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**HEAR NO EVIL - SEE NO EVIL - DO NO EVIL !**

## Words from the Editor

# OUT OF SIGHT - OUT OF MIND



Dear all,  
Communication is the keyword of today and new channels are rapidly being established. We are reading less printed information; newspapers, magazines, brochures etc. Most of the information is today spread via the Net.

International Inner Wheel has the channels we need for the new times - times that are here to stay.

Our website is the mutual channel. Here you can find all the things you are looking for worldwide. All official documents are published here as well as news from all over the world. Read and be impressed how much is done.

Facebook is another useful tool in our communication. It is based on reports from our Board Directors and National Representatives worldwide.

This Web Magazine is another example of our new communication channels. It is only available here.

There are no printed copies and thus no costs for printing and distribution. This issue is a test. More could follow.

But! Communication is based on information. To be able to spread information we need to get the information. So, please let us know what you are doing in your country! Activities, projects, rallies, meetings, visits, etc., etc. Out of sight - out of mind.

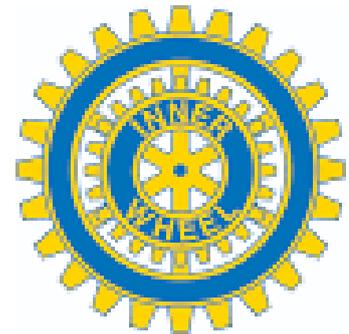
Show what we can do, and how fun we have together.

*Kerstin Jonson  
Editor/Media Manager 2019-2020*

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IIW VP Bina Vyas, IIW IPP Chris Kirby and IIW P Phyllis Charter in the square of Altrinham in connection with the Exec. Meeting in June.

# International Inner Wheel President Phyllis Charter

## TOGETHER WE CAN

**The Inner Wheel year has turned a full circle and we are at the beginning of Inner Wheel year 2019-2020 with a new Theme – “Together we can”.**

“Together we can” are three meaningful words and by working together within the 104 countries that Inner Wheel is represented, we can prove that Inner Wheel members can achieve their dreams and make a difference in this ever changing world whilst enjoying friendships with a real purpose.

### **Women can achieve**

Women are great leaders and, in Inner Wheel, together we can make the world a safer and better place for all to live. By working together anything can be achieved, whether it be disease awareness, poverty prevention, accessible education, safeguarding the environment, skills training, female hygiene provisions, or the many other situations where the improvement of the safety and wellbeing of women and their families are concerned.

### **IW in UN**

International Inner Wheel is also represented at the United Nations in New York, Geneva and Vienna by dedicated members attending and being involved in discussions relating to Women and Children, Sustainable Development, Narcotic Drugs, Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice, Ageing and Youth, amongst others.

### **True friendship**

St Francis of Assisi once said “Start by doing what is necessary, then

do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible”. Let us prove that 110,000 Inspirational and Innovative Women in Inner Wheel together can also achieve the impossible.

Our Objects are to promote true friendship – to encourage the ideals of personal service – to foster international understanding. These are words that we as members should relate to and use in our everyday lives to ensure that we serve our local and international communities.

### **We can do ...**

Let us be proud of our heritage and what our Founder Margarete Golding achieved for Inner Wheel in a few years. Now, nearly 100 years later, we also have to be innovative in our efforts to inspire other women to join Inner Wheel, so that together we can enjoy friendships and reach out to those who are getting left behind in this ever changing world.

The future of Inner Wheel is in all of our hands – we are its caretakers. Together we can nurture it – we can inspire it – we can love it - and give it new life for tomorrow. Let us invite all other “Inspirational Innovative Women” to join Inner Wheel so that, like St Francis of Assisi, we can do what is necessary, do what is possible and prove that together we can achieve even more of the impossible.

### **Creating footprints**

Let us reinforce how small the world is and how successful International Inner Wheel is by holding hands around the world, whilst creating footprints for others to follow.



International Inner Wheel  
110,000 Inspirational



## IIW Vice President Bina Vyas

# THE GLOBAL FORCE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The IIW Vice President is the Coordinator for the 16 Board Directors and the four United Nations Representatives. I have to look after the Non District Clubs in conjunction with the Board Directors and motivate them to make more new clubs and help form new Inner Wheel Districts. There are three UN centres: New York, Vienna and Geneva. Martine Gayon is our representative in New York, Ceja Gregor and Ulrike Nemling in Vienna and Karin Rivollet in Geneva. My role is to coordinate their work and to present their

reports to the IIW Exec. and Governing Body Meetings. Also attend one meeting at any UN Centre to see and interact about the various issues discussed in the UN.

### My future vision

1. My vision is to see Inner Wheel as the largest women's service organisation to empower women globally through significant projects related to education, health and financial independence.
2. To bring recognition to Inner Wheel as a global force for the bet-



terment and empowerment of women and children.  
3. To help spread and cultivate the inborn values of women like sharing, caring, giving and loving to achieve a peaceful world.

*Bina Vyas, India  
IIW Vice President 2019-2020*

## IIW Immediate Past President Chris Kirby

# OUR HISTORY WILL BE DOCUMENTED

My primary role this year is in support of President Phyllis, in my active participation as a member of the IIW Executive and in encouraging our members that Together we can.

### Membership in focus

A particular focus for my role is membership, both towards the retention of existing members as well as the attraction to Inner Wheel of like minded women, the Charter of Clubs and the development of Districts.

Any membership initiatives need to be carried out in accordance with the IIW guidelines and always in consultation with either



District or IIW to ensure equitable introduction to and participation of all members and Clubs.

Last year, as President of IIW, I proposed to the Executive that action should commence towards IIW's preparation for the centenary celebrations for Inner Wheel.

### A history book will be produced

We have now taken the first steps towards the production of a book that will outline the history of Inner Wheel from 1974 to 2023 and a number of members around the world have been invited to work with IIW to coordinate the collection of the necessary historical data for publication.

*Chris Kirby,  
IIW Im. Past president 2019-2020*

# FRUITFUL EUROPEAN MEETING



Meeting Organizer Margareta Momkvist and Antje Steinrötter. 40 participants from 17 countries gathered in Münster.



The 13th European Meeting was held in Münster, Germany, September 9-12. These meetings are organized for discussing mutual questions and to share experiences between the European countries.

Even if no formal decisions are taken the meetings are regarded as very useful. Friendship unites.

Around 40 national representatives and special invited delegates from 17 countries participated in

Münster, incl. IIW President Phyllis Charter.

The well-organized arrangements included sessions with lectures on important topics and study tours in the city.

## Thoughts from Board Member Francine Beij-Mos, Netherlands

### ARE WE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH?



It is beneficial to be able to participate during several years as Board Member in the management of the International Inner Wheel; due to the annual change of the presidency with her own interpretations it is necessary that there is some continuity so that a clear direction is maintained where you as an organization want to go. Are we flexible enough as an organization to accept ideas from the younger

generation and take steps to ensure IW's continuity for generations of women to come?

#### **New digital opportunities**

An organization with so many members worldwide and with so many different cultures simply requires a structure and that structure consists of regulations. But to remain viable as an organization, constant adjustments are necessary. Our digital world offers opportunities that our founders could not have been aware of. I find it interesting to participate in discussions and to shape the insights that have changed.

#### **Daily contacts**

This year, in preparation for the full board meeting in October, we were presented with a number of international IW issues. In this way I am

almost in daily contact with the Board Members from Pakistan, Australia and Switzerland.

#### **Local connections important**

The contacts with my club and with my district are excellent but it is a disadvantage that as a board director you are deemed to be "not involved in Inner Wheel matters in your own country and remain impartial in local matters". I think I am well able to separate tasks. Clubs worldwide that are not connected through a district are distributed among the 16 board directors.

The best part of my job is making contact and maintaining contact with clubs that have been assigned to me.

*Francine Beij - Mos  
Board Member IIW 2018-2020*

Report from our UN representative

## MARTINE ON SITE IN NEW YORK



*IIW President Phyllis visiting our UN representative Martine Gayon in New York.*

**Being the United Nations representative at the UN Headquarters in New York since 2013 has really changed my life....I learnt so much about the conditions of life of women and girls around the world that it made me want to do more to promote gender equality and empower women...**

I feel so proud and privileged to represent International Inner Wheel and to participate in international conferences and work sessions.

### **Over 5 500 NGO's**

We are over 5 500 NGO's (Non Governmental Organisation) listed in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

This means that, on behalf of IIW, I can participate in sessions of the functional commission of ECOSOC, such as the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the

Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Working Group on Ageing.

### **Women for women**

Since we are an organization of women for women, I focus on women and girls. This is the best way

to get all the figures and statistics and to learn about the progress being made in the fields of education, health care, disabilities, and conditions of life of women and girls all over the world.

### **Status of Women in New York**

I also belong to the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York : members are representatives of organizations that actively participate at UN events in New York and work closely with UN Women.

### **Seated on the floor**

Attending the conferences in New York is like running a marathon. The worst part is to go through security in the morning with over 6 000 other delegates trying to get access to the UN Headquarters at the same time in the morning... and then to find a seat in crowded rooms where you end up seated on the floor! But I learn so much to report to our International Vice President that it is well worth the effort.

*Martine Gayon*



*Our UN representative Martine Gayon was attending the General Assembly in New York at the opening of the "Commission of Satus of Women" in March 2018.*

## Report from our UN representative

# CEJA TAKES ACTIVE PART IN VIENNA

**Vienna is one of the four headquarters of the United Nations, along with New York, Geneva and Nairobi.**

The Vienna International Centre, commonly known in Austria as "UNO City", was opened in 1979 and is leased for a symbolic annual rental sum of one Austrian schilling (equivalent to seven euro cents) to the United Nations for 99 years.

### **We are well represented**

Around 5 000 employees from more than 125 countries work for the organizations based in Vienna.

In Vienna IIW is represented in the Committees on "Ageing", "The Status of Women", "Sustainable Development", "Narcotic Drugs" and "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

### **Important statements**

The work of these NGO Committees is mainly to collect information from civil society and to define an ideal status of matters in their respective area of work. The Committees meet frequently and may maintain working groups. When needed, the Committee prepares "Statements", which are then presented to their corresponding Commission for further action.



*Ceja is an experienced UN-representative. She has been active within Inner Wheel for more than 25 years and has served as club President in several rounds. She has been our UN-representative in Vienna since 1998.*

These "Statements" include positions, suggestions or requests with regard to the impact of economical and social developments on the represented groups of society. Prior to the submission these "Statements" are sent to the member NGO's i.e. to IIW for review and approval.

### **Ratified by member states**

Eventually these "Statements" may be adopted by ECOSOC as Recommendations or Draft Conventions and then be part of or even become Resolutions of the General Assembly. It should be noted that in order to be effective these resolutions have to be ratified by Parliaments of the member states.

### **Indispensible committees**

In addition to "grass root level" work in the genesis of Resolutions, the Committees may also lobby for the ratification, watch the proper execution and report back to the Commission in New York and Vienna. They are indispensable in the bi-directional flow of information.

*Ceja Gregor-Hu*

# REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MEETINGS



The 4th Executive meeting 2018-2019 in the office in Altrincham. Observer Liz Thomas, Constitution Chairman Corinne Delleur, Editor/MM Sandra Neretjakovic, Treasurer Azhagu Annamalai, President Christine Kirby, vice President Phyllis Charter and Observer Bina Vyas. Absent Imm. Past President Kapila Gupta. Behind the desk admin. Elaine Hathaway.

## 4th Executive meeting 2018-2019

At the end of June this year there was a "shift change" of International Inner Wheel's Executives. Change of chain and thanks to outgoing members took place June 24-25 in connection with the 4th and last Executive Meeting for the year of 2018-2019. Many reports were given at the meeting, including member statistics. Five recommendations for a Margarett Golding Award were approved.



Chris Kirby passing the President chain to Phyllis Charter.



Phyllis welcoming Bina Vyas as the new vice President.



Chris Kirby thanking Azhagu Annamalai for her three years as the IYW Treasurer.

## Happy New IIW-Year!

The day after, the new Executive Committee got together for its first meeting. The new president Phyllis Charter welcomed the executive committee members for 2019-2020: Bina Vyas (VP), Chris Kirby Imm. PP) Liz Thomas (Treasure), Corinne Daller (Constitution Chairman) and Alan Phillips, Administrator. In attendance (part meeting) was also Kerstin Jonson, the new Editor/Media Manager. It was decided that Kerstin should produce a special news Magazine only to be published on the website. (i.e. no printing or distribution costs). This Magazine is a test edition. Evaluation will follow.

Both executive meetings were held in the HQ-office in Altrincham outside Manchester. Minutes from the meetings are distributed to all districts and clubs.



Editor/ Media Manager Kerstin Jonson gets her brooch from Phyllis.



Phyllis with Liz Thomas, the new IYW Treasurer.



Phyllis and Corinne Daller, Constitution Chairman.

Board Director Margareta Wesslau, Sweden

## HOW TO AVOID DISBANDMENT OF CLUBS



A small committee was formed and I presented a project draft at European Meeting in Stavanger 2018. The strategy has during this year been developed and has been presented at the European Meeting in Münster 2019, where it was met with interest and appreciation and generated a vivid discussion.

### Losing too many clubs

The strategy builds on the fact that we in Northern Europe and Great Britain have lost far too many clubs due to disbandment over the past 20 years. Even the so-called “new” IW countries elsewhere in Europe with clubs more than 15 years old have difficulties. To give an idea of the magnitude of the problem it is useful to know that there are countries that have lost more than 60% of their members in the last 20 years due to clubs disbanding.

Clubs that disband are bad publicity for Inner Wheel, it gives a negative image making it difficult to find new members and it is demoralizing for remaining members. It affects the economy of district and national councils and makes it more expensive for remaining members. Lost clubs also means that Europe

**Disbandment – a growing problem for Inner Wheel in Europe. As the European Meeting is a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences, Sweden turned to the other participating countries at the European Meeting in Aarhus 2017 asking them for a co-operation for finding a useful strategy to avoid disbandment.**

loses influence internationally and this concerns everybody.

### No lack of members

Why do clubs disband or have problems finding members who are able/prepared to sit in the club Executive Committee (EC). In most cases there is not a lack of members but a lack of EC members. When a club has difficulties finding EC members it often does not ask for help until too late because they have no special person on district level to turn to. When the news that a club is considering disbandment reaches outside the club this idea has been rooted and accepted by too many members. The district official has not been aware of the first signals of



distress, she has had no well worked out strategy to use, so consequently the response from the district has been too unorganized and too late to be of any use.

How do we change this situation? We need to focus on finding members to a new Executive Committee because that is the basis to keep the club going. We need to

be a step ahead and identify possible EC members early in the process and we need to reinforce the unit of persons responsible for nominating names for elections.

### We need election committees

In “Strategy to find Members to Executive Councils and Committees to avoid Disbandment” the fundamentals are

**1)** to elect an Election Committee consisting of three former club presidents in the club and include the names in the minutes from the meeting. This is for members to know whom to give suggestions to and for election committee to be aware of their responsibility.

**2)** to reinforce the election committee with a committee of liaison officers consisting of three former district presidents, who divide the district’s clubs in between themselves and support “their” clubs as a liaison officer and as a member of the election committee of the club.

**3)** The job finding names to nominate starts early in the autumn.

This strategy applies to clubs as well as districts with difficulties to nominate names to Executive Councils. Districts also elect an extension committee consisting of three former district officers and the names are included in the minutes of the meeting and their work starts early in the autumn.

*Margareta Wesslau, Stockholm Västra IWC, Sweden. Board Director 2019-2020.*

# WE HAVE A QUEUE FOR MEMBERSHIP

After a few years of negative membership development, Eksjö IWC in Sweden has succeeded in reversing the trend. For some time now, the club has a queue of prospective members. Eksjö has 66 members today. Of these, about 48 usually attend meetings.

The club was chartered in 1985. The meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month. The successful development is the result of a project run jointly by all club members. Birgitta Henning and Stine Krabbe-Svensson (see pictures) describe the successful project here:



Eksjö, a town situated in the southern part of Sweden, has about 18 000 inhabitants. The old town has more than 50 listed wooden buildings.

The intention of the club is that all members should experience (in translation) **PCT**

Participation **P**  
Commitment **C**  
Trust **T**

How do we get there?

We think it can be reached through:

## Participation

The member can take part in the work but not as an officer, to experience participation e.g. be part of a group working with programmes, welcoming members at club meetings or joining the Christmas committee. To have a task makes it easier for the club to recruit people as officials in the future.

The club has a sponsor system so you can always turn to someone with questions.

## Commitment

Commitment requires knowledge about the club and its organisation. We have meetings for new members. We invite members who have joined during the last few years to a meeting with some from the committee who talk about the organisation and the help projects. After that the new members introduce themselves. Sitting in a group

on their own without officers the new members talk about their expectations and put forward ideas. They present this afterwards to the committee.

## Trust

It is important to provide time for deeper talks at meetings. The members are randomly seated. Preferably a maximum of four at each table when we have discussions. We have experienced that it is difficult to discuss matters when there are six people at a table.

The place of meeting. The room should be adapted. We often meet at a café in town. Usually there are no other guests there. Good acoustics is very important to be able to hear each other.

There is a lot to be documented but we try to make as little as possible. We make templates for the monthly letter and for the minutes so everybody feels comfortable and you do not need to be an author to report from meetings.

## Recruitment

Members bring someone who seems interested. She can come as a guest twice and after that she decides if she wants to join. The member who brought her will then be her mentor.

We have recruited many. During the past three years we have enlisted 20 new members. We are 66 members and about 48 people come to our meetings.

## Help projects

Besides our international and national help projects we have our own project. We give money on a regular basis to girls' upper secondary school education in Nalala, Kenya. Some of the schools in the municipality are also involved in the project.

Text  
Stine Krabbe-Svensson and  
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Past National Repr.



Statistical member figures for 2018-2019

## CONTINUED EXPANSION IN INDIA

Inner Wheel is growing worldwide. According to the reports to HQ last May there were more members in more clubs than a year before. The largest increase was in India. Other countries showed a mixed picture. In May 2019 we were 108 696 members in 4 035

clubs in 104 countries. India is still in the lead. Now almost 50 000 members in 1 350 clubs. Then comes GB&I, followed by Germany, Italy, Sweden, France, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Belgium& Luxemburg.

## HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

Inner Wheel of Secunderabad, D 315, took up a project related to Health and Family Welfare, and provided a solar water heater at Seva Bharti, Gandhi Hospital, which was inaugurated by our Association President, Mamta Gupta.

The purpose of solar water heater is to provide running hot water in winters for the patients, their attendants and general public.



## SAVE THE DATE JAIPUR 3-6 MARCH 2021



The IIW Convention 2021 is being arranged in Jaipur, India, 3-6 March 2021. It will be organized in the world class "Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre", located 15 minutes away from Jaipur International Airport.

The Pink City of India, Jaipur, is known for its vibrancy, with booming markets, food joints, religious places, malls, multiplexes, night life; basically, you name it and the place has it all. The City also takes the pride of being perhaps the first ever planned city of India. It is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites –the Jantar Mantar and the Amer Fort. It is a popular tourist destination in India and forms

a part of the west Golden Triangle tourist circuit along with Delhi and Agra (240 km/149 mi).

Early bird registration opens in February 2020. But start your planning now!



## 2018-2021 International Social Project "Caring for Women and Girls"

### MANY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

#### AN ADOPTED VILLAGE

In India IWC Kanpur West has adopted a village, Shivdeenpur-wa, Block Kalyanpur. Many fine projects have been inaugurated by PIIWP Abha Gupta:

- Renovation of a Health Centre
- Renovation of an Inner Wheel Multi Purpose Community Hall.
- Building of an Inner Wheel School - Establishing of the skill development centre 'Abhar'.
- Distribution of 20 bicycles to needy girls.
- Repairing of a road keeping in view the water logging.
- Planting trees to save the environment
- Branding Inner Wheel by placing hoardings around the village and distributing T-shirts with the Inner Wheel logo printed.



#### A FINE MESSAGE



Khamgaon IWC tagged banners of Mission Mamta - Orphan free India to Autorickshaws highlighting message that every child needs family. This rickshaws will spread message for adoption throughout Khamgaon city.

#### BLOOD DONATION CAMP



A Blood Donation Camp – "Only For Women" was organized by IW District 301, India, at the hospital. The unique feature of this camp was that blood was donated only by women folks.

Apart from the number of women present, Members of District Executive Committee also donated their blood. Except for blood donation, health check up for thyroid, calcium and nervous system was also done. During this time, a gynaecologist also emphasized on the need to regular check and monitor the blood sugar, thyroid and cervical related problems.

#### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY IN NIGERIA

To commemorate the International friendship day, The District Chairman IWM Adejumoke Odulaja and members of **District 911** Nigeria visited the Lagos State Old Peoples' Home Yaba to share fellowship with the residents of the home.

Members took turns to sing and dance with the residents and PNR Bimbo Sowande gave a talk on aging gracefully. During the visit, cooked & raw food items and toiletries worth N230, 000 (£500) were donated to the home for the use of the residents.



District Chairman Adejumoke Odulaja and her executives pose for photographs as they present the food items to the old people's home.

# The first European Rally in Rotterdam a success

## 400 MEMBERS MOVED TO CONNECT



The first European Rally for all IW-members was organized by Inner Wheel Nederland in Rotterdam September 13-15. The theme was "Move to Connect". It was a success! Almost 400 members (and some partners) from all over Europe came to Rotterdam a sunny weekend in September.

The intensive and informative program started Friday night with a spectacular dinner cruise on the radar boat The Majesteit. On Saturday there was an interesting symposium around the theme "Move to Connect" and the future of Inner Wheel.



*On stage at the symposium, from left: Charlotte De Vos, PIWIP, "Benefits of a European IW Platform". Marjan Ruiter, chairman of the day. Marian Tellegen, welcome speech. Halleh Ghorashi, "Can we avoid homogeneous zones?" Jeanne Martens, "Benefits of networking". Inserted photo: Sophie in 't Veld, "Is there a European ID?"*



Several interesting sightseeing tours in and around the city were offered as well. A formal dinner at the Laurenskerk ended the day.

On Sunday the participants enjoyed a sightseeing tram tour along the hot spots in Rotterdam.

At that time all had met old and new friends, connected with the dynamic city of Rotterdam and enhanced mutual understanding.

The next European Rally will take place in Berlin in September 2022.

## THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER ...



### BRIDGING THE BALTIC SEA

The 5th "Bridging the Baltic Sea" meeting took place in Vilnius, Lithuania at the end of May. Around 100 members from Denmark, Germany,

Sweden and Lithuania participated. The interesting program included sightseeing and an entertaining dinner with a speech about our threatened environment.

### HONK! HONK!

You know what happened today because of the sticker logo "Together we can" I have in my car. Our International President and our Association President were in Jaipur. They were in their cartaxi and were in the same route I was going. After seeing the logo in my car they horned from back, stopped the car waving me with a big, big smiles. So the idea of branding Inner Wheel was fruitful today.

*/Swarn Modi*

## PAST IS NOT PAST



**Past is not Past - Past means experienced.** 22 Past Board Directors

have met in a successful reunion in Graz, Austria in July.



**Two presidents.** Phyllis and GB&I Association President Enid Law.

## ODE TO PHYLLIS

**Members from my club, Newent & District, and the cake they presented to me as well as a lovely rose bush. One of the joint President's, Gill had written the Ode.**

*/Phyllis.*

Some of us are born to lead  
And others born to follow,  
But very few can do them both,  
And cause no stress or sorrow.  
It seems however we are blessed  
With such a lady here  
Firm but kind, she speaks her mind  
A listener and our guide  
If you need her help she's there for you  
A woman of our time  
Intelligent, bright, not afraid to fight  
A lady in her prime.  
We're proud of you Phyllis, so honest  
and true  
We all adore you, the world will too.  
So ladies please give a big hand,  
To our friend Phyllis Charter  
TOGETHER WE CAN.  
Our International Inner Wheel President



**Indian meeting.** During her visit to India Phyllis met ISO Urvashi Mittal.

# TWO NEW CLUBS CHARTERED BY CHARTER

## IWC VIGO IN SPAIN



**IIW President Phyllis Charter had the honour to charter the new Inner Wheel Club of Vigo in Spain. Founder President Karen Laustsen to the right.**



**IW Club of Andorra sponsoring the new IW Club of Vigo.**



*Left to right - IWC Vigo Vice President, Mayor of Vigo Assistant, Phyllis and IWC Vigo Founder President Karen Laustsen celebrating the new Spanish club.*

**A solid friend in Vigo. It is probably an IW Magazine he is reading.**



## IWC SPLIT PALMINA IN CROATIA

### The Inner Wheel Club of Split Palmina celebrated their Charter evening in September.

IIW President Phyllis Charter participated together with District Chairman Maja Miskulin, District Officers, Club Presidents and Officers, National Representative Diana Percac and Deputy NR, Rotarians and Rotract Chairman.

A member who is a classical/ opera singer and delighted all participants with her singing during the evening.

The 13 members are very active and have already held a charity concert in conjunction with the autism society.



*Maja Medic, the President of the new IW Club of Split Palmina, together with the IIW President..*



*Phyllis with the Presidents of the IW Clubs of Split Palmina, Split and Sibenik.*

# 50 MEMBERS AT THE US CONFERENCE

IW USA has held a Conference in San Antonio, Texas, with members from across the USA attending – the clubs are mainly on the east and west coasts. Nearly 50 members attended plus husbands/

partners and IIW President Phyllis Charter. During the dinner Suzanne Robinson was awarded the Margarete Golding Award.

## AN MGA RECIPIENT



IW USA President Gill Broadaway, Suzanne Robinson with the MGA Diploma and Phyllis Charter.

## TOGETHER IN SAN ANTONIO



Phyllis Charter, Gill Broadaway, Margie Jones IPP and Christine Becker Past Chairman of the IW USA Foundation.

## POSITIVE INSPIRE OF ALL



**Representatives from the Hangar Foundation were also present during the US conference. Phyllis had the honor of meeting Pedro Pimento who contracted meningitis at the age of 18 and was not expected to live.**

Following the amputation of his four limbs he was in a wheelchair for life.

But with determination and support he was supplied with four artificial limbs and eventually he learnt to walk and look after himself full time.

He is now employed by the Hangar Foundation – specialist in artificial limbs. He can do everything except swim. A very positive boy.



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report what you are doing!**