



# In the Wheel

Inner Wheel USA

Inner Wheel USA Foundation

Christine Kirby, IIW 2018/2019 President

Margie Jones, IWUSA 2018/2019 President



## Empower & Evolve

### Margie Jones ~ Inner Wheel U. S. A. President

Our Inner Wheel work continues to be strong and vital in the United States. It was wonderful being able to visit the Stamford-Hobart and Westchester clubs in New York! What important work they do to serve their community in so many ways. Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel is our oldest USA club—it was chartered in 1951— a legacy of 67 years! The club continues today to be filled with members who enjoy each other and love helping others! Congratulations to these ladies as they promote the 2018-19 theme of Empower & Evolve!

Our IWUSA Governing Body and Foundation meetings were held in Greenville, South Carolina. What a lovely town and much needed IWUSA business was taken care of including updating our IWUSA Handbook as well as discussing and voting on having “E” (Electronic) IW memberships to encourage and bring in a younger generation to Inner Wheel. *(Please see the separate article on this “E” membership for more information.)* Before the October meeting in Greenville, I had the pleasure of attending District 767’s meeting which was held in Statesville, North Carolina as organized by District 767 Chair Sherry Harris. What a wonderful chance to meet members there as well as hear a terrific speaker, Beth Troutman who will be a speaker at our IWUSA Conference in San Antonio in Sept 2019! In addition, I was happy to be able to meet members of our brand new Inner Wheel Club at the Plantation Estates in Charlotte, North Carolina—IWUSA’s first New Club in many years!!! This club was organized and promoted by Past IWUSA President and current IIW Board Director, Miriam Fisher. Plans are underway for the official club chartering in March 2019 when IIW President Christine Kirby and I will visit and be so honored to assist with the Charter Ceremony! Thanks to Miriam for bringing her love of the Objects of Inner Wheel to these enthusiastic new members!

A wonderful Friendship Luncheon was held by District 517 and District 519 in October at Zio Fraedo’s Restaurant in Vallejo, CA. Delicious food in a beautiful marina setting was enjoyed by both district Inner Wheelers and guests. I wanted to share with you all a very special event we had happen during the luncheon. The waiters at the restaurant had seen the IWUSA Foundation poster display that Jan LeFevre had put up on the myoelectric limb project. The wait staff was so touched by what we do as an organization for children that they pooled together \$35 of their hard earned money to donate to our IWUSA Foundation—such a thoughtful, generous gift of wanting to help others! *(continued Page 2)*

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#### 2018—19 Governing Body:

- Margie Jones, President, National Representative
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## Margie Jones—con't. from Page 1

Get ready to pack your bags and saddle up on your way to our IWUSA Conference to be held in Sept 3-8, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas! Our Hilton hotel, Palacio del Rio, is right on the River Walk and is offered at a great price. There will be IW Foundation Walk-A-Thon, IW workshops, a "Welcome to Texas" Ranch BBQ, wonderful speakers, great food, a visit from the IIW President, installation of officers and programs for all to enjoy. When in San Antonio, you'll have time to see the sites; there is a Hop-On-Hop-Off Bus tour that may be purchased to see over 19 sites in the city. If you plan to attend, **do not wait--MAKE YOUR HOTEL RSVP's TODAY** as there are a limited number of rooms available. See our website [innerwheelusa.com](http://innerwheelusa.com) and look on the upper right hand side of the home page for all conference information and a link to the hotel is in the "Conference Registration 2019" form! As Texans say, **"Everything is Bigger in Texas"** so of course that means **BIGGER Fun** too. Plan to join us for the 11th Annual Inner Wheel USA Conference! Many natural disasters in the USA most recently have been tragically claiming not only physical property but also many lives. California has been besieged with wild fires and in my area the smoke from the fires has been so intense that schools and businesses have had to close. May we keep those in perilous situations close in our hearts and minds as they strive to recover from their losses. I know that many of us have given as we can to those less fortunate and this is so appreciated. May each of you have a happy and safe holiday celebration this year as we remember those who are struggling to put their lives back together. Together in Inner Wheel we are stronger and do make a difference in our world! Wishing you many happy Inner Wheel holiday wishes.

## West Coast Sunshine ~ Lola Chase



Since our meeting in May I have sent out 82 cards to the membership.

I want to thank Suzanne Robinson for being so conscientious about keeping me informed about the membership of District 696. I know that there must be other members from other Districts that could use a card, but I have not been informed. Please, a phone call or an email could make the day for someone.

## Chris Becker ~ IWUSA Foundation



*Chairman Chris presented Hanger Clinic's Steve Mandacina with the Foundation's donation of \$50,000 during her visit to San Antonio in May.*



*Meet Zach White, a 17-year old from Flomaton, AL who lost all the fingers of his right hand (except the pinky) in a fire-works accident earlier this year*



*Zach was fitted with an I-Limb Digit System at the Hanger Clinic in Pensacola, FL. Getting acquainted with his new limb, required practicing everyday functions at the clinic with the support of Hanger personnel.*



*Looks like a red-letter day for Zach! As a fishing, hunting & water skiing enthusiast and a volunteer with the local fire department, Zach will no doubt be able to continue these pursuits with his I-limb.*

## IWUSA & IW Foundation & International IW Communication Links:

- \* Inner Wheel U. S. A. Website:

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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

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- \* International Inner Wheel

[www.internationalinnerwheel.org](http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org)

- \* IW on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/internationalinnerwheel](http://www.facebook.com/internationalinnerwheel)



## Editor ~ Becky Donhost

Please enjoy this latest edition of *In the Wheel*—

Membership rosters have been updated but there are always changes. Please let me know if there should be changes to your club.

IWUSA meets twice a year with reports due to me for publication one month after the spring and fall general meetings. Usually, this is the end of June and the end of December. So to Board members, District Chairmen, and Club Presidents—mark your calendars now.

⇒ **June 30, 2019**

⇒ **December 31, 2020**

Send in the Template. The Template has been updated with this year's logo and has been sent to Board Members, District Chairmen, and Club Presidents. If it is too difficult for members to use, please send your report in the body of an email. Unfortunately, hard copies that come in the US mail cannot be published.

*Ah, how good it feels!  
The hand of an old  
friend.*

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## Membership Updates

- ◆ District 517, Saratoga Club—Marjorie Mullins, 16699 Kennedy Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95032
- ◆ District 519, Citrus Heights Club—Kayti Jones, 5712 St. Clair Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
- ◆ District 519, Citrus Heights Club—Jill Jones, 5329 Callister Ave., Sacramento, CA 95819

## Treasurer's Report ~ Linda Howard

### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

July 1, 2018 - October 16, 2018

	Jul 1 - Oct 16, 18
<b>Income</b>	
IIW DIRECTORIES	120.00
INTEREST INCOME	0.69
MEMBERS DUES	23,098.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,219.44</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,219.44</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
BANK CHARGES	45.00
DIRECTORY	
IIW DIRECTORIES	300.41
IWUSA DIRECTORY	337.50
<b>Total DIRECTORY</b>	<b>637.91</b>
INSURANCE	
D & O INSURANCE	831.50
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>831.50</b>
IWUSA Officer Gifts	217.58
MEMBER DUES - REFUND	303.75
NEWSLETTER	456.42
OFFICERS EXPENSE	
PRESIDENT	166.50
<b>Total OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>	<b>166.50</b>
POSTAGE.SHIPPING.PO BOX	58.64
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,717.30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>20,502.14</b>

## Constitution/By Laws ~ Lola Chase

The Constitution Committee has been hard at work trying to get the membership to submit resolutions to the handbook. I personally sent an email to each President and District Chairman asking them to forward to me any corrections or additions to the handbook and have heard from two clubs.

My opinion is that no one really cares what is in the handbook, they just let the Governing Body make whatever revisions seem to be necessary at the time.



## New Membership Program: *E Membership*

"E" (Electronic) is a way to bring in the younger generation into Inner Wheel at a level at which they can participate at this time in their lives. The goal is to encourage young people to be part of a great organization that does so much for others. The following details how *E Membership* works. IWUSA is building the future NOW for generations of caring strong women as we "Empower & Evolve"!

Welcome to *E (electronic) Membership* in IWUSA. Inner Wheel's goals are friendship, community service, and international understanding. As an *E Member* of a club, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- ◆ Be part of a group of over 100,000 women in the world who provide service to their communities, forge life long friendships and help with international understanding in all of the 104 world countries where Inner Wheel Clubs are located!
- ◆ Be invited to all club meetings and events with the understanding that due to other schedule obligations you may only be able to attend a few of them. You will receive an Inner Wheel pin and as possible, a yearly themed pin to proudly wear.
- ◆ Receive all Inner Wheel club, district and national newsletters.
- ◆ May help with community service as time permits. Some examples of this would be food for the food closet, baby clothes/supplies for a Crisis Nursery, helping feed the homeless and proving hygiene products.
- ◆ Help with or attend as possible Inner Wheel fundraising events that your club may be sponsoring.
- ◆ Meet other like minded women that want to do good in the world, develop life long friendships and promote women in society. Put your Inner Wheel affiliation on your resume as you apply for jobs or promotions. Promote Inner Wheel on how you are helping the community in your club or event.
- ◆ By joining Inner Wheel, you will help foster and strengthen Inner Wheel's reach in the community and world. You will keep the Inner Wheel tradition going for many years to strengthen our society by the good that is done for others.
- ◆ The yearly dues for the Inner Wheel *E Membership* will be aligned with the club you join. Inner Wheel welcomes our *E Members*!! We are happy to have you with us on this wonderful journey as for the last 94 years—Inner Wheel!



## Gill Broadaway ~ IWUSA Vice President

I announced at our last meeting in Milwaukee, that District 697 would stay together. I communicated via phone and email with the three clubs and key members, who expressed their desire to keep the district and offered to serve as District Officers. The key reason to stay together was friendship. This is the same scenario for Shawano, the only non-districted club in Wisconsin.

In June, I had the pleasure to install the new officers of District 696. While many of the ladies have been members for a number of years and served as officers at the club level, serving at the District level in a new experience. I am very proud of these ladies for stepping up! A big thank you!

President Margie and I have been working on the plans for our National Conference, in San Antonio next September. Our goal was to open registration on October 1, 2018. We met our deadline! All forms are on the IWUSA website and have been emailed out by Editor Becky Donhost. I made packets for District 767 meeting on October 13, in Statesville, NC.

There are 4 sections pertaining to the Conference registration: Welcome Letter; Tentative Schedule; Registration Form for Member and Guests; Meal Selection Form. Last day to register is July 31, 2019. I ask everyone here today to please talk to Inner Wheel members about the benefits of attending a national conference. Also, please make sure your club members have Conference information, so they can begin to think about attending. Earlier this year Miriam Fisher contacted me about starting a new club, in her community. I sent her information. Well it has happened! The ladies selected the name Inner Wheel Sister at Plantation Estates. They have officers and are in the process of getting the bank account set up, which we know is not easy.

In September, I discovered that my District had not paid dues to National and club membership lists had too many mistakes. I worked with our district treasurer and national treasurer to get this taken care of ASAP. What I found out is important to all of us. We cannot make assumptions that IW members holding an office understand their job. Our District treasurer was new to job, she told me she had never seen the IWUSA Handbook dated July 1, 2016. I would say to everyone here, especially District Chairman's, please review job descriptions with your District board, and to all of us, to make sure all club officers know their responsibilities as well. Personally, I feel very strongly about reviewing job descriptions with all concerned at the beginning of each year. Communication is the KEY!

## October Governing Body & Foundation Meetings, October 2018 in Greenville, SC



*Above left: Winners in decorating contest in Greenville Governing Body meeting.  
Above right: A little work a lot of laughter as IWUSA gets things done.*

## Joan Cotton ~ Immediate Past President

The position of Immediate Past President is one of support and help to our National President as the need arises. It is also the realization of our time as a Board member will soon be over. The knowledge we gain as a member of the Board is important and there will be those times when you might be called upon for our knowledge in how certain rules, ways, and guidelines were developed which resulted in seeing how all of this provided the continual importance and strength of Inner Wheel. It is then the duty of any officer who has served to see it is passed on to new and upcoming officers.

I am pleased to announce the issues with Internal Revenue Service involving the Inner Wheel Club of El Cerrito have been resolved and the clubs' certification as a Non-Profit has been reinstated. It was 4 ½ years ago IWUSA received a copy of a letter sent to the El Cerrito Club revoking their Non-Profit status. All correspondence received from IRS was eventually forwarded to me requesting that I contact IRS and see why this occurred. It took many months of correspondence with IRS and attempting to secure information from their agents as to exactly what the problem was.

Prior to November 15 of each year, IWUSA must file a return with IRS showing no club has an income over \$50,000 in that year. Failure to file a return for consecutive years will result in revoking the Non-Profit status. No fault was done by either El Cerrito Club or IWUSA in filing; however, a final notice when the report is filed electronically stating "Congratulations, IRS has accepted your filing" never reached IWUSA and IRS could not locate their original notice sent to us which stated (and we had a copy of) "Congratulations, IRS has received your report." Because they had no record of a consecutive three year filing, they revoked their status of Non-Profit under the Group Exemption of IWUSA.

I am a very positive person and always feel when something happens that can cause frustrations, it happens for a reason and we learn from it. This past year has been a good working experience with Internal Revenue Service. We were finally assigned one agent from the Non-compliance department to work with. She and I spent hours on the phone reviewing the hundreds of documents and electronic filing notices I had previously sent to IRS as well as two conference calls between she, our CPA and myself. Because of this agent wanting to close the file herself, the movement to bring this issue to a close moved along rather quickly. What I have learned and have passed on to our IWUSA Treasurer and President is electronics are wonderful, but they are not fool-proof. Also, it is extremely important that all acknowledgments received from IRS pertaining to our year end filings, must be stapled to each clubs' Year End Financial Report.

## October Governing Body & Foundation Meetings, October 2018 in Greenville, SC



*Left: IWUSA Foundation Chair Chris Becker is presented the Excellence in Spirit Award by IWUSA President Margie Jones  
Above: IWUSA Secretary Patricia Picard & IPP Joan Cotton converse during a break.  
District 696 Chair Paula Edwards has a great laugh with IPC Yolanda Gonzalez*



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*Top left: IWUSA President Margie Jones leads her board on through many important aspects of business.*

*Below left: IEUSA Foundation Chair Chris Becker (ever the teacher) leads members in an activity of connections.*

*Below right: The "gang" of 7 at the Biltmore House, Ashville, NC on a road trip following the hard work accomplished at the fall meetings of the two boards in Greenville, SC. Annelise Graf (519), Gill Broadaway (696), Suzanne Robinson (696), Connie Abram (519), Jan LeFevre (517), and Jeanette Arnott (517)*



### District 517 ~ Karen Cowan

District 517 events for 2018-19 include: 517/519 Friendship Luncheon in October. Jan LeFevre and Sue Kasper continue to co-chair this event. Each club brings gifts to raffle and enjoy a speaker. Monies raised are split with each District to send to Foundation's Myoelectric Limb Project.

Six club baskets were raffled off at the annual IWUSA District 517 Founder's Day Champagne Brunch in March. Last year, the district was able to again send a check for \$10,000 to the Myoelectric limb Project. 122 guests attended the event – an all time high! Our Founder's Day speaker was Pedro Pimenta who is the new "Carrie Davis". We were also honored to have 13 members from District 519 attend including IWUSA President Margie Jones. Margie presented four members with her IW Excellence Spirit Award. This year, the Alameda Club will host at Sequoia Country Club located in Oakland, CA.

Our six clubs continue to promote friendship and service in their communities. Clubs have supported a variety of programs such as Meals on Wheels, Young Musicians Choral Orchestra, Back-to-School Backpacks, Scholarships to Veterans, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Alzheimer Foundation, Bay Area Women Against Rape, and many more worthy programs.

Each club endeavors to make their communities more aware of Inner Wheel and its goals. Retaining 'old' members and finding new ones continues to be a constant worry. We are encouraging each club to work toward the Year of Achievement Award as well as to recognize people with Margie's IW Excellence Spirit Award. Clubs are aware of the new 3-year IIW social project 2018 – 21 – Caring for Women & Children.





*Districts 517 & 519 at their annual Friendship Luncheon and gather together and support IW's Foundation. The generous wait staff at Zio Fraedo's restaurant were so impressed with the good works of Inner Wheel they donated \$35 to the IWUSA Foundation!*



*'A Fabulous friendship multiplies the good in life'*



*Above: District 519 El Ceritto IW Members create baby layettes at the Martinez Medical Center filling empty cabinets with 98 baby layettes, 50 books and 38 teddy bears.*

*Right, members visit to Redding East Inner Wheel Club.*





## District 519 Chairman ~ Linda Daniel

We continue to drop in membership and consider it the number one priority this year. At our last Board meeting held on October 9th, 2018, the Board voted to have E-Memberships affiliated with existing clubs. E-members would pay membership dues and receive all meeting and project notifications. A pilot program started with one of our clubs and IWUSA President Margie Jones drafted a beginning framework for explaining the membership and recruitment of new members. This is perfect for working women in their 30- 60 age group and those that find their health or age does not allow them to attend meetings. THIS IS A MOST EXCITING PROJECT OF THE YEAR!!! We have also started a District 519 Facebook website. This is new as of August, but we are going to link things from IWUSA and IIW. We want to spread our name, work, mission and purpose. District 519 is continuing to have small projects as part of District Meetings with two different ones this year. In the fall, we will again collect footed Jammies for two area Crisis Nurseries. In the spring we are calling our second project, 'Operation Undercover', and collecting underwear for women and children's shelters.

This added purpose for our District Meetings seems to have a good response as there has been increased attendance at our District meetings. Purpose, Fellowship, and Fun are the guiding planning words for our meetings last year and this year.

On a sobering note - the devastating fires in California claimed the home of one of the members of the East Redding Inner Wheel Club. The reaction and warmth of so many clubs and individuals were heartwarming and so appreciated. East Redding is a small non-districted club, but our District makes the effort to visit their club each year. I believe out of the terrible ashes of the fire will come a renewed value to the loving nature of what we are all about. Funds, cards, notes, gifts all came their direction in short order.



*Left: Elk Grove IW wrapping Christmas presents from Rotary to give to a local Elk Grove school with special needs children. Great job Elk Grove IW and District Chair Linda Daniel.*

*Right: Member Doris Holm is honored with Excellence in Spirit Award*



*East Sacramento members prepare to stuff stockings for aging out foster youth at Sierra Forever Families. They also gather hygiene supplies and needed equipment for Well-spring Women's Center*

**Sierra**  
FOREVERFAMILIES





*Above, Fair Oaks IW members support the Orangevale Food Bank, provide funds for Northridge Elementary School, and books for Trick or Treaters.*



*Above, after a shopping trip, Citrus height IW members share a planning meeting and a sample of the food they bring each month for the local food closets.*

*Below, Orangevale members annual baking fundraiser at the neighborhood sale that supports service projects such as repairing dolls for memory care patients, working in partnership with Trivent.*





*Below left: IW Club of Sacramento members enjoyed decorating cloth pumpkins to take home and enjoy.  
Below right: Katheryn & Sonja putting on finishing touches.  
Center: Finette is pleased with her results.*





*Season's Greetings and a  
Happy New Year to all...  
May 2019 bring each of  
you a year of happiness,  
fulfilment and success.*



*Chris Kirby  
President  
International Inner Wheel*





## District 627 Chairman ~ Donna Weiler

In the spirit of the moto for the coming year, the clubs of 627 have each taken on projects that are for women and children. The season started off with difficulty on the part of each club. A meeting to bring the clubs together had to be canceled. It was a common installation. Communication between clubs is still intact. With illness and deaths, all are still meeting monthly.

Menomonee Falls has had members move. With one at a assisted living they are to meet at the members living arrangement and tour the facilities. When IWUSA had the meeting in Milwaukee the attendance at the luncheon was good. Planning for the year will follow at the monthly meetings. A woman in care facilities is one of their projects.

Racine Inner Wheel is planning to meet seven months a year. The cold and snowy months will not have meetings. The September meeting was at a senior living facility. Jenny hosted the club and entertained them in her new surroundings. All other meetings will take place at the Douglas Diner. Alice is in assisted living. Trying to include all members is their goal. No planned projects are on the calendar.

Kenosha Inner Wheel, after attending the IWUSA Meeting in Milwaukee tried to gather all three clubs of the district together for common installation. Our meeting and board meeting had to be canceled. Installation of officers at the September meeting was at a luncheon. Discussion of projects and yearly planning was included. Foundation raffle was held and the note cards were sold. Money raised will be sent to Foundation. The year projects were decided and monthly gathering for the Shalom center will include easily used items for families leaving the facility. Lists of needs for the individuals were personal, laundry and daily living kitchen items. The Christmas Project is for the Women and Children Horizons of a comprehensive list of personal needs for as much as we can collect. The generosity of our members will certainly be tested. We are also reaching out to our members that are homebound and ill. Friendship in the club has been gracious and appreciated.

Jean Muth as editor and Diane Naidicz as treasurer have encouraged our club to work toward IW Excellence Spirit Award. Their leadership has been exemplary in keeping our club functional. Leaders with Friendship have kept the club meeting. Our membership is down to 16 this year. Health has been why we are losing members.



OLD FRIENDS ARE LIKE LEGO  
PIECES . . .  
YOU CAN FIND ONE  
IN THE STRANGEST PLACE  
YEARS LATER  
& FIND IT FITS  
JUST LIKE IT DID  
WHEN IT WAS BRAND NEW.





## District 696 Chairman ~ Paula Edwards

The Installation ceremony was held at our District meeting on June 2, 2018. The Installation was facilitated by our incoming IWUSA Vice President Gill Broadaway and what a treat that was. Our District Foundation Chair, De-lores Donnelly was our guest speaker & shared an informative and enlightening presentation about the Manatee. August 4, we held a Zoom Video Conference Planning Meeting for the District Club officers and Board members, and on August 25 we held another for the District Executive officers, Board members, and Club Presidents. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 27 and will be hosted by Haines City. The meeting will include a silent auction geared towards raising funds for the Foundation. Plans are underway for me in my capacity as District Chair to attend our District's meeting to present officer nominees including our very own Gill Broadaway for IWUSA President nomination. Additionally, plans are underway to visit the various Clubs in District 696 to include a planned trip for the membership in Louisiana in February 2019. I am eager to visit our clubs and their community/service projects. I am especially eager to visit the IW Club of Baton Rouge consisting of about 126 members who raise thousands of dollars each year to help the community by their annual "Trash and Treasure" sale.

Recognizing the importance of education, IW Club of Fort Myers donated socks, underwear and other items to the Emergency Closet at the historic Tice Elementary School, in Fort Myers, Florida to assist kids and their families who struggle to prepare for the school year.

This year will make it 10 years that the IW Club of Slidell has completed the requirements and received the Year of Achievement award. Special appreciation to Jane Alford for her leadership and efforts in this quest. Additionally, IW Club of Slidell received a \$1,000 contribution from the Heritage Festival, July 4 celebration as a recognition for their service in the community.

Kudos to the twenty-two Charter members of the IW Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana who were honored recently by receiving the IWUSA Excellent Spirit Award for their contributions to the club over the last 29 years. Additionally, 20+ new members have recently joined Inner Wheel Club of Baton Rouge.

The IW Club of St. Thomas found a permanent location and solidified a day which allowed the club to resume monthly meetings beginning August 2018 after having been displaced due to two devastating hurricanes in September of 2017.

I am delighted to report that our clubs, by way of its members, have donated significantly to the IWUSA Foundation and pledges to continue in this effort. IW Club of Avon Park has initiated their community service project for troop members with the collection of gift items, toiletries, candies, coffee, etc.

The remaining clubs in our District continue in their quest to complete ongoing community service projects which will be highlighted in our upcoming District Newsletter and other Governing Body meetings as these projects are completed.

Communication with the Clubs is ongoing & highlights the need for members to fill leadership roles and complete correlating trainings, schedule calendar events, and follow-up with club members and families.

All clubs were encouraged to fully embrace the meaning of the theme to "Empower and Evolve" to advance our individual clubs and the Inner Wheel Organization at large. As shared previously, we do this by honing in on who we are and what we do with greater passion, creativity, and resolve to bring others along on the journey.

Special appreciation is extended to Maleah Hinkle, Suzanne Robinson and Gill Broadaway – Inner Wheel USA Vice President for their work on updating and revising our 2018-19 District Directory which will be distributed shortly.



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TRUE  
FRIENDSHIP



PROMOTE THE  
IDEALS OF  
PERSONAL  
SERVICE



FOSTER  
INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERSTANDING



*Above left: Avon Park IW members Joan Fisher & Fran Beers help to back goodies for our military troops.*

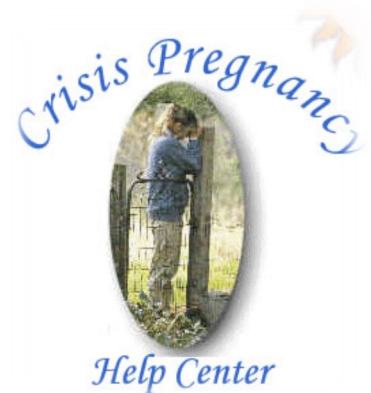
*Below left: Myo-limb recipient Gabby shares a giggle with her sister at Dist 696 Meeting*

*Below center: Fran pins newest Avon Park member Chantel Gilmore*

*Below right: A check for \$250 is presented to Alice Lyons for the Ila and Kinsley Cox Memorial Fund*



*Slidell IW Club members placed Christmas wreaths at the Veterans Cemetery and support the Crisis Pregnancy Center with needed supplies.*







*Twenty two Charter members of the Inner Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana were honored recently by receiving the IW USA Excellent Spirit Award for their contributions to the club over the last 29 years. The club of about 126 members raises thousands of dollars each year to help the community by their annual "Trash and Treasure" sale. Another great example of Inner Wheelers working together to help those in need!*

*Right: Fort Myers IW Club members donated socks & underwear to the Emergency Closet at Tice Elementary School.*

*Below: Exchange of banners with Surekha Parma of New Panvel, D. 313, India.*



**TICE**  
ELEMENTARY





*Above left: Dunedin North IW Club member Terry Rejko provided the program with a history lesson on stringed instruments; cello, viola and violin. She then displayed her amazing talent by playing her viola.*

*Below center & left: Member, Jody Craig, welcomed everyone to Women on the Way and introduced Rosemary King who is employed by the college and manages the program.*

*WOW has been a resource for students for 37 years.*

*Below right: Melba Rilott (right) is presenting the IW pin to new member Ruth Alber.*





## District 767 Chairman ~ Sherry Harris



*Above left: Shirley Popp is being installed as Vice Chair of District 767 by Frances Rose*  
*Above right: Suzane Sadofsky, IW Westchester is presented with the Excellence Spirit Award*  
*Center left: Linda Palm, co-president of IW Stamford Hobart presents IWUSA President Margie Jones with a banner*  
*Center right: Beth Troutman was a terrific speaker*  
*Below left: Miriam Fisher, Chris Becker, and Dist Chair Sherry Harris share at district 767 meeting in Statesville, NC.*



## District 767 ~ Sherry Harris con't.



*Above left: The present and past chairmen of IW Foundation when District #767 met in Statesville NC in October of this year  
Above right: Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel Club distributing dictionaries to the local third grade class, a tradition the club has held for several years.*

*Below: Welcome to Plantation Estates—our NEW Inner Wheel Club in Charlotte, NC to be chartered in March 2019!!*



*Left: Happy Birthday wishes to Graciela "Gracie" Millin - Charter Member and Past President of IW Club of St. Thomas  
Right: Members enjoy the Christmas spirit*



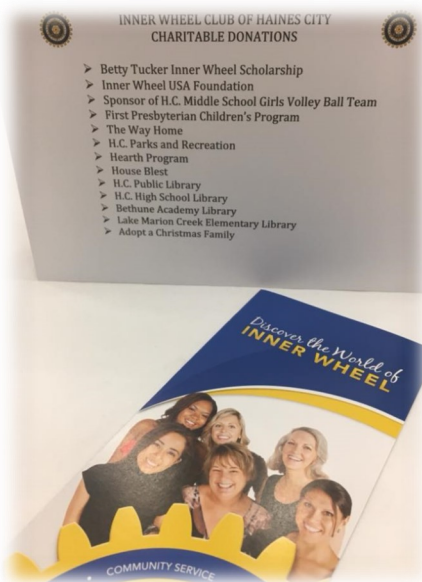




*Top left & right: December Meeting was a potluck dinner  
Below left & right: wrapping Christmas presents for our adopted family!*

*Haines City IW Club hosted a November fundraiser luncheon to support their projects.*

*Bottom: Haines City member enjoy each other & the good work they do in their community.*





A Big Texas Howdy!!! – As our 2019 IWUSA National Conference in San Antonio approaches, plans are being made to welcome members throughout the United States. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate and share in the success and enjoyment of our 11th Inner Wheel USA Conference.

The Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel is right on The River Walk, where there are many restaurants, bars, nature, and public artwork. It is about 20-30 minutes from airport to the hotel depending on arrival time.

Arrangements have been made with the City Sightseeing Company about the Hop On-Hop Off Bus. They will offer us a 2 day bus tour pass + 3rd day Free. Hours are (8:40-5:30PM). There are 19 stops one being in front of our hotel. This also includes the River Walk Boat Cruise to use anytime during our stay. Visit [citysightseeingsanantonio.com](http://citysightseeingsanantonio.com)

In addition, there is a free award winning 30-minute Video/Art projection “San Antonio/The Saga”, in the Main Plaza on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 9PM, 9:30PM and 10PM, which tells about the local history of San Antonio.

If you want to come early or stay after the conference book NOW, as there are only a small number of rooms available at conference rate. Group rate available Sept. 1 - 9th. 2019.

Many Inner Wheel members have requested workshops to learn more about the workings of our wonderful organization. These workshops are being planned for Wednesday afternoon, September 4th. You can sign up for the workshop(s) on your registration form.

Wednesday Morning and Evening are free to do as you wish.

Thursday morning, District 767 is hosting a Walk-A-Thon in honor of our Foundation. Join us for fun!!

Lunch on Thursday will honor the Past Presidents and Past Foundation Chairs. Please share as we honor these women who have served our organization faithfully for many years. Beth Troutman will be our wonderful Guest Speaker!!

A visit to Texas would not be complete without visiting a Texas Longhorn Ranch! We'll have our Opening Ceremony, go for a hayride, have games to play, and feast on Texas Bar-B-Que. There will be lots of time to renew friendships and make new ones. We expect to have Inner Wheel members from other countries to join us.

On Friday morning, the Foundation will hold a Trustee meeting & be followed by the Foundation Luncheon with a terrific speaker, Pedro Pimenta. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Friday afternoon and evening will give you an opportunity to explore all San Antonio has to offer.

Saturday morning, we ask all conference attendees to attend the breakfast as we will have a Memorial Service to honor our members who have passed on in the last three years.

Following that, the Inner Wheel Governing Body will hold their Business Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Lunch on Saturday is for all! Come celebrate Inner Wheel with our IIW President Phyllis Charter who will speak to us.

Saturday evening is the final event of the conference with a formal Installation of our IWUSA Officers and IWUSA Foundation Trustees, local entertainment and a delicious meal. A chance to say good byes!

Please note the last day to make Conference reservations is July 31, 2019.

We hope this has answered your questions. If you need more information, please contact:

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