



In the Wheel

Inner Wheel U. S. A.
Inner Wheel U. S. A. Foundation

Dr. Kapila Gupta, IIW 2017/2018 President

Margie Jones, IWUSA 2017/2018 President



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Margie Jones—Inner Wheel U. S. A. President

What a wonderful celebration of Inner Wheel and friendship took place Sept 14-16, 2017 in Sacramento, California. For three days, Inner Wheel ladies from all over our great US came to Sacramento to plan the year ahead both for the IWUSA Governing Body and the IWUSA Foundation boards. There is always much work to be done to keep our organization running smoothly and make sure we are ready to help others in need. Joan Cotton, Immediate Past President of Inner Wheel USA, did a fantastic job of installing me as President and Christine Becker, as Inner Wheel USA Foundation Chair. I want to thank my Citrus Heights Inner Wheel Club for their support in planning beautiful decorations, fabulous entertainment and being there for my installation—you ladies (and husbands) are the best!!! Thanks also to the many Inner Wheel members that came to celebrate Inner Wheel with us at the installation –you are so appreciated too!

As all of you know, there are been a great number of natural disasters in our United States and territories' most recently. Houston has suffered severe flooding, the Virgin Islands and our sister Inner Wheel Club in St. Thomas has in many areas complete devastation. Our Inner Wheel sisters in Florida and Louisiana have been without power for numerous days. IWUSA is organizing donations from IWUSA Clubs to support these areas by asking that any amount in donations be sent to our IWUSA Treasurer, Linda Howard, 585 Greenway Dr., Statesville, NC 28677-6023 so that we may purchase Shelter Box kits to send to these devastated areas. Shelter boxes are complete temporary living facilities that are dropped into an area to support the residents just trying each day to survive. There are no administrative costs for the boxes so we are able to help those in need quickly and completely with our donations. Inner wheel USA is also sending a donation to the affected areas to support as we can with the rebuilding process. If your club would like to donate, please have your checks into **Linda Howard by October 31, 2017** so we can get the help to the affected areas quickly.

In closing, as we celebrate this year's theme of "Leave A Lasting Legacy" remember to bring in new member friends, help those in need and share the good work that your club is doing as you work toward achieving the Club Year of Achievement Award for 2017-18!! Hoping to see many of you in Melbourne, Australia for the IIW Convention in April 2018!

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Becky Donhost, Editor

2017—18 Governing Body:

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"May the good times of service & friendship become golden memories of tomorrow and to leave a Lasting Legacy on hearts for years to come."





Gill Broadway, Inner Wheel U. S. A. Vice President

The IIW 2018 Convention Committee is conducting a competition to enable a display during the convention, based on the 2017-2018 theme, 'Leave A Lasting Legacy'. Each country will submit ONE entry only. I am assisting IIW with the USA entry. Members are requested to send to me their entry. A committee of non-Inner Wheel members will be the judges for our country's entry. Every country is invited to submit an entry, regardless of whether they have members attending the IIW 2018 Convention or not. Every winning entry received, will be on display during the convention for all members attending to see and enjoy. Wouldn't it be wonderful to showcase all our entries in the next edition of *In the Wheel* or on our IWUSA Website? This will help promote the IIW 2018 Convention and the Objects of Inner Wheel.

- * Each entry must relate to IIW President Kapila Gupta's 2017-2018 theme, "Leave A Lasting Legacy".
- * Each entry is to be illustrated with a photo, drawing, painting or other creative means, but to be submitted as a high-resolution photo of whatever method of illustration has been used. Entries will be sent via email.
- * Please note.... All photos, if being sent as an attachment to the written component of the entry, must not be larger than 15cm x 10cm (6-inch x 4 inch), be in high resolution jpeg format and not adjusted.
- * The entry is to also contain a poem or verse that outlines the featured project being undertaken and the lasting legacy it will leave. If every country participates, 100 Inner Wheel projects will be showcased that demonstrate and support IIW President Kapila's theme.
- * For display purposes, each entry is to be no larger than A4 page size maximum, including the illustration/photo and the wording/poem/verse.
- * The entry is required in LANDSCAPE FORMAT please, not in PORTRAIT.
- * Deadline for submission to me is December 15, 2017.
- * Please include with your entry, the name of the member, Club or District who prepared it, plus the country submitting the entry; the sender's contact details in case any follow up is also required.

Joan Cotton—Immediate Past President

Being in the position of Immediate Past President brings many emotions that seem to be all running together. On one side, there is that excitement of "wow, I don't have to do anything right now." On the other side, there is that feeling of "what do I do now - I'm not moving at 125%." "Shouldn't I be getting a note out to the clubs?" And then there is that "well, it's over, I'm one of those has been and there are no more phone calls of clubs needing my assistance!" But you know what - it was a wonderful time serving this great organization and it is time for others to step forward, share their fabulous talents and continue to make Inner Wheel U.S.A. the wonderful organization that it is. There is no sadness, there is only that period of adjustment when life is different.

To complete my duties, I spent time with Margie Jones reviewing and making notes of those things I did not get finished and how she and her Board will work to see that those goals not completed last year can be done in the coming years. Watching Margie get right to work in shepherding our Districts and Clubs, assisting District 519 with their training session, corresponding with Districts, Clubs, and members and implementing new ideas and so on has been wonderful. Her energy and talent in leadership is a blessing to Inner Wheel.

The IWUSA Website has been updated - not completed - but better than it was and the work will continue thanks to Margie and her son. Members must be encouraged to log on to the website and see the changes and be willing to provide information which will continue to add "spice" to this great avenue of communication. Thank you to everyone who helped in this endeavor.

I am truly grateful to this years' Governing Body. They have worked together so well already and I know the year will be one of growth and changes that will be in the best interest of Inner Wheel U.S.A.

The work of the Foundation Trustees, past and present, has been so strong and so productive. IWUSA, the Foundation, and the members of this USA Association has already left a mark that will Leave a (lasting) Legacy.

Each District and each Club is as asset to this wonderful U.S.A. Association. Every one of you add so much energy to Inner Wheel. I am so proud to call myself a member of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of the United States of America. My continued love and support to Inner Wheel and our members. I am blessed to be a part of this great organization.



Inner Wheel USA Communication Links:

- * Inner Wheel U. S. A. Website:
www.innerwheelusa.com
- * Contact IWUSA President
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- * IWUSA/Foundation Website
<http://innerwheelusa.com/iwusa-foundation-inc/>
- * Contributions to Foundation can be sent to:
Ms. Connie Abram, 356 Snapdragon Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648
Or
IWUSA Foundation, Inc., PO Box 3414, Haines City, FL 33845
- * Contact the Foundation Chairman
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- * IW on Facebook
www.facebook.com/InternationalInnerWheel



Upcoming Dates to Note

[District Officer Nomination Form due to Election Convener](#)

November 15, 2017

[Districts Nominate Officers for IIW](#) **January 15, 2018**

[Clubs order IIW Directories](#) **January 30, 2018**

[District and Club Officers due to Nat'l Secretary](#) **February 1, 2018**

[Nat'l Secretary remits Officer Information to IIW](#)
March 15, 2018

Chris Becker—IWUSA Foundation Chair

On rt., Chris Becker was installed as IWUSA Foundation Chair in Sacramento, California September 16, 2017

Below, Gill Broadway joins limb recipient Arath with his family.



Above, Foundation Benefactors: Norma Trillia, Anna Moore, June Bedford, Jan LeFevre with Miriam Fisher Benefactor Trustee

Treasurer's Report ~ Linda Howard

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Income	
Haiti Disaster Relief Fund	3,410.00
IW DIRECTORIES	720.00
INTEREST INCOME	3.48
IWUSA FOUNDATION	815.04
MEMBERS DUES	22,191.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	20.00
U.S. BANK - 2016	5,199.05
Total Income	32,358.57
Expense	
ACCOUNTING	950.50
Atlanta Conference 2017	310.62
BANK CHARGES	113.31
BOARD TRAVEL FALL	2,865.88
BOARD TRAVEL SPRING	5,017.76
BROCHURES	528.00
COMPUTER EXPENSE	709.59
DIRECTORY	
IW DIRECTORIES	587.73
IWUSA DIRECTORY	853.81
Total DIRECTORY	1,441.54
FLORIDA FILING FEE	70.00
Haiti Relief Expense	3,345.00
IW MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,365.09
INSURANCE	
D & O INSURANCE	1,663.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	4,949.75
Total INSURANCE	6,612.75
IWUSA NAT'L CONF EXPENSE	1,000.00
NEWSLETTER	360.64
OFFICERS EXPENSE	
PRESIDENT	1,532.70
Total OFFICERS EXPENSE	1,532.70
POSTAGE.SHIPPING.PO BOX	421.21
PRESIDENTS GIFT	148.73
PRINTING	394.99
REGALIA	535.84
Total Expense	29,724.15
Net Income	2,634.42

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	Jul 1 - Sep 15, 17
Income	
BOARD MEETING	
FALL BOARD MEETING MEALS	3,361.60
Total BOARD MEETING	3,361.60
INTEREST INCOME	0.59
MEMBERS DUES	19,311.00
Total Income	22,673.19
Expense	
BANK CHARGES	35.00
BOARD TRAVEL SPRING	0.00
COMPUTER EXPENSE	695.00
IW MEMBERSHIP DUES	468.23
IRS Fees	400.00
NEWSLETTER	483.04
OFFICERS EXPENSE	
SECRETARY	22.98
Total OFFICERS EXPENSE	22.98
POSTAGE.SHIPPING.PO BOX	148.42
Total Expense	2,252.67
Net Income	20,420.52

Editor ~ Becky Donhost

Hopefully, you are enjoying this edition of Inner Wheel USA *In the Wheel*. What a magnificent group of women, assisting friends and neighbors and leaving a lasting legacy. I am truly amazed at how each club impacts their community, especially in light of the devastation of multiple hurricanes in the east, fires in the west, and earthquakes world-wide. Inner Wheel holds us together. I'm so happy to share a first report from our Non-districted club in Redding, CA. Please refer to page 10.

Sadly, several reports are missing—I am sure due to the calamities that have affected members trying to put their worlds back together. I anticipate we will hear from them when I publish the Spring Edition following our IWUSA meeting in Wisconsin in May 2018. I hope as well, that members have success using the IWUSA Template to submit their articles.

Following are address updates I have received. Please let me know when there are changes.

- ☛ Lois Aumann new email address: tnlaumann74@gmail.com
- ☛ District 767 Vice Chair: Sherry Harris, 229 N Bost St, Statesville, NC 28677; 919-961-3535; mrssherryharris@yahoo.com
- ☛ Statesville, NC IW Treasurer, Ann Bejcek email: abejcek43@gmail.com
- ☛ West coast Sunshine, Lola Chase email: ggcret@aol.com



In Perfect Partnership Inner Wheel

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Rotary

District 517 Chairman ~ Karen Cowan

District 517 will hold its first 2017-2018 meeting on September 25. Future dates will be discussed at that time. March 4 was chosen for the Founder's Day Brunch, our District's fundraiser for the IWUSA Foundation. Clubs will report upcoming meetings, projects, and social events. In the past, we have been able to raise \$10,000 each year for the Foundation. Alameda will promote friendships and support small community projects such as the Youth Choral Orchestra.

Cupertino activities include Bunco night, wine & cheese event, Shuvanda Salad luncheon, and the Bocci Ball Dinner and event (main fundraiser). Also, several members volunteer at Our Daily Bread Food Kitchen.

Livermore's main fundraiser event (I Gave at the Cave) a wine & cheese afternoon will take place at Wente's Sparkling Cellar. Proceeds buy books for the children at Livermore Rotary's Foundation Christmas Party.

Niles-Fremont will host its annual Christmas Tea in December and plans to donate to various local charities for school supplies and holiday gifts.

San Leandro continues to assemble Rape Care Kits in the spring. Members deliver school supplies with the Rotary Club.

Saratoga's Thanks-for-Giving is the club's traditional celebration the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Last year, proceeds were given to "Sunday Friends." The club also provides funds for "Touch the Heart" – a family support group.

In October, District 517 will join District 519 for the annual Friendship Luncheon.

IW Club of San Leandro

Our members are proud to again announce receipt of a grant which enables us to provide 360 Rape Care Kits to BAWAR (Bay Area Women Against Rape) and to UCSF Benioff Hospital Abused Children's Project.

Other fundraisers include a fabulous theater evening where we enjoyed the musical comedy, "The Adams Family," a Chili Cook Off, and our annual Spa Raffle. Participants in the raffle hope to win 2 tickets for a Spa Trip to Mexico. The drawing is held at our annual holiday luncheon meeting at a member's home.

In addition to the rape care kits, this year San Leandro Inner Wheel supported the Inner Wheel USA Foundation, George Mark Children's Hospital, Building Futures for Women and Children, and Camp Okizu. With a donation from San Leandro Rotary Club, we provide tutoring supplies to Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Our installation meeting in June is a wonderful social event held in a member's home. At that time, JoAnn Frazier received the Rose Council Award. We enjoy the friendship and good times with each other while helping the community we serve.



Upper Lt. President Gloria with the cast



Upper Rt. Worker bees assembling the rape kits. Gloria, Linda, JoAnn & Jeanetta



Lower Lt. JoAnn Frazier receiving her award with Barbara & JoAnn



Lower Rt. Happy relaxed ladies following a day at the spa

IWUSA President Margie Jones Installation, September 16, 2017 in Sacramento, California



◇ *Upper lt. Margie's three grandchildren, Abbey, Ella and Porter Jones, saying the flag salute at the Installation banquet.*

◇ *Upper rt. Joan Cotton putting the IWUSA President regalia on Margie Jones.*

◇ *Middle lt. Joan Cotton handing out red roses to the both boards after the installations.*

◇ *Middle rt. After the installation, Joan had both boards hold hands in Inner Wheel friendship and unity.*

◇ *Bottom center. Installation entertainment, Voices of California--fabulous Men's Choir from the Capital Region.*



District 519 Chairman ~ Linda Daniel

I woke up early on September 12th a little worried about getting to Fairfield on time, a little concerned that I had everything with me that I needed to bring and a little nervous about chairing the meeting. Oh my goodness, I should have been singing "DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY" all the way to the Hilton Garden Inn. Everything was great. The room was just the right size. The food was great. Traffic heavy but not a problem. There were great raffle gifts, new merchandise on display by Trude Vasquez, so much to talk about and the delight of seeing an old friend (Shirley Saunders of the Orangevale Club) at her first District Meeting. We also had a visitor from Denmark, Annelise Graf's sister, Mona Doessing.

The El Cerrito Club hosted and did such a great job, and the centerpieces were so fun, vases stuffed with socks and an American Flag. The socks were gathered at the end of the meeting in the "SOCK IT TO ME" box. It was so exciting to watch the box overflow as more than 160 pairs were collected that morning. This little project will continue at the November District Meeting and then the socks will be distributed between St. Johns, and several other charities, depending on how many pairs we receive. The generosity of those present at the meeting was so heartwarming . . . thank you all so very much!! My goal of 200 pairs of socks looks like it will be more than met. Please come to the November Meeting and be prepared to "Sock It To Me".

Wonderful things are happening in the District. Sue Kasper is working hard on the Friendship Luncheon with District 517 on October 28th. Laurel McFarland, Michelle Buonamici, and Beverley Lewis are getting things together for our district fundraiser Pick-A-Purse, on November 18th at the North Ridge Country Club in Fair Oaks. Margie Jones was installed as the new USA President of IW at a lovely ceremony on September 16th. As your District Chairman, one of my responsibilities is to be a voting member of the Board of IWUSA and so I too was installed that day.

Our November Meeting will have the theme of "Saluting Service". We will be honoring our veterans so please invite and bring your friends that have served our country to lunch on November 14th at Casa Garden. It promises to be a great meeting. Leo McFarland of Volunteers of America will be our speaker and there will be a Red, White, and Blue theme.

This is the busiest time of the year for our District. How fun to be together, making things happen, sharing the friendships that keep building through the years, and learning from one another all the good that the clubs and individuals in this District are doing.



It was a beautifully successful first meeting of District 519 Chairman Linda Daniel as she brought the Aloha Spirit with her to the event.

Moments to share include the hostesses from El Cerrito, installation of a new club member, welcoming Annelise's sister Mona from Denmark, presenting 6 clubs with their Year of Achievement Awards, and bagging a box of socks for Chair Linda's "Sock it to Me" service project.



IW Club of Carmichael

The ladies of Carmichael started our new year with dinner at President Karen Munsterman's home. It was so nice to "catch up" with each other again as we sipped wine and started planning our new Inner Wheel activities.

It is always our hope to have the District Chairman join us in November for our charter celebration. President Karen contacted Linda Daniel, and she has graciously accepted our November invitation. We really enjoy meetings with other clubs so hopefully that will be happening as well. We can also be counted on for continued support of the IW Foundation and the Crisis Nursery.

Following the meeting, Karen served a scrumptious salad bar with every add-on known to mankind! Karen G. provided two choices of cookies baked by Ettore's, always guaranteed to be crowd pleasers. We enjoy being together and look forward to our October meeting. Aloha

IW Club of Citrus Heights

We had a quiet summer since our last meeting after the installation of our own Linda Daniel as District Chairman and helping with the installation of Margie Jones as IWUSA President.

Our first meeting under new club president, Judi Marietti, first time, was filled with enthusiasm and many ideas for fund raisers and community outreach ideas. Citrus Heights is in for an exciting and busy year.

IW Club of East Sacramento

Our club was dark in June and July, taking the summer off. Our Board had a planning meeting at President Elaine Wright's home in August. So, it was great to get together with almost all of our members for our September meeting. We were reminded that 3 of our members did not renew membership.

We met at the home of Karen Clifford. President Elaine presented our hostess with and a beautiful orchid. We had a wonderful potluck dinner with an assortment of dishes provided by all. Immediate Past IWUSA President Joan Cotton then installed our officers in a cute measuring themed ceremony. Each new officer was presented with a rose surrounded by Peruvian lilies.

We reviewed plans and budget for the new year, hoping that we get a balance to do the works we love.

IW Club of El Cerrito

Members worked on folding addressing the invitation to District 519 meeting on September 12th at Fairfield Hilton Garden Inn with a theme of Sock it to Me. El Cerrito will provide table arrangements, and Raffle prizes for the meeting.

They had to postpone their visit to the Martinez Country Hospital Auxiliary where they would assemble baby layettes that are presented to all Mothers of babies born at the hospital.



Fair Oaks members Janet McWilliams, Terri O'Donnell, Trude Vasquez, Alice Rowe and Bev Purcell preparing gently used dictionaries for distribution to local area children.

IW Club of Fair Oaks

Our September meeting was attended by 14 members, we spent the evening looking over our directories and discussing our years activities. Our Linus project is winding down, we have donated over 500 blankets over the last few years. Vicki Walter the chairman of this project said that she would still accept blankets if we wished to make them, but the Club is no longer buying the fabric. We are in the process of learning about "Fidget Blankets" for memory care patients, and this will become our new project.

We voted to send \$200 for Shelter Boxes, which IW USA will use to help victims of Harvey and Irma.

President Trude is organizing the District participation in the "Walk For Literacy" on October 21. Our "Where in the World" books will be distributed along with bookmarks and Inner Wheel information.

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE,
THE WORD ITSELF SAYS
"I'M POSSIBLE"!**

~AUDREY HEPBURN

IW Club of Orangevale

Go back to June 26 and most of us are in the Inner Wheel Book Club. We met at the Flower Farm in Loomis. It was a beautiful day and we ate outdoors and talked a little about the book and a lot about other topics. Our next Inner Wheel Book Club will be at Joyce Fritz's on Tuesday October 24 and the book will be "Hillbilly Elgy".

On July 17, we went to Crisis Nursery and donated \$500 that we collected from baby bottles put on the counters of various businesses.

On September 12, we attended Inner Wheel District 519 meeting in the beautiful Hilton Gardens Hotel in Fairfield. We enjoyed Linda Daniels as our new District Chairman and she makes us feel like we're in Hawaii!!!

Our Orangevale IW president, Phoebe Swaney was presented with a certificate celebrating our Year of Achievement Award to our Orangevale Inner Wheel Club!!!! Wahoo!!!!

Finally, on Saturday, we attended the installation of our own Margie Jones as the newly elected president of IWUSA at the Embassy Suites in downtown Sacramento. We also were privileged to see our own OIW member Annelise Graf (with her visiting sister from Denmark) installed as Trustee of the Inner Wheel USA Foundation!! We're so proud of her and what we're doing as members of the Orangevale Inner Wheel Club!!!



Left to right: The head of the Crisis Nursery along with OIW members Judy Sowa, our brand new member-Shirley Saunders, Barbara Harris, Annelise Graf, Carol Hart, and Joyce Fritz



A Recipe for Friendship

You will need:

- ♥ a pinch of happiness
- ♥ 1 handful of kindness
- ♥ 2 spoonfuls of gentleness
- ♥ 1 litre of sharing
- ♥ a teaspoonful of helpfulness
- ♥ 3 heaped tablespoons of laughter
- ♥ 50g of smiles
- ♥ a sprinkling of cheerfulness
- ♥ 100g of love



Method:

Mix all these together. Then you will have the perfect friend.



Sacramento member & Immediate Past District 519 Chairman receives her yearbook, lovingly created by District Historian Bev Brown at the September 2017 meeting

IW Club of Sacramento

It is President Bonnie's goal that we put more focus on community giving. This will help us spread awareness of Inner Wheel. Areas for giving discussed included smiles for children born with cleft palates, literacy, and foster youth. The board voted to contribute \$1,000 to the IWUSA Foundation.

The board also recognizes the need to build our membership. We currently stand at 34 members. Membership in Inner Wheel is now open. A new member no longer needs a tie to Rotary. Consider neighbors, church members, and others from your community who may be good additions to our club.

IW Club of Redding East

Our club meets the 2nd Thur of each month & our board meetings are the 4Th Monday every month.

The summer months of June, July & August we meet at member homes with a salad luncheon. We don't do a program & are informal with visiting among the members.

This year the hostesses were Gerda Hiebert, Marylou Lane & Sharon Brooks. For the remaining months we meet at National University with programs.

Sept 2016. Our program was presented by Larry Hopson, a Redding East Rotarian. He is the architect & project manager for the new Sheraton Hotel going up at Turtle Bay. We enjoyed seeing the step by step progress & look forward to it's opening late fall of 2017.

Oct 2016. We took a field trip to Vina, Ca for lunch & toured nearby New Clairvoux Abbey. It is still under construction & there is a winery owned & operated by the monks.

Nov 2016. Our program was "Soaring with Eagles" by director Patti Brent. Volunteers work with children who need extra learning help & encouragement in their lives.

Dec 2016. We forego a general meeting for our annual Christmas party. This year it was held at Armando's, an unique & artistic venue in downtown Redding.

Jan 2017. We had an interesting program with Lisa Jellison of her trip to Brazil to visit Danilo Melon & his family, an exchange student from last year. She was one of the host families.

Feb 2017. This month featured Jason Morton, a CHP Information Officier advising us of new laws regarding child protection seats, cell phones, out of state registration, etc.

We were pleased to have several out of town guests: Joan Cotton, acting USA President; Margie Jones, USA Vice President; Laurel McFarland, District Chairman; Norma Trillia, Sue Mulvihill (a former Redding member) & Cindi Scott from Norma's El Cerritos club.

March 2017. Our guest speaker was Mathilda Draux from Belgium---a Rotary Exchange Student attending Shasta HS. We enjoyed hearing about her native country.

April 2017. Featured this month were Robin Fator & Rachael Hatch of the Redding Fashion Alliance. It is a collaboration of people associated with fashion, including designers, seamstresses, photographers, retail & patrons. It is geared to hand made garments & accessories.

May 2017. Our guest was Amjad-Al-Shaer, an exchange student from the Gaza Strip, attending Shasta HS. He had never been out of the area before coming here. It is only

7 miles wide & 27 miles long, has 2 million people & ruled by radical Hamas with closed borders. A very nice young man hoping for peace for the Middle East.

On a sad note, this month, we lost a long time member & Past President of our club, Carolyn Prielipp.



***IWUSA President
Margie Jones
and her husband
Paul share a happy
moment at the
September
meetings in
Sacramento.***



Attendance for the July meeting of the Kenosha Inner Wheel club was great! We held a shared Installation of clubs: Past President of Kenosha Sally Gustin was honored. Inner Wheel Presidents of Kenosha Donna Weiler, Racine Joan Rice and Menomonee Falls Carol Winget, and Secretary Donna Stevens were installed by Jean Muth and Kathy Palmen.



IW Club of Kenosha

In July the club met and planned out the calendar as well as the year project. A luncheon at the Kenosha Yacht Club had more members that were back for the summer.

At the installation of officers in June The other clubs of our area were invited to participate. Both Menomonee Falls and Racine attended. Our clubs in Wisconsin are to keep the relationship between our cities and clubs alive as we meet together at least once a year. In friendship and common commitment to our communities we will share our common goal.

The city of Kenosha was able to refit a warehouse to make a permanent and safe shelter for the homeless. Families and individuals are provided a safe and clean place to live. Children can attend schools nearby. As part of the project the director gave us a list of items that were needed. The tote boxes that were used to carry toilet items to and from showers were delivered for the September opening day by Donna Stevens and Jean Muth. In addition as our Christmas project the wash clothes and hand towels were needed for the individual and families in the shelter. Items of linens will be delivered after the December Holiday party. Two different colors were requested for the needs of families and individuals. Our goal is to keep in touch with the needs of these individuals and continue to support the "Shalom Center" of Kenosha for the homeless.

IW Club of Shawano

September dinner meeting at Doc's Timeline Saloon & BBQ Restaurant. The food was great, the company enjoyable and our photo on the 10 seat cycle was a treat for all.

IWC member, Peg Gallagher, volunteering at Bike The Barn Quilt biking jersey station at Memorial Park.

Frost on the pumpkin!! Preparing our "nests" in anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Season! "HallowThankMas" is in the air and the stores! Will there ever be a time again when we can take each season on it's own?

Thank you to Elsie Greenhill for arranging our dinner meeting at Anello's Torch Lite Pasta Bar. The food was abundant and delicious, the company enjoyable and our 15 year celebration as a club memorable.

In celebration of our Anniversary, thank you to all that brought items to be donated to our Safe Haven Domestic abuse shelter. They were very appreciative of our generosity.

IWC members, Joni Shebuski and Lois Aumann, hosting a Bike the Barn Quilt food station for Shawano pathways.



District 696 Chairman ~ Sue Robinson

I want you to know how very touched the Inner Wheel Club of St. Thomas is with your very generous donation from IWUSA. Thank you for your amazing support as we rebuild from the catastrophic conditions that still remain in St. Thomas. Family Resource Center appreciates all donations as they have a huge demand when it comes to providing essentials for the needs of women, children and families. The work that they do 24/7 is truly unbelievable. Your contribution is priceless to those that are building back from nothing! The latest reports are that total power will not be restored until med-December! Over the past week there have been torrential rains which makes it difficult to dry out when your roofs have been damaged and only make shift protection is in place.

Fran Beers, Gill Broadaway and I have been working together in preparation for finally publishing the 696 Directory and preparing for our District Meeting on Saturday. In my conversation with Fran, she mentioned how appreciative she is for the outreach IWUSA has demonstrated with the many cards she has received from all over the Country. Words cannot express her gratitude from the Inner Wheel family and her deep feelings she has for the many friends she has in Inner Wheel. It gave her comfort for her to know we were walking with her as she mourns the loss of her grandson. Can you believe there were over 1,000 people in attendance for his celebration of life. Oh my, what a tribute. Fran—your gratitude for the Inner Wheel friendships, remind me of the song “That’s What Friends Are For”! Thank you all for your love and support.



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IW Club of Fort Myer

All the Rotary Clubs in Lee County, FL, got together on a recent Saturday morning to put Rotary stickers in dictionaries which will soon be given to all third graders in our public schools. Here are Norm and Betty Jones volunteering together, as we often find them, side by side, whether it's a Rotary project or an Inner Wheel project.

In October of 1962, Betty and Norm Jones, along with their 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter, arrived in North Fort Myers, FL from Doncaster in Yorkshire, England. They were tired of the cold weather in England and ready for a new adventure! They went on to have two more daughters and adjusted to life in the USA. Norm became a U.S. citizen in 1986, and Betty did in 2000.

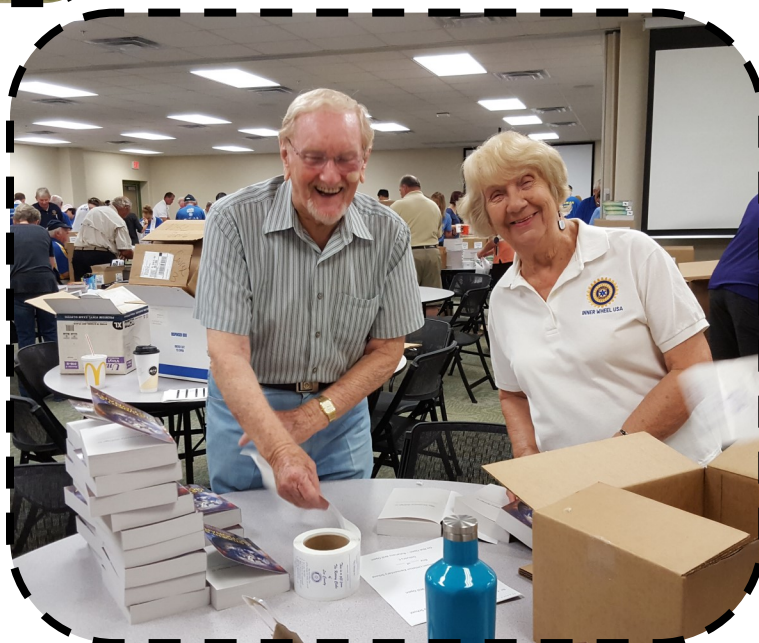
Norm was a Charter Member of the North Fort Myers Rotary Club in 1973 – and today has 44 years of perfect attendance! He was its Charter Secretary and also served a year as its President. He loves Rotary as much as Betty loves Inner Wheel! She was the Charter President of the Fort Myers Inner Wheel Club in 1984 – and was President again two other times. She is presently serving as Club ISO, her favorite Inner Wheel position. She loves the internationality of Inner Wheel, as well as the many friendships she has made.

Every summer Betty and Norm, married for 64 years, return to England for lovely summers and to rekindle their Rotary and Inner Wheel friendships there. We are so lucky they settled in our community when they moved to the United States!

Fort Myers Inner Wheel Club did not have a September meeting because of Hurricane Irma and its disturbance to our community. Our October meeting is our underwear and socks collection meeting – the items were donated to a local elementary school for their emergency use for their students. November and December will be our Annual Warm Clothing Collection for the homeless and disadvantaged. We are already in the planning stages for our Annual Creative Living Booth at the Southwest FL and Lee County Fair in March. We received a very nice Thank You note from Tice Elementary for the underwear, socks and schools supplies!



Hurricane Irma took the wind out of Ft. Meyers sails but only briefly!



IW Club of Slidell

November 16 - is our annual Gourmet Wine and Dine for fellowship and good food! Bobby Ohler will provide great music for our listening pleasure! Jane F. and Linda B. are anxious to watch all their plans come to fruition (is that a real word?). Linda B. has done a great job as Coordinator; a vital part of success. This is not as easy a job as one may think.

Remember to purchase your Cheers Raffle Basket tickets and offer them for sale to friends and family. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Christmas Luncheon, December 19.

Our Charity of the Year is Savannah Smiles. Jennifer Scharfenstein, Chairman of Savannah Smiles and our guest speaker at our October General Membership Meeting, shared an interesting program on the history and services provided since 2007. By the end of 2017, Savannah Smiles will have assisted over 1000 Louisiana families with funeral expenses for infants and children totaling over \$700,000. Savannah Smiles also distributes toys to children hospitalized at Christmas time. We are honored to support this charitable organization.



Savannah
Smiles



One smile can start a friendship. One word can end a fight.
One look can change a relationship. One person can change your life.
~Anonymous



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District 767 Chairman Suzane Sadofsky

The District meeting in Statesville, NC. It was felt that we had a successful meeting.



Lt. Rotary District Governor Zoe and IW Member, Sue McMahon attend Brownie Sundae fundraiser at the Rotary Car Show

Above: Turkey Dinner fundraiser for Stamford and Hobart Rotary – pictured Hobart Rotary President, Andrew Flach, IW President, Cindy Keyser, Stamford Rotary President, Frank McMahon

IW Club of Stamford-Hobart

The Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel has had a busy start to the year. In July, several Inner Wheel members helped the Stamford and Hobart Rotary club at their Classic Car show, while other helped man and serve at our own Brownie Sundae Ice Cream booth as well. In August we were invited to the Rotary Dinner with the District Governor Zoe in attendance. September was our organizational meeting. We started our year with four guests joining us for our meeting. We continue to support our Diaper Drive, supplying diapers to WIC mothers and distribution through the local food pantry. This is the project that won us the Jess Tennant Award in the Spring of 2017. This year, we obtained copies of the "Who's Who Around the World" created by Laurel McFarland, to distributed to new mothers along with the diapers in an effort to help promote literacy. Thank you District 519! The addition of the book to our project paralleled our first meeting's program. Judy Steiner-Grin, a local author, presented her recently published children's book, My Name is Shortly Forthcoming. In October, we hosted a turkey dinner meeting with all the fixings for the Stamford and Hobart Rotary Clubs at the Hobart Community Center. During this dinner, Rotary District Governor Zoe came to present several members with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. The proceeds from that dinner went to hurricane relief shelters. In November we will be welcoming two new members to our club. How exciting! It will also be a time to bid a good-bye to our long-time member, Christine Becker, Foundation Chairman, as she has now officially moved to Henderson, NC.

IW Club of Charlotte

The Inner Wheel Club of Charlotte is not doing well. We have only eight members and several of them are not in the best of health. Therefore, we are limited in what we are able to do.

I am presently serving as President, Treasurer and Secretary. My involvement in other organizations, my church, and traveling leaves me with limited time to do justice to the Club. I am looking forward to attending the IIW meeting in Australia in April.

Fortunately, we continue to have success with our Christmas Basket Raffles each year to three of the Rotary Clubs. We average making almost \$1000 each year. Most of this goes to the Foundation and to organizations that focus on the needs of women and children.

We have 100% of the club members participating in the Inner Wheel Foundation. Several of our members are Rose Council Members and our club has a Jeweled Pin.



President Julis Hite and Laura Beth take a break from selling raffle tickets at the Christmas project.



Inner Wheel News from Around the World! (. . . and on the IIW Website!!!)

“Girls not Brides” The Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women, in which IIW is represented, has organized an event with the theme “Girls not Brides” on November 28th at the UN in Vienna, Austria. IIW President Dr. Kapila Gupta is among panelists for the event.



NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Vienna

Each year the “16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign” is organized with actions and activities around the world from November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to December 10th, Human Rights Day.

This year the Campaign will include activities under the theme: “Leave no one behind: End Violence against Women and Girls”, reflecting one of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goal “Gender Equality”.



Child-Marriage, which means any formal or informal union where one or both of the parties are under 18 years of age, is a form of violence which disproportionately affects girls. Girls who marry before 18 are more likely to face violence from an intimate partner throughout their life and may suffer massive health problems. As they are young, in most cases poorly educated and without any life experience, they often believe that their husbands are justified to mistreat them.

Founding member Ceremony IW Club Cuernavaca Chipitlán with recognition given to Vera Aida Chévez Samayoa, 85 years old.

Maria Elena Oliva de Gallardo, the current President, with the participation of Lucy Gordillo de Hoffman Chairman District 418, began the ceremony at the Monument for Inner Wheel Woman in Cuernavaca Morelos, México.

Chairman D418 addressing to Vera Aida and gave her a pin for recognition of her years in Inner Wheel.

Vera Aida receiving a diploma from the IWC Cuernavaca Chipitlán, she was founding member and she was active for 28 years, now she is a “Retired “. Receiving red roses from the members demonstrating their affection and love.

Lucy Gordillo Hoffman, Chairman 418 IW, Julio Díaz President of the Rotary Club Cuernavaca -Chipitlán, members of the IW Club Cuernavaca Chipitlán, IW Club Oriente, IW Club Norte attended the Ceremony. All of them were very pleased to share that event with a great woman in Inner Wheel Vera Aida thanked her for giving part of her life to INNER WHEEL.



“Sport is Health”, IW Club Yambol (District 248 Bulgaria) donated to the city park of the Municipality of the town an outdoor fitness area to be used by all citizen and guests. The idea of the project aroused last IW year 2016/2017, inspired by the motto “Touch a heart”. Their young, actively sporting friend Ralitsa Alexandrova managed to convince them, that if they build an outdoor fitness area, it will be good for health and the physical strengthening of the people and will bring them joy and pleasure using it.

This is how the joint efforts have begun to bring the idea to a successful realization – finding the suitable area, drafting a constructive opinion and issuing a permit for placement, purchasing the sports devices and their real implementation. Today, in the new IW 2017/2018 year, with the motto “Leave a lasting legacy”, they can treat themselves with this wonderful facility, funded entirely with the resources and efforts of private physical and legal entities, involved in this cause to work for the benefit of society.

