



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

What an honor it has been for me to serve as your IWUSA President for these last two years! I have had a chance to travel this grand country to visit with many of our Inner Wheel clubs. Such a pleasure it has been to put faces with names and get a chance to meet the IW ladies that love our organization. Prior to becoming more involved with my IW District 519 and then IWUSA, I did not completely understand how wide our Inner Wheel circle is all over the US and world. Inner Wheel has worldwide 3,895 clubs in 103 countries with over 103,000 members! Looking back on my two years, I can truly say that it has been such an amazing experience. I encourage each of you to take on leadership roles in your club, district or IWUSA! I NOW can personally attest to the fantastic Inner Wheel Spirit you have shared with me and let you know that each of you is SO valuable to our organization! IW is making a difference in the lives of so many—thank you for the numerous ways your club/district supports others! Thank you for the chance to know so many of you through our Inner Wheel friendships!

Our March IWUSA Governing Body meeting in Las Vegas was honored to have our IIW President Christine Kirby from Australia join us! Chris has such a great sense of humor, down to earth outlook on life and a true role model for all IW members that all of us in attendance cherished our time with her. It was helpful to get input from Chris K. and IIW regarding clarification on the Margarette Golding Award criteria, IWUSA clubs receiving IIW election ballots timely and having a cost effective way to send in dues money to IIW. (Check out the report about her visit on the IIW website under Presidential Visits!)

After our meetings in Las Vegas, Chris Kirby and I traveled to Matthews, NC to have the honor of participating in the chartering of the new Inner Wheel Club of Plantation Estates in District 767. Thanks to Miriam Fisher, Past IWUSA President and current IIW Director, for getting this club formed and bringing forth the Inner Wheel spirit to the lovely ladies of Plantation Estates. It is very exciting for IWUSA to have a new club in our country!!!

I'm hoping many of your clubs will end the year in a positive way as we get ready for continuing or new officers to take over club duties. Remember to Empower & Evolve:

- ◆ Complete and send in the Club Year of Achievement Award—due June 30, 2019 to your district chairman—criteria and form under “forms” on iwusa.com
- ◆ Celebrate and nominate IW members who are worthy of an IW Excellence Spirit Award—Gill Broadaway has indicated she will continue this award for 2019-20.
- ◆ Bring in new members or new “E” (electronic) members that help our clubs grow and thrive! (Information on E Members is available on the home page of iwusa.com)

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2018—19 Governing Body:

- Margie Jones, President, National Representative
- Gill Broadaway, Vice President
- Joan Cotton, Immediate Past President
- Rosemary Lamb, Secretary
- Linda Howard, Treasurer
- Becky Donhost, Editor
- Lola Chase, Constitution Chair
- Karen Cowan, Dist. 517 Chair
- Linda Daniel, Dist. 519 Chair
- Donna Weiler, Dist. 627 Chair
- Paula Edwards, Dist. 696 Chair
- Sherry Harris, Dist. 767 Chair

Foundation Bd. Of Trustees:

- Chris Becker, Chairman
- Janice LeFevre, Vice Chairman
- Patricia Picard, Secretary
- Connie Abram, Financial Officer

Sunshine:

- Lola Chase, ggccret@aol.com
- Judy Wylde, jawylde2@gmail.com

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- ♦ Attend the IWUSA Conference in San Antonio, Texas Sept 3-8, 2019 with speakers, workshops, Texas Ranch BBQ, Hilton Hotel on the River Walk, 2019-20 IIW President, Phyllis Charter in attendance! See iwusa.com for all registration and information! Deadline July 31st!!
- ♦ Remind IW Club Treasurers to send the June bank statement, end of year club Financial report and DUES to Linda Howard, IWUSA Treasurer at 403 Deauville Rd., Statesville, NC 28625 as this is necessary to keep our non profit status current with the IRS. Thank you!

Our mission and joy of helping others is too vital to let it fade away. Set a goal next year to bring in one or more new members! Thanks the commitment you all have to our Inner Wheel ideals of Friendship, Personal Service and International understanding! Have a wonderful summer season and thanks once again for your Inner Wheel service and friendship!

Please note my new address and home phone number: 3001 Latham Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864; cell 916.806.9225/home: 916.359.1131

East Coast Sunshine ~ Judy Wylde

I continue to send get well, sympathy cards, etc. to hopefully send some rays of sunshine to all who receive them. Please continue to let me know when sunshine is needed.



West Coast Sunshine ~ Lola Chase



I would like to think that most everyone within the Inner Wheel circle has been very healthy since our last meeting or that hardly any notification has been forthcoming with information. I have sent out 13 cards to families and members over the past 5 months. Please keep the reports coming, I know the members do appreciate the attention.

- * Jody Griffing's husband Don passed away following a long illness. Her address: 1303 Talbott Court, Avon Park, FL 33825-9737
- * Fran Turknett (IWUSA President 1991-1992) passed away; cards can be sent to the family of Fran Turknett, 5845 White Sands Road, Keystone Heights, FL 32656-8449
- * Linda Howard, IW National treasurer, recently had hip surgery; 403 Deauville Road, Statesville NC 28625
- * Melba Rilott just had a pacemaker installed. She is a Past Foundation Chairman 2002-2004; 1337 Westlake Blvd, Palm Harbor, FL 34683-3835

Chris Becker ~ IWUSA Foundation



When Arath was featured in the June 2017 Foundation newsletter, we discovered that he was getting ready to enter middle school and had become an avid drummer thanks to his myoelectric limb first fitted in 2012 when he was seven years old.

Fast forward two years and Trustee Maggie Spears is thrilled to report that now, at age 14, Arath is graduating to a bright red "Hero Arm".

The Hero Arm is the first ever medically approved 3-D printed bionic arm. The arm is manufactured by the United Kingdom company—Open Bionics.

Custom fitted for children as young as eight, the Hero Arm is adjustable, breathable, lightweight, strong and can lift 16 pounds. In working with Hanger, Open Bionics has approved the Hero Arm for Arath at no cost so that he may provide feedback to them. Looks like this may be the beginning of a wonderful partnership between Hanger and Open Bionics.

To learn more about the Hero Arm visit:
www.openbionics.com



IWUSA & IW Foundation & International IW Communication Links:

- * Inner Wheel U. S. A. Website:
www.innerwheelusa.com
- * Contact IWUSA President
margiegarmanjones@gmail.com
- * 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
cbecker13@gmail.com
- * International Inner Wheel
www.internationalinnerwheel.org
- * IW on Facebook
www.facebook.com/internationalinnerwheel



Editor ~ Becky Donhost

Please enjoy the final edition of *In the Wheel* for 2018-2019. Members should be very happy reading about the wonderful efforts of IW across the USA! Each and every report that I received encouraged me to marvel at what we can do in our clubs. Even as many reported the loss of members due to age, health, and death, we continue to stand true to the Objects of Inner Wheel.

Please keep me informed of changes in address/information with your club members. It is very important to keep this information current.
becks2bz@yahoo.com

The next *In the Wheel* will contain the happenings of our September Conference in San Antonio, TX. Look forward to some great tails of International and National friendships! So to Board members, District Chairmen, and Club Presidents—mark your calendars now.

» December 1, 2019

Send in the Template. The Template has been updated and 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. With new technology, type written hard copies that come in the US mail can now be published. Unfortunately, hand written (if too long) cannot be published.

Bring love
wherever
you go.
Shine light
wherever
it's dark.
Leave blessings
wherever
you've been.
Be kind
wherever
you are.
mary davis

Treasurer's Report ~ Linda Howard

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	Jul 1, '18 - Mar 7, 19
Income	
BANK CHARGE CREDIT	11.25
IIW DIRECTORIES	148.00
INTEREST INCOME	1.61
MEMBERS DUES	23,934.75
Total Income	24,095.61
Gross Profit	24,095.61
Expense	
ACCOUNTING	650.00
BANK CHARGES	115.00
BOARD TRAVEL FALL	3,013.39
DIRECTORY	
IIW DIRECTORIES	300.41
IWUSA DIRECTORY	337.50
Total DIRECTORY	637.91
IIW MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,659.83
INSURANCE	
D & O INSURANCE	831.50
Total INSURANCE	831.50
IWUSA CONFERENCE EXPE...	1,500.00
IWUSA Officer Gifts	217.58
MEMBER DUES - REFUND	303.75
NEWSLETTER	695.79
OFFICERS EXPENSE	
PRESIDENT	1,809.01
SECRETARY	17.55
Total OFFICERS EXPENSE	1,826.56
POSTAGE.SHIPPING.PO BOX	435.13
Total Expense	13,886.44
Net Income	10,209.17



Constitution/By Laws ~ Lola Chase

The committee has had a couple of conversations by phone since our last meeting. Our thanks to Joan Cotton for the work she has done on the Handbook these past few months. We will have a meeting during the session of the Governing Body meeting that will hopefully finalize the amendments to be presented to the Conference in September.

Advice From a Tree



Dear Friend,
 Stand Tall and Proud
 Sink your roots deeply into the Earth
 Reflect the light of a greater source
 Think long term
 Go out on a limb
 Remember your place among all living beings
 Embrace with joy the changing seasons
 For each yields its own abundance
 The Energy and Birth of Spring
 The Growth and Contentment of Summer
 The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall
 The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter
 Feel the wind and the sun
 And delight in their presence
 Look up at the moon that shines down upon you
 And the mystery of the stars at night.
 Seek nourishment from the good things in life
 Simple pleasures
 Earth, fresh air, light
 Be content with your natural beauty
 Drink plenty of water
 Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes
 Be flexible
 Remember your roots
 Enjoy the view!
 Ilan Shamir

Gill Broadway ~ IWUSA Vice President

IWUSA President Margie and I have been working on our Fall 2019 Conference. We updated Registration and Information forms for our conference. District 696 Past District Chair Sue Robinson and I have worked on the agenda for the Gala Dinner and the Luncheon with Past Presidents and Past Foundation Chairs. I thank all District Chairs and other members who are working to make our Conference "memorable for all"!!

In early February, I checked with clubs in District 627 and my District 696 after finding out my club had not received voting documents. None of the 13 clubs had received paperwork from IIW. I contacted President Margie to report this. I then downloaded all voting documents from the IIW website, printed out ballots on the proper color of paper, and mailed to all 13 clubs. In the past couple of years, we had a few clubs, but this year is definitely the worst. I hope to talk with IIW President Chris to see where the breakdown is and how we can correct it.

Also, in early February, I started looking at the IWUSA Calendar of Dates and created a shortened version for the rest of the year for Districts 696 and 627, stressing importance of following the calendar, so year-end financial reports could be completed in a timely manner.

I would ask each District Chairman to review the calendar and share important dates with your club Presidents and Treasurers. We have clubs and districts that wait until June to write checks to charitable organizations. I would suggest that charitable giving be done in May so clubs and districts can close their books on June 30 and have their Income and Expense reports to the National Treasurer no later than July 30.

On February 21, I represented IWUSA at Dunedin North's Foundation Banquet. A week before the banquet, Banquet Chairman Melba Rilott called Chris Becker and me in a panic! There was a scheduling problem for the guest speaker. Chris stepped in and gave a wonderful presentation on our Foundation.

I am happy to report that all clubs and District 627 have officers for this coming year. However, at the District level, age of members, health, weather, and distance continues to be a struggle for them. For clubs with older members, it is all about "Friendship".

Spring Governing Body & Foundation Meetings, March 2019, Las Vegas, NV

Left: It was "all hands on deck" as the meetings got underway. Special guest IIW President Chris Kirby joined the event and spent all 4 days with us while sharing her inspiration and good natured humor as we got through the business at hand.

Right: Visiting from the Inner Wheel Club of East Sacramento, Club Mascot Cali Bear attended the meetings and was quite prepared with food, drink, & attention!

Below right: IWUSA President Margie Jones presents the IW Spirit of Excellence Award to IIW President Chris. We are truly grateful for her leadership that encourages us to "empower & evolve"!



Joan Cotton ~ Immediate Past President

This past year as Immediate Past President, I have assisted our Constitution Chairman in updating the IWUSA Handbook with the changes voted on and approved at our meetings as well as worked with incoming President Gill with future ideas for changes and condensing our current Handbook.

While the IWUSA Handbook and the Bylaws and Standing Rules must never conflict with the International Constitution, our Handbook needs some revisions to allow members to be able to easily find rules necessary for Districts and Clubs to run their areas in a way that does not conflict with the Handbook. More importantly, sometimes it is very hard to find where certain rules, qualifications, and the "how to" are located. Also, there is an "understanding" of how we do certain things that is not written for Districts, Clubs, etc. to follow. It has been traditionally done a certain way, but not put into writing. As we continue to grow and have new officers and members take over, these things need to be a part of the Handbook and the reason of why we do certain things.

This is my last year of holding an office with Inner Wheel. These past years have been a wonderful trip. Beginning as a member of Inner Wheel, moving on to holding an office on the club, district, national levels and the joy of serving on the IIW Board has been a journey I will never forget. I maintain that each step along the way in Inner Wheel gives you the opportunity to meet so many wonderful ladies and brings so much enjoyment in serving this great organization.

I wish all of you well, I welcome new members and officers. And while I will no longer have a position on the board, I will always be a member AND I am always available to assist in any area of this great organization.

March Governing Body & Foundation Meetings, March 2019, Las Vegas, NV



Top left: Foundation Board members at your service! Right: IIW President Chris Kirby gets a chance to try out the Myoelectric arm

Center left: Chris Becker, Connie Abram & Jan LeFevre are honored for their service to the Foundation as they earn a well deserved retirement.; center: Laurel McFarland gets chummy with Connie Abram; right: gearing up with a display of the prosthetic arms;

*Bottom left: Chris Becker honors IIW Prez Chris Kirby
Happy 30th Birthday celebration to IW Foundation!*

District 517 ~ Karen Cowan

Founder's Day is District 517's main activity. As usual, each club prepares a beautiful basket filled with a variety of items including cash, jewelry, wine, olive oil, plants, and other items. Club members sell raffle tickets for these baskets. The money collected goes directly to the USA Foundation Myoelectric Limb Project. We are pleased to send \$10,000 in support of the project.

This year's event was hosted by the Alameda club taking place at the beautiful Oakland Sequoia Country club. IWUSA President Margie Jones presented San Leandro Club with the Year of Achievement Award.

One hundred and ten guests attended the event. Our Founders' Day speaker was Mona Patel from Hanger Clinic. We were also honored to have 4 members from District 519 attend including USA President Margie Jones.

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 "International IW Social Project for 2018-2019" Caring for Women and Children.

New Officers for the 2019-2020 year were elected. District Chair: Gloria Vasconcellos (San Leandro), Vice Chair: Jan Smith (Niles/Fremont), Secretary: Jeanetta Arenott (San Leandro), Treasurer: Lynette Fluche, Foundation: Patricia Picard (Niles/Fremont)



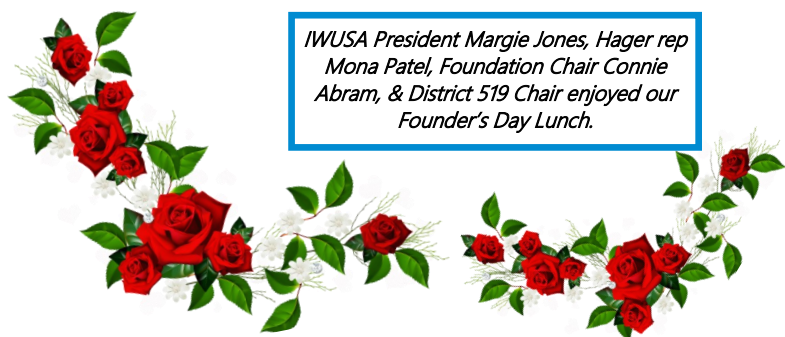
IWUSA President Margie Jones, Hager rep Mona Patel, Foundation Chair Connie Abram, & District 519 Chair enjoyed our Founder's Day Lunch.

IW Club of Alameda ~ Sharon Gardner

We were busy preparing to host the District 517 Myoelectric Limb Project's annual brunch. We had a wonderful showing of support from our District. Members and guests were present from many areas of Central California. Mona Patel, from Hanger Clinic was our speaker. She was a delight, sharing her experiences with her limb prosthesis. It was amazing to see what she has accomplished while retaining a very upbeat personality with her leadership skills.

Our monthly meeting summarized and evaluated our event. Our speaker from Alameda Community Food Bank shared some of their recipes from their new cook book. The editor shared stories about putting it together and how they will benefit from their sales. We learned about their donations and the benefits of their volunteer efforts in our city.

Our final meeting will be a no-host dinner at the Encina Yacht Club before we break for the summer.



IW Club of Cupertino ~ ~ Kay Lohmiller & Rita Whitmer

Our club has enjoyed a busy winter of activities. In February several members attended the Founder's Day brunch at Sequoyah Country Club. We were pleased that Cupertino Club raised \$2000 in auction ticket sales to donate to the IWUSA Foundation. In addition, Kay Lohmiller hosted a fun "Bunco Night" on February 28. That event raised \$100 for the club treasury.

Our service project with Our Daily Bread, a local soup kitchen, has continued to thrive. Three of our members, Lois Kershner, Janet Riddle, and Heidi Hagenlocher volunteer every Monday and do food prep and serving. In addition, several other members volunteer on the third Monday of every month as servers.

On April 7, we celebrated our 15th annual Bocce Ball event at Compo di Bocce in Los Gatos. Members contributed \$50 gift cards to a silent auction. After playing bocce ball and enjoying a delicious Italian buffet, we found out who the highest bidders were in the auction. This evening of fellowship and fundraising is a highlight of our IW year!

Inner Wheel Club of Livermore, CA ~ ~ June Bedford

- ◆ Kick off meeting. Discussed upcoming projects and signups for committees.
- ◆ Dream Day to Filoli gardens. Invited nonmembers to spur interest in our club.
- ◆ Christmas Event. Individual hostesses decorated their tables of 8 with all the Christmas finery. Donations were accepted to the Giving Fund.
- ◆ Work parties assembled, organized and filled auction baskets for The Rotary Club of Livermore. Set up at the event and received a \$1000 donation to our Giving Fund.
- ◆ Wine Tasting Event. Gathered together to review past events and voted on 2019-2020 officers. 2 guests committed to joining our club in the fall!
- ◆ Mary Lou Lowell Award Tea. A lovely tea and lunch to honor a member for her outstanding service to her club and community. A rose bush and plaque were presented.

Our final Installation meeting will be held on May 22. We will have several guests and a guest speaker with salads and desserts provided by the membership.

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA ~ Gloria Vasconcellos

Membership is 40 with a loss of 2 and a gain of 2. One member is an E-Member.

We corresponded with clubs in District 627 Racine, Wisconsin; District 696 Fort Meyers, Florida; District 767 Charlotte, North Carolina; District A52 Wyong, Australia; District A54 Alburg, Australia; District 707 Ontario, Canada. San Leandro received nice Christmas greeting/letter from Sapporo, Japan club.

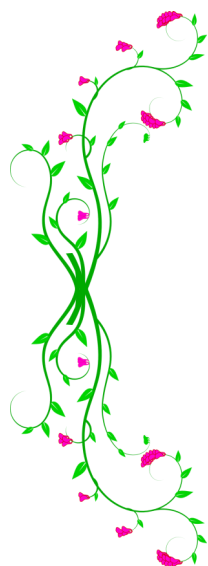
Inner Wheel of San Leandro had events and projects that encouraged empowerment as we evolved this past year.

- ◆ Worked with the Rotary Club at their Crab Feed and donated baskets to raffle. These events were attended by various members.
- ◆ We had a great night at Chanticleers Theater in October and raised \$1156 for local charities. We have already bought the house for next October 25. The play will be Cabaret. This is a fun night of friendship.
- ◆ We again this year delivered 360 Rape Care Kits to BAWAR (Bay Area Women Against Rape). The kits are always received with gratitude, as they are needed and distributed to various hospitals. Gift cards were also delivered to Children's Hospital for families of abused children.
- ◆ We had a great turn out at the Founder's Day Brunch in at Sequoia Country Club in Oakland. We raised \$1500 from our raffle for the Foundation.
- ◆ Our Chile Cookoff at the home of Christy & Sherry Barnes in March was a great success. We raised more than \$1700 for local charities. This is always a fun event.
- ◆ The Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on April 7th was an added fundraiser this year that raised another \$551.75 for local charities. It was a fun event with a wonderful Buffet.
- ◆ Lynnette Flusche and I attended The IWUSA Governing Board Meetings held in Las Vegas. It was very informative. We were able to meet and spend time with our International Inner Wheel President Chris Kirby, who is just a delight! Some saw Celine Dion and the Beatles Cirque de soleil shows. It was a great opportunity to learn, share and meet new friends. Both Lynnette & I were installed at the District Installation of Officers in May.

IW Club of Niles Fremont ~ Patricia Picard

We are excited to report that we have accomplished TWO of the Year of Achievement Award qualifications - we have 5 new members and we have donated to the IWUSA Foundation over \$1000. We plan to accomplish the Community Communications qualification as well as the National and International Club Relations qualifications. We are excited to once again achieve this recognition. Club activities:

- ♦ September: Our goal this year is to have regular meetings every second Tuesday of the month. We had our meeting at a local restaurant, Massimo's, because another goal of the club this year is to support our local businesses. We had a great attendance and made plans for our upcoming year.
- ♦ October: fun business meeting at La Casita Restaurant that finalized plans for the year. 12 members attended.
- ♦ November: a smaller board meeting to discuss business items needing attention was held early in the month. Later in the month, we had our Annual Christmas Tea to benefit the IWUSA Foundation. Over 70 attended making it a huge success. We enjoyed friendship and shared our Foundation with many members of our community. Everyone enjoyed delicious tea, sandwiches, desserts and some shopping afterwards: We raised \$1216 for the Foundation from the tea and another \$645 from community members that attended. Total raised was \$1863! Thanks goes to Immediate Past President Marlene Weibel for her time and talent. Marlene did a wonderful job organizing this yearly event. She has the date for next year's tea: Friday, December 6, 2019. Be sure to put it on your calendar as this event sells out quickly each year.
- ♦ December was a quiet month after the big event on the last day of November.
- ♦ January: meeting was held at Saki's Spin-a-Yarn. 18 members attended and one guest joined us. We tried a new idea that we learned about at our district meetings - a Shuvunda Gift Exchange. Each member brought a gently used item from home that was ready for a new home. As in White Elephant exchanges, we chose to open a new gift or steal from another member. It was fun and we all went home with a new treasure. A delicious meal completed our Christmas celebration together.
- ♦ February: District Founder's Day Brunch. Many members are planning to attend as we look forward to hearing guest speaker, Mona Patel from Hanger Clinic. We will hold our business meeting at Das Brew.
- ♦ March: club meeting will include a local author and a book exchange as a fundraiser. Bring old books from home no longer wanted so anyone can grab books asking a \$1 donation for each book taken.
- ♦ April: meeting will include lunch and a matinee.
- ♦ May: hosting a Restaurant Fundraiser.
- ♦ June: installation of club officers.



A little girl climbed up onto her grandmother's lap and asked, "Did God make me?"

Yes, the grandma replied.

"Did he make you too?," she asked.

"Why, yes He did." said the grandma.

"Well," the little girl said, looking at the wrinkles and thinning hair, "He sure is doing a better job nowadays."



March Governing Body & Foundation Meetings, March 2019, Las Vegas, NV



Clockwise at the top center: IIW Prez Kirby presents Dist 519 Chair Linda Daniel with her banner; Prez Kirby with Dist 519 members Norma Trillia and Sue Mulvihill; not all work—a night with the Beatles; Exec Body Board members; IIWUSA Immediate Past Prez Joan Cotton got the gears going; Dist 696 Chair Paula Edwards presents her banner to IIW Prez Kirby; Norma Trillia shares her club's proud moment; what happens in Vegas doesn't necessarily stay in Vegas.



Excellence Spirit Awards presented 2017—2019

2017-2018

Jody Griffing, Avon Park
 Anna Moore, Matthew Mint Hill
 Diane Guilford, Statesville
 Diane Naidicz, Kenosha
 Janice LeFevre, Saratoga
 Jeanetta Arenott, San Leandro
 Marlene Weibel, Niles-Fremont
 Marie Smith, Niles- Fremont
 Jean Muth, Kenosha
 Rhonda Slusser, Citrus Heights
 Joan Buntin, Citrus Heights
 Judi Marietti, Citrus Heights
 Norma Trillia, El Cerrito
 Dr. Kapila Gupta, IIW President 2017-18
 Terrie O'Donnell, Fair Oaks
 Bev McGlothlin, East Sacramento
 Becky Donhost, East Sacramento
 Annelise Graf, Orangevale
 Pat Palmer, Fort Myers
 Joan Cotton, IWUSA Imm Past President
 Gill Broadaway, IWUSA VP & Haines City
 Connie Abram, IWUSA Foundation Financial Officer
 Jane Love, North Jacksonville
 Dottie Hobbs, North Jacksonville
 Suzanne Robinson, St. Thomas
 Yvonne Savoie, Metairie
 Gloria Osoinach, Metairie
 Flor Ward, Metairie
 Shirley Popp, Stamford-Hobart
 Gwen-Marie Moolenaar, St. Thomas
 Bev Brown, East Sacramento

2018-19

Doris Holm, Elk Grove
 Suzane Sadofsky, Westchester
 Keigh Ballard, Baton Rouge
 J'on Blumberg, Baton Rouge
 Frances Brinson, Baton Rouge
 Sandra Campbell, Baton Rouge
 Pat Dale, Baton Rouge
 Marilyn Ehr, Baton Rouge
 Sharon Fields, Baton Rouge
 Jan Gilbert, Baton Rouge
 Billie Harvill, Baton Rouge
 Bootsie Hundermer, Baton Rouge
 Donna Jully, Baton Rouge
 Ruthie Kean, Baton Rouge
 Susan Lipsey, Baton Rouge
 Mary Nell Netteville, Baton Rouge
 Ruth Pace, Baton Rouge
 Louise "Weesie" Prosser, Baton Rouge
 Sue Rainer, Baton Rouge
 Bobbie Stiglets, Baton Rouge
 Kay Toups, Baton Rouge
 Joan Wharton, Baton Rouge
 Becky Wilson, Baton Rouge
 Ann "Nancy" Valluzzo, Baton Rouge
 JoAnne Ellis, Charlotte
 Julia Hite, Charlotte
 Frances Rose, Newton Conover
 Yolanda Gonzalez, Flagstaff
 Christine Becker, Stamford Hobart
 Heidi Case, Westchester
 Janet McWilliams, Fair Oaks
 Christine Kirby, IIW President 2018-19
 Miriam Fisher, Matthews-Mint Hill
 Melba Rilott, Dunedin North
 Linda Daniel, Citrus Heights
 Laurel McFarland, Sacramento
 Rosemary Lamb, Fair Oaks
 Maleah Hinkle, Haines City
 Vicky Magas, Slidell
 Fran Beers, Avon Park
 Kathy Henricks, Citrus Heights
 Beverley Lewis, Citrus Heights
 Susan Kasper, Citrus Heights
 Maggie McLaughlin-Jordon, Citrus Heights



IW Club of Saratoga, CA ~ Joyce DeCarlo & Jan LeFevre

- ♦ August: we had the pleasure of having brunch with Ursha Grawal, from the IW Club of New Delhi, India whom we had met several years ago when she visited her daughter. We enjoyed catching up on families, club activities, and club news.
- ♦ October: Saratoga members attended Districts' 517 & 519 Friendship Luncheon in Vallejo, Co-Chaired by Sue Kasper, District 519, and Jan LeFevre, District 517. Instead of a speaker, we played a competitive game 'Do You Know?' created by Jeanetta Arenott and Janice LeFevre. Members were tested on their Inner Wheel knowledge, with miscellaneous questions thrown in to confound everyone. The winning group correctly answered 20 out of 26 questions. Thanks to attendees' generosity, we netted \$710, the most ever from our raffle gifts. The funds were divided between our districts to benefit of the Myoelectric Limb Project. In addition, \$35 was donated by the restaurant servers, who saw the MLP posters of recipient children's pictures and asked members about Inner Wheel. They were impressed by our Foundation and we were equally impressed with their donation. We invited them in to give them a hearty Inner Wheel thanks with a round of applause!
- ♦ "Thanks-for-Giving" is Saratoga's traditional celebration the Sunday before Thanksgiving and held at the home of Janice LeFevre. We were delighted to have our past District 517 Chair Jeanetta Arenott and husband Ray, join us along with other Rotarians and friends who are very supportive of IW. Everyone brought their favorite companion, a hearty hors d'oeuvre, and a 'package of diapers'. This is one of our favorite parties with a good turnout, lots of delicious food, with fun and friendship. Afterward, we delivered a carload of diapers to Sacred Heart Community Center that offers a wide range of services to low income families. The Center had expressed a need for diapers and were grateful for our donation.
- ♦ February: the annual District 517 Founders' Day Champagne Celebration, always a spectacular event, was held at Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland with 115 IW members, Rotarians and friends in attendance, 36 attendees from Saratoga. Mona Patel, licensed social worker with Hanger Clinic in San Antonio, TX and amputee gave an inspiring presentation to an enthusiastic audience. Everyone was impressed by Mona's touching stories about Inner Wheel children recipients. She shared conversations with their parents about their children's amazing positive changes after receiving their prosthetics. Mona also expressed her gratitude for the wonderful Inner Wheel-Hanger Clinic Partnership that turns 'possibilities into realities'. After questions, she received a standing ovation and many thanks. In addition, Mona, Founder/Executive Director of San Antonio Amputee Foundation (SAAF) that offers peer support, education and fitness to amputees, shared her video presentation of fellow amputees trekking up Mt. Kilimanjaro. An enormous feat for amputees but resulted in building their self-confidence for their new life as amputees. Saratoga's basket, 'Saratoga Treasures' including donations raised \$3,550—our most ever for the MLP. We are truly grateful for everyone's generous donations and support helping us 'Give a Child a Hand'.
- ♦ The District 517 'Spring Luncheon/Installation' was held in May at the home of District Chair, Karen Cowan, in Livermore. It is always a lovely, fun occasion for Saratoga members.
- ♦ We are always in need of more members, hopefully younger. We have an End-of Year Celebration Luncheon planned for June and have invited potential new members and women who financially supported our MLP. The history of IW is shared, the creation of the Myoelectric Limb Project, and prosthetic demos are available to try out. We think it's important for donors to understand Inner Wheel and appreciate what they are supporting.

When asked about the proper term to use—Objects of Inner Wheel vs. Goals of Inner Wheel, President Kirby replied, "May I introduce you all to the difference between red tape and pink elastic."

IWUSA meetings Las Vegas, NV, March 16, 2019



District 519 Chairman ~ Linda Daniel

District 519 remains vital but struggling with membership. Our Founder's Day in January has 75 in attendance as we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the USA Foundation. There was a raffle that raised approximately \$800 for the District and a second raffle called 'Lucky Ducky Dunk' that raised \$650 directly for our Foundation.

Our main fundraiser will be held on March 9. The theme will once again be "Pick-a-Purse" and will be centered on fun and a raffle of over 100 purses, a raffle of 30 bottles of wine, a silent auction, and numerous door prizes. We are expecting over 1500 guests to be in attendance.

Currently, we have 9 clubs. One is struggling and efforts of support and organization have been mixed in result. We sincerely hope to help them stay as a club, but there is a reluctance to take leadership roles and a strong desire to just be 'friends.' They wish to continue to do their main service project and we are hopeful that we can keep them together.

IWUSA President Margie Jones has been a powerful force in putting together materials for E-Membership in our district. One of our clubs has 3 new E-Members and there is growing excitement being generated on this front.

As a district, we meet 5 times during the year and have 5 Board Meetings. We have set up visits with two of our non-districted clubs. As a District, we are helping with decorations for our local Rotary 5180 District Conference for the second year in a row. Our District has also had several projects; Three of these are local jammies for two crisis nurseries, underwear for youth in shelters, and a canned food drive for local food closets. One of our projects was international as we collected washcloths, underwear, with several members participating in the physical construction of reusable feminine hygiene kits for an organization called 'Days for Girls'. This was a community effort of several churches and hundreds of volunteers. These activities keep us working together for purpose.

There is more to be done. We are not good about tooting our own horn and getting publicity. We need to continue to make our members have a good time while doing good.

Getting to know the members and purpose of other clubs in IW has been a real privilege and I am grateful for the joy of serving District 519.

IW Club of Citrus Heights, CA ~ Debe Tucker



Above: Members gathered together to bring food items to be donated to the local food locker

Below right: members were joined by IWUSA President (and member) Margie Jones to put together comfort blankets that will be donated to Police and Sheriff units.



IW Club of El Cerritto, CA ~ Norma Trillia

- ♦ January: El Cerrito Inner Wheel Club met in January at Martinez Hospital to assist in assembling 86 Baby Layettes that included Little books. This was followed with lunch and a short meeting. Members attended Founder's Day at Northridge Country Club, Fair Oaks.
- ♦ February: members attended District 517 Founder's Day at Sequoyah Country Club, Oakland. Members visited Walnut Creek Club, a delicious Sandwich Luncheon was provided by Nancy Larsen.
- ♦ March: members met at Norma Trillia's home for a very busy meeting to complete the new officer form for District and voting for International Officers. El Cerrito Inner Wheel ordered two International Directories. Annual Contribution to the IWUSA Foundation was made.
- ♦ April: we visited Family House at Children's Hospital in Oakland delivering toiletries, sugar, snacks, food baggies and Teddy Bears. We visit them yearly. A short meeting at a local restaurant where we enjoyed lunch followed the visit.
- ♦ June: members had hoped to assemble Baby Layettes at the Martinez County Hospital but due to a mix up in telephone communications the event was cancelled as the hospital did not receiving the supplies.

Sheila, Cindi, Mary and Norma had a delightful brunch followed by their meeting to plan the September District 519 meeting that they are hosting at the Fairfield Hilton Inn on September 10, 2019. Mona Patel has rejoined our but will be unable to attend.



Above: Sheila Addiego, Sue Mulvihill, Mary Farquharson and County Hospital Volunteer Joanne assembled baby layettes

Below: Our teddy bears were happily received at Family House



IW Club of Orangevale ~ Annelise Graf

We installed 1 new member and were saddened to have 2 of our members die. IW of Orangevale is 12 members strong. We have communicated with Germany, Canada, and Australia. Our club supports the Rotary Club with decorating for their annual fundraiser. Activities:

- ♦ We continue to refurbish and dress baby dolls for dementia patients. When we deliver the dolls, we also do a sing-a-long which is well received.
- ♦ We have two fundraisers and distribute the earnings to women and children causes as well as to IWUSA Foundation.
- ♦ Most of all, we celebrate the sisterhood in our club and offer support to each other. This year has been especially difficult as we lost two very active members—one to ALS and the other to cancer.



IW Club of East Sacramento, CA ~ Elaine Wright

19 members strong, losing one member who moved to be closer with family. We corresponded with Australia, New Zealand, and Canada; hosted Rotary Club of East Sac Christmas party which doubles as a fundraiser; shared the backpack project to aging out foster youth.

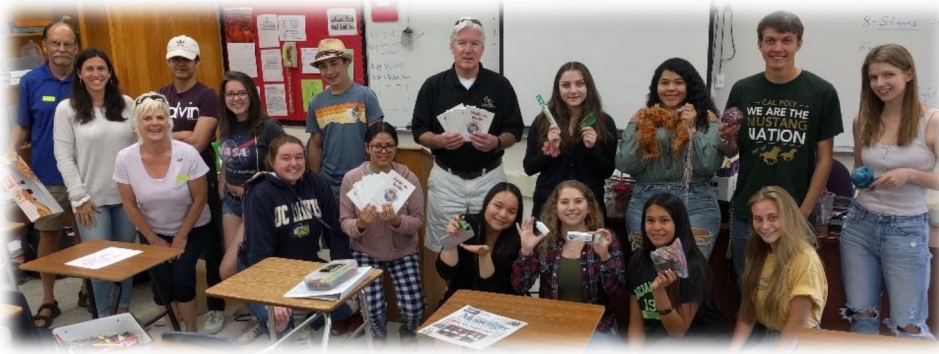
- ♦ September: cut and sewed 20 Christmas stockings to be donated to Sierra Forever Families foster youth.
- ♦ October: assembled table decorations for IW District 519 November meeting: cookies in a jar. Several members made and wrapped fresh cookies as part of the decorations; donated \$200 in food items to Wellspring Women's Center breakfast program.
- ♦ November: hosted IW Dist 519 meeting/luncheon, table decorations doubled as the raffle prizes; shopped for Christmas stockings and personal gifts for 20 foster youth then filled the stockings and wrapped the gifts.
- ♦ December: IWES annual Christmas dinner with white elephant gift exchange; hosted ESR Christmas party; provided \$500 in fleece blankets to Meals on Wheels' Senior Project.
- ♦ January: speaker on human trafficking.
- ♦ April: prepared for and hosted annual Bunco fundraiser.
- ♦ May: shopped and stuffed 10 backpacks that were purchased by ESR; assisted IW District with set up and hosting the hospitality room at the Dist 5180 Conference.
- ♦ June: 5 members delivered backpacks along with 3 Rotarians to share the event.; hosted Dist Chair Linda Daniel at our final meeting of the year.

While we did not meet the standard for the Year of Achievement Award, we were very much in accordance with the Strategic Plan in that we met all goals of the plan with focus on the Mission and Vision of Inner Wheel.



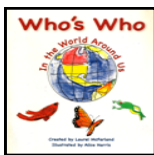
*Top & center left: Stockings are sewn, gifts are wrapped for the 20 Sierra Forever Families foster youth.
Above center: Cookies-in-a-jar table decorations are created
Top right: delights are prepared by IW members for ESR Christmas party
Bottom left & right: Welcome extended to members from SFF at delivery of 10 backpacks valued at \$100 each for foster youth*





Chris Nelson, a pilot and speaker for the Flying Samaritans, came to the Rotary Interact meeting at Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks, CA to collect over 1500 the students collected for the remote village of San Quintin in Baja, Mexico where the non-profit provides services & medical care. He was thrilled to get SO many items, and he was especially pleased to get the new "Who's Who" books from the IW Club of Fair Oaks. He informed us these children have very, very few books. This donation means a lot!

Below, member display a sample of their fidget blankets for seniors in memory care facilities.



IW Club of Fair Oaks, CA ~ Rosemary Lamb

With 27 members, we installed two new members and our member Bobbi Flox passed. We enjoyed the visit of IW India Rama Chandrasekhar and had the pleasure of hosting the RFO pasta night and speaking to members regarding our Foundation and Myoelectric Limb Project. Club Activities:

- ♦ Donation to IW Redding East following the destructive CAMP Fire.
- ♦ Members brought food items to each meeting that will be donated to local food banks. We included personal and feminine hygiene products and warm clothes.
- ♦ 40 'fidget blankets' were made and donated to seniors living in care facilities.
- ♦ \$400 was donated to Northridge Elementary School for clothing fund.
- ♦ Over 100 books were given from us to children at the annual Safe Halloween.
- ♦ Activities were posted on Facebook.
- ♦ Our Bunco fundraiser made over \$900.
- ♦ Gift cards were provided to homeless teens in the WIND program.
- ♦ We provided 110 bags of cookies as dessert to our local Senior Luau.
- ♦ Monthly donations from members totaled \$450 to IWUSA Foundation.
- ♦ Janet McWilliams, long time member, received the IW Excellence Spirit Award. We are very proud of her.
- ♦ Our club actively participates in the community and has a close association with our local Rotary Club. We provided IW "Who's Who" booklet in Spanish to the local Interact Club. They were sent to Mexico via the Flying Samaritans with an article about the project in the "American Messenger" that mentioned Inner Wheel Club of Fair Oaks.

District 627 Chairman ~ Donna Weiler

The three clubs in District 627 are Racine, Kenosha and Menominee Falls. The district tried to establish a common event in an effort to keep interaction between the clubs, keep membership and maintain social contact. Weather and other events have caused us to cancel planned events in the fall. The severe weather was another reason such plans were canceled.

Racine Inner Wheel has gone dark during these hard winter months. Menominee Falls has had less activity because of moves and the severe weather. Kenosha has maintained regular board meeting planning events which included the Christmas Party. Other Inner Wheel Clubs were invited to attend. Noon luncheons were chosen by members so that all could attend. October items were collected for hospice. Financial donations were in memory of our dear friend Ed Stevens. Our Christmas service project was for Women's Horizons- the battered women shelter. Five laundry baskets were filled with personal needs and needs for when they went to independent living. The gratitude was expressed in a letter praising the gift. November was items for the homeless. February was Foundation Month and Valentine's Day. Valentines were sent to each member and a note to remind everyone of Foundation and their annual donation. This was successful.

Independent service by Kenosha Inner Wheel members have contributed to the needs of the community. Soup is provided one day a week at the local food kitchen. On day a week is visiting the sick at one hospital while distributing Communion. Prayer service is led at a Retirement Home for the twenty four residents weekly. Celebrant at funeral service, lector at church and Lenten Services is the service of an Inner Wheel Member. One member crocheted to afghans for raffle with proceeds going to IW Foundation and the PEO to assist women in continuing education at college level. Provided baked goods for raising money for continuing education of women. Donate non-perishable food to Salvation Army every month. Clothing donation given to the 'Closet' for indigents monthly. Shalom Center (the homeless center) food collection and delivery every month. Another member is a Eucharistic minister and bakes food for the poor. A volunteer at Compassionate friends (the support group for the parent of children that have died) with monthly meetings. Special balloon launch memorial and worldwide candle lighting service of remembrance are events to aid in the grief over the loss of their child.

The progress of the District 627 is not a typical group of Inner Wheel Meetings but meeting regularly does keep the volunteerism of the group active.



Adaptation of an African Proverb ~ Dona Stevens, IW of Kenosha, WI

If you want to run fast, run alone. If you want to run far, run with a friend..

Being a member of Inner Wheel means that we never run alone—but running with a friend, we can make a difference in our own life and in our community and our world.



IW Club of Menomonee Falls, WI ~ Doris Stolz

Our member Dorothy Lewis passed away this year. We installed one new member and now have 5 members.

- ◆ October, we installed new member, Shirley Sciacca.
- ◆ November, we packed three boxes of goodies to send to our servicemen and women.
- ◆ April, we collected books and magazines to give to the Veteran's Home.
- ◆ Unfortunately, we didn't include any activities pertaining to women's issues and the rights of children but we do support each other.



IW Club of Shawano, WI ~ Gerry Dibley

Four of our members passed away this year: Joni Shebuski, Mary Ellen Felts, Pam Anderson, and Gloria Gays (sic) with 11 members now to carry on.

- ◆ We have corresponded with Carol Hart from District 519 in Folsom, CA.
- ◆ We are basically a social club. In the past, we have helped with Bike the Barn Quilts which is an event in our city in the fall.
- ◆ Our club uses some of our Happy Dollars to help different groups in our area. We have contributed to Boys and Girls Club and helped fund the Myoelectric Limb Project that enables Hanger Clinic to serve and benefit children—Inner Wheel's goal!!

District 6 GB&I, Bees Abroad Project to reduce poverty of Batwa people in Uganda

Bees Abroad is a small UK-registered charity seeking to reduce poverty through beekeeping. Volunteer Project Managers assess and support beekeeping projects in developing countries worldwide. They use their expertise, working in the local community group to develop a viable project using indigenous bees and techniques appropriate for each location. For the past two years, Inner Wheel District 6 members have been raising money to set up 3 groups of Batwa people in a beekeeping business, this will provide a sustainable future income for 65 people and their families.

The Batwa were evicted from the Bwindi Impenetrable rainforest in 1980 to protect one of the only two remaining populations of mountain gorillas in the world. Until their eviction this tribe of pygmies had lived as hunter gatherers largely untouched the modern world. The Ugandan government provided no land or support following the eviction. Having lost their homes, their traditional way of life and their means of survival the Batwa found themselves on the edges of mainstream Ugandan society living in extreme poverty. Read more about this project on the IIW website: <https://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/get-involved/service-projects/2018/06/26/bees-abroad/>



District 696 Chairman ~ Paula Edwards

2018-2019 District 696 Highlights:

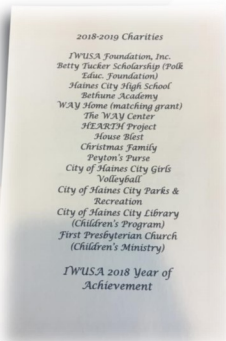
Our District meeting held on October 27, 2018 and hosted by Haines City. The meeting included a silent auction that raised funds for the IWUSA Foundation. Our special guest at this meeting was Gabby, who is awaiting a Myoelectric limb for her little arm and her family. Also, at this meeting Gill Broadaway graciously accepted our confirmation of her nomination as the incoming IWUSA President 2019/2020.

Our District's Winter Gathering, also referred to as the District Meet and Greet where members come together for fellowship, was once again hosted by Avon Park at the home of Cyndy Stanley in Sebring, Florida this past February 2019. The event was well attended by members of various clubs who indulged in a scrumptious brunch. I truly appreciated the efforts put forth by Cyndy to make the event a success. At this year's event, we had a small window of opportunity that allowed us to complete the District's slate and pondered options to prevent clubs from folding. Special thanks were extended to Sue Robinson (Dist), Billie Jo (Dist), Deloris (FM) and Unia (STT) for stepping in when we needed you most.

Clubs' Highlights:

IWCBR - Members expect their Annual Trash to Treasure event to net them \$232K held on March 8-10. IWCFM - \$1 gift exchange game & luncheon allowed members to raise funds that were donated to animals at Octagon. IWCDN - In February, held their Annual Foundation Banquet at Mease Manor which was a tremendous success. Special thanks to Rotary Club of Dunedin who provided a generous donation of \$1,000. IWCHC- held their 33rd annual Bean Soup & Cornbread Luncheon in March. Proceeds from funds raised goes to support local projects benefiting the community. Also, boxed Valentine cards were collected at the first meeting of the year and were donated to the HEARTH Project for Polk County's homeless student population. IWCNJ - Congrats to Dotty Hubbs who made 99 yrs. old & is still an active member in their club of six. IWCS provided supplies to Pregnancy Health Center as the Charity of the Year. The members also held a Foundation Walk in honor of Foundation month & a set goal of \$10K minimum per member to be contributed to the Foundation. 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. IWCSTT - Added 2 E - Members while starting a new member campaign.

Communication with our Clubs is ongoing highlighting the need for members to fill leadership roles while keeping in line with our theme to "Empower and Evolve". For those of Inner Wheel members having access to Facebook, please make sure you continue to visit, "like" and share our new District 696 page.



IW Club of Haines City, FL

*Left: Charities served by the IW members in Haines City.
Right: Incoming Vice President Dr Carys Felton with Outgoing President Maleah Hinkle.*



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Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, LA ~ Jane Freeman

Our club has a social each month during the summer, holds a Board meeting and uses email, phone, and/or mail to conduct any business that arises during those months. Each month we meet at different local restaurants to continue our friendships and to have our new members and prospective members join us. We feel that it is beneficial to have these summer socials to help keep our club involved and informed of coming events and opportunities. Our monthly newsletter, "The Caboodle" is sent each month to help keep everyone up to date on events.

August: members submitted their nomination for the Charity of the Year. The Calendar of Events for the Year was distributed. Chairpersons for the year's activities were shared from the Commitment Sheets.

- ♦ September: This year's selected charity was Crisis Pregnancy Center, is an organization that aids women with needs during and after pregnancy. Plans were started for our annual "Wine and Dine" and Cheers Basket fundraiser, and attended two Rotary Clubs meetings to share our project and sell tickets.
- ♦ October: The director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center attended and shared information about their activities and items we can collect monthly to assist with their needs. We also participated in the Christmas Wreath sale with the Rotary Club as well as supported the St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity Women Build by providing lunch for the workers.
- ♦ November: we held a successful Wine and Dine and Cheers Basket raffle where the proceeds will be donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center. This event provides fellowship with members, Rotarians, neighbors, and friends from the community.
- ♦ December: Rotary Christmas parties and our Christmas luncheon. Instead of exchanges gifts this year, members brought items for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Our new member project assisted laying Christmas wreaths on the Southeast Louisiana Veteran's Cemetery here in Slidell.
- ♦ January: For International Inner Wheel Day, we donated a satsuma tree to Park Provence Assistance Living Center in honor of a beloved member Elaine Duvic, who resided there before her death. Plans were underway for our Foundation Walk next month. A new slate of officers was recommended by our nominating committee.
- ♦ February: Foundation Walk held at the St. Tammany Trace Trailhead with wonderful coverage in the February issue of "Slidell Magazine" and the local paper "The Slidell Independent". We donated \$5000 to the Foundation. Officers for 2019-2020 were elected.
- ♦ March: selected four members for Rose Council pins who participated in the Walk. They will receive their pins at the May Installation banquet. Nomination forms for the Elaine and Frank Duvic Memorial Award were distributed and the winner will be announced at the event.
- ♦ April is our annual Field Trip month. We toured Safe Haven and learned of the plans to continue to improve this facility for persons with mental illness and or drug abuse disorders.

We had a busy year with a variety of activities. We were able to share information about Inner Wheel to others in our community. We look forward to another year so we can continue to "Empower and Evolve".



IW Club of Slidell, LA: helping at the Rotary Youth Exchange Picnic.





More From the IW Club of Slidell, LA: left: having fun with Rotarians at the Heritage Festival, right; enjoying the annual Wine & Dine event, and below: participating in the club's Walk for Foundation.



Inner Wheel Club of Avon Park, FL ~ Fran Beers

We installed one new member this past year and had one member resign. Our current number of members is 16. We send out newsletters from time to time but do not have a name for our newsletter. We have corresponded with three Inner Wheel Clubs of France and have sent emails or cards to Elk Grove and Racine, USA clubs. I corresponded with one club on Facebook. Jody Griffing and myself had lunch with a lady from an Inner Wheel club from the Isle of Mann, UK in Avon Park this spring. I helped our local Rotary club twice by helping Joan Fisher, a member who is also in two Rotary clubs, by packing items to be sent over seas to members of our armed forces. Photos were posted on Facebook to document.

- ♦ We purchased school bookbags and school supplies from our Belks Charity sale profits. These were given out in August to two elementary schools, our local Big Brothers and Sisters club, and our local Sheriffs Dept. Photos were posted on Facebook to document.
- ♦ Invited a local family court judge to speak at one of our meetings about different kinds of law and the court system.
- ♦ Invited Haines City Inner Wheel club members to join us at a Tearoom for lunch in Lake Alfred to enjoy our friendships.
- ♦ Worked at our local Belks Charity sale to earn money to purchase school bookbags and school supplies.
- ♦ Donated money to our local Champions for Children programs in our county to provide services and programs for children.
- ♦ Held a Meet and Greet for District 696 at the home of one of our members to gather together in friendship and enjoy a lunch.
- ♦ Held a Christmas Brunch at the home of a member where we dined and then donated money for our Foundation.

I feel that our activities are tied into our Strategic Plan in all ways as a guide. Also, although our club is small, many of our members have served on the National boards and represented our club. Martine Gayon is our National representative to the UN and I will be our National Secretary for a second time in the fall and Rebekah Kogelschatz will be our District 696 Chairman in the fall. So, I think we are doing a good job. My biggest concern is membership - it is still difficult for working ladies to juggle work, home, and club activities. We have two members who work and have to be very flexible with our meeting dates.

Inner Wheel Club of Baton Rouge, LA ~ Melissa DeGeneres & Lisa Wagley

25 plus new members this year. Not sure of exact number of those resigning, but is less than 10. 1 member passed away. We have 138 members.

Club activities 2018—2019:

- ♦ August 22, 2018: New Member Luncheon and Orientation
- ♦ September 20, 2018: General Member Meeting. At this meeting, we honored our 22 living charter members with the IWUSA Spirit Award from Margie Jones. These ladies received an award certificate, a personal letter from Margie, and a very special "Golden Deeds" apron from IWBR. There was a special time of presentation during this meeting.
- ♦ November 29, 2018: Angel Brunch. This is an annual event honoring and celebrating our Angels, volunteers who are not members but who help out with our sale prep and during the sale. We could not do it without them.
- ♦ December 10, 2018: IWR Board Christmas Party
- ♦ January 21, 2019: Began our 6 weeks of sale set-up and prep!!
- ♦ March 8, 9, and 10, 2019: ATTIC TRASH AND TREASURE SALE (our fundraiser for 10 Baton Rouge area charities)
- ♦ April 30, 2019: General Membership Meeting followed by ATTIC TRASH AND TREASURE SALE CHECK PRESENTATION RECEPTION. This year our sale enabled us to donate \$225,000 to our 10 charities. Habitat for Humanity Baton Rouge was our Tier One recipient receiving \$112,500. The other \$112,500 was split between 9 other area charities

As to how our activities relate to the IWUSA theme of "Leaving a Legacy", we are so grateful that we are able to earn these funds to donate to our charities who can use this money to greatly impact several segments of our Baton Rouge community. Habitat will use the money to build an entire house for a needy and deserving family. Because these charities are working to change lives and bless our community, IWBR is indeed able to leave a lasting legacy!

IW Club of Fort Myers, FL ~ Sheila Ware

Currently, we have 19 members—we installed one new member. Gert Roever passed away. We corresponded with clubs in Wisconsin, California, Slidell, England, Germany, France, India, Auckland, and New Zealand.

Activities included:

- ♦ helping the Rotary club with their annual yard sale
- ♦ donated socks and underwear to the clothes closet at Tice Elementary School
- ♦ monetary donations to Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary; the Florida Gulf Coast University Food Pantry; and the IW Foundation
- ♦ donated warm clothing to All Souls Episcopal Church outreach
- ♦ sent holiday cards to the military;
- ♦ donated new twin sheets to the local Guardian Ad Litem
- ♦ Following presentation by the GRACE Project (Guatemalan Rural Adult & Children Education) our members assembled over 3,000 fertility bracelets to help prevent unwanted pregnancies and sewed almost 500 reusable menstrual pads. These items are delivered to ladies in Guatemala.



Dr. Genelle Grant receiving the 773 fertility bracelets (using 23,963 beads) that Connie & her friends made – along with many sewn pads made by Betty G. and Sheila.



IW Club of Dunedin North, FL ~ Roberta Guilfoile

Our IW Christmas was celebrated at Mease Manor with a lovely dinner and ornament exchange. We enjoyed an evening of celebration and fellowship.

We visited Dunedin Cares, a non-profit food pantry. Our member, Jody Craig is a volunteer at the pantry and she gave us a tour of the facility. We were amazed at how well stocked and well organized the pantry is. We also generously contributed to the inventory.

Our Annual Foundation Banquet took place in Dunedin, at Mease Manor, and was orchestrated by our Past Foundation Chairman Melba Rilott. Foundation Chair Christine Becker did a wonderful presentation about the Foundation wand brought us up to date as to the current events. Random Acts of Flowers provided the beautiful center-pieces that were taken home by happy winners of a drawing.

At our installation dinner Melba Rilott received a Spirit of Excellence Award with a congratulatory note from Margie Jones. It was so well deserved and Melba received much applause from our members.

Our Officers for 2019-2020 are: President: Roberta Guilfoile, Vice-President: Janette Donoghue-Kingsbury, Secretary: Judy Wylde, and Treasurer: Mickey Stout.



The Rotary Club awarded us \$1000 in grant funding to support our club activities.

Jodi lead the tour of Dunedin Cares Food Pantry.

*Ed Hughes, the President of Dunedin Cares joined us on the tour.
Installation of 2019-2020 officers*

Melba Rilott receives her Excellence Spirit Award.



A Special Story & A Fond Farewell~ Jan Le Favre

Being a trustee on the Foundation has been a very special experience and an honor. The wonderful friendships with all of you across the US are a unique and special part of being a Trustee that is invaluable, and I will always treasure.

From the very beginning of Alice DeVaul's idea for a 'Myoelectric Limb Bank', I was committed to the cause. I could personally relate to being physically limited, but worst of all for a child, being 'different'. I was suddenly 'different'.

I had polio at age 8 that destroyed my left deltoid muscle which raises your arm therefore, your arm just hangs by your side. Living in a town of 5000 in southern IL, the doctors had no idea what was wrong, so when I went home from the hospital the neighbors wouldn't allow their children to play with me for months. Thankfully, the following year my caring mother took me to Chicago Children's Hospital, where I was diagnosed as having had polio.

I was very fortunate that at age 12 I had surgery in Chicago's Children Hospital to fuse my humerus to my scapula that allows the neck muscle to raise my arm away from my body. I wore a body cast with my left arm at a right angle for 4 months after surgery, and despite sorely testing the limits of the cast, surgery was successful . . . now limited motion, but extremely useful and has served me well all my life. I can truly understand how receiving a prosthetic hand changes the life of a child and their family.

Being a Trustee was a special goal that I hoped to attain, and I have truly appreciated being part of this very special 'trustee team' 'Giving a Child a Hand' and 'Turning Possibilities into Realities'. Thank you for this memorable life experience with all of you and I will always be your best supporter. Lots of love & hugs to all.



Things never to do list:

Go grocery shopping and forget you put eggs in your hoodie pocket after collecting them from the chickens, then lean against the meat counter. It makes a mess!



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District 767 Chairman ~ Sherry Harris

- ◆ Charlotte, NC: 8members. Has one fundraising project per year which is a Christmas Basket Raffle at two Rotary Clubs. Proceeds are split between IW Foundation and organizations supporting women and children.
- ◆ Matthews-Mint Hill, NC: 15 members. The priority project remains "Therapy Pillows for Women" with nearly 2,000 pillows being delivered to breast cancer survivors. The Bookworm Letters & BBQ Project allows the Club members to purchase BBQ in support of Blessed Assurance Adult, Day Care and while eating, write letters to accompany a children's book to be distributed to children in underserved Charlotte areas. Grant funds received from the local Rotary Club purchased two bicycles and helmets for children with autism and special developmental needs. Donations from members' spring cleaning and downsizing are given to a local resale store that benefits women who are victims of domestic violence.
- ◆ Newton Conover, NC: 11 members. Cash donations from the Club benefit the IW Foundation, Unique World Gifts, Catawba Grafters, and World Vision. Valentine baskets were auctioned at two local Rotary Clubs. Club continues to be involved with Sipes Orchard Home (Transitional Living) providing materials and resources to the youth aiding in their independence.
- ◆ Stamford-Hobart, NY: 19 members. Club has two ongoing projects: Blissful Baby Bottoms in that members buy different size diapers provided to local food pantries and WIC programs and Breast Cancer Care Bags provided to those undergoing cancer treatment. The Club distributed dictionaries to a third grade class in a local school. Funds are distributed to local schools, libraries, volunteer fire and emergency departments and food pantries in addition to the IW Foundation and IW District 519 for California fire relief.
- ◆ Statesville, NC: 12 members. Members provided \$210 in quarters (collected at each meeting) to the County school system so the monies can be used for the washing and drying of clothes, linens, and other items for the homeless students and families. Members also served pizza, salad, and desserts for 40+ kids at Power Cross, a faith based after-school organization for boys. The Club continues to provide two socials on Sunday afternoons at the local hospice facility for families, friends, residents, and staff. Members provided Christmas gifts and food for women and children of the local domestic violence shelter. The Club enjoys hosting the District meetings each year.
- ◆ Westchester, NY: 18 members. Three local charities are financially supported plus contributions to the shelter box project, IW Foundation, and Puerto Rico. Monies are raised each year with a basket of cheer that is raffled at the holiday party of the Peekskill Rotary Club.
- ◆ Plantation Estates, NC: To be chartered on March 19, 2019, with 19 members. Charter ceremony will be attended by the IIW President and IWUSA President. Miriam Fisher, IIW Board Member and Matthews-Mint Hill member, has been instrumental in forming this Club. Inner Wheel Club of Matthews-Mint Hill is the sponsoring Club. Plantation Estates is a retirement community, and IW members have already started their service projects benefiting the community and residents. This will be a joyous event for District 767.



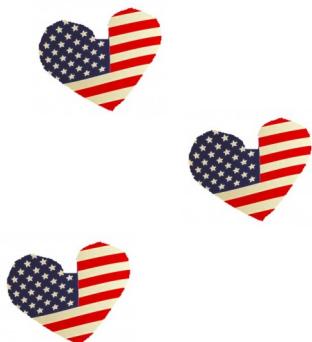
With warmest regards, we all welcome District 767 & IWUSA's newest club: Plantation Estates, North Carolina.

*Sponsored by IW Club of Matthews-Mint Hill
Charter event conducted by IIW Christine Kirby & IWUSA President Margie Jones.*

IW Club of Stamford/Hobart, NY ~ Mary Jane Butler & Linda Palm

It was a busy year for Stamford/Hobart Inner Wheel. We currently have 19 members, but many snowbirds are among them, so our attendance in the winter months drops off. We were delighted to begin our year with a visit from USA President Margie Jones and spent several fun-filled days with her.

- ◆ We continue with our Blissful Baby Bottoms project (donating diapers to local food banks and WIC programs) and our Breast Cancer Care Bags. Dictionaries were donated to third grade classes in a local school once again. This year we disbursed \$750 to 3 local schools for scholarships, our community libraries, volunteer emergency squads, food pantries and a local summer reading program for children. We hosted two dinners for our local Rotary clubs and also assisted them in July with their annual Car Show. In April we hosted a Bunco night for the area as a fund raiser for the Foundation. Not only was it a lot of fun but we raised \$500 for the Foundation and hopefully will get some new members for the club.
- ◆ Some interesting programs we had this year were: Migrations of the Monarchs; learning more about our Community of Caring Programs; presentations by an exchange student from Denmark; and a program on Web Developing by a young gal in our area.
- ◆ All of our projects relate to women and children. As a club this year, we felt "empowered" as women to assist young women struggling with their families and babies, to support women battling breast cancer, to provide young readers with their very own dictionaries (instead of using the Internet), and to provide food for all those in need at local food pantries. By supporting a local summer reading program, we are helping encourage children to read and learn through books and not be glued to their phones and other gadgets!
- ◆ The Inner Wheel USA Strategic Plan is a wonderful asset for our club because it is so handy to have all the information available in our handbook to refer to when needed. My Co - President and I could easily refer to it this year if we were uncertain about our duties and procedures.



More on IWUSA's Newest Club! Welcome to the Inner Wheel Club of Plantation Estates!



The Inner wheel Club of Plantation Estates members were given the opportunity to be inducted into Inner Wheel by IIW President Chris Kirby and IWUSA President Margie Jones. Miriam Fisher of the Inner Wheel Club of Matthews—Mint Hill was instrumental in getting this new club chartered. Miriam was awarded the Excellence Spirit Award by Prez Margie. And thank you to District 767 Chairman Sherry Harris for coordinating this wonderful event. Home to the club is a retirement community with plans to assist residents. This just goes to show that you are never too old to support your community.



IW Club of Westchester, NY ~ Heidi Case



Left: Treasurer Suzane Sadofsky with our incoming President Eileen Marx, Secretary Kathi Olivieri, & Past President Heidi Case.

Right: Ann Prahll with new member Marilyn Mayo who joined IWC Westchester & received her pin from Ann.



11th IWUSA National Conference Hilton Palacio Del Rio, San Antonio, TX September 4 - 7, 2019

The IWUSA website contains detailed information on the Conference and the forms that can be downloaded for registration. You can access this information at <http://innerwheelusa.com> Click on the right hand side of the screen under IWUSA Conference.

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



A Big Texas Howdy!!! As our 2019 IWUSA National Conference in San Antonio nears, plans have been 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 with 19 stops, one being in front of our hotel. This also includes the River Walk Boat Cruise to use anytime during our stay. Visit <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.

- ✦ IW information 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 speaker!!
- ✦ A visit to Texas would not be complete without visiting a Texas Longhorn Ranch! Where we'll have our Opening Ceremony, go for a hayride, 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.
- ✦ 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, the IW 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!

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

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