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DR BINA VYAS



## Words from the Editor

# OUT OF SIGHT - OUT OF MIND

I had the above headline in my editorial column in the first IIW Web Magazine a year ago. That headline is just as relevant today. As an editor, I can only convey (and to some extent refine) the information I receive. If I do not receive anything, I have nothing to report further on.

Today's situation is special with all the regulations and restrictions surrounding the corona pandemic.

We can not meet as before and our travel is severely limited. Physical meetings may be held outdoors or must be replaced by meetings on the Internet.

Despite this, many clubs have adapted to the current situation. New paths, new activities and projects have been found. In the wake

of the pandemic, new and urgent needs for help have arisen where the Inner Wheel has an important task to fulfill.

As you can see in this issue of the Web Magazine, a lot revolves around Covid-19.

Many clubs can report heartwarming efforts for people in need. IIW has also started a special fund so that everyone can afford to get vaccinated.

This Magazine has another main message: The presentation of our new international president, Dr Bina Vyas. Read about her background, theme and ambitious goals for the year. She has started the year with an intensive information and training program online.



Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to this Magazine but I would like to have reports from more countries.

Make sure your country is included in the next issue coming in December. And do not forget to follow us on the IIW Web site, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Here you can find all important IIW information and most of what is submitted is published here.

Enjoy your reading.

*Kerstin Jonson*

*IIW Editor/Media Manager 2019-2021*



## INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

International Inner Wheel is one of the largest, and most important, Women's Voluntary Service Organisations in the world. Formed in 1924 the organisation has today about 110,000 members and 4,000 clubs in 103 different countries.

Inner Wheel has three objectives:

- Promote True Friendship
- Encourage the Ideals of Personal Service
- Foster International Understanding

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## Meet our new IIW President Dr Bina Vyas

# BINA STARTED 85 NEW CLUBS AND INCREASED 3,000 MEMBERS IN INDIA

### Dr Bina Vyas

- ❖ Has M.A. in English Literature and Ph D in Education.
- ❖ Has worked with India's well-known professional Organisation - National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) as an Executive Officer looking after Publications, Press & Public Relations for 15 years.
- ❖ A writer of School/College English Textbooks in Gujarat and Master Trainer of English Teachers of Gujarat.
- ❖ Member of Inner Wheel club of Anand, (400 km north of Mumbai).
- ❖ First from Gujarat to become the National President of Inner Wheel Clubs in India in 2011-12. She has given many firsts to Inner Wheel in India and the world.
- ❖ First time gave Massive Project for India – Adoption of One village for 3 years & execution of all projects in the village. 840 villages were adopted.



Created a record in India and the world by starting 85 new IWCs in one year & increasing with nearly 3 000 members in the year.

- ❖ As Rotary Charter President, she has set up 4 Permanent projects and carried out 45 Significant Projects in Anand. She has changed the face of Education in Anand. Under her able leadership the club has adopted 10 Municipal Schools in Anand and through a Global Grant transformed them into Smart & Happy Schools.
- ❖ Her husband, Shri Mayur Vyas is Past District Governor & Past RI Rotary Coordinator; former Managing Director of the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Dairy - AMUL Group of Companies - in Asia - Sabar Dairy, Himatnagar and presently Senior Consultant with Uttam Dairy, Ahmedabad.
- ❖ Bina Vyas is the 7<sup>th</sup> International Inner Wheel President from India. For the first time she has given IIW P's Goals to be achieved by all Clubs in Inner Wheel.



# Dr Bina Vyas theme for the year 2020-2021

## LEAD THE CHANGE

Inner Wheel is the largest Women's Voluntary Service Organisation in the world, very soon ready to celebrate our centenary year in 2024. In the last 96 years, times have changed, needs have changed, humanitarian problems have changed, technology has changed and requirement of infrastructure has totally changed. Inner Wheel has been accommodating with several changes since years. We need to keep pace with the changing times. In fact, we need to have a vision to remain one step ahead of the coming changes.

However, it is we, members of Inner Wheel, who ultimately have to take initiatives and adopt a structured approach to continue fulfilling our programs and ideology.

We need to make an impact internationally by focusing on sustainable large community development projects, making larger clubs and branding of Inner Wheel in public through our work.

Inner Wheel is being represented in the United Nations on the Commission for Status of Women and Girls. From time to time, United Nations has been giving recommendations to NGOs on which we need to work. UN has lot of expectations from us to cooperate and help in implementing programs as per their guidelines, with special emphasis on Youth, Women and Senior Citizens.

Inner Wheel needs to implement the recommendations of the United Nations to bring about change in our community development programs.

We need to lead the change in: our thinking, attitude, working, interpersonal relations, communication, publicising our brand of Inner Wheel, growth of our organisation both financially and in membership strength and cooperating with other like-minded organisations by establishing networking.

As we head for the centenary year, let us lead the changes in

- Having our own Organisation's Strategic Plan and Goals
- Targeting Membership Growth
- Targeting increase in Number of Clubs
- Initiating Youth Development Programs for Girls (12-25 age group)
- Focusing on Projects on the recommendations of the United Nations
- Promoting brand image of Inner Wheel at club, District, National and International levels
- Creating awareness about health, financial independence and education in our own members and among women everywhere
- Shortlisting like-minded cooperating organisations and establishing communication with them
- Working for collective leadership
- Executing Corporate International Projects

If we have to achieve all this, we need to lead the positive change by empowering our own members by guidance, recognising them as leaders in their own rights and accepting and believing in their leadership.

Then only we, the proud members of such a wonderful organisation, can contribute more effectively in bringing a ray of hope in the lives of the needy and underprivileged. We are privileged to have the opportunity to serve those who need us.

Let nothing stop us in becoming a force to count on with in the world. Let us then LEAD THE CHANGE collectively to bring about positive, significant and meaningful difference in the world.

**The World is waiting for us ...**

*Bina*



# EXTENSIVE KICK OFF FOR 2020-2021

Dr Bina Vyas has already implemented a lot of new activities as the new IIW President, these days on virtual channels, e.g. on mail, telephone calls and Zoom-meetings. In the beginning of July she started an extensive training and information program for more than 30 National Representatives in Leadership Development. During four phases the representatives were informed about Bina's vision and expectations, they discussed leadership skills and attitudes, the importance of communication and many other vital subjects.

The following week Bina had a Zoom-meeting with many

of the Board Directors and the IIW Editor/MM. Due to time differences some BDs will have separate meetings. The main theme was of course "Lead the Change". What does it mean? How shall we act? What are the goals? Even if the goals are general and valid in most countries, some



have to be adapted to national conditions.

Bina has also written a letter to all Club Presidents for the year 2020-2021. In that letter she is giving the clubs her goals and explains the theme "Lead the Change". She says: "Change is not just Change of Guards... Change is to strengthen the organisation at Club level.

Change should be positive, acceptable and realistic in keeping with the changing times. Change brings in new ideas, new enthusiasm, new motivation which is always beneficial to the growth of the Inner Wheel movement."

## Inspiring/challenging goals from the IIW President

### 1 Increase Membership

Minimum 5 Members per Club

### 2 Increase Number of Clubs

5 Clubs per District, inclusive of New Gen Clubs

### 3 Start / Increase New / Next Gen Clubs

Comprising College Girls, Hostel Girls, Working Women, in Youth Hostels (18-29 years)

United Nations' recommended Projects :

### 4 Youth Development Programs for School, College Girls and Working Women in age group of 12-29 years.

This program has to be carried out by Experts :

- Importance of Education & Values in Life
- Importance of Communication Skills
- Coaching in Personality Development Skills
- Important Tips for Public Speaking & Elocution competitions
- Information about Girl / Women Trafficking & Safety Measures
- Management of Health, Hygiene & Sanitation
- Providing all important Helplines for use in Emergency.

### 5 Women Development Programs

- Good Parenting Tips for both Women & Men
- Importance of Communication with children, family members and School & College Teachers
- Skill Development Training for empowerment of women

### 6 Caring for Senior Citizens

- Visiting Senior Citizens' Homes
- Spending time with them in activities
- Organising Picnics, Outings, Films

### 7 Water & Sanitation Project

- Create awareness of the Program in Community by organising Training & Education for Youth & Women and Change the behaviour of Community
- Educate about the Importance of WASH
- Execute Projects related to Water & Sanitation
- Involve IW Members in execution of the Program
- Work with other NGOs to create Self Sufficiency
- Support the Program
- Be the link for the Project in other Countries

## Ebe Panitteri Martines from Italy

# OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT 2020-2021

I joined Inner Wheel 36 years ago, in 1984, and was a member of IW Club of Messina, Sicily, (District 210 – 211) until 1999 when I transferred to IW Club of Padova (D206).

### Family support

I am a retired high school teacher, I have a daughter, a son and five grandchildren (3 boys and 2 girls) of 19, 12, 2 (a couple of twins) and seven months old.

Unfortunately my husband Claudio, who had been a Rotarian for 35 years, died seven years ago. He was a great supporter of Inner Wheel, a friend of my IW friends and often attended national and international IW events together with me.

Both my daughter and my son were Rotaract Club Presidents and my son also Interact member and Rotaract District Treasurer.

### A team player

I have never stopped serving our great Organization with dedication and harmony as a team member at Club, District, National and International levels and am very proud to have been elected IIW Vice President 2020-2021.

### Contact for NDCs and UN-reps

In this capacity, I have the privilege

to work as a member of IIW Executive Committee, to allot Board Directors Non Districted Clubs to be contacted and kept in touch with in order to report their activities and to coordinate UN IW Representatives in Geneva, Vienna and New York.

I have already contacted all of them and received information about their important roles as NGO Representatives within UN Commissions concerning Human rights, Rights of the children, Conditions of woman, Women's rights, Peace, Poverty, Education, Disease, the Family, the Elderly and Drugs, Sustainable Development.

### Together with Bina

I have also attended many «Leadership Development Training sessions» organized by our IIW President Bina Vyas over Zoom Meetings since mid July 2020.

Executive Committee Members, Board Directors, National Representatives, District Chairmen, Club Presidents, Non Districted Club Presidents and Past Board Directors were involved and could interact with the President, who passionately illustrated her presidential theme «Lead the Change» and her main goals to be achieved during the current IW Year.



### Well prepared

Holding several offices in the past years and the experience I am gaining thanks to all these work opportunities will help me honour my present role and get prepared for the next IW Year

### Dedicated objectives

I will contribute to enhancing our Organization to make it increasingly appreciated all over the world and do my utmost to encourage young women to join/found IW Clubs.

My vision is respect, tolerance and an open mind on the world.

*Ebe Panitteri Martines*

## FOLLOW OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UN

IIW as a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) has the possibility to send observation representatives to the UN branches involved in social and economic matters, especially to those active in the wellbeing of women and children.



Our six representatives are continuously publishing reports from their meetings on our web site.

Easy to follow on:

<https://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/iw-and-the-un/un-reports.html>

## Immediate Past President Phyllis Charter

# MY ROLE OF EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP

We all know that our lives will not return to normal in the short term, so in these unprecedented times Inner Wheel has to look at Membership Growth and Retention in a new way.

### New opportunities open up

About the only positive from Covid-19, is that Members have proven that, with online "virtual" meetings, service projects can still be successfully undertaken and friendships continued, whilst opening up opportunities to attract a new generation of women who have the skills, ability and time to improve the lives of others.

### Utilize the new technology

We must embrace new communication and virtual technology to recruit new members and form new clubs alongside our traditional face

to face meetings, so that we retain the membership that has put years of service into Inner Wheel to create the world's leading women's voluntary service organisation.

### Challenging times

All our communities face new and challenging times, with increased unemployment and hardship adding to those women and children that we already assist. Inner Wheel must rise to this challenge by being "Innovative" in our ideas so that we attract all those "Inspirational" women who wish to add value to their own lives whilst improving lives of others.

### Increase the information

For my vision to succeed we have to advertise and promote ourselves at every opportunity – it is no good being the world's best kept secret.



Where there is a need – there is room for an Inner Wheel Club.

Let us show that "together we can" - and do - make a difference.

*Imm. IIW PP Phyllis Charter*

## PHYLLIS' INNER WHEEL BOUQUET

As I cannot present them to you in person, can you close your eyes and imagine what my beautiful Inner Wheel Bouquet of Flowers would consist of as a thank

you - from me to you.

In making this bouquet I would use ten flowers to indicate Inner Wheel:-



- I** Iris – Friendship
- N** Narcissus – Stay as sweet as you are
- N** Nigella - Thoughtfulness
- E** Edelweiss – Courageous
- R** Rose – dark pink – Thank you
  
- W** Wisteria – A warm welcome
- H** Hollyhock – Ambition
- E** Elderflower – Compassion
- E** Evening Primrose – Sweet memories
- L** Lily of the valley – Happiness



## OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 THE INNER WHEEL VACCINATION FUND

**International Inner Wheel has created a world wide vaccination fund in the fight against Covid-19. Angelika Walde, IIW Board Director 2019-2021 informs about this important mutual fund.**

Since the Covid-19 Virus appeared, the world has changed. People have changed. Ways of life have changed.

Inner Wheel Club meetings have also changed.....  
IW clubs and districts were no longer able to meet....  
Fortunately, Zoom meetings allowed actions and projects to keep going. Inner Wheel can be very proud of how clubs everywhere reacted immediately to help their own communities in this emergency in so many different ways.

The Governing Body (Executive Committee and Board Directors) did not stay inactive either and had several Zoom meetings. From the beginning of the Corona pandemic the question arose "How can Inner Wheel International help?". As previously mentioned, direct help had already been given by many clubs and members. Medical help was organised by the national

health departments of all countries. Research for medicine and a vaccine against Covid-19 was highly supported from International Funds which are financed by different nations and big foundations. This allowed the industry to set up the creation process for a vaccine and work on its development.

The current results are considered encouraging and at the present stage (August 2020) several vaccines seem very promising.

We must look to the future. Thus, the Governing Body has decided to found an Inner Wheel Vaccination Fund which should help distribute the vaccine in regions where governments cannot help and where people are too poor to pay for their vaccination.

A special account has been opened so that IW members, clubs, districts and countries can contribute. The graph illustrates that the Fund gives members, in all countries, the opportunity to work TOGETHER and to act where needed most in the INNER WHEEL spirit.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to those who have already generously donated to the Fund and to those who will do so.

*Angelika Walde, Board Director 2019-2021*

Bank: NatWest Plc  
Account No : 54997992  
IBAN : GB96NWBK01083854997992

Bank sort code : 01-08-38  
Account name : IIW COVID19 FUND  
BIC/Swift : NWBKGB2L



## Inner Wheel Clubs support IW Clubs in Lebanon

# PROJECT HELPS SAVING LIVES IN BEIRUT

Everyone has been shocked regarding the explosion in Beirut the 4th of August and the situation the people of Beirut are having to deal with in their everyday lives.

IW-clubs in Lebanon are now asking for our support to help reconstruct and equip the damaged hospitals in the city.

Board Directors Gemma Pirondini, Italy, and Angelika Walde, Switzerland, have started a private project and welcome all support they can get.

Gemma Pirondini, one of the IIW Board Directors for 20/21 who is the NDC's contact for the Lebanon immediately contacted the Lebanon IW coordinator Rula Karam. Gemma asked Rula what was needed in Beirut and was told that the most important objective was the repairing and refurbishing of the hospitals, which have been greatly damaged or destroyed in the explosion.

Please see by yourself on:

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CD0YpJ5pfAN/?igshid=p5xkxll2ls67>

<https://twitter.com/LarissaAounSky/status/1290968999958904832?s=09>



Gemma and Board Director Angelika Walde got together and got positive response from other Board Directors to their idea to support our IW-friends in Beirut.

Gemma and Angelika have now started a private project, but based on their IW-connections.

They have carefully prepared everything and are looking for all support they can get.

### Easy to help

Kindly donate some money and pay it in the account given by your National Representative or your District Chairman who will transfer it to the IW account. You can, of course, also pay directly to the account (see below). Please mention "Lebanon".

### Controlled donations

The needed amounts, according to the controlled invoices, will be sent step by step to Lebanon. Two persons will have access to the money; the IW Coordinator Rula Karam and an independent accountant Marie-Rose Eid. No money can be taken or bills paid without the signatures of both ladies.

All countries, districts and persons involved will be informed about the projects we have been able to realise.

*Photo Wikipedia and Instagram*



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Account holder: Innerwheel Schweiz Liechtenstein

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Please mention "Lebanon"

# TWO WELL DESERVED MGA-RECIPIENTS

## JUDITH TURNER

The **Inner Wheel Club of West Ashfield, District 22, GB&I**, are extremely proud of Judith Turner, our very first member to receive the Margarett Golding Award. This was given in recognition of her 20 years fundraising for the Rainbows Hospice, her regular Fridays spent at Southwell Minster as a volunteer guide and her lifelong commitment to her Church and Community.

She has been heavily involved with fund raising for her local Children's Hospice called Rainbows. Based in Nottingham, it is the East Midlands' only hospice for children and young people.

At her local church, St. Peter's in Ravenshead, she has an administration role, putting together a complicated rota for all the roles

needing to be fulfilled. On top of all this she sings her heart out in the choir.

Due to Coronavirus and lockdown we were wondering how to present the award to Judith, this was solved by Judith herself, offering her garden for an Afternoon Tea Fundraiser. So on the 12th August we met in Judith's garden and were joined by District Chairman Margaret Day (also a recipient of a Margarett Golding Award) and past District Chairman Anne Lyons.

When DC Margaret presented the certificate to Judith, she was so shocked and actually speechless, which if you know Judith is something very rare.

Past DC Anne presented Judith with the brooch. It was a very exciting, special and emotional time. A true Red Letter Day and one which everyone involved will remember



for a very long time. At 82 years young, Judith will always be finding something more to do that will benefit so many people.

Congratulations Judith from us all, you truly have a heart of gold!

## ANNE SEXTON

Anne Sexton, member of the **Hythe & District Inner Wheel Club, GB&I**, has been awarded the prestigious Margarett Golding Award for her dedication to fundraising for Oakhaven Hospice and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance service.

Anne is a very dedicated and committed fund raiser in the village of Fawley in Hampshire, where she lives. She has worked tirelessly for the benefit of others giving of her time and energy. Anne has been a member of Hythe and District Inner Wheel for 48 years, joining the club a few months after its charter.

Every year Anne holds 5 or 6 sales in her garage. All year round she is continually making preserves to



sell – a variety of marmalades, jams, and chutneys using seasonal produce.

On the days leading up to the sale Anne will be busy in her kitchen making a variety of cakes, scones and savoury products to sell. Anne also makes up baskets, using the preserves especially for Christmas and Easter, many are pre-ordered

by the locals as they are known to be such good quality and look so attractive to be given as gifts, she usually makes approximately a hundred baskets each time. A raffle is also organised for the day to help boost the funds.

Over the last sixteen years Anne has raised in excess of £100,000.00 for the local hospice and is currently supporting the Air Ambulance after one of the villagers had a very life threatening accident. Anne does hide her light under a bushel and we feel she is a very worthy recipient for this award. Anne has also had great fundraising ideas for our Inner Wheel club and supports our events with enthusiasm and generously donates many of her homemade produce for sale. Anne is an inspiration in our club.



# DRILLING FOR WATER IN KENYA

The most essential commodity, water, is scarce in the outskirts of Mombasa, Kenya. It is a tedious task for the women of the community to constantly move around looking for water, sometimes the nearest source being five to ten kilometres away. The daily struggle left most of the school going girls being absent because they had to go fetch water.

In 2017 **IWC of Mombasa** decided to get a borehole drilled near a Crossroads Church School and orphanage. It was funded from the club's charity funds.

However there has been no turning back since. The good hearted



Samaritans in the society came forward on their own volition, pledging to sponsor bore holes. With a capable contractor and the zeal of IW ladies, the project has seen completion of 6 boreholes in various areas of the North Coast of Mombasa. In August the seventh borehole was commissioned in Junju Ward County, Vipingo, Kilifi.

Inner Wheel shall continue with the project for as long as funds are available. Three more boreholes are in the pipeline to be completed within the next month.

*Text by Poonam M. Thapa*

# QUATRE BORNES ACTIVE IN MAURITIUS

**IWC of Quatre Bornes, Mauritius**, reports several fine activities. In July they donated boxes of food to some 10 families in poor region of the west of the country. In August they had a joint project with the local Rotary Club in donation of masks and packs of food to some women who

lost their jobs during the covid-19. Another project was the donation of breakfast on a quarterly basis to some 50 children of Bambous.

School of autism Mauritius (photo) was also renovated, a project brought forward from funds of our charity dinner.



# INDIAN HELP IN TIMES OF COVID-19

**IWC of Theog-District 308, India**  
The members gave face masks to the villagers with Inner Wheel Logo which helped in branding & donated groceries & food items for one month.



**IWC of Madras Midtown-District 323, India**  
Roshni Home is an orphanage which has about 30 children. Since Lockdown they were short of groceries & other utility items.



**IWC of Go Raya-District 307, India**  
The members installed Standee Sanitizers in public places.



*Text Dr. Sandhya Bhat, National Editor, India*



## NEW CLASSROOMS FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL IN TURKEY

**IWC Beyazit, Turkey**, has furnished four classrooms in Yumrukaya Special Needs School for Autistic Children in Kocaeli, Turkey. At the start of 2020, a campaign was announced to raise funds to purchase 16 specially designed tables and four cupboards. In a very short time, enough donations have been received and furniture have been manufactured.

Due to restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the classroom furniture have been delivered by the end of June by IWC Beyazit President Dilek Aksin and Treasurer Banu Iskit. The school was closed in spring semester but when the new school year starts after the pandemic, students will have their brand new and colorful classrooms ready.



*IWC Beyazit President Akşin and Treasurer İskit with Head of School.*

## LET'S FIGHT CORONA TOGETHER



In Spring 2020, the Istrian Red Cross Society in agreement with the Civil Protection Headquarters launched a humanitarian project named: "Let's fight Corona Together".

During the Corona virus pandemic which has severely impacted the whole world and significantly changed our lifestyle in order to maintain our health requiring many adaptations and limitations, **IWC Pula, District 191 Croatia**, decided to support the project in using funds for the purpose of purchasing protective personal equipment used in healthcare facilities as well as used by firefighters, the police, Red Cross and citizens. Members of IWC Pula joined this praiseworthy project and donated funds in the amount near 300€.

One of the major projects that are partially funded by the humanitarian project "Let's fight Corona Together" is opening the laboratory which

performs testing of samples on the presence of Corona virus at the Institute of Public Health in Pula.

Also, the members of IWC Pula, District 191 Croatia, with their associates and friends around Women's day raised more than 500€ intended for Women's Breast Cancer Club Gea. The funds were paid into their bank account for the action Daffodil Days 2020, unfortunately it was not organised due to the specific situation related to the Covid19 pandemic.





# INNER WHEEL ON RADIO IN POLAND

**IWC Lublin, Poland**, is a non-districted club in Poland with 18 members. The club meets once a month to plan and carry out activities and projects. Normally, the club has an ambitious program. Like all other IW-clubs, we were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and had no meetings after March, reports club president 2019-2020 Mariola Lenartowicz. She continues:

During the year, we supported several projects. I, and vice club president Anna Wojcik, participated on Radio Lublin and talked about



the nationwide aid campaign "Help children to survive winter". We then had the opportunity to also talk about Inner Wheel's international activities and about our club's other activities.

The club participated in the pro-

ject by collecting and distributing 750 kg of gifts and 400 kg of food to needy children for the winter.

On February 23rd, the club celebrated its 27th anniversary by going to a concert with the trio "Tre Voci" followed by an entertaining dinner. Unfortunately club's meetings and service had to be stopped as a result of Covid-19 pandemic and its restrictions.

We could not make many plans and make projects come true. I hope year 2021 will be more beneficial for our club than 2020.

# BASIC NEEDS TO FLOOD AFFECTED



In addition to the Corona crisis, since the beginning of June, Bangladesh has been hit by the worst floods in decades. A quarter of the country has been under water. The reason is heavy monsoon rains. Nearly five million people have been affected directly. The poorest hardest. One million houses were destroyed and about a hundred people are estimated to have died under the water masses

**Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka West, Bangladesh**, distributed relief among the flood affected unprivileged in a remote and rural village.

The purpose of this project was to provide the basic necessities among the unprivileged rural population who are not having access to any amenities due to the flood.

*Nargis Jamayet  
President IWC of Dhaka West  
District 328, Bangladesh*

# SUPPORT TO OUR SISTERS IN LEBANON

After the tragic Beirut explosion which killed and injured thousands of people and left massive destruction, **IWC District 95 Egypt & Jordan** took the initiative to support the Lebanese people and our Inner Wheel sisters in Lebanon.

The IW donations were delivered to the Egyptian Red Crescent in Cairo. The donations included mattresses, bed linen, blankets, quilts and pillows.

Mrs. Mona Aref, Chairman of District 95 Egypt and Jordan extended her gratitude to Dr. Zeinab Taki,



District Vice Chairman & PDC who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Lebanese Businessmen Association for her great assistance in facilitating the logistics for the success of this campaign.

She also wishes to thank all IW Clubs that contributed to this humanitarian initiative, and everyone who extended a helping hand and participated in this noble endeavor.

*Dr. Mervat El Azzouni  
Webmaster  
District 95 Egypt & Jordan*



## 25 years anniversary of the 4th UN Conference on Women

# STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

**The year 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the fourth United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and the adoption of the “Beijing Platform for Action”. It is a landmark agreement to advance the empowerment of women and girls and with a commitment to combat violence against women and girls.**

Regrettably the celebration comes at a time of one of the most challenging global health and social crisis. The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic brings into sharp focus the importance of investing in social policies protecting the most vulnerable individuals and also whole families. It is the families who bear the brunt of the crisis, sheltering their members from harm, caring for out-of-school children and, at the same time, continuing their work-responsibilities.

### **More important than ever**

Families have become the hub of intergenerational interactions that support us in this crisis.

Under economic duress poverty deepens. In times of uncertainty stress increases - often resulting in growing violence against women and children. Therefore, to support vulnerable families is more important than ever.

### **Women increasingly important**

Worldwide, women are increasingly taking part in the formal and informal labour force, while continuing to assume a disproportionate burden of the household work in comparison with men, and work-family balance is more difficult to achieve. The imperative of ensuring gender equality in the family is, therefore, gaining more attention.

### **Beijing Platform shows the way**

As the world struggles to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, there is a real opportunity to rethink and transform the way our economies and societies function to foster greater equality for all. In doing so, it is clear that gender equality will not be achievable without greater equality

in families, so the Beijing Platform for Action continues to provide a visionary roadmap of where we need to go.

### **The event postponed**

Unfortunately corresponding activities of the Committee on the Status of Women in Vienna have been and still are extremely limited by COVID-19 related access restrictions and regulations, so a planned international event had to be postponed.

*Ceja Gregor-Hu  
International Inner Wheel  
UN-representative Vienna*



## 400 AT A ZOOM MEETING IN D325, INDIA



In celebration of India's 73rd Independence Day August 14, **District 325** arranged a successful Zoom webinar called "Expressions of the Heart, through the pen which is mightier than the sword".

About 400 participants took part in the meeting, including IWC Past President Phyllis Charter.

The zoom webinar was a great and unique five hour long Inner Wheel fest for all 27 District editors of India as well as Club editors, guests from numerous districts and countries and guest speakers.

The extensive and varied program included knowledge sharing of best practices pertinent to editors and media managers, a talk show, great speakers and lots of entertainment, music, singing and dancing etc., reports Ashnadelle Hilmy Mortagy, one of the participants and guest speakers.

At the meeting it was announced that several clubs of D 325 will be sponsoring the education of 10 school children for a period of one month in different schools in honor of each of the guest speakers. An amazing and truly memorable gesture in the tradition of Indian IW clubs.

## PAKISTAN LINING UP FOR INNER WHEEL

**Central Multan IWC, Pakistan**, reports a successful Covid-19 activity. They focused on distribution of masks, hand sanitizers and soaps. The motto was to bring awareness about how to keep themselves safe by doing social distancing, importance of wearing a mask and by washing hands.



## CHANGE OF PRESIDENT IN THE OPEN AIR

We in **Burlöv - Lomma IWC, Sweden**, dared to plan our change of president in the open air. In Alnarpsparken in the shade of the trees below the castle, with bubbles in the glasses, a delicious salad and their own drink, two new members were welcomed.

Our beach flag clearly showed who we were who met under the tree! The meeting ended with the solemn handover of the presidential chain that Monica Green received from Anne-Sofie Polsten. We all had a hard time leaving the beautiful



place we chose, to go out in the really hot sun. We experienced that change of president in the open air - it will be our melody!

In connection with the change of president, we had the pleasure

of welcoming two new members, Doris Andersson and Grethe Angell.

They have visited us several times and now belong to our club with a total of 34 members.

*Text and photo Gittan Holmström*

# GREETINGS FROM UGANDA



The illustration shows the ladies of the **Inner Wheel Club of Mengo, Kampala, Uganda**, who send their warm greetings.

We have identified projects for this year which included Environment (planting of trees), Branding (Distributing branded items to our project areas) Health (Jointly carrying out medical camps with the Rotary Club of Mengo) and Education (Organizing talks in school and distribution of scholastic materials).

See our flyer of the Executives to the left.

*Jacqueline N Ssemwezi*

# 700 AT THE TURNOVER IN THE PHILIPPINES

**Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. (IWCPPI)** and Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Foundation Inc. (IWCPFI) had its Joint Induction and Turnover Ceremonies last July 11, 2020. Since the entire nation is still under community quarantine, the event was witnessed by almost 700 members and friends via Facebook livestream.

IWCPPI National President Ma. Pamela de Guzman and IWCPFI President Ma. Lourdes Carpio and their respective Board of Trustees were inducted by no less than IIW President Dr. Bina Vyas.



IWCPPI Council of Past National President President Raquel Sta. Ines and IWCPFI Council of Past Foun-

ation President President Reylna Nicolas were also inducted during the said occasion.



# INNER WHEEL FOREVER IN A PUBLIC GARDEN



“Inner Wheel Forever” is flourishing in a famous rose garden. The Wij Gardens in the village of Ockelbo, 200 km north of Stockholm, Sweden, has a big reputation. It is one of the most remarkable public parks in the country and a destination for your senses in many ways. One major part of the park is the impressive rose garden with hundreds of rose varieties.

The beautiful rose, Inner Wheel forever, was introduced at the Convention in Copenhagen 2015.

**Sandviken IWC, Sweden** (the nearest IWC to Ockelbo) has donated our rose “Inner Wheel Forever” to Wij Gardens. We hope it will flower forever.

# MANY THANKS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE IW SUPPORT DURING THE BUSH FIRES

The generosity of many Inner Wheel Clubs throughout the world towards our country was amazing and gratefully received by Inner Wheel Australia. This certainly showed the true value of Inner Wheel membership and the values which we uphold. Approximately \$125,000AUD was received from many clubs and individual members from overseas and Australia. With the assistance of club members submissions were received from communities in fire ravaged areas nominating where they felt the best use of the grants would support as many community families as possible.

Australia has many isolated small towns with village halls that are the lifeblood of the community. These halls become places of refuge during a disaster such as a fire as well as a meeting place for the provision of food and support to the volunteer firefighters and residents left homeless. Donations to these

communities allow for the replacement of kitchen and bathroom facilities which will improve amenities for future disasters. Donations of vouchers to needy families was also an essential part of our program.

The program also included the supply of reversing cameras to fire trucks, funds towards the provision

of mobile water tankers and assisting with the provision of rainwater tanks, pumps and sprinklers systems to Rural Fire Brigade sheds that are situated in isolated communities. Many of these sheds form a hub for the community and were felt to be very vulnerable in the event of further fires.



*A52 Council Member Sue Arthur in a Rural Fire Brigade Truck at the presentation of funds for the reversing cameras.*



## 1000 CUPCAKES FOR FRONTLINE CARE GIVERS AT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The **IWC of Singapore** has continued to be mindful of those who are working on the frontlines of

our healthcare system during these challenging times.

Secretary Anjali Chopra, who is a

passionate baker has kept her oven hot baking a remarkable 1000 cupcakes from June to August and delivering them on three occasions to the National University Hospital staff in three different departments.

IPP Vijaya and Secretary Anjali delivered 250 cupcakes to the Emergency Dept on 29th June, 425 cupcakes to Obstetrics and Gynaecology on 7th August and 350 cupcakes to Staff in the Operating Theater and Pathology departments on 27th August.

The staff were amazed and appreciative of the generous gesture and the words of gratitude packed with the cupcakes.

The cupcakes themselves were delicious vanilla or chocolate variety.

*Wendy Louis, Singapore*

## PRESIDENCY EXCHANGE IN ISRAEL

On the Roof Top of the Haifa Collony Hotel, with the beautiful view of Mount Carmel and the Mediterranean Sea, **Israel Inner Wheel Clubs** attended the exchange of the presidency for the year 2020/2021.

Former Chairwoman, Zipi Berler, handed the presidency to the new chairwoman Doris Suidan Majdalani from Haifa Stella Maris IW club.

Doris emphasized in her speech, among several other goals, the importance and necessity to prevent



and stop violence inside the family and especially violence against women.

She aspires to organize a regional meeting between Israel and its neighbours, in order to strengthen the connections and bond between the inner wheel clubs.

Hoping to lead for a change.

*The former president Zipi Berler (on the right) and the new president Doris Majdalani.*

## INDIA UNITED AGAINST COVID-19

Since outbreak of the pandemic, the Inner Wheel Members of different clubs in India have gone above and beyond their call of duty to help .

The members of **IWC Jabalpur Midtown Next, D326, India**, arranged for check up of all people in a COVID hotspot area where temperature and oxygen saturation was checked.





# THE CONVENTION 2021 IS CANCELLED

At the recent International Governing Body (IGB) meeting held on 10th September 2020, it was regrettably agreed by majority that the International Inner Wheel Convention to be held in Jaipur in 2021, would be cancelled.

Other options are being investigated and will be publicised in due course.

The IGB was unanimous in its great thanks to Renu Baljee and her team in the Local Convention Committee for their tireless work and dedication, in what have been extraordinary circumstances.