



International Inner Wheel Newsletter

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SHOW THAT YOU CARE through FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE



LETTER FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ERNA FANDAL



Dear Inner Wheel friends,
Our Inner Wheel has turned and my year as IIW President is over.
A year that has given me a lot of wonderful memories – memories that will always stay in my mind.

Not only happy memories but also knowledge about our great organization. It has been a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic members around the world and to see and learn about all the projects. You really are doing a marvellous job. Our organization means so much to so many and our support and help shows that **SUPPORT gives STRENGTH**

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your friendship, hospitality and the cards and letters that I have received during this year – especially all those I had from you after the Convention.

Convention in Christchurch, New Zealand was unforgettable – the atmosphere of

friendship and joy from the start to the magnificent closing ceremony was wonderful. A big **THANK YOU** to all participants.

I wish all the members and clubs a lot of success and joy in this new Inner Wheel year and in the future,

Kind regards and in friendship



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My Dear Fellow Members,

It is a great honour and privilege to be your President this year and I am overwhelmed by the warmth of your good wishes and the messages received from so many of you over the past few weeks in cards and letters; they are all greatly appreciated and I thank you most sincerely.

I am delighted to hear of the many ways that you are taking this year's Theme – **SHOW THAT YOU CARE** through **FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE** – to heart.

You are embracing our new Social Project, **“The UNICEF Education Programme”** which we have pledged to support over the next three years, with great enthusiasm and the funds raised will be aimed at providing education for women and girls. For more than 130 million 6-11 year old children – almost 60% of which are girls – the classroom door remains firmly closed. Denying girls in particular of their right to a quality education effectively denies them of virtually all other human rights and this diminishes the chances for succeeding generations, particularly those of their daughters, to develop to their full potential. Educating girls and women means educating families, and ultimately society, and we must do our very best to bring this about.

You offer the hand of **FRIENDSHIP** and perform acts of **SERVICE** in so many ways and I thank you all for everything that you are doing; also for taking the time to write and tell me about them and for sharing your thoughts and ideas. Inner Wheel members really do make a difference and you are certainly helping to make the dreams of many a living reality and **SHOWING** that you **CARE**.

I look forward very much to meeting many of you during this year, and to seeing your projects for together with Rotary we can 'Lead The Way' and '**SHOW THAT we CARE** through **FRIENDSHIP** and **SERVICE**'.

Yours, in sincere Friendship





IIW VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA



Kamala Ramakrishnan belongs to Chennai/Madras, a busy metropolis on the South East Coast of India. Having graduated with English Literature and Economics as her subjects, she put education on hold to marry Ramakrishnan at the age of 19, only to go back to the University for a post graduate degree, and after that, for another degree in Library and Information Sciences.

Demands of an extended family, two young children and a husband who had entered the Indian Parliament as one of the youngest members, did keep her fully occupied. However she also found time between her studies and her family commitments, to join the Inner Wheel as early as 1974 and believes this to be one of the best decisions of her life.

Kamala joined the Inner Wheel Club of Madras and has held most of the posts at the Club and later at the District Level before becoming the President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India. She also served as the Honorary Secretary of the Association. She enjoyed her stint as the Board Director of IIW, in its Convention year and cherishes the interaction with members all over the world during her year as IIW Editor. Her Editorship also gave her an opportunity to learn about the service projects that Inner Wheel members undertake all over the world. She is now looking forward to her new role as IIW Vice President.



Besides Inner Wheel, Kamala is very involved in her company that handles newsletters and other corporate communications.

As a freelance journalist she has contributed regularly for many decades to Interior and Travel magazines and also to India's leading newspapers.

Widely travelled in India and abroad she has great interest in design, arts and crafts and these interests along with her travel form the basis of her writings. She also enjoys trading in the Indian stock market.

Her son and daughter are both married and successful corporate professionals and so both Kamala and Rotarian Ramakrishnan, a successful businessman and a Past District Governor, now look forward to spending more time in the Inner Wheel and Rotary World.



BRIDGING THE WORLD



Rotary International Convention 2006

Submitted by Metje Hanekamp-Van de Kamp.
IIW President 04/05

– Copenhagen (Denmark) and Malmo (Sweden) I.I.W.
International Inner Wheel was present with a booth in Copenhagen to give information about our International Inner Wheel organization.

A lot of Rotary visitors came to us, people from Argentina, Japan, Ghana, French Guyana, Congo, and Ivory Coast amongst many others; and also from all the countries where Inner Wheel Clubs are already founded. At least 100 persons a day came to see us. Not only Inner Wheel members, but a lot of delegates who never had heard about Inner Wheel before. The photographs sent by many National Representatives and the banner from our last Convention in Christchurch were all very helpful.

It gave an idea about all the work our Inner Wheel members do. Our new brochure was an attractive object - at the end of the Convention not one was left. It was a great pleasure to tell our visitors about Friendship, Service and International understanding. We could also mention our International Social Project and our Inner Wheel Representatives at the United Nations. A list of addresses was made to send further information.



We hope to be at the next Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, U.S.A.

Rotary International has granted Inner Wheel U.S.A. the opportunity to host a luncheon during the 2007 Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City. This luncheon is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2007. We are awaiting confirmation of the date from the Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake City.



Please watch our new website: www.innerwheelusa.com for further details and registration.

Linda Gardner, Editor. Inner Wheel USA



IIW Convention Report. New Zealand May 2006

Compiled by IIW Editor Sally Herbert

Nearly 1,400 delegates made their way to Christchurch.

Many took the opportunity to stop on the way in Los Angeles, Singapore, Hong Kong or Sydney whilst others went straight to New Zealand and spent time exploring the wonderful scenery, culture and contrasts of this beautiful country.



Tuesday May 2nd

"16 Inner Wheel and Rotary members played golf at Russley Golf Course, one of the many beautifully situated Golf Courses in the neighbourhood of Christchurch.

It was well organized by Noeline Harrington and Patricia Seear, two Inner Wheel members.

And surprise!
Sponsored by the Christchurch



Casino with golf balls and golf towels.

After coffee and cake we started as good friends and each of us thought: we will win the game! And we did! To play with Rotary and Inner Wheel friends and with lovely weather made us winners.

The Netherlands, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand.

Metje Hanenkamp van de Kamp Past President IIW.



Registration commenced in the Convention centre which was attached to the Town Hall and Auditorium by a glass causeway over the busy road. Over 50% of delegates registered online for the Convention. Everyone registering was given a super shoulder bag which contained among other things, a mobile phone pocket, notebooks, mints, a pen and an umbrella – just in case!

Vice President Janet Day, Treasurer Beatrice Lapham, Constitution Chairman Anne Fryer and Secretary Elaine Hathaway all manned the desk to a never ending flow of voting delegates.



Wednesday May 3rd.

Registration of voting delegates continued led by Past IIW President Carol Buchanan and Past GB&I National Representative Norma Friar.



Flower arrangers and helpers from the Christchurch club produced wonderful floral art for the foyer making use of the native flax (phormium tenax) leaves and flowers, muehlenbeckia axillaris, a pretty, prostrate shrub as well as some proteus flowers for focus. Irises, lilies, campanula etc all combined to give themed yellow and blue arrangements.



At 11 am the **Banner Exchange** took place in the Convention Centre. A considerable number of ladies thronged with their banners swapping brightly coloured silks. The Christchurch club decided to produce their banners on card which they hoped would, as an idea, be copied. They felt it would be easier to store banners in an album.

After the exchange various activities such as shopping or excursions took place during the afternoon.

The **Market Place** was now open and members were able to purchase local and handmade items to take home. These were organised by the five New Zealand Inner Wheel Districts who each had a table.



Another facility for delegates was the Internet area with six PC's all connected to the internet for delegates to access their emails or just look at the NZ web pages.

A photograph was taken on the stairs of the IIW Executive, Board Directors, Lawyer, Secretary, Constitution Chairman and Editor.



The **Welcome Reception** was held in the Convention centre from 6 pm to 7.45 pm. The room was surrounded with black curtaining but suspended from the ceiling were enormous and wonderfully coloured daffodils and butterflies. Everyone was met with a choice of beverage and then Convention Committee Chairman, Cecile Pierce officially welcomed International Inner Wheel President, Erna Fandal and the delegates. She then introduced the Mayor, Garry Moore who welcomed everyone to Christchurch and Canterbury. Delegates then circulated the hall to the





delicious canapés and tempting treats were brought round.
For example: Roasted lamb cutlets with rosemary and saffron dressing, asparagus and Portobello mushroom risotto with whipped mascarpone served in a liqueur glass with spoon and chicken roulade with cranberry jelly and orange.

Thursday 4th May

The morning started at 9 am with the **Service of Faith** and a collection for the yet un-named Social project for 2006 – 2009.

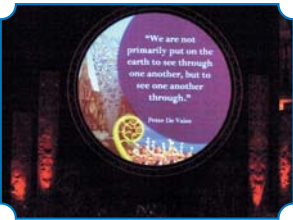
Norwegian delegate Sissel Michelsen introduced the Inner Wheel members who read passages from Kahlil Giban's book 'The Prophet'. The book was published in 1923, the year before the founding of Inner Wheel and President Erna had specially requested it. The writer grew up in the Lebanon in the intersection between Christianity and Islam and later moved to the USA.

Shailaja Bhat, the Association President of India read a passage about **Teaching**.

Jessie Wang, Past Board Director from Malaysia and Singapore read about **Joy and Sorrow**.

Myra Brown from the Convention committee had **Giving** as her topic and Catherine Refabert, President, National Council of France spoke of **Friendship**.

The stage was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, Maori totems, a circular screen on which friendship quotes were displayed and the magnificent Candle of Friendship. The candle was the Conference Chairman's idea who thought it would be lovely to make a candle from candle ends and asked members of the Christchurch club to hunt them out. The idea spread and all the clubs in New Zealand wanted to be part of the idea. The rainbow coloured five foot candle looked magnificent.



Sayings included:

'People who have wild ideas about how to run the earth ought to start with a small garden.'

'In frowning we exercise 87 muscles but in smiling we only use 13. Why work overtime?'

'Swallow your pride occasionally – it's not fattening.'



Opening Ceremony

This began in a darkened auditorium with a film of New Zealand scenery with birdsong and a feeling of dawn followed by the sounds of a storm. Shadowy figures called to each other using conch shells and Maori warriors called intimidatingly to each other culminating in a warlike display. This caused slight consternation to those lining the central aisle where battle was announced!



Eight young women and several young men in costume were led by an older man and woman in native song and dance. This was the **Powhiri**. The teenagers were all from a school which was keeping the Maori language alive. After frightening off the evil spirits a Song of Welcome was sung.

The movements of the hand were explained as the rays of the sun or a quivering leaf. The dancers were all originally part of the Polynesian race. The final dance was the full blooded version of the haka.



Following this performance the **Flag ceremony** took place. International President Erna took centre stage as Lesley Compton, a Past President of the Inner Wheel Club of Christchurch read out the countries in Inner Wheel. As she read a name, the flag was unfurled by Myra Brown on the balcony.



Finally the flags of New Zealand, Norway and International Inner Wheel were brought forward and hoisted above the platform where they remained for the rest of the Convention. The National anthems of New Zealand and Norway were sung.

President Erna then said that 'The Candle of friendship was composed of many colours representing our Nations.' She continued: 'We light this symbol of friendship in the true spirit of Inner Wheel. May the steadiness of its flame guide us in our deliberations and may its glow enlighten our thinking and inspire us to higher achievements.' She then 'lit' the candle which remained alight during all the sessions.



President Erna invited Convention Committee Chairman **Cecile Pierce** to speak. Cecile welcomed everyone and said that today was

a celebration in that so many people had arrived safely for the 13th IIW Convention. Thirty three countries were represented and New Zealand extended the hand of friendship.

President Erna thanked Cecile and asked **Rotary International President-Elect, Bill Boyd** from the Pakuranga Club, New Zealand to address the meeting followed by the local Rotary District Governor from 9970, **Kelvin Cordes**.

The Official Opening was conducted by **Her Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand, the Honourable Dame Silvia Cartwright**.

Dame Silvia welcomed everyone to Christchurch and hoped that they would have an opportunity to watch the sunrise over the mountains. She thanked New Zealand Inner Wheel for their years of support for women facing any difficulty. They had helped teenage mothers, abused and battered wives, those with breast cancer and enabled access to books for children in Ghana and the Ukraine. Finally she wished all delegates happiness and health and declared the 13th International Inner Wheel Convention to be OPEN.





There followed entertainment by the Dame Malvina Major Foundation which was set up in 1991 by the opera diva to help children realise their artistic ambitions. directed by Elric Hooper. Paloma Bruce acted and sang the Dolls Song from Tales of Hoffman. She was accompanied on the piano by New Zealand's foremost pianist, Maurice Till. Toni Lyn played Franz List's Chapel of William Tell and Roslen Langon and Lyndon Keenan sang 'Wheels of a

Dream' from Ragtime. Finally Jun and Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido played 'Sonata fur Arpeggione unt Klavier' by Schubert. Rotary had helped Dame Malvina to get started and since then she has raised \$1m dollars for Rotary. She made an appearance and sang 'O my beloved father' by Puccini accompanied by Maurice Till.



President Erna then addressed the meeting;

She felt that everyone was starting a special experience. There was the opportunity to change our Inner Wheel world, to choose to go forward or to stand still. Finally, Vice President Janet Day thanked all the participants of the morning's proceedings and entertainment and wished President Erna a very happy Convention.

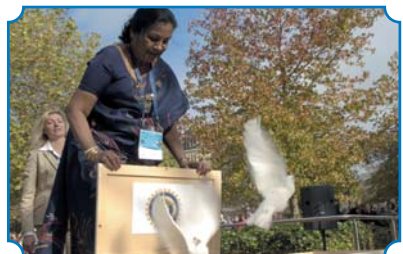
Chief Steward Shirley Hope gave a few announcements and before directing delegates to where the white doves would be released by the President, Executive members and others in Victoria Square delegates were asked to always return to the hall whenever they heard the music 'Walk right in'!

Annette Wilson recited the following poem whilst 60 doves were released.

*Go forth white doves
Go forth to every corner of the globe.
Take, on your graceful wings,
The gift of Friendship
Help us to unite the world and send
peace to troubled lands.
Search out the lonely and bereaved
And let them know friends.*

*Your flight will spread International understanding
As you battle stormy seas
And fly through the dust of deserts.
Fly on, white doves, fly on
And take with you the joy of this Convention.
Go forth and fly....*

*Take also the service of this band of women
That pain may be eased, need fulfilled
And opportunity experienced as a better
Lead the gift of service to distant shores
And bring comfort.*





During the afternoon session it was announced that the **UNICEF MNT Social project for 2003 – 2006** had raised **£162,000**. The three President's involved held up a large cheque to show the delegates.

Vice President Janet Day announced the new **Social Project for 2006 – 2009**.

This would be **UNICEF's Global Education programme for girls**. For 130 million children aged 6 – 11 years, the educational doors were already shut. By the age of 18 girls would have on average received 4.5 years less education than boys. Gender selection for

education was prevalent together with a lack of text books and sexual harassment. The education of women had been shown to improve a society's general condition. Women educated the next generation especially in matters of health.

Janet concluded by asking all members to support the project saying:

Inner Wheel members make a difference and Inner Wheel changes lives.



International Inner Wheel Executive and Board Directors on the stage for the Business Sessions.

Hospitality evening

Coaches collected everyone to take them to one of five venues for the evening.

Air Force Museum – report by Board Director Maxie Christen

Many of the delegates - about 700 of us went to the Air Force Museum for the Hospitality evening. 18 coaches were waiting to transport us from the Auditorium at 18.15.





On arrival we were welcomed by our hostesses, Inner Wheel members from District NZ291. Drinks and delightful hors d'oeuvres were served. This was followed by a fine and abundant buffet dinner, dessert, coffee and tea. The Air Force Museum is a rather new, very impressive huge building with a display of 28 historic aircrafts, artefacts too varied to mention, flight simulators and dioramas of the Royal New Zealand Air Force activities. This is indeed a world class military aviation museum. It was a wonderful evening with the opportunity of meeting and making friends with lots of members from all over the world.

International Antarctic Centre – report by Board Director Robyn White



Wow!!! What an adventure for 160 delegates and guests who had an opportunity to attend the hospitality night hosted by District 297 members, at the Antarctic Centre situated near the airport in Christchurch.

Guests were warmly greeted with a glass of wine by club members and treated to a journey to the Antarctic through a series of experiences. Firstly were the four seasons experienced by researchers based there for months on end, giving us some idea of the severe weather conditions.



Many of the attendees donned warm clothing and braved the chills of an Antarctic storm with sub-zero temperatures and strong winds.

Protection could be sought by crawling into an ice cave or a tent. It was a chance to learn and experience first hand the conditions that exist in that area of the globe.



As you walked among the penguins on retreat from the storm and viewed all the stories of the adventures that had taken place over the years, you were treated to delicious morsels of finger food. It was then time to thaw out and enjoy a warm hearty meal and chat with old friends and new, before returning to our warm cosy hotels in readiness for the remainder of the Convention.



Mona Vale Homestead – report by Editor Sally Herbert

The old homestead and beautiful English-style gardens of Mona Vale, not far from the city centre, are a special part of Christchurch. The once privately-owned property was first landscaped and developed at the end of the 19th century, and further extended and developed over the following 60 years.

The evening was hosted by District

NZ 294 whose hostesses sported beautiful yellow gerberas. Delegates either migrated up the beautiful staircase or stayed in the room featured here.

The District banner was displayed and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal including, as the main course, ‘chicken tossed in honey, soy and ginger glaze’ or ‘beef ragout in red wine with slow roasted carrots, parsnips and caramelised onions’! Delegates were given a book mark on departure.



The Great Hall at the Art Centre – report by Cecile Pierce

In 1882 The Great Hall was the focus of Canterbury University College. Its most famous scholar was Lord Ernest Rutherford. The Great Hall is now in regular use throughout the year for a wide variety of events and performances designed to showcase, celebrate and support local creativity.

170 members attended the function which was hosted by District NZ 298. The hostesses wore blue sashes and bookmarks were given to delegates.



The Wine Shed – by Board Director Jessie Carlson

This was a stunning 15 acre vineyard just fifteen minutes from Christchurch centre with views in every direction. Vintage ambience with exquisite food and wine and French country style building plus barns with a limestone courtyard for dining and playing

petanque, all surrounded by masses of lavender and roses made it an ideal venue for romantic weddings or casual dining. Many gardens, Kune Kune pigs, angora goats, geese, chickens and doves – an amazing place.

Our hosts for the evening were the members of District NZ293 in New Zealand wearing blue and black motif scarves and delegates received bookmarks. We were warmly welcomed by Shirley Findley, incoming District Chairman of NZ293. We were treated to the many different wines at this winery and had a lovely evening meal. The highlights were the warm welcome

from the Inner Wheel members of District NZ293 and the opportunity to taste some lovely New Zealand wines.



Friday May 5th

The Westpac Centre is New Zealand's largest and most modern indoor stadium with 9100 capacity and opened September 1998. This impressive multipurpose arena hosts concerts, exhibitions and a wide range of sporting events. Provision for international sport and traditional indoor arena events has been integrated into the design requirements. Designed along the same lines as some of Europe's finest arenas, the Westpac Centre has over 7200 seats for centre court spectator events such as Davis Cup Tennis, Silver Fern Netball and Scenic Circle Rams Basketball.



This wonderful venue was set up for the Gala dinner. The room was divided into four coloured zones – red, blue, green and silver and delegates were greeted by four girls on stilts dressed in the appropriate colour for their quadrant. The Executive were taken up to the Pacific Suite where they could watch everyone arrive. Once everyone was in place President Erna and Vice President Janet were piped in by Richard Hawke.

The room was decorated extravagantly with silver ferns and leaves with a purple glow and with huge screens depicting scenes of the vibrant countryside.

The compere and chief entertainer for the evening was the renowned **Frankie Stevens** whose amazing International singing career is recorded on the following web site:
<http://www.sergent.com.au/frankiestevens.html>

After the main course two incredible tissue artists performed synchronized acrobatics up and down two ropes of material. The Gala Dinner menu was superb and certainly deserves including in this report!

Entrée: smoked salmon rosette with yoghurt dressing and toasted walnut oil.

Main: Breast of Canterbury chicken scented with coriander and lemon served with tomato, asparagus risotto and citrus beurre blanc sauce.

Dessert: Manuka Honey Cheesecake served with Hokey Pokey anglaise and caramelised orange compote. New Zealand cheese board with dried fruits and crackers.



After this Frankie did another entertainment slot which was very well received including audience participation on the stage which I don't think had been planned! The Swing band with Harry Harrison as the Musical Director performed as an accompaniment and later as music to dance to. Many lines of the 'conga' encircled the hall and a wonderful time was had by all.

Tired, but very happy, delegates made their way out to the coaches where they were each given a beautiful red rose of friendship to end the evening.



Saturday May 6th

After the final business session, which included a lively **Open Forum**, delegates adjourned for final seminars and lunch whilst the hall was prepared for the closing ceremony.

The afternoon commenced with a performance of jiving and dancing by three couples to the **Sideline Swing Band**.

President Erna thanked them all and introduced the speaker, **Tracey Richardson** whose talk was titled '**Finding the Strength Within**'. President Erna thanked Tracey and presented her with a small gift before making her final remarks hoping that everyone had enjoyed the Convention as much as she had.

Vice President Janet then gave President Erna an arrangement of flowers and a Vote of Thanks before announcing that her theme for the following Inner Wheel year would be "**SHOW THAT YOU CARE through FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE**".

President Erna then read the following poem before extinguishing the Candle of Friendship:



*"As we dim the Candle of Friendship
May the glow remain in our hearts
For here we have known true friendship.
As the light dims may the memories of this magic time
Enrich our lives and guide our destinies."*

President Erna then invited Convention Chairman Cecile to give the final farewell and introduce local artist Jenny Gillies' 'Flower Fantasia'.

Jenny is a multi award winner in the Montana World of Wearable Art Awards. She combines her love of flower, colour, sumptuous fabric, garments and hats which dare to be different. The models wore the most incredible costumes from a fantastic tree fern to geraniums, English roses and primulas ending with a bouquet of material flowers. Incredible!





NEWS FROM ITALY



Submitted by *District 204*

VOTIVE NICHEs IN THE OLD TOWN

Over the past twenty years this club has restored votive niches and sacred images around the town. This year the subject was a mural painting by Cecrope Barilli (1890), a copy of the Madonna of S, Sisto, by Raffaello which was restored.

The club also partially funded the production of a catalogue of the niches throughout the city. The catalogue was presented to the public Authority in the Council Municipality hall.

We were very proud and hope to continue this work.

Adelisa Gambarelli, Parma Est club



*Minnina Foti, Monica
and Gigi Nardi*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Monday 5th December at one of the favourite Clubs of young people, "the Matroneo" in Monza, our President Monica Riva organised a very special evening. The Presidents of all Rotary Clubs attended the event; together with Rotaract, Soroptomists and Lions to mention just a few.

We were able to find the right venue for the Santa Cecilia Musical Band di Seregno and its director Mauro Bernasconi. The 52 elements of the band gathered for the first time in 1963 and played band themes and transcriptions

from jazz music, musicals and classics. Currently the formation counts students of a young age that see the music as a matter of self amusement and socialization. The evening began with Christmas opening themes, played during breaks and conclusion of the supper; pieces pertaining to the Christmas tradition and the famous Wiener New Year's concert.

At the end of formalities those of us who were dance fanatics went on with modern music till late into the night!

Claudia Maserati, Editor I.W.C. Monza



*Mauro Bernasconi and Monica,
with Santa Cecilia Musical Band*

Valesia club – Lorenza del Boca

The club financed the restoration of the incunabulum, a 500 year old manuscript which had been printed in 1494 in Reutlingen. There was great satisfaction in seeing the stages of restoration and knowing that the book would be safe for a further 500 years.

Cuorgnè e Canavese club

In memory of a past President the club raised funds for some sophisticated medical equipment for the Advanced Biochemical Research laboratory at the Institute for Cancer research of Candiola.

Clubs in Brescia, submitted by Maria Beatrice Guerrini

In great spirit of friendship and cooperation, six Inner Wheel clubs in Brescia worked together and organized a special evening in support of a local voluntary organization. This organization takes care of women and children victims of sexual abuse. Roughly 450 people enjoyed a perfect summer evening in the gardens of a restaurant on the nearby hills. It raised a really considerable sum of money for this worthy cause.

It has been a great pleasure working together and a practical example of the I.W. ideals of friendship and cooperation with the aim to support the weak and needy people.



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Torino club

From 31st March to 2nd April Torino hosted the Inner Wheel National Event, truly exceptional this year for the presence of the International Inner Wheel President Erna Fandal. The eleventh Inner Wheel Literary Prize Award, the noteworthy Inner Wheel Symposium, the national and international service delivery and cultural and social initiatives such as places to visit, museums, dinner parties and feasts were all enumerated. Certainly, the most important and qualifying aspect of the National Event, jointly with the Inner Wheel Symposium to be held on Saturday, 1st April 2006, has been the Presidential visit: to honour our International

Presidential visit: to honour our International with the title of her inaugural lecture,

President Erna Fandal the Symposium has been renamed following the salutations: 'Inner Wheel in our time'.

After President Fandal's lecture, another crucial moment followed: the "Celebration of the ten years of the Italian National Council.

The third part of the Event has been devoted to Europe and the promotion of relationships among European Inner Wheel countries. The round table 'Voices from Europe: National Councils compared' has been organised and scheduled in order to inform Italian members about other European Inner Wheel Clubs through the words of the French and the Norwegian Inner Wheel Presidents. The round table also represented an occasion for discussing and exchanging national practice in order to establish in a near future common grounds for shared European **service** projects.

A fourth and final part of the Event included donations to Med-Child and UNICEF Maternal Neonatal Tetanus Programme.



Rome club: Submitted by President Rosanna Traverso

With the money collected from organizing a concert, raffle and gourmet dinner where all the members of the club contributed with the preparation of their best dishes the club decided to help the maternity ward of the hospital in their area. They purchased:

Four air conditioners, one washer/dryer and some babies clothes. The club also went on paying for the adoption of a little Rumanian girl who is now three and helped the UNICEF tetanus in Africa.



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Finland

District 139. *Submitted by District Chairman Raja Hänninen*

Inner Wheel Finland Rally – cheerful female energy at its best

Inner Wheel Finland Rally gathered about 140 ladies from the four districts of IW Finland to Lahti, a famous winter sport city in Southern- Finland in October, 2005. This rally was filled with joy and laughter and happy moments. A very special reason for that of course was to have the IIW President, Mrs. Erna Fandal as our guest of honour.



Fun, friendship and warm atmosphere

The youngest IW club of Finland, Lahti Region Inner Wheel Club had planned and organized the programme for the weekend and after receiving a lot of positive feedback, we had to believe that it was a great success. The whole idea was based on the fact that the event was supposed to give information and opportunities to make new IW-friends not forgetting the enjoyment and friendship.



We feel that there is a great need to improve the communication between the clubs, districts and between each member and of course the communication on international level as well. The Internet gives help for that.

The eight members of Lahti Region IW had put on a show of their own. Hot Latin dances! Rumba, cha-cha, salsa, merenque, mambo, jive, samba. Let your body swing and hips sway, feel the rhythm and let yourself go and enjoy. You gain much if you give something from yourself...for others to enjoy and laugh.

The four districts also held their district meetings during the same weekend. The clubs make their own decisions about charity work and districts have some goals of their own. District 139 for example gave help to those Finnish children who lost their parents in tsunami last year plus a smaller amount to the international UNICEF tetanus vaccination campaign.

A new project in our district will aim at enhancing our image in general. We had our own candles made with Inner Wheel logo on it. Every time we give a candle to someone, at the same time we spread the Inner Wheel message. 40% of the profit will be put in an account to help members to attend Inner Wheel Rallies.

The weekend was perfect for making new friends and to deepen the friendship with those you already knew before. I am proud to be a member of Inner Wheel and will gladly speak up about IW.





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Egypt and Jordan

District 95, Submitted by Editor Viola Farid.



District 95 promoted membership by introducing new clubs. The District has grown from 26 clubs to 32 chartered between December 2005 and June 2006. Three of them are member's daughters of young age ladies from 20 – 35 years old, the other three clubs are of various ages from 25 – 60. Five clubs are in Egypt and one is in Jordan which did not charter new clubs since 18 years. Total of around 150 Inner Wheel ladies joined District 95. The District membership grew from around 750 – 900 members.

District 95 Delegation Visiting Jordan

Four of district 95 board travelled to Jordan to visit Jordan's Inner wheel clubs. Chairman Mrs. Samia Abu Elfotoh, Treasurer Zeinab Taky Allah, Editor Viola Farid and the National Representative Mrs. Siham El Gohary.



The delegation attended Inner Wheel Philadelphia club meeting then visited their project at King Hussein Cancer Center, which is considered one of the best cancer treating centres. The club afforded the centre with chemotherapy medication and constructed children's garden where children with cancer can play.

Visiting Projects:

Second day the delegation visited Amman's Inner wheel club then travelled to visit their projects at El Karak where needy ladies hand make the national Jordanian clothes and also manufacture yogurt and cheese from milk.



On the third day her Excellency Princess Basma Bent Talal met with the delegation and was proud of chairman Samia Abu Elfotoh ideas and goals.



SILVER JUBILEE



India

District 329 *Past District Chairman and Editor of Calcutta Midtown club, Asha Aggarwal*

This being the Silver Jubilee year of our club, we decided to do twenty-five different projects including–
Environment Improvement – 25 trees (flowering, evergreens and fruit) were planted in and around a community park. 25 girls from Lake school were invited to help plant them so that the children get involved in such activities. The Speaker of the Indian Parliament joined us and planted one tree. (The photograph shows the President with the Speaker of the House and children).



Scholarships – For the betterment of girl children the members selected and sponsored the education of 25 girls from needy families. All the sponsors pledged to continue the scholarship till the students finish their class ten or twelve. District Chairman Bichitra Sen Graced the occasion in February when the scholarships were given.

Project Dignity – Four Hundred (400) toilets were made in the villages of Sundarban area of West Bengal to improve Hygiene and Health of villagers.

Blood Donation – College students were encouraged to donate blood. A blood donation camp was held in St. Xavier's college from 6.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club members along with teachers went to each class and requested the boys and girls to come forward and donate healthy blood generously. 420 units of blood were collected and donated to the Government Blood Bank.



POST TSUNAMI



France District 68. *Submitted by Maire-France de Labrouhe, Colmar club*



Last December the President of the club went to Thailand together with three French Rotarians for the handing-over of the property titles to the tsunami victims. 80 houses have been erected in Baan Pru-Teow, north of Kaolak, one of the most devastated areas in the country, among which those financed by the club, whose name now appears among the donators list on a small board at the entrance of the village.



POST HURRICANE KATRINA



Florida District 696

Avon Park hosts District 696 Inner Wheel meeting. A donation was made to help the Hurricane Katrina victims. A cheque was presented to District 696 Treasurer, Delores Burgess, for the Hurricane Relief fund for the victims in New Orleans. Clubs from Avon Park, Fort Myers, Naples, and Haines City were present. The luncheon meeting was held at the Sebring Lakeside Resort Tea Room. The Avon Park Club is planning a High Tea fashion show March 9, 2006 at the tea room.



MEDICAL MATTERS



Australia

Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg Inc, making breast cushions.

Ed: These cushions are soft and gently contoured to help ladies who have had a breast operation.



Nigeria District 914

The Aba club donated a much needed mammography machine to the State University Teaching hospital in Aba. This is the only functioning machine of its type in Eastern Nigeria. The donation was facilitated through the IW members of Bad Nenndorf Springe, District 85 in Germany. Fully deployed this machine will help to detect early breast cancer in women and thereby reduce the high mortality rate of disease in Nigeria.





India

District 304 Submitted by Godhra Club President Dr Bharti Shah

In association with district health offices and other NGO's, the club planned an immunization programme in Godhra to give the 1,320 polio vaccinations needed to reach 100% protection in the area. Members visited many of the booths and helped the children to have their vaccinations as well as encouraging the volunteers and officers.



Submitted by Dist.306 Gujarat State, Dist.Chairman Mrs.Kashmira Shah

The Inner Wheel Club of Bharuch, Jain Social group of Bharuch, and Animal Welfare group of Jilla Panchayat organized a cattle camp at Gundia village.

Members of the Bharuch club and Jain Social group were present at this camp. 363 animals were given a Medical Check-up, 123 animals were given a Gaynek Check-up 100 animals were operated on, 57 animals were given medicine and 675 were vaccinated.



LETTER FROM MEXICO



Mexico

Submitted by Valle de Cuernavaca Club President Raquel Carsi de Sulvaràn

The mission of the Valle de Cuernavaca club is to support the "Hospital del Niño Morelense" (Hospital for children from the County of Morelos) and the "Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil de Cuernavaca" (Cuernavaca's Youth Orchestra). Cuernavaca is a lovely place to live with wonderful weather and friendly people. Nevertheless, poverty is an every day problem. We can see it in the streets and in the public health services, where sometimes people cannot buy even medicines. We think children are most vulnerable, and that is the reason why we started supporting the Hospital del Niño Morelense. We normally give canned sardines and tuna, oil, pasta, milk, etc., according with the diet that children

with cancer and HIV need. These goods were donated by members themselves and other members of society, like parents at middle class schools and friends.



We also organized the "Gastronomic Sample", to fund cancer and HIV treatments for the same Hospital: we invited several Restaurants to participate, and the event was at the "Jardín Borda" (Borda's Garden), a beautiful and historic place of Cuernavaca. It was challenging, because we had rain all day long, but we could manage to get 13 treatments with the entry fees.

At the "Hospital del Niño Morelense" from left to right: Laura Alvarez, Raquel Limon, Marilu Mora, Gloria Acevedo, Raquel Carsi and Carmelita Coronado



I would like to announce that next month we will have a new Board, with my friend Manuela Mena de Limòn as President, and we will let you know our new projects. It is also a great honour to include a photograph of our new District Chairman, Betty Rebolledo, with whom we had lunch last week here in Cuernavaca.

Our District Chairman, Betty Rebolledo (second standing from right to left) and friends from the Valle de Cuernavaca, Chipitlan and Oriente club



To know more about our projects, please visit our web page:
<http://innerwheelcuernavaca.org> or contact us at antiav71@hotmail.com
 - we would love to hear from you.



SCHOOLS



South Africa District 935

The Inner Wheel Club of Durbanville has for many years organised for the Grade 1 pupils of a local farm school to have their eyes tested.

This examination took place at the school and only those pupils who appeared to have a sight problem were taken to see an optician. This arrangement has been changed and we now take the children to a local optician to have their eyes examined.

During the last two years over 60 pupils have had their eyes tested and as a result of the testing a number of children were identified as needing spectacles. The optician tests the children's eyes for free and in return we buy any spectacles that are needed from him at a special welfare rate. The children have become very special to our Club and as learning to read is one of the most valuable things a child can do; our members find the project very gratifying. The spectacles were purchased with funds raised by selling second-hand clothing and by organising book sales.



Bangladesh District 328: *Submitted by Gulshan club Editor Saleha Mansoor.*



The club runs a welfare project in the city slum giving women and children awareness and support for family planning, health and hygiene. We also provide vocational training and adult education for women to enable them to find jobs in garment factories. Regular financial and material support is given to a girl's orphanage with over 50 girls. We also run an informal primary school for children providing them with basic literacy as well as participating in children's immunization programmes and other national women's and children's events.



India

District 301: Submitted by Editor *Ranjana Mohan*

5th July was an important day for Dist.301. All 37 Clubs of our District came together for a joint project- to provide in cash and kind for labourers’ children at construction sites. We donated cash, food, clothing utensils, medicines, vitamins and toys. Also a health camp was organized at the construction site. Audio and video CDs on Aids and drugs awareness were shown and hand bills were distributed. Association President, Pallavi Shah and Chairman Dr. Kapila Gupta too visited the sites.

Since each club of our District participated, we showed that we care through friendship and service.



The Delhi Greater Kailash club organised the screening of a popular and humorous movie for 120 visually impaired children. The silent or visual portions were audio described by a well known script writer. The CD was released by our District Chairman Dr. Kapila Gupta. Each club president was provided with a CD of the film to enable them to screen the movie for other visually impaired people in their respective areas.

District 314: Submitted by District Editor *Chhapwale*

As part of Inner Wheel service to needy tribal areas, 28 members of the Bombay North Island club went to a tribal school at Wada village which is about 50 kms away from Bombay. They gave 250 school uniforms to all the children and greeted all the teachers since it was ‘Guru Pournima’ – teacher’s day.



The Mulund club arranged a workshop in a special school wherein the members taught the mentally challenged children how to pot plants and nurture them. The club donated pots, soil, plants and fertilisers. Whilst the school will be enhanced by the plants the children also gain vocational training.

District 303: Submitted by District Chairman *Vidya Bangde*

The Jalgon East club held a drawing competition for children





District 307:

Submitted by District Editor Jiwan Wadhwa

The Ludhiana club has an ongoing project at Nirdosh – a school for mentally challenged children.

Students are educated in such a manner that they earn their livelihood. They are provided with clothes, stationery, gifts and food. Free medical check up camps are organized as well as speech and hearing therapy for 30-40 children. Cards and candles made by the children are sold.



District 305:

Submitted by District Editor Rashida Master

The Mehsana Milk City club distributed 3,550 note books to girls in several villages to help with the education of girl children.

The Palanpur City club helped 2,351 children in seven primary schools by distributing 14,425 notebooks, 7,000 pencils and 700 slates and books.



Kenya

Submitted by the Mombassa club

The Inner Wheel Club of Mombassa has lately been very active in promoting their motto “Support Gives Strength”. After the microfinance project, they made a generous donation of food items and toiletries to Jehova Jireh Children’s Home on 22nd October. A few members paid a visit to the home with rice, maize meal, sugar, biscuits, juice, detergent, bath soap, toilet paper and sanitary napkins. They met all the children and promised to go back in December to celebrate Christmas. Inner Wheel would like to acknowledge the contribution made by Mr. Maganlal Sanghavi and family for this purpose.



As promised the Inner Wheel members returned to the home around Christmas on 21st December with gifts and food. Each child was given a school bag, a pencil case, a goodies box and slippers. There were big sufurias and karhai as well which brought a cheer from Ruth, the caretaker! It was amazing how the children had gone through a lot of trouble to pitch up ‘guniyas’ to provide shade for us and decorated the veranda so that it looked a bit more presentable. They also performed a dance and sang carols. It was highly satisfying to see glowing, happy faces of the children on receiving their gifts. All this was provided by Inner Wheel ladies themselves, not by sponsors.

Jehova Jireh Children's Home is located in Changame and was started in 1994 by Ruth Kesekwa and her Pastor husband Wanyonyi, who are god-fearing, sincere and genuine people. They have 30 children who are destitute. She started the home when she had to take in her relative's children whose parents had died of aids. They have given the girls a home in their rented house and also have to rent another house to accommodate the boys. It is their dream to build a house of their own. They have all the plans ready, but collecting huge amounts of money to start building is a gigantic step. They are waiting for some God-fathers to come and assist while God above showers His blessings on them.



In educating bright children

Inner Wheel has been paying school fees for students who perform well and are keen, but cannot afford to go to school.

Charity Walk

The Inner Wheel members organised a Charity Walk on Sunday 22nd January 2006. Although the walk itself was only symbolic, the purpose was to raise funds through friends and family for the various projects in hand. District Governor, Rotarian Abdul Hamid Aboo flagged the ladies off. He appreciated the efforts of President Poonam Thapa and the members of the Inner Wheel club

in providing service to the community and fostering friendship and understanding amongst the people.



STAMPS TO AEROPLANES



South Africa

District 935: Wynberg club. Submitted by Ute Lee

The Club has supported. "The Zululand Mission Air Transport" – ZUMAT as a project for many years. This organization has been involved for over 31 years in Medical and Mission works, flying their small aircrafts and Medical Staff to Rural Hospitals and Clinics off Maputaland in KwaZuluNatal and even further into neighbouring countries.

To buy and maintain these aircraft funds are needed. To help with this, Inner Wheel has been collecting over all these years used Postage Stamp for sale on the Local and Overseas market.

We trim them – sort them – deliver them to our local contact person.

With this small effort and input we hope to be a helping hand and service to ZUMUT. We will be a cog in our Inner Wheel Emblem of Friendship and Service to this very needy and worthwhile project.

We Care.

If you do not have an outlet for your used stamps we would love to hear from you.

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PRISON FACILITIES



Sri Lanka

District 322. Colombo Mid Town club

Submitted by Past Board Director Chandrani Gunawardena



The Club presented a Musical Show titled "The Prisoners' Song" in support of a project to rehabilitate female prisoners of the Welikada Prison, once they got released from the prison.

However, the need to construct a few toilets was felt more important, since the existing few toilets had to be shared amongst 400 women. Accordingly the money raised from the Musical Show was utilized to construct 4 toilets in the female section of the Prison, thus relieving the overcrowded atmosphere and improving the much needed sanitary conditions.

The donors to the original project were informed accordingly by a newspaper article. The Toilets were officially handed over to the Chief Jailer Mrs. Kumari Ratnaweera, by our International Inner Wheel President Mrs. Erna Fandal during her visit to Sri Lanka.



India

District 305:

Submitted by District Editor Rashida Master

The Himatnagar club donated two colour television sets to the local prison.



Australia

Submitted by District A50 Editor Tricia Jane

The Inner Wheel Clubs in District A50 have supported many worthy appeals for financial assistance but one in particular touched the hearts of the Inner Wheel Club of Bathurst Inc. in Central New South Wales, Australia in July 2006. A young severely disabled woman, from Bathurst, needed financial support to travel to Belgium to compete in the Equestrian Team finals representing Australia. Nicole Kullen, aged 23 years, contracted meningococcal meningitis septicaemia when she was a 16 year old schoolgirl resulting in loss of both legs below the knee, loss of use of her lower arms and fingers, loss of kidney functions that means Nicole is on a dialysis machine every day. Nicole has refused a kidney transplant because of the uncertainty about how her body would react with the extra stress. Her dreams of being a veterinary surgeon were shattered but her love of horses continues to be her driving force in her life.

Last year she became Australia National Champion in Paraplegic Dressage and her next goal is an International competition at the 2008 Paralympics to be held in China. Following the assistance and publicity given by Inner Wheel, Nicole's plight has now been taken up by the community and the Rotary Clubs in Bathurst to assist Nicole and her carer mother to travel to Belgium and, if successful, to the Paralympics representing Australia. What a beautiful girl Nicole is and what a fighter! She jokes about her artificial legs and she has so many plans for the future – helping her to achieve her ambitions.



India District 314.

Submitted by District Editor Shubha Chhapwale

Ambarnath club: About 6 – 7,000 workers work in Ambarnath’s industrial area. There is a bus stop from where these people take buses to go to the railway station. The bus stop did not have any shade or proper place for them to stand on. The commuters had to wait for the bus in scorching heat or heavy rains. The club constructed a cement platform and put a roof to the bus shelter. Now the people are very happy and bless Inner Wheel for giving them comfort.

The Bombay Hills South club organised a street play outside two colleges to increase awareness among students and the general public about the effects of HIV, drugs and alcoholism. It showed very graphically how much society is affected by these modern day scourges and so many precious young lives are wasted. The general public was very much impressed and many of them requested members to repeat the performance near other city colleges.



District 305:

Submitted by District Editor Rashida Master

The Palanpur club held a Rally in nearby villages (Total population approx. 18,000) over a three day period. Through street plays, puppet shows and slides they tried to create awareness against female infanticide. Seminars were also held where the district health officer was the speaker.

The Jodhpur club set up a medical camp for 600 policemen to receive a general health check up.

The Ahmedabad club donated money to help with medical treatment of 250 Thalassemia children.

The Guna club motivated students to adopt a rainwater harvesting plantation programme and to use paper bags rather than plastic.

The Kota club has opened three centres for adult education in Ranpur village. They are also paying for three teachers. The village ladies will also be trained to produce paper and cloth bags as an environmentally friendly project.

District 307:

Submitted by District Editor Jiwan Wadhera

The Amritsar South club has an ongoing project for rain water harvesting and water management. The desire to do something worthwhile resulted in the club constructing a village pond, creating infrastructure at fourteen points for water harvesting, water purifying, pipe mending and education.





DESPITE ALL ODDS



Nepal

The Inner Wheel club of Patan Rotary,

Submitted by Anne Sulochana Pradhan, Imm. Past President

The IW year began actively in July 2005 and we were inspired in the first few months to move ahead and undertake several helpful community projects.

But as the year progressed, the country faced innumerable problems - political, social, economic et al and our hopes were somewhat shattered due to the instability, insecurity and restrictions, so we had no choice but to recoil ourselves and curtail our activities and meetings. Thus the latter part of the year was not as active as initially anticipated. However, with the changed political scenario now as I write this Report, there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel and with this silver lining, we do hope the year ahead will be a fruitful one.

In spite of the odds, Inner Wheel has continued to make a strong presence in the community with its dedicated services in the fields of health, education, social welfare activities towards the disabled and handicapped children and women issues, along with fund raising activities for implementing the projects.

Below are highlights of some of the activities undertaken in the year under review.

Inner Wheel Bazaar & Raffle Draw

On the occasion of Bal Diwas, a **Fund Raising Bazaar** was held in association with the Kathmandu club at Thapathali. Many social organisations participated with their stalls. In our stall various items of clothing, handicrafts, bags and food stuffs prepared by our Inner Wheel members were put up on sale.

A **Raffle Draw** was also organized sponsored and supported by various travel trade and business organizations. 1000 tickets were printed and we were indeed inspired by the hundred percent sale.

We are happy that we could utilize the funds raised towards the welfare of the disabled and handicapped children.

Working together:

Grant from Sherwood Inner Wheel Club - GB & I

A sum of money had been raised from the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest, GB & I and forwarded to our Club by their Past President, Mrs. Pat Naylor. This fund was contributed to the Cancer Hospital in Bhaktapur, to support the purchase of blood test equipment for which the Hospital was in urgent need.

Grant by UN Women's Guild

Further amount of US dollars has been sanctioned for toilet construction through the UN Women's Guild, New York with the efforts of Anne Mithila Rajbhandary.

Support to Projects : Navjyoti Centre

Navjyoti Centre has been providing dedicated service to the mentally handicapped children who are neglected in society and are deprived of basic care and education.

Our Club provided educational materials, candle moulds, puzzle games and a DVD player to improve their mental development for leading a more normal life.

Inner Wheel Club provided money to assist in the purchase of a photocopying machine to the Patan Community Based Rehabilitation Organisation (CBR) which is involved in improving the quality of lives of physically disabled and handicapped children.

Cancer Patients - Kanti Children's Hospital

Our Club also provided nutritious food to the cancer patient children of the Hospital by contributing the monthly requirement needed to cover the cost to feed the sick children.

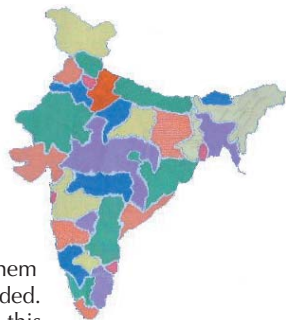
Scholarships for Students

Scholarships were also sponsored for the year and distributed to the 8 students studying in Adarsha Kanya Niketan School and Madan Memorial School in Patan.

INDIA MAP District 323:

Submitted by Chitra Thiagarajan, of the Adyar club

In keeping with the theme, "Support Gives Strength", the idea of this ISO project was the symbolic weaving together of the entire Inner Wheel Districts in India to produce a strong Inner Wheel Country. The India Map has been segregated into the 27 Inner Wheel Districts of India.



The outline of each District was transferred on to a piece of matte cloth and sent to the respective District ISO's all over the country requesting them to do cross stitch inside the outline of their District with the thread provided. So, 27 District ISO's participated with great appreciation and interest in this project. I joined the completed pieces back together to form the Map of India.

It is this support from all over the country, that gives us the strength to unite together to form a Strong Inner Wheel India.



France

Submitted by National Representative Catherine Refabert



The IW French Council has proposed in favour that all 153 clubs might support 'Coeur de Femmes' – an organization that helps women who are socially destitute and marginalized. Funds were collected in all clubs on 8th March – the 'Women's Day' in Europe and during the following weeks through concerts, exhibitions, bowling competitions and theatre. A concert organized by District 66 (Paris and suburbs) had more than 1,000 spectators.

the construction of a shelter for 30 young women in Guerande, Brittany where they will have board, lodging, medical care and most importantly will be taught bio-culture and trades associated with salt. (Guerande is noted for its salt marshes)

For the first time, during the friendship days held in Lille 2006, **IW France organized a forum attended by 500 members** to discuss the internal and external image of the Association. This was preceded by a questionnaire sent to all clubs. This survey allowed us to focus on the expectations of the organization in France and the feedback will help to create new clubs in each of the 10 French Districts.



Germany

Submitted by National Editor, Ingrid Landen

Inner Wheel Germany is growing rapidly. In the preceding Inner Wheel Year, eight new clubs received their Charter.

Four more are to follow this year. We have won our own profile, which evidently is attractive enough for deciding to join our ranks. Our blending of young and old, housewives and professionals, mothers, grandmas and women without children, the variety of interests, training and experience we bring along, seems to be regarded as something special.

Friendship is our first aim, seconded by social responsibility and international understanding. Those practicing a profession enjoy our markedly friendly atmosphere, free of image craving. Young women, often having children of their own, like our club life – and, in case they have to change place, treasure the possibility finding another familiar friendly environment at a different place.

The diversity of our members finds its expression in individual club structure.

We nevertheless see us in good company in clubs of high ethical standards and we appreciate engaging ourselves in structures of friendship, of social engagement and of internationality.

Individuality in, and for, our club is our landmark.



Australia

District A51: Council Member Suzie McLeod

Even Older!

The Inner Wheel Club of Ballarat (A60) Victoria, Australia was chartered in 1931 and closed in 2000 due to the extreme age of the members. The Inner Wheel Club of North Sydney Inc (A51) New South Wales, Australia (of which I am a member) was chartered in November 1932 and is still very happily going strong. Bendigo, also from Victoria was chartered in 1933 - these three Australian clubs were the first ones chartered outside GB&I.



Snapshot of Malaysia and Singapore projects

The Inner Wheel Club of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, ladies joining in the sing-a-long with the children of Kg. Togudon Kindergarten at the Christmas party.



PP Wah Kuan and Lai Kheng of the Taiping club presenting schoolbooks to the poor and needy children in Tonle School in Cambodia. Their club raised funds for this project in Cambodia.



The Petaling Jaya club (Malaysia) ladies bringing Chinese New Year cheer to a young cancer patient at University Malaya Medical Centre. The club gave "Ang Pows" (small red envelopes with money) to each child and a hamper full of goodies for them. Member Monica and other ladies decorated the ward for the Chinese New Year



The Sandakan club (Sabah) donates a microwave oven and some daily necessities to the Cheshire Home.

Children at the Rotary-Ayer Rajah Before & After School Care Centre with staff. The Singapore West club sponsored Educational Programmes for the children from money raised from the "Macbeth" production.





KOTA KINABALU

The Next Convention City 2009



In Malaysian Borneo

Kopivosian.....or simply welcome to Sabah, the Land Below the Wind. With sunny smiles and heart warming gestures we beckon you to the 14th International Inner Wheel Convention in 2009.



One of the most well endowed states of Malaysia, Sabah is currently undergoing rapid development. The main capital Kota Kinabalu alone has an array of projects involving a new convention centre, hyper-mall and major renovations to the Kota Kinabalu International Airport as well as the Low Cost Carrier Hub at Terminal 2.



To date Sabah has been host to many conventions and conferences of world standard. Upcoming for this year alone are 2 much awaited events in November; United Nations Conference on Trade & Development – E-Tourism Initiative and the OIC Human Capital Management Conference.



Handicraft Market (Filipino Market), Central Market

A hit amongst tourists, the Handicraft Market located near the Central Market is the place to purchase local, Indonesian and Filipino handicraft. Open daily from dawn to 5 pm, the city Central Market is a place to visit. Wander through this market and you will find all sorts of foods, vegetables and essential items that Sabahans eat and use.

The Inner Wheel Clubs of District 330 look forward to welcoming you in 2009!



EDITORS NOTE

Thank you for all your wonderful news. The next newsletter will be my last and I thoroughly recommend this marvellous position to you. The whole Inner Wheel world can come to you.

Wishing you all much friendship, fellowship and especially International Understanding - keep the copy coming! If your country isn't in the newsletter then no-one sent me anything!

Sally

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