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MGA RECIPIENTS 2018-19

FRANCA FARAONE CERIANI
ITALY
Strongly committed in bringing comfort to patients affected by infectious diseases.

PUSHPA SURYAMURTY
INDIA
Cancer awareness women's marathon of over 5,000 women.

MARILENA GALIOTO
ITALY
Offering assistance to lonely and needy people.

BELKIS UNVER
TURKEY
Works for women and child victims of violence and abuse.

ANNELIESE GRENEK
GERMANY
The education and support for children and adolescents; helping women in need; supporting people living on the margins of society.

AMBRA FINAZZI BERGAMASCHI
ITALY
Activity of prevention for juvenile uneasiness: tobacco addictions, gambling, bullying, cyberbullying, drugs and juvenile alcoholism.

DOCTOR ANDREA ROVATI
ITALY
Directly supports hospitals in Uganda.

CHRISTINA SCHRODTER
GERMANY
Homeless and socially deprived men with being (re) integrated into society and leading an independent life.

SERGEANT CLAUDIA PAPALE
ITALY
Volunteer in a special training course for mine clearers, she took part in, many missions abroad, in war countries like Lebanon, Afghanistan, Syria and Cambodia.

BEATE MUELLER
AUSTRIA
“After School Care Centre” for children in Austria.

BETTINA LOMBARDE CRISCI
ITALY
Commitment in the field of child protection and women in need.

MARIA CLARA TOSCO CAGNOTTI
ITALY
Takes care of people with chronic-degenerative diseases.

LILESELOTTE KRUSE
GERMANY
Helping children of different cultural backgrounds with their studies for school.

RITA EVANS
GBAI Rita had work as nurse for over 40 years, retiring as a Senior Nurse advisor specialising in care of elderly. She was responsible for advising a District General Hospital and five Community hospitals.

BRIGITTE ESCHENBURG
GERMANY
Voluntary services in Luebeck, Germany.

CATHERINE VONIER
GERMANY
Teaching French and volunteering at a soup kitchen.
I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as the 51st President of International Inner Wheel in the 95th year of Inner Wheel.

This year has confirmed my long-held belief that we are members of a truly amazing organisation – and that is due to our extraordinary and dedicated members right across the world. My visits to the different countries, Districts and Clubs, the wonderful and enthusiastic members and the fantastic worthwhile projects were, without doubt, the highlight of my year.

From year to year, right around the world, Inner Wheel consistently achieves so much, provides so much community hope, life and lifestyle improvement in friendship, while fostering international understanding.

I hope you enjoy the selection of work and successful projects of IW for 2018-19 highlighted in this magazine and that you become not only more enthused about Inner Wheel but also inspired to share the good news of IW with other women whom you consider might add to the fabric of your community and our Inner Wheel.

There is no doubt in my mind that Inner Wheel today continues to be of great importance to society, bringing together women from all walks of life, and highlighting women supporting each other... working together in friendship for the greater good. This year, as members of Inner Wheel, I am proud that we HAVE fulfilled the international theme: **Empower and Evolve.**
In this 95th year of Inner Wheel, we acknowledge our founder Margarette Golding, along with those strong and capable Inner Wheel members of yesteryear who, with courage, foresight and wisdom, created and nurtured our organisation that has certainly evolved since 1924, but in its growth, continues to empower us all to embrace its objectives of friendship, personal service and international understanding and to make a great difference.

Our glorious past has provided the nurturing foundations that have built our great organisation. We stand on the shoulders of members past and present whose efforts and achievements have made us strong.

I am confident that in the future, Inner Wheel will continue to demonstrate our members’ love for each other, for our communities and for this great international organisation, and that this will enable us to grow even stronger.
EMPOWER & EVOLVE INITIATIVE

THE VENUS SYMBOL FOR “WOMAN” OR “FEMALE” DERIVED FROM THE ROMAN GODDESS VENUS, HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL DENOTING ALL THINGS FEMALE.

The circle, or in our case the wheel, denotes the inclusive nature of our organisation. Here there is no exclusion. All welcome, and ever-expanding, the cross (added in the 16th century) rests beneath the womb (represented by the circle in the Venus symbol). The location of the cross under the circle indicates all are birthed from an inclusive, loving womb.

On the top half, we feel the openness and inclusivity (circle). Yet, on the lower half we experience a narrowing, or a “coming to the crux”. Visually you can see opening and closing, beginnings and endings, in this symbol.

Through the symbol and the theme there is an acknowledgement of the great need for women to change the world through their own empowerment and evolution.

SWEDEN – SNIFFER DOGS

Members of Inner Wheel Sweden have been financing the purchase and training of drug search-sniffer dogs for the Customs in Sweden since 1986. Currently there are 26 IW dogs in service which together with their dog trainers help to protect the country’s borders.

In 2018, the IW dog Boy, stationed in Haparanda in the northern part of Sweden, got the prestigious award, “The Drug Search Sniffer Dog of the Year.”

ITALY – NO BULLISMO!

The National Council Italy created and published an App for smartphones and tablets, specially addressed to the young victims and their parents, to help them in difficult situations.

The APP can be downloaded free of charge from Play Store for both Android and IOS systems like any other APP. The name to be found is NoBullismo! In schools, teachers will show “NoBullismo APP” to the other teachers, so that all students are aware of this valuable tool and can use it, in case of need.

EGYPT & JORDAN

Inner Wheel’s Goodwill Iftar idea started with a suggestion, to make a mass breakfast during Ramadan for orphanages and special needs societies, whose training is sponsored by Inner Wheel clubs in Egypt. The idea started with the eight clubs of Inner Wheel (Cairo, North, Zamalek, West, Maadi, Sphinx, Nasr City, Garden City).

The first celebration kicked off with 300 children and 50 supervisors as well as the participation of singers and actors to revive donor involvement.

Inner Wheel Club of Nasr City and some ladies have taken on the celebration annually since 2013.

This year’s celebration was held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019. The ceremony was attended by all the orphanages and special needs families. The celebration was dedicated to the 34 children’s girls’ house, which is part of the programme of the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Fund of Tahyia Masr, “Homeless Children” program.
EMPOWER & EVOLVE INITIATIVE

USA – MYOELECTRIC LIMB PROJECT
IWUSA Foundation provides myoelectric limbs for children born without limbs or who have lost them due to injury or disease. The project is for young people without insurance and helps them turn “Possibilities into Realities” as IWUSA celebrates the 30th year of the Foundation.

NORWAY – 1,000 YELLOW ROSES
On the first weekend in February Volda Inner Wheel Club, D27 sells one thousand yellow roses. The income buys sniffer dogs that detect drugs. It is a national project of IW Norway and we donate about NOK. 150,000 almost every year. Most of the roses are sold on beforehand to shops and companies in Volda.

MALAYSIA
FORGED BY A HEART AND SPIRIT to reach out to an indigenous (“orang asli”) community, eleven Inner Wheel Clubs in District 330 (Malaysia) led by President Lynn of the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur started on a series of programmes to uplift the quality of life of villagers living in an underdeveloped rural area. In helping one family at a time, uplifting the quality of life of this minority community brings hope and visions of a happier future.

SWITZERLAND & LIECHTENSTEIN – GOATS FOR CHILDREN IN NIGERIA
The project donates goats to the children of farmers. The goats are pregnant in most cases and the children are neither allowed to slaughter nor to sell these animals. They should rather care for these animals and make sure that baby goats are born. The children are then allowed to sell the goat milk or the baby goats in order to earn money for livelihood and school. In this way the children learn to actively shape their own lives as small entrepreneurs.

BANGLADESH – SEMINAR ON PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGE
Inner Wheel Club of Comilla organized a Rally & Seminar on Prevention of Child Marriage and Cervical Cancer to create awareness against bad impacts of Child Marriage. Due to early marriage, girls drop out from school, face health problem & many of them die during childbirth. Girls should not be allowed to marry before they are 18 and should take vaccine against CA Cervix before menarche (i.e before first menstruation). About 1,000 leaflets also were distributed in this respect.

SWITZERLAND – DOWNS SYNDROME
IWC Graz-Uhrturm, D192 supports the Downsyndrome centre BENWA in Leoben/Styria/Austria. In the centre they concentrate on the benefit of the affected persons on diagnostics, memory training and every kind of supporting topic around this theme – specific to the children and their parents.

NETHERLANDS – TEAM UP
TeamUp helps refugee children in the Netherlands facing trauma after living through war. The programme started at 5 locations in the Netherlands. Inner Wheel Zeewolde-Vlaanderen voted TeamUp as their fundraising project and also for the National Inner Wheel Friendship Day. Last year it was voted National Lustrum Project.

AUSTRALIA – YWAM
Youth with a Mission Medical Ships has been supported by District A60 for more than 3 years as their District Project. YWAM has touched thousands of lives, and made a difference to many people in remote and poor areas of Papua New Guinea. Recently YWAM was honoured at Buckingham Palace for their services. The Managing Director of YWAM and 1300SMILES were both presented an Order of the British Empire (OBE) by HRH Princess Anne. Both awardees were facilitators. It was wonderful for many of them to meet the God of Sight who has worked to restore the sight of more than 150,000 people.

NEPAL – CATARACT SURGERY
Cataracts are a major eye problem in Nepal and according to the Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness Survey, they were responsible for 65 percent of blindness in 2010 in the country. Inner Wheel Club of Nepal has been volunteering at the Cataract Microsurgical Workshop since 2010.

From 3rd to 5th December 2018, eye screenings were carried out on 2,700 patients with 735 being operated on. Members of Inner Wheel Club of New Road City promoted the workshop and were facilitators. It was wonderful for members to work together with Dr. Sanduk Ruit, also known as the ‘God of Sight’ who has worked to restore the sight of more than 150,000 people.

INDIA – HELPING BLIND CHILDREN
DC Preeti Guganani of IW District 301, with the support of almost 40 clubs in her district, sponsored Multi Media Centre CHIRAAAG. The Centre is equipped with 24 laptops, 24 ear phones, shoe racks, chairs, screens and projectors and has growing facilities for the blind. It is sponsored by members of IW District 301 and will bring about tremendous change in the lives of students.

AUSTRALIA – FIELD TRIP TO MAUNDERI
YWAM at a field trip to Mauderi organized a Medical Camp there and the Inner Wheel District 24 also contributed with money for the children to attend the camp.

NIGERIA – CHILDREN IN NEED
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During 2018/19 year, International Inner Wheel President Christine Kirby had the opportunity to visit many countries and encourage IW members around the world. She witnessed the wonderful and exciting projects of each country.
MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

This year we welcomed more than 1,640 members, many new clubs and countries to our organisation.

NEW CLUBS

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INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

CONTACT BETWEEN ITALY D211 AND GB&I D16

DANUBE CRUISE/AUSTRIA

A group of IIW members of 9 nationalities met in Vienna for a 4 day cruise on the Danube: from Vienna to Budapest and return via Esztergom and Bratislava to Vienna.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY/TURKEY

IW members from Turkey, Bulgaria, France, Germany, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus came together at this special event with the IIW President Mrs. Christine Kirby as a guest of honour.

MILESTONES

Congratulations Inner Wheel Club of Wyong 1959-2019 60 Years of friendship and service to the community

AUSTRALIA – IWC Wyong’s 60 years of friendship and service to the community

The first Inner Wheel Club in Finland was founded in Järvenpää City 60 years ago.
Save the Date!

3RD - 6TH MARCH 2021
IIW Convention, Jaipur, India

IIW Convention 2021 is being organised in the Pink City of Jaipur in a world class Convention Centre “Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre.”

The Pink City of India, Jaipur, is known for its vibrancy, with booming markets, food joints, religious places, malls, multiplexes, night life; basically, you name it and the place has it all. The City also takes the pride of being perhaps the first ever planned city of India. Jaipur has a life of its own. When you walk the streets, you feel a strange feeling of walking down the streets where Rajas and Maharajas must have walked centuries ago. It is a popular tourist destination in India and forms a part of the west Golden Triangle tourist circuit along with Delhi and Agra (240 km/149 mi). It is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the Jantar Mantar and the Amer Fort.

Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre, also known as JECC is the largest pillar-less exhibition-convention-entertainment facility of its kind in all of South Asia. The multi-purpose spaces at JECC feature a striking contemporary design, making them the perfect venues for all types of events. In addition to being the perfect backdrop for every occasion, the experts at JECC provide end-to-end event planning and management, making it a one-stop destination for world-class services. This premier and bespoke facility is located 15 minutes away from Jaipur International Airport.

The visit to India is incomplete without travelling to Agra and exploring the other parts of Rajasthan which are easily accessible from Jaipur. So, plan your trip to India NOW!

IMPORTANT DATES:
Website coming soon!
Early Bird Registration Opens – February 2020
CARING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS PROJECTS

AUSTRALIA, D70 – The IW club of Tea Tree Gully supports Backpack4SAkids. This organisation gives backpacks to children placed in emergency foster care or Women’s shelters. Their ages range from birth to 16 years. The children arrive with nothing and the backpacks contain items such as toiletries, clothing, a toy, books, pens, pencils etc. In 2018, B4SA kids distributed 3,822 backpacks and gave Christmas presents to 3,300 children. Since its inception in 2013 this organisation has helped over 26,000 children displaced from home in South Australia.

PORTUGAL, ND – ND Inner Wheel Club Of Madeira raises funds annually for the Poor Protection Association – APP – in Funchal. The users are about 180 people. They also offer clothes and toys to all the children of the association between the ages of 0 to 12.

SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN, D199 – District 199 Switzerland – Liechtenstein has supported social project “ESCUERA MIRIAM” in Nicaragua. Its main objective is education and thereby economic empowerment of women. In addition, it aims to fight machismo which leads to discrimination of women. Minim’s school allows women to attend literacy classes, to catch up on missed primary school and to get vocational training.

SWEDEN – Plaster House is a home in Anusha that enables children from all over Tanzania, to recover after they have had corrective surgery, orthopaedic surgery, plastic surgery or neurosurgery for a disability. The care provided to these children would otherwise not be available to them, and this help, lifts many families out of despair, giving them hope for their children’s future.

The support from Osby-Broby IW club goes to medical dressing materials. Today there are 160 children at Plaster House. Every day 40-50 wound dressings are being done.

BULGARIA, D248 – The aim of the initiative of IW Club Pirdop is the prevention of breast cancer and its early diagnosis. They believe that the problem should be spoken about and that all women are aware of the disease and the possibilities for an early detection.

They organised a women’s prophylaxis of breast cancer in their own town. The ultrasound examinations were performed by a specialist mammologist from a leading metropolitan hospital.

The reviews were free of charge for all 168 women wishing to take advantage of the club’s initiative.

DENMARK, D45 – Ladywalk is Denmark’s largest one-day event only for women. The event has existed since 2001 and the number of participants is increasing year after year.

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CYPRUS, D96 – Inner Wheel Club Nicosia – Lefkouthea raised funds for helping children of PASYKAF. The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) is a voluntary, non-governmental health association. In addition, it participates in EU and local projects relating to cancer awareness, cancer research, palliative care and volunteers.

GERMANY, D87 – We created a place of welcome and familiarity for our refugees – a cafe of creativity.

The intention was to offer women and their children from different cultures and coming out of war areas a place where they could stay for a while without being afraid of anything, where they had the feeling of being welcome, where they could communicate with each other and with our German friends. These women from Syria, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Kosovo, Russia, Serbia, Armenia – Christians, Orthodox, Muslims and Hindus – are sent to us by our local council.

We want to give them a place where they can feel at home, where they learn something about our European culture, where we can help them to understand our ways of behaviour and our traditions.

KNEN, ND – Mrs Safia Abdil Haase, living in Norway, chartered the Non Districted IW Club Safia, 05.05.2016. which has 40 members. The club is supported by Mrs Haase and the IW Club Fredriksten from Norway who pay their IW capitation fee. The IW members vision is: To fight violence against women, to empower women and to create independence. It is very important for them to show women their rights and teach them how to protect themselves against diseases, violence and sexual harassment and give access to contraceptives.

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NIGERIA, D911 – District Chairman Abimbola Shoga and members of the Project Committee this year in line with Caring for Women and Girls create awareness and education on Breast and Cervical Cancer. Six primary schools and three secondary schools, 350 students were in attendance for the educational program and 100 Women were in attendance for the free Breast and Cervical Cancer test.

CROATIA, D191 – Inner Wheel District 191 hosted a forum on cervical cancer prevention caused by HPV virus. They informed the students and their families about the importance of protecting children’s health by HPV injection. The association “All for her” has been marking Cervical Cancer Week for a number of years and promotes the importance of self-care and educates the public about the prevention of HPV-related illnesses, which is also the major cause of cervical cancer.

INDIA, D301 – To create awareness on menstrual hygiene, signature project of DC Preeti Gugnani, IW District 301, interdistrict & District joint project ‘ASMITA-The empowered’: Menstrual hygiene for girls and women is one of the main goals for all IW Clubs in India.

BANGLADESH, D328 – Bangladesh has one of the highest percentage of blind people in relation to its population. There are 750,000 (approx) adults & 40,000 (approx) children in Bangladesh who are blind due to cataract or other ocular diseases.
Inner Wheel Club Dhaka North East organized a Free Eye Campaign at Dia-Bari Government Primary School, Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh. By this campaign, out of 80 students, they have found about 18 students who are suffering from various eye diseases.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, ND – The members of the ND IW Club Banja Luka raised funds for Association of women with breast cancer “Iskra” according to this year’s motto of the international Inner Wheel “Caring for Women and Girls”.
Association of women with cancer “Iskra” has existed since 2003, and currently has 256 registered members. Since its inception, the association has been working on the education of pupils and students, and raising awareness of breast cancer. The fact that this disease was detected at the age of 14 and 16 is devastating.

UGANDA, ND – A visit to a rural primary school where IW Club Mengo members donated scholastic materials to candidate pupils.

NORWAY – 12th EU Meeting in Stavanger in September 2019. Instead of all the gifts to each other we encouraged the participants to donate some money to the Children’s Ward at the Stavanger University Hospital, to invite the Hospital Clowns, and give the child patients some happy hours during their hospital stay.

CANADA, ND – ND IWC of Saint Georges, Canada empowers all primary schools of the city of Saint Georges to provide hot nutritious meals to children. During snowy Canadian winter months, the club held its annual collection of snowsuits for needy children who were not dressed appropriately for the cold weather. At request of a teacher they delivered to the children puppets at Christmas. They also have handed over a cheque for $3,500CD for the purchase of tablets to first grade pupils.
Dear Friends,

This brings me to the end of six long years but a pleasant journey as IIW EC member, which came to me as a blessing from God and trust of you all in me. It seems like yesterday that I was elected IIW Treasurer. It has been a tremendous privilege and honour to serve, first as IIW Treasurer for 3 years, then as IIWVP, President and IIWPP. A journey full of great experiences, friendship and learning. I wish to convey my gratitude to all NRs or other IW Members for taking great care of me during my visits to their countries.

I am grateful to all IW members for accepting IIW theme 2017-18 Leave a Lasting Legacy which was adopted and practiced by all in their services and friendship activities.

I travelled to as many countries as I could to reach as many members as possible. Every member is different, but diversity unites us as each of us share common goals of friendship and service.

Chairing IIW Convention at Melbourne 2018 was a great experience. Interaction with LCC led to a great team spirit and delivered a memorable convention.

When I look back I have not only my story to tell as IIW EC member I have many more stories to share, stories of promoting IW at airports, or while flying - a mosaic of stories, of lives touched, changed lives as IW changed my life.

This is the legacy each one of us will leave behind - not in monuments of stone or marble but in the work we do, the people we help, and the lives we change.

As I prepare to leave this place, and our time together, I go home with a feeling of great satisfaction - IW is stronger than ever before - with a membership that is growing, talented, diverse, and engaged; with partnerships that enable us to achieve even more and set our sights even higher; with clubs that are willing to do what it takes to achieve.

As we say farewell to each other, knowing that our paths will cross again, I send my trust, my confidence, my faith in the younger generation and new members of all ages - for you are, and will remain, a gift to me, as you are a gift to IW – to Leave a Lasting Legacy of friendship and service.

Enjoy IW - Empower IW - Be evolved

Dr Kapila Gupta
International Inner Wheel President
2017-18

Three years as the IIW treasurer has been a wonderful experience for me, interacting with all of you.

I do hope I did a good job for the benefit of our beautiful organisation, which is now only a few years away from completing 100 years.

May the years ahead bring forth lots of satisfaction and happiness, through providing help to those who seek it.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you as I bid goodbye from the IIW Executive Committee hoping to continue in friendship and service.

Love you all, my dear friends, may God keep you blessed and healthy.

Azhagu Annamalai
International Inner Wheel Treasurer

I thank all the members who have given me the opportunity to give my best to serve Inner Wheel as Editor/Media Manager. What a privilege and honour it has been for me to help promote your work across the globe for the past two years.

Communication and news exchange is of crucial importance to our organisation to be more visible and better known around the world. Communication is a two-way process. We require high quality information to be provided to us so that excellent information can be presented to the world about the extensive friendship, Service and International work that is happening, from all countries, Non Districted clubs, Districts and clubs. I have tried to do my best to share and to help promote lots of great projects from all over the world.

There have been great challenges to deal with; the new modern design of our website launched in Melbourne, lots of work on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. The past two years have given me a great experience and above all I will treasure that I have met so many great women and dear friends all over the world.

I wish my successor, Kerstin Jonson, an enjoyable and successful time as IIW Editor/MM.

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