Be a friend

To promote true friendship
To encourage the ideals of personal service
To foster international understanding
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Dear Members,

As we approach the end of another Inner Wheel year I say "thank you, thank you, thank you" to you all. In electing me to hold the position of President of International Inner Wheel you gave me the gift of a lifetime. This year I have experienced many new cultures and made many new friends. I thank you for this opportunity. Thank you also for the friendship that has been extended to me and to my husband Ken. We cannot repay this, we can only pass it on to someone else in the future.

As I have travelled, I have noticed that Inner Wheel is the same everywhere. Our members are all striving to improve the lives of others; our members are all experiencing friendship; our clubs are hoping to gain new members. We have differing cultures depending on where we live but we all have the same aims and objects:

**To promote true friendship**  
**To encourage the ideals of personal service**  
**To foster international understanding**

In May of this year, I was invited to speak to a Rotary Conference on the subject ‘Is Inner Wheel Relevant?’ My reply was a resounding ‘YES!’ Our members world wide are responding to the needs of their communities; they are working to improve the lives of many people; they are presenting opportunities for young people to learn skills for the future; they are presenting opportunities for women to improve their own health, plus the health of their extended families; our members are contributing funds to train dogs for the blind and for narcotic dogs; our members are funding prosthetic limbs for people in several countries.

Our members are doing so much - we know this but we must tell it to the world. We must aim to gain more media exposure; we must use more signage; we must talk more about our organisation and it’s achievements. It is up to us to make our organisation grow and to show that Inner Wheel IS relevant.

I congratulate those Clubs and Districts who have gained new members during this year. It is encouraging to see the global growth being experienced. To those who formed new Districts, congratulations for having the courage to take this step forward.

To our members everywhere, I again say “thank you” for everything that you have done in the name of Inner Wheel this year. We have an amazing organisation that we should all be proud of.

Let us all continue to BE A FRIEND and to create HAPPIER FUTURES in the coming years.

In Inner Wheel Friendship,

Carole Young  
IIW President 2012 - 2013
Happier Futures Campaign

We all carry out fantastic, worthwhile work for charities across the world and this year, clubs, districts and countries have been working on projects under a common theme – Happier Futures. Our projects are helping thousands of children across the world.

Here are some examples of the work Clubs have been doing as part of the Happier Futures Campaign.

**IWC of Walnut Creek, California, USA**
Joan Mendes at our IWC of Walnut Creek Baby Shower and Potato Salad Bar with a record number of handmade crocheted baby blankets.

**IWC of Banaras, District 312, India**
Under project SMILE MUNIA (meaning small girl) the IWC of Banaras distributed more than 251 bicycles to schoolgirls.

**IWC of Claremont, District 935, USA**
Feeding children’s minds with knowledge gleaned from books, which helps equip them for life. The Club supports poor community children by supplying library books.

**IWC of Dalyan, Turkey**
Toys supplied by the IWC of Dalyan for disabled children so that they can celebrate New Year.

**IWC of Nigeria, District 914**
This Club sewed new school uniforms for pupils of a school for the deaf and dumb. Exercise books were also distributed.

**IWC of Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius**
On World Inner Wheel Day, this Club made a donation of computers and printers to Refuge La Colombe, a shelter caring for around 100 abandoned/ill-treated children up to the age of 17.
IWC of Budapest, Hungary
Barbara Jóvány and her guide dog Happy. Dog training was paid for by the IWC of Budapest and makes it possible for Barbara to live an independent life.

IWC of Howick, District NZ291, New Zealand
Twice a week Inner Wheel grannies help young children from a South Auckland primary school with their reading and speaking skills.

IWC of Durbanville, District 935, Cape Town
Contents of a comfort pack supplied to child victims of rape seen at the Karl Bremer Hospital.

IWC of Port Elizabeth West, D932, South Africa
Annual Christmas party for 100 orphaned children providing lunch and presents.

IWC of Istanbul Dolmabahce, District 242, Turkey
A Spina Bifida Clinic at Marmara University Hospital was built with contributions from the IWCs of Kinderdijk, Holland and Beyoglu, Turkey.

IWC of Georgetown, Guyana
Guyana’s only playland for physically disabled children. The largest project undertaken by the IWC of Georgetown in conjunction with UNICEF and other donors.

IWC of Schoelcher, Martinique
The IWC of Schoelcher honours Mandy Francois-Elie on Inner Wheel International Day. Mandy is a young Martinican athlete who, after several months in a coma, resumed training for the Paralympic Games. Mandy won gold in the 100m sprint. The IWC of Schoelcher helped financially and put her in contact with sponsors.

IWCs of Torino, Torino Nord Ovest, Torino 45° Parallelo and Torino Europea, District 204, Italy
The four Clubs raised money to construct a school for local disabled children. The school enables pupils to take part in leisure activities, therapy and relaxation.
Carole’s Global Roaming

This year, our President Carole Young visited many Clubs all over the world, forging wonderful friendships and experiencing many different cultures.

Visit to India

Carole visits the Clubs of Mexico

Visit to District 330 and D331 - Malaysia and Singapore

Carole is greeted by representatives of three clubs at Singapore Changi Airport

Visit to the Glenrothes Club in Scotland

Visit to NZ291 Auckland District

A visit to District 330 and D331 - Malaysia and Singapore

Attending the IWA Conference in Tasmania

Visit to India
A visit to Sri Lanka

The President sees the work of Clubs in the Philippines. Here, kidney stone screening (Bata ng Buhay) is being carried out.

Visit to Canada

Visit to GB&I Conference in Plymouth

Visit to Bali

Visit to Copenhagen

Festa dell’amicizia - Ischia, Italy

At the Inner Wheel District Assembly in Perth, Scotland

District A40, Perth, Australia
Global Growth

This year we welcomed many new clubs and countries to our organisation.

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The first Club Chartered in Indonesia...

The birth of the IWC of Isabelle Taillefer, Angoulême, France

On Friday 22nd March 2013, President Benedicte Mahy received the official charter from the hands of the Governor of District 69, Marie-Odile Machenaud - by happy coincidence a founder member of the Club and Benedicte's sponsor.

More than 100 people attended the charter ceremony, many friends from District 69, other Governors representing their own Districts, representatives of Rotary, Soroptimists, Lions, husbands and friends.

Following a speech by Nathalie Brun, President of the Inner Wheel French speaking countries, past District Governor Benedicte was presented with her ribbon of office.

... was the Inner Wheel Club of Bali Seminyak, Chartered in December 2012. Among those present were Club Charter President Barbara Mackenzie, IIW President Carole Young and Inner Wheel Australia President Margaret Whitchurch.
Global Milestones

This page is dedicated to the many milestones that Clubs across the world have reached in the past year.

80th birthday IWC of North Sydney, Australia – the oldest Club (still functioning) outside the UK

The cake cutting ceremony marking 80 years. Pictured: IWA President Margaret Whitchurch, IIW President Carole Young, President of North Sydney Inner Wheel Ank Karakashian and long standing member, Joan Duncan.

75th anniversary IWC of Napier, District NZ293

The original silver chain of office and charter given in 1946 (ten years after charter, owing to World War II) was on display at the Club’s anniversary celebrations.

Celebrations for the oldest Club in New Zealand, IWC of Napier, District NZ293

The oldest club member, 95 year old Millicent Caird, is seen here cutting the birthday cake at IWC of Napier 75th birthday celebrations.

IWC of Cirencester, District 10, UK celebrating its 50th anniversary

Phil Lawrence, pictured above, will be 102 this month. Pictured with her are Connie Robinson, 92 and Muriel Davis. All are members of the IWC of Launceston. They have 288 years between them. Many of those years have been spent as members of Inner Wheel, serving their community and making lasting friendships.

IWC of Kendal, UK celebrates its 70 year anniversary

At the party, money was raised for Brainwave.

64th anniversary celebrations IWC of Ipoh, District 330, Malaysia

President Ms. Anu Subramaniam cutting a cake with other Past Presidents of IWC of Ipoh, Malaysia.

IWC of Angoulême, France celebrates its 40 year anniversary

Chartered in 1949, the IWC of Kuala Lumpur celebrated 64 years promoting friendship with a Hollywood themed gala dinner in conjunction with the arrival of new president, Elena Teoh.

IWC of Annemasse-Léman, France

December 1st 2012 was the day of the Charter Ceremony of the new IWC of Annemasse-Léman - the first new Club in District 71 for 20 years. Members, Rotarians, friends and guests took to the road to celebrate the event in an impressive setting. There was snow in the Savoie and white gleaming mountain tops all around.
Global Connections

Many of you will have already visited our new website: www.internationalinnerwheel.org

We’ve spent a lot of time designing and building the site to make sure it has everything you need. It has quickly become a vital way of communicating with all members. If you haven’t already done so, take a look.

On the website, you can read lots about who we are, what we do, our history and our presence at the UN. All official documents and leaflets can be downloaded from the website, too.

If you know anyone who is keen to become an Inner Wheel member, direct them to the website and they can find out everything they need to know. I also encourage current members to visit the website regularly as there is always new content to read. For example, the latest news section contains updates from Clubs across the world. If you have any articles that you would like to see in this section, please email the content and images to Elaine at: admin@internationalinnerwheel.org. We’d like to see members from all over the world, sharing information about the projects they’ve been organising.

As well as developing a new website, we’ve also been working hard to develop our social media presence.

We’ve set up an official International Inner Wheel Facebook page that we’d love you all to join. Members have set up lots of different groups on Facebook but there is only one official International Inner Wheel page. This is regularly updated with details of special events and official announcements. If you have any problems finding our official page on Facebook, please email admin@internationalinnerwheel.org and Elaine will send you a link to the correct page. You can also connect with us on LinkedIn, too.

We also have an official Twitter account that you can follow. You can find us @IntInnerWheel. By joining our social media platforms, you can keep up to date with all the latest news. All social media links are on our new website.

Members all over the world can share their thoughts and activities through the social media platforms. It’s amazing how fast the latest news is circulating. It shows the importance members place on social media.

Although we meet face to face at International Inner Wheel events, it’s now possible to stay in contact every day with members all over the world.
Be a Friend

In the past year, there have been lots of clubs taking time to be a friend. Here are some examples of just a few:

IWC of Monza, District 204, Italy
Project to prevent and treat leprosy and TB at a hospital in Khulna, Bangladesh. Sister doctor Roberta Pignone from Monza with one of the children helped.

IWC of Slidell, Louisiana
The IWC of Slidell worked with residents of Camellia Gardens Retirement community to make fleece lap throws to be used as prizes for planned activities.

IWC of Christchurch, District NZ297
The Earthquake Appeal committee with the Town Crier and award presented to the IWC of New Zealand for its support to the people of Christchurch after the earthquakes.

IWC of Silute, Lithuania
The IWC of Silute provides support to students of Silute School of Art and Music (for talented students from poor families). The financial support is used for participation in contests, concert clothes and equipment.

IWC of Halmstad, District 240, Sweden
District meeting at the IWC Halmstad.
It was with great pleasure that the Danish delegation in Istanbul 2012 received the message that the International Inner Wheel Convention 2015 will take place in Denmark.

Preparations are already well under way. In June 2012 a local convention committee was created, consisting of: Convention Coordinator Benedicte Haubroe, Chief Steward Suzanne Nielsen, Deputy Chief Steward Mette Fog, National Representative Lene Krüger Schade, Treasurer Lisa Catherine Poulsen and Secretary Britt Olsen.

In August 2012, we had a visit from IIW Administrator Elaine, IIW Treasurer Charlotte and IIW President Carole Young. The meeting was held at the Convention venue Tivoli Hotel and Congress Centre.

At this first meeting, final dates for the Convention (7th – 9th May), the contract with PCO, budget, insurance, deadlines, schedule and logo were discussed and approved, and the venue and accommodation were also approved.

The work of the committee is in good progress. Right now, the committee is intensively working to obtain sponsorship agreements, planning pre and post-conventions tours under the motto Meet the Danes and planning every aspect of the Convention.

We are proud that HRH Crown Princess Mary has accepted an invitation to be patron of the convention. HRH has a fantastic history of supporting social projects, especially concerning women and children, which is fully in line with Inner Wheel values.

For further information visit: www.iiwconvention2015.com
Long term projects leave legacy

As well as taking part in annual projects and short campaigns, International Inner Wheel Clubs support many long term projects that have been in existence for more than 20 years.

Here are some examples of these long term projects and an update on recent activity.

Sweden

Since 1986, Clubs in Sweden have been raising money to train drug detector dogs for Swedish Customs. After graduation, the dogs are given an IIW dog collar. You can see the dogs at airports and on trains, sniffing amongst bags with their eager tails wagging. In 2012, IIW dogs made 248 drug seizures!

Philippines

For 15 years, together with the Rotary Club of Makati North, Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines have been feeding indigent and malnourished first graders in F. Benitez Elementary School, Makati City, Philippines.

Philippines

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Makati North, for the past 20 years, Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines have been helping the Aetas of Botolan (Aborigines) with reforestation projects after they were displaced by the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo in Zambales.
Long term projects leave legacy continued...

United Kingdom
Since 1967, District 11 has provided a week’s holiday for women carers at a hotel in Bournemouth. Clubs either sponsor a carer from their locality or provide hospitality during the day – taking our guests out to places of interest such as stately homes, museums or just shopping, giving them lunch, often in a member’s home or providing entertainment in the evening.

The group consists of circa 30 women plus three IW members. At the beginning of the week, all the women are anxious about the ones they’ve left behind and worried how they’ll get on together. At the end of the week, the change is amazing. Lifelong friendships have been made and the carers are more relaxed and feel stronger when returning home to their loved ones.

United Kingdom
The Southend Talking Newspaper (for people with impaired vision) was formed in 1977 by the Rotary and Southend-on-Sea Clubs. Almost half of the charity’s volunteers and committee still come from the two clubs.

Kuala Lumpur
For more than twenty years, over thirty secondary students from three public schools have received financial aid for annual schooling expenses from the Kuala Lumpur Club, District 330.
Dear Friends,

What a wonderful gift you gave me when you elected me as head of our Association. Thank you for the exceptional confidence you showed in me and for the incredible opportunity. Thank you for your support. I will never forget it, just as I will never forget the friends for life I had the chance to visit and those I met in Istanbul.

We made a fantastic step forward during the last Convention. The success of Proposal 17 was a strong beacon for the future of IWC. At the Copenhagen Convention, we need to be visionaries in order to continue to expand and to modernise our international administration and structure.

To achieve this, we must all ‘think ahead, aim high and strive for excellence’ again and again. We must show the world that we are women who care, share and serve, ready to move forward, because those who do not move lose ground. We must show that we are women who are ready to cooperate with flexibility, tolerance and enthusiasm, to ensure a positive common vision for the future of IIW.

I wish you all the very best.

Norma Friar
Constitution Chairman

As my job as treasurer comes to an end, I want to thank all the members of the executive committee during these three years: Pallavi, Catherine, Carole, Anne, Norma, Gabriella and of course our administrator Elaine. All have worked very intensively together for the future of Inner Wheel.

There have been great challenges to deal with: the acquisition of the new office in Altrincham; the set up and follow up of the Convention in Istanbul; the set up of the convention in Copenhagen; the important changes in the budget to have the finances to spend more money for communication and promotion materials. This has already resulted in the new website, the leaflets and much more. Besides my job as treasurer, it was interesting to set up social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. The database is still in its early stage, but I have worked very hard to improve it and soon it will be totally renewed, and more user-friendly for members.

The past three years have given me a great experience. Unfortunately I cannot continue this experience in the next executive committee. I have met so many friends all over the world. I really hope to see you all soon.

I wish my successor, Gunder Lannoy, an enjoyable and successful time on the IIW Executive.

Charlotte De Vos
International Inner Wheel Treasurer 2010-2013
Inner Wheel across the globe

Here's a snapshot of some of the activities that Inner Wheel members have been taking part in over the past 12 months.

Graz Club, Austria
This year Graz Club raised money for ‘Marienstüberl’ to serve free meals to poor people and for ‘Schlupfthaus’ which provides a place to stay for teenagers and short-term emergency accommodation.

Alger Esperance Club (Hope Club) Algeria
This club creates libraries for local schools and assists the sick, the elderly and abandoned children. The club raises money by making and selling handcrafted jewellery, rag dolls and house linens.

Clubs of India
Inner Wheel Clubs in India raise vital funds for the Jaipur Foot project, a charity which provides vital services and support for amputees.

District 920, Indian Ocean
This Club has worked hard to raise vital funds for a local charity which looks after children suffering from cancer in two hospitals in Reunion Island, a French island in the Indian Ocean.

USA Foundation
Since 1988, Clubs in the USA have worked tirelessly to support children in need of prosthetic limbs.