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"Turning Possibilities into Realities"

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A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, CHRISTINE

Dear Inner Wheel USA Sisters,

Welcome Spring! We have enjoyed a great year under the wonderful theme from IIW President Gupta's **"LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY."**

Last Fall we had an opportunity to submit a photo entry depicting our efforts to "Leave a Lasting Legacy" for consideration to be used at the IIW Conference in Melbourne. I am pleased to share with you that our photo essay was showcased at the 2018 Melbourne Conference! I am excited to include it in this newsletter for all of you to see! Special thanks to Foundation Board members Janice LeFevre and Maggie Spears for creating this wonderful entry! A poster size copy of this was sent to each District Foundation Coordinator to be used by clubs.

In February I was privileged to be invited by District 696 joining Margie Jones, IWUSA President, Suzanne Robinson, District Chairman and Gill Broadaway, IWUSA Vice Chairman and Foundation Liaison to visit several clubs and attend their District Meet and Greet. I was so excited to meet with our individual IW members and clubs to hear and witness first hand all they do for the Foundation and in their communities to "Leave a Lasting Legacy." I attended IW of Dunedin North Foundation dinner hosted by Melba Rilott, Past Foundation Chairman. Her program featured Hanger Clinic Prosthetist Nick Glebowski who spoke on "Partial Limb Prosthetics" As part of his presentation he showed the newest hi-tech prosthetic for partial limbs and brought out the Touch Bionics i-limb prosthesis for us to touch and hold. I was so excited, **"over the moon!"** as this is the type of prosthesis that Raven, our newest recipient in PA had received unbeknownst to him! I was able to share Raven's story from our winter newsletter with him and the club. It was a moment I will never forget....holding in my hand a prosthesis made possible through your generous donations, knowing we had **"Turned Possibilities into Realities"** for Raven.

I was also able to meet Bettye West Grant and hear how our limb bank became a reality when she was a Foundation Chairman 2000 – 2002. Our Board was saddened to learn of the passing of Elaine Duvic, Past IWUSA Foundation Chairman 1996-98 from Slidell, LA who also worked diligently to develop the limb bank. Proud of all the efforts you have done to Gear Up – Connect in your clubs. The Foundation Board has supported those efforts by increasing our newsletters to three times a year, updating the website, communicating twice with our Benefactors and using the IWUSA Foundation photo entry to share a poster with our Districts.

Continue to share your stories as they build strong connections! I **thank you** for your continuous generous donations as individual members, clubs, districts, Rose Council members and Benefactors, "leaving a lasting legacy" as we continue to **TURN POSSIBILITIES INTO REALITIES** for children.

Sincerely,

Christine

IWUSA Foundation Chairman

*Bouquets of Mother's Day Wishes
to the Ladies of Inner Wheel.*

*May life's richest blessings be yours on
this special day & always!*

In love & friendship,

*Your Foundation Officers
& Trustees*





TO DISTRICT 517 IN REACHING YOUR FOUNDATION GIVING GOAL

The champagne corks popped and the bubbly flowed as 120 guests gathered at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, California on Saturday, March 4th for District 517's **ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY FUNDRAISER** to benefit the Inner Wheel Foundation.

The guest speaker was 24 year-old Pedro Pimenta, a quadruple amputee, with Hanger Clinic. Pedro is an international speaker, best-selling author and mentor to other amputees. His presentation brought the essence of our Foundation to life and by the time the afternoon concluded the District's fundraising goal of **\$10,000** was met.

Janice LeFevre, Foundation Trustee and co-Foundation Coordinator for District 517 with Jeanetta Arenott, had only one word to express their delight - **HOORAY!**

IWUSA President Margie Jones and 12 members from District 519 were among the guests joining in the festivities and friendship. Congratulations District 517 - you're incredible women sharing a passion for *Leaving a Lasting Legacy!*



Coming together in friendship brought plenty of smiles to luncheon guests on March 4th. Pictured (l to r) Linda Daniels, Dist.519 Chair, Patricia Picard & Connie Abram, IWUSA Foundation Trustees, Pedro Pimenta, Hanger Clinic, Janice LeFevre, IWUSA Foundation Trustee, Margie Jones, IWUSA President.

AN EMPOWERING STORY

MORE ABOUT DISTRICT 517'S GUEST SPEAKER

Pedro Pimenta was a typical 18-year old Brazilian teen enjoying school, sports and social activities when he was struck down by bacterial meningitis. With little chance to survive, his only option to save his failing organs was amputation of his arms above the elbows and legs above the knee.

Doctors told him he would never walk again and after months of rehabilitation, Pedro was almost convinced of it himself. He was determined to learn all he could about prosthetics attending conferences to see what was available to amputees.

At one such conference Pedro met Hanger Clinic's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll, who offered Pedro words of encouragement and provided his contact information.



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Rembering a Special Lady

ELAINE WEIL DUVIC

IWUSA FOUNDATION CHAIR 1996-1998

Elaine Weil Duvic was born on September 25, 1924 in New Orleans.



Her career focused on education, first as a teacher and then as the founding principal of the L. W. Higgins High School in Louisiana's Jefferson Parish where she served from 1968-1985.

Elaine was a charter member of the Slidell Inner Wheel club in 1988 and went on to serve as the club's president from 1999 - 2003. Her service, talents and time extended beyond her club. In 1988 as a founding member of the IWUSA Foundation, Elaine worked to identify and establish the Myoelectric Limb Project. Her service as a trustee to the Foundation covered eight years including two as its chairman, (1996-1998). When Elaine's husband Frank passed away she established the Frank Duvic Memorial Award presented to a Slidell club member for their commitment to the objects of Inner Wheel. Upon her death the club renamed it The Elaine & Frank Duvic Service Award.

In submitting her story of Slidell's Foundation Walk (see page 4) Gay DeGiovanni stated *"Before I begin to talk about our club's Annual Foundation Walk, I must speak about the loss of a very special lady who passed away on March 2, 2018. Her huge impact on Inner Wheel and the Foundation is still evident, as she specified this charity for donations at her funeral in lieu of flowers."*

In June 2014 Elaine was named Slidell's first Honored Active Member. On this occasion a poetic tribute was presented to her. Thanks to Slidell's President, Jane Alford, for sharing it with our readership.



*Where to start, it's hard to say,
For people are special 'most every day'.
So we look for a trait, a mannerism or two,
That tells us just what it is that they do.*

*It's years of dedication and faithful endeavors,
Taking on responsibilities that go on forever.
Giving of time and talents, sometimes money,
To insure a 'success, sweet as honey'.*

*Yes, it's all of these and surely more,
That describes this someone since 1984.
An Inner Wheel date, is of what we speak,
To mark the beginning of such a feat.*

*But becoming a member was just the start,
For what goes between is really the heart,
Of who and what, as now we mention,
That calls for this Special Recognition.*

*Eight years of travel and plans to make,
A mission to establish, a Foundation at stake.
Progress is made as professionals join in,
Trials, disappointments, not always a 'win/win'.*

*But, never a mention of not being able,
To meet all the issues laid on the table.
For success is the goal and what it comes down to,
is 'Give a Child a Hand', a child's life anew.*



AN EMPOWERING STORY (CONTINUED)

After speaking with Carroll, Pedro attended the Challenged Athletes Foundation Triathlon where Hanger Clinic was a national sponsor. *"That completely changed my life," Pedro said.* Shortly after that experience Pedro was fitted for prosthetics and gave up his wheelchair.

With his new mobility Pedro moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, to attend college. He graduated in 2016 from the University of Southern Florida with a bachelor's degree in business economics. During this time, he also became a patient advocate for Hanger Clinic and attended many amputee and prosthetic conferences.

Today, Pedro lives independently in Florida, travels worldwide, drives a vehicle without adaptations, finished a 5k triathlon race and is pursuing his previous passion of snowboarding. He has not used a wheelchair since Bootcamp in 2010.

Pedro also was named National Coordinator of the Hanger Clinic AMPOWER program. It is the Hanger Clinic arm for peer-to-peer interaction and support for Hanger Clinic patients.

In addition to his responsibilities at Hanger Clinic, Pedro travels the country as a motivational speaker. Using his own personal experiences, he delivers a powerful message to never give up.

An Empowering Story taken from: www.hangerclinic.com/empowered_stories

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend but the members of **Dunedin North** have a special affinity to emeralds. Donations received at the club's **Eleventh Annual Foundation Awareness Dinner** on February 8th earned the club their third Emerald status with total Foundation giving reaching **\$75,125**.



Melba Rilott, Past IWUSA Foundation Chair (2002-2004) and Dunedin Foundation Coordinator reports that this year's dinner was particularly eventful. Special guests included IWUSA President and Vice President, **Margie Jones** and **Gill Broadaway**, Past IWUSA President (2009-11) and current District 696 Chair, **Sue Robinson** and Foundation Chairperson, **Christine Becker**. The four ladies were wrapping up visits to the District clubs in Louisiana and Florida and were thrilled to be part of this special evening. Other special Inner Wheel guests included Past IWUSA President (2003-04) **Joy Sims** and Past District 696 Chairs **Kay Rocker** and **Fran Beers**.

The evening's keynote speakers were **Nick Glenbowski**, Prosthesis Orthotist from Hanger Clinic, St Petersburg and **Joshua Culler**, Orthotist and Hanger Clinic Manager, Safety Harbor. Their presentation spoke to prosthetic interventions for individuals with partial hand loss. A demonstration of the i-limb, the ultra revolutionary prosthetic hand that offers up to 36 different grip patterns was quite impressive as guests were able to hold and examine the limb.

Melba reports that Dunedin's dinner wasn't a fundraiser for the Foundation but the club did realize a profit of \$328.00 which they agreed to donate to the Foundation. Thanks to a grant application Melba presented to the Rotary Club of Dunedin, a donation of \$1500 for the Foundation was presented that evening by Rotary President, **Wendy Barmore**. A second Rotary club donation of \$500 was received from the Dunedin North Rotary Club. These Rotary donations together with Dunedin's profit carried the club donations to their third emerald level of giving.

Sparkling stones of gratitude and appreciation are extended to the members of Dunedin North for their commitment to our Foundation motto, *"Turning Possibilities into Realities."*



There's always time for a picture and the ladies of Dunedin North weren't going to miss the opportunity to gather with their special Inner Wheel guests. Five Inner Wheel clubs were represented in this group picture.

SHARING OUR LASTING LEGACY



LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

Inner Wheel USA Foundation Myoelectric Limb Project

Since 2004 working in partnership with Hanger Clinic Inner Wheel's over \$500,000 has provided greater than \$1.5 million of upper myoelectric limbs and prosthetic care for children from infancy to age 18.



I am the only unique me that will ever be. I have the power to make a difference in this world. I look forward to taking on the grand adventure of life, living and always remembering to be myself.....I love being me!



Leave a Lasting Legacy
IW Theme 2017-18

Turning Possibilities into Realities

When International Inner Wheel asked clubs to illustrate how members were fulfilling this year's theme **"Leave a Lasting Legacy,"** your Foundation went right to work developing the poster you see above. Posters were scheduled to be on display at the IIW Convention in Australia. Trustees Janice and Maggie (with the tech support from Maggie's husband, Joe) put pen to paper to describe the Myoelectric Limb Project complete with pictures of some of our limb recipients.

A 16x20" copy of this poster will be available to each District which can be used to tell the Foundation story at club meetings, District gatherings and presentations to clubs and organizations in your community. A special *Thank You* is extended to IWUSA Vice President Gill Broadaway for shepherding the poster through the delivery process to IIW.

WE MUST FIND TIME TO STOP
AND THANK THE PEOPLE WHO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
LIVES

LINDA HALL

FEBRUARY 18, 1947 - JANUARY 15, 2018



With thanks, appreciation and much love the IWUSA Foundation acknowledges the passing of long time Trustee, Linda Hall. Linda served as a Trustee from 2011-2013 and as Board Secretary from 2013-2017. At the time of her passing she was the Foundation Coordinator for her much loved East Sacramento club.

Linda was born in Texas and graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Business Administration. She and husband Richard of 48 years were self employed which offered them the flex time they so enjoyed for traveling in their RV. Linda was the Mother of Michael and Kathleen and Mother-in-law to Lindsay Hall and Timothy Smith and grandmother of four.

Linda's health was an on-going challenge for 19 years yet she lived her life with compassion, graciousness and courage. Generous in her love for Inner Wheel, her family requested that in lieu of flowers remembrances may be made in her name to the Inner Wheel USA Foundation.



IN 2007 THE SLIDELL CLUB FIRST ORGANIZED THE FOUNDATION WALK. MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SOLICIT SPONSORS FOR THE ONE MILE WALK. THE GOAL OF EACH MEMBER WAS TO RAISE \$100 FOR THE FOUNDATION.

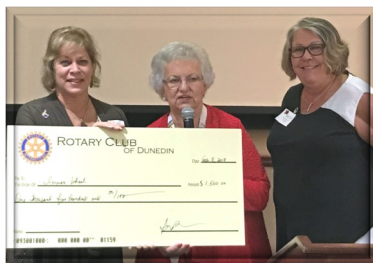
That first year we raised \$1,100. In recent years we set the date of the walk in February and have invited the local high school Interact clubs to join us. We have several parks to choose from in Slidell and this year held the Walk in John Slidell Park. We had 16 participants including some Rotarians and community members, and raised over **\$3,600** and will supplement the remaining funds from our cash on hand to total **\$4,000** for the Foundation. The four members who were selected as Rose Council Pin recipients all chose to defer individual recognition to recognize our club. Those members are **Jane Alford, Pam Anderson, Kathy Berault, and Nancy O'Bryan**.

We are very lucky to have two talented fundraising members in our Club. **Sharron Newton** (2016-2017 President) and **Vicky Magas**. Both reached out to our local Rotary Clubs, the **Slidell Rotary Club** and the **Slidell Northshore Club**, for donations. Both Sharron and Vicky are Rotarians and Inner Wheel club members.

As the Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 6840, Vicky heard about a matching grant possibility through Rotary. She approached the two local Rotary clubs about applying for the grant money and they each agreed to pledge \$500 next year. While the grant application process takes almost a year, the Rotary Clubs of Slidell Northshore and West Bank each gave \$500 toward our Foundation Walk this year! In Vicky and Sharron's pleas to the Rotary clubs and the very supportive District Governor, **Kathie Short**, they stressed that Inner Wheel contributes in a very real sense to the successes of their Rotary clubs. And the Foundation's Myoelectric Limb Project to Give a Child a Hand, is certainly worthwhile. While this year's Foundation Walk fundraising was very successful, we look forward to an even better year in 2018-2019!



INNER WHEEL HANGER REALITIES
PARTNERSHIP POSSIBILITIES HOPE
LEGACY ROTARY COMMUNITY
FRIENDSHIP UNDERSTANDING
BENEFACITOR ROSE COUNCIL HOPE
REALITIES PROSTHETICS REALITIES
ROSE COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP LEGACY
FOUNDATION CHILDREN FRIENDSHIP
INNER WHEEL PARTNERS ROSE COUNCIL



Foundation chair, Chris, addressed guests at Dunedin's Foundation Awareness dinner and later examined close up the state-of-the-art i-limb. Foundation Club Coordinator, Melba, proudly accepted the Rotary Club of Dunedin's \$1500 donation.



Congratulations to the 2018 participants in Slidell's Foundation Walk. With bright blue Inner Wheel shirts and smiles-a-plenty these ladies and gentlemen share in the pride of raising \$3600 and turning possibilities into realities for so many children.

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