



In the Wheel

Inner Wheel USA

Inner Wheel USA Foundation

Phyllis Charter, IIW 2019/2020 President

Gill Broadaway, IWUSA 2019/2020 President



Together We Can

Gill Broadaway ~ Inner Wheel U. S. A. President

Since becoming IWUSA President, 4 1/2 months ago, I've been on the move!! Our national conference was held in September in the beautiful city of San Antonio, right on Riverwalk. We had the opportunity to spend time with our International President Phyllis and her husband Paul. Members attended workshops, fed longhorn cattle, lunched with past presidents and past foundation chairs, heard from inspirational speakers, attended the business meetings of the Foundation and Governing Body. Someone asked, can anyone attend a national conference, the answer is YES! A national conference is for all members of IWUSA to come together, meet members, renew friendships, and hear what Inner Wheel clubs are doing to make a difference. Our next IWUSA National Conference will be in 2022. Everyone is invited and bring a guest!!

I hope everyone was able to read the first ever IIW internet magazine. IWUSA had wonderful coverage of our conference and a lovely article about Martine Gayon, our New York UN representative.

In October, I visited three clubs in Wisconsin: Kenosha, Racine, and Menominee Falls. These clubs range in membership of 5 to 14 members. Yes, they are small but enjoy working on projects, holding their meetings over lunch or dinner at local restaurants. Most of these members have been together for 30 years or longer. Like many of us, they consider their club as extended family.

Congratulations to Dist 696 for a full slate of officers for 2020-21, to IWC of Dunedin North for securing a grant for a local reading project, to IWC of Slidell for grants to support the IWUSA Foundation and club Pres Vicky Magas and Gay DiGiovanni for speaking to local Rotary clubs about the Foundation, to IWC of East Sacramento editor Karen Ulep for a wonderful newsletter (her first).

Communication is very important whether it be by newsletter, phone, email or snail mail. I hear often, "I didn't get that". So the question is, why? I suggest to each club and district, you determine what is the best way to communicate information and news to your members and just do it! My desire is for all 737 IWUSA members to be well informed IW members!

As we enter this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I want to leave you with a thought from IW East Sacramento member Chris Deering in the October 2019 issue of the *Ramblin' Rose*. She stated, that she was raised with the philosophy that you get what you give. "Service is the Rent I pay for my space on this Earth". Enjoy this time of year and continue to reach out & care for the less fortunate, friends, and family.

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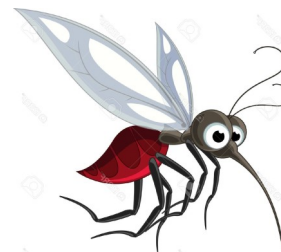
Editor ~ Becky Donhost

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of *In the Wheel* and the wonderful efforts of IW members across the USA! As we continue to hear about the loss of members due to age, health, and death, we continue to stand true to the Objects of Inner Wheel. That is very encouraging.

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

I appreciate the news when sent in the Template—it makes putting this newsletter together so much easier. But sent in a Word document is very acceptable. If all else fails, please send your report in the body of an email.

You will notice there are many officer reports and clubs' news missing in this edition. Hopefully, officers and clubs will share their news for the spring newsletter. It will be a compilation of each club's "Annual Report" so ALL club presidents must submit not only to me, but our IWUSA President and Vice President by May 1. The form can be found on IWUSA website under FORMS. If you have read this bit of information—please pass it on to your club's president.



*If you think you are too small to be effective,
you have never been in bed with a mosquito."*
-Bette Reese



Treasurer~ Michelle Burgess

Statement of Income & Expense July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019 Income

Interest Income 0.69

Member Dues 24,567.00

Gross Profit 24,567.69

Expense

Administration Expense

Bank Charges 45.00

IIW Directories 281.53

Newsletter 497.66

Secretary's Expense 71.70

Total Administration Expense 895.89

IWUSA Conference

Awards 94.46

IWUSA Conf - Office Supplies 53.01

IWUSA Conf. - Activities 165.50

IWUSA Conf. - Air Travel 1,977.90

IWUSA Conf. - Meals 34.36

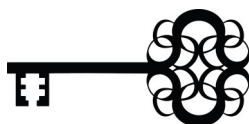
Total IWUSA Conference 2,325.23

Total Expense 3,221.12

Net Income 21,346.57

To Wit ~

- ♦ Lead me not into temptation (I can find the way myself).
- ♦ Never return to a doctor whose office plants have died.
- ♦ When the gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers. (Oscar Wilde)
- ♦ It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- ♦ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- ♦ I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.



Linda Daniel ~ IWUSA Vice President

'Howdy' from the new greenhorn of a Vice Chair. San Antonio was my first IWUSA Conference and I so appreciated the speakers, meetings, entertainment and efforts made to make it a great event. Margie, Gill and all those involved, did a great job. San Antonio was vibrant and interesting.

I am so excited to be learning more about the Foundation as the Executive Liaison on the Foundation Board and to be gleaning information from Gill and the rest of the Executive Board about our work at the National level. Most of all I am delighted and encouraged and enthused every opportunity I have to meet and learn about the many wonderful women and clubs of Inner Wheel.

The other aspect of stepping into this level is having the opportunity to meet women from the International Inner Wheel community. In San Antonio, it was the wonderful Phyllis Charter and her husband Paul of GB&I, in Las Vegas, it was Chris Kirby of Australia, and in Atlanta, it was Alatis Oluyemisi of Nigeria. District 519 had a visit from Dr. Kapila Gupta of India last year. Each of these women have made a lasting impression on my own evolution of service and friendship.

It takes a bit of time to step into these boots I am now wearing, but I'm working to break them in and get a feel of the many aspects of our wonderful organization, and how I might be helpful to the clubs. In the past year I was able to meet with three non-districted clubs as District Chairman of District 519. Visits to Redding, Walnut Creek and Tracy, California gave me a wonderful view of the closeness of the women, and their community involvement. I love that each club has such a unique feeling. So much warmth and kindness and hospitality. I have loved meeting Yolanda Gonzalez of the Flagstaff Arizona Club at IWUSA events. I look forward to reaching out to all non-districted clubs in our country as IWUSA Vice Chair. Those clubs will be hearing from me personally by the end of the year. I am here as their contact to help answer questions, be supportive, and provide help. Please do not hesitate to reach out, as I would be so delighted to be of service to you and your clubs. 'Together We Can' is a great theme. We Can. Together!

Margie Jones ~ Immediate Past President

What a fantastic two years I had as Inner Wheel USA President! It was such a joy to meet so many wonderful Inner Wheel ladies and see the amazing work that Inner Wheel does in our communities. With two powerful IIW themes for the years 2017-2019, "Leave a Lasting Legacy" and "Empower and Evolve", once again Inner Wheel demonstrates its place in the world that supports and helps so many!

Thanks to IWUSA President Gill Broadway, for taking the lead on organizing such a terrific conference in San Antonio in Sept. "IWUSA Celebrates Texas Sized Fun and Friendship" with inspiring speakers Beth Troutman and Pedro Pimento was a wonderful time to celebrate Inner Wheel together. Our speakers' messages of not giving up and to make dreams happen were so heart warming and a reminder that all of us needed to hear in order to put our own lives in perspective. With the privilege of having IIW President Phyllis Charter and her charming husband Paul attend the conference, their presence definitely put "the icing on the cake" for celebrating Inner Wheel. Attendees also enjoyed IW workshops, a touching Memorial Service for our dearly departed IW members, a longhorn ranch visit and animal feeding, and the opportunity to raise funds for IWUSA Foundation with a very successful Walk-A-Thon. For the second time in IWUSA history, an Inner Wheel Margarette Golding Award was given out. Suzanne Robinson was honored for her over 50 years of helping so many in St. Thomas, VI. The list of her accomplishments and honors, all done in a humble, giving back manner, earned her this prestigious award given to those who help humanity above and beyond Inner Wheel. *Congratulations Suzanne—we are so proud of you!!!*

The hurricanes in the Southeast made travel difficult for some but for those that were able to attend, the feedback was that they enjoyed their time in San Antonio mingling with old and new Inner wheel friends. As we evaluate the conference and programs, we would love to hear from those that did not attend as to why they did not. But for those of us that did, the time was so worthwhile and it was such a privilege to be a contributing part of this great IW organization!

As we move through the rest of the year, our hearts are broken at the loss of such a vital, contributing, vibrant member of Inner Wheel, Laurel McFarland. For my IW District 519, Laurel's IW Club, and our IWUSA, this is such a tremendous loss of someone so young and such a strong leader for Inner Wheel. Laurel passed away suddenly in early October and has left her family and all of those who knew her reeling from her passing. She was the backbone and cheerleader for her IW Club of Sacramento as was her mother, Betty Jeske, past IW USA President. Hug your loved one tighter and treasure each day that we are given on this earth. Rest in Peace dear Laurel.

As the days grow colder and daylight fades earlier, I am sending many good wishes to each of you for a joyous holiday season. "Together We Can" make a difference in this world as we promote Inner Wheel and help those less fortunate in all that we do. Please remember to focus on the IIW Social theme of "Caring for Women and Girls" as you plan your future community projects. Thank you for being an Inner Wheel member! With sincere Inner Wheel caring.



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*From a friend, her
Granddaughter Birdie
wrote a riddle today-*

*If you eat me, you will die.
I am longer than eternity,
and greater than love.*

~

Answer: nothing

~

*If you eat nothing you starve
Nothing is longer than eternity
Nothing is greater than love*

~

Birdie is 8 years old.



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2019 IW Conference ~ San Antonio, TX ~

A sampling of the happy moments of walking & talking, meeting & greeting while in San Antonio, TX which was highlighted by the visit of IIW President Phyllis Charter from Great Britain & Ireland. The event was complete with a BBQ with longhorn cattle and a meeting for the Rotarians in attendance.



IIW President Phyllis and her husband Paul were special guests at the 11th IWUSA National Conference. Phyllis the guest speaker at a luncheon and installed the IWUSA Governing Body officers.

Phyllis was impressed with the Foundation and the Myo-electric limb project.

Friendship abounded!

Personal service promoted!

International understanding was celebrated!



A Note of Thanks from IIW Phyllis Charter ~ She says it all!!

Dear Gill & IWUSA Members,
I would like to thank you and the Members so very much for inviting me to your Triennial Conference and what a Conference it was, full of friendship and well organized meetings, discussions, reports, workshops and speakers. Thank you also for giving Paul the opportunity to meet with you and your husbands and be included in the agenda.

To be a part of your Foundation Meeting – which I find fantastic and very interesting and I have passed the information to GB&I – what you, the members achieve for the Foundation and what you have achieved over the 30 years is worth a medal.

The Walk-a-Thon for charity – a good friendly walk and talk, which made a great amount for your funds.

The Longhorn Ranch – feeding the animals – local produce for the supper – the Official Opening of the Conference with the Flag Ceremony – all created to an evening to remember.

The IW breakfast and Memorial Service was a superb memory to the members who are no longer with us and who gave so much to Inner Wheel.

The two inspirational speakers – Beth Troutman and Pedro Pimenta.

The Gala Dinner – another special evening – true Inner Wheel friendship – and thank you very much for my Certificate and lovely “heart” – they will both have a special place in my home.

Thank you all once again for memorable days spent with you and getting to know you all – IWUSA is a wonderful Team – working together and achieving so much.

In Friendship, Phyllis



Workshops, the myoelectric limb, the speakers, the decorations, made for happy memories and much promise for future growth & Inner Wheel success.

The Memorial Service was a somber moment celebrating those who have passed. Gone, but not forgotten.





District 517 ~ Gloria Vasconcellos

We held our first District Meeting at the home of Jeanetta Arenott. It was well attended with lots of sharing. It is great to represent District 517 as Chair and to meet all the wonderful members.

I have had the delight of visiting clubs in District 517. Alameda invited me to a lovely lunch meeting. They support the local Rotary and other clubs, but their main focus is the Foundation. It was great meeting all the lovely ladies of the Alameda club. I also attended the Livermore meeting on Wednesday October 9, at Anita's (fabulous) home! It was well attended, and the speaker was Patricia Picard – who is always a delight! We had a wonderful soup dinner and lots of socializing.

In October, I was invited to a membership meeting at Jan LeFevre's home. She invited women that she knew from other clubs – and I think she is getting some new members! Jan always has a wonderful luncheon in her home. Go Jan!! San Leandro Inner Wheel was again awarded a grant to provide the 360 Rape Care Kits to BAWAR (Bay Area Women Against Rape). Linda Mahadevan and JoAnn Frazier are already starting to shop for items to supply the kits. Many will help assemble the kits when all the supplies have been delivered.

We have District 517 & 519 Friendship luncheon on November 2. That should be a great event, as always. Niles/Fremont has their annual Tea on December 6. The profits from the tea go to the Foundation. This is always fun to attend.

District 517 was saddened to hear of the passing of Laura McFarland. I met Laurel in San Antonio. She has left a great void in Inner Wheel. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Holidays.



Recognition Milestones In Friendship and Service Congratulations to the Following Clubs



50 Years
Carmichael, Fair Oaks

45 Years
Dunedin North

35 Years
Cupertino, Niles-Fremont, San Leandro, Saratoga, Citrus Heights,
East Sacramento, Nevada City, Sacramento, Redding East, Tracy,
Ft. Myers, Charlotte

30 Years
Flagstaff, Baton Rouge

25 Years
Matthews-Mint Hill

20 Years
Orangevale, Statesville



District 519 Chairman ~ Trude Vasquez

I must start my report by first saying that I am truly honored to be the Chairman of District 519. I am in awe of our many members who have for years supported numerous charities and events that benefit those in need of comfort, support, and a hand up instead of a hand out. My small part in these efforts will be to ask our members to also support the Assistance League (AL) of Sacramento and in particular their Fresh Start and Clothes for Careers programs (<https://www.assistanceleague.org/sacramento/philanthropic-programs/>).

I attended the 11th National IWUSA Conference in San Antonio where I met and learned from members from across the US as well as the "Pond". The highlight for me was the Installation dinner on the final night of the conference. I was installed as the District 519 representative to the IWUSA Governing Board by Phyllis Charter, President of IIW and Martine Gayon, IWUSA's representative to the United Nations. I was truly humbled by sharing the stage with these two altruistic women.

My joy continued during Dist 519 September meeting hosted by El Cerrito in Fairfield, CA. The venue was decorated with fragrant flowers surrounding a small globe of the world – the perfect centerpiece for my "It's a Small World" theme. In addition to the beautiful venue, the meal was delicious and the raffle prizes abundant. The highlight was our speaker Nancy Baker, President of the Assistance League of Sacramento who gave us an introduction to just a few of their philanthropic programs. In October, I was invited to attend our Citrus Heights IW Club member meeting (my first official club visit). My visit started with my mouth agape at viewing all, and I mean lots, of the fantastic Halloween decorations. My amazement continued when hearing how active all their members were in their multiple service projects. I look forward to visiting my other district clubs and getting to better know our members and understand all they do for their community and the IWUSA Foundation.

I regretfully have to end my report on a sad note – we lost one of our most devoted, energetic and loyal Inner Wheel members on October 6 – Laurel McFarland will be forever loved and remembered.



District 519 September meeting in Fairfield, CA. Standing, 3rd from the right is Laurel McFarland doing 'rabbit-ears' on Becky Donhost. We will miss this lovely lady's special sense of fun.

IW Club of Citrus Heights, CA ~

The year started out with rain showers that turned into a lovely sunny day while holding our meeting at Wilderotter Winery near Plymouth, CA. We started a new tradition thanks to Joan Buntin of putting our change into a ceramic doggy each meeting in order to donate this to our IWUSA Foundation.

We took on a spooky theme with District 519 Chair Trude Vasquez's visit to the amazing "over the top" Halloween mansion of Kathy Henrick. After a terrific "ghoulish" lunch, our club enjoyed planning our District's Pick-A-Purse Memorial fundraiser in honor of our dear Laurel McFarland. Co-chairs Linda Daniel and Margie Jones were pleased with our club's support. They will reach out to other district clubs for support as we carry on Laurel's legacy. A thank you note from the Citrus Heights Police Department for our donation of 42 fleece blankets was so appreciated. In all we had good times with good friends celebrating all we do in Inner Wheel!



Top—members enjoy a September afternoon at the Wilderotter Winery

Above left—Joan Buntin takes in donations to the Foundation.

Above right—Chair Trude Vasquez was entertained to goblins and ghouls for a Halloween celebration at the home of Kathy Hendricks.

IW Club of Elk Grove, CA ~

Above right: Maryl Lee & HannaSue gather donations for Chicks-in-Crisis

Below left, Director Innez holds new baby; below right happy new adoptive parents.



August was a chance to plan activities for the upcoming year by having a planning meeting at the residence of long time Inner Wheel member Doris Holm.

In September, our club invited the Elk Grove Rotary Club to a Welcome Back dinner. A delicious dinner was served, many good laughs were had and the club was able to make some money for charities by the raffle that was held.

In October, we visited a local Elk Grove nonprofit Chicks in Crisis and donated sleepers, diapers, wipes for the new moms. A tour of facility was also given to learn more about how the program works, who it benefits and the success of this group. In addition, it was exciting to witness brand new adoptive parents with their beautiful 2-day old daughter that stopped by the facility to thank the director of this nonprofit for her efforts on their behalf. What a wonderful charity and program to help so many young ladies in need. A true heart warming experience for all!

IW Club of El Cerrito, CA ~

In August, El Cerrito members met at Sheila Addiego's home. After a delicious lunch, members stuffed envelopes with the invitation to District meeting on September 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield. Center pieces were discussed. Our next meeting will be on August 29, 2019. Members have helped by stuffing envelopes for the El Cerrito Rotary club Sip and Savor Fundraiser letter of appreciation for sponsoring, raffle tickets etc.

We enjoyed our visit with Redding East IW Club.



Left to right: Sharon Brooks, Marcia Keeline, Pat Weld, Norma Trillia and Mary Farquharson

IW Club of Fair Oaks, CA ~

Our October meeting was hosted by Betsy Alberts. Our guest was Anne Browning, Rotary Liaison for IW. We planned for upcoming events and ongoing projects, such as donations (based on their needs) that we are making monthly to Northridge School in Fair Oaks, Safe Halloween in Fair Oak Village, work party for making fidget blankets, donating for a raffle gift for the Friendship Luncheon on November 2, hosting the district meeting on November 12, Pick-A-Purse tickets, hosting Rotary Pasta Night in March, and bunco night in January. Pat Hinkleman hosted At our November meeting. We discussed buying membership pins, Northridge School assistance, and the memorial for Laurel McFarland. We planned further regarding the hosting of the District Meeting on November 12 with several members offering to help. Terrie O'Donnell has created centerpieces for all the tables. Other business included our club's upcoming birthday celebration, club delegates, and the Christmas dinner. We welcomed a new potential member, Sue Estes.



Left: table decorations were enjoyed by attendees to the November District 519 Meeting.

Above: Margie Jones carefully selects her chances to win raffle prizes.

Right: Eriko Wagner & Pat Vogel are happy to help with hosting the event.



IW Club of East Sacramento, CA ~

We were pleased with the news that a \$500 grant was awarded to our club from Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) with thanks to Karen Ulep and Joan Cotton for making the proposal that will help support our philanthropic efforts. Plans were made to sew 20 Christmas stockings and shop for goodies that will be donated to Sierra Forever Families + Stanford Youth Solutions (SFF+SYS) aging-out foster youth. Becky Donhost was nominated by members to be nominated for IWUSA Editor 2020-21. Member Karen Ulep was our program – presenting a discussion on creating IWES Facebook page. So, we have now gone viral on social media! A group photo was taken that will be posted to our FB page.

November Soup & Stocking meeting was a busy evening with many of our members in attendance. Wonderful soups and desserts entertained our District Chair Trude Vasquez and Bonnie Silva, a prospective member in attendance. Trude gave us her insights to our District and activities therein. Foundation Chair Phyllis Christopher proudly announced that her daughters Robin & Amy are now at the Emerald level in the IWUSA Foundation and that Robin will be a Benefactor.



Above: Sewing the stockings with great results. Shopping for the stuffings touched the young lady's heart (above right)—She said, "You are stamping a memory!" As she explained she had been helped in a similar way when she was a child.

Below: Guests & members pitched right in stuffing, wrapping, loving, & laughing.



Through books and photographs, I saw a world that was not my own - and I realized that there was another world.
Education—it helps our children see other worlds.

~Bette Midler



IW Club of Orangevale, CA

It is always fun to be back with our club for the new chapter year. We have had a few hiccups with family and health and ask for continued prayer and good thoughts for Vi, Carol, Chris, and Anneliese's husband, Bill.

One of our continuing service projects is procuring dolls, dressing them and then going to different facilities to distribute them, sing with and love on Memory Care patients.

We are celebrating our 20th year as a club next week and we are planning a tea with our sister club, Citrus Heights. Three of us went down to Vallejo to the Friendship Luncheon. It was a nice affair and the food was excellent.

Sadly, we joined other clubs, many friends and family in saying goodbye to Laurel McFarland. She was an outstanding member and certainly will not be easy filling her shoes.

May you and yours enjoy this upcoming Holiday Season from all of us in Orangevale.



*Above:
members help
to outfit the
dolls to be
given to
memory care
patients
Right:
Honoring and
loving Laurel
McFarland*



IW Club of Sacramento, CA

Planning for our October meeting and realizing it was our club's 36th anniversary, Laurel looked up traditional and modern recommended gifts for 36th anniversary. She found Antiques and Bone China.

So we decided on a 36th anniversary tea using "Bone China" on October 9. You can only imagine the shock and devastation of learning of Laurel's passing. Needless to say, the October meeting/tea was canceled. All hands on deck for doing what we could for Leo and the family.

Thank all of you for your cards, for your generous dessert contributions and for the help so many of you gave in setting out the delicious goodies the morning of the celebration.



Ed. Note: Laurel's last IWS newsletter contained these photos. We know she is up there hosting a tea party with all the fixin's. Pinkies up, Ladies!!

IW Club of Menomonee Falls, WI ~



IW Club of Kenosha, WI ~



*President Gill's road trip
to the clubs of
Wisconsin:
at the Rotary Park, Lake
Michigan, Wind Point
Lighthouse on
Lake Michigan.*

IW Club of Racine, WI ~



District 696 Chairman ~ Paula Edwards

IW Club of Avon Park, FL ~



Left: IWUSA President Gill Broadaway (standing, center) enjoys time with the ladies of Avon Park at an historical hotel.

Right: The club purchased and distributed backpacks and school supplies over the summer months so that needy children would have everything they needed to get off to a great start when they headed back to school in August.

Avon Park spent part of their October meeting making fertility bracelets for the GRACE Project which stands for Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children's Education Project. The bracelets will be distributed to women and teen girls in rural Guatemala to help them track their menstrual cycles.

IW Club of Baton Rouge, LA ~

In September, the Inner Wheel Club of Baton Rouge held its annual meeting and luncheon where they celebrated their 30th anniversary. Since 1990, IW Baton Rouge has raised more than \$2 million for local charities through its popular Attic Trash & Treasure Sale held each spring. In 2019, the sale raised over \$225,000. Congratulations to our Baton Rouge friends for 30 years of remarkable service to your community!



IW Club of St. Thomas ~ US VI



IWST members distributed books and backpacks to local schools in October. The much-appreciated backpacks include our Inner Wheel emblem.



IW Club of Dunedin North, FL ~ Roberta Guilfoile

Dunedin North hosted the District Fall Meeting at Mease Manor in Dunedin. District Vice Chairman, Rebekah Kogelschatz, chaired the meeting. Melba Rilott spoke about our dear Roberta Hardin who had been a founding member and an essential part of Dunedin North since 1974. Gill Broadaway, IWUSA President, addressed the Club members with an update on IW news and projects and goals. The Club Presidents also gave highlights of their Club's activities.

IW Dunedin North was presented with their Year of Achievement Award. During lunch we were entertained by the Margaret Morrison Highland Dancers to celebrate Dunedin's Scottish history.



Top It: IWUSA President Gill presents 2019 Year of Achievement award on behalf of PP Margie to IW Dunedin North

Top rt: Three members stepped into Board member offices for District 696! Thank you ladies—you are back in business!!

Center rt: Members read to preschool children each week at a local Head Start program based at First United Methodist Church of Dunedin.

The club applied for and received a \$500 Walmart Community Grant to pay for new books. A big thanks to Tara Still and Lynne Faimalie for initiating this special new endeavor.

Bottom: Highland dancers entertain the members.





IW Club of Fort Myers, FL ~

Members of the IW Club of Fort Myers recently teamed up with the GRACE Project (Guatemalan Rural Adult & Children's Education) to make fertility bracelets and reusable menstrual kits for Guatemalan teens and women in Guatemala and here in Lee County.

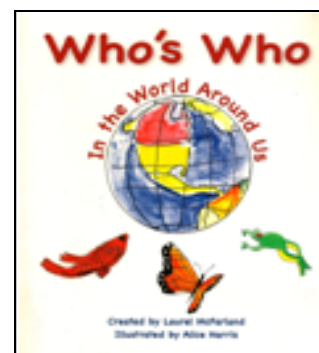
Genelle Grant, E.D., is the Director and founder of the GRACE Project which began in 1997. After speaking at an Inner Wheel meeting last year about the organization, members began making fertility bracelets and menstrual kits. In the last few months they have made several thousand bracelets, using in excess of 60,000 beads – and have sewn and donated several hundred reusable menstrual kits.

Laurel McFarland from IW Sacramento in California, also donated some books she had written which have been given to Guatemalan children.

After speaking at a District 696 luncheon, other clubs are also making bracelets. Dr. Grant also informed us that some of our reusable menstrual pads were also sent to the Bahamas after this summer's hurricane where they were so needed. It is an ongoing project with no end in sight!



(Above:) Members meet with 98 year old Charter member Lu and presented her with a lap blanket made by Maria (It.); Betty presents Project Grace with menstrual packs (below It.); President Sheila is honored by President Dolores for her years of service to IWUSA Foundation (below).



Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, LA has Sponsored a New Reading Program

Think about when you learned to read. Did you love stories and the way they took you to another place far, far away? Did you love how you always learned something you didn't know before? Did reading give you confidence in class and with your classmates? For many children, this story is not theirs as they struggle to read and get left behind, often not catching up and not graduating.

To attend to this issue, the Inner Wheel Club of Slidell has launched the "Reading Challenge Program" at Brock Elementary School in Slidell. In this program, students read a minimum of six books on their reading level and hand-write a book report for each book that will encourage good penmanship and spelling during a nine-week grading period. Students are awarded prizes with special T-shirts going to students who read ten books each grading period. Sponsors and donations are helping with the costs of the program. The Reading Challenge program is modeled after a very successful Mandeville Rotary Club program. We thank our club President Vicky Magas (who is also a Rotarian) for bringing this valuable program to our community.

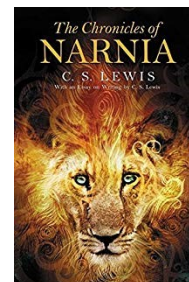
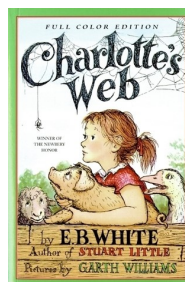
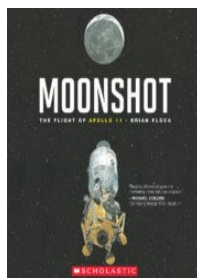
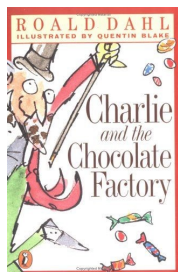
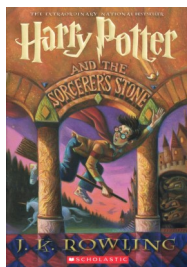


IW members Vicky Magas (left) & June Green (right) surround school staff members Sherri Nastasia, Kathleen Katorchis, Rose Smith, Kimberly Thomas, & Denise LaBella



"One of the most important predictors of graduation from high school is reading proficiently by the end of third grade". The Children's Reading Foundation.

What was your favorite book as a third grader?



Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, LA ~

We have been making the rounds. We are showing off Hanger's latest and greatest "Hero Arm" and the classic myoelectric limb to our local Rotary Clubs. Vicky Magas, our club president is also a Rotarian and has made it her mission to tell every Rotarian she knows about Inner Wheel and our Foundation.

We developed a power point presentation that explains a short history of how Rotary and Inner Wheel are connected. Then we talked about our similarities and differences including our organization's symbols. We discussed Inner Wheel International and Inner Wheel USA showing a map of our clubs and districts. As we explained how the Inner Wheel Foundation came to be, we brought out the limbs to describe and demonstrate how they work. We included a short video of Giovanna Dubuc from Charlotte, North Carolina. She is a charming 14-year-old who recently received a Hero Arm. She enthusiastically shows how it works and what she can do with it. [To see this video, search your browser for WSOCTV Giovanna Hero Arm.] Especially poignant is another video from Camp No Limits that shows many of our Foundation myoelectric limb recipients learning how to use them and making friends with other limb deficient kids. We also talked about our partnership with Hanger Clinics and added information about our Slidell Club and what we are doing locally.

To date, we have visited three Rotary clubs. The Westbank club was our first stop. This club has already donated \$1000 to the Foundation! Our next presentation was at the Rotary Club of Kenner. They generously gave us a donation of \$150 that evening. The next day, we went to visit the Rotary Club of St. Bernard. We have plans for several more visits to nearby Rotary Clubs in November, then more visits in January. And around we go, just in time for Foundation month in February!

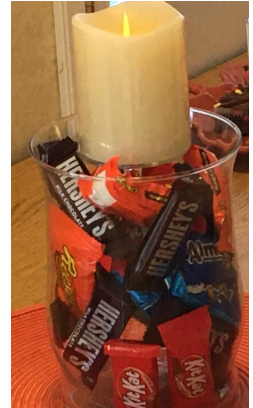
We were excited to meet Rotarians and introduce them to Inner Wheel and the Foundation. At each club, Vicky presented the Rotary club presidents with our symbolic "Rose of Friendship". How gratifying it was to share our common goals of friendship, service and good will. Together We Can work together in our communities for the good of all. As Vicky likes to say, "And Together We Will!"



District 767 Chairman ~ Sherry Harris

Inner Wheel Club of Statesville Shares Candle of Friendship: The Candle of Friendship was shared with patients, family members, friends and staff at Iredell County's Gordon Hospice House recently. The Club hosted an afternoon social at the Hospice House with comfort food being provided. Lots of chocolates, cookies, sweet and salty items along with raspberry tea were available on a Sunday afternoon.

Two socials are provided at the Hospice House each Inner Wheel year. The club members consider the socials a special way to touch those who need friendship, hope, peace, comfort and love.



IW Club of Stamford/Hobart, NY ~



(Above lt. & rt.) Four members from Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel Club, the oldest club in the US, attended the September 2019 IWUSA Conference in San Antonio, TX. (lt. – rt.) Chris Becker, Mary Jane Butler, Nancy Beisler and Shirley Pop

*(Below lt.) Mary Jane prepares for the walk-a-thon.
(rt.) District 767's display*



IW Club of Westchester, NY ~



From the IWC Westchester's October 2019 meeting. We had a guest from Mumbai, India. Mrs. Shobha Kamath, IWC Dombivilli, District 314. Shobha was visiting her daughter Dr. Sucheta Pai. Club President Eileen Marx is reading a poem (above lt.). Shobha presented a banner to Suzane Sadofsky (above rt.), who in turn presented her an IW pin & an IWUSA pin. Shobha went on to present Suzane a shawl that is worn in India (below lt.). Eileen & Suzane both received beautiful bouquets of flowers (below rt.). It was a great meeting.



Margarette Golding Award goes to Suzanne Robinson



IWUSA President Gill Broadaway (lt.) & IIW President Phyllis Charter (rt.) present the award to Sue Robinson.

This Award may be presented for highly commendable or exceptional personal service in the local community or wider.

Successful recipients have generally been involved with a variety of charities or organizations for a very long time, often involving a great deal of commitment on a very regular basis. This work must be completely unconnected with Inner Wheel membership, Inner Wheel or Rotary fundraising activities. Alternatively or in addition they must have made great personal sacrifices for the benefit of others. The awards are given to Inner Wheel members as well as members of the general public. The criteria for success are set high so that the award remains a truly significant marker of an individual's commitment to others.



IIW Convention Jaipur, India March 3 – 6, 2021

Plans for a fabulous convention are well under way! Registration will open in February. At the time of registration, hotel choices for the convention will be listed and reservations should be made. There are several members looking at pre/post tours of India. If you are interested in "being kept in the loop" please email Gill at gill.broadaway@gmail.com.

For more information:

<http://iiwconvention2021jaipur.com/index.php>

