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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Words from the Editor

WHAT A WONDERFUL NETWORK



Many thanks for all your great contributions to Facebook and the Web Magazine that I receive daily. The reports are posted continuously on Facebook. Some are also here.

However, the space in the magazine is limited, everything cannot fit and some text must unfortunately be shortened.

Together, this exhibits an impressive activity all over the world. Together, we make a difference. Through a great community engagement where our projects help and support vulnerable families, women and girls and promote a better environment.

We meet and have fun together. It is also very important. All this can be read about in this issue of the Web Magazine.

The magazine was a test pro-

ject this fall. Based on the positive reactions from the first edition, the publishing continues. The next edition is coming this spring.

So keep mailing contributions! First, they are posted on Facebook. And don't forget photos. Out of sight – out of mind.

Season's Greetings

Kerstin Jonson
IIW Editor Media Manager



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FRONT PAGE

IIW President Phyllis Charter celebrating Inner Wheel with style in Gunter, District 315, India.



Season's Greetings

This is the time of year when 110,000 Innovative and Inspirational Inner Wheel Members from 104 Countries join together with their families to celebrate according to their faith and culture.

May the joy of this festive season bring you peace and the opportunity to renew your energies, so that "Together we can" continue to help the dreams and aspirations of others to come true.

May our friendship join us around the world.

*Merry Christmas
from our family to yours*

Phyllis

Phyllis Charter, President –
International Inner Wheel 2019-20



REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

The second Executive Meeting was held at the HQ office in Altrincham 30th September -1st October. Participants were President Phyllis Charter, vice President Bina Vyas, Imm. past President Christine Kirby, Treasurer Elizabeth Thomas, Constitutional Chairman Corinne Dalleur and Administrator (in attendance) Alan Philips. The members reported from their activities. Editor/Media Manager Kerstin Jonson (not attending) gave a written report.

There were several important

items on the agenda, eg. the budget 2021, incl. an increase of the member fee, name changes, new districts, country issues and the Margarett Golding Awards. Six of seven nominations were approved. There were also many interesting proposals for 2021 Convention.

The Governing Body Meeting took place the following three days. In her welcoming speech President Phyllis Charter said:

- Let us be positive about the future of Inner Wheel - the word "ne-

gative" is not in my vocabulary. Together we can achieve so much more if we work as a Team and help each other.

- Together we can ensure that Inner Wheel remains the world's leading Women's Service Voluntary Organisation, so let us make the most of our time together here, at the Governing Body Meeting, whilst getting to know the Executive, your fellow Board Directors and how our head office works.

CREATIVE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AT GBM

Part of the GBM took the form of group work. The 16 participants had been divided into four groups well in advance of the meeting with the following topics and issues to discuss and prepare.

-Electronic Voting, Rotation of nominees for BDs from each zone.

- Less BDs - more governing body meetings? Canvassing.

- Membership growth, E-clubs, E-meetings.

- New generation clubs. Divide world into four possible zones with rotation of nominees for President.

The intention was not that the discussions would lead to decisions



during this meeting, but rather as a basis for future actions and decisions.

Several good ideas and points of view emerged during the meeting. There were very good discussions and truly brainstorming, several participants report.

When Canvassing was discussed a proposal to extend the "silent period" on Facebook and similar media for IWW's nominees from the time of nomination (now it is from January 15). It was also debated whether it would be good to have fewer BDs that met more often. However, it was concluded that there should be 16 members in the future as there are many countries and regions that

should be represented on the Board.

The members all agreed that IW should move forward by using the new modern technologies and give it a possibility for further extension through E-clubs.

This is an E-club

The E-Club is an online club which meetings are held periodically by webcast. There might or might not be social meetings in person.

E-club is absolutely the same as all other "normal" clubs in IW. The only one difference is the meeting point.

Many advantages

1. Suitable for young women:

- in big cities, where the distances between different areas of living might be many kilometres;

- actively working women who share a passion for both community service and friendship, but have no time to attend to regular meetings in day time (but can par-





ticipate in an E-meeting at 22:00;
 - women with small children, who want to have a social life and and participate in in differen community projects;
 - women of different cities or even different countries may form an E-club – real international IWC



(can be used successfully in Universities - a new area for extension of IW).

2. Easy to organize the meetings – web based plaform for video conferencing and messaging across any device (PC, I-Pad, mobiles on Android etc.);
 - Members can join anywhere, on

any device. Meetings sync with each calendar system (Outlook, Gmail, or iCal) and deliver stream-lined enterprise-grade video conferencing from desktop and mobile;

- HD video and audio - meetings for up to 1000 video participants and 49 videos on screen;
 - Meetings are secured - encryption for all meetings, role-based user security, password protection, waiting rooms, and place attendee on hold;
 - Recording and transcripts –recording the meetings locally or to the cloud, with searchable transcripts.

3. Extremely flexible time point for the meetings, suitable for all participants (00:00 - 23:59)

4. No costs for the meetings or very low costs. (Some platforms give access for 1 host and up to 100 participants for 40 min for free)

5. Easy to invite guests from all parts of the world to participate, even the IIW President may participate in such meeting.

But disadvantages too

1. Difficulties in participating personally in events for fund raising if they are not web based.

2. The club has to create and sustain an interactive web site (for gaining members, explaining projects, bank account for fund raising, advertisement of the web page to reach as many people as possible etc.) It will change significantly the position of Club editor or Media manager.

3. And last but not least: Can friendship be sustained on web based meetings only?



Test in February

One group created a virtual E-club, using the ZOOM platform, to learn how it works. The BD meeting offered to all participants to create a meeting on that platform, to demonstrate that it is something easy and that it is working. The experiment was more than successful. A decision was taken to have a real BD meeting on ZOOM in February.

Photo Sandra Neretjakovic

Thoughts from Board Director Zenaida Farcon, Philippines

FORMATION OF INNER WHEEL YOUTH CLUBS ?

Inner Wheel was founded 95 years ago and it continues to do amazing service projects in communities around the world. My home club is 53 years old and I am proud to say that it is still very active in improving the lives of the marginalized in our

country while promoting true friendship among its members. But many clubs are facing a membership crisis. I suggest formation of IW Youth Clubs to stop this negative development.

When I was in UK last October to attend the IIW Board meeting, I was among those who visited the Inner Wheel Club of Altrincham during their club meeting. I was inspired to learn that it is an 89-year old club with very active and involved Senior Members. The reality is this, just like my club and the IW Club of Altrincham, there are so many clubs all over the world which will be facing a demographic crisis in the years to come, if they have not experienced one now.

Catch them early

Many clubs have already responded to this forthcoming membership crisis by recruiting new generation members. They have brought to our clubs the young adults who were either their daughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and many more. Bringing in these young members have lowered the average age of the members of the club and will definitely ensure the survival and most importantly, the future of the club.

Formation of IW Youth Clubs?

Aside from engaging members coming from the new generation, I believe we should start to catch them early by creating awareness about the Inner Wheel Club while the prospective young members are still in their high school or college years. Thus, I proposed during the Board Meeting last October 2019 for the formation of the Inner Wheel Youth Clubs all over the world. The Inner Wheel Youth Or-

ganization, sponsored by the Inner Wheel Clubs, will be composed of young girls from 13 to 18 years old. The Inner Wheel Youth Club can either be school or community based. Just like the Inner Wheel Club, the IW Youth Club will be composed of a minimum of 10 girls.



Zenaida Y. Farcon, Zeny, as she is fondly called by her family and friends, has been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Marikina, District 380, Philippines for 31 years now.

There will be no capitation fee for individual members but the sponsoring club can remit a one-time registration fee of the IW Youth Club to cover administration costs. In this way, we can broaden our recruitment base of prospective new members by including former IW Youth Club members. In the same manner, connecting with the youth will allow our Inner Wheel Clubs to extend their services to the future leaders of our community and our organization. These young girls will

certainly bring fresh ideas and renewed energy to the club.

An extended family member

The Youth Club will be like an extended family of the Sponsoring IW Club where the latter will:

- create awareness about our service mission to these young girls
- invest time with the youth club
- organize leadership programs for them
- invite them to join our service projects during non-school days so they can be exposed to doing good for the community-inspire them always so they can cross over to our Inner Wheel Clubs as regular members when they reach over 18 years old and once they are gainfully employed.

Problems but clear advantages

There are perceived disadvantages or potential problems if we take this bold step of embracing the young girls to be part of our organization as Inner Wheel Youth Club. However, the clear advantages to our organization and our inherent desire to be of help to young girls will outweigh all of these disadvantages. Once the seed of Inner Wheel leadership is planted in them, commitment to action follows.

Let us always strive to thrive in order to survive!

*Zenaida Y. Farcon
IIW Board Director, 2019-2020*

Report from Board Member Christina King, New Zealand

"LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER" NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT IN NZ

Inner Wheel New Zealand, is delighted to be supporting the work of Look Good Feel Better NZ as our National Service Project through fundraising and volunteer activity to support any person with any cancer to face cancer with confidence.



Inner Wheel members have been helping the charity by donating time, volunteering and fundraising to help their local Feel Better communities.

There are many ways these ladies have helped from washing the volunteer's aprons, providing morning teas at classes and being hands on Feel Better Class volunteers. They have undertaken a huge range of events including hosting a Health Expo, held fundraising

morning and afternoon teas. Their generosity of time is something the charity truly cherishes.

The Inner Wheel Club of Noumea Plaisance enjoyed a busy October with a wide range of activities including a garage sale, participating in a charity fun run for women's cancer, learning about precious stones and assisting a man needing a gas cooker.

Noumea Plaisance is part of District NZ 291 in the North Island of New Zealand and has 18 active members. Once a year the District



Chairman visits Noumea and Chantal Marconi attended the New Zealand conference in Auckland.

The club was chartered in 1983 and they meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30 in

*Christina King
International Board Director 2019-*



SAVE THE DATE JAIPUR 3-6 MARCH

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.

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

Recipients of the Margarett Golding Award

MAVIS - A "CAN DO" PERSON

After having to give up her job to care for her terminally ill father in law, Mavis experienced first-hand the difficulty caring for a loved one and bringing up a young family. After his death Mavis and husband became heavily involved with setting up St Andrew's Hospice Grimsby. The hospice originally opened in 1980 as a day centre for the terminally ill.

Mavis and her family went every weekend to support the nursing staff and Mavis, along with three other volunteers, prepared and cooked meals. Her involvement increased with the opening of Andy's Children's Hospice in 2001.

Mavis inspired her young children, instilling in them a caring and supportive nature to such an extent that her daughter is now Executive Manager of the whole of the St Andrew's Hospice complex. Mavis has



The awarding of the Margarett Golding Award to Mavis Silley, Brigg Club D127, GB&I. Mavis, who is a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Brigg D127, was presented with her Margarett Golding Award at a club meeting by District Chair Pat Alston, APP Ann Acaster and Brigg President Susan Smith.

now been an active voluntary worker, supporter and fundraiser of the hospice for nearly 40 years along with being involved with other projects within the various local communities she has lived in. She has made it possible for the young, the elderly and the lonely to belong

and have worth. Although small in stature Mavis is a force to be reckoned with. There is no such word in Mavis' vocabulary as 'can't.' Mavis is a 'can do' person who encourages others to become 'can do' people too.

ROSEMARY NEVER GIVES UP



President of Inner Wheel Tettenhall with Rosemary Cox.

When Rosemary Cox's son Peter was dying of a brain tumour in 1989 at the age of 24, he gave strict instructions that his organs should be donated. Determined to carry out his wishes, Rosemary and her late husband were shocked to find that there was no centralised register of potential donors in England and that carrying out his wishes was really very difficult.

There began a passionate and ultimately successful campaign to establish a National Organ Donor Register. It involved lobbying politicians, securing support from the national media and dogged determination. The result is a Register which has saved 18,000 lives since

its launch in 1994 and today has more than a million people on its database.

Since 1994, Rosemary has continued to fight for what she always wanted – Presumed Consent - an "opt out" as opposed to an "opt in" Register. That looks set to become a reality. Parliamentary approval for what has become known as Max and Keira's Law was given in February 2019 for commencement in 2020. It has been a long battle but Rosemary is not a person who gives up on things until the job is properly done.

Her Margarett Golding Award is only one part of the recognition she has received for all her work.

HELEN GOT MGA FOR WORKING VOLUNTARY 20+ HOURS PER WEEK

Helen Griffin has worked tirelessly to establish and support Days for Girls in New Zealand, the first chapter to be established outside the USA. All of her work which averages 20+ hours per week is voluntary.

She obtains the materials then prepares and distributes them to teams who sew and complete the kits then return them to her for distribution world-wide and within New Zealand. The re-usable product lasts about three years.



Helen Griffin, New Zealand, is recipient of Margarett Golding Award. From left Juliet Allen, Imm. Past President Auckland East Club, Helen Griffin and Darlene Westrupp, Imm. Past President IWNZ.

SUCCESSFUL CROATIAN ACTIONS FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Inner Wheel club Prelog (District 191 Croatia) has marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women by organising a professional meeting "Life without violence", that was held in Prelog, on 15th of November 2019.

In the meeting have participated around 50 experts employed in the field of social welfare, health care, justice, education institution, state administration bodies, regio-

nal and local self-government, civil society organizations and religious organizations, who in their work encounter domestic violence. The aim of this Regional Symposium was professionally empowering social workers and other professionals, develop and improve social work activities, exchange good practice experiences, strengthen social support systems and inter-ministerial cooperation, and

promote the rights of particularly vulnerable groups. Lectures and discussions on the symposium were held on many topics.

The day after the meeting, another action was held on the street in Prelog where IW members distributed educational and informing leaflets about violence- how to recognize violence, to whom should violence be reported if it happened to you, how the system takes care of the victims. The aim of this action was to encourage women in local area to report violence if it happens.

After two very intensive days we, members of IW club Prelog, do not hide our satisfaction with the successful actions which brought together a large number of people who put a lot of energy in the fight against violence against women and strive to build a tolerant environment in which we live.



Report from Martine Gayon our UN representative in New York

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - NOW!



International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Official commemoration at UN, New York, 25 November 2019

Under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, the UNITE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign (UNITE campaign) will mark the 16 days of activism this year under

the theme: “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape”, running from 25 November until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

In recent years, the voices of survivors and activists, through campaigns such as #MeToo, #Time-sUp, #Niunamenos, #NotOneMore, #BalanceTonPorc, and others, have put the spotlight on the issue of sexual violence and have reached a crescendo that cannot be silenced or ignored anymore. Yet, violence against women and girls continues in every country, impacting one in three worldwide.

How can it continue?

Rape, a single word with devastating impact that spans decades, even generations. It destroys bodies and minds and puts peace in jeopardy. When left unpunished or trivialized, it creates a pervasive culture where sexual violence is normalized, women and girls are undervalued, and entire communities and nations are left fractured. Too many of us fail to name or challenge the rape culture that surrounds us. Through words, actions and inactions; discriminatory laws or leniency towards perpetrators; through the media we consume, jokes we

laugh at, and attitudes we do not question, we become part of a culture that allows rape to continue....

Facts and figures

It is estimated that 35% of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or sexual violence by a non-partner (not including sexual harassment) at some point in their lives. However, some national studies show that up to 70% of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

It is estimated that of the 87 000 women who were intentionally killed in 2017 globally, more than half (50 000, 58%) were killed by intimate partners or family members, meaning that 137 women across the world are killed by a member of their own family every day.

Adult women account for nearly half (49%) of all human trafficking victims detected globally. Women and girls together account for 72%. It is estimated that there are 650

million women and girls in the world today who were married before age 18.

At least 200 million women and girls aged 15-49 have undergone female genital mutilation

Approximately 15 million adolescent girls (aged 15 to 19) worldwide have experienced forced sex.

One in 10 women in the European Union report having experienced cyber-harassment since the age of 15.



Martine Gayon
UN Representative, New York



Phyllis Charter on World Wide Visits

BULGARIAN ACTIVITIES

The IIW President's duties include visiting countries, districts and clubs around the world after formal invitations. Since time is limited, a selection has to be made. Consideration is taken to previo-

us presidential visits and practical conditions, costs etc. Here are some photos (more on Facebook) from President Phyllis Charter's visits during the autumn in Bulgaria, India and Sri Lanka.



With the IW Club of Kasanlak.



In a rose garden and the IW Rose.



Bulgarian welcome.



With the President of Stara Zagora.



Launching a school book club with IW of Stara Zagora.



With PNR Zhivka Stoyanova at a Puppet museum sponsored by IW.

INDIA WELCOMES OUR PRESIDENT



Phyllis with Ass Pres. Mamta Gupta and 301 DC Madhu Nagpal.



Phyllis with Ass Pres Mamta Gupta and other IW officers. All in pink to join a parade to highlight the Orphans in India.



Dancing at D 303 Rallycon.



Association Meet and Greet in Udaipur. The only way to travel in style! In the PINK to highlight the plight of Orphans and poverty. The only way to travel if you have time!.



Celebrating District 320 Golden Jubilee.

FRUITFUL MEETINGS IN SRI LANKA



Presenting a Guitar from the IWC of Ethugalpura to the winner of a national competition.



Singing in the rain with Nirmalie and Kanthie. Come sunshine or rain - advertising Inner Wheel wherever I go.



Visit to Temple with the new IWC of Anuradhapura.



Visiting the Buddha on the hill with the IWC of Ethugalpura.



D322 Conference with DC Diana Rahaman.



IW Clubs Colombo Nawa Udana and Mount Lavinia

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

NEW HOMES FOR 300 OLD BRAS



What do you do with your old bras? Do you know less than 15% of women ever recycle or donate their bras? Thus, giving textiles one of the poorest recycling rate of any reusable materials. Materials in bras takes 50 years to degrade, recycling them is equivalent to removing 250,000 cars from Malaysian's highway!

A local company in Malaysia called Neubodi started a CSR campaign annually to collect second-hand bras from women nationwide.

The mission of this campaign is to decrease the numbers of bras entering our landfills and at the same time being able to support women in Malaysia and

3rd world countries by giving our bras a second home to the less fortunate. Bras that are non-wearable category will be recycled into fibres or fuel to power cement kilns and industrial boiler.

With this conscious awareness the members of **In-ner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur** took the initiative to shout out to all our members, families and friends to bring their old bras to our Club for the Bra Drive Donation on 7th November 2019. There were 300 bras collected and donated to Neubodi that will definitely find a second home or turn into pellets to be used as biofuel.

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Madras Fort IWC, District 323 , India, has a signature project named 'Kreeda'. The club has been conducting 'Kreeda' for the past 10 years. It is a daylong event for children with special needs. We organize games and set up various stalls for children who are invited from all across Tamil Nadu. They are provided with breakfast, lunch, goodie bags, medals and participation certificate.

This year, 'Kreeda' was conducted in a different format on 21st September 2019 at D.G Vaishnav college for men, Chennai. This year, a carnival was conducted for children. There were many stalls like bouncy castle, balloon shooting, toss the ring, tin bowling, magic show, tattoo stall and chocolate fountain.



IWC BATON ROUGE IN THE U.S. HAS SO MUCH TO BE PROUD OF

The Inner Wheel Club of Baton Rouge has worked in the community since 1990 to raise funds for area non-profit through the “Attic Trash and Treasure Garage Sale” which is usually held in March. Baton Rouge is the captal of the U.S. state of Louisiana.



22 Charter members of Baton Rouge club were honored for 29 year of the Attic Trash & Treasure Sales. Today the club has 125 members, and about 75 volunteers helping with the sale.

The successful history of the Inner Wheel Club of Baton Rouge started in 1988. That year the local Rotary club had a garage sale to raise money for Polio Plus. There was active participation by the Rotarians, but the sale was generally run by their spouses. In 1989, Rotary had a second sale and the entire proceeds of the sale were donated to the Rotary Foundation.

In 1990 the wives really looked forward to the camaraderie of the sale, and hated to see it abandoned. Ruthie Kean and Bootsie Hundermer agreed to co-chair the event if they could donate the money to abused children. After the sale, \$6,000 was donated to abused children and the remainder went to the Rotary Foundation.

Later that year the ladies were informed that Rotary was no longer interested in continuing the sale. But if the wives wanted to continue the sale, why not form an Inner Wheel club? Ruthie and Bootsie met with the President of Inner Wheel who lived in New Orleans, and, with the blessing of National and International Inner Wheel, a local Inner Wheel club was formed and our fundraiser “Attic Trash and Treasure” could continue. Keigh Ballard was elected the first president, and a board was chosen.



Board members of Baton Rouge. Since the beginning over 2.2 US dollars has been raised by the club.

Our club has been visited many times by International and National representatives, and we have presented a program at a National convention. We have so much to be proud of – we are recycling giants. We have raised over \$2.2 million dollars for Baton Rouge. But most of all, we have formed lifelong friendships within our membership, with our friends who help, and with our customers who come year after year, and we have so much fun doing it!



Turn trash to treasure with Inner Wheel.

HELLERUP - A CLUB FOR YOUNGER DANES

Hellerup Inner Wheel Club, district 47, Denmark, was chartered with a fantastic party on October 26.

Five former Lady Circle members started this spring with plans for a

new Inner Wheel club for younger women, and they now have 15 amazing active members.

The many guests were welcomed at the entrance by the beaut-

iful "new" Inner Wheel women, who were dressed in black party dresses and with gold bands embroidered with the IW logo.

The whole evening went on like a traditional Danish Inner Wheel Meeting, incl. an amusing speech (do we need men) to their spouses who were invited to the occasion.

The National Representative, Kirsten Møller handed over the charter letter on behalf of IIW and quoted the world president's letter of congratulations.

The club's godmother District President Lillian Ryelund conducted the member admission and decorated the new president Tina Wøldiche with Hellerup Inner Wheel's new presidential chain.



INDIAN SCHOOL SUPPORT

IWC Trivandrum, India, has reported many fine activities. One project was to distribute library books to Lower Primary School at Pettah Trivandrum. The objective was to encourage children below the age of 10 learning to read. The club also gave a printer to the school for their day-to-day requirement during District Chairman visit in October.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS



Plastic bags are one of the main causes of pollution all around, and the focus on plastic bag reduction is ongoing. Plastic particles outnumber plankton 6 to 1 and are mistaken as killer food by birds/animals, specially marine. Plastic waste is found in landfills, in streets, on mountains, in rivers, in ocean, literally everywhere. Purpose of this **IW District 342, Pakistan** project & campaign was to create awareness among the people to use environmental friendly bags instead

of plastic bags. District 342 team under the Chairmanship of Farhat Sarosh started "NO TO PLASTIC BAGS" campaign, all D342 IW-Clubs joined hands and distributed cloth bags to the shoppers at Islamabad's weekly market. Our initiative was very well received by the people who enthusiastically collected bags from the members. Our Club members also raised awareness in different localities and reached out to community. "Together we can" to make a Difference.

TREE PLANTING ON THE SIERRA MADRE DAY

Inner Wheel members traveled all the way from Cabanatuan to the Sierra Mountain Range planting site, passing through Fort Magsaysay for this Ecology and Environment Project of the different clubs of **District 377 in the Philippines** led by **IWC Cabanatuan**.

They planted 3,000 seedlings mostly Narra, with Cacao & Cashew on approximately 25,000 sqm of hilly land with the ob-

jective to rehabilitate the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. This is part of the celebration of Sierra Madre Day, declared to be celebrated every September 26 of the year, following the devastation brought by Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana).

The project is in partnership with KBP-NE(Oplan BroadcastRE-Eng) & the LGU of Gen. Tinio who will help in maintaining the trees



POLIO AWARENESS PROJECT

After 19 years, Polio suddenly became prevalent in the Philippines. With the aim to prevent the spread of the said virus in the barangay, **IWC Balagtas** and **IWC Malolos** administered Anti-Polio Oral drops and vaccines. Dra. Jean Paula Ong also conducted an awareness seminar for the mothers.



RHODES TURNED VISION TO REALITY



Members of IWC Rhodes during the event.

We, the **Inner Wheel Club of Rhodes**, planned and organized a Summer Event in a restaurant named 12 Island of Rodos Palace Hotel located on Rhodes Island. In this beautiful place, we have made a dinner for 220 people.

We invited the local community and we offered a special evening with live music full of gifts, which we selected from the local enterprises and shops. The earnings were given for the realization of our goal, more specific, we bought a cardiograph machine for our local hospital.

Our action was fully successful and permitted us to turn our vision to reality.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH THE NUNS



Holy Infant Jesus Convent is a retirement centre for about 25 retired Christian nuns aged between 60-90

years old. These retired nuns had dedicated their lives to educating the minds of Malaysian youth. They

are now in their twilight years and it is really a true blessing for us to be able to spend time with them.

The members of the **Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur** had over the past 15 years visited the convent yearly to spread Christmas cheer through carolling and partaking a Christmas lunch with the Nuns.

This year, the project was held on 18th November 2019.

The Nuns enjoyed the merriment and festivities as our President Sue came dressed as Santarina. We extended our wishes to all the nuns and wished a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

AN INSPIRING MOVIE



Club President Angela Gürgeli and Elisabeth Sieber

What a wonderful Sunday we spent with watching the movie from Al-

fred Hitchcock: "To Catch a Thief".

The **Inner Wheel Club Schaffhausen, Switzerland**, invited us for this unique fundraising event and more than 100 guests convened.

The donation was collected to promote a project in Nicaragua. It is a school for women and girls in Esteli.

The school has helped ever since many women on their way to independence. An objective that fits perfectly to the International Inner Wheel campaign 2018-2021 "Caring for women and girls".

BOOK READING WITH THE AUTHOR



IWC Ege, Turkey, organized a book reading session with the author Dicle Keskinoglu for Bozyaka Hüseyin Akdağ Primary School fourth Grade students in the city library. His book 'Mutluluk Rüyası Fabrikası' (Happiness Dream Factory) was read and discussed with the author's personal thoughts and explanations at the session.

INSTALLATION IN D 342

District Installation 5th Ceremony of IW **D 342, Pakistan**, was held at **Islamabad Club**. District Chairman 2019-20, Farhat Sarosh took the charge from outgoing DC Mussarat Aman. Incoming District Team was introduced and collared. Club Charters were handed over to the incoming Club Presidents. NR Maimoona Pervaiz and NR 2019-20 Sadaf Sajeel also attended the Ceremony. It was a well attended event.



Incoming & Outgoing District Chairman.

JOINT RALLY ON DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

A Joint Project was done by **Inner Wheel Clubs of District 305, Jaipur Pride, Jaipur Main and Jaipur East, India**, was conducted by organizing a Joint Rally on the International Day of the Girl Child. In this project school children were present in large numbers. The Rally was an attempt to make people aware that Inner Wheel is doing wonderful work in the area of Education. Dustbins were donated to schools. Healthy refreshment was given to the children who took part in the rally.



CREATIVE THRACIAN WORK

The ladies from **IW Club Kazanlak, Bulgaria**, supported a National competition for children's drawings and plastics under the theme "The Thracians".

The competition was part of the 14th celebration of the traditional Days in the valley of Thracian kings, including different cultural, musical

and sports activities in Kazanlak. IW club Kazanlak bestowed a special prize for a 15-year-old boy for his marvelous picture.

The goal of this competition is to encourage creativity in children, and to help them enrich their knowledge in Thracian history.

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN NIGERIA

It was a Pink and Teal affair at **District 911, Nigeria**, in Celebration of the Cancer Awareness Month. The District Chairman Adejumo Anike Odulaja and members of District 911 organized free Mammogram and Cervical Cancer screening for about 100 women at the Odi Olowo / Ojuwoye LCDA, Town planning way, Ilupeju, Lagos. Our Elders and members from both District 911 and 912 were there to grace the occasion. Similarly breast prosthesis and brassiers were donated to post mastectomy patients. The Project Chairman PNR Bimbo Sowande was at the radio station and the program was reported by various Newspapers.



AN ACTIVE CLUB IN THE CARIBBEAN

Trinidad & Tobago (T&T) are two small islands in the Caribbean and there is only **one Inner Wheel Club**, with 29 members and 2 Honorary members. We meet every 2nd Saturday in friendship and to plan any project to be held within the year. Our President for the year 2019-2020 is Manju Kumar who is an Indian National.

Some of the Projects we are involved with include:

- We organise a Tea & Bingo; ticket are sold at a very minimal cost, food and prizes are donated by the members with the proceeds given to the needy in our community.
- A Blood donation drive is another project, where we get people to come in and donate their blood.



- Giving out seedlings to school children and poor farmers for planting, enabling them to have a small income to support their schools and families.
- On Mother's Day we give out Food

and Gift hampers through the aged care homes.

- Food & Gifts given to local school children at Christmas.

We also celebrate religious holidays, like Divali, Eid and Christmas.

BEST WISHES FROM THE CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA

Canberra Belconnen is a delightful Inner Wheel Club, of approximately 20 friendly and supportive women. The Club was established on the 4th of November 1971, which makes them 48 years since charter. This Club is located in the National Capital of Australia in the Australian Ca-

pital Territory. The Club meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month during the summer months this is usually at night but some regular meetings will include daytime in the coldest months.

Canberra Belconnen members support the National Project Cord

Blood Research, they continue to assist families affected by drought, support groups assisting women and girls in their community; the YMCA Homeless Women, Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Beyond Water (East Africa).

The Club has links with three Rotary Clubs and works alongside these on projects, they support yearly the '5 Peaks Ride' and plans are underway to once again support this fundraiser by catering for the event.

The members socially meet for coffee mornings, movie days, walking group and book group.

Currently members are looking at ways to network with other community groups to assist various causes (eg St. John's Care Christmas gifts appeal, St. Vinnies warm clothing, Roundabout's baby/children's clothing).



ELAINE AND ALAN AT THE HQ

THE EFFICIENT SPIDERS IN OUR NETWORK

All organisations depend on a well-functioning administration. This is very much true for Inner Wheel, which is such a large international network with over 100 000 members in more than 100 countries. HQ, the hub of IIW, doing the day-to-day work, is handled by our well-functioning administration



staff. The office space is located in Altrincham, in the Manchester area, about 30 minutes drive from the airport. In the office (two small rooms) there are two people; Elaine Hathaway and Alan Phillips. A lot of people know their names. But who are they? Here some short presentations.



Elaine Hathaway has been working at our HQ since 2005. Before she started to work for us she was teaching and working for commercial organisations.

She lives about 40 km west from the office. Her main hobby is horses. And horses. They take a great deal of her time before and after work and at weekends. She was working fulltime earlier. Today she is assistant to Alan working on part time basis.

- I like it very much, says Elaine. The work is very varied depending on time of the year. It's never dull - members always keep us on our toes.

Who are your most active contacts?

- Members from GB&I who tend to telephone. Asking for information sometimes they need from their local office in London. They mix up IW GB&I with IIW.

Do you have any advice for us?

- We are always sorry if you have to wait for an answer. We are trying to answer as soon as possible. But sometimes we are busy or your question needs a response from an IIW Executive member who are busy too.

You have been working for Inner Wheel for almost 20 years now. Are you an IW-member. If not, why?

- No, I am not a member. Employees are not generally members of IW to prevent any conflict of interest.

Do you have any hidden talent?

- No. What you see is what you get.

Administrator **Alan Phillips** started to work for IIW in 2017. Before that he was working with international software sales and finance.

What is your main role at the HQ, Alan?

- I would say that my role is Factotum – "...an employee who does all kinds of work..."

Trying to ensure the smooth running of the organisation. Administration of election paperwork. Organising meetings. I.T. and the IIW website. Event planning for business sessions; the Convention and everything else in between. Assembling furniture (yes, honestly I did that too).

Most interesting things?

- No two days are the same.

Who are the most active countries/persons ?

- The Exec. GB&I because they are nearby. India because they are the biggest membership.

Do you have any advice to the readers?

- Please send activity photoshoots for inclusion on website and please, make sure that you have the rights to use them.

Do you have any hobbies?

- Football (Arsenal!), hiking, reading and travelling

Do you have any hidden talent?

- I probably do but it is very very well hidden.