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IIW President



Every Beat Counts, Every Action Matters!



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IIW PRESIDENT

Dear Inner Wheel friends,

As we approach the midpoint of our first year in Inner Wheel's second century, I am filled with gratitude and pride. Our global community has come together with renewed energy and purpose, embodying the Heartbeat of Humanity that drives our service.

This year our organization has grown significantly, with the formation of new districts and clubs worldwide. Notably, the formation of FIRST district in Uganda, expanding our presence in Africa. Furthermore, National Governing Body in Turkey, strengthening our foundation.

I am thrilled to see our membership growing, with new clubs and E-Clubs emerging, expanding our reach and impact. As we move forward, I urge each of you to join me in a bold vision: **"EACH ONE, BRING ONE"** - to double our membership and strengthen our presence worldwide. To achieve this goal, I invite every NGB to form new Districts, Districts to form New Clubs, open New Gen Clubs, and encourage each member to bring one new member into our Inner Wheel family. Together, we can create a wave of growth and expansion that will amplify our service and impact.

ONE PROJECT for all Clubs globally, proposal was passed in IIW Convention and IIW initiative this year **"CEASE CERVICAL CANCER"** drive is a shining example of our collective power. This preventable disease claims the lives of over 300,000 women every year. According to World Health Organization, there are 107 million girls who are eligible for HPV vaccine. Our goal is to vaccinate 10 million girls 9-14 years old against cervical cancer, providing them with protection and hope for a brighter future. I urge each district, club and members to support this initiative and make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. This Year 'Orange the World' campaign has raised awareness about gender-based violence, highlighting the urgent need for collective action. I commend each of you for your dedication to this cause and encourage you to continue advocating for the rights and dignity of women and girls worldwide.



Personally, I have been fortunate enough to visit several countries and witness the incredible work being done by our members. My recent visits to Uganda, Australia, Mexico & Cyprus D 96 were truly wonderful experiences. I was deeply moved by the warmth and hospitality of our members, and I was impressed by the excellent work being done in these countries. From healthcare initiatives to education and empowerment programs, our members are making a tangible difference in the lives of those they serve.

Furthermore, I am delighted to report that our branding efforts have been successful in raising the profile of Inner Wheel globally. My meetings and visits to various Embassies & President Palace have highlighted the impact of our organization and have helped to establish valuable connections. These efforts have not only enhanced our visibility but have also opened up new opportunities for collaboration and growth.

On January 10th, we will celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, marking the founding of our organization. Let us come together on this special day to reaffirm our commitment to service, friendship, and personal growth. Let us honor our legacy and forge a brighter future, united in our pursuit of a more just and equitable world.

As we step into the new year, I wish each of you love, joy, and fulfilment. May our collective efforts continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. May our Inner Wheel family grow stronger, more vibrant, and more impactful, inspiring a brighter future for generations to come.

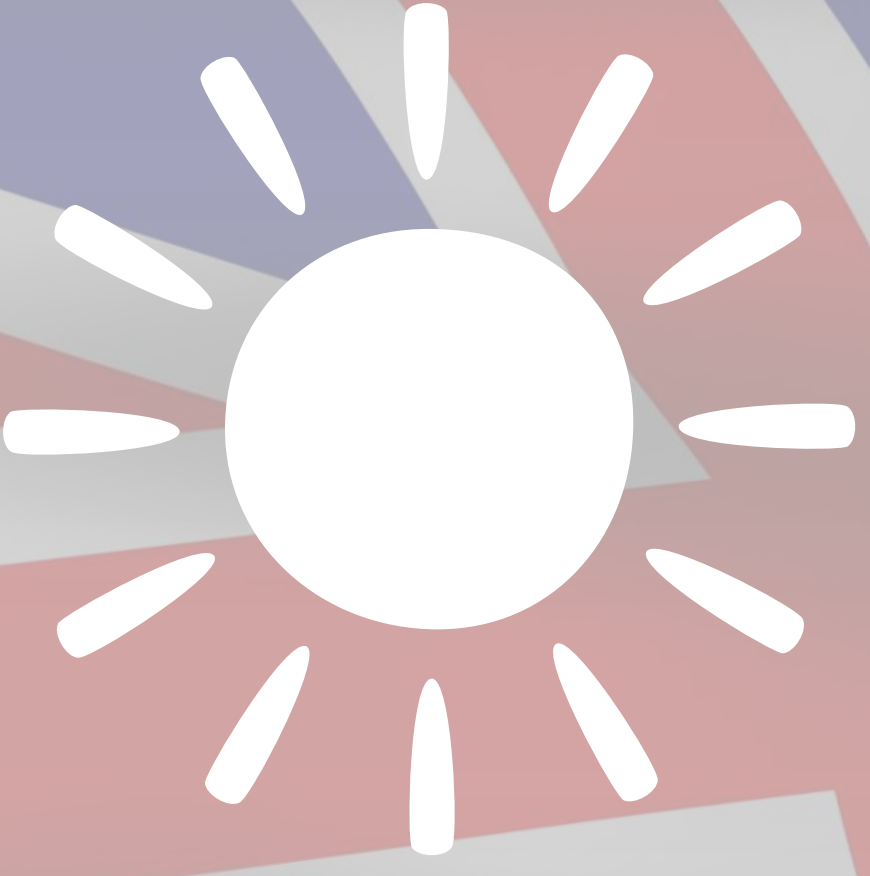
I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Rajni Katia, our International Editor and Media Manager, for her outstanding work in showcasing our stories, achievements, and impact through our publications and social media channels. Your dedication and creativity, Rajni, have been instrumental in highlighting the 'Heartbeat of Humanity' that drives us.

Together, let us march forward with compassion, kindness, and dedication and show the world the 'Heartbeat of Humanity' that inspires us to care, share and love.

Be Humanity's Heartbeat FOREVER.

Warmest wishes,

Mamta Gupta
President
International Inner Wheel



KAY MORLAND

IIW Vice- President



What an amazing first 6 months it has been for me as the IIW Vice President with many opportunities to learn and grow. It's a pleasure to work with the current Executive and to also be part of the Constitution Committee together with President Mamta and Constitution Chairman Patricia.

It is the responsibility of the IIW VP to allocate Non Districted Clubs to our 16 Board Directors and to support with any issues or queries that may arise. Our Board Directors do an outstanding job supporting Non Districted Clubs, and in return the NDCs send reports to IIW (via the Board Directors) on their growth and participation in IW projects.

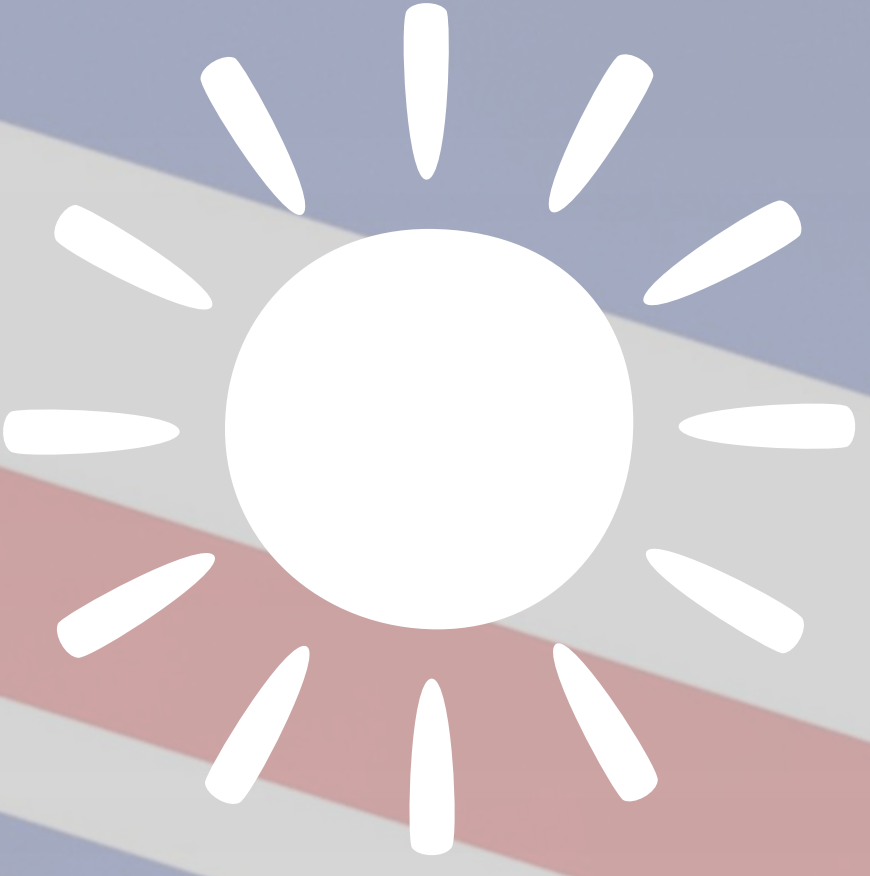
The VP also has the responsibility to liaise with our IW United Nations Representatives. The UN has three centres, in New York, Vienna and in Geneva and we have 7 Reps covering those centres, Ceja Gregor Hu, Ulrike Leming and Gerda Beck in Vienna, Evie Maronini and Karin Rivollet in Geneva and Martine Gayon and Michelle Burgess in New York. The UN Reps report to the VP who summarises these reports for the IIW Exec. The International Inner Wheel VP has the privilege of attending a session at one of these centres, during this IW year I will be attending the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York with Martine and to say I am beyond excited at the prospect is an understatement.

It has been most gratifying to see IW members worldwide embrace the call to work with the UN initiative in promoting the end of violence against women and girls, IW members really did UNiTE to spread awareness. During our 16 day Orange the World campaign blitz a myriad of actions were undertaken by clubs, districts and nations in support of this initiative. I will be encouraging participation again next year and, with more time to plan I can hardly wait to see the level of IW involvement.

I am very much looking forward to what 2025 will bring, more new experiences, more new places and above all more new IW friends.

Kay Morland
IIW VP 2024 - 2025





TRISH DOUGLAS

IIW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

We are at the end of 2024 and look forward with joy to welcoming 2025, a New Year to Work Wonders, Shine A Light to be the Heartbeat of Humanity.

Is it really 8 months since we were at our International Inner Wheel Convention in Manchester? A wonderful occasion where like-minded women met together all in the name of Inner Wheel. When I was in Berlin at the European Rally I was approached by Anita Meerdink who spoke to me about Orange The World, I asked Anita to email me and we could 'chat', this she did and the outcome was an invite through the LCC to speak about Orange the World at our business meeting in Manchester, her theme! 'Violence against Girls'. From little acorns oak trees grow!



Inner Wheel friends are like stars, you don't always see them But! you know they are there.

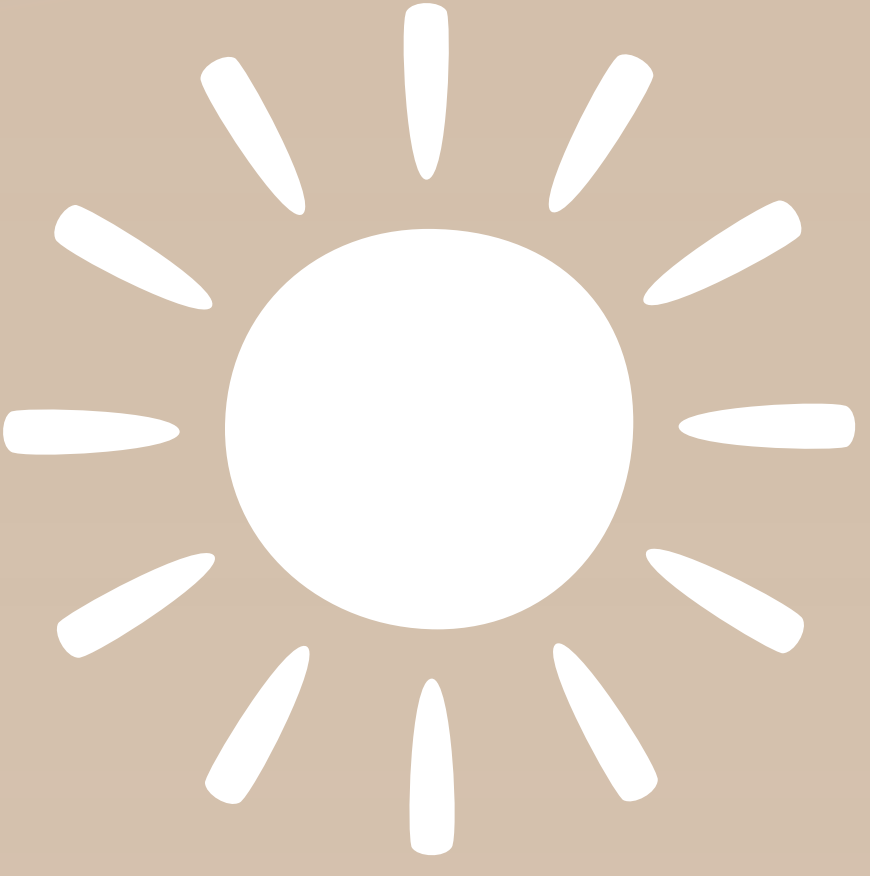
Months later I was invited to an OTW Zoom, I felt this was a great opportunity for IIW to get involved! Violence against Women had been an initiative instigated by the United Nations many years before to which Martine Gayon, our UN representative in New York had written about many times for which we are very grateful.

From that one Zoom meeting I had with Anita great things started to happen, Anita and her team created a WhatsApp Group which generated over 500 + Inner Wheel members globally, just amazing! In November there was 16 days of action around the world to STOP Violence Against Women, Yeok San messaged each day, Sandra did the graphics and Joost did the technical side, also involved were Carina, Marlies, Christiane, Kay, and Mamta, my thanks to you all for the amazing success of OTW, there is much more to come in 2025. As we move forward into 2025 there must be HOPE of Peace around the world. Inner Wheel membership this past twelve months has grown enormously, Margarete Golding would have been so proud of everything Inner Wheel has achieved in every Club and District throughout the world, let's make 2025 a year to remember filled with global action helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Can we do it? Yes we can! Wishing all the Executive, the Board Directors, our Editor/Media Manager, Alan and Elaine in our office and all our World Wide Inner Wheel members a Happy New Year and grateful thanks for all you do and continue to do on behalf of our Wonderful Organisation, INNER WHEEL.

My love to you all

TRISH DOUGLAS

IIW Immediate Past President



RASHMI SHARMA

IIW Treasurer

Dear IIW Editor/Media Manager Rajni,

Inner Wheel greetings! Wish You All A Very Happy New Year 2025.

Rajni, let me congratulate you for the wonderful work you are doing as an Editor and Media Manager. It is good to enhance the image of Inner Wheel. Keep doing it! Our Inner Wheel organization's beauty lies in the levels it works- Club, District, National and International. Working at every level makes us learn and yearn to learn more and more about Inner Wheel. I have been lucky enough to be able to work at every level. I was elected as IIW Treasurer last year for the Inner Wheel year 2024-25. Fortunately, I come from accounts background and



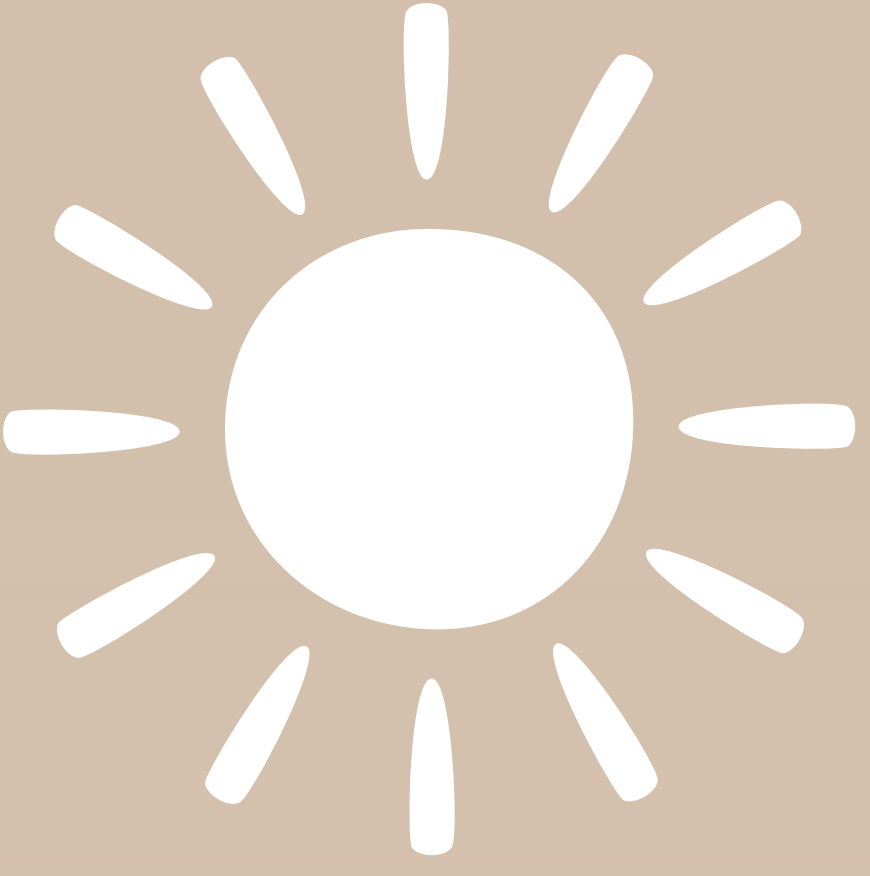
hence though I did not do Treasurer's post at club, I was always involved in advising my club Treasurer and President for matters relating to bank accounts, maintaining accounts, keeping fixed deposit receipts, preparing budgets, etc. When I became a member of District Executive Committee I got the opportunity to be the District Treasurer. For me it was like child's play. Enjoyed it thoroughly. Once again as Association Secretary I worked very closely with the Association Treasurer and learnt the way a Treasurer works at the national level. And finally, I am here as IIW Treasurer.

Being the IIW Treasurer was a very proud moment for me, but I also knew that with it comes responsibilities. I took a lot of guidance from the previous IIW Treasurer Sarita and Admin Alan. My aim was to do my work with perfection. My main work involves preparing the budget and ensuring that expenses remain within the budget, keeping track of capitation dues coming up, making their receipts after confirming from the bank statements, authorizing payments, preparing receipts and payments account, responding to queries from Treasurers and other on financial matters, planning for meetings- issuing letters, checking the travel expenses, etc. and the like. It keeps me occupied round the clock. Mainly I coordinate with Admin Alan. Working at IIW has opened a whole new world to me. I have started using gizmo to operate bank accounts, have become savvy in converting one currency into another though mainly into pounds, understanding cultural differences, which are NGB, non NGBs, NDCs and mainly understanding how IIW Treasurer works, which is very much different experience. I have also taken upon myself the task of collecting data of clubs and members in clubs all over the world. It will provide a good database for the future as we will know where we have to divert our efforts if we want our Inner Wheel to grow. I also got an opportunity to impart training on 'Role and Responsibilities of Club and District Treasurers' and also host Treasurers Meet 'Money Matters'. In the last six months, I have not only learnt but also received love, affection and admiration for my work. The IIW EC, Board Directors and Admin Alan- all have been very cooperative. I just desire to do my work with transparency, accountability and responsibility.

yours in friendship,

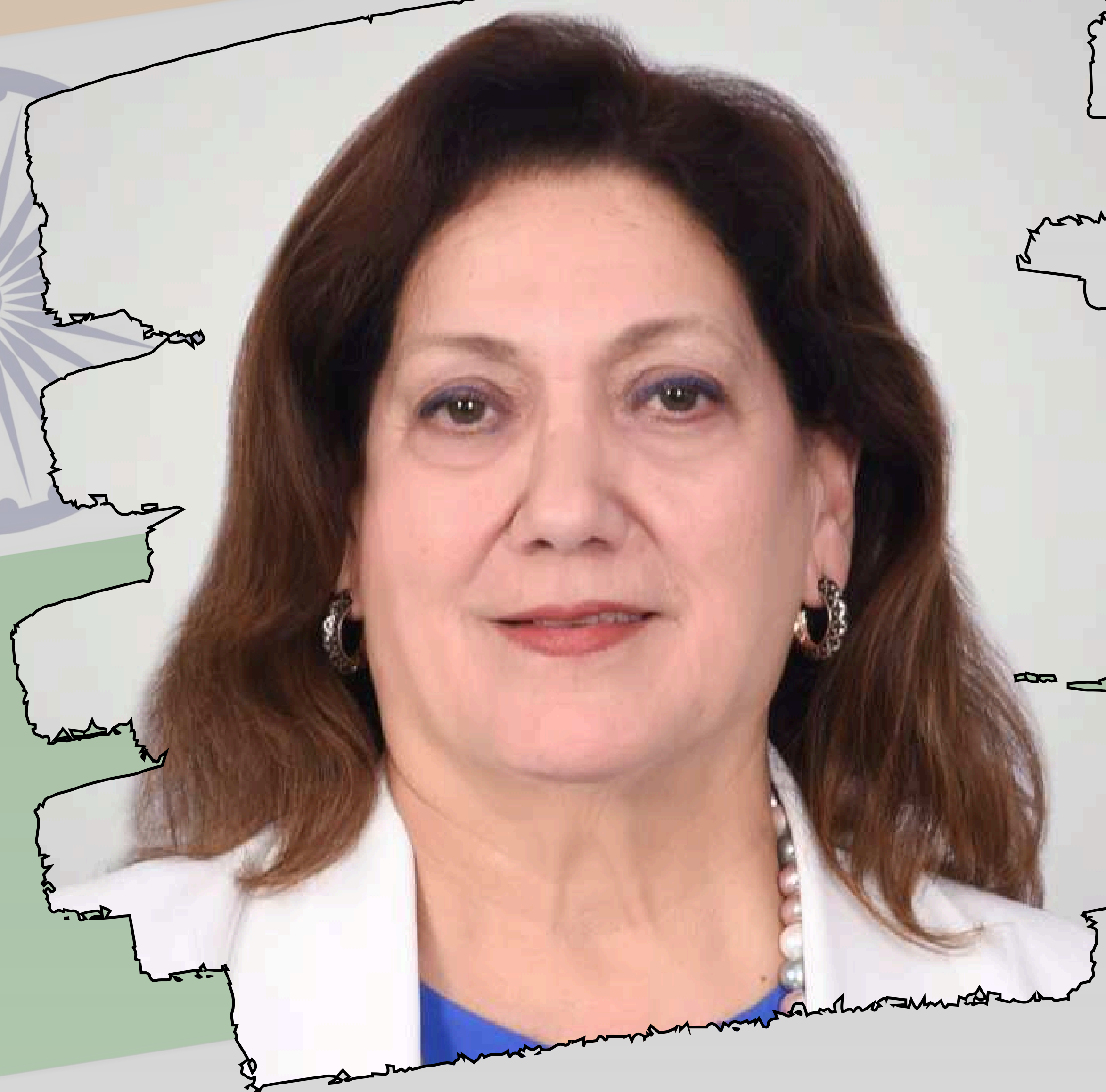
RASHMI SHARMA

IIW Treasurer



PATRICIA HILTON

IIW Constitution Chairman



Dear Inner Wheel Friends,
As we embrace the arrival of the new year 2025, I find myself reflecting on the first six months of my journey as the International Inner Wheel Constitution Chairman for 2024-25. I am filled with immense gratitude and a profound sense of fulfilment. This role has been both a privilege and an enriching experience, offering me countless opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. I am deeply grateful to collaborate with the dedicated International Inner Wheel Executive team, guided by the visionary leadership of IIW President Mamta Gupta.

As our Founder, Margaret Golding, beautifully said, "We are one in friendship, one in service," and this powerful sentiment resonates strongly as I observe the remarkable projects led by Inner Wheel members worldwide. Among them, the cervical cancer vaccination campaign stands out. This vital initiative is bringing essential healthcare to communities where resources are scarce, exemplifying how Inner Wheel is making a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of those in need. In my role as Constitution Chairman, I have had the privilege of working closely with many members, responding to queries, providing clarity, and ensuring that the Constitution and Handbook 2024 are accessible and easily understood. It has been deeply fulfilling to assist members in grasping the fundamental principles that guide our organization. Each interaction has further enriched my understanding and deepened my appreciation for the collective commitment we share to service and empowerment.

Some of the most rewarding experiences for me has been with the presentation on the proposals passed at the Manchester Convention 2024 and assisting with the Nomination Booklet for 2025-26. This was my first time undertaking such a task, and it proved to be both a challenge and a wonderful opportunity for growth. It expanded my knowledge and boosted my confidence in the role I play within Inner Wheel. I am excited to continue this meaningful work alongside all of you on the path ahead.

As we look toward to our 20th International Inner Wheel Convention in 2027, I encourage all members to take the time to read and familiarize themselves with the Constitution and Handbook 2024, available on the IIW website. Understanding and following its guidelines are essential to the continued success of our organization. By aligning our actions with the Constitution, we uphold the values that Inner Wheel stands for and work together harmoniously toward our shared goals.

With my warmest wishes for a splendid New year 2025.

In friendship and service

Patricia Hilton

IIW Constitution Chairman 2024-25

International Governing Body Meeting... A celebration of Global Unity

October 1 to 4 ...

The International Governing Body Meeting in Altrincham, Manchester brought together International Inner Wheel Leaders from around the world. Under President Mamta Gupta's expert guidance, the four days event wove a tapestry of global camaraderie, personal growth and international understanding. The resounding success of IGBM 2024 set a new benchmark and left a lasting impact on attendees.



October -1, Setting the Stage

The International Governing Body Meeting 's first day began with a fruitful International Executive Meeting. IIW President Mamta Gupta extended a warm welcome to all the esteemed executives IIW VP Kay Morland, IPIIWP Trish Douglas, IIW Treasurer Dr. Rashmi Sharma and IIW CC Patricia Hilton. She outlined the agenda and emphasised the key objectives. Important issues were discussed and key decisions were made. The leaders established new guidelines to ensure the organisation's continued growth and success.



October 2: Global Gala Evening – A Night to Remember

The first day set the tone for a memorable gathering Global Gala Evening “Let the Beat Goes On” marked the beginning of unforgettable connections. Board Directors arrived, and online friendships turned into warm in-person embraces. President Mamta Gupta extended a heartfelt welcome, honoring directors with pins and vibrant scarves. The evening shimmered with traditional colourful attire from diverse countries, Captivating folk dances, Inspirational sharing and Soulful songs. This joyful celebration of global camaraderie forged lifelong memories and unbreakable bonds.



October 3: "Together for a brighter world"

The third day of the International Governing Body Meeting (IGBM) commenced with a sense of purpose and camaraderie. The historic Altrincham Town Hall was abuzz with anticipation. President Mamta Gupta called the meeting to order, igniting the Friendship Candle, a symbol of Inner Wheel's friendship & service. With a warm smile, she welcomed all the IIW Executives and IIW Board Directors from across the globe. IIW President Gupta honored the Board Directors with elegant pins and presented vibrant "Heartbeat of Humanity" banners. This thoughtful gesture spoke volumes of her leadership and compassion. The meeting progressed with insightful reports from delegates, highlighting achievements and challenges. This open exchange of ideas enabled attendees to learn from each other's experiences and inspired them to drive positive change within their communities.



October-4

"Timeless Memories"

The final day of the International Governing Body Meeting was truly unforgettable! It began with a vibrant photography session in front of Altrincham's iconic Town Hall, where delegates gathered, dressed in elegant jackets and colorful scarves, courtesy of President Mamta Gupta. The joy was palpable as they captured lifelong moments together.



October-4

"Timeless Memories"

The Final day of the just as impressive itself was just as impressive, commencing with welcome remarks and followed by captivating presentations from the Board Directors' teams. Each presentation showcased exceptional work, earning well-deserved applause from the attendees. President Mamta Gupta concluded the meeting by announcing key decisions and signing the meeting agenda alongside the IIW Treasurer, solidifying the progress made during the gathering. As the meeting came to a close, delegates departed with cherished memories and a shared vision for a brighter future. This transformative experience left an indelible mark on the attendees, inspiring them to continue making a positive impact.



IIW President

Mamta Gupta's

District 900

Visit to UGANDA

Inner Wheel District 900 Uganda recently had the honor of hosting IIW President Mamta Gupta, a visionary leader who has made significant contributions to Inner Wheel. During her visit, President Gupta experienced the warmth and hospitality of Uganda while witnessing the impact of Inner Wheel's service projects in the country.



President Gupta visited at St. Jude Primary School, where 350 boys and girls were trained to make reusable sanitary napkins. Following the project visit, President Gupta and her husband Sanjay were hosted for lunch by the Damulira's. In Masaka, a dormitory was named after President Gupta in recognition of her contributions to Inner Wheel. Support Project for Special Children showcased members' compassion and care for vulnerable members of society. Although President Gupta didn't visit the Prison project in person, the district proudly highlighted the impactful work being done to support inmate rehabilitation and well-being.



The members of Inner Wheel District 900 Uganda extend their heartfelt gratitude to President Gupta for her visit and unwavering support. Her presence was a blessing, and they look forward to continued collaboration and friendship.



Congratulations District 900, Uganda for becoming the new addition to Inner Wheel. Best wishes to the First District Chairman Louis Ochieng as you embark on the exciting journey.

IIW PRESIDENT

Mamta Gupta's



VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND THE IWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



GROUP PHOTO AT GALA DINNER



IIW PRESIDENT WITH IWA PAST PRESIDENTS



IIW PRESIDENT OPENING CONFERENCE

Conference Highlights: President Mamta attended all the functions associated with the Conference

- the Council Meeting
- District Chairman's Breakfast
- the Opening Ceremony during which she addressed the members and officially opened the Conference
- the Forum during which she spoke about e-Clubs, the Gala Dinner
- the Business Session during which she was keynote speaker
- the Friendship Dinner. With IWA President Julie, Past Inner Wheel Australia Presidents and with her husband Sanjay she also attended a casual dinner with the IWA Executive and IIW Vice President Kay and their husbands & partners.



DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S BREAKFAST



COUNCIL MEETING

Mamta Gupta's



VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND THE IWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



PRESIDENT MAMTA GUPTA WITH A50 MEMBERS



NR SUSAN, IWP MAMTA GUPTA, IWAP JULIE

The Inner Wheel Australia Executive and members were delighted to host IIW President Mamta at the 56th Annual Conference, held October 16-19 in Bathurst, NSW (District A50).

Bathurst: A city of Motor Racing Heritage: Bathurst is famous for its Mount Panorama Circuit, a motor racing track and home of the Bathurst 1000 motor race held each October. Because of this, much of the Conference had a motor racing theme. The IWA Executive were the "Pit Crew" and even wore black & white check earrings and glasses at various times throughout the Conference! The Friendship Candle was black & white check and surrounded by red race cars, the Gala Dinner theme was "A Touch of Red" and the Friendship Dinner theme was "Winners are Grinners".



PRESIDENT MAMTA GUPTA AND NR SUSAN MT PANORMA



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IIW President

Mamta Gupta's

Visit to Mexico

District 417



Mexico had the great honour of hosting IIWP Mamta Gupta's visit from November 9th to 16th. The members were thrilled to meet her and engage in meaningful conversations. During her visit, various activities related to Inner Wheel were organized, including visits to social projects like Club Cuitláhuac's dining room for elderly people and an early childhood education school where President Gupta actively participated and offered support. She also visited club Polanco's social project where they provide meal every month for elderly people at a church. IIWP Mamta Gupta was deeply moved by these initiatives, showcasing the commitment to supporting vulnerable groups. The visit also included a District Breakfast, where three blind girls played the cello and sang, demonstrating their resilience. An interactive training session and a Q&A with the President were also held, providing valuable insights. She also visited historical sites, typical Mexican town where she appreciated culture and traditions of Mexico.





The visit coincided with the Day of the Dead, a significant Mexican tradition. A District breakfast was held with over 100 members, featuring traditional attire as 'Catrinas' and mariachi music. A new club, La Herradura, and new members were inducted by IWP Mamta Gupta. Additionally, a special Opera concert was held in her honour to raise funds for cancer patients. Following this, there was a special event at the Embassy of India in Mexico, where president Gupta was warmly welcomed. It was a wonderful experience for members. The visit was a wonderful exchange of ideas, perspectives, and cultural celebration. IWP Mamta Gupta's theme for the year, "Heartbeat of Humanity"- Every Beat Counts, Every Action Matters, focuses on vital goals such as cervical cancer prevention, environmental conservation, and elderly care.



IIW President

Mamta Gupta's

District 418

Visit to Mexico



Highlights of IIW President Mamta Gupta's Visit to PUBELA

IIW President Mamta Gupta had the privilege of visiting PUBELA, where she was warmly welcomed by District Chairman Maria Alvarado and Inner Wheel members.

Key Highlights:

- Warm Welcome: Spiritual welcome, venue, food, and local dances were all exceptional.
- District Meeting: A resounding success, with every detail meticulously planned.
- Outstanding Community Work: Club presidents are making a positive impact in their communities.
- Rotarian Meeting: Fostered stronger ties between Inner Wheel and Rotary organizations.
- Inner Wheel Emblem: A magnificent emblem constructed in the heart of the city, showcasing exemplary Inner Wheel branding.







IIW President

Mamta Gupta's



District 96

Visit to Cyprus

International Inner Wheel President Mamta Gupta's visit to District 96, Cyprus in December 2024 was a memorable experience.

Warm Welcome and Dinner

President Mamta was warmly welcomed by District Chairman Ria and National Representative Evoulla. She attended a dinner at DC Ria's residence, connecting with District Officials and club presidents.

Christmas Bazar and Cultural Experience

President Mamta visited the Christmas Bazar organized by IWC Famagusta, showcasing local culture and traditions. She also enjoyed traditional dances at the gala dinner.



Historical Tours

President Mamta visited the Cyprus President's palace and explored the history of the region with a guided tour of Kourion, arranged by Dina. Titina's guided tour of Nicosia provided a unique insight into the city's rich history.

Scenic Visit to the Mountains with DC Ria and her husband, creating breathtaking memories.

Special Thanks

District Chairman Ria and National Representative Evoulla for making this visit a memorable one.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025 to all members of District 96. May we continue to spread love, kindness, and compassion.



IIW President

Mamta Gupta's

Visit to Hyderabad

District 315

Multi District Rally "PRISM"

District 315, led by Chairman M. Premalatha, successfully hosted the Multi-District Rally "Prism" on November 23-24, 2024, in Hyderabad. The event was attended by several distinguished dignitaries, including IIW President Mamta Gupta, Association President Sunita Jain, IIWT Rashmi Sharma, IIW E/MM Rajni Katia, AVP Jyoti Mahipal, AS Urvashi Mittal and PIIWT Sarita Lunani.

Key Highlights of the Event:

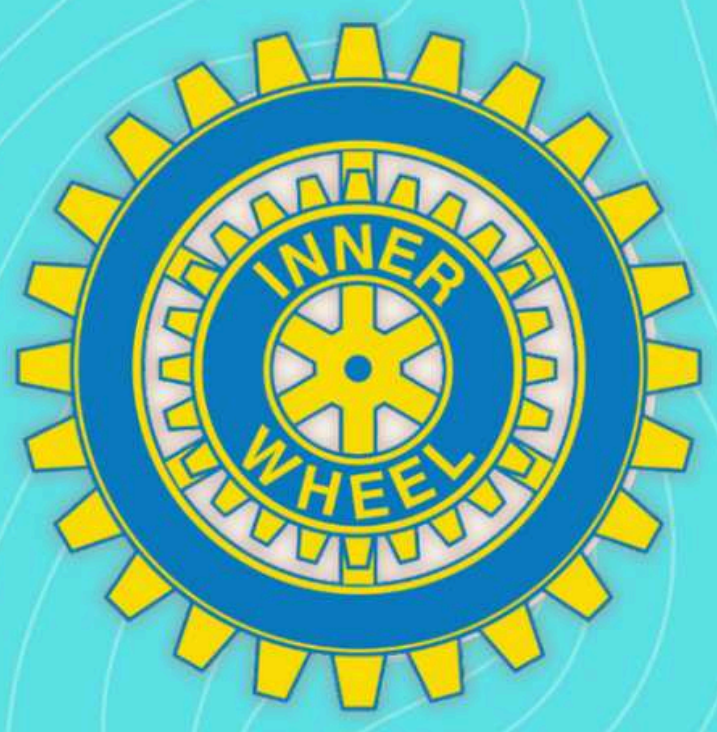
- ISO and Editors' Meet: Held on November 23, bringing together editors and ISO representatives from various districts.
- Launch of Project 101 Sewing Mission: Aiming to empower underprivileged women through skill development.
- Distribution of Sewing Machines and Umbrellas: 101 sewing machines were distributed to underprivileged women, while 101 umbrellas were given to ASHA workers.
- Release of Souvenir "ASTITVA" : A memorable keepsake from the event.

Cost of the Initiatives:

- 101 sewing machines: ₹4,54,500
- 101 umbrellas: ₹10,100

The event was a grand success, celebrating service, collaboration, and empowerment.





INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

CEASE CERVICAL CANCER



Dear Friends,

Warmest wishes for a wonderful New Year 2025!

I'm excited to announce the launch of our dream project, CEASE CERVICAL CANCER, a global initiative to combat cervical cancer through vaccination. Our goal is to vaccinate 10 million girls this year, aligning with the World Health Organization's (WHO) goals. Cervical cancer affects over 500,000 women worldwide annually. The HPV vaccine is a proven and effective tool in preventing cervical cancer. I invite all Inner Wheel members, friends, and supporters to join us in this mission. Together, we can create a brighter, healthier future for our girls. Let's join hands, hearts, and minds to make this vision a reality. Together, we can make a difference!

MAMTA GUPTA

IIW President

“ORANGE THE WORLD”

End Violence Against Women and Girls



How Orange the World UNiTEd Inner Wheel

Orange the World' campaign -a global initiative by the United Nations to stop violence against women and girls, runs annually from November 25 to December 10, known as the 16 Days of Activism. Iconic buildings worldwide are illuminated with orange lights, symbolizing a new dawn and a day without violence against women and girls. In the Netherlands, Ceja Gregor, IIW UN Representative, inspired Dutch members to form a committee for women and raise awareness about the issue. The movement gained momentum after presentations at the Convention business meeting in Manchester and the European meeting in Budapest. Trish suggested making the campaign global and the UNiTE team was formed. A WhatsApp group, webpage, and blog were created to share information and global activities. . IIW President Mamta Gupta's letter and video recording kicked off the campaign, boosting enthusiasm. Team members, Joost and Gees built further on the webpage and a blog with global activities was started, Trish has, as a super supporter been connecting all dots within Inner Wheel, brilliant Yeok San with ideas about the marketing Blitz, postings every day and came with the idea for TOPICS of the DAY, Talented Sandra who made fantastic designs, the daily graphics and texts, phone wall paper and video's, Rajni keeping our IIW socials, Carina and Christiane all thinking about the projects, Marlies as text writer, everyone was deeply involved to optimize the campaign, every step was discussed: what a team!

The results were astonishing: 700 members joined the WhatsApp group, and an incredible amount of activities were reported worldwide. Influencers, billboards, lectures, events raised awareness even oranges were handed out. Never ever before had a campaign been so widely adopted by members, supported by the IIW Executive Team and IIW President Mamta Gupta. The journey doesn't end here. The UN aims to eliminate violence against women and girls by 2030, a challenging goal that requires not only 16 days campaign but a continued effort.

As Inner Wheel members, we are part of the solution. Join us in this ongoing effort to raise awareness and eradicate violence against women and girls. Our app group is still going strong, activities for beginning 2025 are announced already and of course, In 2025, we will again highlight the 16 Days of Action under the leadership of IIW VP Kay Morland. We need YOUR support to proceed further.

Best Regards

Anita Meerdink

National Representative Netherlands



Orange the World Inner Wheel UNiTE Team





October 24, 1945, marks a historic day - the United Nations Charter came into effect, signed by 51 founding members. Today, the UN has grown to 193 member states, playing a vital role in promoting peace, security, and cooperation globally. The UN's focus for 2024 centers around 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aiming to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all.

NGOs and the United Nations

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a crucial role in the UN's mission. The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) grants consultative status to NGOs, enabling them to participate in UN activities. This status is divided into three categories:

- General Consultative Status: granted to organizations with broad representation and significant contributions to multiple fields ¹
- Special Consultative Status: for organizations focused on specific areas ¹
- Roster: for organizations making occasional, useful contributions ¹

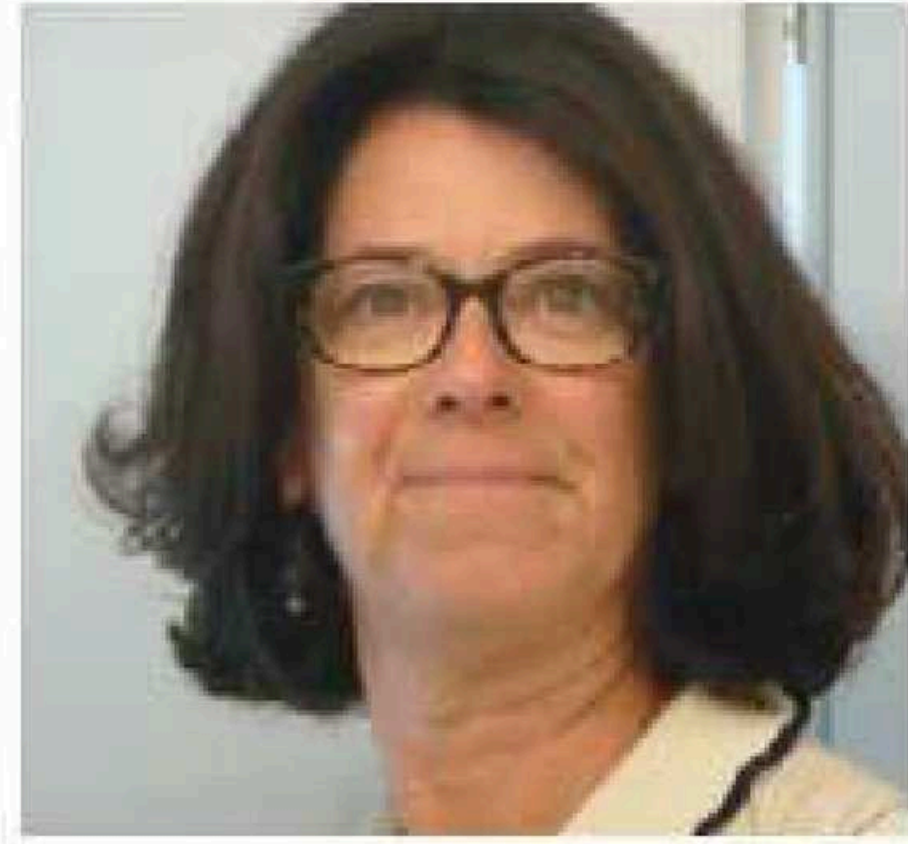
Currently, 5,591 organizations hold consultative status with ECOSOC, including 141 with general consultative status, 4,483 with special consultative status, and 967 on the roster



IIW UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES



Geneva:
Evie Marinoni



Geneva:
Karin Rivollet



New York:
Martine Gayon



New York:
Michelle Burgess



Vienna:
Ceja Gregor Hu



Vienna:
Ulrike Nemling



Vienna:
Gerda Beck

UNITED NATIONS & INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

Inner Wheel's remarkable journey with the United Nations began in 1970 when Board Member Mrs. Legarda from the Philippines suggested applying for consultative status. This marked the starting point of Inner Wheel's formal recognition by the UN¹. In 1972, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) confirmed Inner Wheel's admission to the roster of organizations, a significant milestone showcasing Inner Wheel's growing global presence and commitment to service. Fast forward to 1993, at the 9th IIW Convention in Sydney, a general motion was passed to confine Inner Wheel's involvement with the United Nations to being an observer with consultative status. This strategic decision aimed to focus Inner Wheel's efforts and maximize its impact. Today, Inner Wheel's involvement with the UN is coordinated by the current IIW Vice President, overseeing the organization's UN Representatives. These representatives play a vital role in:

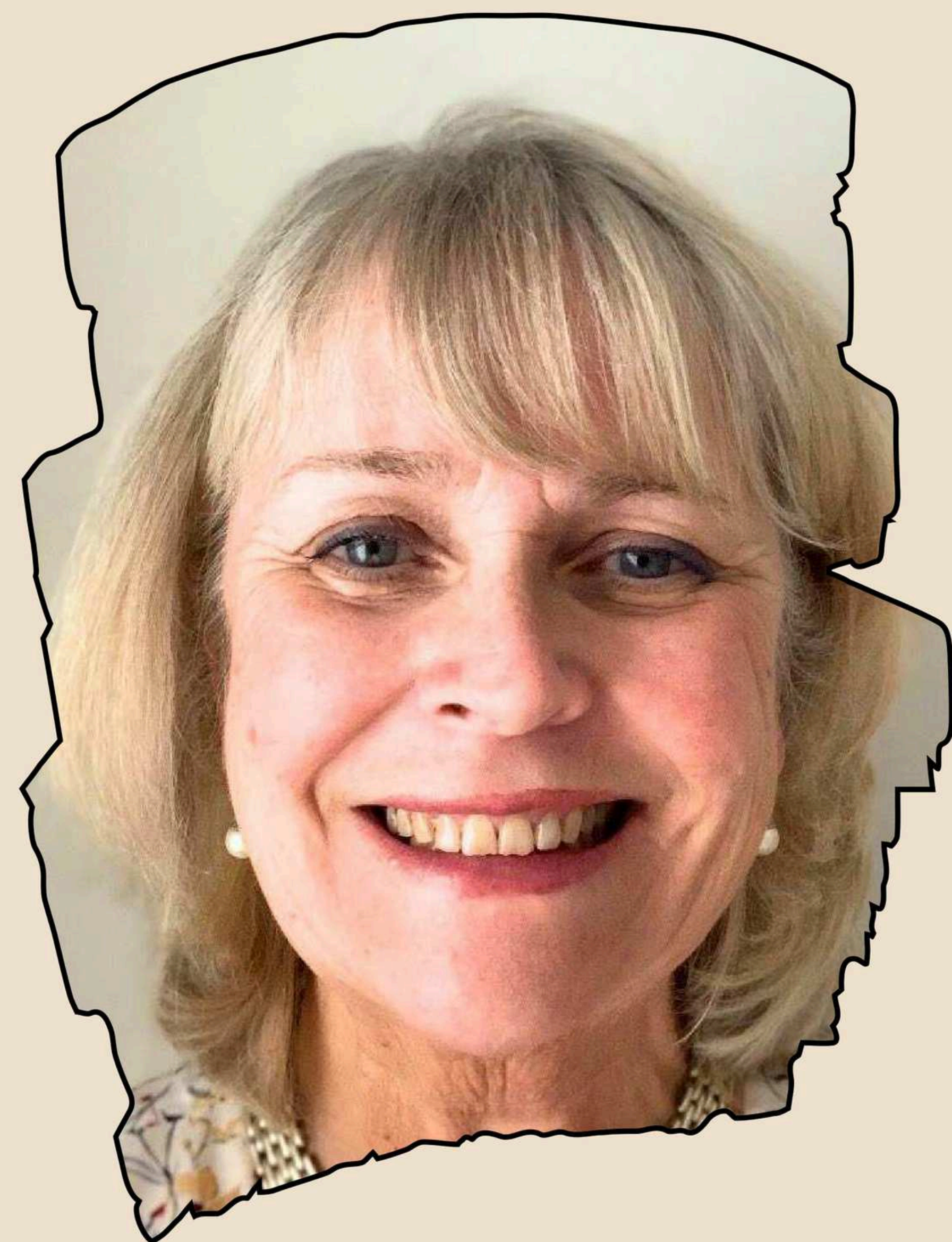
- Following and Assisting UN Commissions: on important themes such as human rights, rights of children, conditions of women and elder people.
- Reporting to the IIW Vice President: on committee and conference activities.
- Serving as the Link: between Inner Wheel and the UN.

To keep its UN Representatives informed, Inner Wheel shares annual reports from national representatives. Inner Wheel's involvement focuses on promoting awareness and implementation of major themes, including support for UN Sustainable Development Goals. Currently, seven Inner Wheel members are appointed at UN offices in Geneva, Vienna, and New York, demonstrating the organization's commitment to global service and collaboration.

In Discussion with

IIW UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

Martine Gayon



As the IIW UN representative nominated by Catherine Refabert in New York since 2013, It is an honour to serve as a bridge between International Inner Wheel (one of the largest women's voluntary organizations worldwide) and the United Nations.

Essential Qualities for UN Representative

- Strong communication skills:
- Commitment to Service:
- Understanding of Global Issues:
- Networking and Relationship Building:
- Adaptability and Cultural Sensibility:
- Commitment to Gender Equality.

Alignment with UN's Sustainable Development Goals:

Inner Wheel's mission, rooted in Friendship & Service, and the empowerment of women, aligns closely with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in promoting gender equality, education, and health.

Understanding of UN processes

Understanding of UN processes is fundamental; for years we had to familiarize ourselves with how the UN operates, how NGOs interact with the UN bodies, decision-making processes, and the protocol for attending the UN sessions. We also attend UN-related Conferences, Workshops and UN-affiliated events which give us a deeper understanding of the work of the UN and allow us to meet key stakeholders. We also stay informed on latest developments especially in women's rights, development, and humanitarian efforts, which are often discussed at the UN.

Motivation for joining the UN

Joining the United Nations as a representative is incredibly inspiring for some reasons that drove me to take on this role:

Advancing Women's Empowerment by championing gender equality and empowering marginalized women and girls worldwide.

Contributing to Development projects by participating in UN discussions and supporting initiatives that improve lives globally.

And finally, being a voice for voluntary work and service by promoting the power of community.

Participating in UN Commissions

In New York, each year, we have the privilege of being invited to participate in these commissions: The Commission on the Status of women, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the open-ended working group on ageing and the Conference of State parties to the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Upcoming Events:

For the first time, I will also be able to attend the UN Ocean Conference to be held in Nice, France, in June 2025.

In Discussion with

IIW UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

Ceja Gregor Hu



Inner Wheel is proudly represented in four Vienna based NGO Committees

1. Committee on Ageing: - The focus of this committee is on human rights for older persons, a sustainable society of all ages and on a life course approach by recognizing the valuable contribution of older persons to society. A special event is organized annually on October 1st to celebrate the "International Day of Older Persons".

2. Committee on the Status of Women: - This committee is working on actual themes regarding "Women's Rights", "Violence against Women and Girls", "Unequal gender division of paid and unpaid work", "Unequal payment for equal jobs" are always part of the agenda. Seminars and special events are organized with outside agencies and other Committees.

3. Committee on Sustainable Development: - This committee focuses on the potential for practical cooperation with the UN and other international organizations in the key areas such as:

- Sustainability in the context of global economic expansion, with particular attention to Sustainability.
- Food security: Provision of the necessary quantity and quality of food for all.
- Provision of sustainable energy for all.
- Education for sustainability.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) also play an important role in the work of the other Committees.

4. Committee on Drugs and Crime: - This committee has around 200 members from all around the world. Meetings and events usually take place during the UN International Conferences on Drugs and Crime. (UNODC) Attention is paid to themes like:

- * Anti-Corruption
- * Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- * Health and Social Development
- * Maritime Crime
- * Wildlife and Forest Crime
- * Terrorism Prevention
- * Transnational Organized Crime

History and Team: Ulrike Nemling initiated Inner Wheel's involvement in 1989, I have represented IIW since end of 1998 and Gerda Beck joined our team as a third Representative in April 2023.

Committee Meetings and Activities: Committee-Meetings take place once a month and are attended by Representatives from the different NGO's registered as members of the respective Committee. During a meeting several themes are discussed. This can either be something new coming up, a follow-up on earlier discussions or the preparation of a Statement, which is the most important activity, and has to be seen as an "on-going matter" as it may take several months to prepare and finish Statements. These Statements are then presented at the Sessions of the different United Nations Commissions.

Sometimes special "working-groups" are installed to work on topics that need more in depth attention.

As Representatives of a women's organization, we try to pay special attention to aspects concerning women.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION INNER WHEEL PHILIPPINES



The Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, celebrated United Nations Day 2024 in style, despite the challenging weather, at the Manila Hotel on October 24, 2024. The event was a vibrant display of cultural pride, with members donning diverse national costumes and enjoying the camaraderie of the much-anticipated gathering.

Event Highlights

- Inspiring messages about the significance of UN Day added depth to the celebrations.
- IIW Past President Zenaida Yungco-Farcon delivered the keynote address.
- IIW Board Director PNP Emily Q. Duterte shared an inspirational message.
- The event highlighted the importance of international unity, led by IWCP National President Maria Ditas P. Crisostomo and UN Day 2024 Chairman Dr. Mildred V. Vitangcol.

Awards and Recognition

- Pres. Xiamzzy Paglas was crowned Ms. UN Day 2024.
- Pres. Nemia Alimbuyugin took the title of Ms. IWCP 2024.
- Pres. Nanette De Lara was honored as Ms. International 2024.

This year's UN Day celebration showcased IWCP's dedication to fostering international understanding and cultural exchange, uniting members from across the Philippines in a celebration of diversity and unity.





AUSTRALIA

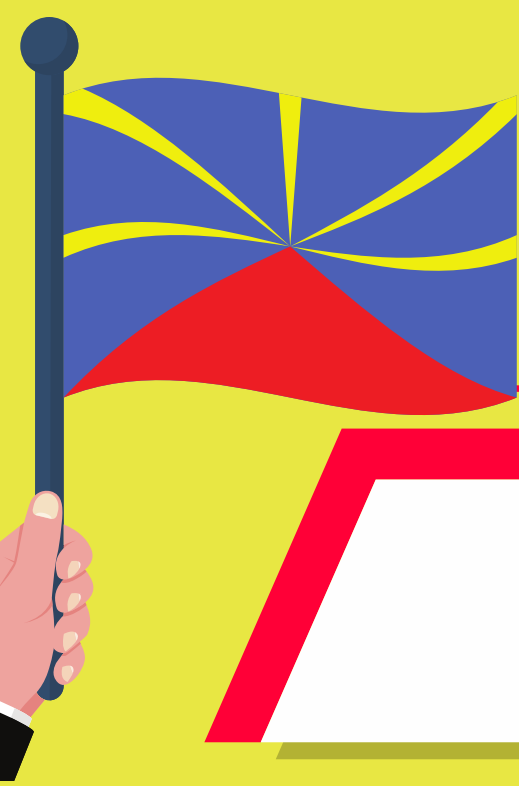


Supporting Cord Blood Research

Australian Inner Wheel's national project focuses on Cord Blood Research. To fund this initiative, members engage in various fundraising activities, including the sale of merchandise and an annual event called "Walk 2 for 10". This event encourages members, family, and friends to walk 2 kilometers and raise \$10 in sponsorship. Throughout the year, members also promote the project by wearing bright red "Cord Blood" shirts, raising awareness and support for this vital research.



District 920



RÉUNION ISLAND

Empowering Through Golf: Para Golf Trophy

IWC Saint-Denis Vanille Reunion Island hosted the Para Golf Trophy, a fundraising event providing golf sessions for people with disabilities. 120 golfers participated, and 5 adults with disabilities completed a 6-hole course, experiencing therapeutic benefits of golf, which can improve mental health, reduce depression and anxiety and enhance communication skills through interaction with coaches and fellow players.





NATIONAL PROJECT - DISTRICT 248

"DONATE WHILE YOU READ"

The joy of reading is doubled with the joy of helping others." Through the Read-Donate site, children are given the opportunity to donate through reading. They have to register, read a book and solve an online test about it. With earned credits, they support a chosen charitable cause, financed by IW team. Until now, reading children have supported 60 causes with a total value of BGN 48,100. Reading children registered until now are 3,257.



"HELP FOR UKRAINE"

D-248' brought together clubs across the district to support Ukrainian refugees. They provided essential aid, including food, basic necessities, clothing, shoes, and medicine. Notably, they helped establish and furnish the "Second Home" Refugee Center in Plovdiv, which was partially funded by IIW. Furthermore, the project organized art workshops, after-school clubs, and events for Ukrainian children, offering them a sense of comfort and normalcy.



BANGLADESH

District 328

DIGITAL LITERACY PROJECT IWD

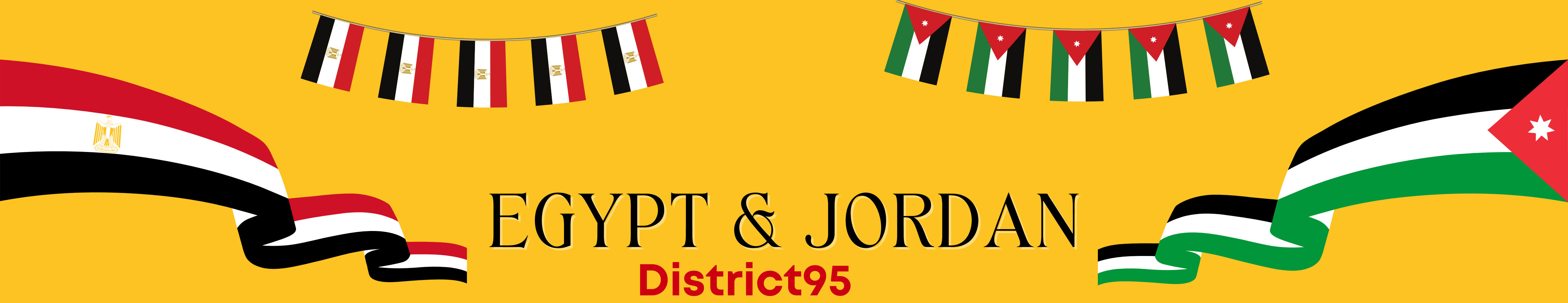
Meghnapar Dhibar School, Lakshmipur, was established in 2008 to support marginalized fisher families' children. The school began with one room offering hope and path to higher education. Recent donations of computers by Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan at the 40th District Rally bridges the digital dividend empowering these children with tools of education.



JOINT PROJECT: "ONE MEMBER ONE EYE"

IWC Metropolitan Dhaka initiated a project to restore eyesight for underprivileged cataract patients. In partnership with Bangladesh Eye Hospital:
47 eyes surgeries sponsored by 11 clubs of D328
21 eyes surgeries sponsored by 13 clubs of D345
2 eyes surgeries sponsored by 6 clubs of D347
In total 70 surgeries sponsored
A noble cause uniting Inner Wheel clubs across 3 districts.





EGYPT & JORDAN

District95

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

Inner wheel clubs establish workshop empowering 15 female breadwinners with training and resources to produce high-quality clothing, enhancing their employability and competitiveness.



Inner Wheel Club of Giza donates golf cart worth 350,000 LE to support kidney patients at Veterans and War Victims Association's dialysis unit.



ELDERLY CARE PROJECT

Dar El-Yasmeen, a home for the elderly owned and run by our IWCs. It covers all costs of care, accommodation, food supplies, treatment, and entertainment for the elderly.





Germany's 218 Inner Wheel clubs, 7 districts, and private donors joined forces with Kinderlachen e.V. to support 15 "lighthouses" – homes for neglected and traumatized children across the country. Through their collective efforts, they raised an impressive €465,000, which was used to provide essential donations such as playground equipment, therapy horses, and hands-on project support. Each home also received a symbolic child-sized lighthouse as a visible sign of connectedness, serving as a reminder of the power of community and compassion.



Inner Wheel New Zealand is celebrating its centennial year with pride and purpose. With 37 clubs and 1,036 members across four districts, the organization has successfully sold the uniquely bred "In Friendship" Rose, raising NZ\$25,230 for local charities, including Mitey, the Sir John Kirwan Foundation, and GirlBoss. Through monthly Zoom meetings, District Chairmen are empowered to foster unity and leadership within their districts. Looking ahead, Inner Wheel New Zealand will partner with the Cancer Society to promote Cervical Cancer awareness and establish new clubs, creating valuable spaces for women to connect, cultivate friendships, and contribute positively to their local communities.





District99

Honoring Our Absent Members

We visited our founding members who are unable to participate due to health reasons, expressing gratitude for their contributions and inspiration. We aim to keep them connected and valued, wishing them health, wellness, and ongoing love."



IW Israel's Carmel Club continues to make a meaningful impact in the community. They support an elementary school in a neighborhood with a high population of new immigrants, recently providing sustainable furniture and carpeting to create a cozy Library Corner for the children. Additionally, the club has been consistently supporting a local shelter for women and children over the past decade, annually purchasing warm winter coats for the children and supplying winter clothing for the women and children, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to helping those in need.





INDIA



District 320

Inner Wheel Club of Trichur supported Government Medical College Trichur by:

- Installing a 40L water dispenser with RO filter for NeoNatal ICU
- Providing annual maintenance cost for 5 years
- Donating 10 hospital beds with side railings for children

Benefiting many newborn babies and their families. (Value: ₹1,50,000)



IWC Varanasi Central
Event Highlights: District Assembly
Projects Undertaken....

District 312

1. Swing Machine Donation : 28 swing machines were donated Cost - 1,68,000/
2. Digital Education Initiative :
25 tablets were donated Cost -Rs. 5,00,000/



Club Name -Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Nariman Point, Description of the project - Donated Fully equipped AC Ambulance to GT hospital Beneficiaries - Many life Amount spent-8,00,000/

District 314





INDIA



District 306

IWC Surat Seaface Donates Medical Equipment Worth ₹10,00,000 to Civil Hospital

- Automated Perimeter Machine (₹9,52,000) for glaucoma diagnosis
 - Streak Retinoscope and 4-Mirror Gonioscopy Lens for ophthalmology
- Benefiting 5,000 patients yearly, this initiative promotes better healthcare and community service.



District 298

IWC Tanjore built a bus stop with a unique public library in Thanjavur, benefiting over 1,000 people. Inaugurated by the District Collector, this project was completed in collaboration with the Corporation of Thanjavur, with an investment of Rs. 6,00,000.



District 325

21 clubs joined hands to donate desk-benches to 200 underprivileged children at Gurukul Vidyalaya, Rajgir Expenses- ₹2,90,700



MALDIVAS & SRI LANKA

District 322

"Pink Power" Initiative

Sri Lanka and Maldives "Pink Power" awareness programs on breast and cervical cancer- A Call to Action Two events were held in Colombo and Kandy, attracting over 400 participants. Medical experts shared vital information on early detection, prevention, and self-examination for breast cancer. Free clinical breast examinations were also provided during the program. The initiative aimed to educate the community on the importance of proactive healthcare and seeking regular medical consultations.



"CENTRAL AFRICA"



District 915

Inner Wheel Club of Yaoundé brought joy to the Center for Children in Distress on December 17, 2024. Members donated food worth 300,000 FCFA (460 euros), including rice, water, pasta, and more. President Amie Vicky presented the gifts, praising the center's staff for their love and care. The children's faces lit up with delight. This heartfelt initiative, funded by club members and honorary supporters, embodies the Inner Wheel spirit: spreading love, kindness, and humanity.





District 330

The Inner Wheel Club Pearl of the Orient Penang has supported underprivileged single mothers and their children through a partnership with Persatuan Kebajikan Keluarga Harapan. Their goal is to empower these families financially and help children achieve academic excellence. During the holiday season, club members gather to fill hampers with essentials, spreading comfort, joy, and warmth to these families, and helping them start the new year on a positive note.



IWC Alor Setar (IWC AS) supported the "Orange the World" campaign, a global initiative to end violence against women and girls. To make a difference, the club donated to the Women's Aid Organization (WAO), which provides shelter and support for battered women and girls. On December 3, 2024, IWC AS presented a mock cheque to WAO, symbolizing their commitment to advocating for change and spreading awareness. Though modest, this donation represents a ray of hope for the women and children at WAO. IWC AS pledges to continue efforts to create a violence-free world for women and girls, keeping the 'Heartbeat of Humanity' alive.





Dress Red Day: A Huge Success!

Our NSP project supported cardiovascular research for women, raising awareness about women's heart diseases. €204,417 donated to "Hart voor Vrouwen" foundation
Nationwide awareness campaign through talks, flyers, and events



Happy Birthday for All!



Inner Wheel supports Stichting Jarige Job, bringing joy to Dutch children (2-12 yrs) from low-income families. Each child receives a birthday box with Cake mix, candles, decorations, gift, and treats

Our goal: Raise funds and awareness (2024-2026) to ensure every child has a happy birthday!"





District 350

MIDTOWN BUTWAL, NEPAL

Inner Wheel Club of Midtown Butwal, undertook a heartwarming project to support students at Jana Priya School in Tansen, Palpa. The club distributed:

- Warm clothing to protect against harsh winter conditions
- Stationery items to aid their education
- Snacks to bring joy and nourishment

This initiative brought smiles and comfort to the students.



District 350 The Inner Wheel Club of Pokhara, in partnership with the Nepal Association for the Welfare of the Blind (NAWB), hosted a successful "Eye Screening & Warm Clothes Distribution Program" on December 24, 2024, at Shree Janata Dhana Secondary School in Baglung. The event, technically supported by Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh and Dhaulagiri Eye Hospital Baglung, provided free eye check-ups for over 200 individuals and distributed necessary medicines. This initiative, sponsored by Devi Raman Sapkota, aimed to support the community's well-being during the harsh winter season.



District 911

District 911 IWC Lagos recently completed a renovation project at the Children's Transit Home, which the club originally built in 1990 and handed over to the Lagos State Government. In addition, 36 windows and 6 doors were replaced with new aluminium ones and buildings and perimeter walls were painted. During the commissioning ceremony, the club also organised a "Wall of Kindness" initiative to benefit the low-income community surrounding the home. Additionally, donations were made to the Cheshire Home, a facility for adults with physical disabilities. The total cost of the project was NGN 7 million (approximately GBP 3,300). This project demonstrates IWC Lagos' ongoing commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable members of their community."



Renovation of Children's Transit Home, Idi Araba Lagos



36 new Aluminium Windows and all round paint job at Children's Transit Home, Idi Araba, Lagos

District 910



District 910 Life-Changing Project of IWC Garki Inner Wheel Club Garki provided clean water to a rural community by digging a borehole and a water pump which is pumping water into a 1000 gal storage tank. In the absence of public water supply, clean water is not only essential but life saving for many rural communities.



PAKISTAN

District 327

Inner Wheel Karachi, donated Braille laptops and doodle sets worth PKR 620,000 to Ida Rieu School for Blind and Deaf. This generous contribution will support the education and skill development of audio-impaired students at the school's rehabilitation center.



District 339

Inner Wheel Club Lahore Sharq, continued its permanent project of supporting jail inmates. On November 26, 2024, members visited Lahore's District Jail, distributing winter clothing to 58 young boys in the juveniles' section. The jail management appreciated the thoughtful gesture.



Inner Wheel Sahiwal has partnered with Smile Trust to support free cleft palate treatment camps every Friday. This permanent project brings together all four Sahiwal clubs to make a difference in the lives of children in need.





INNER WHEEL SWEDEN'S CHARITY PROJECT.

Inner Wheel Sweden is proud to support a foundation that provides a safe haven and education to orphan girls in northwest Kenya. Founded 30 years ago by a Swedish dentist couple, this organization has transformed the lives of hundreds of young girls. The foundation offers a safe home and education, while also working with local women's organizations to combat female genital mutilation (FGM). Thanks to this remarkable initiative, hundreds of girls have benefited from a supportive environment, access to education, and protection from FGM. Inner Wheel Sweden remains committed to supporting this worthy cause, empowering young girls to build a brighter future.



At Inner Wheel, we empower women's health, contraception, and family planning rights. To combat genital mutilation, child marriage, and teenage pregnancies, Rotary & Inner Wheel Doctor of Sweden support projects like the one in Wasat village. Education is key: we encourage girls to complete primary school, pursue secondary education, and unlock their full potential.





District 242, 244

Earthquake Relief Efforts

Earthquake Relief Efforts in Türkiye , D 242,

Both of our districts continue to provide aid to the earthquake zone in the Southeast of Türkiye. The clubs are making great efforts to ensure that the aid provide by IIW reaches its destination. 16 containers were placed in the selected pilot region. A mobile school was built. A psychology center was established in collaboration with the Hatay Psychology Association. Clean drinking water is provided to the region. Contributions are made for the school and dormitory to be established for the earthquake orphans.



Empowering Women Farmers

"Leave a Trace in Agriculture" project in coordination with the Department of Agriculture Faculty of Aegean university aim to educates women farmers about Breeding, marketing and Cooperatives to help them become independent as well as Sustainable, eco-friendly practices.



WEST AFRICA

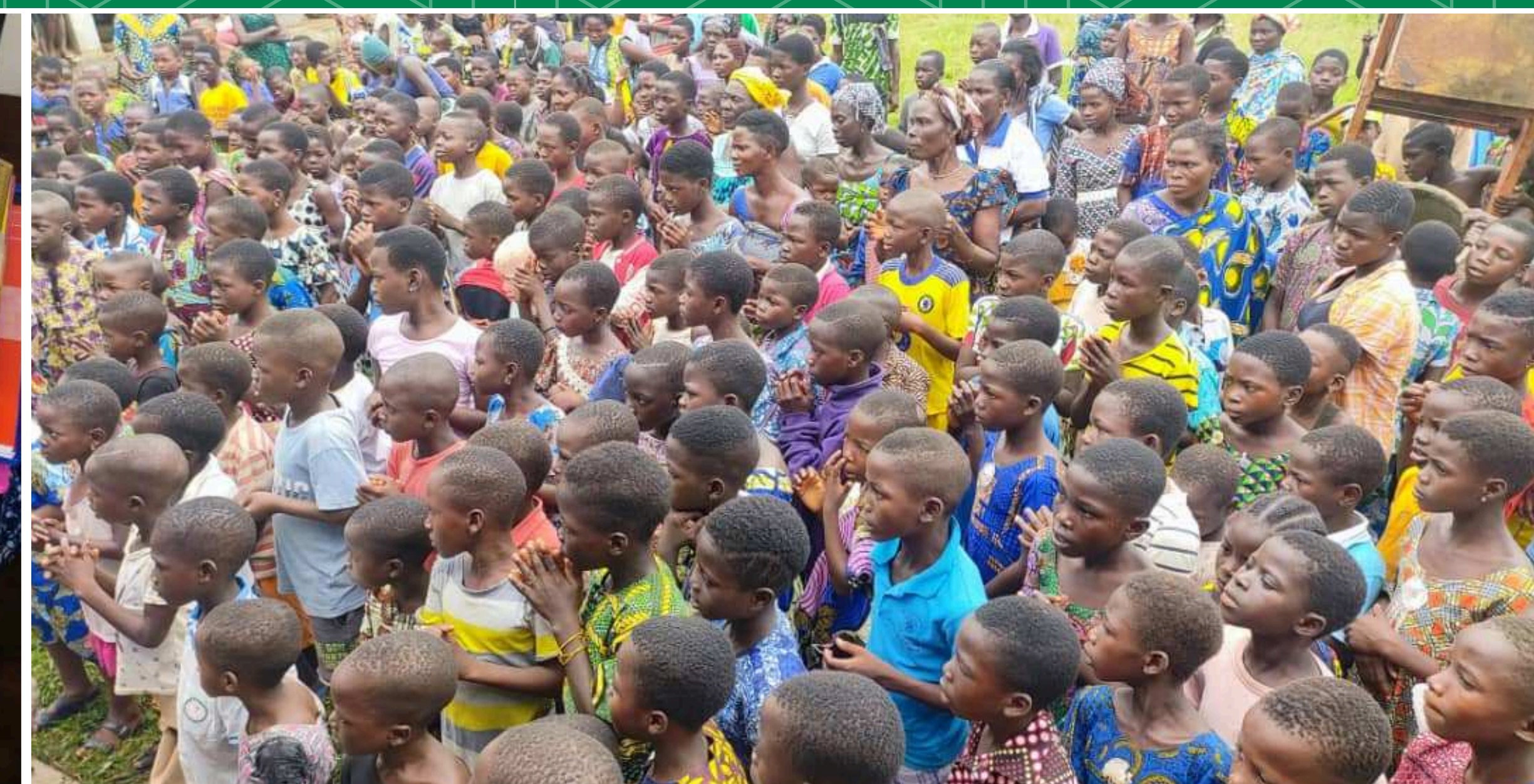


District 909

Electrification of school classrooms.....The Porto-Novo club, led by President Rachida, recently inaugurated a photovoltaic system at the Ecole Primaire Publique de Dogla in Dangbo, Benin. This project, worth approximately 589.82€, aims to provide electricity to classrooms, the headmaster's office, and the schoolyard, enabling students to study safely during dark hours. The system includes a solar panel, battery, charge controller, and accessories.



The IW Club of Lomé Étincelles, in partnership with Lions Avé and Marina clubs, donated school supplies to 400 underprivileged students at Kini Kondji Primary School in Yoto, Togo. The donation, valued at approximately 875.01€, included essential items such as notebooks, pens, pencils, and erasers.



The Inner Wheel Club of Mali, led by President Mai Niaré, has empowered four young girls through a three-year tailoring training program, funded with 4,440,000 FCFA. To kick-start their careers, the girls received four sewing machines, valued at 380.76€. This initiative aims to equip women with income-generating skills and financial independence.



ALYSSANDRA SKERRETT

Board Director

Club Name- Inner Wheel Club of Queenstown

Country- New Zealand

District Number - NZ291, NZ294, NZ297, and NZ298

Year of joining - 1999

Number of Members in your club- 45-48 Members

Total Districts - 4 Districts

Total Members in New Zealand - 1100



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

The opening dinner forged unbreakable bonds across cultures, showcasing nation's traditions. Subsequent events fostered enduring connections, insightful discussions, and a unified purpose, culminating in a cohesive leadership and continued growth.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

As a board director on the communications team, we had discussions about brand recognition and strengthening. As board director my role involves fostering connections between three clubs and International Inner Wheel. While one club is doing well, I'm having difficulty reaching the other two.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Post-Manchester meeting, the executive will communicate objectives to the communications team. Meanwhile, board directors are exploring alternative contact methods for clubs we've struggled to reach.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

I find daily walks incredibly empowering, they refocus my mind. I also cherish movie nights, savouring coffee, sharing meals with friends, and immersing myself in inspiring books, self-discovery, and researching.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important?

International Inner Wheel represents a powerful bond of sisterhood, linking our heritage of dedicated leaders with our present pursuits of knowledge and our future aspirations, founded on the principle that one woman's achievement is a triumph for all.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

International Inner Wheel's legacy is to inspire and uplift members, creating a haven where women belong and flourish. Our future lies in igniting women's leadership and growth, recognizing the profound influence they wield, and touching hearts with love and care in our community.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

I greatly admire the Inner Wheel women, who exemplify a beautiful balance of boldness, strength, and capability, with kindness, generosity, and compassion, enriching the lives of others through their unwavering commitment to support and assist those in need.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

International Inner Wheel introduced me to Golding, a remarkable woman who's legacy touches so many women even today. Over 25 years, diverse roles fueled personal growth, self-discovery, and empowerment within a vibrant community.

ANN ACASTER

Board Director

**INNER WHEEL CLUB - YORK VIKINGS
COUNTRY - GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
(GB&I) DISTRICT - 4
YEAR OF JOINING - 1993
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN MY CLUB - 21
TOTAL DISTRICTS IN GB&I - 28
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GB&I - 10,000+**



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

My main takeaway from the IGBM is the friendship, which binds us all together and is our USP – Unique Selling Point. Seeing how IIW functions and how we can move Inner Wheel forward.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

Works on behalf of IIW and is part of the IIW Governing Body. Does not represent her own country. Responsible for allocated Non-Districted clubs, their link to IIW.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Detective work. Lack of information. Connection. Opening and on-going dialogues, if possible, for two years. In the end it is all worth it and a reply email warms my heart.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

My family, who are my lifeblood. A lot of time in the magnificent York Minster as our grandson is a chorister there, as was our son. Music. Reading. Holidays provide wonderful memories. March to October – coast time.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important?

Inner Wheel has become my second family and is in my heart. A wonderful family of international friends doing so much for others and expecting nothing in return.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

Shouting from the rooftops to let others know about our wonderful IIW. I hope that along with others, our legacy will be the growth and continuation of Inner Wheel for another 100 years.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

I respect vision and enthusiasm, humility, openness, commitment and a genuine love of Inner Wheel.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Both professionally and personally, Inner Wheel has helped me grow as a person. It has given me knowledge and a thirst for that knowledge. It has given me confidence and taught me tolerance and patience. I hope Inner Wheel has also given me some of the qualities that I admire in others.

DONATELLA POLIZZI NICOLICH

Board Director

Club Name- Trieste

Country- Italy

District Number- 206

Year of joining- 1999-2000

Number of Members in your club- 36

**Total Members and Districts in your country
over 6000, 6 Districts**



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

It was a unique two-day experience that condensed productive business with warm friendships and moments of fun.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

To work with the Vice President, reporting the activities of the allocated NDCs. To work on a particular projects as required by the IIW Executive and report at the Governing Body meeting

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Being able to contact the allocated clubs and be of real use to them, supporting them, and not letting they feel isolated from the IW world.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

I like traveling, reading, walking, and biking.

5. What Inner Wheel represent to you and why is it important?

Inner Wheel has played and is playing a crucial role in my life. It has proven that it can make a difference for women of all ages and cultural backgrounds in the spirit of friendship, cooperation, and mutual support.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope I have indicated how it is possible to encourage the different realities of our association to participate in its life while broadening their horizons and improving their management.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

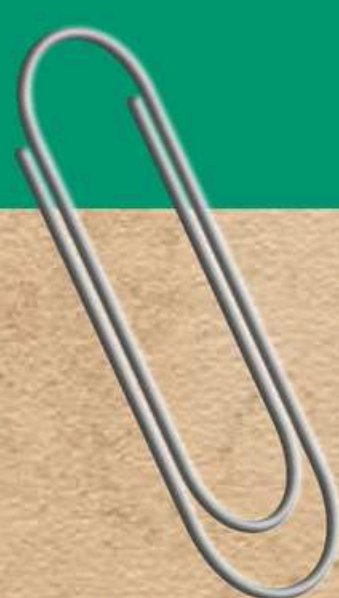
The ability to develop innovative ideas and be a leader.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

IW provided me with training and mentoring to help me face challenges with teamwork and improve communication skills, leadership, and time management, thus promoting my continuous personal growth.

ELENA ZAHARIEVA,

Board Director



Country - Bulgaria

District Number - 248

Year of joining - 2004

Number of Members in your club - 410

One District with 27 Clubs



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

The international Governing Body Meeting in October was very friendly and inspiring event from which I took away enthusiasm for new ideas and knowledge.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

To promote the ideals, values and objects of Inner wheel, helping it to be more visible and recognizable and supporting the NDC in their activities.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Dealing with members from different countries and cultures, overcoming time zones while pacing with your everyday activities is quite challenging but also very motivating.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

I like to read, travel and spend time with friends and family

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

Inner wheel for me represents the dream for a better world. I feel like a citizen of this world and part of its brighter future.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

The most important for me is to make good friendships and make people believe that good things can happen.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

I value the true friendship, I admire honesty, reliability, kindness,

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

The love and support of my Inner Wheel friends helps me to evolve as a person and serving in all different levels of the organization improved my professional and leadership skills.

EMILY DUTERTE

Board Director



Club Name- IWC of San Francisco Del Monte (IWC SFDM)

Country- Philippines

District Number- District 378

Year of joining- 1985

Number of Members in your club- 47

Total Members and Districts in your country:

Districts in the Philippines-9; Total Members- 2102

1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

It was unfortunate that I was not able to attend the IGB Meeting in Manchester. However, I was able to meet my Team mates via Zoom 10 days before the meeting to discuss our assigned topic on membership. Prior to the meeting I forwarded a guide outline to the Team so that we can be ready with our answers during our meeting. This outline made our discussion precise, logically laid out and brief. Despite my absence, my contribution to our presentation was echoed by my Team mates. My take aways: My Team Mate Ann discussed with Admin Alan the possibility of having a zoom link so that I (and perhaps others who could not come) can join in. No link was given. My guess is, the Admin did not anticipate the possibility that some BDs might not be able to attend. We should make preparations for this in the future.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

We were assigned NDCs by VP Kay Morland. Per her instruction, I communicated with these clubs and forwarded important information like those coming from the treasurer on the steps for payment of dues and the IIW Newsletters from the Editor. As BDs we serve as the go between the IIW and the NDCs.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

My main challenge was, I wasn't granted a UK visa hence much to my disappointment, I was not able to attend the IGB meeting. I overcame this by contributing my thoughts, ideas and experience to my Team. These ideas were evident in our presentation. It was also a challenge that the NDCs assigned to me never responded to the various emails that I sent. Not even an acknowledgement email was sent.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

In my leisure time, I watch documentaries, medical or legal dramas on YouTube. I love spending time with my family usually over home cooked meals or dining outside.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

To me Inner Wheel is giving back. We have been given more in terms of better opportunities to education, economic advancement, and societal influence. Inner Wheel allows us to seek "the least, the lost and the last" and help them have a fair chance at a better life. To whom much is given, much is expected.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope that I would "inspire" more women to do more and be more. To be an Inner Wheel leader who was able to inspire others especially the young leaders to do tasks with deliberate purpose: to HELP: (1) ourselves and be better individuals; (2) others and be better humans.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

Servant Leadership. No stature, nor religion, nor age nor educational attainment is necessary to serve. A sincere heart and the willingness to serve is what matters.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Inner Wheel has been an integral part of my growth as a woman leader. It has humbled me to watch outstanding women unselfishly sharing their time, talents and resources to others. It has brought me joy as we mould young bodies and minds to be responsible citizens of the world. This is a continuing motivation for me to be a better role model for the youth.

ICLAL KARDIÇALI

Board Director

Ege Inner Wheel Club

izmir (City) - Turkiye D.244

2009 - Charter member

39 members in my club

Total number of members in my country: 460

Two districts in my country: D.242 and D.244

1. Takeaways from attending this IGB Meeting?

Meeting face-to-face and getting to know each other better, thus nurturing friendship, sharing projects and working together, discussing openly and learning directly the objectives of the year.

2. Responsibilities and working as BD?

Getting to know more about the content and working mechanism of the IIW and the Exec, learning about the NDCs in the world and encouraging them to grow, develop, learn about IW and eventually form districts.

3. Challenges we face and how to overcome them?

Very difficult to reach the NDCs that do not respond to communication. To overcome this challenge we communicate with former BDs if possible or other members who might be close to those clubs. A sound database system does not exist yet.

4. Leisure time

I go cycling, swimming, sailing, out with friends and family, travelling, reading, knitting

5. What IW represents and importance?

First and foremost, IW means my precious friends; and with them I can do wonderful projects for women, girls, children, needy; projects I cannot do all by myself. We feel good to have done "good" and we enjoy it, together, in collaboration.

6. Legacy you would hope to leave?

With the literacy project we did earlier, some of the women not only learned to read and write but they continued their education, had a profession and became fulfilled, happy, independent individuals. With the music project, children of some displaced families better adapted to their new country, their friends welcomed them more smoothly, and they became a part of the team through choirs they participated in. I am humbled and delighted with this legacy, and I am continuing with this work.

7. What quality admired in IW members and leaders?

Kindness, smiling faces no matter what happens; depth of knowledge, listening patiently and responding with knowledge, mentoring skills, ability to show empathy, feeling of justice, straightforwardness, lack of prejudice, warm and open friendship.

8. How IW helped you to evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

- Through interaction with so many new friends especially, I got to learn that everyone has a story and reality perspective, and that can be totally different from what you got to believe until now. That, I do not want to work with "unkind" people anywhere - Professionally not much, but with so much work at work at the university and within IW (especially during the Convention Year - International Choir and Dance Groups:) I learned to use my time more efficiently and intelligently, and make faster and more compact suitcases :)



IMAN EL BASHARI

Board Director

Club Name: IWC of Cairo North

Country: Egypt

District Number: 95 (Egypt & Jordan)

Year of joining: 1998

Number of Members in your club: 22

Total Members and Districts in your country: 1 District - 980 Members



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting? Meeting the Government Body members in person, gaining deeper knowledge and understanding of my role as a board director.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

Supervising the clubs appointed to me, by providing all the help and support needed. Promoting friendship and service within these clubs.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Difficulty in reaching all the clubs especially that my clubs are now in a warzone, and overcoming this by being supportive to their situation, when reachable.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

Spending time with my children and grandchildren.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important?

IW gives me a sense of happiness, content, and achievement in serving the community. Additionally, all of my friends are IW members.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope I would become an example for future members to always give back and help those in need, and believe in what they do and its impact on society.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

The determination and strong will in giving back to the society and those in need.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

I learned to give more to those in need, it taught me never to give up and love what I do. It became what I am now devoted entirely to.

JUANITA LEE

Board Director

Club Name- IWC Kuala Lumpur

Country- Malaysia

District Number- District 330

Year of joining- 1996

Number of Members in your club- 80

Number of members in the District- 480

Number of District - 2



As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body ?

I gained insights into global challenges, inspired by cross-cultural collaboration and the commitment of dedicated members. I appreciate leadership that is compassionate and strategic in driving the organization toward its goals.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

As Board Director, my responsibilities include promoting, and motivating members to fulfill the vision and mission of IIW President Mamta. I also assist the NDCs assigned to me, supporting their work and initiatives.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

A key challenge I face is not receiving responses from NDCs. To overcome this, I reached out to the past Board Director for advice. I need to regularly remind District and Club Presidents of IIW's goals for the year.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

I enjoy gardening organic produce, baking sourdough bread and cakes, and practicing meditation. Babysitting my grandchildren brings peace and balance, and I love exploring new culinary experiences.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

A platform for meaningful charitable activities, fostering relationships that support you in both good and challenging times, and an outlet to express creativity and drive projects close to your heart.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope to leave a legacy of impactful community projects, such as wheelchair donations and wells for clean water, while also fostering fellowship by opening my home and resources to strengthen bonds among members through shared experiences.

LYNNE DAVINE

Board Director

**IWC Warragul, Victoria
Australia A62
1995 – Charter member
48 Club members
12 Districts IWA
2,523 members as of October 2024.**

1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

1. Collective future planning of IIW. International understanding of worldwide needs. Universal desire to make positive differences regardless of culture and beliefs. Working as an international team.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

1. BD works on behalf of IIW and no official role in own country. NR or DC communicates with IIW. Knowledge of IIW Constitution. Support IIW GB decisions.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

1. Making contact with allocated NDCs. Contact information not always available. Helpful BDs provided some of this information.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

I love to garden. Perform as a singer as soloist and Choral member. Singing teacher. Family gatherings, reading.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

1. Inner Wheel has brought long lasting friendships and provided ways to work in our community and the world.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

1. Having the privilege of leading IWA as President and NR and elected IIWBD and participating in the growth and development of many projects moving into the future.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

1. Mutual partnerships in all areas, working together, caring and companionship,

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

1. My journey has brought me opportunities of growth in leadership, new skills, collaboration, understanding universality.



NNENNA OPEBIYI

Board Director

CLUB: Iwe of Ilesha

DISTRICT: 913

YEAR OF JOINING: 1986

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN MY CLUB: 17

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 1196



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

As a Board Director, my key takeaways after attending the International Governing Body meeting are: I learnt and felt the true meaning of friendship, That team work makes us unique and united

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

: To work closely with the NDCs allocated to me. Motivate and encourage them to do meaningful projects, pay their capitation fees and recruite new members to their clubs.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Most of the NDCs do not respond to my emails, phone calls even on Facebook. I will continue trying while I report to the BDs coordinator Kay Morland

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

Fun with my grandchildren, gardening and listening to news around the world. I also enjoy watching football on TV.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

Inner Wheel represents friendship, service and understanding. It is important because we serve the needy and the underprivileged in our society.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I want to leave a positive change on as many people that I can and inspire them to foster international understanding.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

I admire President Mamta's style of leadership – beautiful and soft spoken. All her executives and all BDs with beautiful refreshing smiles. Lastly our gentle smiling Media Manager who makes every beat count.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Inner Wheel has become part of me since 1986. I learnt a lot from the last meeting. Especially the true meeting of friendship and international understanding. I am glad and proud of being a member of 2024/2025 years.

PAULETTE DEWINTER

Board Director

I joined Innerwheel in 2001.

My club counts 34 members and 1 new member is in the pipeline.

Belgium-Luxembourg has 3 Districts: D62 809 members, D217 506 members, D163 527 members: total: 1842 members.

1. As a Board Director, my key takeaways from attending this IGB Meeting are:

discussions about several topics regarding the future of IW with respect for each other, informative experiences of the other BD's regarding their NDC's, meeting each other in person. Voting important decisions for the welfare of IW.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

As a BD, it is our duty to promote Inner Wheel's ideals to our assigned NDC's. It is also our duty to provide them with all the necessary information coming from IIW as they are part of our global big family.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

This year, I am the lucky one because I was able to build up from the beginning very good contacts with my NDC's. There is a very good cooperation.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

Various activities with family and friends, travelling (cruising), hiking and reading books.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

Inner wheel represents friendship and making new friends. IW also gives me the opportunity to contribute to improving the lives of people who are struggling.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

To the clubs: never give up, even if things don't always go the way you want. Make sure to recruit new members every year to prevent your club from dying out. How ? Each one bring one ! (or at least try to).

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

The will and effort they put into moving forward and the ideas they bring to make it happen. Their eloquence and enthusiasm in promoting their Theme. Their friendship across all borders !

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

The courage to stand up for my opinions and speak in front of an audience. The realisation that we are privileged to be able to give instead of having to receive is something to be grateful.



SUSANNE METELERKAMP

Board Director



Inner Wheel Purmerend (45 members)

The Netherlands / District 58

Year of joining: 2009

IW The Netherlands: 3 Districts / 1868 members



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

What I remember most about joining the IIW Board Meeting in Manchester is the warm introduction in person to my colleagues Board Directors and the conclusion that we all – despite our differences – ultimately want the same thing: make it possible to all our members all over the world to enjoy Inner Wheel and to shape club life in a suitable, meaningful and pleasant way, with respect for each others traditions and customs, without too many restrictions: But always and everywhere acting together from one warm and loving IW-♥

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

I consider my most important task as a IIW Board Director to be maintaining good contact with the NDC's (that's a real challenge!), and furthermore constantly paying attention to needs and questions arising from those NDC's but also from other involved IW members. Besides this we need to think along and participate – with an open mind – in the entire process that is necessary to allow IIW to operate efficiently and usefully.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Since my NDC's are quite independent and running well, my intervention seems unnecessary. It takes a lot of effort to get in touch and keep it that way. But: I don't give up and keep looking for other ways to succeed.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

In my spare time I like to read a lot, especially about history. I hate needlework, but strangely enough I like embroidery, especially in the winter period. Since Covid, my husband and I (and many others!) have been discovering unexpectedly beautiful places in the Netherlands by bike.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

Being together with my fellow club members, working on service projects and doing fun things together is a wonderful pastime for me and the core of Inner Wheel: CLUB LIFE! From IW friendship and dedication beautiful and unimaginable things arise; time has proven this more than once.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I am just a small part of the IW-picture. Still, I hope that my enthusiasm for Inner Wheel will be infectious and that it will motivate members to get moving and enjoy all the beauty that IW has to offer outside your own club.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

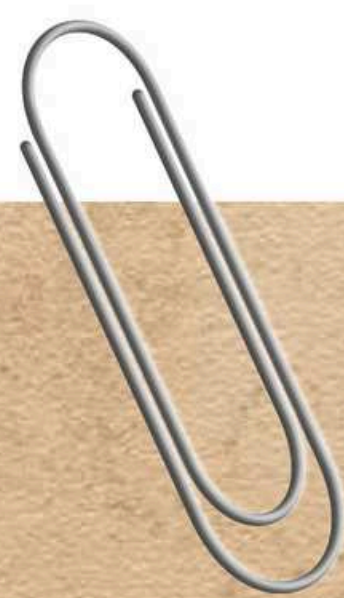
There are many people in IW that I admire. I admire their boundless dedication, their perseverance, their ability to unwaveringly maintain the common thread, their creativity and their gift to inspire other people.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Inner Wheel has helped me become a better version of myself. Meeting people I would never have encountered. Visiting places that would have remained unknown. Doing things I never actually did or never dared to do before. In short: IW offers numerous opportunities to develop yourself in all kinds of areas. I myself have stepped beyond my boundaries and IW has broadened my horizons. I actually think I have become a nicer person!

DR SURJIT KAUR

Board Director



Club Name- INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KAPURTHALA

Country- India

District Number- 307

Year of joining- 1999

Number of Members in your club- 25

Total Members and Districts in your country:

MEMBERS: 58,253, DISTRICTS: 27



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

My key takeaways from this International Governing Body Meeting was the importance of building global friendships, improving leadership skills, and working together in service to advance our shared mission and goals.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

I truly appreciate the meeting's emphasis on global collaboration and leadership. It's inspired me to give even more towards advancing our shared goals and making a lasting impact together.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

One of the key challenges I face is balancing diverse perspectives, from various cultures and regions, while ensuring unity in decision-making. To overcome this, I focus on open communication, actively listening to different viewpoints, and fostering collaboration to find common ground.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

In my free time, I explore new destinations, meet friends, watch movies with family, practice dance, spend time with my grandchildren, and immerse myself in music for relaxation.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

Inner Wheel represents a platform for meaningful service, friendship, and personal growth. It's important because it empowers women to make a difference through compassion, unity, and shared purpose, fostering positive change in communities worldwide. It was also to explore the talents and enjoy camaraderie.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope to leave a legacy of empowering women, fostering global unity, and creating lasting positive change in communities through dedicated service and collaboration. As a doctor I would like to create awareness regarding health concerns and try to address the growing health issues by rendering my service through Inner Wheel.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

I admire the dedication, compassion, and teamwork of my fellow Inner Wheel members, as well as their unwavering commitment to serving others and making a positive impact. I appreciate the 'lead from the front' spirit of the leaders to motivate the members by setting precedence.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Inner Wheel has enriched my personal growth and professional skills through meaningful connections, community service, leadership opportunities, and a commitment to empowering women globally.

TRACY VAN EEDEN

Board Director

Club Name- Bedfordview

Country- South Africa

District Number- 932

Year of joining- 2000

Number of Members in your club- 18

Total Members in your country - 153

Total Districts in your country - 2



As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

My key takeaway is how like-minded we all were. No matter the differences in our backgrounds we all really upheld the principles of Inner Wheel. We all walked in as complete strangers and left as friends. We all had a passion for women and the need to pursue their fundamental rights around the globe

1. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

I came in as a Board Director with no idea what to expect. I was devastated when I had very little success in contacting my appointed clubs and thought of that as a failure. Having left the meeting though I have such a renewed passion and vigour for our Organisation and just want to recommend Inner Wheel to anyone who would listen. I feel like more of a "Brand Ambassador" than a Board Director. I hope to encourage all I can to involve themselves in all the many projects we are involved in so they too can experience what I have.

2. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

I think the challenge is not having correct information for the NDC clubs. Once this is updated there should be no issues.

What do you do in your leisure time?

I love to watch Podcasts and read What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important? The aspect of Promoting True Friendship is to me the most important aspect of Inner Wheel. I believe that there are so many social issues amongst our own communities and sometimes just having a friend to chat to can be so needed.

3. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

I hope that wherever I go and What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders? I most admire our ambition as determination as women to get the job done. We are able to juggle our jobs, home life and still give up our time to help those not only less fortunate to uplift themselves and better themselves.

How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

I have always been an introvert who would never strike up a conversation with strangers. Through Inner Wheel I have learnt to overcome this fear. I have learnt to make friends and approach people in a humble and heartfelt way. Inner Wheel has given me the confidence to stand for a purpose and make sure that that need or purpose is fulfilled

URSULA EIGENMANN

Board Director

Club Name- Inner Wheel Club St. Gallen

Country- Switzerland - Liechtenstein

District Number- 199

Year of joining- 1997

Number of Members in your club- 56 (founded 1992)

**Total Members and Districts in your country 1588
members in 1 district in Switzerland**



1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

The personal contacts with all members of the governing body led to a good understanding -despite different cultures - thanks to a common goal.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

I stand up for the goals of Inner Wheel and represent our ideas and projects both internally and externally. The bridging function between the assigned non-districted clubs (NDC) and IIW is important.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

The value of Inner Wheel, also as a women's organization, has to be carried out into the world and told again and again in your personal environment! I try to break down the obvious language barrier to the NDCs.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

Time with my family (husband, children, grandchildren), time for outdoor activities such as skiing and walking, time for travelling to different countries, time to visit concerts and plays, time for photography and literature.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

In many respects, girls and women worldwide are still underprivileged; it is our task to improve this situation. The value for me personally: friendship, friendship, friendship!

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

As part of the leading community, I hope to be able to make a contribution and leave a footprint.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

Friendship, openness, respect, tolerance and recognition of the individual abilities of each member.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

Recognition of my own weaknesses and trust in my own strengths. Thank you for your valuable time. Your prompt response would be highly appreciated.



VALENTINA SERRANO

Board Director



Country - México

District Number - 417

Year of joining - 1983

Number of Members in your club - 17

Total Members in your country - 200

1. As a Board Director, what are your key takeaways from attending this International Governing Body Meeting?

Know the opinions of colleagues from different countries and cultures, understanding the challenges faced by other nations, we have the same ideals; With friendship and service, we can make a better world.

2. Can you describe your responsibilities and working as Board Director?

Evaluate the best strategies to improve our organization, we need to be in contact with all the clubs in the world, evolve and adapt to meet the demands of the modern world.

3. What challenges do you face in your role and how do you overcome them?

Traying to evaluate a best project with be approval of the majority.

4. What do you do in your leisure time?

Read, walk and being with friends.

5. What Inner Wheel represents to you and why is it important ?

We have the responsibility of being a great important women organization, with the vision of continuing working for those who needs our help for a better living. Now Inner Wheel is my second family.

6. What legacy do you hope to leave through your work with Inner Wheel?

We have the responsibility of trying to leave a positive legacy for future generations, working for vulnerable communities worldwide.

7. What qualities do you most admire in your fellow Inner Wheel members or leaders?

Empathy, moral values and dedicated to making the world a better place.

8. How has Inner Wheel helped you evolve as a person, professionally and personally?

When you can help, you understand that you are a very lucky person and if you help people you become in a better human being.

Editorial

Dear Friends,

As we proudly celebrate the dawn of Inner Wheel's second century, I'm delighted to share our first web magazine of the year. As IIW Editor/Media Manager, I've had the privilege of connecting with Inner Wheel members worldwide, learning from their experiences, and showcasing our global organization's remarkable work.

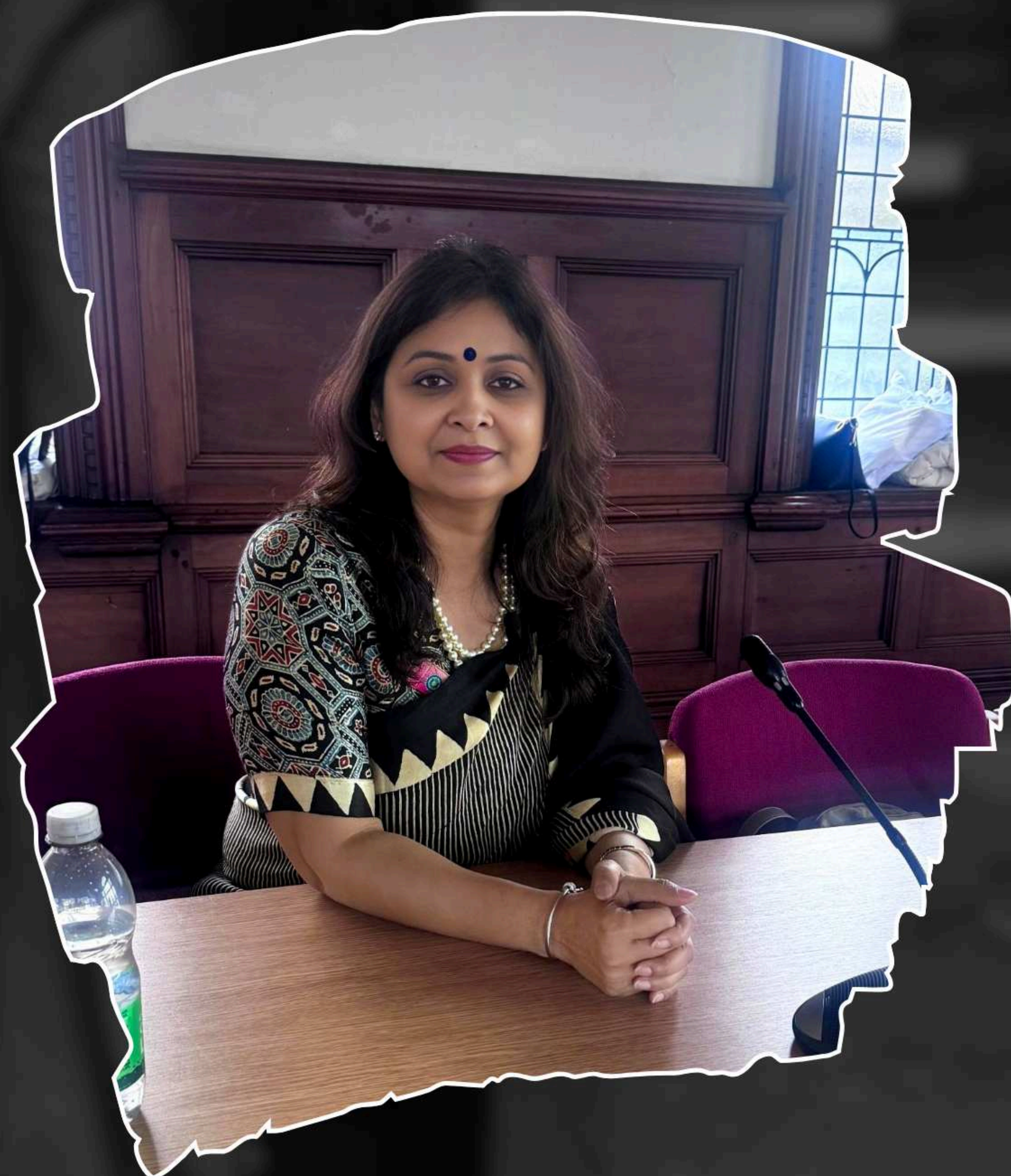
I extend my heartfelt gratitude to President Mamta Gupta for her invaluable guidance and unwavering support. Her visionary leadership and perfectionism have motivated me to strive for excellence, and I'm grateful for the positive impact she's had on my work.

I'm deeply thankful to IIW VP Kay Morland, IIWPP Trish Douglas, IIW Treasurer Rashmi Sharma, IIW CC Patricia Hilton, and the IIW Board Directors for their continuous cooperation and encouragement. Special thanks to our webmaster, Yeok San, for her technical expertise and timely assistance.

Attending the historic International Governing Body Meeting (IGBM) in Altrincham, Manchester, was a highlight of my journey. Meeting online friends in person forged lasting bonds, and the presentations showcased the incredible impact of Inner Wheel members worldwide. I was honoured to present my report, which received wonderful feedback.

Our global organization's diversity and richness are truly remarkable. Our differences are indeed our strengths, not weaknesses. As we celebrate this momentous year, I'm thrilled to see each of you embodying the "Heartbeat of Humanity" through your selfless humanitarian work.

Wishing you an extraordinary year ahead, filled with love, laughter, and continued service to humanity!"



RAJINI KATTIA

IIW Editor/ Media Manager..