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Dear friends,

My heart is filled with an awe and admiration for all Inner Wheel members from all over the world. Being President of International Inner Wheel has been a fantastic and unforgettable experience.

‘Light the Path’, the Inner Wheel theme of the year reflects my vision of a path of service, love and eternal friendship, illuminating the beauty of life. It was the beacon for the recently concluded stunning success that was the 16th International Convention in Copenhagen, where members from across the globe came together. I am filled with gratitude for the entire convention committee and Inner Wheel members of Denmark who worked to make the show a fantastic success. The convention was the most beautiful period of my life. I am sincerely grateful to my dear Executive Members, Board Directors and all the Inner Wheel members who proved my strength. I will cherish these beautiful moments forever. I have been showered with so much love, honour and affection that my faith in human relations has multiplied a hundred fold.

Light the Path has opened up wide vistas in the countries I visited for conferences and friendship meetings. The warm hospitality was touching as we worked together towards our shared mission. My deeply felt gratitude is profound. Thank you my dear Executive Members, Board Directors and all the Inner Wheel members who proved my strength. I will cherish these beautiful moments forever. I have been showered with so much love, honour and affection that my faith in human relations has multiplied a hundred fold.

Light the Path has made a huge difference to socially relevant and sustainable projects, and rushed to the rescue of the ill-fated and devastated Malawi and Nepal, amongst others. This year has bonded me to my IIW Governing Body as we exchanged ideas and methodology as a team and spearheaded the movement on well-oiled wheels. The Inner Wheel year 2014-15 has showcased a true celebration of womanhood, leaving behind a global footprint.

I conclude with a quote, close to my heart:

“Life is a game of cards. You can not get aces all the time. You have got to play the cards you get and play your hand as best as you can. For when the great scorer comes to write against your name, he will not note whether you won or lost, but how you played the game.”

With deep affection

Abha Gupta
President (2014-2015)
On the afternoon of Wednesday 6th May, the IIW Convention Symposium took place. A wealth of knowledge and ideas were shared under the three topics:

**Vision 2024:**
- Chairperson: Dr. Bina Vyas (India)
  - Awaken The Leader In You – Luisa Vinciguerra (Italy)
  - Importance Of Communication – Chris Kirby (Australia)
  - Making Clubs & Districts Effective And Vibrant – Marja Kyrola (Finland)

**Women – Epitome of Strength:**
- Chairperson: Ranti Abetuberu (Nigeria)
  - Financial Independence – Dr. Rashmi Sharma (India)
  - Health Awareness – Nelly Bratoeva (Bulgaria)
  - Empowering Women Through Education – Ashnadelle Hilmy Mortagy (Egypt)

**Towards Greener Planet:**
- Chairperson: Dilruba Ahmed (Bangladesh)
  - Good Planet: Good Life – Roopa Surendranath (India)
  - Inner Wheel & Environment Co-Partners – Gill Rowly (GB&I)
  - Inner Wheel Members’ Contribution Towards Environment – Colette Padet (France)
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The first function of the 16th International Inner Wheel Convention was the Welcome Reception and Banner Exchange held in the foyer of the Tivoli Convention Centre. The welcome was presented by Lene Kruger Schade, National Representative of Denmark.
Copenhagen Convention

Thank you to the following people for providing photographs for this newsletter:

Convention: Britt Olsen, Bodil Danielsen, Nina Friisdal, Tove Buskov, Ashnadelle Hilmy-Montagy, Jasmine Sery, Ann Masden, Isabelle Cheval, Michelle Atkinson
Happier Futures Campaign

Inner Wheel Clubs around the globe are taking part in a large number of social projects to ‘Light the Path’ to create Happier Futures for children around the world.

Here are some examples of the work happening:

**Road Safety: The Inner Wheel Club of Dagupan, District 379** erected a “CAUTION, DRIVE SLOWLY” sign along the intersection of Lucao District and De Venecia Hi-Way, Dagupan City.

**IW Club of Muzaffarnagar, District 310, India** adopted 240 very poor children of the Sanjeevani Foundation (children of rickshaw pullers and other poor families). They donated school uniforms to 20 new admissions, 300 books and 100 lanterns.

**IW Club of Yaoundé, Cameroon, District 315** provided 70 lamps using solar energy and two blackboards to a local school.

**Wattala, Sri Lanka.** Fifty needy children were gifted with school bags, books, pencil cases and uniforms.

**District project by District NZ297 ‘Kits for Kindys’ - Collections of school supplies filled 22 cargo boxes as resource kits sent to Vanuatu to support education.**

**District 380** donated a classroom to Kaularan Elementary School in Dagat-Dagatan, Caloocan City.

**District 914 were at Orabuike Central School Enugu - Ukwu Anambra State at the Eastern Zone of Nigeria. They donated school bags, exercise books and stationery.**

**District 920, Reunion Island** offered a recreational day to 25 teens and young adults.

**District for Cord Blood Research.**

**IW Club of Dubai Downtown sponsored a Fun Day at the Park.**

**IW Club of Harare West supported Jairos Jiri, a school for physically handicapped children.**

**The national project is the Struggle against Narcotics. IW Norway donates money to the Customs Authority for buying and training sniffer dogs.**

**IW Club Orleans, Tours, District 72** worked with primary schools to produce booklets of poems and drawings to honour the combatants of WWI.

**District 322, Sri Lanka.** ‘Educate to Protect’ - a joint child rights and educational program with The Flemingo Foundation (the CSR arm of Flemingo Group).

**IW Club of Ljubljana (in Slovenia) purchased an electronic magnifying glass for a visually impaired girl.**
Membership Review

During the 2014-15 year, membership across the globe has continued to spread. In all, **125 new clubs** were chartered, bringing our total **number of members** to **over 103,500** in **3,860 clubs**, **174 districts** across **103 countries** worldwide.*

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*At the time of publication

**New Country**

We welcome the IWC MORAVA in Czech Republic. The new club has been welcomed into District 192, Austria.

**IIW World First:**

Induction Via Skype!

Inner Wheel member Beth Darcey from Hobart Sunset, District A80, Tasmania introduced one of her oldest friends, Meg Daly to the organisation, taking her on Inner Wheel outings and events. She enjoyed herself so much that she wanted to become a member too, but there was one problem, as Beth explains…

“Meg lives in a retirement village on the other side of Canberra and she has never driven a car and she wanted to join my club, Hobart Sunset.”

The solution? – Induct her by Skype!
Nepal celebrated the formation of District 350 and held its first District Assembly on 24th July 2014 at Lainchaur Banquet, Kathmandu.

New Districts

New Clubs

Charter Ceremony Of Vallemosso Club - Italy
Charter Ceremony Of Tbilisi Club - Georgia
Charter Ceremony Of Mestre Fidelissima Club - Italy
Charter Ceremony Of Baharia Club - Italy
Charter Ceremony Of Ragusa Centro Club - Italy
Inner Wheel Club of Turquoise of Quezon City - Philippines
Inner Wheel Club of Swan Valley - Australia
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During 2014 - 15 International Inner Wheel President, Abha Gupta, had the opportunity to travel extensively and meet many people. Her aim was to Light the Path of the Inner Wheel objectives – promote true friendship, encourage the ideals of personal service and foster international understanding.

India has the largest membership of all the countries in Inner Wheel. It has the most clubs, and 27 districts and it is still expanding with many clubs being formed annually. Therefore a large majority of Abha’s visits took place in India.

Throughout the year, Abha also spent time with the International Inner Wheel Executive at meetings in Manchester. Preparations for the Copenhagen Convention were discussed and plans made to secure the future of the organisation. Two Governing Board meetings with the 16 IIW Board Directors were held. One took place in October in Manchester and the other in Copenhagen, prior to the Convention.

President Abha Gupta said:

“To be President of an organisation that has over 33,000 members in her own country is particularly overwhelming. To be an Indian President of IIW when the Indian clubs celebrated the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the organisation in India is magnificent.”

“It has been most enlightening to attend National Conferences in Nepal, Denmark, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and GB&I. These are often run on an annual basis and require a huge amount of organisation from the organising committees. To be a chief guest to these events is extremely humbling. To be given a glimpse into their Inner Wheel world and an opportunity to meet and speak to members is both daunting and exciting in equal measure.

“Equally enjoyable have been the Friendship Days and meetings in Italy, Norway, Germany, Finland and Belgium.”
New Generation Presentations:

At the beginning of the Closing Ceremony on Saturday, five New Generation Members from five different continents were invited by IIW President Abha Gupta to present speeches on topics relating to the future of Inner Wheel.

- **Encourage Membership From Generation To Generation, Give Inner Wheel A Future** – Presented by Durga Jain (India)

- **Importance of Values in Inner Wheel Today** – Presented by Diana Muth (Mexico)

- **We Are the Change Makers** – Presented by Abreruagba Abiola (Nigeria)

- **Developing Leadership through Inner Wheel** – Presented by Claire Bebron (France)

- **Using Modern Technology to Further Inner Wheel** – Presented by Michelle Atkinson (New Zealand)
Farewell Message

To my dear friends from all over the world,

This is my last official message; my closing farewell message to you all.

My year as International Inner Wheel President has been intense, exciting and full of events. I have really enjoyed meeting people from different countries, with different cultures and customs, but with the same ideals, enthusiasm and spirit of service.

Wherever I went, I felt at home, like a member of a huge family and I realised that friendship is not just an empty word; it is an emotion, a feeling, a sense of belonging, a protective mantle which all of us can experience by being part of IIW.

So I want to thank you all, dear friends, for giving me this fantastic, unrepeatable opportunity - many thanks from the depths of my heart. I’ll never forget the warm welcomes, the smiles, the kindness and the friendship of the friends I met during my presidential visits.

With much affection and in sincere friendship

Gabriella
We, for Women

Gabriella Adami
IIW Past President

Inner Wheel Forever®

A new garden rose was unveiled by HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark at the 16th International Inner Wheel Convention in Copenhagen.

The Inner Wheel Forever® garden rose is the result of a long breeding process by Danish Rose Breeder, Rosa Eskelund.

The Inner Wheel Forever® garden rose was selected from more than 100 new garden roses that have been tested on open land in Denmark and Holland during the past four years.

The rose is produced in Denmark, Australia and Japan, and in the near future it will be produced in even more countries around the world.

The Inner Wheel Forever® is a romantic garden rose with beautiful light pink flowers. It will be available for sale worldwide from August 2015 to Spring 2016.

Sales of the rose will support the important work of the Inner Wheel Organisation.
Light The Path

IIW ‘Light The Path’ Photography Competition

Inner Wheel members worldwide were invited to enter a Photography Competition with the theme *Light The Path*. We received some fantastic entries from all over the world. Entries closed on 31st December 2014 and the top 20 photographs were displayed during the Convention in Copenhagen.

Congratulations to our three winners:

1st
Handful of Light – by Robyn Jordan, NZ

2nd
Yellow Boots – by Violet Romanis, GB&I

3rd
Rainbows End – by Patricia Malek, GB&I

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