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MGA RECIPIENTS 2017-18

GWEN KIRKWOOD
NEW ZEALAND
Outstanding service to the community over 60 years

MARGARET HAYWOOD
NEW ZEALAND
Save the Children 27 years

TELKA WILLIAMS
AUSTRALIA
Alice Springs Community – Red Cross, Girl Guides, Meals on Wheels, Bindi centre

GUNTHILD RESCHKE
GERMANY
Handicapped children Burkina Faso

MARGARET SPENNING
NORWAY
Cancer and bereavement

INGRID BORCHERT
GERMANY
Shelter for refugees

SITA RANI AGARWAL
INDIA
Educating deprived girls, support for cancer patients and expectant mothers

KRISHNA SAGAR
INDIA
Transforming lives of slum dwellers

MARION TASKER
GB&I
Educating teenage girls in Africa

MEERA BHURTUN
MAURITIUS
Community service

LAJA ADEDOYIN
NIGERIA
Children’s hospice care

BRENDA LOWE
GB&I
Conflict resolution

SARA BENCUYA PARDO
TURKEY
Cultural heritage

LIA GIORGINO GISOTTI
ITALY
Support for older people

AUGUSTA MICHELI MARIANECCHI
ITALY
Founder University of the Third Age

MANU VAISH
INDIA
Services education, nutrition and health hygiene for marginalised girls

CAROL WILLIAMS
GB&I
Samaritans

MARGARET DAY
GB&I
School Gambia, Guiding association, local church

EMEL SEZER
TURKEY
Photography

RAFFAELLA BILOTTI MERLO
ITALY
Special Olympics organiser

Cover: Melbourne looking south over the Yarra River.
Dear IW Sisters,

It has been a privilege, and a tremendous honour, to serve as 50th IIW president this year.

It is the time to say goodbye as IIW President 2017-18. Goodbye, but taking with me a whole lot of sweet memories of time spent with you all in this journey of friendship and service throughout the year. I have gotten such invaluable gifts of your time and friendship. Unforgettable moments with kind gestures touched my heart, such as receiving me at airports or at meetings, at club/District/National levels. I take this opportunity to thank National Representatives, National Presidents, District Chairmen and Club Presidents for warm hospitality as well as for organising meaningful service activities during my visits.

Together, we saw a world where IW members united and took action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

I thank each one of you for putting your best efforts in realization of the theme “Leave A Lasting Legacy”, leading and making IW stronger than ever before — with a membership that is growing, talented, diverse, and engaged in meaningful service to the community. Friends, I wanted to see a brighter IW, with a light that shines out clear and strong. I wanted our light to be warm, inviting other people to come closer and to be a part of us. I wish this inspiring light shows everyone what one person can do and what we all can do when we work together.

And dear friends, we did it together, as a team celebrating IW Day on 10th January, 2018 creating history by introducing 1300 new IW members on a single day and planting innumerable seedlings all over for a greener world. That’s the power of oneness, the impact of synergy.

Serve humanity. Do not do it alone, as individuals. Do it together as a team and Leave a Lasting Legacy. I thank IIW Editor Sandra for her vision to make a difference by promoting my concept of IW e-bulletins frequently released and her efforts to make a new IIW website possible. Sincere thanks to the Executive Committee and Board Directors for extending their cooperation throughout the year.

Let you all always enjoy, empower IW and be evolved.

Dr Kapila Gupta
President (2017-18)
17TH IIW CONVENTION
MELBOURNE, APRIL 11-14 2018

TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS:

1. 1,410 members from 47 countries in one place (Melbourne Convention Centre)
2. COMPETITION – 45 entries for the Project and Poetry competition
3. INSPIRING SYMPOSIUM based on 3 sections: Together We Make A Difference, Building Bridges for a Global Community, Live Green – Think Green – Love Green
4. VIBRANT ENTERTAINMENT at Opening and Closing Ceremonies including a flag parade, lighting the flame of friendship and performances by the Australian Girls’ Choir and the Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne
5. WELCOME RECEPTION and Banner Exchange – the Convention Centre was filled with a rainbow of national costumes
6. BUSINESS SESSIONS – Reports were presented, and proposals discussed. New ideas and presentations were given by New Generation members.
7. LAUNCHING NEW IDEAS – The new IIW website, ideas for future Conventions, the new Social Project theme, the President’s theme for 2018-19 and meeting the next IIW Executives and Board Directors of 2018-19
8. FRIENDSHIP DINNER – to encourage members to mix and mingle in friendship
9. GALA DINNER GLAMOUR – The Melbourne Cup took centre stage offering a magnificent photo opportunity
10. AWESOME LOCATIONS AND ATMOSPHERE – Melbourne is one of the most liveable cities in the world with plenty of opportunities for sightseeing and enjoying the delights of the city

FRIENDSHIP – SERVICE – INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING – the three objectives of Inner Wheel were demonstrated throughout the four days in a positive and enriching atmosphere.
In the past year, there have been lots of clubs taking time to leave a lasting legacy. Here are some examples of just a few.

“May the good times of service and friendship become golden memories of tomorrow and leave a Lasting Legacy on hearts for years to come.” – Dr Kapila Gupta

Everyone leaves a legacy, whether they want to or not. The question is, “What kind of legacy will you leave?” – Dillion Burroughs

**LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY PROJECTS**

**AUSTRALIA – CORD BLOOD RESEARCH**

Inner Wheel Australia’s National Project raises funds for Cord Blood Research. Umbilical cords, usually discarded at birth, are rich in adaptable stem cells which can be used to treat patients. Three clubs in District AS1 maintain a Volunteer Courier Service, transporting harvested cord blood from hospitals to the Sydney Cord Blood Bank. To mark 15 years of the Courier Service, AS1 Coordinator, Beryl Cross presented a special teddy to a baby whose cord was donated.

**SWITZERLAND – PROJECT AURORA, DISTRICT 199**

AURORA provides support for young families in difficulty as a result of the death of a parent. AURORA provides widowed families with a social network and support to ensure that life can go on positively for the family. There are around 280 members with 20 families joining the association each year.

**SWEDEN – NEW DOGS FOR SWEDISH CUSTOMS**

Since 1994, Inner Wheel Sweden has donated 70 dogs to the Swedish Customs Department and 21 Inner Wheel dogs are now in active service. Suitable dogs are trained with their dog handler – a customs officer – for six months. The dogs are owned by the Swedish Customs Department but live with their handlers.

**USA – MOBILE-ELECTRIC LIMP PROJECT**

Jade was born with only one arm and had never worn a prosthesis until Inner Wheel USA provided one for her. She attended “Camp No Limits” where she learned to do everyday tasks such as style her hair, paint her nails and cooking. Her myoelectric limb is allowing her to achieve new levels of independence.

**SOUTH AFRICA – DOREEN AND PIIKIE GEFFEN BURSARY**

The Project was initiated in 1996 by the Geffen family as a memorial to Doreen, who was District Chairmen of Inner Wheel District 935, National Representative for South Africa and International Board Member of Inner Wheel. This is the 22nd year in which this bursary has contributed to the training costs of students who study social work.

**INDIA – SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINES AND INCINERATORS**

Menstrual hygiene for girls and women is one of the main goals this year for all IW clubs in India. Many clubs organised awareness programs and it is just seven months. Inner Wheel installed 231 sanitary vending machines and 109 sanitary towel incinerators across India. Sanitary napkins are made available at an affordable price.

**EGYPT AND JORDAN – HOMELESS CHILDREN**

In support of Inner Wheel Clubs of District 96, Egypt and Jordan annual project, “Homeless Children”, operates alongside the “Long Live Egypt” Governmental project. They provide healthcare for children in Cairo and Alexandria.

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District 310 Chairman Irene Fossati emphasized the project inspired by the international theme “Leave a Lasting Legacy”.

This project aims to create training centers in close synergy with non-profit associations operating in African areas to bring women into the world of work and, at the same time, curb migratory flows on our coasts. Thanks to the association “Messaggero Africo,” it was possible to start a microcredit project aimed at launching a women’s co-operative association in the village of Enfami, in north-west Senegal, for the production of certified Karite butter. The income will go directly to the women engaged in the work, giving birth to a new co-operative alliance. The project also includes health training to fight against the practice of M/G/F.

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**MBIZO BURSARY**

The MBIZO Bursary is offered to undergraduates of Manicaland University of Technology and is presently available for students studying nursing (midwifery). The bursary is administered by Inner Wheel Club of Masvingo and is open to students registered at the University, who are full-time students at the University and willing to pursue studies in the nursing profession.

**DENMARK – CAN RING PROJECT**

In 2000, D66 Denmark started Can Ring Project all over Denmark for The Prostheses Foundation in Bangkok.

**CYPRIUS – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RIZOKARPASO SCHOOL**

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**GREECE – CORD BLOOD RESEARCH**

The charity “Toilet Twinning” raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet and to learn about hygiene.

District 7 Galata Inner Wheel have raised over £5,000 to help those in need. Generally, all toilets are built by the families themselves.

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**PRESIDENTIAL VISITS**

During 2017/18, International Inner Wheel President Dr Kapila Gupta had the opportunity to visit 24 countries and encourage IW sisters around the world. Her aim was to Leave a Lasting Legacy.

In November the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in Vienna organized an event to raise awareness of the fact that every year 14 million girls are married before the age of 18. IIW President Dr Kapila Gupta was invited as speaker.

IIW President Kapila Gupta said about her speech in UN Vienna:

"Dear Friends,
It was a dream come true to do something extra and on a larger scale at the UN. Together in alliance with UN information services and the committee for women, a seminar was organized on 28th Nov at UN Vienna. I was invited to represent IW as a panelist as well as a speaker. The topic was – girls are not brides. I was asked to speak on the role of IW clubs in creating awareness and other services to stop girl child marriage as well as on supporting education. The role of IW clubs was well appreciated, especially in Asian countries to avert child marriage and support girls. It's a step forward for Inner Wheel, when in partnership with the UN and other major NGOs such as Zonta, Surpotics and Girls not Brides, to leave a Lasting Legacy."
MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

During the 2017-18 year, membership across the globe has continued to spread.

In all, 135 new clubs were chartered, more than 1,300 new members were inducted in just one day bringing our total number of members to over 108,600 in 3,949 clubs, 175 districts across 104 countries worldwide.

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NEW COUNTRY – UKRAINE (CLUB KIEV)

IW CLUB OF WOLLUNDARY, AUSTRALIA

IW CLUB OF NABEUL NÉROLI, D73 FRANCE

OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

THE FIRST TRIPLE CONTACT PROTOCOL

WITH HER DAUGHTER AS YOUNGEST MEMBER

AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS RECEIVING THEIR 50 YEAR BADGES

ITALY-CROATIA TWINNING

DISTRICT 88 VISIT HEAD OFFICE AND MEET ALTRINCHAM CLUB MEMBERS

NEW COUNTRY – UKRAINE (CLUB KIEV)
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

NEW WEBSITE

Many of you have already visited our new website www.internationalinnerwheel.org which was launched at the IIW Convention in Melbourne.

What seems modern today, might seem old school tomorrow. Trends in web design change very quickly to provide a better experience for the users. In today’s vast world wide web, an amazing user experience and creative web design aren’t unique, they’re expected. Therefore, we took time to create a new modern website and we made sure it has everything you need. It has quickly become very well visited. If you haven’t already done so, take a look.

On the website you can read about our causes, how to join, get involved, our presence at the UN, about IIW, news and features and lots of things for members.

In order to keep the information on the website up to date and fresh we need constant input from all clubs, districts and countries. Our aim is to showcase news and service projects from Inner Wheel Clubs across the globe. If you have any service project to share or news from your club, then please email the content as a Word document with separate jpg images.

Have you checked out the international section of the website? Use the link and find the Districts and Clubs websites from around the world.

Connect and find out more about their activities and achievements as well as their friendship and fellowship.

WHY GO ONLINE?

Sandra Neretljakovic, IIW Editor/Media Manager 2017/18 gives three reasons why members should log onto our new, interactive website, internationalinnerwheel.org:

- You can keep up to date with the latest news from our members from all over the world and find out the difference we’re making to local communities.
- You can download all our official documents, including nomination forms and previous magazines.
- You can read about the history of our association and how we started in 1924.
BANGLADESH – IWC DILKUSHA, D345 has a joint initiative with 32 Clubs to organize the “Hand Wash” campaign. Members demonstrated correct hand washing techniques and explained the necessity of handwashing. Free soap was distributed to families to help prevent diseases. This project started in 2009 -2010.

DENMARK, D45 – The project promotes teaching in the Chhirringkharka school, located in the mountainous northeastern Nepal, where all transport to school is by walking, with some students having a 1-2 hour walk each way. The school has 55 students divided into 6 levels, but only four teachers. There are 8 classrooms, but virtually no teaching equipment. Students are benefiting from new computers and a new teaching program.

NIGERIA, D913 – presented the book “Foundation Publications Series, Maths Readiness” to teach children Mathematics. They also donated books to young students in St. Matthew’s Pry School Iju, Akure North Local Government.

NORWAY, D 28 – gave a cheque of NOK 150 000 for National project “Snifferdogs” to buy and train a new sniffer dog that will work to try and stop drugs from getting to young people all over Norway.

SIERRA LEONE, D322 – N尼亚是IBO D322的项目。 aim is to place the global issue locally, to provide information, highlight positive practice, call on action, and act on our own, because every effort is valuable.

SRI LANKA – COLOMBO, D322 The main project for this year has been providing two deep water wells with submersible pumps and storage tanks to the drought affected villages of Murunkan and Nanatta.

CROATIA – Croatian District 191 acts this year under the motto “Recycling counts!” The aim is to place the global issue locally, to provide information, highlight positive practice, call on action, and act on our own, because every effort is valuable.

INDIA, D314 – IW Club Bombay North built a water-body in Village Igatpuri (Maharashtra) to help villagers become self-reliant for their water needs as there is scarcity of water in that region. They plan to build a pipeline from the lake, giving the village access to a 24-hour water supply.

MACEDONIA – Non Districted IW Club Skopje Europea donated funds for the treatment of young Joce, who was to leave for Moscow for his twelfth stem cells transplantation treatment to cure the cerebral paralysis he has been fighting for 23 years.

FINLAND, D142 – Concert performed by talented young people from Järvenpää. The audience enjoyed magnificent dancing and singing performances. Profit from the concert will be used for children through a Life Education Training Programme.

GB&I – Inner Wheel members and their friends have been busy knitting blankets and baby clothes to send to Africa and raising funds for “Life for African Mothers”.

GERMANY – IW CLUB RAVENSBURG, D86 Held a Christmas café and sold coffee and home-baked cakes to raise money to finance a garden and wooden bench made by people with disabilities. The Benefit-Shop Germany is supporting the project.

KENYA – Non Districted IW Club Safia has 48 members in western Kenya villages. They started a catering activity in the region and plan to start writing, reading and mathematics lessons for the villagers.

BOSNIA&HERZEGOVINA – Non Districted IW Club Banja Luka donated books for Banja Luka Gymnasium Library.
INDIA, DISTRICT 305 gave vocational training to villagers to make eco-friendly solar lamps from used mineral water bottles. They also donated these lamps to people staying in remote areas where there is no electricity.

SLOVENIA – Non Districted IW Club Ljubljana is assisting Youth Care Centre in developing children. They help young people reach their potential and become productive members of the community.

MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE, D330 – Environmental Awareness & Urban Gardening for the Young in Malaysia. At the garden, the children were introduced to different types of herbs and they were made aware of the importance of recycling products.

NEPAL – Inner Wheel Club of Butwal D350 organised a stationary and winter clothes distribution program on Children’s Day.

PAKISTAN – “Precaution is better than cure”, awareness and early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer supported by all clubs in D342.

SOUTH AFRICA – helped children with special needs in a project called SIYABONGA’S ‘SPECKIDS’.

TURKEY – IW Club Bayezid helped poor families with essential needs and goods. They provide needs that are worth approximately 2000 tl.

UKRAINE – Non Districted IW Club of Kyiv presented the ‘Off-Stage’ Charitable Art Project in Kyiv Academic Drama Theatre, Ukraine.

ZIMBABWE – Non Districted IW Club of Harare West – Zimbabwe gave support to Jairos Jiri Children’s Centre (home for the blind and physically handicapped).

MALAWI – Non Districted IW Club Blantyre, official handing over of a borehole to the Forum for the Development of Youths with Disabilities in Bangwe.

FAMAT – “MÉCENAT CHIRURGIE CARDIAQUE” allows children around the world suffering from heart defects to be operated in France, when they can’t be treated in their country of origin for lack of financial and technical means. 1 in 100 children born with a cardiac malformation – 200 are operated in France each year. This project brought together all FAMAT clubs as part of the international project “HAPPIER FUTURES BETTER LIVES.”
FAREWELL MESSAGES

Dear friends,

The journey from the day my election as Vice President was announced, has been a story of excitement for all the subsequent days of the three long but short years.

Even though I used to travel a lot before my election, the Inner Wheel position gave my travels a new dimension. I dined and dined with very many important dignitaries in many countries. I have met with many Inner Wheel members from many countries. I rekindled old friendships and made many new ones. Our first object “To promote True Friendship”, has been practised in many ways.

I am grateful for the very many meaningful gifts from members, Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies.

I never felt alone in all my travels, it was home anywhere I visited. I gathered memories which will be kept in my heart forever. We have been a support for each other in times of sweet and sour. No wonder a friend said, Inner Wheel membership is an insurance against loneliness. This has been the case replicated in many forms.

I have gained additional experience, in administration of human relations both locally and internationally. I am grateful for the acceptance of my theme “Touch A Heart”. It helped in translating our second object “To encourage the ideals of personal service”. Many hearts were touched in unique ways.

Most importantly, I praise Almighty God for good health throughout my travels for the past three years. Gratitude to members of the Executive for their friendship. Like every good thing, that has a beginning and it must have an end. I say a big farewell to the Executive in particular and all Inner Wheel Members all over the world in general. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. It’s an experience of a life time. Let sisterly continue. Let it be, Let it Be, Let it Be.

Oluyemisi Alatise
IIW Past President

Dear Inner Wheel friends,

It has been a privilege and honour to serve on the International Inner Wheel Executive as Constitution Chairman for the past two years. Over those two years, I have had correspondence and contact from so many members around the world. Being able to meet and put a face to a name at the Convention in Melbourne was like putting the icing on the cake for me. This not only makes you realise just how small the world is but how big Inner Wheel is.

Every Member is different, every Club and District is different, often the local cultures and language are different, making the need for a strong and clear Constitution important so that we are all singing from the same hymn book, enabling us to work together to make our organisation stronger.

I have enjoyed my term on the IIW Executive as Constitution Chairman under the Presidencies of Yemisi and Kapila. I now look forward to the next chapter and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve International Inner Wheel as Vice President for the coming year, where I will support and work alongside our incoming President Chris.

With my best wishes to you all for an enjoyable Inner Wheel year in 2018-19 and I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

In friendship,

Phyllis.

Phyllis Charter
IIW Constitution Chairman 2016-18
2018-2021 INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL PROJECT

After much discussion and looking at some fantastic ideas received from around the world, the IIW Governing Body decided that the International Social Project should again enable the members worldwide to follow their own vision for service under the umbrella of International Inner Wheel.

Following on from “Happier Futures” and “Happier Futures – Better Lives” it was decided to concentrate upon the needs particularly of women and girls this time. The “Caring for Women and Girls” campaign idea was born.

The logo takes up the colours of Inner Wheel – blue and yellow along with pink to represent women. The uplifted arms of the woman and girls express the joy, movement and unity gained from helping others. Included in the “o” in the word women is the Venus symbol. This is also reflected in the Presidential theme for 2018-2019 which also takes the Venus symbol as its inspiration.

UN REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018

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