in solving many problems. There were already thirty-eight Clubs and four Districts. In February 1969, Inner Wheel Australia was represented for the first time at the International Board Meeting. It was then that President Kath presented a draft proposal for the Australian National Council's Constitution and Byelaws, drawn and approved earlier by the Council. The first National Conference was held in October 1969 in The Hotel Manly, Manly. There were five Districts, including the new A70.

Kath Armstrong and National Vice-President Gwen Davies represented Inner Wheel Australia in the first International Inner Wheel Convention at The Hague.

A national magazine was published for the first time with two issues a year. When Australia commemorated her bi-centenary in 1970, Inner Wheel Australia was invited to join a pageant as an acknowledgement of the work of women in the community.¹¹²



Kath Armstrong



The Flame of Friendship was introduced into Inner Wheel Australia in 1979. Its rays typify the friendship and understanding that will exude from the Clubs. It has since become the special symbol at the opening and closing of all meetings throughout Inner Wheel Australia.



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo, District A60 celebrated 90 years of friendship and service on 9 Aug 2023. It stands strong as the oldest Club in Inner Wheel Australia as both the Inner Wheel Clubs of Ballarat and North Sydney have handed in their Charter.



Over 100 guests celebrated at a function where they were joined by the International Treasurer 2023-2024 Sarita Lunani (3rd from left) and Inner Wheel Australia President, Susan Chisholm.

Friendship

Third International Inner Wheel Convention

In May 1976, Inner Wheel Australia hosted the Third International Inner Wheel Convention which was held in Sydney. This was presided over by International President 1975-1976 Mrs Gwen Davies, the first elected President coming from Australia, and the first member outside of Europe to hold this office. There were 1,000 registrants from nineteen countries (some wearing national costumes) and Australian members. The two-day Convention was enjoyable especially the home hospitality.

A beautiful hand-crafted gold Presidential Collar was presented to International Inner Wheel by the Clubs of Inner Wheel Australia, to be worn by successive International Presidents over many years.



International President
1998-1999 Lovise
Richardson wearing the
Presidential Collar.



Ninth International Inner Wheel Convention Sydney

The Ninth Convention in Sydney was the only Convention to have a date change from May 1994 to October 1993, leaving the Convention Organising Committee less time to bring the Convention to fruition. It was a challenging but rewarding experience having the opportunity to showcase Australia and Sydney to the world, and for local members to participate in an International Inner Wheel event.

Opening Ceremony



The thirteen-man Committee including, International President 1975-1976 Gwen Davies and International Vice-President 1992-1993 Gwendolyn Bowman, worked tirelessly to put together a special programme.

Anita Aggarwal was the International President. There were over 1,500 registrants from 21 countries, participating in the Convention which was held in the Convention Centre in Sydney. Small by international standards elsewhere but one which is full of friendship and something of interest for everyone, including tours to local tourist attractions.

Musical entertainment featured the Golden Kangaroos and the Eastern Command Army band in full ceremonial dress which played during the flag ceremony. After the formalities, entertainment was provided by Noel Watson, a bush singer accompanied by the Brent Street Kids Acting School. The keynote speaker was Sara Henderson, a nationally renowned author and cattle farmer from the Northern Territory. A fashion parade, featuring leading fashion designer Laura Ashley and garments made from Australian merino wool was a feature of the day.

An aboriginal performance at the Australiana Gala Dinner delighted the audience along with “wenches” and “soldiers” serving the meal which featured a parade of Flaming Pavlovas for sweets. Each guest was given a gift of a boomerang and farewelled with an invitation to return some time and bring the boomerang back.

President Anita was presented with a patchwork quilt by A40 District Chairman Yvonne Cavazzi, that had been lovingly made by members in Western Australia.

It was a privilege to have worked with International Inner Wheel Secretary, at that time Margaret Palmer, guiding the committee every step of the way to ensure a successful event. Convention Coordinator was Robyn White



Conga line at the Gala Dinner.



The patchwork quilt made by A40.



The Gala Dinner.



The Convention Team.



The Convention Committee.

17th International Inner Wheel Convention

For the third time the International Inner Wheel Convention was hosted “Down Under” and this time, in Melbourne. In attendance were 1,503 delegates from 50 countries.

“Friendship is never limited by distance or time. It can reach around the world and lasts forever.”

International President 2017-2018 Dr Kapila Gupta thoughtfully curated a programme that paid tribute to Past International Presidents and Margarett Golding Award recipients. The programme was filled with outstanding speakers that aimed to educate, motivate and challenge, showcasing inspiring Inner Wheel members from the past, present and emerging; offering opportunities to debate on viewpoints and exchanging ideas. Voting Sessions were participations in Inner Wheel’s democratic processes to help create change for the betterment of Inner Wheel.

The Local Convention Committee presented a varied and entertaining programme offering an abundance of opportunities to reconnect with friends and to develop lasting new friendships. The focus was to have fun in a warm, relaxed environment with a few Aussie surprises to enjoy. Our willing team of helpers and Welcome Ambassadors were always ready to serve. Many members also took advantage of organised tours or a Golf Day. Others, accepted the generous opportunity for Home Hosting. The Progressive Friendship Dinner along the South Wharf promenade, the glamorous iconic Melbourne Cup themed Gala Dinner and the Flag Parade of the Opening Ceremony with diverse entertainment, were highlights for many.

We left with a lasting legacy of happy memories and a passion in our hearts and minds to share our wonderful organisation with the world to ensure Inner Wheel survives and thrives.



A selfie to remember.



We're here!



Friendship without borders.



A few of the Aussie Welcome Ambassadors.



At the Welcome Reception.



Banner Exchange – a conversation starter.



Symposium presenters.



The present and the future.



G'day from Australia.



Indigenous Welcome to Country.



Dancing with joy.



Only in Australia.



Colonials from the IW Club of Bairnsdale.



A promenade of friendship.



Aussie locals joining the fun.



Cheers to Inner Wheel friendship.



Reunion.



“Cord Blood” Teddy attending the Business Session.



A job well done by a diligent team of tellers.



Welcome Ambassadors.



The Chief Steward presenting THE 2018 Melbourne Cup to International President 2017-2018 Dr Kapila Gupta.



Taking glamour to new heights.



Dancing the night away.

Each year Inner Wheel Australia holds a **National Conference** in conjunction with its Annual General Meeting. They are held in October each year and have been held in all states of Australia in places as far away as tropical Cairns – the gateway to Australia’s Great Barrier Reef, in the far north of Queensland; and the far west in mediterranean Perth, Western Australia; sometimes in major cities and other times in country towns.

They are occasions to gather together, renew old friendships, make new ones, increase and improve knowledge and understanding of Inner Wheel, the opportunity to hear guest speakers, be entertained and in general, to have a great time! Not forgetting the important Inner Wheel business that needs to be dealt with. National conferences have been held since 1968 (with the exception of the two COVID-19 years of 2020-2021).

54th Annual Inner Wheel Australia National Conference, Sydney, October 2022



International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon, her husband Rotary Past District Governor Virgilio “Jun” Farcon and Inner Wheel Australia President Lynne Davine.



Inner Wheel Australia Vice-President Susan Chisholm.



International President Zenaida made a presentation to each District Chairman.



Council Members with International President Zenaida.



District Chairmen with International President Zenaida.

The Conference Committee.



National President Lynne presenting a Cord Blood Research Grant to Dr Ying Wong.

Guests at the Gala Dinner



National Project Coordinator Robyn Gillespie presenting a Cord Blood Research Grant to Dr Tayla Penny.



55th Annual National Conference Cowes, Phillip Island, Victoria, October 2023



Exquisite table decorations at the Gala Dinner.



Keynote speaker, Mat Bowtell, CEO of Free 3D Hands brought tears to the eyes and was given a standing ovation.



The Inner Wheel Club of Moe provided refreshments at registration.



National President Susan Chisholm and Vice-President Julie Brzozowski with the Inner Wheel Australia Banner.



Floral Fantasia – the theme for the Gala Dinner.



The Welcome Dinner had a "Beach Party" theme!



Inner Wheel Australia merchandise.



Phillip Island is famous for its Little Penguin Colony. The Conference Committee used this as a theme for their Conference advertising.



The Conference Committee after all the work was done!



"Rock & Roll" at the farewell dinner.



A very happy Executive Committee at the Friendship Dinner.



Past and present Inner Wheel Australia Presidents.



Audience participation with entertainers "Sisters and Misters" at the opening Ceremony.



The hard-working Executive at the Business Session.

Service

**Cord Blood Research:
Twenty-three years of service and still on-going**

(Author: Anne McGill, Past International Inner Wheel Board Director)

At the Inner Wheel Australia Conference in October 2000, the then President of Inner Wheel Australia Anne McGill proposed that Cord Blood Research be adopted as our National Project. This was overwhelmingly accepted. On the advice of Professor Vowels, a medical panel was formed, and their decision be ratified by the Inner Wheel Australia President. Information and advice was received from Professor Vowels, who was in charge of the Cord Blood Bank at the Childrens Hospital in Sydney. On her District visits, President Anne conveyed this information to the Members. At the National Changeover in 2001 the Programme was officially opened by President Vivienne Anderson, Past President Anne McGill and Jean Kittson, a renowned author and comedienne. Four grants were presented to researchers from the medical field.

In 2003, President Robyn Murray introduced the selling of merchandise to help raise funds, “Coin for a Cord Day” was started, where every Club around Australia set up stalls on the same day to sell merchandise and to promote Inner Wheel. Nancy Booth, a very talented artist, designed our “Baby Logo” which also helped our promotions.



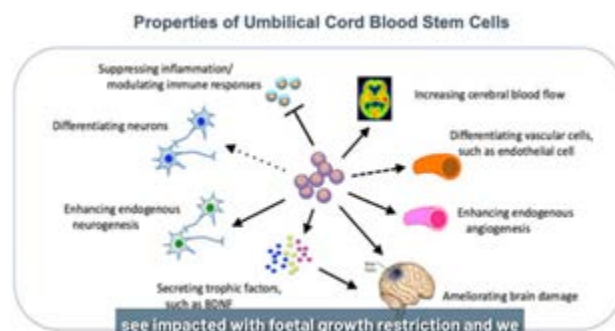
Three Cord Blood Research grants were awarded to Dr Alla Dolnikov, Dr Ying Wong and Dr Sara Chiaretti at the 2023 Inner Wheel Australia National Conference.



Inner Wheel Australia grant recipients reporting to the members at the National Conference.



Dr Courtney McDonald (top right), Dr Tayla Penny (top left), Professor Suzanne Miller (left picture) and their team were awarded grants from Inner Wheel Australia for their research to prevent and treat brain injury in babies.



An explanation of some of their work from The Ritchie Centre, Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Monash Childrens Hospital.



Members all over Australia walk "2 for 10" (two kilometers for \$10.00) to raise money for Cord Blood Research.

As the project was growing each year, President Robyn White and the Executive decided that a National Committee be formed to run and organise our project, whilst reporting to Inner Wheel Australia at all times. The Committee comprised of three members, Anne McGill – National Coordinator, Vivienne Anderson – Marketing and Robyn Murray – Media. District Coordinators were also appointed and proved to be very valuable with their assistance.

Each year, more grants were presented and members took advantage of meeting the researchers face-to-face. This encouraged the knowledge and enthusiasm of all our members. All Inner Wheel Australia Presidents encouraged the members to support the project.



Encouragement for participation in our annual fundraising walk for our Cord Blood Research project.



Promotion for various "2 for 10" walks for Cord Blood Research. Participants pay or are sponsored, \$10.00 to walk 2 kilometers.



Inner Wheel Australia -
Sean's Two For Ten

Throughout the years, we sold a great deal of merchandise. For example, a Red Cord, Cordelia Bears of many varieties, red pens, baby badges, umbrellas, Christmas Cards and so on. Our A60 Coordinator Lyn Ward dressed a bear and sent it to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge when their son George was born, and again when their daughter Charlotte was born. Lyn was extremely excited when she received a beautiful letter of thanks.

A great deal of excitement grew as we launched a rose to be sold. We requested ideas of the name of the rose from our members and many names were put forward. We officially had to submit three names to a "A Rose Naming Committee" and they decided on the name "Gift of Friendship".

Our merchandise was delivered to our Warehouse. Many happy hours were spent packing orders by members of Districts A61 and A62 with lots of laughter and friendship.

At many Conferences, we were fortunate to have a Cord Blood recipient as our Guest Speaker. Most of their stories were very emotional and some tears were involved. The very first speaker who was a recipient of a transplant was James English. As a toddler James was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, a severe blood disorder. He received a cord blood transplant and is now a healthy young man in his thirties. At the Childrens Hospital in Melbourne a plaque was unveiled – “The women of Inner Wheel proudly fund raise and support Cord Blood Research”. On television Channel 10, the late Bert Newton talked about Inner Wheel and our Project, and this was viewed all around Australia. We were very lucky to receive assistance from a marketing company in Sydney. Mike Retter from “Circus” organised the production of a video for television. It was filmed at the home of Past International Inner Wheel Board Director Val Gibson. It took four hours of filming, giving gave us a ten-second video which travelled all around Australia on various television channels. Eight-year-old Cooper Smeaton was the star of the video. He was diagnosed with leukemia, had a cord blood transplant and is now a healthy young man. He also recovered from “graft versus host disease” which was one of the grants we supported.

We have given various grants to Associate Professor Graeme Jenkins, Professor Suzie Miller and the team from the Hudson Centre in Melbourne for their research into improving the health of pre-term babies. The interaction with those researchers has led to visits by our members to their premises. Many of this team have joined the members of the Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren on a fund-raising walk which is now an annual event for all our Clubs. It is impossible to tell the entire story in this article as, there have been many, many of our members totally committed. We have met medical people who have been an inspiration. Our members have enthusiastically supported our Cord Blood Research project since its inception in 2000, providing 57 grants and raising the vast sum of over \$3 million Australian dollars. It has united the Clubs in Australia in fun, laughter, friendship and helping others in their communities.



The Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren, District A62 enjoy their “2 for 10” walk.



Researchers from The Hudson Institute of Medical Research are always ready to support their local “2 for 10” walk.



The Inner Wheel Club of Namur was the first Club chartered in 1948 in the presence of the Princess de Merode. The Charter President was Stéphanie Goosens. A memorable project was a dinner for the benefit of the homes.

District 62 was the first, chartered in 1973 with 8 Clubs. District Chairman was Christiane Materne. 1985 was the year of division into three Districts: 62, 217 and 163. The Inter-District Friendship Day was created.

From 1973-1974 to 1994-1995, the Districts elected a National Representative. The National Council was formed in the year 1995-1996 with a National President cum National Representative.

Two prominent members were elected by Clubs worldwide as International Inner Wheel President: Anne Lebeau 1980-1981 (who created the Charlemagne Rally in 1980); and Charlotte De Vos 2015-2016. Corinne Dalleur-van der Drift was International Constitution Chairman 2018-2021.

Friendship

The Inner Wheel Club of Péruwelz-Pays des Vernes hosted “**Friendship Day**” during the official visit of International President 2014-2015 Abha Gupta (second from right); International Vice-President Charlotte De Vos is on her right.



District 62 stretches from north to south and to the west of Belgium. District 163 is from north to south and to the east, including the Inner Wheel Club of Diekirch-Ettelbruck in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. District 217 is from north to south in the centre of Belgium.

Today, 2023-2024, the National Governing Body of Belgium-Luxembourg has under its wings 75 Clubs in three Districts.



First President of the Inner Wheel Club of Enghien-Edingen chartered on 23 Nov 1985.

Rallye Charlemagne 2016

Belgium-Luxembourg organised the last Rallye Charlemagne in September 2016, in the city of Ghent. At the European meeting in 2017, upon the initiative of International President 2015-2016 Charlotte De Vos, it was decided to make the Charlemagne Rally the European Rally, open to all European countries. Photo at right: Bambi de Ceuninck, President of the National Council 2016-2018 (standing on the right) and Nicole De Maen, Past President of the National Council.



Stilt-walkers – skillful and entertaining.



The sessions at the city hall.



Photos from some of the Clubs celebrating the centennial of Inner Wheel



Inner Wheel Club of Beringen



Inner Wheel Club of Beaumont



Inner Wheel Club of Geel



Inner Wheel Club of Brugge



Inner Wheel Club of La Louvière



Inner Wheel Club of Enghien-Edingen



Inner Wheel Club of Genk.



Inner Wheel Club of Oostende



Inner Wheel Club of Verviers-Spa



Inner Wheel Club of Antwerp Busy Metropool



Inner Wheel Club of Herve



Inner Wheel Club of Dinant-Hastière



Inner Wheel Club of Seraing



Inner Wheel Club of Liège-Bierset-Hesbaye



Inner Wheel Club of Lys-Europea

Service

“Walk with Inner Wheel”

The three Districts of Belgium-Luxembourg organised a National Special Olympics walk action to provide a transportable basketball court.

Special Olympics is an organisation that helps people with intellectual disabilities integrate into society through adapted sports. This organisation was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of the US President, John F. Kennedy.



Tsunami in Sri Lanka

May 2005. The Inner Wheel Clubs helped finance the reconstruction of houses demolished by the tsunami in Sri Lanka, a joint project with Inner Wheel District 322 in Sri Lanka.



One of the houses of the beneficiary family.



Empowering Nepali Women

In 2002 to 2009, the Clubs were involved in the creation of a tailoring school for young girls in Nepal to empower them to be self-sufficient. A fundraising was organised by the National Council to provide the school with sewing machines. The training was successful and after the third year, the school was able to run without our intervention.

When the earthquake in Nepal struck in 2015, we contacted the young girls at the school. Their region was not affected and they could make blankets for the victims.

Educational aid for rural girls in Benin

Creation of a library and assistance provided for the education of young girls in the countryside of Benin.

This project was made possible, thanks to the help and contacts of the Inner Wheel Club of Cotonou Espoir, District 909, in Benin, West Africa.



During a visit to England in 1947, Dagmar Ottosen became aware of the Inner Wheel organization. After returning home, Dagmar shared her interest with nine Rotary ladies. On 23 September 1948, the first Club in Denmark, the Inner Wheel Club of Haderslev, received their charter letter, and Dagmar Ottosen became the Club President.

On 1 July 1958, three Districts were formed: 28, 29 and 30. In 1973, these were renumbered as 44, 45 and 46 respectively and the charter of two additional Districts 47 and 48.

The Danish Inner Wheel Council was established on 30 January 1967. Today, Denmark has 85 Clubs, five Districts and a National Council.

The first Club in District 47 was chartered on the 30 September 1950, the Inner Wheel Club of Greater Copenhagen, with 136 members. Later on the name was changed to the Inner Wheel Club of Copenhagen. Sadly the Club is now closed. From District 47, came two International Presidents: 1972-73, Birthe Fangel from Inner Wheel Club of Copenhagen; and in 2008-2009, Suzanne Nielsen from the Inner Wheel Club of Frederiksværk. Both have had the pleasure of holding the International Inner Wheel Convention – Birthe Fangel in Copenhagen in 1973 and Suzanne Nielsen in Kota Kinabalu in 2009.



Dagmar Ottosen



The second Convention at Tre Falke Hotel.



Birthe Fangel welcoming Queen Ingrid of Denmark at the second Convention.

The Second International Inner Wheel Convention

The 1973 Convention was in Copenhagen in August 1973. Around 2,200 members and guests took part. The convention hall could only have 2,127 participants, so a nearby movie theater was used for some of the Danish participants.

The Sixteenth International Inner Wheel Convention

This Convention in Copenhagen was in May 2015. A total of 2,190 members and guests from 55 countries took part.



International President 2014-2015 Abha Gupta
Local Convention Coordinator Benedicte Haubroe on her left.



16th International Inner Wheel Convention bags.



Princess Benedicte of Denmark christening the new Inner Wheel Forever Rose.



The Tivoli Guards at the Opening Ceremony.

The story of sister Districts in District 248 Bulgaria and District 45 Denmark.

In 2007, District 48 Chairman of Inner Wheel Bulgaria, Nelly Bratoeva, wrote a letter to the International Inner Wheel asking for a friendship link with a District. They were relatively new to Inner Wheel and keen to learn more about the ideas, values and traditions of Inner Wheel.

At that time, International Vice-President Suzanne Hem Nielsen (from Inner Wheel Denmark), forwarded the letter to Inge Haas, Past District Chairman of District 45 and a member of the National Council. We knew about friendship links between Clubs, but not between Districts. Inge Haas thought the idea was great and contacted Nelly Bratoeva on behalf of District 45.

Nelly Bratoeva and Marina Tcholakova-Kornovska, Past District Chairman of District 248, visited Denmark in June 2008, and were privately accommodated. They attended three different Inner Wheel Club meetings and learned the functioning at Club and District levels. They were also introduced to Danish culture and way of life, and learned the story of the Inner Wheel rose.

Both Districts agreed on the idea that they will have exchange of visits on a formal basis. A "Letter of Memorandum" was signed on 10 June 2008, between Nelly Bratoeva and Bodil Porsbjerg, District 45 Chairman.

We have tried to exchange visits every two or three years, with a stay of four to five days where we would visit different Clubs and arrange individual programmes. The visiting group has now grown to twenty to thirty ladies from the whole District. It is a unique chance to learn about other countries and not as a normal tourist, but as a friend and shown around by local Inner Wheel friends.

Once you have experienced this exchange you would want to participate again. There will always be new members, and thus, new friends. It has become a huge success and created a special bond. Whenever we meet an Inner Wheel member from Bulgaria, whether in Bulgaria, at Conventions or European Rallies, we don't meet a stranger but a familiar friend.

In 2023, we celebrated our 15th anniversary of the friendship link. We made our fourth visit to Inner Wheel Bulgaria. There were 34 of us, each having the most fantastic experience that only Inner wheel can give us.

We do hope that this special exchange and friendship will continue for many years to come, and Inge Haas said that she will forever be grateful to Nelly Bratoeva for having the idea of a sister District, and together with Marina Kornovska for forging it.



Bridging the Baltic Sea

In 2013, Inner Wheel Denmark hosted “Bridging the Baltic Sea” in Copenhagen. Alice Waldner, the District 47 International Service Organizer, took the initiative and organised a successful three-day meeting in Copenhagen. The concept of Baltic Sea meetings originated in Germany, previously held in Wismar (2006) and Rostock (2008). The meeting at Rostock successfully brought together the National Representatives of the Scandinavian countries, including International President 2008-2009, Suzanne Nielsen from Denmark.

The meetings are purely social events. Since 2013, meetings have been held every three years, rotating between Kalmar (Sweden), Vilnius (Lithuania), and Lübeck (Germany). In 2024, Denmark will once again host these intimate gatherings, typically welcoming around 100-120 Inner Wheel members.

Networking in District 48

The Inner Wheel Club of Nykøbing Falster focuses on forming friendships and relationships by networking. It is valuable to the Club members that they can talk, experience and share many exciting things at the meetings.

From the start of the Inner Wheel year on 1 July until October 2022, the Club has participated in five other Club meetings in the District. The Club thanked the five Clubs for their hospitality by inviting them all to a big meeting with singing and performances. New as well as old friendships are formed in this way.

Camps for exchange students by District 48

In the last 30 years, Inner Wheel District 48 and Rotary District 1048 have held camps for exchange students.

The Inner Wheel year of holding office has the advantage that the Clubs in the District can take turns to be represented at these camps along with Rotary.

The students are 15 to 18 years old. They desire to visit other parts of the world. This kind of exchange programmes give them the opportunity to experience other cultures. It is not just a lot of exciting experiences, but also to meet new friends, and have the opportunity to study in other countries.

Rotary District 1048 Counsellor, the Inner Wheel District 48 International Service Organiser and District Chairman have all been represented.



Farewell lunch in Tivoli. A boy from the Tivoli Guards presented flowers to Alice Waldner.



Participants in front of Rungstedgaard Hotel, watching the girl guards.



An evening of friendship among six Clubs' members hosted by Inner Wheel Club of Nykøbing Falster.



Project Daaseringe.dk by District 44

Back in 2002, project Daaseringe.dk (Ladies of the Can Rings) started as an Inner Wheel project in District 44 by the District International Service Organiser Kirsten Egelund Andersen.

The idea emerged when Kirsten, on a business trip to Thailand, saw a box of can rings and was told that they were used as components in leg prostheses, for which there is a great need.

The poor in Asia and especially in Thailand have problems with mines, diabetes and snakebites. It means that many have leg amputations and thereby unable to work or support the family.

In 2002 to 2008, Kirsten brought the collected can rings to Thailand in her luggage, and also sent many via her company to The Prostheses Foundation Hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Having heard about it, several voluntary organisations began to support the project. In 2016, Daaseringe.dk became an independent company with representatives from Inner Wheel, Sct. Georgs Gilderne and Malteser Riddernes Hospitals-Orden on the company's board.

Since 2009, and due to increasing freight rates, the can rings are collected in bulk quantities in Denmark. Then the rings are sold to the highest bidder for remelting in Europe. The money from the sale is sent to the hospital in Chiang Mai, where it is used for components in limb prostheses and small mobile clinics.

Since 2009, we have transferred almost five million Bahts to the Prostheses Foundation Hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The entire amount collected goes to the project.

We are continuing to our work persistently in this project.



Collected can rings transported for cleaning.



Inner Wheel members cleaning can rings.

District 46 supports the Seva Kendra Clinic in India

Santibari in the village Narayanpur, 250 km north of Calcutta in India, is an orphanage. 53 girls live here and all receive support via sponsorships through “Verdens Børn” (The Children of the World). District 46 started by giving support to a girl in the orphanage and donated a jeep.

The Seva Kendra health clinic is administratively linked with Santibari. Since 1999, District 46 has been supporting with donations where each member in the District donates 40 DKr. to the project. Economic support of no less than DKK350,000 has been given over the years.

The Seva Kendra Clinic currently employs a doctor who takes care of general illnesses. Many patients suffer from lung diseases because of their work in quarries.

A social worker who speaks the local Santali language is employed. It is of great help especially for many Muslim women who have isolated themselves due to language difficulties. Two nurses are also employed to make village visits, and help at the clinic. A part-time driver is also employed.

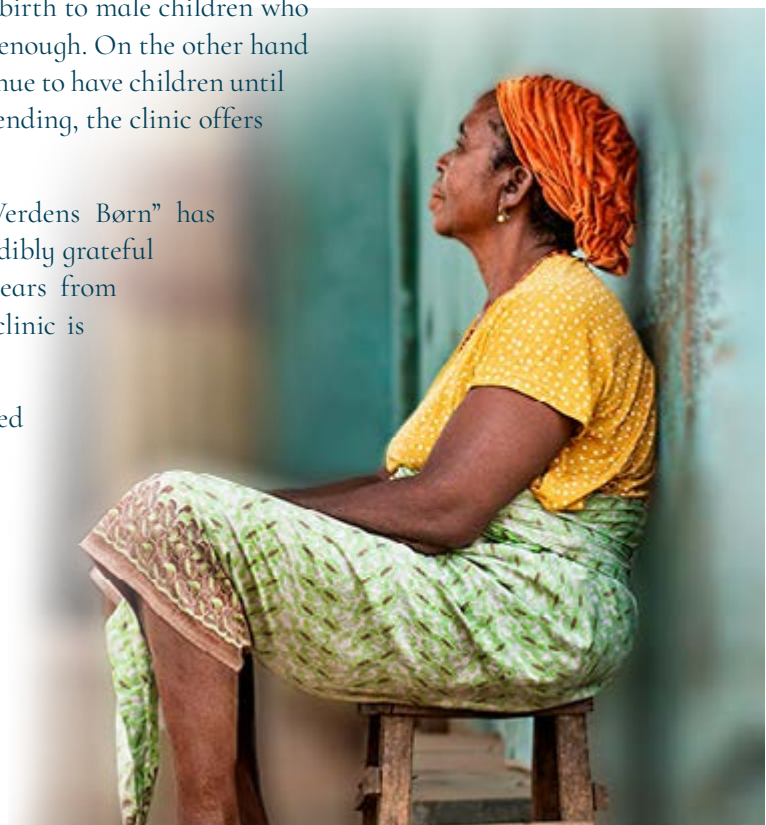
Shameful diseases for women

More and more men look to the Emirates to find work and after a few years return home with venereal diseases, and infected their wives. Even if it is the husband who has infected his wife, it is incredibly shameful. Today, they can receive the necessary treatment anonymously at the Seva Kendra Clinic. Therefore, the clinic has great hopes of hiring a female gynaecologist, but so far it has not been successful.

It is essential for the clinic that teaching and counselling goes well in the villages and recommends that a couple only have two children. The problem is the cultural importance of giving birth to male children who can then provide for them when they are old enough. On the other hand the girls will cost in dowries. So families continue to have children until they at least have one male child. In recommending, the clinic offers free contraception.

Project Manager Merete Hansson from “Verdens Børn” has visited the clinic. She says that they are incredibly grateful for the help they have received over the years from Inner Wheel Denmark, District 46, as the clinic is dependent on this support.

Inner Wheel helps and supports the exposed and vulnerable.



Project Madagascar baskets by District 44

In 2018, the Inner Wheel Club of Skive won the Inner Wheel Denmark Composition with “How To Make Our Organisation More Visible”. The idea was to trade with baskets made by women in Madagascar.

The baskets are imported by Karen Meyer and Sophie Nordentoft, who have both lived in Madagascar for seven to nine years. They became interested in the situation of women and their dependence on men’s income. In 2014, they founded the company “Madam Græskar” through which we buy the baskets.

Karen and Sophie would often go to Madagascar to select and order the baskets, which are unique products. The baskets are made of materials such as grass, sisal, etc., that grows right outside their homes.

The baskets have many different colours, sizes and patterns. They have an inside pocket, and the baskets can be closed with the help of fabrics in colours matching the outside of the basket. The corners at the bottom are reinforced by leather, and the length of handles makes it possible to both carry or sling over the shoulder.

The project has been a win-win situation from the beginning. We support the women of Madagascar to an independent economy and the profit we generate from the sale goes to vulnerable children and women here in Denmark.

In 2018 to 2022, we donated the profit from the sale to the organisation “Mødrehjælpen” (Mother’s Aid). During that period, no less than 6,409 baskets were sold.

In 2022 to 2024, the profit from the sale goes to “LykkeLiga” (Happy League), supporting a national community for children with developmental disabilities and their families, using the sport of handball to create a fun and loving environment.

Inner Wheel Denmark, District 44, continues this successful project. Project managers are Birgitte Bach from the Inner Wheel Club of Silkeborg and Marianne Pless from the Inner Wheel Club of Nykøbing Falster.



Karen and Sophie



For LykkeLiga.

Awareness! Championing the biodiversity of Denmark

The Inner Wheel Club of Vordingborg-Præstø is located in very beautiful nature. However, biodiversity is also under pressure here as elsewhere in Denmark. In the Vordingborg municipality, good progress has been made in reversing the negative development despite its small area of 280 acres¹¹³ (Denmark has a total coastline of about 8,754 kilometers).

Knudshoved Odde is one of the areas in Vordingborg where biodiversity has tremendously improved. In 2019, the municipality together with Rosenfeldt Estates initiated “LIFE Clima-Bombina”, a large nature restoration project on Knudshoved Odde, financed with help from foundations as well as local and state support, in particular, by the LIFE Programme of the EU for environment and climate action¹¹⁴.

It is beneficial for the climate to increase biodiversity and bring nature back with water holes and flower meadows back to the time before farming. The 15 km long headland is a great natural gem. The area is home to a number of rare animal species. Fifteen out of Denmark’s seventeen species of amphibians and reptiles live on Knudshoved Odde, including the iconic Klokkefrø (bell frog) which is an endangered species.

The Club members follow the nature restoration project closely. When they go on a trip together in the beautiful nature, it strengthens the community and friendship in the Club.



Modernisation to attract new members

Inner Wheel is indeed noticeably an old lady in Inner Wheel Denmark. We have difficulties recruiting new members, and several Clubs have closed. As a consequence of the situation, the National Council has decided to start a project to modernise Inner Wheel Denmark.

In the efforts to modernise, we would also like to minimise national expenses by reducing the number of Council members from fifteen to ten. We are in a trial period where the District Chairman sits for two years. This has had a positive influence on the work of the National Council. Continuity in the work has increased, and it has become easier to maintain and implement the agreed decisions. In addition, our goal is to be visibly more vibrant. We must be the first choice for women who are motivated by our fellowship in a strong community where women are women at their best.

The work of the National Council, the Districts, and the Clubs are focused towards the goals below:

- Recruiting new members.
- Emphasising personal development through participation in committees.
- Creating joint ventures at the national level for the benefit of women and children, nationally and internationally.
- Strengthening international teamwork.
- Developing the national digital platform, making it the place where women are women at their best.

On behalf of the National Council,
Birgitte Bach,
National President 2023-2025,
Inner Wheel Denmark





The first, the Inner Wheel Club of Järvenpää in Finland, was founded in the small municipality of Järvenpää by 27 ladies, previously members of an informal ladies' club. The Charter book was signed in England on 1 July 1958 and presented at the charter ceremony on 25 October 1958 by District Chairman Inez Trotzig from Sweden. District 140 (northern Finland) and 142 (southern Finland) were both founded in 1986. In 1991, District 140 was divided into three Districts (139, 140 and 141). The National Council of Inner Wheel Finland was established in 2000. To date in 2023-2024, Inner Wheel Finland as altogether four Districts, 26 Clubs and some 700 members. Of the ten Clubs in District 141, one of them, the Inner Wheel Club of Tartu is located in Estonia.



25 Oct 1958, charter ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Järvenpää.

Friendship



Nordic Rally in Tampere, September 2010. International President 2010-2011 Pallavi Shah and Board Director 2007-2009 Ulla Eloranta.



Finnish Rally in Kuopio, October 2013. International President 2013-2014 Gabriella Adami along with over 100 members from Inner Wheel Finland participated in this Rally. Photos: International President Gabriella with (top left photo) National President Maija-Leena Virta-Kangas and (bottom left photo) Past National President Raija Hänninen. Top right – Gift for International President, the Marimekko umbrella. Bottom right – The flag guard, Inner Wheel members in the national costume.



Finnish Rally in Oulu, October 2017. 88 members attended from Inner Wheel Finland. From left: Kaija Keijola (National Representative and National President), Tuula Kareinen (National Vice-President), entertainment, organisers raising their glass to toast to a successful rally.



Finnish Rally (Sisarpäivät) in Turku, 1989. In the same year Maija Fernström from the Inner Wheel Club of Turku became the first member from Finland to be elected as International Inner Wheel Board Director.



Women for Europe 3 (WfE3), 21 October 2011 in Tuusula organised by District 142. Photos clockwise from top left – International President 2011-2012 Catherine Refabert. Organising Committee Chairman Sirkku Kalima and Past National President Hannele Karhunen. Rotary's greeting at WfE3. Toast to a successful WfE3.



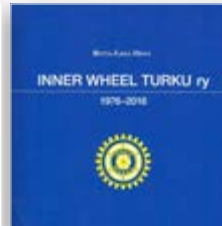
Women for Europe 5 (WfE5), 29-30 March 2014 in Espoo Hanasaari. Conference theme: Let's leave our children a sustainable planet. Photo, top – International President 2013-2014 Gabriella Adami (fourth from right) and the organising committee.



Nordic Rally in Turku, May 1998. 250 members from Inner Wheel Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and Åland (Finnish archipelago) took part in the Rally. The 3-day Rally is a social event held in turn by Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The highlight for all is meeting with the International President 1997-1998 Elizabeth Jones (right), being able to share her enthusiasm for life and Inner Wheel expressed in her own special way. It was a chance also to meet the International Inner Wheel Secretary Margaret Palmer (standing beside), a name only to most members.



Nordic Meeting, 22-24 September 2017 in Helsinki. Members from neighbouring Inner Wheel countries having pleasant and useful discussions about cooperation.



Past Board Director Rita Liisa Hovi wrote a book on the history of the Inner Wheel Club of Turku for the years 1976 to 2016. The Club is in District 141.

Service

District 139 supports the disabled

In 1995-1996, District 139 raised 5,760 FIM (Finnish Markkaa) to support Estonian young people with mild intellectual disabilities studying at the Special College of Internal Affairs Society in Pieksämäki.

International service in Tanzania

The Inner Wheel Club of Kuopio (District 139) supported children in Tanzania for ten years, 2009-2019. Money was sent to an orphanage in Itete and a care home for disabled orphans in Ilembula. Marja Joukainen, a Club member, carried out voluntary work in Itete for several months in winter for five years, while her husband worked there as a doctor in the Rotary Doctor Bank.

The Inner Wheel Club of Raahе (District 140) has sponsored a child in Kilingi Primary School on Tanzania since 2015 (photos, bottom row).



Marja Joukainen at the Itete orphanage.



The Inner Wheel Club of Turku has been supporting the training of sniffer dogs in drug detection by the Customs Services since the 2000s. It is a project jointly with Rotary District 1410. Each dog could be worth 1,000 Euros.



Customs officer Hannu Pönkä demonstrating the skill of Iiro.



Mrs. Maija Fernström and Mrs. Pirkko Karmakoski, Inner Wheel Club of Turku.

The surplus of the Nordic Rally in Turku (about 9,060 Euros) was used to support substance abuse treatment for families of mothers and newborn babies.



Inner Wheel in Finland has supported the House of Grace School for the Deaf in Ghana for many years with donations. Mrs. Hanna Boateng, Finnish deacon of the school, with her husband from Ghana and mother-in-law have been doing much work for the deaf children in the School, which they founded together over twenty years ago.

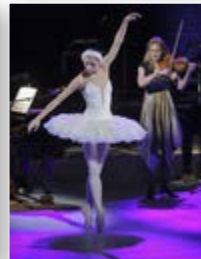


For a new Children's Hospital

District 142 hosted a concert on 12 January 2014 at Musiikkitalo in the Helsinki Music Centre. It was a sold-out with 1,700 in the audience.



District Executive Committee. Right: Chairman Raija Partanen.



Performances by Finland's leading artistes, and the finale by Cantores Minores ending with the Finlandia anthem.



INNER WHEEL

FRANCE-ANDORRA-MOROCCO-ALGERIA-TUNISIA (F.A.M.A.T.)

Districts 150, 151, 152, 153, 154

Once upon a time in the history of Inner Wheel in France

By **Christiane de la Haye**, first Chairman of the first District, #64. Extracted from Bulletin No. 19, May 1982. Adapted and edited for this publication from her speech at the Assembly of Clubs in Toulon, France on 30 January 1982. There were forty-nine Clubs then and talks were underway to divide the Districts in July. In about three months' time in May would be the Fifth International Inner Wheel Convention in Paris. 1982 was an exciting year.

As District Chairman of the first French District in 1972, I am honoured to present the history of the establishment of the Inner Wheel movement in France.

In 1949, when her husband was President of the Valenciennes Rotary Club, Julienne Carpentier received a letter from Mrs Lichel, of the Gerard's Cross Club, near London, asking if she would be interested in setting up an Inner Wheel Club in her town. Julienne envisaged the prospects that such meetings could bring to everyone, both from a friendly and human point of view and from an intellectual point of view.

After consulting a number of friends who were wives of Valenciennes Rotarians, it seemed to her that such a project was possible. She proposed to Isa Petit, who was deeply affected by the death of her son and who needed something to distract her, that she takes charge of the organisation of the Club and accept the first presidency (Isa Petit was the second President). This, she did with dedication and intelligence.

The Charter was presented on 25 June 1950 by Mrs Millicent Gaskell, then President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, who was accompanied by the General Secretary and some members of the Gerard's Cross Club.

For ten years, Valenciennes was the only Club in France. Brest, the second, did not receive its charter until 5 March 1960. Guingamp followed on 12 March 1965. As you can see, our little wheel "skated" for a while before making a real start in 1970. In 1970, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Metz Rive Gauche, Nantes and La Rochelle were created. Toulouse, Evreux and Rochefort in 1971.



There were nine of us and we thought about forming a District. Contact was made with London, and with Mrs Nancy Sharp, International President 1971-1972, who encouraged us. **On 19 January 1972, at a meeting held at Julienne Carpentier's house, I was elected the first Inner Wheel District Chairman in France!**

Once again, I would like to thank all those who placed their trust in me. **We were a close-knit and courageous team... which we needed, because there was a lot to do to get this District on track.** That same day, my successor, Carmen Teyssandier, was appointed. She was to carry out her duties with the utmost professionalism.

At the same meeting, **I was also elected Representative on the Board.** I was succeeded in this position by Carmen Teyssandier from Brest, Simone Andrieu from Guingamp, Odile Pouvreau from Rochefort, Dorothy Loez from Calais, Mårtha Malmqvist from Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and Engeline Siemens (Trenque) from Chambéry-Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne.

As soon as the District 64 was created, our Inner Wheel family grew rapidly.

During my leadership, which lasted an exceptional 18 months, I had the pleasure of handing out seven charters: in 1972, to the Inner Wheel Clubs of Pau, Castelsarrasin-Moissac, Mazamet, Calais and Brive-la-Gaillarde; in the first half of 1973, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Lens-Henin-Beaumont and Angoulême.

In 1974, under District Chairman Mathilde Wintenberger (from Metz-Rive-Gauche), the Inner Wheel Clubs of: Pons, Béziers and Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

In 1975-76, under District Chairman Jacqueline Cherot (from Nantes), the Clubs of La Défense, Tours, Côte Basque and Poitiers.

Then, on 5 November 1977, the District Chairman Jeanine Lévrier (from Pau) presented the charter to the Inner Wheel Club of Sète.

Having reached this stage of our expansion, we then had 24 Clubs spread all over France and it seemed essential to divide ourselves into two Districts, as it was not possible to leave a District the size of France in the hands of a single District Chairman.

The decision was therefore taken, and from 1 July 1977, we were divided into two Districts, 64 and 69.

This separation was not achieved without “gnashing of teeth”. It was difficult to get people to accept that the boundaries of a District do not constitute borders, and that they only represent an administrative division of Clubs, which one or the other Chairman would have to deal with, with all Clubs continuing to form a single block.

To emphasise this unity, we decided to publish a single newsletter for the whole of France.

We continued to expand, with the aim of sharing the Inner Wheel ideals with as many people as possible. So in 1978, under District 64 Chairman Geneviève Bariller (from Evreux) and District 69 Chairman Janine Lévrier (from Pau), the following Clubs were formed: Pointe-à-Pitre (too far away to be part of our Districts), Tarbes, Clermont-de-l’Oise, Cayenne (also too far away to be part of ours) and Chambéry-Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne.

In June 1979, under District Chairmen Monique Guay (from Brest), and Odile Pouvreau (from Rochefort), Pays de Grasse was created.

During 1979-1980, District Chairmen Françoise Brunet (from Calais), and Colette Giraud (from Angoulême), presented charters to the following Clubs: Blois, Grenoble, Bordeaux, Ancenis, Roquebrune-Cap Martin, Annemasse and Le Mans.

During 1980-1981, District Chairmen Aline Guérin (from Tours), and Renée Huppé (from Mazamet), presided over the birth of Clubs: Beauvais, Thionville, Colmar, Agen, Nice, Paris, Bonneville-La Roche-Faucigny and Sanary.

Finally, during 1981-1982, District Chairmen Andrée Guinouard (from La Défense), and Yvonne Amiel (from Béziers), presented charters to the Clubs: Bressuire, Cagnes-sur-Mer and Castres. In the following week, on 21 January 1982, the charter to the Inner Wheel Club of Paris Nord.

We’ve come a long way in ten years! From nine Clubs in 1972, we now have forty-nine! And it’s not over yet, as many other Clubs are in the process of being formed. Antibes and Toulon, in particular, will be receiving their charters before the end of 1982.

That’s why it was decided once again to divide us up, to go from two to five Districts! This will happen on 1st July 1982. We must remain optimistic and see this new separation as the price of our expansion. So, let’s continue to put our motto “Friendship and Service” into practice.

Friendship first: accepting others as they are; reaching out to them. That’s how we hope to discover them, get to know them better and appreciate them. Friendship is also about loyalty, simplicity and generosity. It is also the gratuitousness of gesture, the elegance of the heart, the nobility of feeling.

Service: by generously putting ourselves at the service of our time, our generation and those around us. As you know, you can’t create or produce without investing. Our investments are the wealth of our personalities. Let us unite in this common, effective, continuous work to advance the ideal we serve. These are the conditions of all generous and free service: it is therefore the very essence of Inner Wheel.

In closing, I would like to remind you that **1982 should mark the official consecration of the importance assumed by the Inner Wheel movement in France, since we have the honour of organising the Fifth International Inner Wheel Convention in Paris this year.**

I don’t think any of us, not even the younger ones, will ever see such an event again in France. So, we must all do our utmost to make this Paris Convention a success!



LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL!

Christiane De La Haye.



Julienne Carpentier



Charter Ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Valenciennes. Seated on left is Millicent Gaskell.



Charter Ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Valenciennes. Seated on left is Millicent Gaskell.



First bannerette of the Inner Wheel Club of Valenciennes – 25 June 1950.



President's chain of office, Inner Wheel Club of Valenciennes

Nancy Sharp said to Christiane de La Haye, "You're going to receive the chain by post. You stand in front of a mirror and pass the chain to yourself..." (Quoted by Christiane De La Haye).

26 Oct 2023. Isabelle Cheval, National President of Inner Wheel FAMAT posted in the Facebook Page of "IW Clubs Europea": Inner Wheel France-Andorra-Morocco-Algeria-Tunisia is in mourning. Christiane de La Haye, the first District Chairman, the first member of the Board and a founding member of the Valenciennes Club, has passed away. Christiane was over 100 years old but her departure leaves a great void.¹¹⁵



Odile Pouvreau, the first National Editor, "concocted" a first 12-page issue in May 1972, the cover of which was designed by a Rotarian (until then, French news had appeared in English in the "News" of Great Britain and Ireland) beside the cover of the first French news.

International Board Members 1970 to 1995. Comments from Engeline Siemens (Trenque) concerning Board Members. "A little oddity in my case. Before becoming Vice-Chairman and Chairman (from 1986-1988), I was first elected Deputy Board (from 1979 to 1981) and then Member of the Board representing France (from 1981 to 1983). This election was not, of course, due to my skills in the International Inner Wheel, but quite simply because there was no one available among the members who could speak English... At that time, each member of the Board represented her country; there was no need to worry, I was more of a royalist than the king." She commented later, that at that time, the Board Members decided on the improvements in our Constitution, the Clubs were not asked as now. Several French Board Members have never been District Chairmen: Simone Andrieu (1973-1975), Martha Malmqvist (1979-1981)."

1991: 112 Clubs. District 71 was divided into Districts 71 and 73 (which includes Corsica, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). District 64 was divided in Districts 64, 65 and 72. When District 73 was created there were 14 Clubs: Antibes, Bastia Mariana, Cagnes sur Mer, Cannes, Draguignan, Marseille, Miramas Provence, Nice, Pays de Grasse, Roquebrune Cap Martin, Sainte Maxime, Salon de Provence, Sanary and Toulon. Nîmes remained in District 71 for a while then joined District 73 in 1992-1993. The three existing Clubs in Morocco: Casablanca, Fès, Meknes (Tanger the first one, chartered on 25 Sep 1982 has disbanded) and the four Clubs of Tunisia: El Menzah, Sfax, Sousse and Tunis then joined in 1993. Algiers was the first Club in Algeria to be chartered on 15 May 1999 and naturally joined District 73.

1999: District 68 was divided in Districts 68 and 67. That means that the 10th District was created.

2014-2022 Evolution of District 66. The Clubs of Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique, Réunion Island, Mayotte, wanted to join metropolitan France or, in other words, the “hexagon”. The Clubs of Guadeloupe and Fort de France (in Guadeloupe and Martinique respectively) joined District 66 in May 2013. Cayenne Centre (in Guyane) joined in 2014. Schoelcher (in Martinique) joined on 1 January 2022. Le Lamentin (chartered 19 October 2013) and Carbet French West Indies (chartered 19 May 2021) both in La Martinique, decided to remain outside FAMAT.

Remiré Montjoly in Guyane (chartered 07 December 1984) is inactive according to information received from Cayenne. The Clubs in Réunion Island and Mayotte are too far away from the mainland and since 1 July 2023 have their own National Representative. Clubs in Réunion Island and FAMAT often spoke of a merger but due to the distance it has always been decided for District 920 (now referred to as Inner Wheel Indian Ocean) to remain outside FAMAT but to have special connections with the FAMAT.

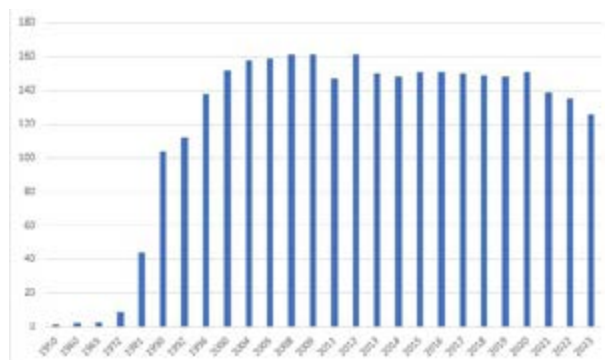
New Caledonia has an Inner Wheel Club, Nouméa Plaisance. They are really far away from the mainland and are in District NZ291. As they are also French-speaking, we have connections with them but not as special as with District 920.

Evolution of Clubs: 1950 to 2023

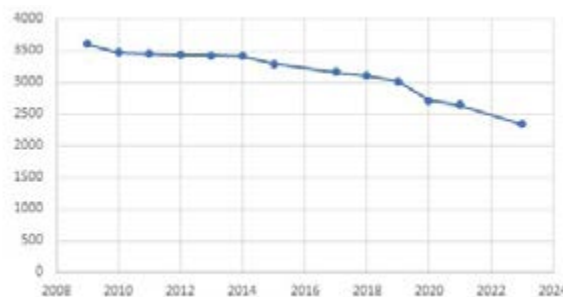
Evolution of members. These alarming figures plus the fact that less and less want to take position, huge loss of members, and disbandment of Clubs had led us to a complete remodelling of our Inner Wheel territory. This was undertaken from 2021 to 30 Jun 2023 with a reduction of ten to five Districts comprising 2,340 active members in 126 Clubs.



1 July 2023. The five restructured Districts of Inner Wheel FAMAT: Districts 150, 151, 152, 153 and 154.



Number of Clubs from 1950 to 2023



Membership from 2009 to 2023

1972. District 64.



1977. District 64 → 64 & 69



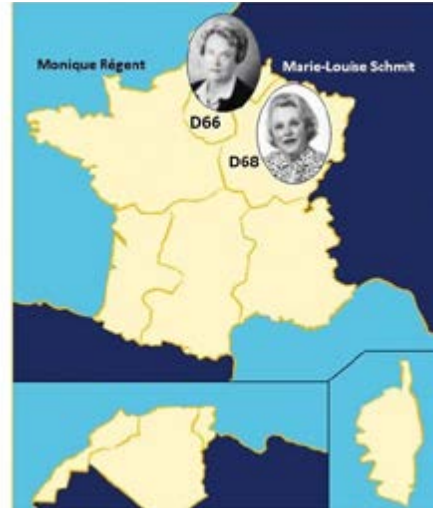
1 Jul 1982. District 63 → 64 & 66



1 Jul 1982. District 69 → 69, 70 & 71



1990. District 66 → 66 & 68



1991. District 71 → 71 & 73 (including Corsica, Algeria, Morocco & Tunisia).
District 64 → 64, 65 & 72



1999. District 68 → 67 & 68



1 Jul 2023. Restructuring of all Districts 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73.

- 64, 65 & 72 → 150,
- 66 & 67 → 151,
- 68 & 71 → 152,
- 73 → 153,
- 69 & 70 → 154.

Except the Clubs:
Clermont-Volcans (70 → 152)
Melle (72 → 154)

In 2008, National Representative cum President Christiane Requin, created the first bannerette. In 2017, National Representative cum President Elisabeth Haye, organised a competition opened to every Inner Wheel member to change the bannerette. In 2021, National Representative cum President Brigitte Le Josne, asked Deputy National Representative Marianne von Knorring, to design a new bannerette.



2017 design of the bannerette

The **National Council** was first formed in 1986 with 5 Districts: 64, 69; 66, 70 and 71. Aline Guérin was the first National Representative cum National President who held the post in Inner Wheel years 1985-1987.



In 1988 the National Governing Body becomes the “**Conseil Inter Pays**” that is, the inter-countries council of France, Andorra, Morocco, and Tunisia. Maud Olsem created the first website.

National Presidents IWY 1999-2006



National Representatives IWY 1999-2006



In 2007, the **Conseil Inter-Pays** becomes the **Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia**. Since then, the post of National Representative and President is held by one person.

The members who served at **International Inner Wheel**:

Board Directors



International Inner Wheel UN Representatives



National Representatives cum National Presidents IWY 1985-1999



National Representatives cum National Presidents IWY 2007-2024



Friendship



5th International Inner Wheel Convention, May 1982 in Paris. Photos: Left – Engeline Siemens was Board Member (1981-1983); reception at the Town Hall of Paris – Medal of Paris. Above – Reception at the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris.



Rallye Charlemagne in Lyon, 14-16 September 1990. 900 members and guests attended this event. International President 1990-1991 Margaret Spinning (second from right) with National Representative Huguette Schwindenhammer (her right) and (on her left) Rotary District 171 Governor (1984-1985) Paul Malapert.¹¹⁶



Rallye Charlemagne in Tours, 14-16 September 2007. 630 members and guests from 16 countries. On the day before the Rally, was the first **European Meeting**, organised by Catherine Refabert and Luisa Vinciguerra for National Representatives and District Chairmen of European countries. Above: International President 2007-2008 Kamala Ramakrishnan (right) at the Town Hall. Top right: National Representative Christiane Requin with International President at the Gala Dinner. Right: Catherine Refabert (right) at La Grange de Meslay for the Gala dinner



Friendship Days or Les Journées de L'amitié. These were initially organised every year. After the International Inner Wheel Convention in Istanbul, April 2012, dates were chosen to avoid the year of a Convention. From 2025 onwards, the event will be held every two years, outside of the Convention year. At the last FAMAT Council meeting of 2022-2023, we drew lots, and the next one will be organised by District 151 in 2025.

Friendship Days Events

District	Date	Venue	District	Date	Venue
64	Mar-80	Blois	64	May-02	Rouen
70	Mar-81	Toulouse	65	May-04	Nantes
69	Mar-83	Bordeaux	66	Mar-05	Paris
64	Mar-84	Tours	67	May-06	Lille
71	Mar-85	Nice	68	Mar-07	Beaune
66	Apr-86	Le Touquet	69	May-08	La Rochelle
70	Apr-87	Montpellier	70	May-09	Vichy
69	Apr-88	Pau	71	May-10	Saint-Etienne
64	Apr-89	Deauville	72	May-11	Orléans
71	May-90	Lyon (Rally Charlemagne)	73	May-13	Aix en Provence
68	May-92	Strasbourg	64	May-14	Le Havre
66	May-93	Paris	65	May-16	Saint-Malo
69	May-94	Bordeaux	66	Mar-17	Paris
73	Jun-95	Nice (Rotary Convention)	67	May-19	Arras
70	May-96	Arqelès-Gazost	68	Mar-20	Strasbourg X
71	May-98	Aix-les-Bains	69	May-22	Angoulême
72	May-99	Bourges	151	2025	Amiens
73	May-01	Nice			



Friendship Days in Paris (D66),
March 2005.



Friendship Days in Vichy (D70),
May 2009.



Friendship Days in Saint Etienne (D71),
May 2009.



Friendship Days in Orléans (D72),
May 2011.



Friendship Days In Aix en Provence (D73),
May 2013.



Friendship Days in Le Havre (D64),
May 2014.



Friendship Days in Saint-Malo (D65),
May 2016.



Friendship Days in Paris (D66),
March 2017.



Friendship Days in Arras (D67),
May 2019



Friendship Days that could not be held in
Strasbourg (D68), May 2020. It was cancelled
due to COVID-19.



Friendship Days in Angoulême (D69),
May 2022.

Service

Handisport is Inner Wheel FAMAT's national project since 2010, initiated by National Representative/National President, Jeanne Guérin. It has been thirteen years already!

The original plan was to support one or two female athletes, the "Jeunes à Potentiel" or Young with Potential. However, after exploring the project, the support pointed to "Handisport".

The approach consists, first to spot for talented young athletes at Handisport scheduled events for the young such as at the Grand Prix, whether departmental or regional or national in Bourges every year.

Every step taken and every Euro raised gives young people with disabilities the chance to take part in a sport they enjoy, to become more independent, to socialise with other young people, to benefit from advice. Perhaps the child may even succeed in their chosen discipline and represent France at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris



National President/National Representative 2022-2023 Marianne von Knorring (left) handing the cheque to President of Handisport France Ghislaine Westelynck, in the presence of International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas on 8 November 2023.



First cheque to Handisport on 13 Jun 2011 during the Friendship Days in Orléans. Photo (from left): International Vice-President Catherine Refabert, International President 2010-2011 Pallavi Shah, FAMAT National President/National Representative Jeanne Guérin.



2024 fundraising walk.



First fundraising walk 2011.

2007-2009: The Margarett Golding School

Christiane Requin, "In 2007, I met an Inner Wheel member from Réunion Island who asked for my support in a project to set up a school in Madagascar. Interested by the seriousness of this project, I launched an appeal for funds to all FAMAT Clubs. The money raised enabled work to begin in close collaboration with District 920, which includes Réunion and Madagascar. On site, the project was being monitored by the Soleil Marmailles Association and its Vice-President, Madagascan Dr Tiana Razafintsalama.

The school is named 'Margarett Golding' by the Malagasy authorities as a respect to our Inner Wheel founder. The first class had 40 pupils (20 boys and 20 girls) attending school for the first time, free of charge. Inner Wheel provided all the school equipment, and pay for the teacher. Classes were taught in Malagasy and French. Agriculture and livestock breeding were also taught. A year later, the school was extended to include a second classroom, sewing and mechanics workshops, a canteen, a well was drilled, a solar oven installed to lessen felling of trees, a chicken coop built, and so on and so forth. For several years, Inner Wheel FAMAT and District 920 continued to provide financial support to the school and village until they became completely self-sufficient."



Inauguration of the school



In a classroom



In 2021, Brigitte Le Josne was contacted by the District Chairman following a major drought in the south-west of the island, and here again Inner Wheel FAMAT raised funds to donate goats, cacti and seeds. Even today, in 2023-2024, the Inner Wheel FAMAT continues to help District 920 in Madagascar.



2012-2015: The social promotion of children in Haïti

Josée Cardinale & Michèle Lacour, “Support in the training process, getting malnourished children back into shape, prevention of serious illness, purchase of food products/fabric stocks, and solidarity sponsorships.”



2019-2021: Supporting the rights of the disabled and the abused

Elisabeth Hays, Marie-Françoise Caillaud & Colette Padet, “The Association Francophone de Femmes Autistes is an association that aims to defend the rights of autistic girls and women and/or children and women with disabilities, and to combat paedo-crime.



Helping District 909. Delivery of parcels to the Saint Camille Centre in Avrankou.



Helping District 909. Presentation of a braille printer to the school in Bobo Dioulasso

2011-2012: Helping District 909 (French-speaking Africa)

Nathalie Brun, “The International Inner Wheel during International President 2011-2012 Catherine Refabert’s tenure, had decided to donate funds for UNICEF directly to District 909, which she had visited previously. She asked me (National Representative/President), to ask the Clubs in the ten Districts to vote for this allocation during my visits. I did just that, and during my visit to the General Meeting of District 909, I presented a donation of €7,750.00 for four countries: 2,000 to help two schools in Benin, 1,000 for Clubs in Togo, 1,000 to help young girls attending school in Dakar, and 3,750 for Burkina Faso in the form of a printer that writes in braille for a secondary school for blind children, a printer that I took with me in my luggage!”

2015-2016: Supporting children battling cancer.

Marie-Françoise Pignard, “L’Association A Chacun son Everest is an association founded in 1994 by Dr Christine Janin, who was the first woman to climb Mount Everest. Through mountain courses, the Association helps children suffering from cancer to regain their self-confidence. Christine Janin makes the parallel between the difficulty of climbing a mountain and the challenge of beating cancer. Every year, around 14 weeks of courses for children are organised in Chamonix. These courses are completely free of charge for the parents. Our donations financed one week’s course.”



2016-2018: To the aid of children with heart malformations.

Laurette Lamboley & Elisabeth Hays, “Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque takes charge of and enables children suffering from congenital or infectious heart malformations to come to France and be operated on when they cannot be treated in their country of origin due to a lack of financial and technical resources.”



2021-2024: Know and act for the “dys-”

Brigitte Le Josne, Marianne von Knorring & Isabelle Cheval, “Dyslexia, is a written language disorder, dysphasia is an oral language disorder, and dyspraxia, gesture coordination disorder.” Supporting the work of the Fédération Française Des Dys.





INNER WHEEL INDIA

Districts 298, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 329

The first Club was formed in Ahmedabad on 5 February 1955. The Charter President was the late Mrs Minne Rustom Camma. She had flown to Scarborough in North Yorkshire, England and brought the Charter Certificate to India. By 1964, there were 27 Clubs spread out in India.

The first District, number 75, was formed in Gujarat in 1965, with the Inner Wheel Clubs of Ahmedabad, Anand, Porbandar, Surat, Bardoli, Nadiad, Navsari, Palanpur and Bulsar under the guidance and in the presence of the late Mrs Dorothy Hitching, President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs headquartered in the UK. Mrs Asma Mascati of the Inner Wheel Club of Surat became the first District Chairman in 1965-1966. Districts 315, 317 and 310 followed. In 1968, District 75 was renumbered as 305.

Meanwhile in Great Britain and Ireland, on 1 July 1967 as decided in the 1966 Annual Conference of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs held in Blackpool, International Inner Wheel was formed. Back home, it was felt necessary to form a National Council of Inner Wheel Clubs of India and Ceylon (now, Sri Lanka), enabling it to be the administrator of the Districts and non-Districted Clubs in that region. Past District Chairmen would be elected as International Inner Wheel Representatives with Council meetings held twice a year. Thus, in 1968, the National Council was formed with Dr (Mrs) Malati Rana of the Inner Wheel Club of Navsari as the first International Inner Wheel Representative, 1968-1970.

In 1976, Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and Sri Lanka was formed with Mrs Rakshaben Mehta from District 314 as the first Association President. In the same year, the first Association Conference (now called Triennial Conference) was held in Mumbai in 1977. The Association byelaws were framed by Mrs Parviz Home Banajee (founder Chairman of District 315), Mrs. Silla Ardeshir (founder Chairman of District 314) and Association President Raksha Mehta.

In 1983-1984, a few Inner Wheel Clubs in Bangladesh came under the administration of the Association but became independent after a year. In 1985, the Inner Wheel Clubs in Sri Lanka formed District 322. Thus, the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and Sri Lanka, changed its name to what is known today as the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India.



Minne Rustom Camma

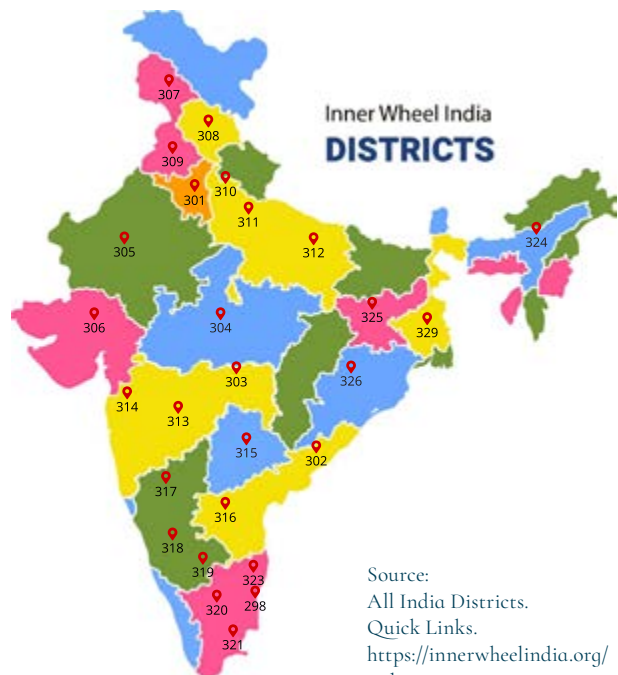


Charter Certificate of the Inner Wheel Club of Ahmedabad

Through the years, there has been a phenomenal expansion of Clubs that resulted in the formation of new Districts and the division of existing Districts into two or three. By the end of December 2023, Inner Wheel in India has twenty-seven Districts with 1,686 Clubs, and the largest membership among all the Inner Wheel national governing bodies worldwide.

At the International Inner Wheel, members of the Association who have served are as follows:

- President (and Vice-President): Dr Bina Vyas, Dr Kapila Gupta, Abha Gupta, Pallavi Shah, Kamala Ramakrishnan, Anita Aggarwal, and Minna Kapur.
- Treasurer: Sarita Lunani, Azhagu Annamalai, Dr Kapila Gupta.
- Board Director: Abha Gupta, Vimla Abraham, Shashi Gupta, Renu Baljee, Kamala Ramakrishnan, Gulnar Marfatia, Roshan E Chindhy, Dr Pallavi Shah, Patricia Hilton, Mamta Gupta.
- Editor/Media Manager: Prabha Raghunandan, Gomathi Viswanathan, Kamala Ramakrishnan.



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Friendship and Service

District 298

District 298 was formed in 1995 from the bifurcation of District 323. District 323 itself was a bifurcation of 320. Many of the Past District Chairmen in District 298 have been Chairmen in Districts 320 and 323. The first District Assembly was held on 14 May 1995 at Namakkal and the first District Chairman is Shyamala Venkatraman. District 298 started with 14 Clubs and at the end of 2023, it has 1,430 members in 40 Clubs.



The Inner Wheel Clubs of Cuddalore, Cuddalore Silver Beach and Cuddalore Coastal City Blossom jointly went on a tour to Pondicherry and enjoyed their day together with the District Chairman 2023-2024 Mrs Sridevi Indrakumar.



The Inner Wheel Club of Tiruchengode celebrated Inner Wheel Day 2024 with a colourful rangoli, depicting the 19th International Inner Wheel Convention logo.



The Inner Wheel Club of Dharmapuri went on an outing with the District Chairman 2023-2024 Mrs Sridevi Indrakumar and members.



The Inner Wheel Club of Salem Mythri went on a picnic with Inner Wheel friends.



The Inner Wheel Club of Tanjore celebrated "pongal" with Inner Wheel members. They went out for a picnic and enjoyed dancing and games.



The Inner Wheel Club of Salem North celebrated Inner Wheel centenary in a grand style.



2020-2021. District Chairman Thatsayani Pannerselvam with members who donated sewing machines to empower women to be self-supportive.



2017-2018. District Chairman Mrs. Usha Nandhini and members of the south zone, organised a ladies' motor rally of 100 cars and 100 bikes to emphasise the importance of safety and health of women. The rally was flagged off by International President Kapila Gupta.



2020-2021. District Chairman Mrs. Sivakamisundari Kandasamy, with members of the Inner Wheel Club of Salem North who sponsored solar panel to an old aged home to reduce their expenditure on electricity.



2009-2010. District Chairman Mrs Manorama Singh helping a young boy. All Clubs tried to give hope to the destitute by giving tricycles and caliper orthoses, education, food, clothing and shelter.



2011-2012. Cyclone Thane in December 2011 devastated the Cuddalore area. District Chairman Mrs Tilagam Krishna with Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Cuddalore, District 298, in a joint project with District 319, constructed toilet blocks.



2023-2024. On a visit to Pondicherry, International President Trish Douglas had an enjoyable time dancing with the District Chairman and members.



2018-2019. District Chairman Mrs Sadhana Rajarajan organised a motorcade to save trees and promote the planting of trees among the general public where plants were also donated along the way. International President Chris Kirby (in photo) doing her bit.

District 301

District 301 was bifurcated from District 310 on 1 July 1985. As at Dec 2023, there are 95 Clubs. Many of her members have held international and national positions, most notably Mrs Minna Kapur, Mrs Anita Aggarwal, Mrs Abha Gupta, Dr (Mrs) Kapila Gupta, Mrs Shashi Gupta, Mrs Shubh Manchanda, Mrs Renu Mehra, Dr (Mrs) Urmil Bareja, Mrs Preeti Gugnani.



Past District Chairmen's Meeting 2018-2019.



Multi-District Meeting 2016-2017 graced by International President 2016-2017 Olujemisi Alatise.



"Darpan", celebrating 60 years of Inner Wheel in India.



2016-2017 Flaging off the 3,000 kilometer all-women drive Safar Stri Swabhiman Ka'.



District Secretaries' Meeting 2016-2017.



2016-2017 Reception of Safar Stri Swabhiman Ka'.



Pink Raahgiri, a breast cancer awareness walk, 2016-2017.



2023-24 Inner Wheel centenary celebration "Euphoria".



Benches made from waste polythene.



Installation of green waste processor



Registration Certificate for Inner Wheel in India issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for food businesses which may involve manufacturing or processing.



Installation of a potable water kiosk.



Campaign against polio.



Training programme to make fibre from water hyacinth.



21 Sep 2018. Inauguration of the multi-media centre at the National Association for the Blind, Rama Krishna Puram, Delhi.

District 302

District 302 was formed on 1 July 1992 (bifurcated from District 315). In 1988-1989 5th Triennial Conference was held in Vijayawada, a stepping stone towards its formation. 1992-1997 were foundation years: division of the District into four zones with a representative each for efficient administration, initiation of the District Directory and Newsletter, appointments of Past District Chairmen as advisors and counsellors to guide the Club leaders in elections and various projects. 1997-2007 were growth periods, focusing on membership development and new Clubs. Contributions were made to: Rotary Polio Eradication Fund, District Corpus Fund for Girl Child Education. District Corpus Fund for Learning Disability. In 2018-2019, creation of a District Repository and a Resolutions book, website and library. In 2023-2024, the District has 1,070 members in 37 Clubs.



13th Triennial Conference, 1-3 Feb 2013 at Hyderabad, hosted by District 302. Association President Sarita Lunani, witnessed by 2012-2013 International President Carole Young and Vice-President Gariella Adami.



2nd Association Council Meet, 7-8 Feb 2018. District Chairman V Sridevi, Association President Patricia Hilton, Convenor Past Association President Sarita Lunani.



2nd Association Council Meet, 28-30 Mar 2022. District Chairman P Yasoda, Association President Saroj Katiyar. Convenor International Treasurer 2021-2022 Sarita Lunani.



5th Triennial Conference, 5-6 Feb 1989 at Vijayawada, hosted by District 315. Association President Mythri Gandhi with International President 1988-1989 Alison Dowson.



Installation function of the 37th Association President Sarita Lunani at Vijayawada, 21 June 2012, hosted by District 302.



Orientation programme for the Executive Committee of East Zone Districts, April 2016, led by Association President Prabha Raghunandan.



District Silver Jubilee celebrations, 22 November 2016. District Chairman M Subhadrada, with International Vice-President 2016-2017 Dr Kapila Gupta. Convenor is Past Association President Sarita Lunani.



Installation of the Margarett Golding statue at Vijayawada Park by International President 2022-2023 Zenaid Farcon.



Eighty Happy Schools were inaugurated in 2017-2018, a national project and a brilliant national record.



10 January 2024. Inner Wheel Day. The Inner Wheel Club of Waltair felicitated 150 nurses with shawls, certificates and gifts. There were lucky dips and prizes.



A 50 by 30 feet metal awning, flooring and seven three-seater cement benches were constructed in a Women's Police Station in Vijayawada by the Inner Wheel Club of Vijayawada. It was inaugurated by Association President Preeti Gugnani on 2 December 2023.



Online computer training courses were started in 2021-2023 for 800 students from schools and colleges. The courses cover desktop publishing, MS Office and operating systems. The students were awarded certificates from a prestigious institute.



18 Feb 2013. The Inner Wheel Club of Eluru conducted a cancer awareness rally and bike treasure hunt. The event included games. All participants were given shawls and medals. Three top prizes and 30 consolation prizes were given to the winners.



Honouring 100 nurses on 10 January 2024 in commemoration of Inner Wheel Day.

District 303

District 303 was formed on 2 July 1991, bifurcated from District 314 (which was once part of District 315). The geographical region of District 303 is in Maharashtra extending from Nashik to Gadchiroli and Nagpur. The first District Chairman is Dr Trupta Dawalbhata. As at 31 January 2024, the District has 2,237 members in 57 Clubs. Dynamic members are Dr Rashmi Sharma who became the Association President in 2014-2015, and Meenal Lathi as Association Treasurer in 2021-2022.



West Zone Meet in 2017.



West Zone Meet in 2022.



First Executive Committee meeting 2014-2015.



Past District Chairman Meeting 2014.



Installation of the Association President 2014-2015



Stamp release



E-waste collection and safe disposal.



Education and training for orphaned girls in foster care.



Personal service at cancer palliative care centre, an ongoing project for several years now.



Gift of sewing machines, as an opportunity to be self-supportive.



Playground equipment for special children.



Eye checkup for the children of 32 schools.

District 304

In 1985, after a restructuring of several Inner Wheel Districts, the Inner Wheel Clubs in the geographical regions of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, under Districts 305 and 306, was put under a new District 304. The first District Chairman is Dr Saroj Lalwani. The District organised the Association Council meet in 2011-2012 and hosted the North-West Multi-District Rally in 2023-2024. The first website and news bulletin was launched in 2019-2020 led by District Chairman Deepa Kacholiya and facilitated by District Editor Beena Shah. In 2023-2024, as District Chairman, Beena Shah led the District to a record-breaking Inner Wheel India project in the distribution of 1,000 units of bicycles. In the same year, 100 solar street lights were also implemented to promote green energy.



2023 Zone Meet. Recognising talents of young generation.



District Club Officers Training event



Dance performance at a national event.



Members at the Triennial Conference in Varanasi in 2022.



District musical event.



2023 Multi-District North West Zone Meet.



2023 Multi-District North West Zone Meet. Distribution of 1,000 cycles to girls.



Distribution of sanitary pads in schools.



Installation of street solar lights.



Donation of tricycles.



Health awareness talk for the girls.

District 305

District 75 formed in 1965 was renumbered as 305 in 1968. The first Inner Wheel Club in India, the Inner Wheel Club of Ahmedabad, and eight other Clubs was formed in District 75. District 305 was reorganised in 1970 into Districts 305 and 306. Distinguished members are Gulnar Marfatia, Association President in 2001-2002 and Sunita Jain incoming Association President 2024-2025.



From left: Guest of Honour Mrinal Sarabhai, 1974-1975 District Chairman Shyama Sarada, 1970-1971 International Inner Wheel Representative Dipika Ben Shah, District Vice-Chairman Purnima Patel, Club President of the Inner Wheel Club of Ahmedabad.



1967-1968. Installation of Club President Pratimaben Modi and Secretary Sharadaben. Guests were the Honourable Nawab of Palanpur Ekbal Mohammad and his Begumshahiba with two British ladies.



Dolls and bandarwar competition. District International Service Organiser 1995-1996.



The 8th Triennial Conference of Inner Wheel India on 7-8 February 1998, Coimbatore. Guest of honour, Dr Elizabeth Jones, International Inner Wheel President 1997-1998.



District 305 Inter-City Meeting.



District 305 Inter-City Meeting.



The Chairman Institute.



Chair of Rotary India Literary Mission, Shekhar Mehta congratulated District 305 at the Triennial Conference for achieving the highest number of "Happy Schools".



Construction of a home for the aged at Pushkar.



Helping handicapped children with a cycle and school books.



2011. International President 2011-2012 Catherine Refabert cutting the ribbon. The first multi-district project in India, donation of a "roti" making machine to a girls' hostel for the blind in Ahmedabad.



New world record! Largest Rakhi shaped Inner Wheel logo using donations of more than 100 kilograms of several varieties of millets. A project organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Udaipur.



Donation to a school for blind girls in Ahmedabad, pictured with Charter Member, the late Past District Chairman Lakshmi Nagaswamy.



Free mass wedding for the destitute of all communities organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Kota in 2012, a long-term project since then.



1960. Inner Wheel Club of Ahmedabad. Fundraising fashion show raised 50,000 Indian rupees for a cancer hospital which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



Cheque presentation of 50,000 Indian rupees to the Shregas Foundation.

District 306

District 306 was formed by a bifurcation of District 305 in 1970. It started with fourteen Clubs. The first District Chairman is Mrs Sharda Pillai. The most distinguished member is Dr Bina Vyas who became Association President and then International President in 2020-2021.



Felicitations to Dr Bina Vyas, in Surat, with District Chairman Kalpana Shah, 2019-2020.



Felicitations to International Vice-President 2013-2014 Abha Gupta, hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Anand, September 2013.



International President 2016-2017 Olujemisi Alatise on a visit to Anand, Gujarat, with District Chairman Sangita Shukla, 2016-2017.



West Zone Meet in Surat, with Association President Smita Pingle and District Chairman Mamta Desai, 2018-2019.



Incoming Chairman's Institute at Vapi, with incoming Association President Mamta Gupta and District Chairman Mamta Desai, 2018-2019.



Golden Jubilee Celebration of District 306 in Surat, with District Chairman Sushma Agrawal, 2021-2022.



International Past District Chairmen's Meeting in Anand, 2022-2023.



Inner Wheel Club of Bhavnagar. Donations of two prosthetic hands, six legs, ten battery operated tricycles, 42 simple tricycles, 27 sewing machines and two high end sewing machines.



Inner Wheel centenary project – donation of 100 school benches, inaugurated by International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas at “Euphoria” Event, 10-12 January 2024 in Delhi.



Care For Girl Child. A project led by the Head of Female Health. Donations of Solar Water Heater in Pragati Kanya Chhatralaya, Luncikui, Navsari. It helps provide hot water for the girls of Kanya Chhatralaya. It was inaugurated by Association President. Smita Pingle and District Chairman Mamta Desai.



Inner Wheel Club of Baroda. Happy School: Ampad Primary School. Beneficiaries: 235 school children. Facilities provided: Drinking water block construction and whitewashed, Installation of water purifier with water cooler, Sports equipment, School Bags and stationaries, cleaning materials, Library books. Inauguration by District Chairman Mamta=Desai. Club President Sneha Bhagat 201820-19.



2017-2018. Inner Wheel Club of Dhule Crossroad. A project to “Leave Lasting Legacy”. Club President Bhavita Deore.



Women Empowerment. Ten pink auto-rickshaws donated to women, a joint project of Districts 306 and 314, at the handover of keys during the West Zone Meet of District 314 (2018-19).

District 308

Inner Wheel District 308 was formed on 1 July 1985, after the restructuring of Districts 309 and 310. Mrs. Nira Nath from Inner Wheel Club of Ambala was the first District Chairman. It started with sixteen Clubs and 470 members. By end of 2024, there are 2,218 members in 84 Clubs. The oldest Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Shimla, formed on 17 November 1967 was then part of the administration of District 315. Later it became a part of District 310 on 5 December 1968. Distinguished members are Mrs Renu Baljee, and Mrs Patricia Mary Hilton who have served as International Inner Wheel Board Directors.



A joint project with District 307 at Dharamshala. Four sewing machines and one sugar candy making machine were donated to the underprivileged local ladies to earn for their livelihood.



District 308 left an indelible mark at Euphoria Centennial Celebration with 65 members attending the event. Won lots of awards and ranked among the top three Districts in India.



The Car Rally. Thirteen cars received a ceremonial flag-off by the Honourable Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 9 January 2024, at his residence Oak Over, in Shimla. It was organised by District 308 led by District Chairman Seema Kapoor.



2011-2012 District Chairman Patricia Hilton led to host the Association North Zone Meet at Dehradun.



An ambulance donated to the Railway Station at Yamunanagar.
(District Chairman 2022-2023 Apeksha Ko Garg)



Forty bicycles were donated to less privileged girls.
(District Chairman 2023-2024 Seema Kapoor)



A dialysis machine was donated to a hospital to make it affordable for the less privileged patients. (District Chairman 2023-24 Seema Kapoor)



Pink Feathers. A joint project in collaboration with Parmar Nursing Home to sponsor a 3-month long 'Home Care Nursing Training' for twenty-five underprivileged girls. It was a small step towards making these girls self-sufficient. (District Chairman 2021-22 Gurpreet Kaur)



Emphasising on menstrual hygiene, fifty sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators were installed by Clubs of District 308.
(District Chairman 2017-18 Shashi Kir)

District 309

District 309 was formed in 1977-1978 from a restructuring of District 310. The first District Chairman is Mrs Mina Kapur. The oldest Club, formed in 1971, is the Inner Wheel Club of Sri Ganganagar (which came under the administration of District 309 after a redistribution of District 305). The District started with sixteen Clubs and by end of 2023, it has 1,142 members in 51 Clubs.



2016-2017 District Intercity Meet with International Vice-President 2016-2017 Kapila Gupta.



1990-1991. District Chairman Santosh Sharma.



1982-83. Association President Minna Kapoor and District Chairman Uma Wadhwa at the District Assembly in Patiala.



1982-1983 Club President Varsha Sethi and District Chairman Uma Wadhwa.



1988-1989. Association President Uma Wadhwa and District Chairman Varsha Sethi



2017-2018. Multi-District Rally in Amritsar.



2023-2024 38th District Assembly at Bathinda with District Chairman Surinder Monga.



2017-2018 District Executive Committee Meeting with Association President Prabha Raghunandan.



2021-2022. 36th District Assembly.



2019-2020 Intercity Meet at Bathinda.



2018-2019 District Conference with District Chairman Raji.



2020-2021 Margarett Golding Award recipient Harnam Kochar (also a past District Chairman).



2022-2023 in Anand.



Inner Wheel India Literacy Mission. Twenty tablets donated by District 309.



2020-2021 District Chairman Sushma distributed 350 baby kits for mothers at government hospitals during COVID-19.



2023-2024 Euphoria project. Donation of 100 electric kettles.



2023-2024 Inner Wheel centenary project: donation of 150 bicycle helmets.



Donation of 38 bicycles for girls.



Project "peace-life" with the Brahmakumari organisation.



Distribution of 100 kettles.



A bus stop shelter at Mansa.



150 helmets for women, a safety project.

District 310

Inner Wheel District 310 was established on 5 December 1968 with the help of the first International Inner Wheel President 1967-1969 Mrs Lavender Weightman. The first District Chairman is Mrs Mehar N Framjee from Agra. In 1985, it was trifurcated into Districts 310, 301 and 308, leaving it with ten Clubs and less than 300 members. As at December 2023, the District has 1,945 members in 72 Clubs.



Attending installation of the Association President 2018-2019.



Attending installation of the Association President.



North Zone Meet.



Multi-District Rally, August 2023 in Indore.



Inter-District Women's Car Rally.



"Euphoria" Inner Wheel centenary celebration.



Mega Health Camp: joint project of Districts 308 and 310.



Distribution of 100 sewing machines.



Bicycle distribution at the District Rally to girls from needy backgrounds.



Pink Booth: a project in support of female constables.



2018-2019. Sponsoring a mass wedding.



In support of Bihar flood victims.



Distribution of sanitary pad vending machines.



Distribution of rations during COVID-19.

District 311

District 311 was formed from the bifurcation District 310 in 1971. The first District Chairman is Mrs Sharda Bhargava of Varanasi.

The oldest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Agra (9 November 1966), followed closely by the Inner Wheel Club of Aligarh (22 December 1966) and the largest is the Inner Wheel Club of Allahabad. All the Clubs in the District are found in the areas of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. In 1984-1986, District 311 was bifurcated to form District 312. At the end of December 2023, there are 3,211 members in 113 Clubs, making it one of the largest Districts in Inner Wheel India.

Over the years, District 311 hosted Association Council Meeting and Triennial Conference (under the able guidance of Past Association President Saroj Katiyar), leaving an indelible mark.



In 2022, the 16th Triennial Conference “Envision” was organised in Varanasi, hosted by District 311. There were around 1,500 delegates. It was a complete amalgamation of learning, business and entertainment.

North Zone Meet “Footprints” on 5-6 August 2017 was hosted by Saroj Katiyar in Agra. Association President Patricia Hilton and International President Dr Kapila Gupta were felicitated. It was well attended by the seven Districts of the north zone.



The Golden Jubilee Celebration of District 311 “Swarnim Udit Mahotsav” in April 2021 at Vrindavan. 500 delegates attended the event in the presence of International President Dr Bina Vyas. The highlight of the event was a beautiful ritual “chunari manorat” on the holy river Yamuna.





The “Inner Wheel Vatika-A Garden” was developed in an eye hospital in Aligarh for the patients. It was created with discarded waste products. The Vatika was first developed in 2021.



“Selfie point” and Yatri sheds were developed in 2023-2024 using waste products at prominent locations by the Inner Wheel Club of Jhansi.



Rejuvenation of ponds. Ponds are rejuvenated to recharge the ground water every year for the last five years by the Inner Wheel Club of Kashipur. The project started in 2018.



Thousands perished tragically during COVID-19 and ashes are still lying unclaimed. The Inner Wheel Club of Orai Swarnim performed the final rites and immersed them in River Yamuna to liberate these unfortunate souls.

District 312

District 312 was formed from the bifurcation of District 311 in a conference meeting on 30-31 December 1984. Witnessed by Association President Dr Mano Bhaktvathsalam, District Chairman of 311, Sharda Bhargava chaired the redistribution exercise to cover the areas of eastern and central Uttar Pradesh, and northern Madhya Pradesh. The officers were elected in that Conference. The first District Chairman is Mrs Prabha Bajpai Lakhimpur Kheri. The District started with nineteen Clubs. At the end of 2023, it has 73.



10 February 2008. District Chairman presenting the District 312 bannerette to International President 2007-2008 Kamala Ramakrishnan (left) at the Multi-District Meet "Jagriti".



Felicitations to International Vice-President 2010-2011 Dr Pallavi Shah at the 12th Triennial Conference on 29-31 January 2010.



Felicitations to International Vice-President 2010-2011 Dr Pallavi Shah at the 12th Triennial Conference on 29-31 January 2010.



Glimpse of North Zone Meet hosted by District 312 on 18-19 August 2018 at Allahabad.



Multi-District Rally at Lucknow on 10-11 September 2016.



North Zone Meet "Symphony" hosted by District 312 at Lucknow on 3-4 September.



International friendship exchange programme "Maitri" with District 350 (Inner Wheel Nepal) on 26-29 January 2020.



2011-2012. Distribution of colour coded dustbins for waste disposal.



2012-2013. Distribution of 51 bicycles to school-going girls in need.



2016-2017. Presentation of a cheque as a donation to provide artificial limbs to the disabled at the Multi-District Rally in Lucknow.



2021-2022. Donation of five ambulances with health checkup facilities distributed to different places in District 312.



2020-2021. Joint project of Clubs in Varanasi for an "Inner Wheel Forest" on ten acres of land.



2017-2018. Distribution of flower baskets and umbrellas to poor women at the bank of the Ganges River, a step towards empowering them.



2022-2023. Fifteen auto-rickshaws were donated to women in need to help them become self-supportive.

District 313

Inner Wheel District 313 was established in 1985-1986 by the redistribution of seven Clubs Districts 314 and two in 317. Charulata Chinchankar became its first Chairman. Its inaugural assembly was held on 3 July 1985, in Poona, where it received its charter. By end of 2023, the District has 3,805 members in 74 Clubs. The District has hosted two Triennial Conferences and celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 2009-2010 with a publication titled “Silver Flashback”.



Association President Smita Pingale at the 15th Triennial Conference with International President 2018-2019 Christine Kirby, in Pune.



Association President Smita Pingale with the Association Executive Committee 2018-2019.



Association President Roshan Chindhy with the District Chairmen.



Association President Charulata Chinchankar, Executive Committee and Council Members at the installation at Hotel Blue Diamond in Pune, 1990.



Celebrating the first decade of District 313 at Solapur.



First District Assembly



The Golden Book of World Records awarded a Certificate of Excellence to District 313 for the “largest initiative of equipping schools with essential amenities from 1 July to 3 December 2023, under the “Happy School Project”. One hundred schools with about 20,000 rural school children benefitted in this project which aimed to ensure a conducive learning environment and promote innovation and skills development among the students.



Inauguration of fifteen Happy Schools by Association President 2016-2017 Prabha Raghunandan.



Unveiling thirty-nine years of history of District 313 through the publication of the book “Roots to Dreams” launched by International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas.



The inauguration of the Happy School project for the hearing-impaired at the YMCA Garland Craig Memorial School in Pune by International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas and Association President Preeti Gugnani. A project by the Inner Wheel Club of Poona Downtown.



From the Inner Wheel nursery of Malpani Farm, 40,000 plants are distributed annually free of cost. A long-term project by the Inner Wheel Club of Sangamner.

District 314

Inner Wheel District 314 emerged after the bifurcation of District 315 in 1970-1971. The late Silla Ardeshir was the first District Chairman. At the end of 2023, District 314 has 3,795 members in 80 Clubs around Mumbai, making it the largest District in the Association. One of the most distinguished members is Dr Pallavi Shah who served as International Inner Wheel President in 2010-2011 and chaired the International Governing Body meeting in Mumbai.



“Pratigogita” is a sports day for Inner Wheel members on 19 January 2024 held at Khar Gymkhana.



Golden Jubilee of District 314 “Woven Dreams” at the Renaissance, Powai on 19 November 2019 in the presence of International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter, Association President Mamta Gupta and District Chairman Devanji Vakharia.



West Zone Meet hosted by District 314 on 28-29 August 2021 attended by Association President Saroj Katiyar and District Chairman Sunita Jain.



The “Inner Wheel Fest” on 9 December 2023 was held at The Walk in Hiranandani Estate, Thane – a carnival of food, fun, music and dance, and the unfurling of the 100-foot Inner Wheel Banner.



3rd South Asia Rally, 8-9 March 2014 in Mumbai held in the presence of International President 2013-2014 Gabriella Adami, Association President Pushpa Suryamurty and District Chairman Mrudula Dand.



The 100-foot Inner Wheel banner, a record-breaking length, unfurled at the “Inner Wheel Fest” as a celebration of the centenary of Inner Wheel.



The 11th Triennial Conference 2006-2007 in Mumbai when Dr Pallavi Shah was Association President.



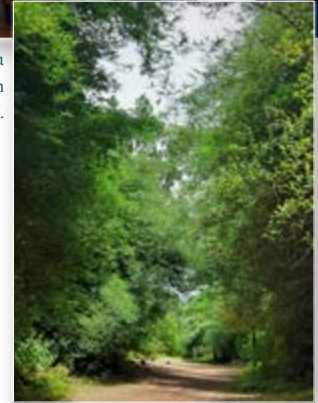
A tribute to the heroes, "My Salute to the Brave Hearts" by District 314.



Dedication to mother nature – a piece of land as an urban forest on 10 July 2017.



Opening of "Happy Schools".



"Mangrovethon", a marathon for women on 27 March 2022.



"Butterfly Garden"



An "Urban Project".



Vaccination programme against poliomyelitis.

District 315

District 315 was the second District formed in 1966 in India with fifteen Clubs covering far flung areas of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Maharashtra. The first District Chairman is Purviz Home Banajee from Mumbai. Through time, the District grew and has undergone restructuring to form new Districts. In 2018-2019 District 315 hosted the second Association Council meeting in Hyderabad. By the end of December 2023, it has 750 members in 30 Clubs covering the areas of Telangana and Guntur, Prakasam, Palnadu and Bapatla of Andhra Pradesh.



Friendship visit to District 13, Inner Wheel Great Britain and Ireland in London. Shared about the activities of District 315.



Host of the second Association Council Meeting in January 2019, Hyderabad.



Friendship visit and tour to District 307.



Donation of a reverse osmosis plant to a hospital.



Adoption of a peacock at the Nehru Zoological Park at 30,000 Indian rupees per year for its maintenance, sponsored by the Inner Wheel Club of Secunderabad.



Donation of forty computer tablets to girls as a part of national project.



Sponsorship of fees for a computer course for a batch of 30 girls in Neocursor.



Donation of forty computer tablets to girls as a part of national project.



Display signboards at a city junction by the Inner Wheel Club Guntur Udaan.



Construction of a shaded waiting area for patients and attendants at a government maternity hospital.



Inauguration of a special care ward for patients of cervical cancer and chemotherapy daycare at the Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute by the two Inner Wheel Clubs of Hyderabad Central and Banjara.

District 316

District 316 was formed in 1985 with four Clubs redistributed from District 318 and three from 317, located in the areas of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The first District Chairman is Indira Dhar. The oldest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Bellary and largest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Chitradurga. As at the end of December 2023, there are 1,050 members in 43 Clubs.



Friendship Day celebrations.



Inter-Club Friendship Meet.



Club International Service Organisers Meet.



Krishnashtami, the Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Krishna.



South Zone Meet in 2022-2023.



Adult education classes.



Forty-five wheelchairs donated to the disabled.



Donation to a school for their development.



Installation of a reverse osmosis water plant in a school.

District 317

District 317 was formed on 20 April 1968. The oldest Club is the Inner Wheel Club of Sangli formed on 30 May 1967. The number of Clubs grew and in 1977 and 1984, the District underwent redistribution exercises of its Clubs to Districts 316, 318 and 313. The District is located in the Goa, the north of Karnataka and the south of Maharashtra. By the end of December 2023, there are 72 Clubs.



Third Triennial Conference of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and Sri Lanka at Trivendram.



All India Past District Chairmen's Meet at Goa.



Incoming Chairman's Institute at Kolhapur.



District trip to Rajasthan 2004-2005.



West Zone Meet at Goa.



Golden Jubilee celebration of District 317, in 2023-2024.



2023-2024. Donation of 100 sewing machines from District 317 to the Clubs to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the District.



2020-2021. Margarete Golding award presentation to Smitatai Shirgaonkar.



West Zone Meet "Milestone" in 2019-2020.



2022-2023. Community Mammogram Centre, a project of the Inner Wheel Club of Sirsi Heritage.



14 March 2021. Pink Auto, one of its kind in Karnataka.



2015-2016. Construction of toilets for a village.

District 318

District 318 was formed in 1969 as the third Inner Wheel District in India in alignment with the restructuring of Clubs in Rotary. The change resulted in Clubs located in what was then District 317 to be under the administration of a new District 318. The first District Chairman is Mrs Sheila Irani who was installed in a ceremony on 24 July 1970. With growth, the District was bifurcated in 1977 to form District 319. By the end of December 2023, District 318 has 1,863 members in fifty-two Clubs, located in several areas of Karnataka.



Golden Jubilee celebrations D318 on 7 September 2019 in Mysore.



Eight Clubs in the Shimoga zone in a friendship rally.



10 January 2024. Celebrating the centenary on Inner Wheel Day with Clubs in the District.



2019 South Zone Meet "Milestone" organised by District 318 in conjunction with its 50th Anniversary of formation.



2023-2024. 54th District Conference "Shataparva", in Madikeri.



2023-2024. Donation of a motorbike to a disabled.



The Inner Wheel Club of Puttur built a “smart bus shelter” for public use.



2023-24 District 318 project in commemoration of Inner Wheel's centenary – donation of bicycles to young girls and working women. A symbolic presentation was held at the District Conference “Shataparva” on 2 December 2023 in Madikeri. In the photo, standing beside the recipients are District Chairman Poornima (right) and project director Anuradha Prakasha.



10 September 2023. The Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore South held a “Ramp Walk for Senior Citizens” in Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore. Two hundred senior citizens walked down the ramp with enthusiasm and in style. A few were invited to share their thoughts.

District 319

A new District 319 was announced on 1 July 1977 by outgoing District 318 Chairman Nagaveni Rao as a District created from the bifurcation of District 318. The first District Assembly in Tumkur held the installation of office bearers of both Districts 318 and 319. The first District Chairman is Mrs Anasuya Venson. At the end of December 2023, District 318 has 1,940 members in 45 Clubs located in the areas of Bangalore, Tumkur and Mandya in Karnataka, and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh.



Multi-District Rally in 2011 with International President 2011-2012 Catherine Refabert.

Events hosted by District 319

1989 – Association Executive Committee Meeting and Second Association Council Meeting at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Dr Nirmala Gupta.

1996 – Multi-District ISO Meet at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Rajalakshmi Suresh.

2002 – Association Council Meeting led by Past District Chairman Shailaja Bhat.

2005 – First Association Council Meeting at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Saila Chandrasekhar.

2008 – Multi-District Rally at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Ratna Chandrashekar.

2011 – Multi-District Rally led by Past District Chairman Amutha Suresh.

2012- Association Training Institute for incoming District Chairmen at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Amutha Suresh.

2015 – Second Association Council Meeting at Bangalore led by Past District Chairman Suma Ravi.

2022 – Multi-District Rally at Bangalore led by District Chairman 2022-23 Vinutha Harish.



Inner Wheel Day celebrations in 2023-2024 "Amrutanjali" in commemorating the centenary of Inner Wheel.



Multi-District Rally "Vshishta" on 4-5 November 2022 at Bengaluru organised by District 319.



Donation of medical equipment to the Rotary Blood Bank (2022).



Construction of ladies toilet block for a high school by the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore North.



Construction of a kitchen for a government primary school (2019).



Restoration of a heritage building of a government school (2016).



Physiotherapy device for cattle (2021).



Donation of wigs to cancer patients (2017).



Construction of toilets by the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Orchards (2018).



"Amrutanjali" celebrations in 2023-2024, commemorating the centenary of Inner Wheel, donation of an ambulance to the Rangadore Memorial Hospital.



District 320

Inner Wheel District 320 was inaugurated at the District Assembly held in Trivandrum in 1970 by Dr Malti Rana who was the Representative of the National Council of India and Ceylon to International Inner Wheel. District 320 was the fifth District formed in India. Mrs Seetha Rajamony was the first District Chairman, Vice-Chairman was Jer Nigeria and Mrs Shantha Balakrishnan was District Secretary. Through the years, with growth, it was bifurcated in 1974 to form District 321 and in 1985 to form District 323. The District was host to the Eighth Triennial Conference in February 1998, the Association Executive Committee Meeting in 2002, the installation of three Association Presidents in 1997, 2002 and 2007, the first South Asia Rally in 2008 in Cochin, and the Incoming Chairmen's Institute in April 1999 in Ootacamund and in April 2021 in Coimbatore. The District's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1995 and the Golden Jubilee in November 2019. The compilation into a book of 50 years of history titled "Memoirs" was released. At the end of December 2023, District 320 has 1,650 members in 49 Clubs.



Golden Jubilee celebration "Swarnabandhan" in 2019.



The 54th District Assembly "Horizon" in 2023.



The audience.



The District Assembly in 2023-2024.



Installation of District Chairman Anitha Nanjiah, 2023-2024.



2023-2024. The Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore East donates groceries to a home once every month.



2020-2021. The Inner Wheel Club of Cannanore provided railings and plants to create a "Green Patch" at a home for the aged in Cannanore.



2020-2021. The Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore West installed reverse osmosis plant for a tribal school in Coimbatore.



2020-2021. Construction of a bus shelter by the Inner Wheel Club of Ketti Valley.



2019-2020. The Inner Wheel Club Coimbatore donated five auto-rickshaws to women in need.



2019-2020. The Inner Wheel Club Coimbatore North constructed toilets for the tribes residing in and around Coimbatore..

District 321

In July 1974, District 320 was bifurcated to form District 321 with five Clubs in Kerala, two in Tamil Nadu and four in Ceylon (now, Sri Lanka); namely the Inner Wheel Clubs of Alleppy, Colombo, Colombo West, Kandy, Kottayam, Nagercoil, Negombo, Quilon, Tiruchirapalli, Trivandrum and Trivandrum North. The oldest is the Inner Wheel Club of Nagercoil, formed in 1972, with Mrs Andal Naidu as Charter President. The first District Chairman is Mrs Lucile Amarasurya. In 1985, the District was bifurcated to form District 322 comprising Clubs in Sri Lanka.

In 2023-2024, the District has 1,850 members in 56 Clubs located in Kerala and Tamilnadu. The most distinguished member is Mrs. Vimla Abraham who served as International Inner Wheel Board Director in 1995-1996. The District hosted two Triennial Conferences: February 1983 in Trivandrum and February 1995 in Cochin; the Incoming Chairman's Institute in Kattayam in 1991 and in Kodaikanal in 1993; the South Zone District Executive Committee Training Meeting; and the second Association Council Meeting in Kodaikanal in 2022.



The Seventh Triennial Conference in Cochin with International Inner Wheel Board Director Vimla Abraham (second from left), witnessed by International President 1995-1996 Ida Dubbeldam de Klerk (left).

The Third Triennial Conference in Trivandrum during the tenure of Association President Dr Muriel Sukumaran (right), 1982-1983.



2023-2024. HPV vaccinations for 200 girls and screening for mothers.



School for the autistic.



Mass wedding by the Inner Wheel Clubs of Sivakasi and Sivakasi Pyrotown, in 2012.



Mammogram.



2023-2024. Golden Jubilee celebration (right) and centennial project (left).



2023-2024. Golden Jubilee project.



Community Hall at Kottayam.

Forming a human chain.



District 323

District 323 was formed from the bifurcation of District 320 in 1985 with fourteen Clubs in the the regions of Tamil Nadu. The oldest is the Inner Wheel Club of Madras South, formed on 1 August 1963, which is attributed with initiating the Inner Wheel movement in southern India. Kalaimagal Swaminathan was the first District Chairman. Through its growth it was bifurcated to form District 398. The District has two distinguished members who were elected and served at International Inner Wheel: Kamala Ramakrishnan as International President in 2007-2008 and Azhagu Annamalai in 2016-2019 as International Treasurer.



10-12 January 2024. Friendship at “Euphoria, century of grandeur”, a celebration of the centenary of Inner Wheel in New Delhi.



25 January 2024. District Conference “Vogue” in Chennai.



2018-2019. Club Officers Training Institute (“COTI”) of District 323.



A friendship gathering of Districts 321 and 323 in Poovar, Trivandrum, Kerala.



1-3 September 2023. Friendship at the South East Zone Multi-District Rally “Odyssey” at Mahabalipuram with International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas (seated fifth from left).



10 January 2020. Career Renewal Guidance Workshop, a joint programme by the Clubs’ International Service Organisers.



2-4 April 2016. Incoming Chairman’s Institute by District 323, held in Chennai. In photo (right): International President 2007-2008 Kamala Ramakrishnan.



Celebrating Diwali with the children at the Birla Planetarium in 2019.



Gift of tablets to school children.



Project visit by International President 2012-2013 Carole Young to the Barbara Kelly Home.



Project visit by International President 2012-2013 Carole Young to the Barbara Kelly Home.



Zest for zero waste – a 2023-2024 green revolution project "Pasumai Puratchi".



Gunavathy Ramachander Fund, 30 years of service. Photo: 25 January 2024 at the District Conference of District 323 in Chennai.



Project visit by International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas to the ELS International Kindergarten Teachers Training and Montessori Training Programme in Kujilkuppam. Eight trainees were sponsored.



Creation of two Miyawaki forests. The Secretariat Park in Fort St. George is 3,000 square feet in area. The second is at Haritha Vanam, 5,000 square feet in size in Chintadripet. (Miyawaki is a Japanese technique of creating dense forests in the city. They grow three times faster than the regular forests.)



Supported the restoration of the Mittanamalli Lake in the village of Morai, near Chennai. The project of 108 acres has benefitted more than 60,000 farmers and their families. (Photos: before and after restoration.)

District 324

District 324 was formed from the bifurcation of District 329 in 1992-1993 with ten Inner Wheel Clubs to start: Asansol, Darjeeling, Durgapur, Jalpaiguri, Jorhat, Shantiniketan, Shillong, Siliguri, Siluguri Midtown and Tinsukia. The first District Chairman is Purabi Roy. The Clubs of District 324 are located in the north-east of India, including part of Bengal and Sikkim. The District is an example of unity in diversity having members from different Districts with different languages, culture and creeds. Today, in 2023-2024, District 324 has 1,074 members in 38 Clubs covering nine states of India.



2019-2020. East Zone Meet with national leaders.



Installation of 2023-2024 District Chairman.



Exchange of bannerettes.



Celebrating the centenary of Inner Wheel.



2020-2021 East Zone Meet in Kolkata.



At the District Conference.



2019-2020 East Zone Meet organised by District 324.



Inter-City Meet.

The Clubs in the District have been serving the communities by undertaking various projects in the fields of health, education, women empowerment, senior citizen care, zest for zero waste and gender equality. The District has also been running a charity fund under the name “Seva” which has sponsored the education of innumerable poor girls over the years. In 2023-2024, about 2,000 service projects have already been executed to uplift lives, such as the setting up of 17 breastfeeding kiosks, and adoption for overall development of 35 villages, 35 slum areas, 35 schools and 25 senior citizens care centres. In commemorating the centenary of Inner Wheel, and the International President’s theme “Shine a Light”, a programme called “Wings of Hope” was launched to support people with special needs, that is those who are blind, autistic and deaf.



Adult literacy programme.



Inauguration of an Integrated Child Development Services (“ICDS”) Centre in a “Happy School” project.



“Neither shall we spit... nor shall we let anyone spit!”
The Anti-spit Campaign. A joint project of all Inner Wheel Clubs located in Siliguri.



Presenting the District-wide projects called “Wings of Hope” for people with special needs, led by District Chairman Geeta Sarin (centre).



“Human Rescue Centre”, aiding victims of human trafficking.



May 2022. “Save Soil” promoting the awareness of land degradation and advocating healthy soil by the Inner Wheel Club of Durgapur.



Installation of breastfeeding kiosk at primary care health centres.

District 325

District 325 was formed on 19 June 1985 with four Clubs: Darbhanga, Biharsharif, Hazaribagh and Gaya. Today, in 2023-2024, the District has grown to 80 Clubs. Dr Saraswati Devi is the first District Chairman. The most distinguished member is Prabha Raghunandan who is currently serving in International Inner Wheel for the term 2022 to 2024 as Editor/Media Manager.

The District hosted district and national level events, such as, the second Association Council Meet in 2003-2004, the Second Executive Committee meeting in 2012-2013, the Multi-District Meet “Kalpataru” in Giridih in 2012, the Multi-District Meet “Anureet” in 2017-2018, the Institute for Incoming Chairman in Patna, the first Executive Committee and first Association Council Meet in 2016-2017 in Ranchi, and the East Zone Meet in 2022 in Ranchi. District 325 has gained recognition for organising multi-district and multi-country Zoom online events since the COVID-19 years. The commemoration of Peace Day, the International Service Organisers’ Meets, and the Editors’ Meets are memorable. In 2022-2023, what started as a two-District online “District Officers Training Institute” had successfully evolved into a ten-district Inner Wheel India event in May 2023.



2011-2012. East Zone Training Meet.



2017-2018. Multi-District Rally.



2014-2015. Literacy event with Association President Dr Bina Vyas.



2012-2013. Association Executive Committee Meeting.



2016-2017. International Vice-President Kapila Gupta in International Service Organisers’ Meet.



2022-2023. East Zone Meet.



2016-2017. First Association Council Meeting with Association President Prabha Raghunandan.



1994-1995. Best Polio Plus.



2017-2018. Construction of toilets, a joint project of several Clubs.



2022-2023. 150 cataract surgeries jointly sponsored by several Clubs.

In spite of the vast area of the District and the socio-cultural diversity, the members have worked hard to expand and serve. In the early days, the project were polio eradication and education. Enormous work was for flood relief in 2008. In recent years, the work is on literacy, vocational and financial empowerment of women, health camps, awareness campaigns for health and legal issues, constructions of toilets for women in public places, passenger sheds, tree planting, blood donation, ambulances to NGOs for public use, donating sanitary



2016-2017. Nearly 100 "Happy Schools" were established.



2012-2013. Donation of cycle rickshaws.

napkins and its vending machines, incinerators, wheelchairs, mobile morgues, hand carts for women, and a variety of useful items in hospitals, schools, orphanages and homes for the aged.



2017-2018. Forty mobile morgues were handed over to body removal attendants.



2020-2021. Medicinal plants for a government school.



2018-2019. Environment park at the Railway Station.



2023-2024. Donation of an ambulance.



2023-2024. Paper plate-making machine to help women find work and be financially self-supportive.

District 326

Currently, in 2023-2024, District 326 has 77 Clubs in the states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and eastern Madhya Pradesh. The oldest Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Raipur was formed in 1972. Its Charter President was Mrs Kanmal Vale Rao. Several Clubs were later formed, the Inner Wheel Clubs of Berhampur, Jeypore, Bhubaneswar and Seoni. The Clubs located in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh were then under the administration of District 315, far from other Clubs. The members were finding it difficult to do service projects among the Clubs of District 315. Most of their projects were with Rotary District 3260.

The formation of District 326 was mooted when Mrs Maya Surjan, Club President of Raipur, attended the District 315 Conference at Vijayawada in January 1985 and had discussions in detail with the Association President 1984-1985 Mrs Maitri Mangaraj. In February 1985, at the Rotary District 3260 Conference in Raipur, chaired by the Rotary District Governor 1984-1985, Dr KSN Rao, the proposal for the new Inner Wheel District 326 was carried. In July 1985, Association President 1985-1986 Mrs Mano Bhaktavatsalam officially announced the formation of District 326 and presented the District Certificate to Mrs Lalita Jain the elected first District Chairman and Mrs Maya Surja, the first District Secretary.

The first District Conference was held on 16 February 1986 in Berhampur.

The District hosted the following events:

- Association Executive Committee meeting, 1990 in Bhubaneswar. District Chairman 1990-1991 was the late I. Aruna.
- Association Executive Committee meeting, 1996 in Raipur. District Chairman 1996-1997 Manjula Shrishrimal.
- Association Council Meeting 2006-2007. District Chairman was Srinoo Patnaik.
- Incoming Chairman’s Institute in Bhubaneswar in 2014-2015. District Chairman (2013-2014) was the late Sapna Jaiswal.



2018-2019. East Zone Meet “Empower to Evolve” in Bhubaneswar during the tenure of District Chairman Krishna Mohanty.



2016-2017. Prem Prateek – the National Fellowship Meet in Puri. Photo (from left): Association President Prabha Raghunandan, International President Olujemisi Alatise, and District Chairman Madhumita Mohanty.





2023-2024. Breast cancer awareness rally



2014-2015. Breast cancer awareness rally



Maintenance of Happy Schools.
Clockwise from top: Inner Wheel Club of Cuttack Central (2018-2019), Inner Wheel Club of Cuttack Midtown (2023-2024), Inner Wheel Club of Cuttack Central (2023-2024), and Inner Wheel of Cuttack Midtown (2017-2018).



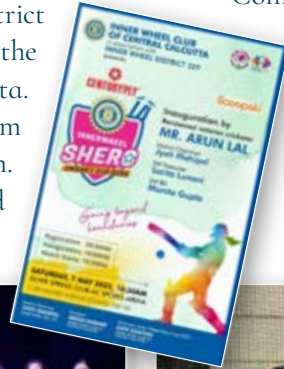
Commemoration of Inner Wheel's centenary: a project titled "UNNATI" which means rise and thrive. 100 mixer-grinders were donated to women in need to empowerment and enable them to be self-supportive. A simple gesture could shape the lives of women, foster self-sufficiency and contribute to Inner Wheel's legacy of empowering women.

District 329

District 329 was formed in 1977-1978, with the four Inner Wheel Clubs of: South West Calcutta, South Calcutta, Darjeeling and Guwahati. The oldest is the Inner Wheel Club of South West Calcutta chartered in 21 August 1961. The late Charter President Aroti Dutt received the charter from Rotary District 329 Governor Rahim Khan of Bangladesh on 18 January 1962. The late Arati Srimal was the first District Chairman and the late Purnima Chowdhury was the first District Secretary. The first District Conference was held in Guwahati and the first District Assembly was held in Calcutta. In 1984-1985, District 329 bifurcated to form District 328 comprising Clubs in Bangladesh. In 1991-1992, another bifurcation formed District 324.

The most distinguished member is Mamta Gupta, who is serving as the International Inner Wheel Vice-President 2023-2024 and had served as International Board Director.

Some of the events hosted by the District are: the 14th Triennial Conference 2016-2017, “Sevarpan” East Zone felicitation of International President 2014-2015, “Footprints” East Zone Meet in 2017-2018 and “Confetti” East Zone in 2021-2022.



District Assembly “Dishar”.
Installaton of 2023-2024
District Chairman
Dipannita Gooptu.



District Assembly “Dishar”.



7 May 2022, Shero Cricket Cup tournament held in IPL. Concept was organised to encourage members’ participation in sports.



Inner Wheel Day fellowship in Kolaghat.



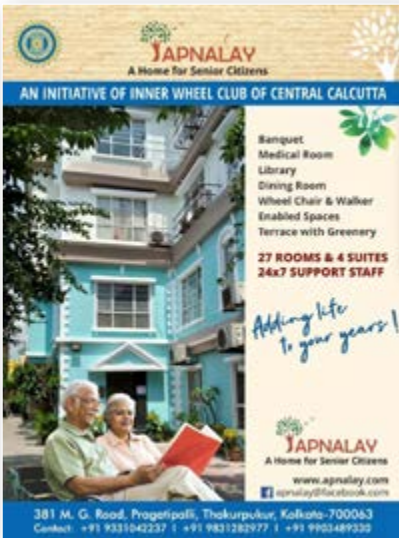
16 Jun 2019. Installation of 44th Association President 2019-2020 Mamta Gupta in Kolkata. Her theme was “Orphan Free India.”



District Rally 2023-2024.



2015-2016. Host of the 14th Triennial Conference of the Association in Kolkata. Photo (from left): International Presidents Olyemisi Alatise (2016-2017) and Abha Gupta (2014-2015), Association President Mamta Aggarwal, International President Charlotte De Vos (2015-2016), International Vice-President Kapila Gupta (2015-2016).



“Apnalay”, a home for senior citizens, one of its kind for long and short stay, is an initiative of the Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta. This home-away-from-home for senior citizens is in the lap of love and nature, which adds life to years of its residents. It is situated at 381, M.G. Road, Pragatiipalli, Thakurpukur, Kolkata-700063. “Prarambh”, that is the inauguration of the Apnalay Building, took place in the year 2010, during the term of Club President Aruna Murarka. Apnalay embraced its very first resident in 2017. Today in 2023-2024, twenty-two residents are residing at Apnalay happily and joyfully.



In commemorating the centenary of Inner Wheel, the Inner Wheel Club of Behala donated a new AC Maruti Eco Car equipped with folding cot and screen glucometer, pulse oxymeter, BP monitor and medicines to Nayantara Memorial Trust to run a mobile clinic that will cater to the remote tribal villages of Birbhum.



2023-2024. The Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East inaugurated a “quiet room” for the special children who are hyperactive at Twinkle Star Welfare Trust, Behala. The room is air conditioned and surrounded by padded walls to prevent injuries.



10 February 2024. Handing over the 100th toilet to the villagers of DARA, This is an ongoing project. The 100 toilet has benefitted 100 families in the 100th year of Inner Wheel.



At Rajgaria Dharamshala, the Inner Wheel Club of Purulia organised a medical camp to screen for those in need of an artificial limb. Out of 164 screenings, 125 were selected.



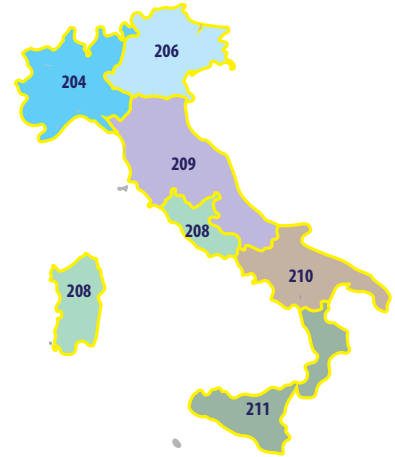
District project “Rainbow for Inclusivity” to commemorate the centenary of Inner Wheel, a ward made for the transgender community, a first in AMRI Hospital in Kolkata, India.



INNER WHEEL ITALY

Districts 204, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211

The first Inner Wheel Club was established in Naples on 19 June 1974, and officially chartered on 1 January 1975. Initially, there was a lot of effort to increase the number of Club members and expand the Club's reach. The second Club, Cagliari, was chartered on 1 July 1977, followed by Bari on 17 December 1977. In February 1981, the first District, 210, was founded. The National Council was established in 1996-1997. Since 1 July 1995, Inner Wheel Italy has six Districts.



Friendship

12th International Inner Wheel Convention

In 2003, Inner Wheel Italy hosted the 12th International Inner Wheel Convention. It was the first and only occasion that a Convention was hosted by Inner Wheel Italy. The event was extremely successful. About 2,700 members attended the Convention.



Rallye Charlemagne, 6-8 September 2013

The Rallye is a gathering of Inner Wheel members from the countries once ruled by the Holy Roman Emperor, Charlemagne (800 AD). This event held in Trento, Italy in September 2013 was organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Trento Castello in District 206. There were more than 400 participants from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Netherlands and Switzerland, including a significant representation from Nigeria and Sri Lanka. International President 2013-2014 Gabriella Adami attended the meeting with the National Presidents of Inner Wheel Italy, Belgium, FAMAT, and the Netherlands.



Service



National Project “Let’s stop school drop-out. Let’s help not to drop out of school.” 2022-2023, National President Angel Azari Imbesi.



National Project “Promoting Culture to Curb Youth Discomfort and Early School Leaving.” 2023-2024 National President Maria Andria Pietrofeso.



(Top down: 2014, 2014, 2015)

For several years, Inner Wheel Italy has been a significant contributor to the National Association for Cancer Research. In 2013-2014, for the study of the immune system as part of research into haematological diseases. In 2014-2015, for research into rare and little-known paediatric tumours. In 2015-2017, a two-year scholarship for a researcher. In 2018-2019, a research grant. In 2019-2021, a two-year contribution.



Make-A-Wish Italia. District 206 (Chairman 2017-2018 Daniela Sighel Ioriatti). Fulfilling of a wish for a seriously ill child can last a lifetime. Thanks to the contribution of the Clubs of District 206, a group of children and young people up to the age of 18 with severe illnesses will have their special wish granted. Thanks to the volunteers of the Clubs who do their best to make those little big dreams come true. “It is a powerful positive thought that gives the strength to fight, to face the therapies, and to find hope again.”



In 2015-2016, District 208 Chairman Bruna Moretto and members gave a tactile model of the National Museum of 21st Century Arts (MAXXI) in Rome. The model gives the blind and visually impaired an opportunity to feel and explore an overview of the museum. The inauguration took place in the presence of the Museum Director, Margherita Guccione, and the President of the Istituto Ciechi di Roma. International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter visited MAXXI on her official visit to Italy.



The Inner Wheel Club of Siena Fonte in District 209 fundraised a donation to support the Associazione Autismo Siena Piccolo Principe APS, an association in Siena made up of parents, family members and volunteers to help themselves and others facing difficulties in managing autism by organising a variety of activities from awareness to participation in scientific research..



District 209 conducted a project on 21 September 2023 in Camerino to support “Le Soavi Allegrezze dei da Varano”, Renaissance cultural research dance group. The group has been working hard to ensure that Camerino’s historical heritage is not lost (changing into a cultural desert) since the earthquake which struck seven years ago. The group, made up of people with a passion for ancient music, and medieval and Renaissance dances, was founded in 2019. They perform reconstructions of philological historical dances from the treatises of Guglielmo Ebreo da Pesaro and his master.



The Inner Wheel Clubs of District 206 in Italy with the help of District 86 in Germany, provided aid to three regions which were destroyed by the storm Vaia in October 2018. The storm had blown down 14 million trees. In the region of Veneto, with the help provided, a young beekeeper was able to rebuild hives that had been swept away by the storm. In Trentino Alto Adige, every natural element was transformed into art by the artist Henrique Oliveira for the open-air museum “Arte Sella” in Borgo Valsugana – the setting was an installation with oak trunks. In the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, a yellow and blue children's fun trail entitled “Inner Wheel” was built with the fallen tree trunks. It proves that, among its many activities, Inner Wheel is also at the forefront of protecting our planet.



In 2014-2015, District 211, led by District Chairman Donatella Maestri Amendola, financed a maternal-infant clinic in Guinea Bissau with a delivery room because women have been found to give birth in poor hygienic conditions.



The Inner Wheel Club of Foligno in District 209 created the “Code Pink Room”, a project addressing the problem of violence against women. The equipment for the “Code Pink Room” was donated to the First Aid Department of the San Giovanni Battista Hospital. Through two years of work, the Club had fundraised 10,000 Euros to purchase furniture and instruments, and for the training of health personnel.

2016-2017 District Chairman Franca Seta Nonnis reported, “On 14 August 2016, an earthquake hit Lazio and Marche, leaving a pile of rubble. Districts 208 and 209 took action for a fundraising campaign launched by the National Council with the opening of a joint account. We identified the restoration of the artistic treasures kept in the Amatrice Museum and the reconstruction of the museum itself as the purpose of our service.”



The Inner Wheel Club of Apeldoorn was chartered on 1 December 1946. The first District, number 58 was chartered on 10 March 1949, the first District formed outside England. District 58 was divided to form a new District 60 in 1976. In 1990, both Districts 58 and 60 divided to form District 56. The first National Board of Inner Wheel Netherlands was formed in January 1949. In 2023-2024, Inner Wheel Netherlands has three Districts, 62 Clubs and 1,900 women members. Uniquely different from other Clubs worldwide, there are also eight men.

Friendship

Members engage in raising awareness, hands-on activities, get-togethers and organising many kinds of gatherings and meetings.

One of these is the Friendship Day, formerly called Country Day, organised for members. The objective has remained the same since the beginning – meeting up and sharing ideas, creating and strengthening friendships. From embroidered programme booklets to digitally formatted leaflets, from official duties by board members to lectures and fascinating fact, and from wearing hats to wearing what you like – all these, bind, captivate and enthuse members.

In 2022, a large group of members went to attend the European Rally in Berlin.



The following served as International Inner Wheel Presidents (from left): 1978-1979 Bep Bier-Reitsma (from Inner Wheel Club of Gouda), 1995-1995 Ida Dubbeldam-de Klerk (from Inner Wheel Club of Alkmaar), and 2004-2005 Merje Hanekamp van de Kamp (from Inner Wheel Club of Nijkerk).



Inner Wheel Club of Apeldoorn.



Embroidered programme

Country Day



Friendship Day



European Rally in Berlin, 2022



At the European Meeting in Cyprus.



Districts 56 and 85, friendship of Inner Wheel Netherlands with Inner Wheel Germany.



Friendship link signed between District 58 and District 209.



First European Rally.
Clockwise: (1) "Chapeau!"
(2) gala dinner at Laurens Church
(3) enjoying the sights of Rotterdam.



62nd Friendship Day – friendship overseas.
Bottom two photos: Sing-along.

In September 2019, the Netherlands hosted the first European Rally in Rotterdam with the theme "Move to Connect". 120 Members from Inner Wheel Clubs in Europe attended.

In 2023, members of District 56 met those in District 85 in Germany.

Besides the official link with International Inner Wheel, many Clubs have formed links with Clubs in other countries. District 58 signed a friendship link with District 209 of Inner Wheel Italy in April 2022. Members of the National Council met Rina Maxwell from Inner Wheel New Zealand and joined the Friendship Day held in Belgium. Members also attended the European Meeting 2023 held in Cyprus. It was nice to see each other and hear how service projects were undertaken.

62nd Friendship Day was hosted by Inner Wheel Club of Paramaribo in Suriname. It is the first friendship day overseas.

Service

Every Club carries out their own project. However, in 2021, Inner Wheel Netherlands started the first national project “Foundation Heart for Women”, slated to run for 3 years. Various activities have been organised throughout the Netherlands in these years. For example, many Clubs participated in Dress Red Day on 29 September. The local events generated a lot of attention and visibility in the newspaper and on the social media. Ten webinars were organised about the symptoms of heart complaints and the causes. The objective was to raise awareness regarding heart problems especially in women. Funds were also raised. In 2024, a new project will be launched – to do together, for each other and for others.



Red Dress Day

Heart-shaped pillows, a project by District 60. In 2020, 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer globally, making it one of the world’s most prevalent cancers. Heart-shaped pillows are designed to help women who are recovering from a mastectomy. They are a heart-warming symbol of love and hope and provide comfort during the healing process. The pillow cradles the arm and breast with gentle cushioning. Many women find that using this heart pillow helps them feel more relaxed and comfortable.



In 2017, one of the Clubs in District 60 started making these pillows for hospitals and breast cancer clinics. Soon this initiative was adopted by many other Clubs in Inner Wheel Netherlands.

Heart Buddies by District 60. It all started during COVID-19. The whole country was in lockdown, and to keep District 60 together, Zoom video conference meetings were organised to exchange Inner Wheel knowledge between Clubs. Subjects like fundraising, hands-on projects, membership, young members etc were discussed. During one of these meetings on hands-on projects, Inner Wheel Club of Veghel-Uden shared their heart buddy project.



A heart buddy is a little huggable friend for everyone who needs comfort. Every heart buddy has a big heart on its body and a zipper on its belly. In the pocket behind the zipper the owner of the buddy, can put his or her worries written or drawn on a piece of paper. Or the opposite: someone can put a comforting note there.

It was not just Inner Wheel members who volunteered to make these ‘buddies’, but non-members too. Anyone who loved to sew, who wanted to keep busy during lock-down and who wanted to contribute, happily joined in. One Club donated about 450 heart buddies, each with a little card containing a loving message from the volunteer to the new owner of the buddy. Coffee mornings were organised and certificates of appreciation given to the volunteers. It was a win-win win situation. A great project for everyone who needs comfort, as well as the volunteers and Inner Wheel.





INNER WHEEL NEW ZEALAND

Districts NZ291, NZ294, NZ297, NZ298



On 27 November 1936, the Inner Wheel Club of Napier, with 22 members, became the first Club in New Zealand to be Chartered and the tenth registered outside the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. International Inner Wheel was not yet formed! It began after Mrs Laura Tekla Holland, a Dane, travelled to a Rotary conference in Scandinavia with her husband. She learnt about Inner Wheel on board ship and called a meeting of Rotary wives in Napier on her return. Unfortunately, due to WWII, it was impossible to send money overseas so the Club decided to postpone “Affiliation with Overseas” until after the war. In June 1944, Affiliation was again discussed and approved and on 19 February 1947, the “Certificate of Affiliation with Inner Wheel in England” was received dated November 1946.

Napier was New Zealand’s solitary Club for many years until Taumarunui formed in 1947. The 1960s saw more Clubs set up in Belfast, Christchurch South, Christchurch East, Dunedin South, Fitzroy and Turangi. Visits by International Presidents, including Lavender Weightman encouraged expansion. In 1971, the first District, NZ298 in the Lower South Island was formed.

It was not until 1990, at the Invercargill Conference of Clubs in New Zealand, that a majority of delegates voted to form a National Governing Body. The inaugural meeting took place on the Sunday morning of the Conference, 14th October 1990 at 7:00AM. After a lengthy gestation, the National Council of Inner Wheel New Zealand was born.

Friendship



13th International Inner Wheel Convention.



The 13th International Inner Wheel Convention was hosted by NZ297 in Christchurch from 4-6 May 2006. One of many highlights was the releasing of the doves to signify peace around the world. At the same convention, a Top Table Business Session was held. Here you can see discussions during this session are well underway. (Photo credit: Cecile Pierce.)

Photo: Top – Participants. Bottom – Conference Organising Committee
The Inner Wheel New Zealand **National Conference 2019** was hosted by District NZ291 in Waipuna, Auckland.



National Conference 2021 hosted by District NZ298 at the Hilton Hotel in Queenstown.



Photo: NZ291's attendees travelling together to Hamilton.

Joint District gathering at the Hamilton Gardens between NZ291 and NZ293, in September 2017.



Clockwise from top left: (1) Conference attendees. (2) Conference Organising Committee. (3) National President Alyssandra Skerrett, International President Zenaida Farcon, and Immediate Past National President Michelle Atkinson. (4) Party time at the gala dinner.



NZ291 members joining in the fun at **District gathering – Mad Hearters**.

National Conference 2023 at the Rydges Hotel in Wellington. 148 members and 38 partners registered for the Conference, and we were delighted that International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon and her husband Rotarian Past District Governor Virgilio “Jun” Farcon Jr, were able to attend. Former Wellington Mayor Dame Kerry Prendergast officially opened the Conference. A kapa haka group from Taita College Polynesian Club performed a pōwhiri at the opening ceremony. The Friendship Dinner had 114 participants, and the Gala Dinner at the Beehive Banquet Hall totaled 191 including 5 guests. Almost all the guests at the gala were on their feet dancing and having a wonderful time. The Inner Wheel Club of Wellington made beautiful fabric bags for all who were attending the conference, and the Clubs of District NZ294 contributed items to fill the bags. Most items were hand-made in keeping with the sustainable conference theme.



The **25th anniversary of District NZ297** with a luncheon at Melton Estate Vineyard in June 2007. Seventeen of the past District Chairmen from 1982-2007 were captured in this photo. Photo credit: Cecile Pierce.



March 2008. Charter ceremony of the first next generation Club, the **Inner Wheel Club of Aotea** located in Auckland.



September 2023. Charter of a new Club. National President 2023-2024 Judy Newborn (left) and NZ297 District Chair Clare Chapman (right) with members of the newly formed **Inner Wheel Club of Braided Rivers**. Photo credit: Clare Chapman



District NZ291 friendship banner.



Marion Patchett, MGA 2002.

Margarette Golding Awards. Marion Patchett was the first nominated recipient of the Margarette Golding Award by Inner Wheel New Zealand in 2002. She received her award for her contribution to hosting and running the Rotary Student Exchange for 30 years 1974-2001 and was highly commended for her service to the Guides 1975-2001.



Margaret Hayward, MGA 2016.

Margaret Hayward received her award in 2016, in recognition of her services to the Save The Children Foundation for more than 30 years.



Judi Newborn, PHF 2023

National President cum National Representative 2023-2024 Judi Newborn receiving a Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of Upper Hutt for her services to the community, Rotary and to Inner Wheel on 24 October 2023.

Service

Kits for Kindy's was inspired by Sue Mitchell, Pacific Pathways Charitable Trust, to support a better standard of education in Vanuatu's village kindergartens and schools. With guidance from District NZ297 Chairmen 2014-2015 Cherie Buckner, 2016-2017 Carol Haskett and District International Service Organiser Jillian Crossen, members



representing all District Inner Wheel Clubs donated and packed resource materials to be sent to Sue Mitchell in Vanuatu. (Photo credit: Cecile Pierce.)

Inner Wheel New Zealand Earthquake Appeal Fund supported residents affected such as the earthquakes in Canterbury (2011), Seddon (2013) and Kaikoura (2016). The Fund was recognised and presented the Civic Award by the Christchurch Town Cryer.



(Photo credit: Janet Walker.)



Inner Wheel Club of Christchurch baked cakes for the Seddon residents. (Photo credit: Cecile Pierce.)

One of the objects of Inner Wheel is “to encourage the ideals of personal service”. In 1977, the Inner Wheel Club of Dunedin South raised money to send a young lady to England for the treatment of dystonia. It really brought Inner Wheel internationally closer to us, as members in England met her and looked after her while she was in hospital and they corresponded with us to keep us informed of her progress. We really did experience the international fellowship of Inner Wheel.

Clubs in NZ298 District have given outstanding service to several organisations: Look Good Feel Better, The Hospice, Foster Hope, Cyclone Appeal, Bush Fires in Australia, pyjamas in the winter for the children’s ward at the local hospitals, knitting hundreds of children’s garments and blankets, silky pillows for cancer patients, donations to the Food Bank, donations to the Southland Charity hospital, collecting for the Heart Foundation, selling raffle tickets for the Rotary Hospice trailer raffle, grocery items donated for “**The Big Breakfast**” given to Women’s Refuge and toiletries for cancer, Dress a Girl and many more. “**The Last Night of the Proms**” held at the Civic theatre in Invercargill was a fabulous night of entertainment and had raised thousands of dollars for the Charity hospital and the Southland Hospice. The Inner Wheel Club of Queenstown hosted a very successful high tea fundraiser with funds going to Lakes District Air Rescue Trust and Queenstown’s St John outpost.

Fibre Octave Wearable Arts. This was a major fundraising event in NZ298 with donations going to St John. This was held for several years.



Last Night of the Proms



Fundraising high tea by Inner Wheel Club of Queenstown.



NZ291 Members presenting donations to long-term District charity, The Bayley Trust in Fiji.



Local children and beneficiaries celebrating NZ291 donations to the Bayley Trust in Fiji.



NZ291 extends into the Pacific Islands with the Inner Wheel Club of Noumea Plaisance located in New Caledonia – having a huge community service and keeps very busy!



Members of NZ291 making Joy Crackers, a huge fundraiser for IWNZ national project "Look Good Feel Better".



NZ291 supporting those in need in South Auckland through support of the Papakura and Takanini Family Service Centres. Families benefited from wrap-around services including food bank, clothing, social workers, counsellors, and much more.



Members of NZ291 Clubs stepping up in service as Club Presidents and District Committee members every year. Even COVID-19 could not stop the NZ291 2019-2020 District Committee providing support to the Clubs in the District.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, New Zealand.
When Pat Caves was National President 1994-1996, Inner Wheel New Zealand raised money to decorate a room for the parents of sick children.



INNER WHEEL NIGERIA

Districts 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 916

The Inner Wheel Club of Lagos held her inaugural meeting in April 1966. The Charter Certificate No. 1267 was granted on 6 June 1967 with 18 members. By 1983, nineteen Clubs have been formed in Nigeria, leading to the formation of Districts 911 and 912 in 1984-1985.

In 1987-1988, District 911 was divided into Districts 911 and D913. In 1988-1989, 912 was split into 912 and 914. May 1991 saw the formation of the National Governing Body of Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria. Today, in 2023-2024, there are 82 Clubs in six Districts.

Friendship

Women For Africa – Roles of Inner Wheel¹¹⁷

The first WFA Conference was held in Lagos in November 2012, coordinated by the then Past International Board Director Olujemisi Alatise using the format of “Women for Europe – Role of Inner Wheel”¹¹⁸. The focus is on seminars and dialogue sessions to enlighten and broaden members’ knowledge, exchanging views on how to better provide solutions to societal issue. It was then that the capital base of a Micro Credit Scheme was launched to help women in need. Apart from members of Inner Wheel Nigeria, others were from Finland, Benin Republic, Togo and Cor’ de Voir. The Conference is biennially rotated between the Districts, taken through by balloting. The second Conference was organised by District 913 in 2014. The third was by District 914 in Awka on 3 Nov 2016¹¹⁹. The fourth was by District 911 in Sagamu on 31 Oct to 3 Nov 2019¹²⁰. WFA5 by District 913, was in Nov 2022 in Ibadan with the theme “Strengthening the African cultural identity, values and ethics”¹²¹.



Delegates of District 909 from Benin at the Women for Africa Conference in Sagamu, 2019. On the right is International President 2016-2017 Olujemisi Alatise.

Women for Africa 5th Edition.

Service



District 914 project for 2021-2022. Empowerment of soon-to-be released women and youth inmates in the correctional centres (prisons).



District 914 presentation of school uniforms made by De Rose Ezeadikwa for more than 50 students of the Ugwunchara Primary School, Umuahia.



District 914 Chairman Betty Ndiyo, commissioned a two-bedroom bungalow, built and equipped by members of the Inner Wheel Club of Abakaliki South.



: District 913 "Shine A Light" project of health education on menstrual hygiene and distribution of sanitary towels.



District 913 "Shine A Light" back-to-school project.



District 913 "Shine a Light" project of maternal care, and distribution of birthing kits.



District 913 distribution of baby care needs to thirty expectant women.



District 911 scholarship to AIDS orphans - joint project from 2001 to 2021 between Districts 911 and 85 (Inner Wheel Germany).



District 911 displayed food items and some pre-loved clothes were displayed in front of a vocational centre as a wall of kindness.



The Inner Wheel Club of Lagos, District 911 organised a talk on antenatal care to pregnant women at the Ikota Health Centre which was built by the Club in 1996.



The Inner Wheel Club of Gbagada, District 911, presenting gifts at the children's ward at Gbagada General Hospital.



Inner Wheel Club Ogba, District 912, donated to the Sickbay/Creche Omole Grammar School (2001-2002).



Joint project between Districts 912 and 85 (Inner Wheel Germany): donation of an ultra-sound machine.



Inner Wheel Club of Isolo, District 912, delivering an empowerment talk to rural women on soap making. Basic food items were also donated.



Shelter built and donated by the Inner Wheel Club of Ikorodu Metropolitan, District 912, at the primary health centre for pregnant and nursing mothers, commissioned on 25 Jun 2021.



The Inner Wheel Club of Matori, District 912, donated playground equipment to a primary school in Mushin, Lagos.



District 910. A fully furnished health care observatory ward in Karshi Village, Abuja.



In 2018-2019. Commissioning of 3 classrooms and office block built by the Inner Wheel Club of Garki, District 910, for the physically challenged of the Community Primary School Karomajiji in Abuja.



District 910. Skills acquisition and empowerment for indigent people, in Abuja



The Inner Wheel Club of Asaba, District 916, organised a talk on hygiene, and donated sanitary pads to school girls at Girls Unity Model.



District 916. Donation of a Detecto weight and height scale along with a sphygmomanometer to Ekpan General Hospital to support their efforts in delivering good healthcare.



District 916. The Inner Wheel Club President of Effurun presenting walking aids to a few in need.



Visit of the Austrian Commercial Counsellor Nella Hengstler to the vocational center of District 911 in 2017. From left: Past District Chairman Odulaja, Past National Representative Sowande, International President 2016-2017 Olujemisi Alatise, District Chairman Gbemi Rufai, Past District Chairmen Uwaje and Ebo.



District 911. Rotary District 9110 Governor welcoming International President 2008-2009 Suzanne Hem Nielsen on her visit to the Rotary Centre, 20 Nov 2008.



INNER WHEEL NORWAY

Districts 027, 028, 029, 031

In 1935, with 23 members, the Inner Wheel Club of Bergen was formed, the first Club in Norway and the first overseas Club in Europe for the young Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. The Club's Charter President was Oda Irminger. In 1959, the first District, number 36, was formed with Clubs in the east of Norway. From 1966 to 1969, there was rapid expansion that involved re-distributing and formation of more Districts, from two to three to four and finally, five in 1969. In 1967, when there were three Districts, the national governing body of Inner Wheel Norway was formed. In 2020, all the five Districts were restructured into four. Members of Inner Wheel Norway have been elected to serve in International Inner Wheel since 1967.



Friendship



7th International Inner Wheel Convention was hosted in Stavanger, Norway in May 1988.

Photo on the left: The Organising Committee with the 1987-1988 International Governing Body. Seated third from left is International President Dora Bailey, on her right is Immediate Past International President Minna Kapur and International Vice-President Alison Dowson on her left.



1992 Nordic meeting. National Representatives from Finland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.



1992. National Council of Inner Wheel Norway celebrating 25 years.



1996 Princess Astrid (Mrs Ferner) of Norway, left of photo, visiting the National Council, accompanied by National Representative Mette S R Stoetvig.



2001. International Service Organisers from Inner Wheel Norway visiting the International Inner Wheel headquarters in Sale. A guided tour by Secretary Margaret J Palmer (centre in greyish jacket).



2001. Members at a Rally in Lund, Sweden.



2001. Members visiting the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester.



2002. Inter-city meeting of District 31: Norwegian national costumes.



2003. Inner Wheel Norway "choir" at the District 28 meeting.



Members at the 12th International Inner Wheel Convention in Florence, 3-5 April 2003.



2003. Members enjoying the Japanese Evening at the Munch Museum in Oslo.



2005 National Event at Røros. International President 2005-2006 Erna Fandal (left) and Past International Board Director Reidun Abrahamsen.



2009 District 31 Chairman Cecilie Hexeberg at 14th International Inner Wheel Convention in Kota Kinabalu.



2010 Rally in Finland. Lisbeth Nesteng meeting International President 2010-2011 Pallavi Shah.



2014. Past District Chairman Cecilie Hexeberg at the 15th International Inner Wheel Convention in Istanbul.



2014 National Event in Stavanger. Mayor of Stavanger and two Inner Wheel members.



2015. 16th International Inner Wheel Convention in Copenhagen. Lisbeth Nesteng (right) meeting up with Lin Armstrong from the Inner Wheel Club of Macclesfield.



2015 Nordic meeting in Iceland.

2015. International President 2014-2015 Abha Gupta was invited to the Norwegian Royal Palace to meet Inner Wheel Norway's High Patron, Princess Astrid fru Ferner, accompanied by Helene Torkildsen. Photo on the right, with International President 1990-1991, Margaret Spenning.



2017 National Event in Stavanger. From left: Birgith Bye, International President 2017-2018 Kapila Gupta, Liv Elin Lewin, Sissel Michelsen.



2018 European meeting in Stavanger. Thirty-five Inner Wheel members from all over Europe.



2018 District 31 training seminar.



2020. District 31 celebration of World Inner Wheel Day and annual meeting.



2023. At the National Event in Oslo. From left: Past International Board Director Reidun Abrahamsen, International Constitution Chairman Sissel Michelsen, International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon and Club President Grete Eriksen



2023 National Event for two days in June. Members from all corners of the country.



Gift to National Representative Cecilie Hexeberg the International President.



Lise Holland, National Event Committee presents the Rose of Friendship to International President.



2023 National Event in Oslo. All the Club Presidents were each given a bannerette by International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon.



2023 District 28 Assembly. Official visit of International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas.



September 2023. District meeting at Kongsvinger. From left: Past National Representative Lisbeth Nesteng, International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas, International Constitution Chairman Sissel Michelsen.



District meeting at Kongsvinger.

Service



Project Drug Sniffer Dogs. A project that has been active in Norway since the annual meetings in 1996. We have so far contributed to the purchase of 20 dogs in 27 years.



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Egersund working on the “tear and roll” of bandages from worn bed linen.

Welcome to Girls Summer Camp
Inner Wheel Norway District 31

WE LIKE TO CALL IT THE FLAGSHIP OF NORWAY

SNAP-SHOTS FROM SOME OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP

- Arranged every second year.
- One week's stay for 20 girls aged 9 to 12.
- They come from different cultures and backgrounds in Norway.
- Girls who have previously never been on a vacation get together to play, swim, and enjoy themselves.
- Inner Wheel members in District 31 do the planning and devote their time to look after these girls.

Two of the Girls Camp Committee members have received the Margarete Golding Award in recognition of their work.

The next camp will be arranged week 27

Project Leprosy (Stapnes Project). The leprosy *Mycobacterium leprae* was first detected in the skin of leprosy patients by the Norwegian doctor Gerhard Armauer Hansen in 1873.

Information came from Tordis Stapnes, a member of the Norwegian Mission Society, regarding the work at the Bekoaka Lepra Hospital in Morondava in Madagascar.

At the District 29 meeting in Sandnes in the spring of 1974, the District decided to advocate for the so-called “Stapnes project”. Letters and reports from Bekoaka led to a close collaboration. The Clubs learned what the hospital always needed. It made the work concrete and interesting and the “tear & cut” meetings strengthened cohesion among the members. So did the considerable fundraising, collection of medicines, bandages, foodstuffs and so on.

At the National Council's meeting in Sandefjord in 1977, it was recommended as a national project for the next 2 years. It later turn out to be Inner Wheel Norway's project for 25 years, 1977 to 2002. Bekoaka Lepa Hospital is now considered the best leprosy hospital in Madagascar, not least thanks to the Clubs. The fundraising campaign in 1989, “Women in the Third World”, raised about NOK 87 million.

Due to the intensive tracking of patients and better drug treatments, the incidence of leprosy worldwide has decreased drastically in the 1970s and 80s. Today, leprosy is still found in many countries, but a problem only in a few countries.

Inner Wheel Norway's fistula project

From 2006 until the end of 2020, Inner Wheel Norway was engaged in giving help and support to women with severe birth injuries from poor, rural areas in Ethiopia. The initiative came from Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen, then National International Service Organizer and was supported by all Clubs in Norway.

From 2015, the Fistula project focused more on preventive care and information than before. In addition to healing women with birth injuries, it became important to avoid fistulas and stillbirths. This was done by instructing former patients in pregnancy health – they were called “Safe Motherhoods Ambassadors”.

After four weeks of tuition about pregnancy, birth, nutrition, hygiene and general health, they were ready to go back to their neighbourhoods to help and inform pregnant women, many of whom were very young.

One very important task for these Ambassadors was to convince pregnant women of the advantages in delivering at a health centre. There they would get help from a midwife, and the chance to avoid injuries and not losing the baby – which would be most important. The problem was that in many rural areas, the health centres were far away, and people were used to deliver at home.

To encourage coming mothers to come to the centres, the project started handing out knitted woolen baby blankets for the new born babies. The blankets were knitted by Inner Wheel members all over Norway and were a great success: this motivated pregnant women to come, and it motivated Inner Wheel Clubs to support the project.

The plan worked, deliveries at the centres increased, birth injuries and stillbirths went down and the whole society profitted from the increased awareness in health questions.



Sidsel Bakken and Sissel H Michelsen (right) and fistula patients with family members before going to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital for operation.



Ten proud Ambassadors with their diplomas after having fulfilled their course.



Inner Wheel's local contact in Ethiopia, Sonja Kuspert, shows some of the colourful blankets she has received from Norway.



Baby Matola in blanket, socks and hat knitted by Norwegian Inner Wheel members.



Project leader, Desalegn Asefa, teaches one of the groups of Ambassadors.

SOS Children's Villages i Kandalaksja, Murmansk (2001-2005)

In the autumn of 2000, under National Council President Reidun Abrahamsen, the idea of a new international project was born. In August 2001, it was decided that Inner Wheel Norway would join forces on a joint project. After a nationwide vote, the SOS Children's village in Kandalaksja in Murmansk was chosen.

The agreement with SOS Children's Villages will be fulfilled if Inner Wheel Norway managed to contribute. If NOK 800,000 could be raised in 4 years, Inner Wheel would get a plaque on one of the children's village houses in Kandalaksja.

In the plan in 2001, there were 2,581 members in Inner Wheel Norway. Each Club would have ten meetings a year. If all members contributed NOK 7.75 at each meeting, Inner Wheel would manage to raise the amount in 4 years.

The National Council chose the National International Service Organiser Lisbeth Nesteng to be responsible for the progress of the project. Together with National Representative Unni Schaug they had had recurring meetings with the SOS Children's Village management.

On 15 August 2004, was the official opening of SOS Children's Village, in a suburb of the Russian city of Kandalaksha. Several guests from home and abroad took part in the celebration. Princess Märtha Louise of Norway was there in person to open the children's village.



In February 2003, they travelled to Murmansk to see the children's village that was under construction.



The kitchen furniture from Norway has arrived. Inner Wheel's contribution is welcome. Children moving in at the village in 2004-2005.



Among those who took part in the opening ceremony was ministers from the Norwegian government, a Norwegian radio channel and a large delegation from Inner Wheel in Norway. The new project in Kandalaksja could become a reality mainly thanks to Norwegian donations. Inner Wheel Norway ended the project June 2005. At that time, Inner Wheel Norway had contributed about NOK 980,000.

Project Handicamp – cooperation with Rotary



Handicamp Norway is an activity camp for physically disabled youths, accompanied by able-bodied assistants, all ranging from 18 to 28 years of age. The camp, lasting for 14 days, is free of charge for the participants and open for international participation. The camp-language is English. Thus, it is required that the participants have sufficient command of English. Handicamp is arranged at the site Haraldvangen, situated approximately 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Oslo, the capital of Norway. Rotary Norway has arranged handicamps every second year since 1976 in close cooperation with Inner Wheel Norway and Rotaract Norway.



The press is always there



The princess visiting.



The formation of the first Inner Wheel Club in the Philippines was the brainchild of Clara Anciano, third President (1949-1950) of the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore, who unselfishly shared the good news of the Inner Wheel to Manila's active Rotary Anns¹²² – Trining F. Legarda, Millie Lim and Mely Tanco. Trinidad F. Legarda, was then the Chairman of the ladies committee in the Rotary District 380 Conference of 1949. Trining and 34 Rotary Anns founded the Inner Wheel Club of Manila in March 1949 with Eugenia “Gening” Puyat as the first Club President.



Eugenia Puyat

Beginnings of the Association. At the Rotary District 380 Assembly at Long Beach, Cresta Ola, San Fernando, La Union on 25 June 1966, the first lineup the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines was sworn in by Rotary District Governor Joe Barredo. Trinidad F. Legarda was the National President of this new governing body, Inner Wheel term 1966-1968, comprising Nita Caparas as First Vice-President, Nati Nazareno as Second Vice-President, Fely R. Tanco and Helen Lorenzana as Assistant Secretary, Trining Enriquez as Treasurer, Min Mendoza, Loleng Imperial and Angie Padilla as Directors, and Esther Vibal was appointed Executive Secretary. More Clubs were formed from as far as Laoag City in the north and Davao City in the south.

In 1967, in the first Board Meeting of International Inner Wheel, the Association was recognised as the national governing body. The first International President (1967-1969) Lavender Weightman made an official visit during the tenure of National President 1968-1969 Nita Caparas, and personally presented Charter Certificates to the fifteen Inner Wheel Clubs of Manila, San Fernando La Union, Cavite, Calamba, Vigan, Cebu City, Cebu West, Davao City, Davao East, Quezon City, Marikina, Caloocan, Cabanatuan, Naga and Lipa.

At the first International Inner Wheel Convention in The Hague, 1970, it was decided that the Association (among others) would be represented in every term by a “Board Member”, a post which continued until the next change in 1993. Trining was the first Board Member, a post she held for three consecutive terms.

An identity in unity. In the years 1970 to 1974 under the tenure of the fourth National President Carolina “Lily” Basa Salazar, the Association underwent far reaching development that became the springboard that made it one of the largest national governing bodies in Inner Wheel worldwide today. The vision and mission that created an identity of unity that has stood strong to this day was as follows:

- adopted a pledge that emphasises action above words,
- adopted a motto of self-expression, “Selflessness in Friendship and Service to Humanity”,
- adopted a uniformed dress code for official functions, the Filipiniana Terno, to be worn in formal functions,
- formed Districts corresponding to those of Rotary,
- formed a corporation and change of name to the Inner Wheel Clubs of The Philippines Inc. (“IWCPI”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission,
- drafted the Constitution and Byelaws of IWCPI.
- acquired a 50-year-long leasehold contract with Ayala Corporation for 1,300 square meters of a property at only one Philippine peso per year, located at the San Antonio Village, Makati,
- constructed the first IWCPI headquarters, called the Carolina Basa Salazar Centre.



Carolina “Lily”
Basa Salazar

Today, in 2023-2024, IWCPI has nine Districts and 102 Clubs.

Role in ECOSOC. One of the important contributions of IWCPI was a proposal presented by International Board Member Trinidad Legarda, that International Inner Wheel apply to the United Nations as a member of its Economic and Social Council, UNESCO. It is for this reason that International Inner Wheel requires IWCPI (and other Inner Wheel governing bodies) to present annual reports on UNESCO’s key concerns, that is, Rights of Women, Rights of the Child, Rights of Family Life, Drugs and Prohibited Substances, and Rights of the Elderly.

Servant leaders in International Inner Wheel.

From 1993, following the decision of the Tenth International Inner Wheel Convention in Sydney in restructuring the International Governing Body, the IWCPI successfully nominated members who were elected as Board Directors: Carmen A Santillan (1999-2000, 2001-2002), Rosalind T Jardeleza (2003-2004, 2008-2009), Zenaida Y Farcon (2019-2020, 2020-2021) and Fe Victoria G De Guia (2022-2023). In 1983-1984, Esther Vibal was elected and served as the International Inner Wheel President, the first from an Asian country. In 2022-2023, Zenaida Y. Farcon became the second from IWCPI to be elected the International Inner Wheel President.

Expansion. In 2018, with 5 years remaining in the original lease to IWCPI's HQ, the new owner of the property offered to allocate a 250-square-meter portion at the same location for a lease period of 25 years from September 2020 and also donated funds to assist IWCPI to construct a new building. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Land and Building Chairperson, Past National President Gloria T. Golez, Past National President Victorina Magadia and National President Pamela C de Guzman on 22 April 2021. The ground-breaking in February 2020 was witnessed by International President 2019-2020 Phyllis Charter during her visit to the Philippines.



Carmen A Santillan



Rosalind T Jardeleza



Fe Victoria G De Guia



Zenaida Y Farcon



Esther Vibal



Ground-breaking ceremony, February 2020. Land and Building Chairperson Past National President Gloria T. Golez (centre), National President Amelia Jarin, International President Phyllis Charter, Past National President Victorina I. Magadia, Past National President Edna Ibrado, International Board Director Zenaida Farcon, and Officers of the National Council.

Inner Wheel Foundation Philippines. The Foundation was created by IWCPPI Past National President Caridad E Velasquez together with six other Past National Presidents. It has its own constitution and registered with the Philippines Securities and Exchange Commission since it was established in 1985. The Foundation has its Governing Body. It was organised with the primary purpose of providing educational grant endowments and financial assistance to the poor and deserving students in various fields and institutions such as college courses, manpower training, vocational courses, secondary education, and any other skills training programmes. The Foundation equally shares with Inner Wheel Philippines subsidies to provide financial assistance to the “Ako Ay Pilipino” scholarship programme, a flagship project of Inner Wheel Philippines, in line with national projects, UN Sustainable Development and Operations Paglingap (charities).

National Conference

The annual gathering of Inner Wheel Philippines members is a significant event that brings together members from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. This two-day event serves as a platform to celebrate the accomplishments and progress of the organisation.

During the Business Session on the first day, reports are presented by key members including the National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Representative, and the nine District Chairmen. These reports provide an overview of the organisation's achievements and highlight important updates.

One of the focal points of the first day is the election of the next set of officers. This process ensures a smooth transition of leadership and allows members to contribute to the decision-making process. Additionally, the first day concludes with the Sisterhood and Fellowship Night, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among the Inner Wheel members.

The second day of the Conference is dedicated to the Foundation. This segment is an opportunity to acknowledge and express gratitude to the generous donors and partners who have supported the organisation's initiatives. It highlights the importance of collaboration and recognises those who have made significant contributions.



The Foundation President Nenette Kaw, together with her Board, awarded a 4-year scholarship grant to the winner of the Ako Ay Pilipino Contest during Inner Wheel Day centenary celebrations on 6 January 2024.

57th National Conference, 24-25 February 2023, Cebu.



National President Emily Duterte.



Opening Dance Salvo.



By special invitation, the International Executive Committee.



Fellowship Night – Pirates theme. International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon and her Executive Committee dancing the night away.



Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines Foundation Inc, recognition of generous donors and partners. Foundation President Gloria Kaw with members of her Board and International President Zenaida Farcon with members of the International Executive Committee.

The Talent Night Competition is an eagerly anticipated event where Inner Wheel ladies showcase their talents in singing and dancing. This part of the Conference serves as a platform for members to exhibit their skills and promotes a sense of community through shared performances.

The annual gathering of Inner Wheel Philippines is a multifaceted event that combines business sessions, elections, recognition of achievements, and talent showcases. It provides a platform for members to come together, celebrate accomplishments, and foster a sense of unity and friendship.



Talent Night Competition. District 385 On Pintados. A Visayan Street Dance Festival.



Talent Night Competition. District 383 On Bacolod Maskara Festival. "Its Time To Smile Again".

Service

District 377 is the largest among the nine Districts in terms of number of Clubs and members. It caters to the needs of communities in the provinces of Isabela with three Clubs, Nueva Ecija with three Clubs, and Bulacan with thirteen Clubs. The District has Region 2 and Region 3 as its territorial areas for friendship and service.



Centennial garden tree planting & nurturing. In commemorating 100 years of Inner Wheel, 100 trees were planted in May 2023 in Camaal Quirino, Isabela, headed by Immediate Past District Chairman Eden Martinez. On 5 November 2023, the Inner Wheel Club of Roxas hosted the District 377 Centennial Garden, again at Camaal Quirino, Isabela, and an environmental-friendly activity.

30 new trees such as casoy, narra, pomegranate, calumpit trees and ylang-ylang trees were planted. The tree planting activity was led by Club President of Roxas, Marissa Lui, together with Past District Chairman Eden Soller, District Chairman Teresita Labilles, and attended by the District's fifteen Clubs and 79 members. Planting trees will be beneficial to the residents of Camaal Quirino, Isabela, since agriculture is their biggest industry.

District 378 geographical coverage is Quezon City. The District supports the implementation of projects and programmes in health, education, ecology and environment, livelihood, the elderly, and rights of women and children to the indigent sectors of their respective adopted communities.



The Making of A School – The GUTAD Story. The remote location of the Gutad Elementary School led to its neglect and lack of assistance. Through the work of then Club President Rhiza Flores and the Inner Wheel Club of San Francisco Del Monte, aid in various forms were provided to the school, such as, the construction of rooms and offices, upgrading of facilities including water and electrical systems, and provision of the necessary materials for the students and faculty. It was started in 2022 and has continued until the present, with the students receiving regular provisions to help them in their studies. This project has caught the attention of local officials and other public schools.



In 2022-2024: Provisions of the necessary tools for learning: potable water, upgraded equipment, good eyesight with proper eyeglasses.

District 379 was formed in 1984. The Charter District Chairman, Josefina “Josie” Lolarga is from the Inner Wheel Club of Dagupan.

In 2019, the statue of the “Inner Wheel Lady” was installed at the former Cresta Ola Resort, Bauang, La Union, the heritage site of the formation of the Association of the Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines. The unveiling was in conjunction with the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the Inner Wheel Club of San Fernando La Union.



Adal Reading Programme. To support the UN’s Sustainable Development Goal #4 on Quality Education, District 379 continues its programmes on Reading Enhancement and Teacher Training by the Inner Wheel Clubs of San Fernando La Union and Uptown Dagupan. The Adal Reading Programme has extended its services by the construction of a Reading Hub, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Metro Valenzuela, District 380. The programme utilises an Education Caravan to test for weaknesses in Grade 4 pupils of public schools. This has inspired the thirteen Clubs of District 379, together with the Department of Education and REX Education, for programmes to enhance teachers’ skills in the classroom with the aim to improve reading and comprehension of their pupils.



District 380 was the first District formed in 1967 and named in alignment with Rotary’s naming of their Districts. Flor Castelo served as the Charter District Chairman until 1979. Due to the continuous growth in membership and Clubs, the District was subdivided into four: Districts 385 in 1979, 379 in 1984, and 377 and 378 in 1987. The second International President, Zenaida Farcon, hails from the Inner Wheel Club of Marikina in 380.

Two in One: 120 days feeding programme and building of school library. Inner Wheel Club of Metro Valenzuela embarked on a Child Feeding Programme for 120 days at a remote school in Sitio Biga Elementary School, San Ildefonso, Bulacan in September 2023. The Feeding Programme is aligned to UN’s Sustainable Development Goal #3 – Good Health and Well-Being. Led by the Inner Wheel Club of Metro Valenzuela’s President Jeniffer Vitorillo-Plueckebaum, the project was presented to a school. The joint effort of the staff, parents and Club members were needed to achieve the goal of enhancing the physical and mental development of the school children, especially for those who are malnourished. Forty-three school children, about 19%, were the recipients in this programme. To enhance the education of these school children, a school library of an area about 30 square meters was built. It is the first remote public elementary school in San Ildefonso Bulacan to have a library.



District 381 is one of the premier Districts in the Philippines. In 2023-2024, it has 249 members in twelve Clubs located in the areas of Manila, Pasay, Cavite and Occidental Mindoro. The Inner Wheel Club of Manila, founded in 1949 is one of the most prestigious Clubs in the Philippines, the “mother” of all Clubs in the Philippines, the Club that laid the foundation for the Inner Wheel Club of the Philippines. District 381 was founded in the year 1995 and its Charter Certificate dated July 3, 1996 was received from International Inner Wheel and was presented by then National President Sylva Paderanga to Charter District Chairman Consuelo “Baby” Puyat Reyes. On 30 January 2013, a decision during the tenure of District Chairman Ditas P. Crisostomo approved the division of District 381 for a new District 383 for Clubs located in Makati, Las Piñas, Taguig, Pateros, Palawan, Muntinlupa, Parañaque.

Service accomplishments – 115 community projects, benefitting 860 families and 26,951 individuals. These were aligned to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals #2 for Zero Hunger, #3 for Health, #4 for Education, #5 for Gender Equality, #6 for Clean Water and Sanitation, #8 for Decent Work and Economic Growth and #15 for Life on Land. Greater emphasis is given to #5. Hence, all the Clubs in the District conducted cervical and breast cancer awareness seminars, simultaneously with a lecture on gender equality entitled “Women’s Rights Are Human Rights”. It was initially conducted jointly by the Inner Wheel Clubs of Southern Stars and Metro South with roaring success, then other Clubs followed suit. The community projects came to fruition with the united and concerted efforts of all the members who are empowered and bound by friendship and common love for those who have less in life.



District 382 was formed in 1967, comprising Clubs located in the provinces of Laguna, Rizal, Batangas, Quezon, and Bicol. The first District Chairman 1967-69 was Agripina “Ati” babst, a member and Past President of the Inner Wheel Club of Manila. She was the District Chairman from 1967 to 1979. The Inner Wheel Club of Chinatown, led by Club President Elena Ngo, carried out the “Garbology” project in 2004, at the Jose Abad Santos High School, Binondo, Manila. On 13 December 2023, twenty years later, with Elena re-elected as Club President, the project has come full circle back to the school where it started in conjunction with the Club’s 20th anniversary. Past President Susie Guzman was Project Chair.

The theme was Parol, Pasko, Pamilya. It showcased the ingenuity of Grade 11 and 12 students. A total of thirty entries were submitted demonstrating the three Rs, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, using used plastic bottles, egg trays, tin cans, old newspapers, CDs, popsicle sticks, mussel shells, used USB’s, to name a few. Six winners were from K11 and six from K12 entries, all adjudged by an esteem panel of top Inner Wheel present and past officers. Three big and three special cash prizes were given to the winners. All other participants had a prize, too. All entries were displayed in the school premises during the yuletide season. It was a day of creativity and fun as the students cheered for their class entries.



District 383 was chartered on 6 August 2013. Evelyn Ledesma was the first District Chairman. It has ten Clubs with 171 members. Project “Bringing Light to Your Lives” to help brighten the lives of the families living in the mountain side without electricity at Itogon, Benguet, Philippines. More than a hundred solar lights and five solar radios were given on 2019. In 2023-2024 with the Shine-A-Light International theme and in celebration of the 100th year of Inner Wheel, 56 solar street lights, nine solar lights and eleven solar radios were distributed on 28 October 2023 through donations from District 383, Inner Wheel Club of Chinatown, RMN Foundation, and support of the National President. The recipients were schools, daycare centres, churches, and demo farms. On 11 January 2024, an inauguration was held at Labilab Elementary School attended by members, and National President Sofia Lee and the National Council. The school is one of the major beneficiaries of fourteen solar street lights on metal posts installed to brighten the paths, especially for the school children. The path which in the past was dark and dangerous, brightened up and named “Inner Wheel Street” and a District 383 marker.



Handing over of the solar street lights.



Official lighting up (left) and inauguration of the “Inner Wheel Street” (right).

District 386 is made up of six Clubs. Undergoing a significant revitalisation in 2017, the District has experienced substantial growth in its membership and has become increasingly engaged in community activities.



Medical Mission. Distribution of vitamins and medicine to Binaliw Elementary School, Cebu, Philippines.



Pink October 2023, breast cancer awareness month. Venue: Mactan Shrine, Cebu. Just like legendary warrior, Datu Lapulapu, members consider themselves as vanguards of the youth, women and communities of tomorrow.

District 385 was formed in 1979 with Sofia Velez from the Inner Wheel Club of West Cagayan De Oro as the first District Chairman. The Clubs are in the Northern Mindanao Region 9, 10 and 11. The “mother club” is the Inner Wheel Club of Cagayan De Oro chartered on 10 March 1977 and the latest addition is Masterson Cagayan De Oro chartered on 25 August in 2023, marking forty-four years of continuous service to humanity through selfless acts.

Project: Women’s Rights and Status Of Women. On 21 November 2023, the Inner Wheel Club of Metro Valencia visited the Person Deprived of Liberty (PDL) lady dormitory in Valencia City Jail. The project is in conjunction with the national observance of the 36th National Prison Awareness Week. The theme “The Correctional Community: Journeying Together in Mutual Support on a Mission of Love”.

Members and personnel of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology in Bukidnon embraced the twenty-four lady inmates of Valencia City Jail with their warm and tight hugs.

The project is in line with the Club’s advocacy to uplift the well-being of every woman, especially the lady inmates in the city jail, and give them the assurance that, despite their current situation, they are still loved, valued, and accepted.

The programme conducted a self-affirmation creative activity titled “The Barbie in Me,” in which the lady inmates were given the chance to talk to their old selves with words of affirmation to lift their morale, not just as PDLs but also as empowered women full of vision, aspiration, and dreams. During the activity, they were given a minute to speak with their words, “I’m sorry, you’ll be okay, I am beautiful, and I am strong.”



In addition, the Club handed toiletries, groceries, and snacks to the attendees. In return, the inmates offered them a presentation showcasing their talent and skills in dancing and singing. They were all delighted as they sang together the phenomenal song, “Hawak Kamay” meaning, Holding Your Hand – an inspirational song with encouraging words and thoughts that we are not alone in facing the struggles, hardships, and obstacles in life.

They ended the programme by leaving the inmates with the quote from Nelson Mandela, “As I walked out the door toward my freedom, I knew that if I did not leave all the anger, hatred, and bitterness behind, I would still be in prison.” This line reminds them that prison is not a place of misery, rather, it is a place where one can stay temporarily, start a new life, and turn their hopes into reality.



INNER WHEEL SWEDEN

Districts 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241

The first Inner Wheel Club in Sweden was formed in Filipstad in 1949 and the Club Charter President was Jeanne Liedholm. Together with thirteen other Rotary wives, she formed the Inner Wheel Club of Filipstad. Forty years later Inner Wheel Sweden had its largest number of members and Clubs, more than 9,000 members and 160 Clubs. Sweden is one of the largest Inner Wheel governing body in the world. The National Council of Sweden was formed in 1967. The nine Districts were restructured in 1969.

Friendship

11th International Inner Wheel Convention, 18-20 May 2000, was hosted in Stockholm. It was a very well organised and pleasant meeting. In total, about 2,300 Inner Wheel members and their companions (265 Rotarians) from 36 different countries participated. The largest number of participants, 672 including 103 Rotarians, came from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Over 500 members from the Clubs in Sweden participated! The venue was at the Stockholm International Fairs in Älvsjö, which could offer premises for all sorts of requirement; a meeting place for negotiations, entertainments, and so on. Under the same roof there were also several different restaurants.

Organising it were the combined effort of the Districts of Inner Wheel Sweden. Many members were involved in home hospitality. For example, eight Clubs from District 232 had their meeting at the restaurant Solliden at Skansen. Many other dinners and functions were held at the homes of members. Several Districts held exhibitions and presentations in the meeting halls. District 233 even managed to engage Dalarna's great tourist celebrity – the wooden Dala horse. During all the days of the meeting, there was a long queue to the wood carver of the horses. Lots of members wanted to see for themselves the skills of the carver in creating their Dala horse. Attractive side events were also organised in and around the city of Stockholm, for example, excursions, walks and boat cruises in the archipelago. Post-convention tours were offered to various interesting places in Sweden.

One of the post-convention tours went to Dalecarlia and visited the studios of the famous painters Carl Larsson and Anders Zorn. Other tours went to the Kingdom of Crystal area – Småland in southern Sweden and to Gothenburg on the west coast of Sweden. After the Convention, participants were also able to make a short trip on the cruise ship, the "Hurtigruten", to Trollfjorden and Lofoten in northern Norway. Other cruise excursions were offered to Helsinki in Finland and to St. Petersburg in Russia. On the day before the Convention, a golf tournament was arranged at Åkersberga GK.



Stockholm



Carving the Dala horse.



International President 1999-2000 Lillian Pettigrew (centre) with Maj-Britt Wickberg on her right and Margareta Sjöqvist, both from the Inner Wheel Club of Falu (District 233) at the gala evening.

Among the decisions made for changes to the International Inner Wheel Constitution during the business sessions was that the International Inner Wheel Representative at the United Nations will be able to attend the UN's World Conference of Women.

Many of the host country's members were dressed in national costumes from their respective provinces.

Unique Yearly Information Meeting for District Officials



Inner Wheel Sweden's newsletter, "Inner Wheel-Nytt", aptly titled the event "Together We Can"!

Inner Wheel Sweden Governing Body has a long-standing tradition of annually arranging a National Information Meeting for the officers of the Executive Committees of the nine Districts. The meeting is held in August as a kickoff and an information boost for the officers. Fees for the meeting are subsidised to a certain extent by the National Governing Body. Venues vary from year to year. Co-opted members of the committees such as Governing Body archivist and Editor/Media Manager are also invited. The Information Meeting is held Saturday to Sunday and the National Council's Executive Committee meeting is usually the day before.

During the Information Meeting, current topics and applicable parts of the Constitution and Handbook are discussed to ensure a successful implementation to restart the Inner Wheel year after the summer break.

The event is an instructive and much appreciated get-together for District and the National Governing Body officers. At the meeting, an external lecturer is usually invited to add a stimulus for the incoming District officers' activities in their District and Clubs. The Governing Body IT coordinator will also present information for the Districts' IT officers.

Upon returning from this meeting, the officers of the Districts will organise their own information meetings in their Clubs and then report, among other things, what was discussed at the joint meeting.

The joint information meeting in 2019 took place in Stockholm and brought together around 50 officers from the nine Districts and the National Council's Executive Committee.

Nordic Rally in Sundsvall, 2013

The Inner Wheel Club of Sundsvall-Skön-Sankt Olof in District 232 was the organiser of a successful Nordic Rally in September 2013. A total of 150 members, some with companions, came from Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. The rally participants were happy to meet also International President 2013-2014 Gabriella Adami. The Rally committee from the Inner Wheel Club of Sundsvall-Skön-Sankt Olof offered a full and varied programme with study visits in and around the city of Sundsvall, such as the well-known historic Hotel Knaust.

Kate Almroth from New York but living in Sundsvall greeted us in a positive and inspiring way. Johanna Ulfsdotter sang for us and talked about the life of girls in the area in the old days – life during summer time at shacks in the forest areas and animal husbandry.

Gabriella Adami spoke about friendship, keeping friendship alive and taking care of it. She talked about her theme for the year "We, for Women" and that we must make our voice heard so that every woman can be a free person. National Council President Kristina Andersson spoke about Inner Wheel's "Future Vision 2017" – building bridges, getting new ideas and inspiration. Past National Representative Sissel H. Michelsen from Inner Wheel Norway, spoke about Proposal 17 accepted in the 15th International Inner Wheel Convention in 2012, Istanbul, titling it "A lucky number". The consequence of the Proposal is that all Inner Wheel Clubs are no longer dependent for membership with familial Rotary connections but by the opening of membership to all women who share Inner Wheel's values.

A very interesting lecture was held by Lars Beckman, a doctor who wrote a cookbook "Matfrisk" which deals with how we can prevent cancer the diet. It was said that 70% of all cancers are due to our lifestyle. A special feature was the opening of a Rally choir led by a trained singing teacher for interested Rally participants. After intensive hours of practicing, they were so proficient that they could entertain other Rally participants. Sundsvall is known for being a city particularly immersed in choir and well-known conductors.

In conjunction with the Nordic Rally, a Nordic Meeting was arranged in Sundsvall with National Representatives from Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

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International President Gabriella Adami (left) and Club President Ann-Charlotte Holmgren of the Inner Wheel Club of Sundsvall-Skön-Sankt Olof as host of the Nordic Rally.



The Nordic Rally was an excellent opportunity for members from the Nordic countries to socialise, make contacts and have a good time together.

Bridging the Baltic Sea

Bridging the Baltic Sea have been held every third year in different places in countries with a coastline along the Baltic Sea since 2006. The meeting is a gathering for environmental concerns. In May 2016, the Inner Wheel Club of Kalmar organised the fourth of this friendship rally supported by Districts 240 and 241. The theme of this informal meeting was a mission – “Saving the Baltic Sea”.

The meeting in Kalmar was a pleasant and well-organised event. A total of 160 Inner Wheel members with companions and friends from Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Germany participated in an enjoyable social atmosphere, and exchanged ideas about current important common issues.

The invited speaker was Elin Lindehoff, marine ecologist from the University of Linnaeus in Växjö, speaking on the topic “Who wants to swim in the Baltic Sea?”. A much appreciated and thought-provoking talk. The meeting programme included an excursion to Öland – an island just outside the city of Kalmar – with visits to the Vida Museum, Borgholm Castle Ruin and Solliden (the Swedish royal family’s summer retreat).

Some participants remained in Kalmar and visited the Kalmar Museum and saw “the Crown”, a ship exhibition, and Kalmar Castle, built during the 12th to 15th centuries. The closing banquet was at the Castle. Here, some theatre students acted out scenes in depicting famous Kalmar women. The housekeeper at the Castle spoke during the dinner with passion and insight about the Castle, the food and customs from the past (see photo).



Friendship Meeting in Dalecarlia

Every third year, Inner Wheel members in Sweden will usually meet at a Friendship Meeting organised by one of the Districts. According to the turn-by-turn list, in 2020 it was the turn of District 233 (Inner Wheel Clubs of Gästrikland, Hälsingland, Dalarna). An organising team was formed and a programme was worked out. It was decided that the venue would be at Tällberg, province of Dalecarlia. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and all plans had to be put on hold.

When the restrictions ended, a new organising team was formed from the Inner Wheel Club of Falu. The planning took off again, mostly based on the 2020 original ideas. The invitation was sent out with a new date for the meeting: September 2023.

The meeting was quickly fully booked and became very successful. A total of 140 members participated, including some companions, mostly from 33 Clubs in Inner Wheel Sweden. Other participants came from Inner Wheel Clubs in Norway and Germany. The special guest was International President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas.

The theme of the meeting was “Art, Music and Culture”, and here Dalecarlia has a lot to offer. The conference hotel offered a magnificent view of Lake Siljan. International President Trish Douglas “cut the ribbon” and delivered a spirited and engaging speech. The extensive programme included the cultural personality Karin Perers, who talked about the area, the forest landscape and the well-known Swedish author Erik Axel Karlfeldt. The participants could choose from a number of different interesting visits in the area. An evening concert in the impressive outdoor arena Dalhalla ended the meeting in the “Sign of Friendship”.



International President Trish Douglas visited the Friendship Meeting in Dalecarlia, Sweden, in September 2023 and saw, among other things, the making of the well-known Dala horse.



The organisers of the Friendship Meeting in Dalecarlia in their beautiful traditional costumes of their region.

Friendly Meeting on “Swedish” Åland

In 2008, a Friendship Meeting was organised for the first time for all Inner Wheel members in Sweden. This informal meeting, with no specific agenda or minutes taken, has since been arranged (in principle) every third year. The intention is to give members an opportunity to meet and get to know each other from all Districts. The responsibility for organising the meetings is a Club or a District.

In 2014, it was District 235 who organised it and included the Inner Wheel Club of Mariehamn located on the Swedish-speaking island of Åland (which belongs to the neighbouring country of Finland). The Mariehamn Club was chosen to be the driving force of the meeting. Åland has a lot to offer in terms of tourism and yachting, so the choice of venue for the Friendship Meeting was quite natural.

More than 100 members from almost all of Inner Wheel Sweden had accepted the invitation. Early one Saturday morning, everyone gathered at the ferry terminal in Stockholm to take the huge ferry to Åland. Once there, they were met by happy members from the Mariehamn Club dressed conspicuously in yellow hats. Then followed a two full-day programme with lots of sightseeing, good food and pleasant company. Some of the places of interest where the members went to were Åland’s Parliament, Restaurant Arkipelag, city centre of Mariehamn, St Michael’s Church, Cederberg’s farm, Smakbyn, Bomarsund and the craft collective SALT.



Christina Persson, District 235 Chairman (left) with Britt Lundberg (Madam Speaker of the Parliament of Åland), who among other things briefed the visitors about Åland’s autonomy.

The friendly meeting ended with a fantastic party at Restaurant Nautical, next door to the well-known sailing ship “Pommern” – the ship that became a museum. Including companions, friends and hosts, there were probably 200 people, making the atmosphere really vibrant.

Avoiding disbandment – a success!

Inner Wheel Sweden is the fourth largest Inner Wheel country in Europe but has lost more than 6,000 members and 80 Clubs during the past 30 years. The problem with disbandment, especially in northern Europe, needs to be addressed.

In May 2021, the 50-year-old Inner Wheel Club of Mariehamn their disband, fifth Club in District 235 to disband in five years. The National Governing Body 2020-2021 decided to started a pilot project, and appointed a project-leader who independently should find a solution to help the Club survive. Past International Inner Wheel Board Director Margareta Wesslau (photo: right) and team member Past District Chairman Christina Persson pinpointed the problem: lack of Executive Committee members. A basic concept was formed applying the Inner Wheel consensus: Friendship, Personal Service and International Understanding! Let’s help each other! The idea was that the Club with problems should be given the support needed from one or two Clubs willing to do some extra work following a plan specific for the situation faced by that Club. This concept appealed to the Club members and they abandoned the idea of disbanding and almost everyone remained in the Club.



In this Club’s case, two Clubs in the Stockholm area wholeheartedly agreed to assist in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Without a President, four members kept the Club meetings going, maintained a lively friendship, made efforts to find new members and encouraged members to take on governing body positions. One member kept the IT information going.

In summary. For a successful result, the Club in need must keep its dignity and self-governance. Close contact between the co-operating Clubs must be established and the National Governing Body President must be well informed. Engaging a visible, skilled and inspiring project-leader and team well-known to these three Clubs was vital for the success. The Mariehamn Club had a new executive committee by March 2023. To inspire and assist other Clubs with problems the National Governing Body has budgeted a sum of money for this solution and the National Vice-President co-ordinates with the aim of avoiding disbandments, keeping Inner Wheel Sweden healthy and strong.

Edited from a contribution by
Past International Board Director Margareta Wesslau.

The Inner Wheel Doctor goes where the need is greatest



Since 1988, “Stiftelsen Rotarys Läkarbank” or the Foundation of Rotary Doctors has been sending doctors and dentists to serve in Kenya. Each year, close to a hundred doctors and dentists have chosen to give of their time and skills, free of charge, to help people in vulnerable areas. The doctors and dentists travel by a “jeep medical line” visiting people in villages, or at some hospital/clinic.

In 1993, National Council President Solveig Svensson (later, International Inner Wheel President 2002-2003), took the initiative to collaborate with Rotary Doctors, which led to the establishment of the “Inner Wheel Doctor”. The Inner Wheel Doctors have travelled to inaccessible places on “jeep lines”. Over the years, they would develop a healthcare system in that area and would gradually hand over to local authorities for continued operation.

A jeep line consists of a series of villages or communities which are visited for one day each week by a team from the Inner Wheel Doctor and local staff, usually a pharmacist, a nurse and a laboratory assistant. All are volunteers, including dentists who have volunteered for the project. Inner Wheel Sweden has for many years engaged the voluntary services of female doctors on these jeep lines. The female doctors have proven to be invaluable as many of the local men forbid their women to be examined and treated by male doctors.

The availability of clean water is an important health issue for the villages. It is usually the women's role to fetch water. Carrying water vessels on their heads, they would walk for many kilometers from watercourses or wells back to their village. In recent years, many Inner Wheel Clubs have helped to develop clean waterways and to dig new wells. Another important task for their health care is to provide latrines and information of how and why they should be used.

The focus of the Inner Wheel Doctor project has varied over the years to meet the local needs in western Kenya. However, the health of women and children have always been the focus. From 2021, the Inner Wheel Doctor's activities in Kenya included the promotion of the project “Women's right to their own health”. In this project, both women and men are informed about the consequences of child marriage, teenage pregnancy, and female genital mutilation. They are taught the importance of maternal health care and contraception, and about girls' right to go to school because schooling promotes the health of a girl's future family.

UNICEF Global Girls' Education in Madagascar: MGA for Birgitta Svensson

On the initiative of Birgitta Svensson (Inner Wheel Club of Hörby, District 239), it was announced at the 13th International Inner Wheel Convention in Christchurch, held on 4-6 May 2006, to adopt the UNICEF Global Girls' Education Programme in Madagascar as Inner Wheel's worldwide social project for the three years 2006 to 2009¹²³. International Vice-President 2007-2008 Suzanne Nielsen, undertook the newly appointed role of the International Social Project Liaison Officer¹²⁴ and started a collaboration with UNICEF Denmark in 2007. The project was to take place in a district of Madagascar.

The district was chosen due to the low level of education and the great inequality between men and women, boys and girls. Together with UNICEF Madagascar, an action plan was agreed upon. The objective was to increase the number of girls starting and completing school up to the sixth grade. In addition, the number of girls starting and completing upper secondary education would increase. A fund-raising drive was started and quickly yielded results. At the 14th International Inner Wheel Convention in Kota Kinabalu on 9 May 2009, GBP300,000¹²⁵ was presented by International President 2008-2009 Suzanne Nielsen to UNICEF Denmark¹²⁶. Work on Madagascar was well prepared, and could begin.

During her 40-year teaching career, Birgitta Svensson has focused on strengthening the self-esteem of children and young people through movement, music and drama. She has, among other accomplishments, composed and produced several musicals for young people.



As her contribution to the UNICEF project, Birgitta produced extensive information material, arranged concerts and talks, and made and sold Christmas cards and T-shirts. She also wrote a children's book "The Girl with the Enchanted Hat". The income from the sale yielded a whopping SEK90,000 which she gave to the project.

The project results far exceeded the goals. The number of girls who started upper secondary school increased significantly. These results demonstrated that there are huge opportunities for women and girls in the project district in Madagascar, where they can live in a more equal society and their rights respected, giving them a hope to build a better future – economic growth, lower infant mortality, healthier mothers and a healthier population.

In 2009 to 2012, the UNICEF project was expanded to focus on the poorest in South America – girls in the Potosi province of Bolivia, "UNICEF Global Girls' Education in Bolivia"¹²⁷. Almost half of the women are not literate. Extensive efforts were made to get girls to go to school and do their homework. Several thousand children in many villages received support through the project. In March 2013, around the time of International Women's Day, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights announced the promulgation of the Comprehensive Law to guarantee women a life free from violence in Bolivia (Law 348)¹²⁸.

In June 2015, International Inner Wheel awarded Birgitta Svensson (photo, right) with the Margarete Golding Award for her invaluable efforts and contribution for the education of girls. The award was presented by the District 239 Chairman.

No development tool more effective than education of girls, empowerment of women.

~ Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General, 16 Jan 2004¹²⁹

Inner Wheel Sweden helps vulnerable girls in Garissa, Kenya

In 1989, a Swedish couple Monica (a dentist) and Carl-Axel Ekman (a doctor) set off for Kenya, sent there by Rotary's Läkarbank Project (Doctors' Bank). Through those 20 years, they spent at least three months a year in Garissa, Kenya, improving health care in the region. Whenever they return home, they would raise money privately to provide vulnerable girls in Garissa with good accommodation and education in a safe environment. Since 2007, the project has continued through a foundation that Inner Wheel Sweden supports.

In Garissa, the Foundation has a building as a home for 120 orphaned girls, a school for 400 girls, a maternity and child care centre (run by SIMAHO, Sisters Maternity Home), a maternity home and a sewing school. Among the most important assignments has been, and still is, to stop female genital mutilation of little girls. Garissa is located in a rugged, barren, desert landscape about five hours' drive east of Nairobi. The population is made up of nomadic people who experience extreme heat, poverty and hunger everyday. The disturbance and violence in neighbouring Somalia has led to thousands of Somalis fleeing to Garissa. Girls and women are pitifully insignificant. At the maternity care centre, maternity care and child health care are provided, including treatment of HIV/AIDS. A lot of work has been put in to abolish the tradition of genital mutilation, which still occurs despite the ban.

The sewing school fulfills an important function. After completing the training, the students may keep their sewing-machines. This enables them to start their own business and become self-employed.

Girls between the ages of four and eighteen live at the girls' home. Those who have finished primary school are allowed to leave the girls' home to make room for younger orphaned girls. Those who can leave school are not left to fend for themselves. With the help of the region, they try to find accommodation for the girls with a close relative or some other safe accommodation. If there are problems, they can stay until the accommodation outside the girls' home is found.



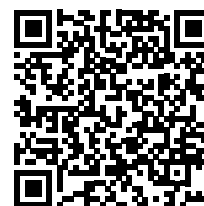
The Garissa Foundation girls have probably among the best conditions in the region. Good accommodation, food and education in a safe environment. There is still a great need for help and support from companies, private individuals, and organisations such as Inner Wheel.



Inner Wheel Club of Hässleholm President Eva Ulmfelt with Bosse Lindell, 14 Sep 2022¹³⁰.

The commitment from Inner Wheel members has been very positive and generous. The Foundation chairman, Bosse Lindell, has visited many Inner Wheel Clubs and informed about the activities. This strengthens the engagement for the project among members.

Read more from Inner Wheel Sweden's website.





Ideas and values of Inner Wheel members is the concept of a drug-free society. Since 1986, Inner Wheel Sweden has run a national project together with the Swedish Customs Department with the objective to purchase dogs to be trained as drug-detecting dogs. Since the start of the project, Inner Wheel has contributed funds for the purchase of more than 80 dogs. The dogs are now also trained in weapons detection.

The project has been very popular and involved many members in different ways. In addition to funding the purchase of future drug-detecting dogs, Inner Wheel members have helped in many other ways.

During the training at the Dog School in Stockholm, Inner Wheel members posed as “drug pushers” and have mingled with ordinary people to train the dogs in the search for and detection of drugs. Many Clubs have also collected and donated training materials in the form of used suitcases, briefcases, handbags, spectacle cases and so on, for the training of the dogs. The dogs and their handlers have, when time and opportunity allow, participated in various Inner Wheel meetings and impressed us with their great skills in finding what has been hidden.

The smugglers who try to smuggle different kinds of drugs, weapons and ammunition are very inventive. But the Swedish Customs Department's drug detection dogs are trained in different environments to use their noses and persistence to search for contraband in the most impossible places. Hiding places in cars can be spare wheels, petrol tanks, inner fenders, and spaces between the rear wheels. The detection dogs are trained to mark narcotics found by “freeze marking”, that is, the dog freezes in the position and points out with its nose where the hiding place is.

The dogs and handlers undergo extensive training and strong bonds develop between them during their partnership years. After about eight to ten years, the dog retires and usually spends the last years at its former handler's home as retiree. It is quite difficult to find suitable dogs for training. The detection dogs are guarding Sweden's borders at airports, ferry ports, commercial ports and other border stations, around the clock, all year round. Important checks are also carried out in the mail and freight flow.



**INNER WHEEL
USA**

Districts 519, 517, 696, 767

The Inner Wheel Club of Stamford-Hobart in New York was the first Club in the USA, chartered on 4 July 1951.

In September 1970, District 519 was formed consisting of Clubs in Fair Oaks, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, and South Sacramento, California and Ely, Nevada. This is followed by Districts 517, 696 and 767.

The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in the United States, now known as Inner Wheel USA, was founded on 1 July 1987. The first Governing Body meeting and official installation of officers took place during the Southeastern Conference in Asheville, North Carolina in October of that year.

Friendship

Fall and Spring Meetings

In September or October of each Inner Wheel year, the Governing Body and Trustees hold their Fall Meetings (or autumn meetings). They meet again in March or April in the same Inner Wheel year, in the Spring Governing & Trustee Meeting.

Friendship Luncheons

These are annually organised get-togethers between Districts. After a 3-year pause due to COVID-19, the luncheons restarted in October 2022 where long-time friends are reunited, and new ones welcomed. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Citrus Heights (District 519) and Saratoga (517) have been co-organising it for several years, usually in October.

Pick-A-Purse Fundraiser

The Pick-A-Purse Fundraiser is one of the favourite activities of District 519. One of the fundraisers in November 2021 had over 150 purses to raffle off, besides wine raffle, door prizes and a silent auction. It was Laurel McFarland who brought this event to the District some years ago. Many have been helped by this very successful fundraiser. It has always been fun!¹³¹



Officer Installation for the first National Governing Body of Inner Wheel USA. From left: Frances Sinnett, Virginia Wittlin, Pat Franks, Jody Griffing, Laura Wilkes, Ruth King (National President), Tencha Zervigón (National Vice-President), Sharon Emerson-Smith, Elena Laborde-Bishop, Marjorie Boehmer and Fran Turknett.



District 767
Chairman Linda Howard and Foundation Board Chairman Maggie Spears at Inner Wheel USA's Fall Meetings held in Hickory, North Carolina in October 2022.



Janice LeFevre (left), President of the Inner Wheel Club of Saratoga, and Sue Kasper, Treasurer of the Inner Wheel Club of Citrus Heights, have co-chaired the Friendship Luncheons for many years.



From left: Cynthia Yabes, Lynnette Flusche, Minnie Elizaga (Cynthia's sister) and Sherry Harris, took part in the Pick-A-Purse fundraiser in March 2023 at the Inner Wheel USA Conference, in Folsom, California.

Posing for a must-have selfie before boarding the General Jackson Showboat for dinner and live country music.



From left: Amber Caldwell, Annelise Graf, and Patricia Picard take in the atmosphere at the legendary Bluebird Café in Nashville, Tennessee, where Taylor Swift and Garth Brooks got their start.

USA Triennial Conference

Once every three years, the whole of Inner Wheel USA gathers together at the Triennial Conference. The latest was held on 20-24 April 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee. The events included training, workshops, guest speakers, cruises/tours and fundraising.

Service

Inner Wheel USA Foundation

In 1987, shortly after the National Governing Body (now known as Inner Wheel USA) was formed, a study committee began exploring the idea of creating a charitable foundation where Clubs across the United States could collectively contribute to special causes. Incorporated in August 1988, the **Inner Wheel USA Foundation** provides prosthetic arms and hands to children under the age of 18 who were born without an upper limb or have lost an upper limb due to accident or disease. The Foundation also provides significant funding for **Camp No Limits**, nature-oriented camps held across the United States by a team of physical and occupational therapists assisted by hundreds of volunteers. At Camp No Limits, children with limb loss can enjoy rock climbing, canoeing, and other fun activities with kids who look just like them. The Inner Wheel USA Foundation now operates with a sizeable endowment



and celebrated serving its 100th limb recipient in Spring 2023. Hanger Clinic upper limb specialist Tim Russo helped design and build a custom left arm for the child who was born without arms. The Foundation partners exclusively with Hanger Clinic which has more than 900 facilities across the United States.



From left: Gloria Vasconcellos (Foundation liaison and IW USA National President 2023-2024), Nancy Beisler (Benefactor), Lynnette Flusche (Investment Liason), Deloris Donnelly (Vice-Chairman), Sherry Harris (Secretary).



Spring Meeting 2023 in Sacramento. Chairman Maggie Spears presenting a token to International President 2022-2023 Zenaida Farcon.



From left: Annelise Graf (Financial Officer), Gay Digovann (Public Relations), Patricia Picard (Past Chairman).

Rape Care Kits

The Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro has spent almost 20 years serving the needs of local women who are victims of sexual assault. Club members partner with an organisation called Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) to assemble rape care kits for local hospitals. When women arrive at an emergency room because of a sexual assault, the clothes they are wearing are often taken into evidence by local law enforcement.

The care kits assembled by San Leandro Club members provide basic necessities and comfort to women in their time of need. Included in each kit is a backpack with sweatpants, shirts, panties, socks, shampoo, conditioner, body bath lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, comb, brush, deodorant, hand sanitiser, masks, journals, and pens.



Stuffed Animals

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Citrus Heights, CA have been collecting stuffed animals for their local police department for well over a decade. Officers stow the toys in the trunks of their patrol cruisers and hand them out to calm the fears of children caught in the middle of traumatic situations.



Inner Wheel organisations around the world

National Governing Bodies, Districts and Clubs



Members belong to a Club.

Four or more Clubs make up a District.

Two or more Districts make up a National Governing Body.

All Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies
may have their own byelaws within a common constitution
administered by the International Inner Wheel.

Each Club has a name, a number and a Charter certificate.

Each District is given a number.

Each National Governing Body has a name.

Constitution and Handbook 2021¹³²

List of Clubs and their Charter Date

The information below were provided through the representative(s) of the following Clubs, Districts and/or National Governing Bodies (“NGB”). A charter date is the date of registration with International Inner Wheel. Some of the Clubs have used their date of formation (which is the inaugural meeting to form the Club). Both these dates are on the charter certificate issued to each Club. This is not an exhaustive list. Due to the dynamic nature of the Clubs being formed, disbanded and re-structured, any reproduction of this list or the use of the information must first be verified by International Inner Wheel. Errors and omissions are excepted.

Clubs are traditionally but not strictly named after the location of their township. Districts are numbered in two or three digits. Districts in Australia and New Zealand have a prefix of “A” and “NZ”, respectively, to the numbers. National Governing Bodies are traditionally named as “The Association of...” or “Inner Wheel...”. In the list below, they are nicknamed with a prefix of “IW” for simplicity.

The list starts with Non-Districted Clubs, followed by Districts without National Governing Body in number order of the lowest. Lastly, National Governing Bodies are alphabetically listed (except for the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland). Club names are in alphabetical order. There 3,913 active Clubs on this list. Abbreviations used: IW (Inner Wheel), NGB (National Governing Body), IW GB&I (Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland), IW FAMAT (Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia), IW India (Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India).

CLUB	CHARTER	CLUB	CHARTER	CLUB	CHARTER
Non-Districted Clubs		District 2		District 5	
Banja Luka	12 Apr 2010	Corstorphine	1946	Scarborough	1934
Belgrade Singidunum	23 Mar 2008	Galashiels	1960	Tadcaster & Wetherby	1959
Bijeljina	2018	Kirkcudbright	1970	Wakefield	1943
Budapest	23 Sep 1997	Lanark	1975	York	1934
Burnie	01 Mar 1983	Larkhall	1981	York Ainsty	1962
Chittagong	03 Dec 1979	Monklands	1980	York Vikings	1978
Clarence	26 May 2007	Motherwell & Wishaw	1978	District 5	
Kaunas	14 Nov 2005	Musselburgh	1947	Altrincham	1930
Ljubljana	28 Nov 1998	Tranent	1955	Biddulph	1970
Lusaka	16 Nov 2021	District 3		Buxton	1930
Maribor	04 Nov 2000	Berwick-Upon-Tweed	1984	Crewe	1946
Mombasa	02 Jan 1961	Bishop Auckland	1933	Denton	1947
Monterrey	16 Mar 2022	Blyth	1949	Hazel Grove	1959
Mukono	22 Nov 2023	Crook	1945	Macclesfield	1928
Saint Georges	21 May 1983	Darlington	1954	Macclesfield Castle	1979
Sapporo	01 Mar 1999	Durham	1947	Manchester	1924
Savinjsko Saleska	09 Aug 2022	Gateshead	1944	Marple & Goyt Valley	1983
Scone	12 May 1972	Guisborough & Great Ayton	1932	Nantwich	1958
Tamar Valley	10 Feb 1975	Hexham & Tynedale	1977	Sale	1937
Trinidad & Tobago	18 May 1985	Houghton-Le-Spring	1941	Sandbach	1953
Vigo	01 Jun 2019	Morpeth	1948	Tarporley	1991
Zrenjanin	25 Sep 2000	Seaburn	1949	District 6	
NGB: IW GB&I		Sedgefield	1952	Arbury	1934
District 1		Tynemouth	1983	Atherstone	1979
Aberdeen	1946	District 4		Edgbaston Convention	1985
Aberfeldy & District	1943	Aireborough	1933	Kenilworth	1961
Auchterarder & District	1990	Brighouse	1958	Lickey Hills	1973
Banff	1982	Brighouse	1937	Redditch	1955
Dundee	1959	Brighouse Town & District	2022	Rugby	1987
Dunfermline	1947	Cleckheaton	1939	Shirley	1960
Elgin	1946	Denby Dale	1939	Solihull	1947
Elgin	1950	Elland	1988	Stratford-Upon-Avon	1947
Forfar	1950	Halifax	1967	Wylde Green	1992
Inverness	1950	Harrogate Briganted	1934	District 7	
Kinross & District	1959	Heckmondwike	1981	Ashby-De-La-Zouch	1938
Kirriemuir	1982	Holmfirth	1938	Bedford	1967
Laurencekirk & District	1987	Ilkley	1939	Blaby	1945
Montrose	1985	Leeds	1946	Bourne	1979
Nairn	1975	Leeds	1933	The Deepings	1991
North Fife	1958	Normanton	1943	Grantham	1975
Perth	1981	Otley Cevin	1990	Hinckley	1962
Pitlochry	1946	Pontefract	1939	Huntingdon	1949
Stirling	1993	Ripon	1945	Kettering	1962
	1948	Ripon Rowels	1991		1935

CLUB	CHARTER
Kettering Huxloe	1988
Leicester	1947
Loughborough	1938
Lutterworth	1954
Lutterworth Wycliffe	1988
Market Bosworth	1980
Melton Mowbray Belvoir	1986
Rushden	1947
Rutland	1958
Sandy	1982
Sleaford Kesteven	1995
Spalding	1953
Stamford	1953
Wellingborough	1944
Wellingborough Hatton	1987
District 8	1933
Beccles	1950
Ely	1948
Felixstowe	1939
Great Yarmouth	1934
Hunstanton & District	1977
Ipswich	2015
Ipswich East	1972
Saffron Walden	1947
Watton	1981
District 9	1944
Banbury	1946
Caversham	1984
High Wycombe	1945
Marlow	1957
Reading Maiden Erlegh	2001
Thame	1969
Witney	1956
District 10	1932
Chipping Sodbury	1984
Cirencester	1962
Clevedon	1948
Dursley	1960
Gloucester	1931
Hereford Wye Valley	1983
Malvern	1949
Newent & District	1980
North Wilts	1967
Pershore	1967
Royal Forest of Dean	1984
Thornbury	1979
Worcester Severn	1985
District 11	1936
Basingstoke	1955
Boscombe & Southbourne	1956
Cosham	1950
Fordingbridge	2000
Gosport	1946
Guernsey	1947
Hamble Valley	1977
Havant	1959
Hythe & District	1971
Itchen Valley	1986
Locks Heath	1974
Lymington	1949
Parkstone & Poole District	1973

CLUB	CHARTER
Shanklin	1934
Ventnor	1945
Wareham	1978
Wilton	1980
Winchester & District	1938
District 12	1932
Broadstairs	1955
Bromley	1932
Canterbury	1925
Cranbrook & Hawkhurst	1959
Crayford & Danson	2017
Deal	1939
Dover	1946
Eastbourne Sovereign	1971
Folkestone	1932
Gillingham	1930
Gravesend	1946
Isle of Sheppey	1937
Maidstone	1943
Margate	1933
Sidcup	1949
Tunbridge Wells	1934
Westgate & Birchington	1983
District 13	1932
Bush Hill Park	1983
Chelsea & Westminster	1948
Clapham	1926
East London	2023
Finchley	1946
Greenford	2006
Northwick Park	1978
Southgate	1946
District 14	1932
Aldershot	1945
Camberley	1951
Carshalton	1939
Croydon	1943
Farnborough	1960
Hounslow	1946
Kingston-Upon-Thames	1939
New Malden	1953
Purley	1948
District 15	1938
Aberdare	1938
Abertillery & Blaina	1995
Aberystwyth	1951
Briton Ferry	1984
Cardiff	1937
Carmarthen	1938
Cwmbran	1963
Haverfordwest	1947
Llandeilo	1985
Machen	1972
Maesteg	1945
Merthyr Tydfil	1939
Milford Haven	1959
Mumbles	1979
Newport	1931
Pembroke	1959
Pontllanfraith	1986
Porthcawl	1971

CLUB	CHARTER
Tenby	1946
Tywi Carmarthen	1992
District 16	1945
Ballymena	1945
Ballymoney	1967
Belfast	1931
Belfast West	1971
Carrickfergus	1987
Dublin	1970
Enniskillen	1989
Larne	1945
Derry	1950
Lurgan	1973
Monaghan	1989
Newry	1948
Omagh	1979
Portadown	1948
Sligo	1986
District 17	1936
Barnstable	1945
Bideford	1962
Dartmouth	1959
Exmouth	1930
Torquay	1934
Okehampton	1965
District 18	1936
Bangor	1934
Chester	1946
Colwyn Bay	1938
Formby	1989
Heswall	1959
Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr	1976
Llangollen	1964
Mold	1948
North Wirral	1978
Porthmadog	1942
Prestatyn	1935
Rhyl	1945
South Wirral	1978
Southport	1948
Tywyn	1985
Wallasey	1949
Welshpool	1973
District 19	1947
Appleby	1966
Bacup	1958
Barrow-In-Furness	1945
Blackburn	1928
Brampton & Longtwon	1985
Carnforth	1972
Garstang & Overwyre	1970
Lancaster	1939
Kendal	1942
Millom	1951
North Fylde	1988
Padiham	1950
Penrith	1953
Ribblesdale	1985
St Annes-On-The-Sea	1944
West Lakeland	1993

CLUB	CHARTER
Workington	1945
Workington Derwent	1980
District 20	1972
Bath	1994
Bridport	1968
Chard	1950
Crewkerne	1963
Frome	1936
Mendip	1948
Sedgemoor	1988
Shepton Mallet	1953
Taunton	1930
Taunton Vale	1982
Wellington	1975
West Woodspring	1976
Westbury	1957
Weymouth	1938
Wrington Vale	1978
Yeovil	1937
District 21	1972
Brewood & District	1999
Ironbridge	1956
Newport	1961
Penkridge	1983
Sedgley & Wombourne	1970
Shrewsbury	1943
Stafford	1945
Stafford Castle	1989
Stoke-On-Trent	1934
Stone	1946
Tettenhall	1982
Uttoxeter	1945
Wednesbury	1940
Wednesfield	1965
Whitchurch	1939
District 22	1972
Alfreton	1945
Bolsover	1983
Chesterfield Scarsdale	1985
Church Wilne	1987
Clay Cross	1970
Heanor	1945
Keyworth & Ruddington	1985
Kirby-In-Ashfield	1949
Long Eaton	1946
Mansfield	1946
Matlock	1946
Melbourne	1964
Ravenshead	1987
Retford	1945
Sutton-In-Ashfield	1945
Swadlincote	1948
Warsop	1972
West Ashfield	1989
Wollaton Park	1982
District 23	1972
Alloway	1979
Ayr	1965
Cambuslang	1970
Campbeltown	1980
Dumbarton	1962

CLUB	CHARTER
Dunoon	1990
Kilmarnock	1977
Kirkintilloch	1988
Loudon	1980
Newton Stewart	1968
Oban	1950
Renfrew & Govan	1953
Rutherglen	1961
Stranraer	1954
District 24	1974
Basildon	1963
Braintree & Bocking	1937
Chelmsford Mildmay	1973
Clacton-On-Sea	1946
Harlow	1959
Harwich & Dovercourt	1959
Rayleigh Mill	1996
South Woodham Ferrers	1985
Wickford	1980
District 25	1982
Chichester	1948
Cuckfield & Lindfield	1985
Godalming	1938
Guildford	1926
Hove	1934
Lewes	1948
Midhurst & Petworth	1969
Seaford	1947
District 26	1985
Amphill & District	1971
Berkhamsted Bulbourne	1986
Buckingham	1969
Dunstable	1948
Flitwick Vale	1985
Harpenden Village	1989
Hertford	1944
Hitchin	1949
Letchworth Garden City	1951
Luton Chiltern	1980
Luton North	1971
Newport Pagnell	1977
Stevenage	1960
Ware	1946
Wolverton	1960
District 127	1985
Abbeystead	1959
Bailgate	1980
Barnsley	1939
Brigg	2001
Cleethorpes	1967
Doncaster St Leger	1990
Hallam	1957
Humberside	1971
Immingham	2007
Lincoln	1960
Louth	1960
Woodhall Spa	1992
District 128	1987
Astley	1991
Chadderton & Failsworth	1963
Crompton & Royton	1957

CLUB	CHARTER
Frodsham & Helsby	1980
Hindley	1957
Horwich	1954
Irlam	2000
Leigh	1945
Lymm	1941
Newton & District Jubilee	1990
Oldham	1937
Radcliffe	1939
Rochdale	1936
Rushen & Western Mann	1976
St Helens	1925
Westhoughton	1960
Worsley	1979
District 129	1989
Bodmin	1954
Bude	1965
Helston-Lizard	1988
Launceston	1956
Liskeard & Looe	1960
Perranzabuloe	1994
Roborough	1977
Saltash	1961
St Austell	1947
Tavistock	1989
Not NGB: IW Germany	
District 81	20 May 1990
Aachen	25 May 1984
Bad Homburg	18 May 1996
Bad Nauheim-Friedberg	09 May 2015
Bad Orb-Büdingen-Nidda	08 Nov 2003
Bad Wildungen-Fritzlar	01 Jun 2002
Bonn-Bad Godesberg	08 Oct 1988
Bonn-Kreuzberg	18 Mar 1995
Düren-Aachen Land	10 Mar 1984
Frankfurt	26 Apr 1986
Frankfurt Rhein-Main	16 May 2009
Gießen-Wetzlar	08 Apr 2006
Gummersbach	14 Aug 1999
Hilden-Haan-Neandertal	03 Nov 1979
Kassel	17 Nov 1984
Koblenz	24 Mar 1990
Köln	20 Mar 1982
Köln-Agrrippina	19 Apr 1986
Köln-Römerturm	09 Mar 1991
Leverkusen-Dormagen	03 May 1997
Mayen	12 Mar 1988
Neuwied-Andernach	30 Apr 1988
Offenbach-Hanau-Maintal	16 Mar 1996
Remscheid	25 Apr 1998
Rüsselsheim/Groß-Gerau	15 Mar 1997
Siegen	06 Jul 1991
Solingen	16 May 1979
Trier	20 Sep 1997
Vulkaneifel	13 Jun 2020
Wiesbaden	20 Aug 1983
Wiesbaden-Kurpark	25 Oct 1997
Wuppertal	16 Jun 1984
District 85	20 May 1990
Braunschweig	21 Sep 1991
Bremen	27 Apr 1985

CLUB	CHARTER
Bremen-Hansa	11 Jan 1992
Bremer Schlüssel	09 Sep 2001
Bremerhaven	27 Aug 1977
Celle	21 Apr 1990
Gifhorn-Wolfsburg	26 Oct 1996
Göttingen	07 Mar 2004
Goslar	09 Sep 1978
Grafschaft Bentheim	26 Nov 1988
Grafschaft Hoya	10 Jul 2016
Hannover-Maschsee	18 Nov 1989
Hannover-Opernhaus	21 Oct 1978
Hannover-Tiergarten	21 Oct 1978
Harlingerland	31 Mar 2019
Helmstedt	06 May 2000
Hildesheim	21 Mar 1998
Langenhagen-Wedemark	11 Nov 1993
Langeoog	06 May 2006
Lingen	20 Jun 1987
Magdeburg	15 May 1999
Nordheide	30 May 1987
Oldenburg	25 Apr 1992
Osnabrück	27 Sep 1986
Ostfriesland	16 May 1987
Peine-Lehrte	15 Jun 1991
Soltau-Walsrode	13 May 1995
Vechta	08 Jul 2012
Verden	13 May 1995
Wilhelmshaven-Friedland	22 Aug 1992
District 86	01 Jul 1991
Bad Kreuznach	17 Mar 1990
Baden-Baden Favorite	03 Apr 2001
Bensheim-Lampertheim	20 May 2006
Bingen	15 Mar 2020
Bodensee	04 Sep 1994
Böblingen	29 Jan 2000
Darmstadt	02 Jun 1984
Esslingen	01 Jun 1991
Freiburg	03 Jul 2004
Göppingen	11 Nov 2017
Heidelberg-Mannheim	29 Nov 1975
Heilbronn	20 Mar 2010
Hohenlohe	11 Jul 2015
Kaiserslautern	14 Sep 1996
Karlsruhe	15 Apr 1989
Kirchheimbolanden	17 Apr 2010
Konstanz Constantia	16 Oct 2010
Kraichgau-Stromberg	16 Sep 2000
Lahr	09 Apr 2016
Lindau	21 May 2011
Loreley-Nastätten	09 Mar 2002
Ludwigsburg	08 May 2010
Ludwigshafen	18 Mar 2000
Mainz	05 Sep 1992
Mannheim	23 Apr 1983
Mannheim Europea	11 May 2019
Markgräflerland	15 Oct 1994
Neckar-Odenwald	17 Apr 1999
Neckar-Teck	13 Oct 2001
Neustadt-Landau	04 May 1991
Nordschwarzwald	25 Sep 1999
Oberschwaben	06 Sep 2003

CLUB	CHARTER
Ortenau	19 Oct 1996
Ravensburg	09 Apr 2011
Reutlingen-Tübingen	09 May 1987
Rheinessen-Nahe	02 Aug 2008
Saar	24 Mar 1984
Schaumberg-Saar	20 Apr 2002
Schriesheim-Weinheim	03 May 1997
Schwäbisch Gmünd	20 Oct 2007
Stuttgart	22 Nov 1986
Tauberfranken	18 Sep 1999
Ulm	28 Mar 2009
Worms	12 Apr 1986
District 87	10 Jun 1995
Ahlen-Münsterland	01 Jun 1986
Bocholt Borken	13 Mar 1999
Coesfeld	23 Apr 1994
Düsseldorf	16 Apr 1988
Düsseldorf-Clara Schumann	06 Mar 2005
Duisburg	07 Nov 1992
Geldern	04 Sep 1999
Gelsenkirchen	04 Nov 1977
Kleve	19 Aug 1989
Krefeld	04 May 1991
Mönchengladbach	22 Mar 1997
Moers	13 Apr 2013
Mülheim a.d.Ruhr-Oberhausen	10 May 1997
Münster	21 Mar 1987
Münster-Aasee	02 Dec 2000
Münster-Prinzival	16 Mar 2008
Münster-Westfalen	01 Sep 1990
Ratingen	22 Mar 1987
Recklinghausen-Marl	06 Jul 1991
Rheine	16 Jan 1999
Steinfurt-Emsdetten	22 Aug 1998
Tecklenburger Land	26 Sep 1998
Velbert	13 May 1995
Viersen-Schwalm-Nette	20 Nov 2004
Warendorf	30 Mar 2014
Wesel-Dinslaken-Walsum	15 Jan 2000
District 88	22 Nov 1986
Ammersee	30 Apr 1994
Aschaffenburg	22 Jul 1995
Augsburg	11 Oct 1986
Bad Wörishofen-Allgäu	13 Sep 2003
Bamberg	12 Jun 2005
Chemnitz-Erzgebirge	25 Apr 2009
Chiemgau	12 Oct 1991
Coburg-Obermain	03 May 2008
Donauwörth	29 Jun 1991
Dresden	02 Apr 2006
EGgenfelden-Pfarrkirchen	27 Apr 1996
Erfurt-Gotha	01 May 1999
Erlangen	17 Oct 1992
Garmisch-Partenkirchen	03 Jun 1989
Ingolstadt	25 Mar 1995
Kempten-Oberstdorf	14 Mar 1992
Kötzting-Bayerwald	30 Sep 2017
Leipzig	20 May 1995
München	16 Mar 1985
München-Bavaria	28 May 1988
München Europea	08 Sep 2018

CLUB	CHARTER
München-Fünfseenland	16 Nov 2002
München-Isar	28 May 1988
München-Residenz	14 Jan 1995
Nürnberg	12 Oct 1985
Nürnberg Sibylla Merian	19 May 2007
Nürnberg-St. Lorenz	10 May 1997
Oberfranken	27 Sep 1997
Passau	16 Mar 1991
Pfaffenwinkel	05 May 2001
Regensburg	06 May 1989
Saalebogen	17 Apr 2010
Steigerwald	15 Nov 1997
Tegernsee	15 Mar 1986
Weiden-Oberpfalz	08 Sep 2007
Weimar	10 Mar 2012
Würzburg	23 Apr 1988
Würzburg Hofgarten	22 Mar 2014
District 89	05 Oct 1978
Berlin-Mitte	02 Nov 1996
Berlin Spree	06 Oct 1984
Berlin-Tiergarten	22 May 1992
Brandenburg/Havel	06 May 1995
Cuxhaven	10 May 1986
Eutin	30 Jan 1993
Flensburg	19 Apr 1986
Hamburg	07 Jun 1986
Hamburg-Alstertal	22 Aug 1992
Hamburg-Schenefeld	30 Apr 1988
Hamburg-Seevetal	08 Mar 2015
Hamburg-Süd	28 Apr 1990
Heide	30 Mar 1974
Heiligendamm	27 Mar 2004
Herzogtum Lauenburg	25 Apr 2009
Husum	14 Nov 1970
Itzehoe	09 Apr 1994
Kiel	24 Jul 1977
Lübeck (first in IW Germany)	13 Sep 1969
Lübeck-Holstentor	18 Jan 1992
Neumünster	30 Nov 1991
Niederelbe	14 Sep 1985
Potsdam	07 Jun 2008
Rendsburg	24 Oct 1992
Rügen	27 Apr 2002
Schwerin	15 Sep 2007
Stromarn	06 Oct 2001
District 90	01 Jul 1985
Altena-Werdohl-Plettenberg	24 May 1997
Arnsberg-Soster Börde	13 Jun 1999
Bad Driburg	10 Apr 2011
Bad Oeynhausen-Minden	26 Jun 1982
Bielefeld	10 May 1985
Bochum-Hellweg	09 May 1992
Brilon-Marsberg	18 Mar 1995
Detmold-Blomberg	02 Jun 1985
Dortmund	05 Nov 1983
Dortmund-Hörde	11 Jul 1992
Essen-Mitte	13 Jun 1991
Essen-Nord	16 Mar 1996
Gütersloh	10 Apr 2005
Hagen	31 Jan 2004
Hamm	26 Apr 1986

CLUB	CHARTER
Herford	30 Aug 1980
Herford-Widukind	18 Sep 1993
Herne	19 Apr 1980
Iserlohn	01 Sep 1984
Lemgo-Bad Salzuflen	28 May 1994
Lüdenscheid	05 Nov 1994
Lünen-Werne	04 Jun 2005
Meinerzhagen	27 Aug 1988
Paderbron	12 May 1984
Rheda-Wiedenbrück	17 Mar 2013
Soest-Am Hellweg	04 Nov 2006
Unna	20 Apr 2008
Witten-Wetter	20 Aug 2000
Not NGB: IW Egypt & Jordan	
District 95	Dec 1971
Alexandria	06 Dec 1971
Alexandria Al Nozha	04 Oct 2000
Alexandria Capital	31 Aug 2023
Alexandria Cleopatra	30 Oct 2023
Alexandria East	10 Oct 1972
Alexandria Mediterranean	25 Apr 2006
Alexandria Sporting	04 Feb 2006
Amman	21 Jul 1971
Amman Petra	25 Apr 2006
Amman Philadelphia	04 Jan 1988
Cairo	10 Dec 1971
Cairo North	23 Apr 1979
Cairo South	23 Oct 1972
Cairo West	06 Feb 1981
Damanhour	18 Jan 1982
El Mansoura	27 Jan 1972
El Minya	06 May 1984
El Shorouk	25 May 2006
El Tahrir	25 May 2006
Garden City	03 Nov 2003
Gezira Sporting	18 Apr 2002
Giza	10 May 1972
Giza Pyramids	09 May 1984
Heliopolis	19 Jan 1972
Ismailia	29 Jan 1986
Lotus Misr	03 Mar 2021
Nasr City	04 Jan 1993
New Cairo	22 Nov 2022
Nile	13 May 2010
Port Said	04 Jan 1983
Sharm El Sheikh	18 Apr 2002
Sphinx	21 Apr 1994
Tanta	18 Nov 1975
Zamalek	22 Mar 1984
Not NGB: Israel	
District 99	1978
Haifa	1978
Nazareth	1976
Carmel	1976
Acco	1982
Naharia	1986
Stella Maris	2014
Ramat Yishai	2015
Not NGB: Cyprus	
District 96	1973
Famagusta	1963

CLUB	CHARTER
Kyrenia	1972
Larnaca	1966
Larnaca Kition	1992
Limassol	1979
Limassol Amathusia	1987
Nicosia	1972
Nicosia Ledra	1984
Nicosia Lefkothea	1989
Paphos	1979
Polis Chrysochous Arsinoe	2017
Europea	
Not NGB: Iceland	
District 136	7 Nov 1985
Garðabær	1994
Hafnafjörður	1977
Keflavík	1977
Kópavogur	1987
Reykjavík	15 Mar 1973
Selfoss	1978
District 191	27 Sep 2000
Čakovec	1997
Dubrovnik	1996
Karlovac	1995
Osijek	1996
Prelog	2009
Pula	1999
Rijeka	1995
Šibenik	2001
Slavonski Brod	2010
Split	1995
Split Palmina	2019
Varaždin	1996
Zagreb Gardec	2000
Not NGB: Austria & Czechia	
District 192	
Graz	07 Oct 2000
Graz-Uhrturm	03 Mar 2012
Innsbruck	20 Jun 1998
Linz	17 Sep 2022
Morava	07 Mar 2015
Salzburg	16 May 2009
Wien	18 May 1989
Wien Nord Ost	16 May 1984
Wörthersee	06 Jul 2019
Not NGB: Switzerland & Liechtenstein	
District 199	
Aarau	03 Apr 1993
Basel-Riehen	19 May 1990
Basel-Wettstein	19 May 1990
Bern	28 Mar 1987
Berner Oberland	12 Nov 2005
Bern-Zytglogge	28 Mar 2009
Biel-Bienne	09 Jun 1990
Brugg-Wettingen	28 Oct 1995
Bulle	19 Oct 1985
Chablais	08 May 2004
Emmental	28 Oct 2006
Frauenfeld	02 Dec 1989
Fribourg	21 Mar 1987
Fürstenland-Toggenburg	03 Sep 2005

CLUB	CHARTER
Genève	30 Mar 1996
Kreuzlingen-Konstanz	12 Jun 2004
Langenthal	29 Oct 2005
Laufen	04 Sep 1989
Lausanne	30 Oct 1993
Liechtenstein-Rheintal	29 Nov 2003
Luzern-Stadt	08 Mar 2008
Luzern-Sursee	23 Mar 1991
Morges	02 Apr 1982
Nyon	23 Apr 2005
Oberwallis	07 Sep 2002
Olten-Niederamt	09 Sep 2006
Rätia	17 Jun 2000
Sardona	30 Sep 2000
Schaffhausen	04 Apr 1998
Sion	30 Apr 1994
Solothurn	31 Oct 1987
St. Gallen	05 Sep 1992
Urschweiz	18 Sep 1993
Winterthur	23 Nov 1996
Zug	15 Apr 2000
Zürcher Oberland	11 Nov 2006
Zürich	10 Oct 1998
Zürich-Pfannenstil	12 Jun 1999
Zürichsee	12 Sep 1998
Zürich-Unterland	18 Mar 2006
Not NGB: Northern part of Cyprus	
District 222	01 Jul 2021
Baskent Lefkosa	20 May 2021
Bellapais	28 Feb 2018
Bellapais Begonvil	05 Sep 2023
Girne	15 Nov 2005
Iskele Mimosa	05 Sep 2023
Kale	28 Feb 2018
Kybele	21 Apr 2022
Lefkoşa Sarayonu	15 Nov 2005
Lefkoşa Yenikent	28 Feb 2018
Mağusa Othello	20 May 2021
Next Generation Bellapais	30 Nov 2021
Soli	20 May 2021
Not NGB: Romania & Moldova	
District 224	22 Feb 2013
Bacau	23 Mar 2009
Braila	28 Mar 2023
Chisinau Community	21 Sep 2023
Chisinau Elite Europea	11 Jun 2016
Comrat	20 Sep 2022
Danubius Giurgiu	21 Oct 2011
Galati	04 Apr 2023
Iasi	17 May 2023
Not NGB: Türkiye	
District 242	1996
Avrupa	2016
Bandırma	2023
Beyazıt	2000
Beyoğlu	1996
Boğaziçi	2018
Bursa	2007
Dalyan	2010

CLUB	CHARTER
Dolmabahçe	1991
Edirne	1990
Emirgan	2023
Eskişehir	2004
Suadiye	1993
Uludağ	2023
District 244	2009
Atakent	25 Jan 13
Efes	27 Nov 17
Ege	29 May 09
İzmir	12 Mar 92
Konak	26 Jun 93
Laodikya	2023
Urla	04 Apr 23
District 247	28 Oct 1990
Agrinio	06 Apr 2004
Athens North	09 Mar 1976
Glyfada	25 Sep 1989
Halandri	30 May 2014
Ilioupolis	25 Nov 2013
Kavala	10 Nov 1979
Kifisia	23 May 1995
Panorama	20 Sep 2018
Patra Europea	20 Dec 2016
Patra North-Rio	24 May 2000
Rhodes	06 Oct 1967
Syros	19 Jun 1991
Thessaloniki	16 May 1976
Veroia	13 Jun 1998
Volos	13 Nov 1997
Not NGH: Bulgaria	
District 248	05 Nov 2003
Balchik	13 Jan 2013
Burgas	08 May 2014
Dimitrovgrad	24 Apr 2007
Dobrich	12 Jul 2000
Etropole	15 Feb 2016
Harmanli	06 Oct 2008
Haskovo	18 Oct 1999
Kavarna	11 Feb 2015
Kazanlak Roza Alba	17 May 2022
Lovech	13 Apr 2010
Nova Zagora	08 Jan 2007
Pirdop	16 Nov 2010
Pleven	13 May 2006
Plovdiv	07 Jun 1997
Ruse Dunav	22 May 2006
Shumen	24 Jul 2000
Sliven	15 May 2022
Sofia	15 Oct 2015
Sozopol	29 Mar 2023
Stara Zagora	22 Mar 2001
Stara Zagora Beroe	29 Sep 2017
Svistov	13 May 2013
Varna	06 Nov 1999
Varna Europea	11 Feb 2015
Varna Marina	05 Aug 2013
Vidin	30 Nov 2000
Yambol	27 Apr 2001
Not NGB: Sri Lanka	
District 322	1985

CLUB	CHARTER
Anuradhapura	27 Feb 2019
Badulla	17 Mar 2019
Colombo	15 Jul 1965
Colombo Central	20 Jul 1980
Colombo Mid Town	15 Nov 1978
Colombo Nawa Udana	08 Jan 2013
Colombo South	21 Mar 2000
Colombo West	01 Aug 1966
Galle	17 Nov 2023
Ja-Ela/Kandana	15 Oct 1975
Jaffna	29 May 2014
Kandy	14 Feb 1969
Kandy Metropolitan	14 Oct 2004
Katugastota	15 May 1986
Maharagama	01 Aug 1986
Matale	08 Aug 1976
Mount Lavinia	12 Jun 1990
Negombo	18 Feb 1972
Wattala	18 Mar 1989
Not NGB: Pakistan	
District 327	1988
Hyderabad Galaxy	2021
Hyderabad Indus	2012
Hyderabad Main	1999
Hyderabad South	1998
Hyderabad South Central	2007
Karachi	1966
Karachi Defence	2013
Karachi East	1997
Karachi Metropolitan	1994
Karachi North	2002
Karachi Universal	1999
Mirpurkhas Indus	2012
Nawabshah	1996
Quetta	1988
Quetta Juniper	2018
District 340	2022
Chenab Multan	16 Oct 2020
DG Khan	01 Dec 2020
Diamond Youth Multan	01 Jun 2021
Ghazi	01 Dec 2020
Muzaffargarh Crystal	01 Jun 2021
Rohi Multan	01 Jun 2021
Shah Rukn E Alam Multan	01 Dec 2020
Star Youth Muzaffargarh	01 Jun 2021
Taunsa	01 Dec 2020
Youth Multan	16 Oct 2020
Zakariya Multan	16 Oct 2020
District 341	2014
Sargodha Eagles	2023
Faisalabad	1974
Faisalabad Janubi	2017
Harrapa	2016
Jhang City	2016
Jhang Sadar	2004
Jhangjasmine	2023
Lahore Diamonds	2017
Lahore Emeralds	2018
Lahore Garrison	2001
Lahore Hope	2021
Lahore Main	1989

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Lahore Maliko	2022
Lahore Pearl	2019
Lahore Sharqi	2015
Lahoresapphire	2023
Sahiwal	1989
Sahiwal Main	2008
Sahiwal Monark	2021
Sahiwalcentral	1989
Sargodha	2008
Toba City	2023
Wazirabad	2016
District 342	2014
Abbottabad	01 May 1986
Cosmopolitan	10 Nov 1992
Islamabad	30 May 1990
Islamabad	12 Oct 2022
Islamabad	09 Nov 1992
Mushkpuri	01 Nov 2023
Paramount	13 Oct 2022
Peshawar	1995
Rawalpindi	18 Jan 1993
Rawalpindi Galaxy	12 Oct 2022
District 343	2017
Bahawalpur Satluj	08 Feb 2010
Jhang central	12 Mar 2014
Khanewal	08 Dec 2016
Multan	22 Mar 2018
Multan Central	28 Oct 2014
Multan Metropolitan	08 Feb 2010
Multan Midtown	18 Feb 2008
Sahiwal Chenab	29 Sep 2017
Sahiwal Jasmine	07 Oct 2017
District 344	2017
Daska City	24 Jan 2020
Faisalabad City	24 Jul 2018
Jhang City	24 Jul 2018
Lahore	17 Nov 1978
Lahore Amber	01 Dec 2014
Lahore East West	08 Aug 2008
Lahore Elite	14 Jan 2014
Lahore Metropolitan	1999
Lahore Rose West	14 Jan 2014
Lahore Royal west	11 Jan 2021
Lahore Shaheen	24 Feb 2008
Lahore Star West	08 Aug 2008
Lahore West	19 Sep 1991
Narowal	16 Apr 2019
Narowal City	16 Apr 2019
Safia Aslam	15 Oct 2023
Sahiwal Daffodil	02 Nov 2017
Sahiwal Sunrise	02 Nov 2017
Sartaj Wajid Ali	15 Oct 2023
Sheikupura City	24 Jul 2018
Sialkot City	24 Jan 2020
Sialkot Mustansar	24 Jan 2020
Not NGB: Bangladesh	
District 328	1985
Aaqradut	22 Nov 2022
Alokito Nari Gulshan	31 Jan 2023
Aroma Uttara	22 Feb 2021
Banani Rosebud	02 Nov 2022

CLUB	CHARTER
Baridhara	21 Feb 2012
Bhawal	27 Apr 2017
Bhola South	16 Oct 2020
Bhubandanga Dhaka	24 May 2023
Blooming Flower	21 May 2019
Bogura	21 Jan 2014
Chandpur Central	23 Mar 2011
Chapai Nawabganj	18 May 2018
Dhaka Cosmopolitan	28 Mar 1991
Dhaka Crescent	04 Dec 2015
Dhaka Daffodil	21 Jan 2014
Dhaka Heritage	17 Mar 2022
Dhaka Midtown	02 Feb 1987
Dhaka Nightingale	18 Sep 2020
Dhaka North East	07 Mar 1990
Dhaka Oparajita	24 Mar 2017
Dhaka Orchid	20 Apr 2022
Dhaka Periwinkle	21 Jan 2014
Dhaka Pioneer	21 Jan 2014
Dhaka Platinum	26 Jun 2013
Dhaka Rose	07 Nov 2023
Dhaka Rajanigandha	01 Dec 2014
Dhaka South	04 Jan 1983
Dhaka Sunflower	25 Nov 2013
Dhaka Sunrise	17 May 2023
Dhaka West	07 Apr 2000
Dhanmondi	16 Mar 1989
Dhanmondi Lake View	11 Apr 2017
Dinajpur	12 Nov 1984
Eskaton	26 Jun 2013
Greater Dhaka	08 Dec 1988
Gulshan	18 Nov 1993
Gulshan Evergreen	01 Dec 2014
Gulshan Lake City	21 Jan 2014
Jahangirnagar	29 Nov 1990
Khulna	22 Sep 1982
Kurigram	21 May 2019
Lalmonirhat	03 Apr 2002
Lotus Bogura	11 Apr 2017
Meherpur	25 Nov 2013
Metropolitan Dhaka	18 Feb 1991
Mohammadpur	18 May 2018
Motijheel	02 Jul 1992
Moulvibazar Midtown	26 Jun 2013
Naogaon	21 May 2019
Rajbari	08 Mar 2022
Rajshahi	21 Jan 2014
Rangpur	03 Apr 2002
Rupnagar	06 Feb 2013
Sreemangal	04 Apr 2016
Sylhet	03 Apr 2002
Thakurgaon	29 Nov 2013
Ujanvati	04 Jun 2018
Uttara	07 Apr 2000
Uttara Model Town	21 May 2019
District 345	2014
Agrabad	25 Dec 1981
Anannya	10 Jan 2015
Baily Garden	07 Sep 2014
Baily Ritz	05 Feb 2017
Bandarban	29 Nov 2016

CLUB	CHARTER
Blazing Stars	23 May 2016
Camellia Dhaka	21 May 2021
Chittagong	25 Jun 1979
Comilla	12 Dec 2010
Comilla Gumti	29 Nov 2016
Comilla Sunrise	31 May 2021
Cox's Bazar	15 Jan 2017
Cynthia Dhaka	10 Jan 2023
Daisey Dhaka	14 Nov 2020
Dhaka	20 May 1983
Dhaka Buriganga	30 May 1992
Dhaka Metro	17 Feb 2020
Dhaka North	18 Oct 1985
Dhaka North Star	13 Aug 2017
Dhaka North West	18 Oct 1985
Dhaka Old Town	01 Apr 2017
Dhaka Paradise	20 Feb 2016
Dhaka Radiant	04 Dec 2014
Dhaka Spondon	27 Feb 2016
Dhaka Uptown	19 Dec 2016
Dilkusha	03 Apr 1995
Feni	17 Feb 2020
Feni Central	02 Aug 2001
Gardenia	20 Jun 2021
Green Dhaka	26 Nov 2017
Green Hills Chittagong	17 Mar 2018
Green Valley	11 Jan 2019
Habiganj	15 Feb 2016
Karnaphuli	16 Nov 2014
Kishoreganj	05 Feb 2021
Krishnochura	05 May 2016
Lavender Dhaka	10 Jan 2021
Lushai Hills	10 Jan 2015
Morning Glory Dhaka	14 Mar 2022
New Ramna	26 Nov 2017
Oasis Dhaka	24 May 2021
Ophelia Rose Dhaka	10 Jan 2023
Premier Dhaka	
Primrose Dhaka	25 May 2023
Rainbow Chittagong	07 May 2021
Rajdhani Dhaka	11 Jul 2023
Ramna Garden	18 Nov 2018
Ramna Green	04 Sep 2014
Sea Queen	17 Jan 2015
Shantinagar Dhaka	05 Jul 2023
Silver Spring Dhaka	24 May 2021
Tilortama Chattagram	
Tulip Dhaka	09 Dec 2020
Not NGB: Malaysia	
District 330	1980
Alor Setar, Kedah	21 Nov 2018
Apsaras	11 Sep 2017
Bangsar	27 Aug 1988
Butterworth	06 Feb 2019
Ioras, Ipoh	20 Aug 2012
Ipoh	04 Oct 1948
Ipoh East	06 Jun 2007
Johor Bahru	15 Jan 2019
Klang	21 Oct 1999
Kuala Lumpur	22 Mar 1949
Kuala Lumpur City Centre	28 Nov 2011

CLUB	CHARTER
Kuala Lumpur North	17 Jul 2003
Kuantan/Indera Mahkota	26 Sep 1987
Parklands	09 Aug 2023
Peart of Orient, Penang	02 Jul 2013
Penang	09 Jun 2008
Petaling Jaya	04 Jul 1995
Selangor	06 Dec 2010
Subang Selangor	24 Aug 2010
Taiping	07 Apr 1955
District 331	01 Jul 2012
Kota Kinabalu	06 May 1955
Kuching	28 Nov 2011
Miri	06 Oct 1974
Sandakan	16 Oct 1982
Sibu	10 May 1982
Not NGB: Singapore	
District 332	01 Jul 2022
Singapore	17 Nov 1946
Singapore East	27 Oct 1975
Singapore West	26 Sep 1975
Singapore Central	11 Oct 2019
Not NGB: Nepal	
District 350	27 Jun 2014
Annapurna	05 Jan 2011
Annapurna Juveniles Zeal	26 Jan 2021
Arjundhara	17 Jan 2023
Bagmati	21 Sep 2009
Balaju	02 Aug 2012
Bhadrapur	20 Jul 2021
Bhaktapur	21 Sep 2016
Bharatpur	14 Mar 2011
Bharatpur City	26 Oct 2021
Bharatpur Divine	26 Oct 2021
Birtamode Midtown	05 Mar 2019
Buddhanagar	03 Oct 2023
Butwal	26 Feb 2008
Butwal Gitgadi	19 Apr 2022
Charumati	26 Jan 2021
Damauli	09 May 2016
Dang Valley	28 Mar 2023
Durbar Square	27 Sep 2012
Kamalachhi	03 Oct 2023
Kantipur	10 Dec 2013
Kirtipur	24 Jul 2018
Kirtipur Central	29 Jan 2020
Kirtipur Millennials	26 Jan 2021
Lumbini	26 Aug 2015
Madhyapur	09 May 2016
Mahalaxmi Lalitpur	26 Jan 2021
Mechinagar, Jhapa	18 Apr 2023
Midtown Butwal	22 Jun 2009
Narayani	31 May 2017
New Road City Kathmandu	25 Aug 2008
New Road Pokhara	05 Aug 2013
Parbat	02 Feb 2015
Patan	06 Apr 1994
Pokhara	22 Feb 2011
Pokhara Midtown	07 Feb 2011
Rajdhani	05 Aug 2009
Sainamaina	29 Jan 2020
Sardobato	17 Jan 2023

CLUB	CHARTER
Surkhet Valley	26 Oct 2021
Tilottama	11 Oct 2022
Tokha	04 Feb 2020
Not NGB: Mexico & Ecuador	
District 417	15 Dec 1990
Atizapán	23 Feb 1989
Ciudad de México	06 Sep 1983
Cuitláhuac	11 Jan 1995
Lomas de Chapultepec	01 Jul 2019
Naucalpan	05 Nov 2010
District 418	11 Nov 1989
Angeles De Puebla	16 Nov 2021
Ciudad De Puebla A.C.	07 Sep 1983
Cuernavaca Chipitlan	08 Feb 1989
Cuernavaca Norte	13 Jun 1996
Cuernavaca Oriente	10 Dec 1984
Puebla Angelopolis	09 Apr 2011
Valle De Cuernavaca	19 Jul 2002
Villahermosa	18 Sep 1989
Xicotepc De Juarez	19 Oct 1997
Xicotepc Sierra Norte	04 Oct 2021
Yautepec	10 Feb 1989
Not NGB: Canada	
District 707	1987
Cobourg	09 May 1984
Greater Montreal	08 Apr 2023
Ottawa	15 Oct 2013
St Mary's	1974
Flin Flon	23 May 1992
Regina Eastview	01 Jul 1984
Weyburn Estevan	2017
Not NGB: West Africa	
District 909	Feb 2003
Abidjan	25 Jan 1990
Abidjan II Plateaux	03 Jan 1995
Aline Siteo de Ziguinchor	04 Jan 2022
Bamako Friendship	03 Aug 2005
Bamako Koulouba	15 Dec 1994
Banfora	09 Jul 2008
Bobo-Dioulasso	14 Jun 1995
Bohicon	02 Jul 2013
Conakry	07 Sep 2021
Cotonou	01 Jul 1992
Cotonou Espoir	29 Apr 2008
Dakar Elite	09 Jun 2022
Dakar Teranga	14 May 2007
Lomé	05 Nov 1997
Lomé Etincelles	24 Sep 2019
Ouaga Soleil	13 May 2006
Porto Novo	02 Jul 2013
Zoodo de Ouagadougou	10 Nov 1994
Not NGB: Central Africa	
District 915	21 Nov 2011
Bukavu	17 Jun 2011
Kinshasa	03 Dec 1982
Saphir	17 Feb 2018
Yaoundé	01 Jul 2017
Not NGB: Indian Ocean	
District 950	Jan 1993
Antananarivo	04 Jan 1983
Esperance 920	02 Jul 2013

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Jasmine Mayotte	01 Jun 2023
Le Reduit	03 Oct 2023
Mahajanga	26 Jan 2004
Saint-Benoît/Saint-Andre	22 Apr 1993
Saint-Denis Reunion	20 Jun 1988
Saint-Denis Vanille	01 Jul 2017
Saint-Paul/Etang Sale	12 Nov 1994
Tampon/Saint-Pierre	14 Jun 1990
Toamasina	1994
Not NGB: Southern Africa	
District 932	11 Jun 1994
Bedfordview	25 Jan 1992
Bloemfontein	10 May 1989
Eswatini	05 Jan 2021
Gaborone	01 Aug 1997
Port Elizabeth West	14 Aug 1970
Vryburg	01 Oct 1999
Waterkloof	29 Jan 1988
District 935	07 Nov 1979
Claremont	18 Nov 1975
Durbanville	30 Sep 1986
Goodwood	20 May 1989
Saldanha	30 Jul 1994
Tafelberg	07 Mar 1984
Waterfront	24 Jul 1993
NGB: Inner Wheel Australia	
District A40	01 Jul 1982
Albany	17 Feb 1996
Avon	26 Jul 1984
Geraldton	20 Aug 2016
Gosnells	06 Apr 1967
Kalamunda	24 Aug 1965
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	18 Nov 1989
Karrinyup	07 May 1982
Mandurah	28 May 2011
Melville	21 Sep 1960
Rockingham Kwinana Districts	24 May 1985
Rossmoyne	01 Jul 1982
Scarborough	14 Jun 1982
Swan Valley	06 Sep 2014
Wanneroo	15 Sep 1989
District A50	01 Jul 1964
Bathurst	25 Jul 1962
Blayney	22 Aug 1962
Cowra	23 Nov 1959
Dubbo	01 Jul 1962
Lithgow	12 Dec 1958
Oberon	08 Aug 1972
Orange	21 Mar 1964
Orange Minhi	01 Jun 2013
District A51	01 Jul 1964
Balmain	30 Nov 1990
Belrose	28 Aug 1993
Camden	09 Apr 1988
Northern Beaches	08 Oct 1980
Sutherland	05 Oct 1984
Sydney Inner West	16 May 2010
Wollongong	01 Jul 1961
District A53	01 Jul 1969
Baulkham Hills	27 Jan 1977

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Beecroft	13 Aug 2004
Blacktown City	11 Jun 1982
Campsie	27 Mar 1992
Gosford North	23 Oct 1972
Liverpool Combined	25 Jun 1993
Macquarie	17 Sep 2023
Norwest	27 Apr 2002
The Hawkesbury	19 Aug 2009
The Hills	30 Nov 1998
Tuggerah Lakes	18 Oct 2019
West Harbour	01 Sep 1971
Wyong	24 Mar 1959
District A54	1985
Albury	19 Feb 1972
Corowa District	13 Mar 2018
Griffith East	21 Oct 1982
Leeton	13 Apr 1957
Narrandera	27 Oct 1971
Wagga Wagga	16 Apr 1988
Yarrawonga Mulwala	04 Mar 1978
Yenda	11 Mar 1958
District A55	01 Jul 1988
Alstonville	01 Jun 1996
Ballina	23 Feb 1994
Grafton	18 Nov 1995
Inverell	05 Mar 1988
Lismore	10 Mar 1984
Narrabri	21 Aug 1957
Port Macquarie West	04 Oct 1976
Tamworth	28 May 1983
Wee Waa	07 Feb 1996
District A60	01 Jul 1978
Bendigo	19 Aug 1933
Echuca	04 Mar 1985
Geelong	03 Apr 1981
Swan Hill	16 May 1963
Warrnambool	22 May 2010
Wendouree	29 Dec 1959
District A61	1985
Boronia	09 Oct 1984
Bundoora	25 Feb 1995
Kinglake Ranges	27 Apr 2014
Wandin	10 Sep 1994
Wangaratta	04 Dec 1993
Whorouly	23 Oct 2015
Williamstown	08 Nov 1992
Wodonga	18 Nov 1995
District A62	1995
Bairnsdale	22 Jan 1994
Bayside	18 Nov 1994
Berwick	18 Nov 1968
Cranbourne	05 Dec 1992
Latrobe	26 Oct 1997
Moe	04 Nov 1997
Narre Warren	04 Oct 1980
Pakenham	10 Oct 1986
Phillip Island	12 Jun 1992
Warragul	04 Nov 1995
District A70	01 Oct 1969
Holdfast Marion	07 Nov 1998
Mobilong	16 Nov 1985

CLUB	CHARTER
North East Sunset	01 Apr 2007
Tea Tree Gully	23 Aug 1985
The Adelaide Hills	08 Apr 2000
District A76	1976
Cairns	11 Mar 1961
Far North Tablelands	09 Apr 2016
Innisfail	03 Aug 1963
Townsville	17 Apr 1971
Trinity After Dark	16 Nov 2004
District A77	1990
Boonah	22 May 2010
Brisbane	22 Feb 1986
Brisbane North	01 Jun 2002
Brisbane West	22 Jun 2002
Broadbeach	11 Feb 1995
Bundaberg	01 Mar 1955
Bundaberg Sunset	15 Nov 1997
Golf Coast North	23 Oct 1972
Hervey Bay	03 Jun 2006
Rockhampton Sunset	31 Aug 2002
Sunshine Coast	21 Apr 1986
Toowoomba	24 Nov 1984
Wishart	22 Feb 1997
NGB: IW Belgium-Luxembourg	01 Jul 1995
District 62	1973
Beaumont	30 May 1987
Brugge	03 Dec 1983
Brugge 't Vrije	26 Apr 2003
Brugge-West	14 Mar 1987
Charleroi	22 Mar 1980
Charleroi 2000	24 Mar 1984
Charleroi le Tilleul	10 Nov 1986
Deinze	14 Oct 1995
Enghien-Edingen	23 Nov 1985
Gent	15 Oct 1988
Ieper	05 Dec 2001
Jabbeke	07 Nov 1998
Knokke-Heist-Oostkust	07 Sep 1974
Kortrijk Gulden Sporen	14 Mar 2009
La Louvière	30 Jan 1988
Lokeren	26 Nov 1988
Lily Europea	24 Nov 2018
Mandel-Leie	16 Apr 1988
Meetjesland	14 May 2011
Midden-West	02 Mar 2007
Mouscron-Comines	17 Oct 1987
Ostend	06 Dec 1986
Oudenaarde	23 Oct 1982
Péruwelz-Pays des Vernes	24 Oct 2009
Reinaert-Scheldeland	21 Apr 2017
Thuin-Fontaine	16 Apr 2005
Tour'Naïade	24 Oct 2015
Westkust	25 Nov 1998
District 163	1985
Aalst-Noord	22 Apr 1989
Antwerp 2	28 Oct 1972
Antwerp Busy Metropool	24 May 2003
Antwerpen Singel	02 Oct 1982
Bièvre	03 Feb 2022
Boom-Willebroek	14 Nov 1987

CLUB	CHARTER
Brussels Zavel	19 Jun 2004
Brussels	17 Mar 1972
Brussels West	04 May 1991
Brussels Renaissance	16 Mar 1985
Dendervallei	17 Mar 2012
Dinant-Hastière	28 Apr 1990
Gaasbeek	08 Sep 1979
Gedinne-Wellin	03 Feb 1991
Genappe-Villers-la-Ville	27 May 1989
Geraardsbergen-Oudenberg	29 Sep 1995
Namur Citadel	24 Apr 1982
Namur Confluent	23 Mar 1991
Ninove-Geraardsbergen	03 May 1985
Nivelles	20 Sep 1986
Philippeville	16 May 1987
Waasland	27 Apr 2002
Zottegem	01 Jun 2013
District 217	1985
Aarschot	23 Mar 1985
Arlon	04 Jun 1977
Attert, Sûre and Semois	13 Nov 1993
Beringen	11 Oct 2008
Diekirch-Ettelbruck	28 Apr 1979
Diest	06 Nov 1989
Eupen Ostbelgien	17 Mar 2018
Gaume Ardennes	24 Apr 2010
Geel	03 Aug 1980
Genk	02 Jun 1990
Hasselt	21 Apr 2001
Heist-op-den-Berg	18 May 1985
Herve	21 Apr 1990
Hesbaye	21 Oct 2006
Huy-Occquier	17 Mar 1984
The Fagnes	23 Apr 2005
Liège	05 Oct 1979
Liège-Bierset-Hesbaye	18 Mar 1995
Marche-Ciney	27 Apr 1985
Seraing	22 Mar 1970
Tienen-Tirlemont	14 Oct 1972
Tongeren	21 Oct 1989
Verviers-Spa	04 Jun 1988
Westerlo	17 Jan 2023
NGB: IW Denmark	01 Jul 1967
District 44	01 Jul 1958
Aabybro	05 Nov 1988
Aalborghus	25 Jan 1969
Års	11 Mar 1972
Bjerringbro	26 Feb 1977
Blokhus	25 Jan 2013
Brønderslev	30 Oct 1965
Frederikshavn	04 Nov 1961
Grenaa-Djurs	12 Jun 1976
Hadsten	29 Aug 1970
Hadsund	06 Sep 1969
Hinnerup	23 May 1987
Hirtshals	22 Jun 1976
Hjørring	22 Feb 1969
Hjørring Vestre	08 Jun 1974
Klaksvikar	24 May 1975
Nørresundby	12 May 1962
Nykøbing Mors	30 May 1964

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Randers Østre	18 Apr 1964
Randers Vestre	18 Apr 1964
Rebild	18 Sep 1976
Rønne	04 Jun 1988
Sæby	12 Jun 1965
Sindal	14 Apr 1969
Skagen	14 May 1977
Skive	25 Sep 1954
Thisted	04 Nov 2005
Thorshavn	08 May 1976
Viborg	07 Jun 1958
Viborg-Asmild	06 Mar 1976
District 45	01 Jul 1958
Århus Vestre	29 Mar 1958
Brande	30 May 1964
Brørup-Holsted	10 Jun 1972
Give	24 Oct 1970
Hammel	31 Aug 1974
Herning	18 Apr 1959
Holstebro	13 Sep 1952
Holstebro Vestre	01 Sep 1973
Horsens Vitus Bering	28 Mar 1992
Ikast	06 Apr 1991
Lemvig	21 Jan 1956
Ringkjøbing	22 May 1965
Samsø	02 Sep 1967
Silkeborg	05 Oct 1957
Struer	09 Oct 1965
Varde	12 Jun 1954
District 46	01 Jul 1958
Haderslev	23 Sep 1948
Sønderborg	16 Jun 1951
Odense	06 Oct 1951
Middelfart	16 Jan 1954
Aabenraa	10 Sep 1955
Skærbæk	19 Apr 1958
Fredericia	01 Nov 1958
Svendborg	13 Sep 1958
Kolding	28 Nov 1959
Rudkøbing	20 Feb 1965
Vejen	22 Mar 1969
Svendborg Sct. Jørgen	07 Jun 1975
Christiansfeld	11 Jun 1977
Vamdrup	25 Feb 1978
Ejby	14 Sep 1991
District 47	1973
Bornholm	28 May 1960
Dragør	18 Sep 1987
Fredensborg	05 Dec 1970
Frederiksberg	01 Jan 1958
Hellerup	26 Oct 2019
Hillerød	26 Oct 1958
Kastrup	09 Nov 1966
Søllerød	25 Jan 1997
Virum	12 Jun 1982
District 48	1973
Faxe	23 Feb 1974
Holbæk Østre	26 Apr 1969
Kalundborg	11 Mar 1972
Korsør	30 May 1964
Maribo	04 Oct 1952

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Nakskov	24 Jan 1953
Nørre Aslev-Stubbekøbing	11 Jun 1966
Nykøbing Falster	11 Oct 1966
Roskilde 2000	03 Mar 2001
Sakskøbing	01 Jul 1978
Sank Peder Næstved	26 Jan 1991
Slagelse-Antvorskov	05 May 1979
Sorø	17 May 1958
Stege	06 Apr 1957
Svinninge	02 Sep 1972
Vordingborg-Præstø	16 Nov 1985
NGB: IW Finland	
District 139	1991
Tampere	19 Feb 1974
Pieksämäki	23 Aug 1975
Nastola	01 Oct 1985
Kuopio	13 Oct 1986
Lahti Region	08 Oct 2001
Joensuu	24 Jan 1998
District 140	1986
Raahel	23 Feb 1977
Kajaani	27 Apr 1987
Oulu	30 Sep 1982
District 141	1991
Salo	09 Feb 1976
Turku	09 Apr 1976
Pori	09 May 1985
Kaarina	01 Sep 1989
Turku-Linna	20 Jun 1989
Eurajoki	23 Sep 1998
Rauma	13 Jul 1998
District 142	1986
Järvenpää	01 Jul 1958
Espoo	01 Jan 1972
Nurmijärvi	27 Nov 1972
Helsinki-Kallio-Berghäll	08 Feb 1978
Helsinki-Eira-Kluuvi	18 Oct 1980
Kerava	15 Jan 1981
Riihimäki-Hausjärvi	01 Jan 1987
Espoo-Tapiola	31 Oct 1988
Tuusula-Hyrylä	14 Jan 1989
Tartu	21 May 1992
NGB: IW FAMAT	2007
District 150	01 Jul 2023
Bayeux CIRCA	01 Jun 2002
Bourges	12 May 1984
Caen Reine Mathilde	06 Oct 2018
Chartres	19 Oct 1985
Châteauroux	08 Dec 1984
Club du Perche	14 Jan 2015
Côte des Mégalithes	01 Oct 2021
Dieppe	25 Mar 1995
Guingamp	12 Mar 1965
Laval	23 Sep 1994
Le Havre	04 Jun 1983
Les Andelys	12 Jan 1991
Nantes	18 Dec 1970
Nantes-Anne de Bretagne	30 Oct 1988
Orléans	03 Jun 1988
Orléans Europea	05 Jun 2018
Pays d'Alençon-Sées	06 Jul 1998

CLUB	CHARTER
Rennes	28 Nov 1996
Rennes St Grégoire	14 Sep 2018
Saint Brieuc	11 Mar 1989
Saint Malo	28 May 1994
Tours	21 Nov 1975
Vannes	25 Apr 2008
District 151	01 Jul 2023
Amiens	08 May 1993
Arras	03 Feb 1996
Avesnois	24 Mar 2001
Cayenne Centre	25 Oct 1978
Chantilly	05 Jun 1993
Charleville Mézières	06 Nov 1993
Crépy en Valois	09 May 1987
Douai	15 Jan 1983
Evry-Corbeil Sud de Paris	01 Apr 1984
Fort de France	26 Jun 1982
Guadeloupe	17 Dec 1974
2000-Boucle de la Seine	26 Feb 2000
La Celle St Cloud-Bougival	18 Mar 1989
Lille	06 May 1983
Lille Métropole Europea	18 Feb 2018
Melun-Fontainebleau	09 Jan 1987
Paris Nord	21 Jan 1982
Saint-Germain en Laye	17 Dec 1974
Schoelcher	15 Jun 2010
Valenciennes	25 Jun 1950
Vexin Seine	28 Nov 2015
District 152	01 Jul 2023
Annecy	06 Feb 1988
Annemasse	06 May 1980
Annemasse-Léman	01 Dec 2012
Auxerre	08 Apr 1990
Beaune	28 Apr 1989
Belfort	01 Oct 1993
Bonneville	22 May 1981
Clermont-Volcans	15 Mar 2003
Colmar	08 Nov 1980
Dijon	01 Apr 2000
Epinal	03 May 1991
Gray	15 Oct 1983
Haut Bugey	23 Sep 2023
Lyon Parc	24 Jan 1987
Metz	17 Oct 1970
Mont-Blanc	26 Jun 1982
Mulhouse	14 Jan 1989
Reims	02 Feb 2002
Strasbourg	18 Nov 1989
Strasbourg Tivoli	29 Sep 2001
Thionville	25 Oct 1980
Verdun	23 May 1986
District 153	01 Jul 2023
Agadir-Titrit	08 Apr 2006
Ajaccio	12 Mar 1994
Alger	15 May 1999
Alger Lumières	12 Apr 2007
Antibes Marina	08 Mar 2019
Bandol	01 Dec 2007
Bastia Corsica	09 Feb 2022
Bastia Mariana	14 Feb 1987
Cagnes sur Mer	25 Oct 1981

CLUB	CHARTER
Cannes	02 Jun 1989
Cannes Croisette Europea	29 Jul 2016
Casablanca	14 May 1983
Casablanca Californie	12 Nov 2005
Casablanca Mers Sultan	08 Apr 1994
Casablanca Renaissance	12 Apr 2014
Digne les Bains	02 Apr 2005
Draguignan	09 Feb 1985
El Menzah	16 May 1991
Fès	28 Oct 1989
Marseille	09 Jun 1989
Miramas Pays d'Aix	28 Sep 1985
Nabeul	06 Jun 2008
Nabeul Néroli	06 May 2018
Nice	10 Jan 1981
Nîmes	04 Feb 1989
Orange	24 Mar 2001
Rabat Lumières	11 May 2019
Salon de Provence	14 Oct 1989
Sfax	15 Feb 1986
Sousse	24 Feb 1989
St Raphaël Estérel	20 Oct 2001
Toulon	18 Sep 1982
Tunis	05 Jan 1985
District 154	01 Jul 2023
Agen	29 Nov 1980
Andorre	06 Nov 1982
Angoulême	05 Jun 1973
Bassin d'Arcachon	25 Mar 2023
Bergerac	28 Apr 1990
Bordeaux	30 Nov 1979
Bordeaux Aliénor Europea	12 Mar 2015
Bordeaux-Médoc	17 Nov 2000
Brive La Gaillarde	18 Nov 1972
Côte Basque	29 Nov 1975
Côtes Dunes Capbreton	09 Mar 2018
Hossegor-Seignosse	
Dax-Adour	04 Apr 2008
Figeac en Quercy	26 Oct 1991
Haut Limousin Pays de Limoges	12 Jan 2002
Lannemezan	22 Jun 1985
Lézignan-Corbières	22 Jun 1991
Limoges Kaolin	19 Mar 2022
Mazamet	08 Jun 1972
Melle	09 Sep 1984
Pau	06 Jun 1972
Rodez	01 Jun 1996
Royan	23 Sep 2000
Royan Cordouan	26 Sep 2019
Saintonge	01 Dec 1989
Sarlat	13 May 1987
Tonneins	28 Mar 1987
Toulouse	20 Apr 1971
Toulouse Garonne	18 Nov 1995
NGB: IW India	
District 298	1995
Attur	29 Apr 1997
Chidambaram	25 Mar 1986
Cuddalore	11 Nov 1975

CLUB	CHARTER
Cuddalore Coastal City Blossoms	03 Mar 2021
Cuddalore Silver Beach	08 Jan 2014
Dharmapuri	03 Dec 2002
Hosur	03 Jan 1997
Hosur Elite	15 Jun 2022
Kallakuruchi	25 Jan 2006
Karaikal	07 May 1992
Kaveripattinam	06 Jan 2015
Komarapalayam	20 Nov 1998
Kumbakonam	01 Oct 1980
Kumbakonam Delta	11 Oct 2022
Mannargudi	05 Jan 2012
Mayuram	14 Oct 1981
Nagapattinam	03 May 1995
Namakkal	09 Nov 1992
Namakkal Poultry Town	26 Oct 1999
Panruti	25 Dec 2011
Pondicherry	12 Nov 1984
Pondicherry Cosmos	17 Apr 2014
Pondicherry Gold	30 Jun 2020
Rasipuram	30 Apr 1998
Salem	01 Mar 2002
Salem Central	05 Dec 1996
Salem Mango City	08 Jan 2014
Salem Mid Town	09 Apr 1985
Salem Mythri	06 Feb 2017
Salem Next Gen	
Salem North	14 Jul 1977
Sankagiri	01 Jan 2010
Sankarapuram	08 Apr 2012
Sirkali	08 Apr 2016
Tanjore	19 Nov 1973
Thanjavur Heritage City	29 Jan 2018
Thiruthuraiipoondi	03 Oct 1991
Thiruvavur	07 Apr 1996
Tiruchengooe	05 Mar 1996
Velankanni	17 Nov 2009
District 301	1985
Ammayra Pitampura	
Atour	19 Sep 2023
Delhi Achievers	22 Oct 2015
Delhi Airport	16 Oct 2018
Delhi Ambience	22 Aug 2019
Delhi Central	04 Nov 1977
Delhi Chatrasal	
Delhi Civil Lines	21 Apr 1994
Delhi Cosmopolitan	22 Aug 2019
Delhi Dwarka	20 Apr 2023
Delhi GK Allure	14 Sep 2021
Delhi Grand	16 Oct 2018
Delhi Greater Kailash	29 May 1998
Delhi Imperial	17 Oct 2022
Delhi Ipex	22 Aug 2016
Delhi Kalka Pragati	28 Jan 2014
Delhi Main	15 Apr 1969
Delhi Mayur Vihar	25 Nov 2005
Delhi Metro	25 Jan 2012
Delhi Midtown	08 Dec 1975
Delhi Midwest	17 Apr 1980
Delhi New Era	09 Apr 2015

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Delhi New Friends	13 May 2013
Delhi North	10 Sep 1968
Delhi North West	09 Apr 1985
Delhi Panchshila Park	13 Feb 1989
Delhi Qutab	19 Jul 1978
Delhi Raisina Hills	18 Sep 2006
Delhi Rajendra Palce	08 Oct 1987
Delhi Ridge	25 Jan 1991
Delhi Rising Star	15 Sep 2022
Delhi Rohini	01 Feb 2013
Delhi Rohini Sapphires	22 Aug 2019
Delhi Sainik Farms	08 Apr 1997
Delhi Sainikfarms Sunshine	13 May 2013
Delhi Shahdara	06 Feb 1975
Delhi Siddhartha	23 Jul 2006
Delhi South	05 Dec 1977
Delhi South Metropolitan	11 Apr 1988
Delhi Sumadhura	20 Oct 2022
Delhi Sunshine	15 Sep 2021
Delhi Udaan	15 Jun 2022
Delhi Umang	15 May 2019
Delhi University	03 Nov 1977
Delhi Vasant Kunj	22 Dec 1993
Delhi Vasant Vatika	28 Jan 2014
Delhi Vikas	29 May 1998
Delhi Vivek	26 Nov 1990
Delhi Westend	24 Oct 1986
Faridabad Central	06 Nov 2007
Faridabad Industrial Town	25 Aug 2010
Faridabad Karmic	19 Sep 2023
Faridabad Saksham	17 Oct 2022
Faridabad Samridhhi	19 Sep 2023
Faridabad Swayamsiddha	
Ghaziabad	10 Apr 1969
Ghaziabad Excellence	25 Oct 2010
Ghaziabad Golf Links	14 Sep 2021
Ghaziabad Greater	23 Jun 2006
Ghaziabad North	09 Oct 1990
Ghaziabad Regency	17 Oct 2022
Ghaziabad Royal	15 Jan 2015
Ghaziabad Sangini	01 Feb 2017
Ghaziabad Trailblazers	17 Jun 2020
Green Greater Noida	25 Nov 2005
Gurgaon South City	23 Mar 2007
Gurgaon Sushant Vatika	27 Aug 2019
Gurugram Swaranjali	19 Dec 2023
Hapur	19 Apr 1974
Hapur Greater	01 Feb 2013
Hapur Sangini	14 Nov 2014
Indirapuram	14 Mar 2012
Indirapuram Swarnim	19 Sep 2023
Jindal Nagar	08 Oct 1987
Kanouja	19 Sep 2023
Kaushambi	25 Jan 2012
Modi Nagar	21 Mar 1979
Modi Nagar Smart	19 Sep 2023
Naveen Greater Noida	15 Jan 2019
Noida	13 Feb 1989
Noida City	01 Jul 2019
Noida Elite	17 Oct 2022
Noida Power Genz	14 Sep 2021

CLUB	CHARTER
Palwal Tejaswini	30 Jan 2020
Pilkhuwa	05 Jan 1996
Rohtak	13 Jun 1980
Rohtak Bloomingdale	01 Jul 2009
Rohtak City	15 Jan 2019
Rohtak Pragati	17 Oct 2022
Rohtak Young Phoenix	14 Sep 2021
Shatabdi	19 Sep 2023
Shipra Suncity	01 Feb 2017
Sonepat	22 Aug 1977
Swarn Sonipat	19 Sep 2023
Vaishali	05 Apr 2013
District 302	01 Jul 1992
Anakapalli	22 Jan 1985
Bhimavaram	05 Jan 1981
Bhimavaram Blossoms	15 Sep 2022
Bhimavaram New Gen	23 Feb 2021
Challapalli	12 May 2003
Divisima	25 May 2016
Eluru	26 Nov 1990
Eluru New Zen	23 Feb 2021
Gudivada	06 Jan 1995
Kakinada	23 May 2014
New Gajuwaka	18 Mar 2012
Nidadavole pearls	14 Sep 2021
Nuzivid Mango town	16 Apr 2009
Ocean City	19 Sep 2023
Parvatipuram	07 Nov 2017
Peddapuram	05 Dec 1989
Peddapuram New Gen	08 Apr 2021
Penugonda	06 Aug 1998
Rajahmundry	14 Aug 1968
Rajahmundry Golden Jubilee	25 May 2005
Rajahmundry River City	19 Jun 2003
Rajamahendravaram	16 Nov 2021
Rajanagaram	18 Feb 2020
Salur	21 Jun 2018
Sun City	23 Jan 2020
Tuni	10 Jul 2001
Vijayawada	10 Jul 1968
Vijayawada Divas	06 Oct 2021
Vijayawada East	09 May 1986
Vijayawada Mid Town	02 Oct 2007
Vijayawada Sunshine	08 Jul 2022
Visakhapatnam	19 Dec 1968
Vizag Smart City	10 Sep 2019
Vizianagaram	28 Jan 1981
Vizianagaram New Gen	07 Mar 2022
Vuyuru	03 Dec 2002
Waltair	09 Sep 1985
District 303	02 Jul 1991
Achalpur	17 Apr 2014
Akola	02 Feb 1987
Akola North	28 Sep 2012
Akola Queens	01 Feb 2013
Amravati	13 Nov 2001
Amravati Mid Town	09 May 1984
Apex Satana	20 Apr 2017
Arvi	13 May 2003
Ballarpur	06 Feb 1975
BDC Wani	14 Nov 2014

CLUB	CHARTER
Bhadravati	11 Apr 2017
Bhusawal	17 Apr 1978
Bhusawal Blossom	21 Feb 2021
Bhusawal Rail City	07 Dec 2017
Chalisgaon	04 Jan 1984
Chalisgaon Milk City	08 Jan 2007
Chanda Fort	28 Apr 1994
Chandafort Angels	16 Sep 2021
Chandrapur	04 Jan 1983
Chikhali	12 Oct 2022
Chopda	17 Apr 1978
Deoli Queens	01 Dec 2020
Devlali	29 Jan 1998
Digras	29 Aug 2006
Gadchiroli	20 Apr 2022
Gandhi City Wardha	24 Mar 1997
Gen Next Nashik	04 Jan 2016
Hinganghat	25 Apr 2006
Jalgaon	15 Oct 1978
Jalgaon East	04 Feb 2003
Jalgaon New Gen	14 Jan 2010
Kalwan	12 Oct 2007
Khamgaon	06 Aug 1998
Malegaon	09 Nov 1992
Malegaon Mid Town	07 Jan 2009
Manmad	20 Jun 1986
Nagpur	25 Mar 1986
Nagpur East	01 Feb 2017
Nagpur Orange City	01 Feb 2017
Nagpur South	
Nashik	11 Oct 1982
Nashik Ambad	26 Jan 1999
Nashik Mid Town	11 Apr 2017
Pusad	25 May 2005
Rajura	14 Mar 2019
Samudrapur	08 Nov 2023
Sangam Chalisgaon	21 Oct 2016
Satana Mid Town	19 Sep 2017
Shegaon	
Smart City Chandrapur	03 Dec 2002
Umarkhed	08 Feb 2008
Warora	03 Dec 2002
Washim Central	08 Apr 2008
Yavatmal	26 Oct 1999
Yavatmal Jewels	17 Jun 2020
Yeola	01 Jun 2016
District 304	1985 1986
Ashta	01 Oct 2001
Bagli Active	15 Jan 2020
Barwaha	18 Aug 2000
Barwani	20 Jan 2012
Bhopal	01 Mar 1965
Bhopal East	29 Jul 1989
Bhopal Legacy	11 Sep 2018
Bhopal Millenium	13 Jun 2016
Bhopal Shahpura Active	31 Oct 2019
Chhindwara	25 Jul 1987
Dahod	03 Jul 2021
Dewas	01 Jan 2012
Dewas Shakti	10 Aug 2021
Dhamnod	12 Jun 2016

CLUB	CHARTER
Dhar	15 Dec 2015
Dhar Diamond	01 Oct 2018
Ganjbasoda	12 Feb 2017
Godhra	1987
Hoshangabad	16 Sep 2004
Indore	25 Jan 1966
Indore Central	14 Oct 1983
Indore Sankalp	04 Jan 2012
Indore Uptown	06 Oct 1990
Itarsi	29 Sep 1982
Itarsi New	25 Aug 2008
Jhabua	31 Aug 1997
Jhabua Shakti	19 Sep 2017
Jobat	11 Feb 2012
Khandwa	14 Sep 1993
Khandwa Sparkle	22 Jan 2021
Khargone	04 Jul 2004
Mandsaur	15 Jan 1983
Mandsaur Dashpur	20 Jul 2014
Mandsaur Youth	23 Mar 2019
Mhow	30 Oct 1987
Mhow Cantt	11 Sep 1996
Nagda	02 Feb 2017
Narsinghpur	03 Jan 2012
Neemuch	31 Aug 1991
Neemuch Cantt	07 Jul 2015
Neemuch Diamond	23 Sep 2014
Neemuch Shine	01 Jul 2021
Perlawad Rise	25 Apr 2022
Pink Peral Gadarwara	10 Aug 2021
Ratlam	11 Apr 1992
Ratlam Gold	05 Sep 2014
Ratlam Silver	15 Aug 2018
Sagar	26 Oct 1973
Sagar Central	09 Feb 1992
Sagar Gold (New Club)	15 Dec 2019
Sehore	23 Aug 1997
Unique Sonkatch	01 Oct 2015
Womens Power Rajgarh	03 Dec 2017
District 305	1965
Abu Road	05 Apr 2006
Ahmedabad	05 Feb 1955
Ahmedabad Airport	28 Feb 2018
Ahmedabad Kankaria	25 Jan 2012
Ahmedabad South	10 Mar 1966
Ajmer	14 May 1968
Alwar	30 Apr 1981
Anta	14 Mar 2016
Ashok Nagar	01 Jul 1997
Balotra	29 Apr 2003
Baran	25 Nov 2005
Behror	14 Mar 2016
Being Manav Udaipur	01 Dec 2020
Bhilwara	28 May 2015
Bhiwadi	25 Jan 2012
Bhuj	26 Nov 1970
Bhuj Capital	19 Sep 2017
Bhuj Flamingo	25 May 2005
Bhuj Wall City	15 Jan 2015
Bikaner	15 Jan 1990
Brijnagar Jhalawar	26 Oct 1999

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Bundi	05 Feb 2002
Chhabra	08 Apr 2016
Chittorgarh	19 Sep 2017
Dausa	13 Oct 2006
Deoli	29 Sep 2017
Dholpur	19 May 2016
Gandhidham	22 Mar 1984
Gandhidham New Gen	17 Jun 2020
Guna	22 Apr 2002
Gwalior	17 Nov 1967
Gwalior New Gen	17 Jun 2020
Jaipur East	24 Sep 1979
Jaipur Main	01 Jan 1968
Jaipur Pride	25 Jan 2012
Jodhpur	10 Sep 1970
Kalol	09 May 2016
Kota	01 Jan 1969
Kota North	12 Jan 1993
Madhapur Lotus	14 Sep 2021
Malpura Green	25 Jan 2012
Mandvi	10 Jun 2016
Mehsana	01 Jun 1969
Morena	10 Jan 2016
Mount Abu	15 Jan 1990
Mundra	04 Jun 2019
Palanpur	01 Jul 1965
Palanpur City	25 Jan 2006
Pali Marwar	01 May 1980
Shivpuri	14 May 2007
Sidhpur	31 May 1991
Tonk	25 May 2005
Tonk New Gen	05 Mar 2020
Udaipur	29 Jul 1976
Udaipur Divas	17 Jun 2020
Unjha	20 Jan 1981
Vijapur	29 Apr 2003
Visnagar	19 May 2016
District 306	1970
Amreli Gir	15 Mar 2019
Anand	01 Jul 1966
Anand Lotus	29 Apr 2021
Anand Round Town	13 Jan 1989
Anand Round Town New Gen X	24 Apr 2021
Ankleshwar	09 Sep 1985
Bardoli	19 Sep 2023
Baroda	18 Mar 1965
Bharuch	27 Sep 1966
Bhavnagar	16 Dec 1966
Bilimora	28 Aug 1966
Borsad Suncity	03 Mar 2009
Bulsar	24 Aug 1965
Cambay	29 Apr 1975
Dhrangadhra	03 Jan 2001
Dhule	03 Mar 2009
Dhule Cross Road	25 Jan 2006
Dhule Cross Road Gen X	20 Oct 2020
Dondaicha	25 Nov 2005
Gondal	23 May 2014
Halvad	19 May 2016
Jawaharnagar	10 Sep 1971

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Junagadh	25 Apr 1967
Kharach Kosamba	09 Feb 2009
IWC Veraval Somnath	16 Mar 2021
Mehamdabad	24 Mar 2010
Nadiad	14 Dec 1999
Navsari	01 Oct 1964
Porbandar	29 Dec 1964
Rajkot	26 Sep 1966
Rajkot Chitranaqari	28 Mar 2023
Shindkheda	15 Sep 2022
Surat	16 Nov 1964
Surat Diamond City	06 May 2011
Surat East	01 May 2002
Surat Gen X	06 May 2020
Surat Sea Face	23 May 2014
Surendranagar	14 Jan 2008
Surendranagar GenX	27 Jun 2023
Umbergaon	22 Apr 1994
Vadodara Udaan	30 Jul 2019
Vanakbara Diu	18 May 2023
Vapi	05 Jan 1981
Veraval	06 Dec 1971
Vyara	10 Sep 1986
District 307	1985 1986
Amritsar	01 Apr 1983
Amritsar Mid Town	12 Nov 1984
Amritsar Mid Town New Gen	17 Sep 2019
Amritsar PRO	27 Jun 2023
Amritsar Rising Sun	25 Jan 2012
Amritsar South	23 Apr 1979
Amritsar South East	21 Jun 2016
Banga	20 Apr 2022
Batala	05 Oct 1979
Batala Mid Town	03 Jun 2008
Batala New Gen	15 Nov 2022
Begowal	22 Oct 2020
Bilaspur	21 Jun 2018
Chamba	14 May 2002
Damtal	01 Oct 1985
Dharamshala	11 Mar 1988
Dharamshala Central	01 Apr 2011
Dharamshala Civil Lines	25 Apr 2019
Garshankar	15 Jun 2022
Goraya	16 Mar 1998
Gurdaspur	16 Jan 1972
Gurdaspur Chirag	28 Sep 2012
Gurdaspur Umeed	15 Jun 2023
Hamirpur	14 Oct 1989
Himani Chamunda	28 Mar 2023
Hoshiarpur	11 Jun 1980
Hoshiarpur Pink Panthers	22 Jun 2021
Jalandhar	18 Jan 2022
Jalandhar Elite	04 Jan 2016
Jalandhar Pro	15 Jun 2023
Jalandhar Royal	18 Aug 2022
Jalandhar West	03 Jul 1997
Jammu	11 Nov 1975
Jammu Kesariya	16 Jul 2022
Jammu New Gen	15 Jan 2019
Jammu Sampark	18 Aug 2022
Jammu Tawi	30 Jul 2019

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Kangra	01 Jun 2016
Kapurthala	06 Jul 1999
Kapurthala Elite	22 Oct 2020
Kathua	11 Sep 2019
Khanna/Mandi Gobindgarh	
Lohian Khas	22 Oct 2020
Ludhiana	03 Mar 1977
Ludhiana Midtown	15 Apr 1987
Ludhiana Midtown New Gen	21 Nov 2018
Ludhiana Midtown Sparkles	14 Jan 2021
Mukerian	04 Apr 2019
Nawanshahr	08 Nov 2023
Nurpur	01 May 2018
Palampur	21 Mar 1979
Pathankot	05 Feb 2002
Pathankot Greater	28 Jan 2014
Patti	20 Nov 2012
Phagwara	17 Aug 1973
Phagwara S E	29 Jan 1997
Phagwara S E New Gen	14 Aug 2010
Phagwara Shinning Star	11 Jan 2022
Qadian	15 Jun 2023
Shekupura	22 Oct 2020
Srinagar	27 Jun 2023
Suket	08 Nov 2023
Sultanpur Lodhi	11 Aug 1995
Sultanpur Lodhi Holy City	12 Jun 2023
Tarntaran Sahib	18 May 2023
Udhampur	22 Apr 1994
Una	02 Apr 2003
Una Umang	22 Mar 2018
District 308	Jul 1985
Ambala	17 Aug 1973
Ambala City	21 May 1975
Ambala City Young Stars	
Ambala Defence United	07 May 2019
Ambala Industrial Area	26 Oct 1999
Ambala Jagruti	06 Feb 2023
Ambala Utkarsh	09 Feb 2021
Baddi	11 Apr 2012
Chandigarh	01 Jul 1969
Chandigarh Ashiyana	23 May 2014
Chandigarh Central	06 Apr 1994
Chandigarh City Beautiful	06 Oct 2021
Chandigarh Harmony	28 Jan 2014
Chandigarh Midtown	18 Oct 1996
Dakpathar Valley	23 Feb 2021
Dehradun	02 Dec 1974
Dehradun Daffodils	09 Feb 2021
Dehradun West	11 Apr 2012
Doon Valley	08 Jun 2018
Doon Vikas	25 Jan 2012
Gangoh	01 May 2019
Geeta University Panipat	15 May 2023
Haridwar	03 Dec 2008
Jagadhri Inspirations	15 May 2023
Jagadhri North	16 Jul 2019
Jagadhri Yamuna Nagar	21 May 1975
Jind	22 Mar 1984
Jind United	04 Jan 2016
Kaithal	12 Nov 1984

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Kaithal Shining Star	30 Oct 2013
Kala Amb Himalayan	15 May 2023
Kalka Hills	25 Jan 2012
Kankhal	16 Mar 2021
Karnal	21 Mar 1979
Karnal Midtown	29 May 1996
Karnal Tarang	28 Jan 2014
Karnal Uday	15 Jun 2023
Karnal Young Star	15 May 2019
Kasauli	25 Mar 1986
Kharar	19 Apr 1998
Kurukshetra	17 Jul 2002
Ladwa	30 Oct 2008
Laxman Jhula	05 Mar 2019
Mohali Symphony	01 May 2019
Mussoorie	15 Nov 1978
Nahan	01 May 1980
Nahan Classic	22 Aug 2016
Nalagarh Royals	15 May 2023
Narwana	22 Aug 2019
New Gen Kasauli Hills	03 Jan 2023
New Gen Panchkula	23 Jan 2020
New Gen Solan Pearls	15 Jan 2021
Nilokheri	28 Feb 2018
Panchkula	13 Oct 1986
Panchkula Central	26 Sep 2023
Panchkula Tulip	06 Oct 2021
Panipat	22 Sep 1982
Panipat Central	22 May 2007
Panipat MidTown	10 Oct 1997
Panipat South	22 Oct 2015
Paonta Sahib	01 Jul 1992
Parwanoo	04 Dec 1992
Parwanoo Pragati	15 Sep 2022
Radaur	06 Oct 2021
Rishikesh	17 Apr 1977
Roopnagar	25 Mar 1986
Roopnagar Rockstars	03 Jan 2023
Roorkee	04 Nov 1977
Roorkee Devbhoomi	15 May 2023
Roorkee Sparkles	01 May 2019
Shahbad Markanda	11 Nov 1986
Shimla	17 Nov 1967
Shimla MidTown	03 Jul 2000
Shimla Tarangini	10 Apr 2023
Shimla Vikas Nagar	30 Jan 2001
Shivalik Hills	08 Jun 2018
Solan	19 Apr 1977
Solan City	14 May 2019
Solan City Shakti	15 Jun 2023
Solan MidTown	30 Oct 2013
Theog	28 Jan 2014
Zirakpur	28 Jan 2014
Zirakpur Central	
Zirakpur Greens	15 May 2023
District 309	1977 1978
Abohar	07 Mar 1980
Barnala	17 Feb 2022
Barwala	20 Nov 2012
Bathinda	08 Dec 1975
Bathinda Blessings	22 Oct 2020

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Bathinda Central	14 Mar 2012
Bathinda Shine	22 Aug 2016
Bathinda Smiles	15 Sep 2021
Cosmopolitan New Gen Bathinda	21 Jan 2021
Dhuri	01 Sep 2009
Faridkot	22 Oct 2020
Fatehabad Goonj	17 Feb 2022
Fatehabad Tejaswini	06 Oct 2021
Fazilka	12 May 1994
Ftehabad Pink City	20 Nov 2012
Gidderbaha	22 Aug 2016
Goniana MidTown	02 Oct 2007
Hanumangarh	20 Nov 1998
Hissar	06 Aug 1998
Hissar Galaxy	15 Sep 2021
Jalalabad West	15 Sep 2021
Kalanwali	14 Sep 2021
Kotkapura Gold	20 Apr 2022
Malout	28 May 2015
Malout Royal	15 May 2019
Mandi Dabawali	15 Sep 2021
Mansa Greater	03 Dec 2002
Mansa Royal	21 Oct 2016
Moga Royal	15 Jan 2015
Nabha	26 Oct 1978
New Gen Ganganagar	06 Feb 2023
New Gen Moga	17 Feb 2022
New Gen Patiala	17 Feb 2022
Patiala	13 Aug 1973
Patiala Shahi	10 Mar 2021
Patran	21 Oct 2016
Raman Mandi	11 Jan 2022
Rampura Phul	14 Jan 2021
Sangaria	28 May 2015
Sardulgarh	15 Sep 2021
Sirhind	05 Jan 1981
Sirsa Diamonds	16 Nov 2021
Sirsa Heights	06 Oct 2021
Sirsa Main	05 Jan 1981
Sirsa Midtown	1986
Sirsa Shine	13 May 2013
Sirsa Stars	14 Sep 2021
Sri Ganganagar	1971
Sri Ganganagar Orchards	05 Jan 2021
Sunam	22 Oct 2020
Suratgarh	22 Oct 2020
District 310	05 Dec 1968
Amroha	03 Jul 1975
Amroha Sargam	15 Jan 2015
Amroha Sparkle	03 Mar 2009
Baraut	25 Mar 1986
Bijnor Sheroes	15 Jun 2022
Bulandshahr Shine	22 Oct 2020
Chandausi	25 Mar 1980
Chandausi Citystar	28 May 2015
Chandpur Aarohi	12 Oct 2015
Dhampur Blossom	19 Sep 2017
Dhampur Royals	16 Nov 2016
Dhanaura Indradhanaush	28 Jan 2014
Haldaur	29 Sep 2012

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Hasanpur	16 Nov 2016
Hasanpur Astha	16 Nov 2021
Khatauli	08 Mar 1995
Khurja	27 Oct 1981
Khurja Arunim	15 Sep 2021
Khurja Manjari	19 Sep 2017
Kotdwar	25 Mar 1986
Kotdwar Pink	14 Sep 2021
Mawana	13 Oct 2009
Mawana Maitri	14 Sep 2021
Mawana Rainbow	20 Nov 2012
Meerut	11 Oct 1969
Meerut Abhilasha	16 Nov 2021
Meerut Cantt	24 Nov 1997
Meerut Coral Spring	16 Sep 2021
Meerut Krishna	06 Oct 2021
Meerut Muskan	15 May 2019
Meerut Platinum	22 Aug 2016
Meerut Prabhat	15 Jan 2015
Meerut Saket	20 Nov 2012
Meerut Samrat	13 May 1997
Meerut Shaan	22 Aug 2016
Meerut Shastrinaagar	19 Oct 1989
Meerut Shine	16 Nov 2021
Meerut Sunshine	16 Sep 2021
Meerut Urja	23 May 2012
Meerut Youth Wings	15 Nov 2022
Moradabad	25 Mar 1971
Moradabad Central	16 Nov 2016
Moradabad Civilines	08 Jan 2003
Moradabad East	24 Mar 1980
Moradabad Essence	09 Aug 2010
Moradabad Midtown	09 Mar 1993
Moradabad Northstar	01 Feb 2013
Moradabad Unique	15 Jan 2019
Muzaffarnagar	17 Nov 1966
Muzaffarnagar Chamber	13 May 1997
Muzaffarnagar Era	18 May 2018
Muzaffarnagar Lotus	14 Nov 2014
Muzaffarnagar Mariqold	01 Apr 2015
Muzaffarnagar Shakti	14 Sep 2021
Muzaffarnagar Sunrise	26 Feb 2013
Muzaffarnagar Vishal	02 Nov 1995
Najibabad	03 Jul 1975
Sambhal City	13 Mar 2019
Seohara	
Shamli	11 Apr 1988
Shamli Pearl	14 Sep 2021
Siyana	16 Sep 2021
Srinagar Garhwal	28 Mar 2023
District 311	1971
Agra	09 Nov 1966
Agra Grand	07 Dec 2017
Agra Midtown	13 Apr 1978
Agra Royal	25 Aug 2010
Aligarh	20 Feb 1967
Aligarh Century (New Club)	26 Sep 2023
Aligarh City	01 Mar 2010
Aligarh City Gold	01 Dec 2020
Aligarh Limelight	14 Sep 2021
Aligarh Maitri	04 Jan 2016

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Aligarh Manjari	14 Nov 2014
Aligarh Mansi	14 Nov 2014
Aligarh Nav Pahal	22 Oct 2020
Aligarh New Era	28 Jan 2014
Aligarh Pahal	05 Jan 2012
Aligarh Shri Manjari	14 Jan 2021
Aligarh Swanim Pahal	22 Oct 2020
Aligarh Unique	22 Oct 2020
Badaun	01 Feb 1979
Badaun Sheros	15 Jun 2022
Bareilly	29 Sep 1967
Bareilly Blossom	19 Sep 2017
Bareilly Central	08 Dec 2010
Bareilly Dikshita	16 Nov 2021
Bareilly Divyashakti	14 Sep 2021
Bareilly Glory Spark	30 Jun 2019
Bareilly Glow	13 Dec 2010
Bareilly Golden Glory	22 Oct 2020
Bareilly Mercury	1505 2019
Bareilly New North	28 May 2008
Bareilly New North Arpan	15 Oct 2013
Bareilly North	29 Nov 1985
Bareilly Pride N Power	18 Aug 2022
Bareilly South	03 Dec 2004
Bareilly South Glory	14 Nov 2014
Bareilly South Glory Plus	07 23 2019
Bareilly Vishal	24 Nov 2000
Bareilly West	22 Jan 1985
Bareilly West Waves	01 Mar 2010
Bisauli	28 Jan 1988
Brahmavarta Kanpur	28 May 2009
Eden Evas Kanpur	21 Jun 2018
Etah Matrashakti	16 Nov 2021
Haldwani	29 Jan 1998
Haldwani Rising star	15 Sep 2021
Hardoi D.O.D	04 Jan 2016
Hardoi Shaktivahini	16 Nov 2021
Hathras	20 Mar 1999
Hathras Divyapahal	14 Sep 2021
Hathras Jagriti	09 Aug 2010
Hathras Royal	28 May 2008
Jaspur	16 Oct 2018
Jhansi	24 Sep 1979
Jhansi Kartavya	28 Mar 2023
Jhansi Queens	14 Sep 2021
Jhansi Urja	15 Oct 2017
Kannauj	01 Oct 1979
Kanpur	01 Jan 1973
Kanpur Angel	16 Nov 2016
Kanpur Avalon	09 Nov 2010
Kanpur Crescent	18 Nov 2016
Kanpur Dhanika	15 Jun 2022
Kanpur East	01 Jan 1982
Kanpur Eden	05 Nov 2010
Kanpur Eden Pride	22 Oct 2020
Kanpur Fiesta	09 Nov 2010
Kanpur Florence	12 May 2017
Kanpur Harmony	
Kanpur Helping Hand	12 May 2017
Kanpur Industrial	22 Aug 2016
Kanpur Josh	20 Apr 2022

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Kanpur Millennium	09 Nov 2010
Kanpur New Waves	11 Dec 2019
Kanpur Princess	03 Sep 2013
Kanpur Rise	16 Nov 2016
Kanpur Rosate	15 Jun 2022
Kanpur Safal (New Club)	26 Sep 2023
Kanpur Shine	16 Nov 2016
Kanpur South	01 Jan 1978
Kanpur Starz	16 Nov 2016
Kanpur Sunshine	28 Feb 2018
Kanpur Vidushi	19 Jun 2012
Kanpur West	21 Apr 1970
Kasganj City	05 Mar 1996
Kasganj Sanjeevani	28 May 2008
Kashipur	07 May 1992
Kashipur Blossom	08 Dec 2010
Kashipur Wings	16 Nov 2021
Mathura	10 Apr 1969
Mathura West	01 Mar 2010
Milak Divya Sankalp	16 Nov 2021
New Kanpur	06 Sep 2011
Orai Golden Kalyani	12 Jan 2021
Orai Kalyani	18 Apr 2012
Orai Swarnim	12 Jan 2021
Pilibhit	02 May 1977
Pilibhit Greater	15 Dec 2017
Puranpur Glorian Girls	15 Jun 2022
Puranpur Glory	16 Oct 2018
Puranpur Pearls	16 Nov 2021
Puranpur Royals	20 Jan 2021
Ramnagar	13 Dec 2010
Rampur	16 Aug 1971
Rudrapur	04 Mar 1985
Sasni	14 Mar 2016
Shahjahanpur	26 Mar 1986
Shahjahanpur Femina	29 Jan 2019
Shining Haldwani	08 22 2019
Unnao	30 Nov 1983
Veerangna Jhansi	15 Oct 2013
Vrindavan	01 Mar 2010
Vrindavan Divya Shakti	15 Jun 2022
District 312	1984 1985
Allahabad	13 Sep 1966
Allahabad East	30 Apr 1977
Allahabad Midtown	14 Oct 1981
Allahabad Navya	08 Nov 2008
Allahabad North	04 Nov 1988
Allahabad Queens	08 Nov 2022
Allahabad Udisha	20 Apr 2010
Allahabad Urja	28 Sep 2012
Azamgarh	17 Mar 1994
Azamgarh Naveli	01 Apr 2016
Bahraich	26 Jun 1974
Bahraich Utthan	15 Nov 2022
Ballia	03 Dec 2006
Balrampur	02 Jan 2012
Banaras	15 Oct 1965
Barabanki	30 Oct 2013
Barabanki Unnati	12 Jan 2020
Basti Midtown	16 Jul 2007
Biswan	16 Sep 2007

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Biswan Uddan	15 Nov 2022
Chhatarpur	22 Mar 2018
Deoria Central	25 Jan 2006
Deoria Srijan	16 Jul 2019
Duddhi	17 Mar 2008
Faizabad	16 Aug 1971
Faizabad Maitri	28 Sep 2012
Ghazipur	07 Aug 1993
Gorakhpur	09 Nov 1968
Gorakhpur Horizon	04 Jan 2011
Gorakhpur Rainbow	01 Apr 2016
Sitapur Kusum	26 Sep 2023
Jaunpur Siraj E Hind	30 Sep 2016
Lakhimpur Central	09 Jun 2011
Lakhimpur Kheri	07 Nov 1979
Lakhimpur Navdisha	17 Aug 2011
Lucknow	05 Mar 2011
Lucknow Abhyudaya	02 Jul 1972
Lucknow Baradari	05 Mar 1995
Lucknow Gomti	15 Jan 2015
Lucknow Pragati	15 Jan 2015
Lucknow Prerna	30 Sep 2008
Lucknow Rajdhani	14 Jun 1993
Lucknow Rising Star	19 Sep 2017
Lucknow Swastika	10 Jun 2021
Lucknow Transgomti	14 Mar 2016
Lucknow Victory	14 May 2018
Lucknow West	03 Nov 1997
Maihar	02 May 2020
Mau Nath Bhanjan	30 Aug 1987
Mirzapur	18 Apr 1973
Mirzapur Samanvay	07 Jul 2017
Mirzapur Vindhya	10 Sep 2021
Obra	22 Nov 2022
Raibareli	07 Jul 1976
Renukoot	15 Feb 2002
Rewa Meraki	30 Jul 2019
Sant Kabir Nagar	25 Jan 2012
Satna	26 Jan 1999
Satna Uldgam	19 Sep 2017
Sitapur	05 Feb 1974
Sultanpur	09 Dec 1977
Varanasi Central	23 Mar 1987
Varanasi Elite	25 Nov 2005
Varanasi Greater	03 Oct 2004
Varanasi Mitram	28 Sep 2012
Varanasi North	02 Oct 1994
Varanasi Shivay	02 Apr 2016
Varanasi Shrishti	28 Sep 2012
Varanasi South	14 May 1973
Varanasi Sparkling Stars	16 Jul 2019
Varanasi Sunrise	29 May 1998
Varanasi Swarn Manjari	16 Jul 2019
Varanasi Udita	03 Jan 2023
District 313	1985 1986
Ahmednagar	08 Feb 1995
Ahmednagar Venus	01 Apr 2011
Ahmedpur	01 Mar 2002
Akluj	30 Apr 1998
Ambejogai	25 Jan 2012
Area 24 Latur	19 Jan 2021

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Aurangabad	12 Sep 1976
Aurangabad Central	15 Sep 2022
Aurangabad Lotus	25 Jan 2012
Baner Hills	18 Apr 2012
Barshi	21 Feb 1991
Beed	28 Jan 1987
Bhor	01 May 2018
Chakur	21 Oct 2020
Galaxy New Panvel	21 Oct 2020
Pnavel City	20 Apr 2022
Jalna	09 Jul 1976
Jalna Central	08 Feb 2008
Jalna Horizon	01 Sep 2009
Kalamb	20 Apr 2010
Karad	02 Apr 1990
Karad Sangam	17 Apr 2014
Karjat	01 Feb 2017
Khadki	25 Nov 1991
Khopoli	02 Feb 1967
Koregaon	03 May 2011
Kurduwadi	24 Mar 2010
Latur	25 Mar 1986
Loha	24 Mar 2021
Lonand	15 Oct 1986
Mahabaleshwar	26 Jan 1983
Malkapur Sunrise	15 May 2021
Manchar	17 Nov 2003
Mangalvedha	14 Mar 2012
Nanded	02 Jul 1984
Narayangaon	21 May 2018
New Panvel	15 Jan 1990
Nigdi Pride	18 Apr 2012
Omerga	08 Mar 2023
Paithan	12 Oct 2007
Panchgani	17 Mar 2021
Pandharpur	26 Nov 1990
Pandharpur Pearls	13 Oct 2009
Panvel	01 Apr 1980
Panvel Industrial Town	14 Mar 2016
Parli Vajinath	04 Feb 1994
Patan	08 Mar 2023
Pen	16 Dec 1998
Pimple Saudagar	08 Nov 2023
Pimpri	07 Jul 1997
Poona Downtown	30 Oct 1987
Poona North	30 Apr 1996
Pune	25 Oct 1966
Pune Central	29 Jun 1985
Pune Daffodils	13 Oct 2009
Pune GEN Z	14 Jan 2021
Pune Imperial	21 Oct 2020
Pune Midtown	13 Feb 1989
Pune Platinum	25 Jan 2012
Pune Queens	08 Nov 2023
Pune River Rhythms	17 Mar 2021
Pune Riverside	13 Jul 1992
Pune Uptown	23 Mar 1994
Pune Wings	04 May 2021
Sangamner	25 Jan 2012
Sangola	04 May 2006
Satara	31 Dec 1975

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Satara Camp	05 Jan 1981
Shevgaon	22 Oct 2015
Shrirampur	01 Sep 2009
Solapur	02 Feb 1987
Solapur Harmony	01 Sep 2009
Solapur Starlet	29 Sep 2017
Talegaon Dabhade	03 Mar 1998
Tembhurni	24 Mar 2010
Udgir	24 Mar 2021
Wai	11 Oct 2022
District 314	1970 1971
Airoli	17 Mar 2008
Airoli Sea Breeze	30 Jun 2020
Ambernath	25 Apr 1967
Ambernath Hills	18 Nov 2008
Bhiwandi	08 Feb 2008
Bombay	13 Apr 1964
Bombay Airport	26 Nov 1996
Bombay Airport Centurion	19 Sep 2023
Bombay Airport Super Nova New Gen	19 Jan 2021
Bombay Airport Tiara	28 Mar 2023
Bombay Andheri East	22 Dec 1993
Bombay Bandra	09 Mar 1993
Bombay Bayview	25 Jan 2012
Bombay Central	09 Sep 1985
Bombay Downtown	02 Mar 1986
Bombay Film City	24 Nov 1996
Bombay Hanging Garden	11 Apr 2007
Bombay Harbour	22 Sep 1993
Bombay Hill South	22 Apr 1993
Bombay Kandivli	25 Apr 2006
Bombay Mid-Town	01 Jul 1969
Bombay Midwest	08 Oct 1987
Bombay North	08 Feb 1965
Bombay North End	25 Mar 1986
Bombay North Island	08 Oct 1987
Bombay North West	09 Apr 1985
Bombay Pier	08 Apr 2016
Bombay Pier Tiara	06 Feb 2023
Bombay Queen's Necklace	13 Feb 1989
Bombay Queen's Tiara	18 Aug 2022
Bombay Seacoast	22 Nov 1989
Bombay Shivaji Park	08 Feb 1995
Bombay West	28 Mar 1966
Borivli	30 Jan 2001
Chembur	29 Mar 1966
Chembur Tiara	14 Feb 2023
Dahanu	29 May 1998
Deonar	07 Nov 1989
Dombivli	02 Dec 1974
Dombivli East	13 Oct 1986
Dombivli West	08 Feb 2008
Hiranandani Estate	21 Feb 2005
Kalina	22 Aug 2019
Kalyan	10 May 1976
Kalyan Diamonds	20 Apr 2022
Kalyan Riverside	22 Mar 2018
Mulund	27 Jan 1972
Mulund Hills	05 Jan 1996

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Mumbai Bayside Polaris New Gen	03 Mar 2021
Mumbai Bhandup	17 Nov 1994
Mumbai Dahisar	26 Jan 1999
Mumbai Ghatkopar	03 Jul 2000
Mumbai Ghatkopar Incredibles New Gen	04 May 2021
Mumbai Green City	05 Apr 2013
Mumbai Khar	22 Aug 2016
Mumbai Mulund East	14 Sep 2021
Mumbai Nariman Point	14 Nov 2014
Mumbai Parleshwar	19 Apr 2004
Mumbai Sunrise Meraki New Gen	22 Apr 2021
Mumbail 101(Kandivali East)	11 Jan 2022
Navi Mumbai Bayside	13 Oct 2009
Navi Mumbai Sangini Centurion	19 Sep 2023
Navi Mumbai Sunrise	03 Mar 2009
New Bombay	22 Sep 1982
New Bombay Seaside	15 Mar 1995
New Bombay Hillside	15 May 2005
Palghar	26 Jun 1996
Thane	21 Oct 1969
Thane Aces	17 Jun 2020
Thane East	25 Mar 1986
Thane Garden City	18 Apr 2012
Thane Hills	26 Nov 1996
Thane Lake City	13 Oct 2009
Thane Midtown	19 Apr 2004
Thane North End	13 May 2008
Thane Shining Stars	15 Sep 2021
Thane West	08 Nov 1985
Ulhasnagar East	20 Nov 1998
Ulhasnagar	13 Oct 1986
Vasai	15 Sep 2021
District 315	1966
Banjara	02 Feb 2017
Bhuvanagiri	25 Nov 2005
Chilakaluripet	02 Jun 1987
Chirala	02 Apr 1984
Ekta	02 Jan 2019
Guntur	03 Dec 1979
Guntur Udaan	04 Feb 2021
Guntur Vikas	29 Oct 2019
Hyderabad Kohinoor	08 Apr 2021
Hyderabad Pearl	08 Nov 2022
Hyderabad Spandana	19 Sep 2023
Hyderabad Srujana	14 Nov 2014
Hyderabad Central	03 Dec 2004
Indur	11 Jan 2022
Khammam	19 Oct 1989
Kolalapudi Shatabdi	26 Sep 2023
Martur	16 Jul 2019
Miryalaguda	24 Mar 2000
Narasaraopet	08 Apr 1981
Nizamabad	22 Jan 1985
Ongole	12 May 2017
Ponnur	18 May 1999
Secunderabad	13 Oct 1986
Warangal	14 Apr 1978
Warangal Saheli	15 Jan 2015

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Warangal Vijetha	02 Feb 2017
Woxen New Gen	15 Jun 2023
District 316	1985-1986
Adoni	16 Nov 2021
Allagadda	25 Jan 2012
Anantapuramu	10 May 1975
Bellary	16 Apr 1971
Bhagyanagar	11 Apr 2017
Bidar	01 Apr 1982
Challakerer Angel	20 Apr 2022
Chitradurga	10 Apr 1972
Chitradurga Fort	03 Dec 2002
Davangere	02 Dec 1974
Davangere Midtown	15 Apr 1987
Davangere Vidyanagar	28 Jan 2001
Dharmavaram	02 Nov 1995
Dhone	11 Apr 2008
Gangavathi	17 Apr 2014
Gooty	11 Feb 2020
Gudur	10 Mar 2004
Gulbarga	02 May 1974
Gulbarga Midtown	30 Mar 1999
Gulbarga North	02 Nov 1995
Gulbarga Suncity	16 Nov 2021
Gulbarga Southcity	16 Nov 2021
Guntakal	10 Sep 1986
Hiriyur	11 Apr 2008
Hindupur	26 Jan 2007
Hospet	25 Jan 2006
Holalkere	16 Nov 2021
Hosadurga	19 Mar 1973
Kavali	12 Feb 2014
Koilakuntla	18 Apr 2012
Koppal	02 Nov 1995
Kurnool	23 May 2014
Kushtagi	02 May 2017
Nandyal	31 Jan 2000
Navanandi	10 Feb 2017
Prodattur	31 Mar 1994
Rajampeta	16 Mar 1998
Raichur	24 Jun 2021
Siriguppa	01 Feb 2017
Tadipatri	27 Apr 2021
Venkatagiri	03 Apr 2021
Yadgir	08 Mar 2003
Lingsur	28 Jun 2023
District 317	20 Apr 1968
Athani	16 Oct 2000
Bagalkot	18 Jun 2001
Bagalkot Yuvika New Gen	21 Oct 2020
Bailhongal	10 Jan 2007
Banda	26 Sep 2023
Belgaum	17 Apr 1978
Belgaum New Gen Sheroes	15 Sep 2021
Bicholim-Goa	25 Oct 2018
Bijapur	01 Jan 1982
Bijapur North	25 May 1995
Bijapur We Care	15 Sep 2022
Bilagi	15 Sep 2022
Byadagi	11 Jan 2022
Chikodi	30 Jan 2020

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Curchorem-Sanvordem	26 Jan 1994
Dandeli	05 Nov 1993
Dharwad	06 Feb 1975
Gadaq Betegeri	02 Apr 1974
Gadaq Mid Town	09 Feb 1993
Gokak	26 Jan 2007
Haveri	24 Apr 1975
Haveri New Gen Advitiya	11 Jan 2022
Hubli	01 Mar 1973
Hubli Bling De Mid Town	31 Mar 2009
Hubli City	18 Apr 2012
Hubli Mid Town	18 Sep 1989
Hubli New Gen Angels	25 May 2021
Hubli North	19 May 2021
Hubli West	27 Feb 2007
Ichalkaranji	05 Jan 1981
Islampur	19 Sep 2023
Jamkandi	02 Apr 1984
Jaysingpur	09 Dec 2003
Jaysingpur Heritage	28 May 2015
Karwar	30 Sep 2008
Khanapur	15 Sep 2022
Kolhapur	14 Oct 1976
Kolhapur Millenials	18 May 2023
Kolhapur Heritage	08 Jun 2010
Kolhapur Sunrise	22 Oct 2015
Kudal	17 Apr 1996
Laxmeshwar	20 Jan 2011
Lote	30 Jan 2020
Mapuca	26 Nov 1996
Margao	23 Feb 1979
Mhapsa Elite	14 Mar 2019
Miraj	03 Jul 1975
Muddebihal	06 Feb 2023
Mudhol	02 Apr 1990
Munavalli	24 Mar 2021
Mundgod	03 Feb 2021
Nargund	30 Nov 2006
Nipani	27 Feb 1975
Nipani New Gen Glory	11 Jan 2022
Panjim	22 Oct 1973
Ponda	08 Oct 1981
Ponda Hill Town	31 Jan 2001
Rabakavi	15 Sep 2022
Rabkavi	15 Sep 2022
Ramdurg	04 Dec 2001
Ranebennur	01 Feb 1979
Salcette Goa	13 Mar 2019
Sangli	01 Jul 1967
Sangli Mid Town	12 Nov 1984
Sangli Mid Town Sunrise	03 Jan 2008
Sankeshwar Pride	18 May 2023
Sawantwadi	09 May 1980
Sirsi Heritage	25 Jan 2012
Super New Gen Hubli Midtown	01 Dec 2020
Tasgaon	03 Dec 2004
Vasco Da Gama	04 Nov 1975
Vengurla	14 Oct 2010
District 318	20 Apr 1968
Araga	25 Apr 2023

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Arsikere	24 Oct 1973
Balehonnur	29 May 2003
Belur	06 Feb 2023
Birur	16 Dec 1999
Byndoor	29 Jan 1998
Chamarajanaqara	03 Oct 1974
Chickmagalur	27 Nov 1969
Hanbal	21 Feb 2005
Hassan Gold	19 Mar 2019
Hunsur	29 Jan 2018
Kadur	25 Apr 2006
Kalasa	03 Dec 2006
Kinnigoli	03 Dec 2004
Konandur	20 Apr 2022
Kota Saligrama	26 Jan 1999
Kukke Subramanya	04 Jan 2015
Kundapura South	19 Oct 1996
Kushalnagar	28 May 2015
Madikeri	31 Dec 1975
Mahajana Post Graduate Centre	25 Apr 2023
Mangalore North	02 May 1974
Mangalore South	07 Dec 2017
Moodbidre	09 Nov 1992
Mysore	01 Jul 1966
Mysore Central	16 Mar 1998
Mysore Gold	25 Oct 2018
Mysore Mid Town	30 Nov 1983
Mysore North	04 Jan 1984
Mysore South East	01 Jul 1992
Mysore West	19 Nov 1973
Mysuru Aisiri	06 Jan 2021
Nanjangud	25 May 2005
Narasimharajapura	21 Feb 2005
Nieit Mysuru	20 Apr 2022
Padubidri	18 Sep 2005
Puttur	27 Feb 1975
Sagar Unique	22 Oct 2015
Shankerpura	13 Dec 2004
Shimoga	01 Jul 1967
Shimoga Century	26 Sep 2023
Shimoga East	17 Nov 2003
Shimoga North	03 Dec 2004
Shimoga Riverside	17 Nov 2003
Somwarpet Gold	22 Aug 2019
Sringeri	29 May 2003
Sullia	03 Jul 1996
Surathkal	03 Jul 1996
Tarikere	25 Jan 2012
Thirthahalli	25 May 1993
Udupi	12 May 1994
District 319	1977 1978
Bangalore	14 Jul 1996
Bangalore Banashankari	10 Feb 2003
Bangalore Basaweshwarnagar	17 Apr 2023
Bangalore Blossoms	26 Mar 2019
Bangalore Central	02 Jan 1995
Bangalore East	16 Nov 1971
Bangalore Gardenia	04 May 2021
Bangalore HBR	14 Nov 2017
Bangalore IT Corridor	16 Feb 2010

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Bangalore J.P. Nagar	16 Jan 1992
Bangalore Jeevanbimanagar	19 Oct 2014
Bangalore Jnanabharathi	16 Jan 2023
Bangalore Junction	04 Apr 2018
Bangalore Koramangala	30 Jan 2001
Bangalore Magnolia	16 Feb 2023
Bangalore Mahalakshimpuram	25 Feb 2013
Bangalore Metro	05 Sep 2013
Bangalore North	21 Nov 1967
Bangalore Orchards	26 Jul 1988
Bangalore Peenya	22 Nov 1984
Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas	15 Mar 2013
Bangalore Sadashivnagar	13 Apr 2012
Bangalore South	09 Jan 1967
Bangalore South Parade	11 Oct 2006
Bangalore South West	18 May 1982
Bangalore Udyog	10 Nov 2008
Bangalore Vibgyor	02 Jan 2023
Bangalore Vijayanagar	27 Jan 1989
Bangalore West	01 May 1978
Bengaluru HSR	04 Oct 2021
Bharathinagar	17 Dec 1988
Chikkanayakanahalli	20 Sep 1983
Gubbi	26 Jan 2015
Maddur	30 Sep 1992
Malavalli	21 Nov 1992
Mandya	16 Apr 1986
Maralur	20 Sep 2014
Nelamangala	08 Jun 2011
Sankalpa Turuvekere	02 Dec 2022
Tiptur	04 Aug 2013
Tirupati	08 Mar 2003
Tumkur	28 Feb 1968
Tumkur Central	01 Dec 2013
Tumkur East	25 Aug 1987
Vijayapura	09 Oct 1998
District 320	1970 1971
Avinashi East	19 Mar 2022
Calicut	16 Mar 1967
Calicut Central	12 Apr 2019
Calicut East	25 Sep 1972
Calicut Midtown	29 Jun 1981
Cannanore	10 Aug 1970
Chalakudy	03 May 2008
Cochin	07 Jan 1971
Cochin Global	19 Aug 2020
Cochin Muziris City	25 Mar 2018
Cochin Phoenix	08 Jan 2010
Cochin Vypin Island	05 Nov 2018
Cochin West	19 Nov 1970
Coimbatore	09 Aug 1975
Coimbatore Centenary	23 Jul 2023
Coimbatore East	26 Jan 2008
Coimbatore North	29 Mar 1991
Coimbatore South	15 Mar 2015
Coimbatore Synergy	01 Feb 2023
Coimbatore West	08 Aug 1991
Dharapuram	29 Mar 2015
Erode	08 Aug 1974
Erode Cosmos	13 Jul 2000
Erode Cosmos Vibrant	08 Jan 2015

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Erode North	27 Jul 1995
Erode Thindal	10 Oct 2022
Greater Cochin	20 Sep 1989
Kalamassery	10 Jan 1995
Ketti Valley	22 Feb 1992
Kodungallur	21 Sep 2008
Kolenchery	18 May 2015
Kotagiri	21 Jan 2011
Kunnamkulam	01 Nov 2005
Mettupalayam	3 02 1992
Muvattupuzha	09 Jul 1998
Nileshwar	08 Dec 2007
Ootacamund	18 Oct 1984
Ottapalam	25 Feb 2007
Palghat	17 Jul 1988
Palghat East	10 Mar 1986
Parur	01 Feb 2015
Pollachi	15 Sep 1986
Royal Heritage Paravur	11 Oct 2023
Tellicherry	23 Mar 2011
Tirupur	04 Jun 1979
Tirupur South	19 Jan 1998
Trichur	22 Oct 1970
Udumalpet	18 Dec 1991
District 321	01 Jul 1974
Alleppy	19 Nov 1970
Ambasamudram	12 Aug 2010
Chavara Mineral Coast	13 Oct 2009
Chengannur	02 Jan 2013
Cherthala	28 May 2015
Chinnamanur	10 Jun 2021
Dindigul	25 Jan 2012
Dindigul Fort	02 Mar 2021
Golden Aranmula	26 Sep 2023
Golden Mannar	11 Aug 2023
Golden Srivilliputtur Friends	19 Sep 2023
Kanjirapally	17 Feb 2022
Kottayam	10 May 1972
Kottayam North	12 Apr 1990
Kovilpatti	19 Jan 2021
Madurai City	19 Jan 2021
Madurai Sunshine	24 Mar 2021
Manavai Princess	02 Jun 2023
Marthandam	24 Mar 2021
Mavelikara	01 May 1981
Nagercoil	18 Apr 1975
Nagercoil Sagaram	12 Jul 2017
Pathanamthitta	29 Mar 1995
Pudukkottai	03 Nov 1988
Punalur	07 Feb 1984
Quilon	01 Jan 1967
Quilon West	01 May 1996
Rajapalayam Sanjeevi hills	18 Apr 2012
Rameswaram	14 Sep 2021
Ramnad	24 Mar 2009
Sattur	01 Mar 2023
Sivakasi	29 Nov 1985
Sivakasi Gold	22 Apr 2021
Sivakasi Pyrotown	31 Mar 2009
Theni	01 May 1996
Tiruchi Malaikottai	25 Jan 2012

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Tiruchi Rockfort	03 Sep 2021
Tiruchirapalli	04 Oct 1975
Tiruchirapalli Metro	14 Nov 2014
Tirunelveli	14 Sep 1978
Trivandrum	03 Sep 1967
Trivandrum Blossom	04 May 2013
Trivandrum Diamonds	03 Aug 2023
Trivandrum Iris Gold	17 Feb 2022
Trivandrum North	03 Apr 1974
Trivandrum South	01 May 1981
Trivandrum South Orchids	02 Oct 2021
Trivandrum Suburban	11 Jul 1989
Trivandrum Tulips	15 Jun 2022
Tuticorin pearls and Corals	31 Mar 2009
Tuticorin Spic Nagar	07 Sep 1976
Vakathanam	25 Nov 2005
Vallioor Harmony	01 May 2021
Vallioor	24 Mar 2009
Virudhunagar	12 Dec 1994
Virudhunagar New Gen	23 Feb 2021
District 323	1985-1986
Adambakkam	01 Dec 2020
Adyar	13 Oct 1986
Ambur	26 Oct 1999
Chennai Beach Aster	16 Nov 2021
Chennai Central Elite	07 Dec 2017
Chennai Coral	17 Feb 2022
Chennai Daffodils	14 Sep 2021
Chennai Fort St George	23 Feb 2021
Chennai Galaxy	08 Apr 2008
Chennai Gemini	28 Sep 2012
Chennai Golden Sun	01 May 2018
Chennai Harmony	26 Mar 2021
Chennai K.K.Nagar	03 Dec 2008
Chennai Korattur	21 Oct 2016
Chennai Kurinji	15 Jun 2022
Chennai Magizham	17 Feb 2022
Chennai Manoranjitham	17 Feb 2022
Chennai Melody	29 Apr 2021
Chennai Nolambur	01 Apr 2015
Chennai Orchid	20 Apr 2022
Chennai Paarjatham	17 Feb 2022
Chennai Phoenix	22 Oct 2015
Chennai Presidency	30 Apr 1998
Chennai Rhapsody	20 Apr 2022
Chennai Rhythm	11 Jan 2022
Chennai Sakhi	23 Feb 2021
Chennai Sanjeevani	01 May 2018
Chennai Stars	01 May 2018
Chennai Sunrise	03 Jan 2023
Chennai Sunshine	28 May 2015
Chennai Symphony	04 Jun 2013
Chennai Thiruvanmiyur	19 May 2016
Chennai Unique	22 Oct 2015
Chennai United	22 Oct 2015
Chennai Verve	25 Jan 2012
Chennai Vibrant	15 Jan 2015
Chennai Vriksham	22 Aug 2016
Chennai Wisteria	15 Jun 2022
Cheygar	22 Oct 2015
Gudiyatham	02 Nov 1995

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Gudiyatham Shine	19 Dec 2023
Guindy	01 Feb 2017
Kancheepuram	17 Apr 2014
Madras	10 Mar 1966
Madras Ashok Nagar	16 Dec 1998
Madras Bay City	01 Feb 2017
Madras Besant Nagar	09 Mar 2021
Madras Central	24 Apr 1989
Madras Central Aadithya	28 Oct 1994
Madras Cosmos	25 Jan 1994
Madras Esplanade	09 Mar 1993
Madras Fort	28 Apr 1994
Madras Metro	01 Jul 1991
Madras Midtown	11 Sep 1975
Madras Mount	05 Apr 2013
Madras Nextgen	28 May 2015
Madras North	03 May 1995
Madras Osian	09 Mar 2021
Madras South	01 Aug 1963
Madras Zinnia	15 Jun 2022
Maraimalai Nagar	13 Oct 2009
Meenambakkam	04 Dec 1992
Nanganallur	30 Apr 1998
Ranipet	09 Jan 1995
Thiruvannamalai	30 Sep 2008
Vellore	18 Oct 1967
Vellore North	05 Sep 1975
District 324	1992 1993
Agartala	30 Jun 2022
Asansol	04 Jan 1984
Asansol Greater	05 Jan 1996
Bangaigaon	01 Apr 2015
Darjeeling	28 Aug 1973
Dibrugarh	03 Jul 2000
Duliajan	25 Jan 2012
Durgapur	01 Jul 1982
Durgapur Giva	15 Jun 2022
Gangtok	30 Jan 2001
Gangtok Orchid	03 Dec 2019
Greenland Silchar	15 Nov 2022
Guwahati East	05 Apr 2006
Guwahati West	25 Feb 1993
Hilakandi	21 Jun 2018
Imphal	30 Jun 2022
Iwcdimapur	09 Jun 2014
Jalpaiguri Pehchan	15 Jun 2023
Jiriban	15 Jun 2022
Jirighat	15 Jun 2022
Jorhat	13 Feb 1989
Karimganj	22 Oct 2015
Malda	05 Nov 1993
Pinecity Shillong	10 Sep 2019
Raniganj	26 Sep 2023
Savvy	21 Oct 2020
Shantiniketan	05 Nov 2010
Shillong	12 Nov 1984
Silchar	08 Jan 2003
Silchar Saheli	17 Feb 2022
Siliguri	27 Nov 1989
Siliguri Midtown	13 May 2013
Siliguri Panache	28 Jun 2023

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Siliguri Utrayan	04 Jan 2016
Tezpur	03 Dec 2004
Tinsukia	28 Jan 1988
Tinsukia Mitra	17 Jun 2020
Utrayan Aura	03 Dec 2019
Utrayan Diva	21 Oct 2020
District 325	19 Jun 1985
Aaryavart Patna	08 Nov 2022
Amprali Patna	08 Nov 1991
Aranya	21 May 2018
Arawali Patna	11 Jul 2020
Ashiyana Patna	11 Apr 2017
Aurangabad Pahal	19 May 2016
Babadham Deoghar	15 Jun 2022
Begusarai	04 Aug 2008
Bettiah	22 Jun 2005
Biharsharif	09 Apr 1985
Bodhgaya	01 May 2018
Chaibasa	11 Feb 2020
Chapra	22 May 2001
Dahanbad Milestone	16 Jun 2022
Darbhanga	08 Apr 1983
Deoghar	21 Mar 2011
Dhanbad	06 Feb 1988
Gaya	22 Jan 1985
Gaya City	28 May 2008
Gaya Ojasvi	15 Jun 2022
Gaya Sunrise	03 Mar 2021
Giridih	07 Nov 1989
Giridih Pearls	11 Jan 2022
Giridih Sunshine	14 Sep 2021
Gumla	02 May 2002
Hajipur	01 May 2018
Hazaribagh	08 Apr 1985
Jamshedpur	01 May 1996
Jamshedpur East	25 Jan 2012
Jamshedpur West	14 Nov 2014
Jamshedpur Zest	14 Mar 2012
Katras	15 Jun 2022
Koderma	13 Feb 1989
Kshitij Ranchi	15 Sep 2022
Lakhisarai	25 Apr 2019
Lichhavi Muzaffarpur	14 Jan 2010
Madhubani	28 Sep 2021
Maitri Muzaffarpur	17 Mar 2022
Maurya	13 Mar 2019
Mithila Samastipur	13 Mar 2019
Motihari Lakertown	05 Apr 2013
Munger City	21 May 2018
Muzaffarpur	12 Apr 1992
Muzaffarpur Jagrity	04 May 2011
Nawada	29 Jan 2011
Patliputra	23 Mar 1987
Patliputra Anjuna	21 Oct 2020
Patliputra Pragati	25 Jun 2022
Patliputra Samarpan	21 Oct 2023
Patna	08 Aug 2001
Patna Central	15 Jun 2022
Patna City	08 Jun 1992
Patna Divya	28 Feb 2017
Patna Krishna	22 Aug 2019

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Patna Lavanya	11 Jan 2022
Patna Navya	28 May 2015
Patna Samridhi	06 Feb 2023
Patna Satya Danapur	12 May 2017
Patna Saumya	22 Aug 2019
Patna Shivalja	05 Feb 2020
Patna Vanshree	29 Jan 2020
Phulwarisharif	15 Jan 2019
Pushpanjali	15 Jan 2029
Ragbi Patna	19 Dec 2023
Rajgir	22 Aug 2019
Ramgarh	13 Feb 1989
Ranchi Palash	17 Feb 2022
Ranchi Pragati	21 Dec 2023
Ranchi South	17 Nov 2009
Rehla	27 May 2003
Royal Dhanbad	15 Jun 2023
Sakti Next Zen	11 Jan 2022
Saran	18 Mar 2019
Sheikhpura	20 Oct 2020
Sherghati	19 Dec 2021
Swarnrekha Ranchi	13 May 2017
Tejaswani Siwan	20 Apr 2022
Unnati	14 Sep 2021
Vikramshila Pragya	12 May 2017
Yuva Hazaribagh	28 Sep 2012
District 326	Jul 1985
Athgarh	08 Jan 2003
Balaghar Tigress	22 Aug 2019
Balangir	30 Oct 2008
Balasore	07 May 1992
Bargarh	26 Jan 1994
Bargarh Central	17 Dec 2003
Baripada	26 Jan 1984
Berhampur	07 Jan 2009
Berhampur Brights	21 Oct 2020
Berhampur East	14 Mar 2012
Berhampur Technorina	21 10 2020
Bhadrak	20 Jun 1989
Bhilai New Gen	11 May 2021
Bhilai Steel City	12 May 2011
Bhubaneswar	02 Feb 1987
Bhubaneswar Ekamra	22 Oct 2015
Bhubaneswar Elite	27 Jul 2003
Bhubaneswar Metro	26 Oct 2002
Bhubaneswar North	11 May 1997
Bhubaneswar Radiant	21 May 2018
Bhubaneswar Royal	09 Dec 2003
Bhubaneswar Temple City	21 Oct 2020
Bhubaneswar Toshali	30 Jan 2001
Bhubneswar Confluence	14 Jan 2010
Bilaspur	05 Dec 1996
Cuttack	09 Apr 1985
Cuttack Central	10 Feb 1994
Cuttack Midtown	02 Feb 1987
Cuttack Midtown Blossoms	06 Jan 2021
Cuttack Queens	21 Oct 2020
Cuttack Riverside	16 Mar 2021
Cuttack Silvercity	26 Oct 1999
Dhamtari	20 Nov 1998
Dhenkanal	04 Mar 1985

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Durg	04 Mar 1985
Infocity Bhubaneswar	25 Jan 2006
Jabalpur	14 Mar 2012
Jabalpur Gems	31 Jul 2019
District 329	01 Jul 1977
Alipore Apurva	15 Jun 2022
Anand Salt Lake	11 May 2021
Avantika Lake Town	21 Oct 2020
Ballygunge	22 Mar 1984
Behala	04 Apr 1989
Belur	28 Oct 1988
Calcutta	17 May 1983
Calcutta Down Town	22 Sep 1982
Calcutta Eastland	12 May 1994
Calcutta Junction	08 Dec 2010
Calcutta Lansdowne	09 May 1995
Calcutta Mahanagar	09 Feb 1993
Calcutta Megacity	26 Nov 2004
Calcutta Metro Maidan	23 May 2012
Calcutta Metropolitan	13 Jan 1989
Calcutta Metropolitan East	13 Feb 1989
Calcutta Mid South	01 Jul 1997
Calcutta Mid Town	17 Apr 1980
Calcutta Mid West	28 Jan 1987
Calcutta North East	20 Sep 2006
Calcutta Old City	24 Nov 2000
Calcutta Park Point	09 Apr 2010
Cal South City Towers	03 Jan 2015
Calcutta South East	22 Mar 1984
Calcutta South Suburban	07 Jun 1995
Calcutta West	07 Jun 1995
Centenary Haldane Avenue	29 Apr 1991
Central Calcutta	04 Apr 1989
Chowringhee Queens	17 Feb 2022
Contai	18 Apr 2012
Cossipore	03 Dec 2005
Dhakuria	21 Feb 2005
Garden Reach	18 Sep 1989
Girish Park Urbia	16 Sep 2021
Greater Calcutta	08 Apr 2008
Greater Tollygunge	25 Jan 2012
Howrah Bridge	31 May 2017
Ideal Shibpur Sapphire	17 Feb 2022
Iem Kolkata	30 Jan 2020
Jadavpur	29 Nov 1985
Jodhpur Park	22 Feb 1990
Joka	14 Feb 1989
Khidderpore Cosmos	22 Aug 2019
Kolkata Evergreen	29 Jan 2019
Kolkata Greens	02 Apr 2013
Kolkata Hiland	15 Jun 2022
Kolkata New Gen	25 Jun 2016
Kollolini Kolkata	09 May 2016
Mandeville Garden	15 Sep 2022
Minto Park Majestic	
North Calcutta	08 Jun 1996
Portblair	15 Sep 1993
Purulia	30 Oct 2008
Salt Lake City	11 Sep 1982
Saltlake Down Town	27 Nov 1989
Salt Lake Mid Town	21 Feb 1992

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Salt Lake Uptown	03 Dec 2002
Serampore	15 Jan 1983
South Calcutta	02 Aug 1964
South West Calcutta	18 Jan 1962
Survey Park Stars	15 Jun 2022
Tilottama Dover Terrace	
Tollygunge Prantik	25 Jan 2012
NGB: IW Italy	01 Jul 1996
District 204	01 Jul 95
Alessandria	01 Jul 2007
Asti	18 Jan 1995
Bergamo	06 Apr 1982
Biella	18 May 1992
Biella Piazza	15 Dec 2016
Busto-Gallarate-Lignano-Ticino	06 Dec 1983
Ciriè-Valli di Lanzo	12 Jul 2012
Codogno	17 Apr 2000
Colico	05 May 2000
Como	24 Sep 1986
Cuornè e Canavese	18 May 1992
Erba Laghi	30 May 2017
Genova	06 Jun 1988
Genova Ovest	16 Nov 1995
Genova Sud Ovest	08 Jul 2003
Ivrea	07 Jan 2003
Lecco	10 Jun 1987
Merate-Vimercate-Brianza	14 Sep 1992
Milano	10 Apr 1981
Milano Castello	23 Jan 1986
Milano Est	26 Jan 2009
Milano Giardini	16 Jan 1992
Milan Liberty	28 Feb 2016
Milan S. Carlo Naviglio Grande	14 Feb 1994
Milano Sempione	05 Oct 1983
Milano Settimo	27 Jan 1999
Mondovì	28 Jan 2002
Monza	11 Nov 1986
Oltrepò	10 Jan 1988
Parma Est	05 Jun 1984
Pavia	08 May 1990
Piacenza	07 Jun 1991
Sanremo	21 Apr 2020
Santhià-Crescentino	17 Apr 2002
Torino	03 May 1984
Torino Castello	10 Feb 2010
Torino Europea	10 Jul 2003
Torino Nord Ovest	02 Apr 1985
Torino 45° Parallelo	10 Jun 1993
Treviglio e Adda	23 Nov 1988
Vallemosso	21 Mar 2014
Valsesia	04 Apr 1984
Varese e Verbano	20 Mar 1986
District 206	01 Jul 1995
Abano Terme-Montegrotto Terme	24 Apr 1999
Arzignano	15 Jun 1989
Bassano del Grappa	14 May 1990
Belluno	22 Mar 2004
Brescia	15 Apr 1982

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Brescia Nord	06 Feb 1993
Brescia Sud	05 Nov 1987
Casalmaggiore	01 Jul 1997
Cervignano-Palmanova	15 Apr 1989
Civiale del Friuli	01 Jul 1992
Conegliano- Vittorio Veneto	10 Apr 2003
Crema	19 May 1992
Cremona	01 Sep 1993
Cremona	01 Sep 1993
Gorizia European	24 Jul 1917
Legnago	22 Sep 1982
Mantova	18 Mar 1998
Marostica	17 Apr 2023
Mestre	29 Apr 2013
Mestre Fidelissima	09 Apr 2014
Padova	01 Jun 1982
Padova Sibilla de Cetto	30 May 2000
Padova Specola 4.0	04 May 2021
Peschiera e Garda Veronese	18 Oct 1984
Pordenone	03 Mar 1988
Rovereto	06 Aug 1997
Rovigo	12 Feb 2023
Salò e Desenzano del Garda	28 Jan 1998
Schio-Thiene	27 Nov 2007
Trento	11 May 1982
Trento Castello	19 Mar 2007
Treviso	12 May 1999
Trieste	03 Mar 1982
Udine	04 Feb 1991
Valtrompia	22 Jan 2002
Venezia	12 Apr 1996
Venezia-Mestre	06 May 2021
Verona	31 Jan 1984
Verona Bee Lab	15 Feb 2020
Vicenza	09 Dec 2003
Vicenza Nord Sandrigo	09 May 2018
District 208	01 Jul 1995
Albano Laziale-Alba Longa	22 Jan 2007
Cagliari	01 Jul 1977
Cagliari Poetto	11 Mar 2021
Cagliari Sud	03 May 2002
Formia-Gaeta	23 Sep 1991
Frosinone-Fiuggi	19 Jul 1991
Guidonia-Monte Celio	11 Apr 1991
Latina	18 Mar 1981
Ozieri	25 Oct 1988
Pomezia Lavinium	23 Nov 1988
Porto Torres	07 Oct 1992
Quartu S. Elena	09 Apr 1992
Roma	14 Apr 1982
Roma Castelli Romani	18 Apr 1982
Roma Castel Porziano	15 Jan 2022
Roma Eur	20 May 1992
Roma Nord	26 Mar 1993
Roma Romae	25 Jan 1994
Roma Tevere	22 Sep 1982
Roma Tevere Centre	12 Nov 1986
Sassari	21 Feb 1985
Sassari Castello	05 Feb 2007
Sassari Centro	16 Jan 2016
Viterbo	28 Mar 1992

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District 209	01 Jul 1995
Ancona-Riviera del Conero	12 Oct 1994
Arezzo	13 Apr 1992
Arezzo Toscana Europea	09 Mar 2015
Ascoli Piceno	23 May 1990
Assisi Bastia Umbra	25 Jun 2022
Atessa-Media Val di Sangro	11 Jan 2016
Bologna	18 Mar 2015
Camerino	14 Oct 1989
Chieti	16 Jun 1982
Città di Castelo	25 Mar 1992
Civitanova Marche	29 Sep 1998
Fabriano	16 Jun 1984
Fermo	24 Mar 1994
Firenze	20 Dec 1990
Firenze Iris	20 Nov 1997
Firenze Medicea	04 Dec 1996
Foligno	16 Jun 1998
Follonica	16 Jul 1996
Isernia	07 May 2007
L'Aquila	15 May 1991
Macerata	18 Jan 1988
Montegrano	29 Mar 2015
Ortona	11 Nov 2007
Perugia	28 Feb 2007
Pescara	13 Jan 1983
Pisa	20 Sep 1994
Pistoia-Montecatini Terme	01 Dec 1986
Pontedera	10 Jan 1996
Ravenna	18 Mar 2018
Riccione-Valconca 'Rosa dei Malatesta'	30 Oct 2017
Rimini e Riviera	24 May 1994
San Benedetto del Tronto 'Carolina Tomassini'	05 Oct 1983
San Lazzaro Savena-Idice	11 Feb 2021
Sansepolcro	10 Oct 2003
Siena	20 Nov 2004
Siena Fonte Gaia	21 Jul 2021
Spoleto	26 Feb 2015
Sulmona	04 Feb 1985
Terni	15 Dec 1979
Valsamoggia-Terre d'Acqua	01 Jun 2020
District 210	Feb 1981
Altamura	06 Apr 2016
Avellino	23 Apr 1993
Aversa	23 Jan 2022
Bari	01 Jan 1978
Bari Alto-Terra dei Peuceti	16 Apr 1999
Bari Levante	24 Apr 2003
Battipaglia	13 Nov 1980
Benevento	30 Apr 1981
Brindisi "Cristina Cordella"	26 Jun 1983
Brindisi Porta d'Oriente	03 May 2018
Capua Antica e Nova-Caserta	21 Jun 2010
Caserta Luigi Vanvitelli	22 Mar 2017
Caserta-Terra di Lavoro	23 Jan 1984
Castellammare di Stabia	31 Jan 1980
Cava de' Tirreni	02 Jun 2016
Cerignola	23 Apr 1998
Costiera Amalfitana	15 Jan 2011

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Fasano	01 Nov 2002
Foggia	17 Mar 1983
Franravilla Fontana-"Terre degli Imperiali"	29 Sep 2018
Hirpinia	08 Aug 2019
Isola di Capri	25 Jul 1992
Isola d' Ischia	10 May 1989
Lauria	23 May 2017
Lecce	02 Apr 1987
Manduria	25 Feb 1999
Matera	20 Feb 1991
Napoli Castel dell'Ovo	24 Nov 2010
Napoli Luisa Bruni	14 Jul 1974
Napoli Matilde Serao	20 Mar 2022
Napoli Ovest	21 Mar 1997
Napoli Reale	01 Jul 2021
Nocera Inferiore-Sarno	25 Mar 1987
Nola-Pomigliano D'Arco	23 Jan 1987
Paestum Città delle Rose	11 Oct 2012
Policoro e Terra di Siritide	10 Feb 2023
Pompeii-Oplonti-Vesuvius Est	04 Mar 1994
Potenza	13 Nov 1985
Salerno	11 Jan 1983
Salerno Est	30 Mar 1998
San Severo	20 Mar 2019
Senise Sinnia	23 Nov 2006
Sessa Aurunca	30 May 1986
Sorrento	23 Mar 1994
Torre del Greco and Comuni Vesuviani	01 Jul 1979
Trani	07 Jun 1983
Tricase-S. Maria Di Leuca	18 Jun 2016
Valle Caudina	01 Jul 1994
District 211	01 Jul 1995
Agrigento	20 Feb 2022
Amantea	17 Nov 2019
Augsburg	23 Mar 1987
Baharia	01 May 2014
Caltagirone	04 May 2021
Caltanissetta	22 Nov 1984
Castellammare del Golfo	22 Mar 2023
Catania	30 Oct 1981
Corigliano-Rossano-Sybaris	07 Feb 1985
Cosenza	22 Jun 1989
Crotone	01 Oct 1985
Gela	21 Jan 1998
Licata	14 Mar 1992
Messina	07 Feb 1984
Monti Iblei	28 Feb 2008
Nicotera	30 Nov 1993
Niscemi	05 Apr 2012
Noto Terra di Eoro	31 Mar 2012
Palermo	07 Aug 1981
Palermo Centro	10 Jul 2007
Palermo Igea	30 Jan 1992
Palermo Mondello	12 Mar 2012
Palermo Normanna	15 Feb 2015
Palermo Rosa dei Venti	14 Oct 2017
Palmi	12 Nov 2012
Paternò-Alto Simeto	27 Nov 1986
Piazza Armerina	27 Oct 1990

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Pozzallo Rosa Marina	23 Mar 2023
Qarinis	23 Aug 2021
Ragusa Centro	24 Apr 2014
Ragusa-Contea di Modica	05 Jan 1988
Reggio Calabria	21 May 1992
Sciacca Terme	15 May 2017
Sciacca	06 May 2020
Selinunte Cave di Cusa	29 Oct 2021
Siracusa	14 May 1986
Terrae Sinus	01 Apr 2017
Trapani	30 Apr 1982
Tropea	14 May 1995
Vittoria-Comiso	10 Mar 1984
NGB: IW Netherlands	
District 56	1990
Almelo	07 Apr 1978
Ambt Almelo	13 Nov 1993
Amersfoort	18 Mar 1983
Apeldoorn	01 Dec 1946
Arnhem	24 Feb 1949
Arnhem Geldria	01 Feb 2003
Arnhem Rijn-IJssel	26 Oct 1991
Barchem	05 Mar 1954
Barneveld	06 Apr 1991
Bodegraven	05 Oct 1984
Doorn	18 Nov 1971
Enschede	08 Mar 1969
Epe	04 Jun 1964
Harderwijk	01 Jul 1950
Nijkerk	21 May 1955
Oldenzaal	11 Nov 1983
Schoonhoven	28 Apr 1961
Veenendaal	21 Jun 1986
Vriezenveen	03 Apr 1973
Waddinxveen	28 Mar 1981
District 58	10 Mar 1949
Aalsmeer	08 Mar 1988
Alkmaar	01 Apr 1947
Almere-t Gooi	17 Nov 2012
Bolsward	21 Sep 1968
Den Helder	05 Jun 1993
Drachten	11 Nov 1977
Dronen	27 Oct 1990
Dronen Europea	11 May 2019
Groningen	12 Apr 1973
Groningen-Zuid	25 May 1991
Haarlem	12 Feb 1958
Hoogezand-Sappemeer	05 Mar 1994
Kampen	21 Feb 1957
Kennemerland	20 Jun 2015
Leeuwarden	03 Jun 1948
Leeuwarden-Zuid	26 Apr 1974
Lelystad	25 Mar 1995
Meppel	29 Oct 2022
Pekela	01 Nov 1972
Purmerend	26 May 1955
Staphorst-Reestland	06 Oct 2012
Zuid-Oost Drenthe	17 Jun 2000
Zwolle	20 Mar 1953
District 60	1976
De Betuwe/Culemborg	07 Sep 1991

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Delft	05 Apr 1960
Etten-Leur	22 Nov 1992
Goes de Bevelanden	18 Jun 1994
Goes-Reimerswaal	31 Mar 1979
Gorinchem	02 May 1975
Kinderdijk	07 Apr 1990
Nieuwerkerk aan den IJssel	12 May 1979
Nijmegen	06 Oct 1960
Paramaribo	02 Feb 1956
Roermond	18 Jun 1964
Schiedam	09 Jan 1951
Tilburg Triborch	22 Apr 1995
Veghel-Uden e.o.	25 May 2002
Venlo	18 May 1989
Vlaardingen	21 Sep 1984
Voorschoten-Leidschendam	21 Apr 1961
Walcheren	15 Sep 1989
Zeeuwsch-Vlaanderen	22 Apr 1989
NGB: IW New Zealand	14 Oct 1990
District NZ291	1989
Aotea	29 Mar 2008
Auckland East	21 Apr 1990
Fairfield	07 Oct 1989
Howick	02 Nov 1991
Matamata	25 Jul 1981
Mt Roskill	19 Mar 1983
Noumea Plaisance	Nov 1986
Orewa & Whangaparaoa	14 May 1994
Parahaki of Whangarei	14 Apr 1984
Shore City	14 Sep 2001
District NZ294	20 Jun 1981
Ahuriri	21 Mar 1981
Feilding	27 Oct 1979
Kapiti	03 May 1980
Manawatu Central Connection	13 Jun 2010
Napier	27 Nov 1936
New Plymouth North	01 Oct 1980
Palmerston North	17 Jun 1978
Plimmerton	24 Feb 1990
Tawa	13 Mar 1982
Upper Hutt	12 Feb 1983
Wairarapa	16 May 1993
Wellington	29 May 1982
District NZ297	12 Jun 1982
Ashburton	19 Nov 1976
Braided Rivers	Aug 2023
Christchurch West	Mar 1989
Marlborough	Mar 1973
Motueka	Oct 1984
Otautahi Canterbury	Mar 2008
Rangiora	Nov 2005
Riccarton	Feb 1971
District NZ298	1971
Balclutha	09 Sep 1974
Dunedin South	14 Oct 1971
Invercargill	Nov 1974
Invercargill East	29 Mar 1979
Invercargill North	13 Mar 1976
Invercargill South	16 Aug 1975
Oamaru	08 Jul 1971
Queenstown	27 May 1978

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Waimate	01 Sep 1974
NGB: IW Nigeria	May 1991
District 910	Jul 2019
Abuja Garnets	18 Feb 2020
Abuja	01 Nov 1984
Apo	18 Feb 2020
Bida	01 Nov 1990
Garki Rubys	01 Feb 2013
Garki	01 Nov 1990
Kure	01 Feb 2013
District 911	1 Jul 1984
Apapa	02 Feb 1982
Eko	28 Jan 2010
Falomo	25 Mar 1986
Festac Town	15 Oct 1983
Gbagada Ifako	07 Dec 2021
Gbagada South	28 Feb 2005
Gbagada	14 Feb 1985
Ijanikin	21 Oct 1990
Ijebu-Ode	02 Jul 1984
Ilupeju	01 Jul 1983
Lagos West	02 Aug 1984
Lagos	06 Jun 1967
Luth	08 Oct 2017
Odogbolu	06 Jun 2019
Onigbongbo	24 Oct 1983
Onipanu	13 Feb 2017
Satellite Town	05 Oct 1983
Yaba	18 Jan 1984
District 912	1985
Agege	01 Aug 1985
Akowonjo	19 Aug 1986
Akure	17 Jun 2020
Alausa	28 Jan 2010
Egbeda	06 Dec 2004
Gowon Estate	08 Jul 1998
Igbe	13 May 2013
Ijede	18 Feb 2020
Iju	26 Sep 1991
Ikeja Metro	26 Mar 2019
Ikeja South	14 Dec 1988
Ikorodu Metropolitan	02 Apr 2012
Isolo	15 Nov 1982
Matori	09 Nov 1985
Mushin	06 Apr 1988
New Omole	04 Mar 2016
Ogba	05 Aug 1983
Okota	01 Jul 1992
Olumo	13 May 2013
Opebi	15 Nov 1984
Oregun Metro	17 Jun 2020
Oregun	13 Jan 1986
Owu	09 May 2016
Shogunle	15 Oct 2015
District 913	Jul 1988
Ado-Ekiti Roses	17 Oct 2017
Ado-Ekiti	10 Jan 1986
Akure	1984
Bodija	01 Oct 1985
Ibadan Gems	01 May 2011
Ibadan	30 Nov 1983

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Idanre	01 Jul 2021
Ijapo	01 Jul 1985
Ikole-Ekiti	10 May 1986
Ilesa Pearls	18 May 2011
Ilesa	29 Nov 1985
Ilorin	07 Aug 1981
Ipetumodu	01 Jan 2014
Iyere-Owo	01 Jan 2014
Ode-Aye	03 Feb 2015
Oluyole	1984
Osogbo	1986
District 914	1988
Aba	1984
Abakaliki Central	04 Oct 2016
Abakaliki North	10 Sep 2019
Abakaliki South	02 Jul 2014
Abakaliki	01 Aug 1987
Awka	18 May 1995
Calabar	29 Oct 1983
Ekulu	01 Jul 1983
Eziukwu	23 Apr 1986
Ogborhill	10 Feb 1986
Okigwe	06 May 1986
Umuahia Central	07 Jul 1987
Umuahia	01 Jul 1983
Umungasi	26 Oct 1986
District 916	Nov 2020
Asaba	17 19 2019
Delta Radiance	2010
Effurun GRA	15 Oct 2015
Effurun	04 Jun 1988
Ekpan	09 Sep 2015
Osubi	09 Sep 2015
Warri Metropolitan	23 Oct 2016
NGB: IW Norway	1967
District 27	1969
Brattvaag	03 Oct 1990
Fauske	07 Sep 1996
Tromsoe	01 Jul 1963
Ulstein	04 Jun 1994
Volda	20 Feb 1988
Oersta	10 Oct 1956
District 28	1969
Egersund	08 Oct 1969
Haugesund	14 Apr 1947
Karmøy Vest	26 Sep 1987
Stavanger	23 Aug 1946
Stord	01 May 1961
District 29	1969
Arendal-Nedenes	14 Feb 1975
Farsund	06 Oct 1972
Gimsøy	12 Mar 1969
Grimstad	15 Oct 1973
Holmestrand	01 Jul 1960
Kragroe	07 Jun 1969
Larvik	01 Jul 1960
District 31	1968
Brumunddal-Moelv	09 Feb 1956
Follo	14 Jun 1985
Fredriksten	13 Sep 1980
Gimle-Majorstuen	20 Sep 1955

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Halden	28 Feb 1970
Hoenefoss	25 Nov 1961
Kloefta	10 Feb 1990
Kolsaas	12 Feb 1986
Kongsvinger	06 Mar 1956
Lillestroem	19 Oct 1956
Loerenskoeg	14 Mar 1969
Nordstrand	05 Mar 1962
Roeyken-Hurum	25 May 1973
Skoeyen	24 Oct 1988
Tune	11 Oct 1969
NGB: IW Philippines	1967
District 377	1986-1987
Alicia	04 May 1999
Balagtas	16 Aug 1983
Baliuag Jewels	28 Apr 2015
Bulacan Ambassadors	Dec 2023
Cabanatuan	1951
Ilagan Diamond	19 Jan 2015
Malolos	1949
Malolos North	01 Sep 2012
Marilao	01 Nov 1991
Marilao Charms	2018
Marilao Wonders	01 Mar 2023
Metro Cauayan	2019
Meycauayan	1976
Meycauayan East	08 Dec 1973
Meycauayan Uptown	11 Nov 1996
Roxas	03 Feb 2000
San Jose Del Monte	1997
San Jose Del Monte Tanglaw	Dec 2023
San Mateo	1998
Santiago	1997
Science City Of Munoz	22 Jan 2007
Sta Maria	1976
District 378	1987
Fairview	26 Oct 1981
Greater Novaliches	22 Dec 2022
Holy Spirit	24 Apr 2009
Holy Spirit New Generation	01 Jun 2009
Paraiso	1983
Quezon City	13 Aug 1960
Quezon City Diamonds	08 Oct 2020
San Francisco Del Monte	21 Sep 1972
Turquoise	08 Oct 2014
Vista Real Classica	16 Sep 2022
District 379	1984
Central San Fernando	27 Feb 2021
Central Pangasinan	02 Oct 2008
Dagupan	1945
Dagupan East	14 Oct 1985
Downtown Dagupan	02 Jun 1987
La Union South	26 Sep 2023
Malasiqui	30 Jul 1998
Mangatarem	16 Nov 2013
San Fernando La Union	1959
San Fernando La Union North	03 Feb 1978
Sta Barbara	12 Jun 2006
Sta Ignacia Tarlac	20 Jan 2021
Uptown Dagupan	06 Jul 2020
District 380	1967

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Antipolo Central	28 Apr 2015
Caloocan	14 Feb 1962
Central Monteverde	01 Sep 2019
Central Ortigas	11 Apr 2012
Global City	06 Feb 2013
Hilltop Gems	01 May 2022
Kalookan Central	17 Jan 1992
Marikina	25 May 1965
Marikina Central	08 Jul 2008
Marikina River Valley	20 Dec 2016
Metro Valenzuela	01 Feb 1997
Rizal Sunrise	16 Jan 2018
Valenzuela	25 Sep 1980
District 381	1995
Bacoor	07 Mar 2011
Chinatown Circle	10 Oct 2010
Hiyas Ng Silangan	2015
Manila	01 Mar 1949
Manila Bay Edsa	2014
Metro Premiere	28 Apr 2015
Metro South	15 Sep 2020
Mutya Ng Imus	05 Feb 2021
Pasay Edsa	23 May 2014
Silang	03 Jan 2012
Southern Gems New Generation	2021
Southern Stars Manila	16 Sep 2021
District 382	1967
Batangas West	03 Jun 1978
Cagsawa	6 Aug 2018
Chinatown	22 Dec 2003
Rosario Diamond	23 Mar 1998
District 383	2013
Central Makati	21 Aug 2018
Las Pinas & Environs	29 Aug 2014
Las Pinas Shining Diamonds	26 Sep 2023
Makati	28 Sep 1996
Makati East	28 Feb 2022
Makati North	15 Oct 1999
Makati San Antonio	11 Dec 2011
Muntinlupa Filinvest	24 Apr 2009
Paranaque	13 Oct 2013
Taguig	30 Aug 2020
District 385	1979
Davao City	03 Feb 1978
Davao Club	21 Jan 2022
Lanao Del Norte	19 Dec 2020
Marawi Rawatan	14 Aug 2022
Masterson Cagayan De Oro	25 Aug 2023
Paqadian	15 Mar 1979
Ranaw Circle Of Friends	07 Dec 2012
Uptown Cagayan De Oro	09 Jan 2007
Valencia	08 Dec 2009
West Cagayan De Oro	10 Mar 1977
Yllana Bay	01 Dec 2014
District 386	1967
Cebu Central	11 Jan 1989
Cebu Lapu Lapu	08 Jan 2021
Cebu Mother Club	1968
Cebu New Generation	02 Jun 2013

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Cebu South	09 Apr 1976
Cebu Toledo	28 Mar 2021
NGB: IW Sweden	1967
District 232	1969
Boden	Jun 1970
Piteå	Apr 1988
Skellefteå	Jul 1964
Sollefteå	Apr 1987
Sundsvall	Nov 1969
Umeå	Jul 1951
District 233	1969
Avesta	Jul 1967
Bollnäs-Edsbyn	Mar 1962
Borlänge-Tunabygden	Nov 1972
Falun	Jul 1964
Hudiksvall	Mar 1976
Ovansiljan	Feb 1973
Sandviken	Nov 1974
District 234	1969
Arboga	Dec 1970
Filipstad	Jul 1949
Haqfors	Jan 1986
Karlskoga-Degerfors	Jul 1960
Karlstad	Jan 1964
Kristinehamn	Aug 1962
Västerås-St Ilian	Feb 1960
Örebro	Feb 1962
District 235	1969
Enköping	Jul 1960
Eskilstuna-Fors	Nov 1974
Katrineholm	Jul 1961
Mariehamn	Mar 1970
Nyköping Öster	Sep 1971
Nyköping-Oxelösund	Sep 1959
Sigtuna-Arlanda	Apr 1994
Stockholm Ekerö	Sep 1987
Stockholm Västra	Jul 1967
Södertälje	Jul 1964
District 236	1969
Alingsås-Lerum-Värgårda	Mar 1976
Borås-Sjuhärad	May 1973
Göteborg Norra	Jul 1960
Göteborg Södra	Jul 1960
Kungsbacka	Feb 1973
Kungshamn-Lysekil-Munkedal	May 1990
Mark	Apr 1981
Strömstad-Tanum	Oct 1989
Trollhättan	Jul 1960
Uddevalla Skansen	Jul 1965
Vänersborg	Jul 1959
District 238	1969
Eksjö	May 1985
Gislaved	Sep 2002
Jönköping	Nov 1957
Jönköping-Bankeryd	Apr 1986
Jönköping-Huskvarna	Feb 1973
Lidköping	Nov 1959
Skövde	Dec 1966
Skövde S:ta Elin	Oct 1982
Verlanda	Sep 1962

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District 239	1969
Burlöv-Lomma	Sep 1980
Falsterbo-Vellinge	Jan 1980
Helsingborg	Oct 1959
Helsingborg Kärnan	Oct 1982
Höganäs	May 1984
Hörby	Oct 1965
Landskrona Citadell	Mar 1989
Lund	Jan 1962
District 240	1969
Alvesta	May 1976
Bromölla-Sölvesborg	Jan 1968
Halmstad-Tylösand	Apr 1974
Hässleholm	Nov 1957
Karlshamn	Oct 1957
Lessebo-Hovmantorp	May 1995
Ljungby	Apr 1964
Osby-Broby	Nov 1973
Älmhult	May 1979
District 241	1969
Linköping	Mar 1952
Norrköping Norra	Nov 1976
Nybro-Emmaboda	Nov 1969
Vadstena	Jul 1969
Vimmerby	Feb 1964
Västervik	Feb 1964
NGB: IW USA	01 Jul 1987
District 519	11 Sep 1970
Carmichael	Nov 1970
Citrus Heights	Nov 1985
East Sacramento	Nov 1984
El Cerrito	Mar 1986
Elk Grove	Jan 1986
Fair Oaks	May 1970
Kenosha	Feb 1983
Orangevale	Nov 1999
Redding East	Apr 1985
Tracy	Oct 1985
Walnut Creek	Apr 1991
District 517	1984
Alameda	Mar 1983
Cupertino	Jan 1985
Livermore	May 1996
Niles	Nov 1984
San Leandro	Jul 1984
Saratoga	Jan 1985
Flagstaff	Sep 1989
District 696	1976
Avon Park	Mar 1977
Dunedin	Aug 1974
Fort Myers	Aug 1984
Haines City	Mar 1977
Slidell	Jan 1989
St. Thomas	Oct 1978
District 767	1983
Newton Conover	Aug 1983
Statesville	1999
Stamford-Hobart	Jul 1951
Westchester	Apr 1982

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