



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

Six months ago, I could not imagine the world today! My hope for all of you is that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We all have our story to tell about how we've been affected. For most of us this has been a huge inconvenience, and we can "count our blessings" it has not been worse.

My hope is that you will enjoy our wonderful newsletter that Becky has published. It will bring back memories of this year, we'll soon not forget. I was so happy I was able to visit three districts, 15 clubs, 3 Rotary clubs before March. Several other visits were planned for April along with our Governing Body and Trustee meetings, but we all know the ending to that story. Hopefully, I will be able to visit with the 2 clubs in New York, and District 767 in the fall.

Early October, I flew to Wisconsin to visit three non-districted clubs. I dressed in my warmest Florida winter clothes! What a delight to meet with the members of these clubs. The clubs are small and very social but take on projects their members can manage. The most important aspect of these clubs is the affection for one another.

In early January, I spent 4 fun and fast, paced days with IWC Slidell. This club has lots of energy and is involved in many different community projects. We traveled to Baton Rouge, toured the Capitol building which was built in just over 12 months during the depression; visited Safe Haven, a home for mentally challenge youth that Rotary and Inner Wheel collaborated on building an outdoor space with picnic tables and ball fields for the youth; celebrated Inner Wheel's 96th birthday at the Rotary Noon Club of Slidell meeting, where I was presented with a check from three Rotary clubs for our Foundation, and where the IWC Slidell received a proclamation from the State of Louisiana. Also met the Mayor of Slidell who presented a proclamation to IWC Slidell in recognition for the club's community involvement.

My visits to Districts 517 & 519 were delightful! Attending district and club meetings, meeting new members, renewing friendships, finding out about projects completed and those in the planning stages, and some now postponed. Thank you to these districts for celebrating the IW birthday and the foundation in "Grand Fashion"! What I witnessed were projects to meet the needs of their communities. Everyone celebrating friendship, working to make a difference in their community, and having fun! We are truly blessed to have Inner Wheel in our lives.

{con't. next page.}

Volume 33 Issue 2

Spring 2020

2019—20 Governing Body:

- Gill Broadaway, President, National Representative
- Linda Daniel, Vice President
- Margie Jones, Immediate Past President
- Fran Beers, Secretary
- Michelle Burgess, Treasurer
- Becky Donhost, Editor
- Joy Sims, Constitution Chair
- Gloria Vasconcellos, Dist. 517 Chair
- Trude Vasquez, Dist. 519 Chair
- Paula Edwards, Dist. 696 Chair
- Sherry Harris, Dist. 767 Chair

Foundation Bd. Of Trustees:

- Patricia Picard, Chairman
- Maggie Spears, Vice Chairman
- TBA, Secretary
- Annelise Graf, Financial Officer

Sunshine:

- Lola Chase, ggccret@aol.com
- Judy Wylde, jaw-yilde2@gmail.com

Con't. President Gill

I have completed my IWUSA report for IIW. A few facts of interest:

- ◆ IWUSA membership at 752
- ◆ Funds raised for charitable giving (includes personal donations to the Foundation) approximately \$411,000
- ◆ 70 plus organizations have benefitted from our organization.

Each of you are to be commended for your time and personal giving representing Inner Wheel in your communities. God Bless!

~Gill



IWUSA & IW Foundation & International IW Communication Links:

- * Inner Wheel U. S. A. Website:
www.innerwheelusa.com
- * Contact IWUSA President
gill.broadaway@gmail.com
- * IWUSA/Foundation Website
<http://innerwheelusa.com/iwusa-foundation-inc>
- * Contributions to Foundation can be sent to:
Ms. Annalise Graf, 124 Miller Way, Folsom, CA 95630
Or
IWUSA Foundation, Inc., PO Box 3414, Haines City, FL 33845
- * Contact the Foundation Chairman
pmcpicard@gmail.com
- * International Inner Wheel
www.internationalinnerwheel.org
- * IW on Facebook
www.facebook.com/internationalinnerwheel

Editor ~ Becky Donhost

As this Inner Wheel year comes to a close, I pause to reflect on the joy that has come my way by being on the Governing Body Board of IWUSA. I am surrounded by bright brilliant women who are like-minded to serve the community at large and in their own back yards. "Together We Can" could not have been a more appropriate theme for this year of chaos around the world. IW members have been a tremendous support to each other as we have sheltered in place with life coming to an end for some and a beginning for others.

I hope you enjoy reading what members across the country have done to support their neighborhoods as well as people around the world. Several of our clubs' news made it into the IIW News Magazine! Well done!

Please note: It was agreed upon by your Governing Body that the newsletter will now be digital and sent to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries only. Each club will be responsible for distribution to their members.

And finally, 2020/2021 will be my last year serving you as your Editor. I started this journey in September 2015 and have learned so much about Inner Wheel and the work that we do; the inspiration I get from reading the news of clubs across our country is immeasurable. Please consider this as an opportunity to spread your wings by applying your skills to this office.

becks2bz@yahoo.com
916.203.0679



From the Editor

Treasurer~ Michelle Burgess

Inner Wheel USA Inc.

Profit and Loss

July 1, 2019 - May 2, 2020

	Total
Income	
Fundraisers	372.50
Interest Income	2.01
IWUSA National Conference	21,056.30
Member Dues	24,956.19
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00
Total Income	\$ 46,387.00
Gross Profit	\$ 46,387.00
Expenses	
Accounting	675.00
Bank Charges	45.00
Board Meetings	
Board Meeting - Fall	
Board Travel Fall	4,526.56
Total Board Meeting – Fall	\$ 4,526.56
Spring Board Meeting	0.00
Total Board Meetings	\$ 4,526.56
Donations	0.00
IIW Directory & Postage	281.53
IIW Membership Dues	3,389.36
Insurance	
D&O Insurance	831.50
Total Insurance	\$ 831.50
IWUSA Conference	-1,500.00
IWUSA Conf. – Activities	6,255.29
IWUSA Conf. - Event Cost	18,440.13
IWUSA Conf. – Refunds	837.00
Total IWUSA Conference	\$ 24,032.42
IWUSA Directory	369.40
Newsletter	852.24
Office Supplies	32.37
Officer's Expenses	
President	1,284.19
Secretary	71.70
Total Officer's Expenses	\$ 1,355.89
Postage/Shipping/PO Box	62.82
Regalia/Pins for Members	263.17
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00
Website	127.98
Total Expenses	\$ 36,845.24
Net Operating Income	\$ 9,541.76
Net Income	\$ 9,541.76

Linda Daniel ~ IWUSA VPresident

The Spring of this year has been so different for all of us. I send this greeting with the hope that each of you is healthy, working things out as best you can, and that you are finding meaning in this change of focus. I have spent more time outside our home, weeding, digging, trimming, hacking and whacking than I have in the last five years. I have found the beauty of nature healing and hopeful, and a salve for my lonely spirit.

I miss Inner Wheel at every level and am glad when something pops into my email from an IW friend, and there they are, so real and whole in my mind's eye. Greetings to each of you with warm and loving thoughts.

Now to the nuts and bolts of what has transpired since last Fall:

- » The most important aspect of being IWUSA Vice President has been getting to understand more about the Foundation. As the liaison to the Foundation Board, I have been part of two Zoom meetings and been receiving monthly financial reports.
- » Visited the non-districted club of Tracy, California with Gill Broadaway in February.
- » Worked with the group that spent a day reviewing the IWUSA Handbook.
- » Attended District 517 and 519's Founder's Day events.
- » Attended an Orangevale Rotary Meeting with Gill Broadaway as the speaker.
- » Attended Orangevale Rotary Club's Fundraising event.
- » Attended the 20th Birthday celebration tea of the IW Orangevale.
- » Attended the Christmas party of the IW Sacramento which highlighted the memory of Laurel MacFarland.

I am looking forward to the time when we can be together and share our inspirations. Until then, I rejoice in our connection and all that it means and brings to my mind's eye.

In Friendship, Linda Daniel, IWUSA Vice President



Margie Jones ~ Immediate Past President

It has been a pleasure to work closely with IWUSA President Gill this year. I so appreciate all the projects she has taken on to update IWUSA such as the website and the IWUSA handbook. Great work Gill and all the Inner Wheel members that made this happen!

My focus this year has been to assist where I can in helping struggling local Inner Wheel clubs and assist where needed in the district/IWUSA. Our District 519 lost one of its most active, dedicated members last year, Laurel McFarland. We continue to feel her loss in so many ways. Our district's major fundraisers, Pick A Purse, was chaired by Laurel. In her honor, Linda Daniel and I have taken on the chair of this event to honor her memory. Due to the Corona virus, it had to be canceled but we are hopefully looking forward to our second postponed date of October 24, 2020.

What a blessing it was to have great visit from Gill in January and February when she was able to visit our Districts 517/519 and many of its clubs. Gill was able to make many connections while on the west coast, and it was so valuable for so many IW members to be able to interact and meet her. Thanks for taking the time and effort to make this happen Gill!

I was saddened to have IWUSA unable to meet this spring but of course, health is the most important for all of us. Hopefully, this pandemic will end soon, and we can come together in the near future to renew friendships and move forward on the important work we do as a group. I am pleased to be able to assist Gill and other Inner Wheel members as needed and look forward to our time together soon!



"You can make a wish. But then you have to do the wish.
It doesn't just happen."
Anonymous, 9 years old



Constitution/By Laws ~ Joy Sims

I apologize for my absence at our Fall Meeting in San Antonio, TX due to my husband's health and a raging storm in Florida and surrounding area.

I have responded by email and telephone to inquiries concerning the following:

- ✓ Non-districted Inner Wheel Clubs paying IWUSA, IIW dues and the status of their liability coverage?
- ✓ Who notifies the club these Dues are due? How much? When?
- ✓ Is the Inner Wheel District obligated to communicate with the non-districted club?
- ✓ Should the non-districted club depend on information from IWUSA?
- ✓ Does an Inner Wheel member need to be in a district to be on the IWUSA Board – or, the Foundation Board?
- ✓ When a club has Co-Presidents are they allowed to vote – or, only if the count is a tie?

These must be answered according to our IWUSA Bylaws and Standing Rules without neglecting our IIW Constitution.

Hopefully, with this information and the wisdom of God, our Constitution Committee will be able to answer questions as they arrive and we will continue to prepare for the year ahead.

**Make your own Beer Bread!
(AKA 1-2-3 Bread)**

- 1 can of beer
- 2 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar

Mix well. Put in greased loaf pan. Bake 375 F for 30—45 minutes.

****You can substitute lemon soda or seltzer water for the beer.**

*****You can spruce it up a bit as well. Brush the top with garlic. Mix in cheese &/or bacon bit; herbs of your choice.**



Get the latest news from International Inner Wheel on the website!! IWUSA made it to page 11 with Ft. Myers GRACE project to support Guatemalan Children & our IWUSA Treasurer Michelle Burgess on page 13 as UN Representative.

www.internationalinnerwheel.org

Member Updates & Corrections ~

- ♥ Bettye West Grant’s husband, Bill Grant, passed away. 2589 St. Lucia Circle, Vero Beach, FL 32967, mgrant939@gmail.com
- ♥ Louise Sauls IWC Avon Park moved to Independent Living facility, 5959 Sun n Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872, Apt. B102
- ♥ Kathi Olivieri IWC Westchester is moving. Her new address: 18 Alex Ct., Highland, NY 12525; 914 262 3999; KSPuppy@gmail.com.



PROMOTE TRUE FRIENDSHIP

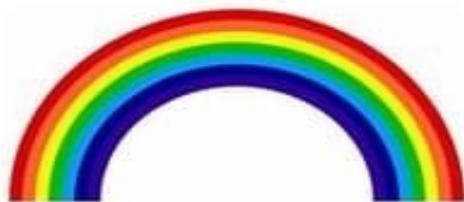


PROMOTE THE IDEALS OF PERSONAL SERVICE



FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

A Note from IIW President Phyllis Charter ~



A Rainbow is hope at the end of every storm

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to change our daily life, rainbows have been drawn and placed in windows in homes around the world, becoming a symbol of encouragement and positivity to so many who are working and striving to save lives.

A rainbow has many colours and charms – similar to Inner Wheel members – every colour with a different story.

A rainbow has colours of – **RED** – **ORANGE** – **YELLOW** – **GREEN** – **BLUE** – **INDIGO** – **VIOLET**.

Red – **Respect** each Inner Wheel member as an individual

Orange - **Offer** fair and kind treatment to all

Yellow – **Yearn** to learn at meetings

Green – **Grow** by searching for new members

Blue – **Believe** in yourself and your dreams

Indigo – **Insist** on a world of peace, understanding and harmony

Violet – **Value** the friendship of the members of Inner Wheel

The Rainbow is hope at the end of every storm with a promise of:-

Sunshine after rain - Calm after storms - Joy after sadness - Peace after pain - Love after loss.

To see a rainbow in the sky, you have to have the dark clouds of rain and suddenly those bright rays of sunshine that create the colour of hope and promise. All Inner Wheel Members lives are like a rainbow, where the “colour of hope” is the ability to give love and understanding and the “promise” to improve lives and make dreams come true.

There is a folklore that there is a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow – something very precious – the treasure of hope of better times. In many people’s lives Inner Wheel has become that treasure with the hope of making the impossible possible. All around the world Inner Wheel members are leading the way in supporting their communities during these perilous times. Whether it be by feeding thousands of homeless families, supplying medical goods to hospitals and care homes, delivering groceries to the vulnerable or making masks for friends and neighbours – members have used their skills and ability to alleviate the many problems that face us today.

Yes, we are that Treasure at the end of the Rainbow – the bright light behind many peoples dark clouds - and no matter what part you play I congratulate you all for creating the colours of the Rainbow.

We have proven that – **“TOGETHER WE CAN”**.

Hopefully the peak of the virus has been reached but we must tread with care as we slowly breathe the fresh air after the storm. We have to Stay near to home – Stay safe – Stay alert – Stay well. If we don’t we could easily slide down the wrong end of the Rainbow and go back to square one.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all – Please stay safe.

Love and best wishes, Phyllis



District 517 Chairman ~ Gloria Vasconcellos

It has been an interesting and devastating year for many. Fortunately, I have not heard of any COVID-19 cases in the clubs in District 517.

I attended the IW San Antonio Conference in September of 2019. I especially enjoyed being able to meet all the IWUSA Board Members and Phyllis Carter, the IIW President. So glad to be part of this wonderful organization.

District 517 clubs were continually active in the first half of the year. I was able to visit all the clubs and enjoyed meeting all the lovely ladies in our District. I attended meetings of Saratoga, Alameda, San Leandro, Livermore, Cupertino, and the annual Tea Foundation Fundraiser of Nilis/Fremont. Nilis/Fremont was responsible for the Foundation Day Brunch at Castlewood Country Club this year and they did a wonderful job. Our District was able to send the Foundation a Check for \$11,200 – the most that we have sent. So great to be sending it to such a wonderful cause. We were pleased to have Gill Broadway in attendance. We had four District 517 clubs receive the “Year of Achievement Award” this year. Some had never applied, and they are so deserving. It is a pleasure to serve District 517 as their Chair and I look forward to another year of friendship and sharing.

IW Club of Cupertino ~

On March 12 Cupertino held an O'Bunco Night where we celebrated St Patrick's Day with Irish Coffees and a green Thin Mint Ice Cream Pie and of course we played Bunco and a good time was had by all of us.

Due to the Coronavirus we were forced to cancel our main fundraiser of the year - our annual Bocce Ball Event and Dinner. The proceeds from this event funds a major part of our donations that we make for the following year.

At this time we have not made a decision to reschedule this event.

We had an End of the Year Luncheon planned for May 28 but that too had to be cancelled.



IW Club of Nilis Fremont ~

We've had such a great year as a club with Mary Lynn Pelican and Jan Smith, Co-Presidents, doing a wonderful job with the following: The Monthly Newsletter has been such a great addition to our club to keep us all on track and informed with what is going on! Our meetings have been fun and interesting with each month having something different and give us time to socialize and focus on our club goals. Our Christmas Tea was a huge success that raised \$2535 for the Foundation. The Basket Program is our annual project, where our members donate and make baskets that are raffled at our local Rotary meetings. The proceeds are donated to local non-profits that support women and children. We hosted the Founder's Day Brunch raising over \$11,500!! That is the most that has been raised in at least 4 years. And, we added three amazing women to our club!

Member Patricia Picard, IWUSA Foundation Chair, visited and corresponded with: Haines City, FL, club in January where she met and connected with new friends and exchanged emails and information after that time. She also visited with members from the non-districted club in Walnut Creek, CA and learned about what they do and the fundraising events they hold for their local community. Patricia attended District 696 meeting in Fort Myers, FL, meeting ladies from various clubs and communicated with them regarding different projects. She has contacted a member from Haarlem, Netherlands, and 2 members from District 911 in Nigeria. They continue to keep up with each other during this time of pandemic.



Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA ~

Our members promote friendship, ideals of personal service, and foster international understanding through our varied activities. We enjoy a close relationship with San Leandro Rotary and support their events by helping in any way we can and by attendance at events such as Lobsters for Learning. Members support other clubs by attending their fundraising events and of course enjoying the Friendship Lunch in November and Founders' Day in February. Some of our members participated in the Alzheimer's Walk in San Francisco.

Our meetings include time for social interaction beforehand and games to foster friendship and to learn about each other. One such game was that each member brought an item that represented them. Items included ballet slippers, wedding picture in another country, books, etc. Then we were asked to guess the owner of the item. There were quite a few surprises and lots of laughter. We enjoy our holiday potluck luncheon with gift exchange and a social meeting/dinner in February.

Fundraising efforts have been limited this year due to the current pandemic. We were able to hold a successful theater evening in October enjoying Cabaret. Other activities have been put on hold.

We are so proud of our efforts to continue gifting Rape Care Kits to BAWAR (Bay Area Women Against Rape) and gift cards to Children's Hospital. The gift cards are for families of abused children. Our members are eager to participate in writing the grant, helping order items, assembling kits, and delivering them to an appreciative organization.

A highlight at our January meeting was a visit from Gill Broadway, IWUSA President, and Patricia Picard, our speaker for the evening. Each was inspirational and made quite an impression on our membership. We gained a very impressed new member after that evening.

Aside from our formal activities, some members have formed a Book Club and others an Investment Club, thus promoting sociability and fun. Donations were given to eight local nonprofits totaling \$4,100.

It had been a pleasure and honor to serve as president of Inner Wheel of San Leandro this year and I look forward to my next term, hoping we are able to resume activities at full speed.

IW Club of Saratoga ~ Janice LeFevre

Happy Birthday to Saratoga IW and District 517 celebrating 35 years! Saratoga IW members had a busy year up until the recent 'shelter in place'. Last summer, we invited potential new members and past supporters to a luncheon and shared information about Inner Wheel and the Myoelectric Limb Project. This was well received by attendees, increasing their knowledge about IW, plus gaining a new member, Anne Hirokawa. Our fall planning meeting also included potential new members resulting in 2 more new members joining us this coming year. Districts 517-519 Friendship Luncheon was celebrated at Zio Fraedo's of Vallejo, co-chaired for many years by Sue Kasper, District 519 and Janice LeFevre, District 517. The marina location is lovely, the food delicious, and the weather was perfect for another successful day of friendship, fun and fundraising for the Myoelectric Limb Project.

'Thanks-for-Giving' is our traditional celebration the Sunday before Thanksgiving and was held at the home of Janice LeFevre. We were delighted to have forty members and IW supporters, including District Chair Gloria Vasconcellos, District Vice President Jan Smith, Past District Chair Jeanetta Arenott and their husbands, and Rotary District Governor Ramesh Hariharan. This is one of our favorite parties with lots of delicious food, fun, and friendship. Everyone brought packages of diapers that were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Center with a value of approximately \$1,000 worth of diapers.

130 people enjoyed the annual District 517 Founder's Day Champagne Brunch at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Thirty-eight members and supporters filled 4 tables. The guest speaker was James Caywood, prosthetist with Hanger Clinic serving multiple clinics throughout Northern California. He explained and demonstrated the new 'Hero Arm' created with a 3-D printer.

Giovanna, a 14-year-old teen, loves her 3D printed prosthetic Hero Arm. Born without her right arm below the elbow, she plays the violin, rock climbs competitively, rides her bike, and is a self-proclaimed book nerd. Inner Wheel's partnership with Hanger Clinic, enabled Giovanna to be retrofitted with the Hero Arm giving the energetic teen the ability to achieve success. She shares her love, making a heart shape with 'two' hands.



District 519 Chairman ~ Trude Vasquez

While contemplating what to write for this report, I was reminded how quickly our lives can change. Our lives were normal in January and we enjoyed our annual Founder's Day luncheon where we were both entertained and schooled by the Kids on the Block (puppets) from the Assistance League. We were honored to have our IWUSA President Gill Broadaway, in attendance for the event. Our January District meeting and luncheon was also part of the norm – our speaker was IW East Sacramento member Karen Ulep, who presented brilliant ideas on how to grow our clubs. During February and early March, our clubs were able to hold their club meeting – members were able to freely walk about and enjoy the company of friends and family. I attended a meeting of the IW Sacramento where I met a lovely group of women, some have been IW members for 36 years. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a vote on whether the club would continue or withdraw from IW. It was a difficult vote for each of them – they knew they were no longer able to perform the duties of the various officers but didn't want to lose the connection of friends. Sadly, the outcome was to withdraw from the IW. I've notified both the District 519 Board and IWUSA of the decision. From then on, our lives changed. I was scheduled to have my official visit with the IW Nevada City in March, but the members were no longer comfortable meeting in groups because of COVID19. The same was true for our annual Pick-a-Purse fundraiser which is now scheduled for May 30th (fingers crossed).

Although District 519 has shrunk in size, now 8 clubs (124 members) and 3 non-districted clubs (26 members w/count missing from the Tracy club) I have no doubt that our members will continue, in the true spirit of Inner Wheel, to Promote True Friendship, Promote the Ideals of Personal Service, and to Foster International Understanding. My prayers are for each and every one of you that you stay healthy so we all can return to our lives and our beloved Inner Wheel gatherings.

IW Club of El Cerrito, CA ~

El Cerrito Inner Wheel Club is small but active. Four times a year we help the auxiliary volunteers at the Martinez County Hospital assemble baby layettes which are given to each new baby born at the hospital. We knit Teddy Bears which are included in the baby layettes. At the request of the director of El Cerrito Royale Assisted Living, members made cloth face masks for the staff to help keep the community safe and healthy. Our husbands helped us to celebrate our 34th anniversary this year.

Norma Trillia as Extension Chairman for the District, sent out 90 letters in January with brochures to Rotary Clubs in District 5180 and 5160. She has been invited to speak to three Rotary clubs, but those meetings have been cancelled at this time. Various activities have been cancelled due to Shelter in Place. We have had a good and happy year.

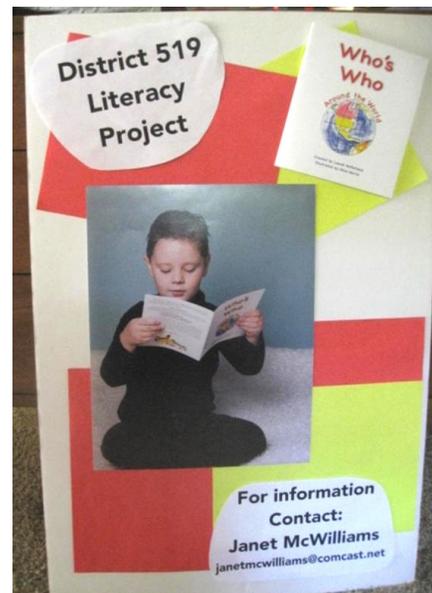
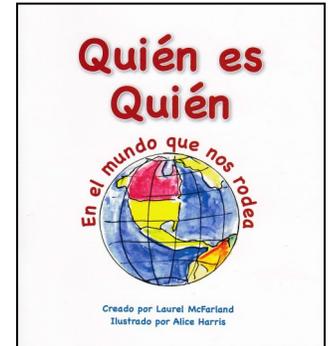
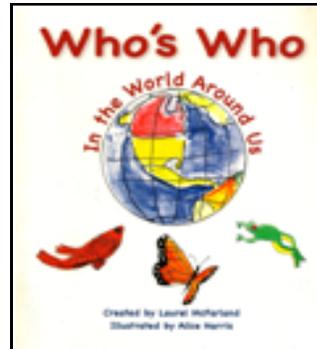


Where in the World? District 519's Literacy Project ~ Janet McWilliams

District 519's Literacy Project began in 1994 when Sue Hayes, a member of East Sacramento Club and a nurse at San Juan Mercy Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, who put us in contact with the right people at the hospital and even arranged for a tour. At that time there were about 200 births per month. Monetary donations from the 15 individual clubs that comprised our District at that time, as well as monies from the District funded the project.

23,493 Little Golden Books were distributed to infants and young children the next 11 years. Most of these were newborns at Mercy San Juan Hospital and included in packets for the parents of newborns. In 2003, we included a "Rock & Read" brochure that gave parents suggestions for developing the love of reading. IW Carmichael member Polly Lipp chaired the committee during these years. To support the project, IW Citrus Heights started a "Buck-a-Book" night at some of their meetings. Each member brought books to exchange for a "Buck" with donations going to support the project. Other clubs did similar programs. This all came to a halt in 2005 when Golden Books became more expensive and we felt that we could self-publish. With the help of Laurel McFarland and Alice Harris we accomplished our first printing in 2008.

In 2017, we translated the book into Spanish and made 1000 copies for distribution to various agencies. This past year we gave approximately 750 books to various agencies in our area: Lighthouse Ministries, Sacramento Dental Society, Chicks in Crisis, Women's Empowerment Groups, etc. We also gave about 250 of the Spanish version to various groups, including the Flying Samaritans for distribution in Baja, Mexico. To date, we have printed and distributed 7000 books in English and almost 1000 in Spanish.



IW Club of East Sacramento, CA ~

We started with a fun and delicious potluck dinner followed by our business meeting discussing our agenda for the 2019/20 year. Top of the list is our support for Sierra Forever Families, a non-profit organization which transforms the lives of children in foster care. We make 20 large Christmas stockings, filling each with \$100 of gifts of health & food staples, gift cards, and a special gift selected individually for each young person. This year we found ourselves short of the funds so member Karen Ulep acquired a \$500 corporate sponsorship from CADA (Capitol Area Development Authority) which allowed us to fund the project.

Karen gave a wonderful talk at our October meeting on using social media to promote Inner Wheel and our club. She developed our own website www.eastsaciw.org and Facebook page securing the email address eastsaciw@gmail.com then created and distributed an informational/grant solution letter. In October and November, we shopped for the stocking gifts in preparation for our annual Soup and Stocking meeting where we enjoyed homemade soup, wrapped the gifts, and stuffed the stockings. Phyllis Christopher reported that her daughters Robin and Amy (also members of our club) were each awarded the Emerald Pin for her financial contributions to IWUSA Foundation. We were pleased to host District 519 Chair Trude Vasquez at this fun and busy meeting.

In early December Sierra Forever Families invited us to their offices to deliver the Christmas stockings. It is always rewarding to meet with them and learn more about their organization which has recently combined with Stanford Youth Solutions. Our club enjoys fellowship with East Sacramento Rotary and provides the food for their annual Christmas Party. We raised \$500 while having a great time socializing. We also love our own Christmas party with a dinner held at Espanol restaurant when we exchange small gifts.

2020 began with a meeting inducting our newest member Bonnie Silva, increasing our club enrollment to 20. We were also treated to a guest speaker, Maria Farr, on olive oil tasting. We so enjoyed hosting IWUSA President Gill Broadway, who spoke on her involvement in IW at our February meeting. Annelise Graft, president of IWC of Orangevale also attended our meeting.

Continuing our desire to socialize with East Sacramento Rotary, we invited our spouses and significant others to a St. Patrick's Day Party "Top of the Evening" in March where we all contribute to a corned beef & cabbage bash. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus. Bunco, our major fundraiser of the year, scheduled for April was also cancelled. We put a lot of time and effort into this event. We hope it can be held later. A second project for Sierra Forever Family aging out youth where we provide backpacks filled with goodies and gift cards totaling \$100 has been put on hold. Some of these kids enroll in college, some start work, and some become mentors for the Foster Care System.

Since we can't meet, we are keeping each other abreast of our lives through email, checking on each other and sharing our thoughts. We still feel close as a club and cherish our friendships. Together we can ~ get through this difficult time.



IW Club of Orangevale, CA ~

We celebrated our 20th anniversary as a club on Nov. 19, the very day with a High Tea complete with finger sandwiches, scones, Devonshire cream and a special cake with the IW logo. Our guests included members of IWC Citrus Heights, which is our mother-club. It was a lot of laughs and all of us wore fancy fascinator hats.

Our main outreach is providing baby dolls to demented patients. They are very well received. We also sing familiar songs i.e. "Take me out to the Ballgame" with the residents. We had 25 dolls dressed and swaddled and ready to go for when this Covid-19 subsides, and we can again enter care homes.

Our fundraiser is a booth at Orangevale annual Crab Feed. We decorate the hall and get a spot (near the bar) in exchange. We sell Dry Soup mixes, Jalapeno Jelly and Baked goods. We met over the fall readying the soups and jellies. We do very well, as the 400+ attendees have come to expect us there. At these events, we have also met a couple of ladies who have ended up joining our club.

We recently presented a \$500 check to Sacramento Crisis Nursery and another \$500 check to Orangevale Food Bank. We support IW Foundation and this current year, club plus members have donated over \$2,500.

We were pleased to have Gill Broadway in attendance at our February meeting, where we exchanged Valentine's gifts and cards with each other. We are a pretty close-knit club, and all members look after one and another, especially during this Shelter-in-Place situation.



Thoughts of Inner Wheel Club of Orangevale, District 519

Lunches, projects, fund raisers, friends,

Excitement, hard work for the fun never ends.

*Today we celebrate **Valentine's Day***

To honor each other in a loving way.

So happy our guest is Gill Broadway

Inner Wheel President of the USA!

So to Gill, Annelise, Shirley, Kathleen, Marcia,

Phoebe, Jonell, Barbara, Vi, Chris, Claudia, and Christi,

I'm so glad you are my friends, I get a little misty.

Happy Valentine's Day

Love, Carol



IW Club of Nevada City, CA ~

Nevada City Inner Wheel Club supports a the local Kare Crisis Nursery. We help with their fundraisers and donate funds as we can. The nursery gives free care to children, under 5 years of age, when families cannot, due to problems within their family.

A donation was made to the Salvation Army at Christmas.

At each meeting, each member present tells of something happening with them or members of their family and places a donation in our "Brag Box". A total of \$237 was donated so far this year.

Editor's Note: Please allow me some discretion here as I am publishing IWC Sacramento's report in full as it is their last message to us and it is full of emotions that we are all feeling right now. ~ Becky, Ed.

IW Club of Sacramento, CA ~

This has been a very difficult year for us with our indescribably, all important (not to mention youngest, most involved in District and in IW nationally) member of our club passing on extremely suddenly and unexpectedly, Laurel McFarland. It changed our year's plan in every way -

We started out the year our usual way with "Just Lunch" in the delightful setting of Matteo's Pizza and Bistro outdoor area. The casual meeting turned out to be loaded with plans and ideas for the upcoming year. Including the plans for our next meeting which was to be an Anniversary Tea celebrating our 36th year. Laurel being Laurel, had looked up the gift for a 36 year celebration. It was Fine China, as in a teacup! So, we planned a miniature version of the 100 plus person tea that launched this Sacramento Club. Our tea was planned to be held in October. Just before the date we heard the devastating & shocking news of Laurel's passing. That meeting/tea was cancelled. The minutes from that September meeting were printed in a newsletter beautifully produced by Laurel.

In November we concentrated on organizing and gathering and delivering desserts for Laurel's "Celebration of Life". Laurel's husband, Leo was emphatic that it was not a memorial service but a day to celebrate an amazing lady. The response to our call for help was almost unbelievable. The 350 people anticipated to attend was greatly underestimated! (yet we still had enough desserts) The day was filled with tears, laughter, and happy memories. I might add I received messages from all over the USA with generous funds donated the IW Foundation in Laurel's memory. \$3,000 was donated from our own club plus \$650 from individual members of our club.

In December, again no meeting, but a beautiful, delicious Christmas dinner celebration at the Sutter Club thanks to Jeff and Bonnie Gustafson where we were joined by our husbands, a son or two, several guests, including three District 519 guests, Rotary Club of Sacramento President Jim Leet and most importantly, Leo McFarland making his first "public" appearance since Laurel's Celebration of Life.

Then came January, Laurel had made sure we knew that we were in charge of the January District meeting. She even said she would handle the entire raffle as long as we each gave a donation towards her purchasing the gifts. The thought of invitations, reservations, centerpieces, raffle gifts & ticket sales, etc. without Laurel was daunting to say the least. Then along came Margie Jones from IWC Citrus Heights saying they thought they were in charge of January's District meeting (I got pretty excited I must admit) then she added, and could we please split the duties to make it as easy on us as possible. If we would come up with the money to buy the raffle prizes and sell tickets at the meeting that would be plenty! I gave a huge sigh of relief. Of course by then we had already declared January as District month in lieu of a regular meeting when we rarely get many attendees anyway in January. We had a good turnout at the District 519 Founders Day celebration on January 26.

That brings us to February when we met once again in the lovely Del Paso Country Club with a full view of the golf course on a beautiful day made possible by the sponsorship of Finnette and Jim Carpenter. And then there's the amazing Mary Jo Streng who organized and executed the entire program: invitations, menu planning, speaker, reservations, name tags, and even provided our desserts!

We were honored to have the IWUSA President/National Representative with us all the way from Winter Haven Florida, Gill Broadaway. With her, was our District 519 Editor of Rose Leaves and IWUSA Editor, Becky Donhost of the IWC East Sacramento.

IW Club of Sacramento, CA—con't.

We had other guests as well, including a good number of husbands. We had the business meeting with its Thought for the Day given by Sonja Porte, followed by the Flag Salute and the regular business meeting. After much appreciated words from President Gill, our speaker Clayton Whitehead, VP of Sports Leisure Vacations was introduced and inspired us to travel and to obtain our Real ID before the deadline next October.

Members were reminded that we were to have a special meeting at the home of Bonnie Gustafson on March 4 and dear Laurel's pet project, fund-raising for Foundation, Pick-a-Purse on March 14. Our final meeting of the year was scheduled for May 6 at the Casa Garden Restaurant where District Chair, Trude Vasquez was to have her official visit. Once again, our plans were blown away. This time by the infamous virus!

Meanwhile, we were unable to find officers for the coming year. It was the same problem we had before when all officers finally agreed to stay on yet another year - again! This time enough was enough. After a serious visit with our dear member who started this club originally and was our first president, even admitted that she'd been thinking of our club's future and felt that dissolution might be the only solution.

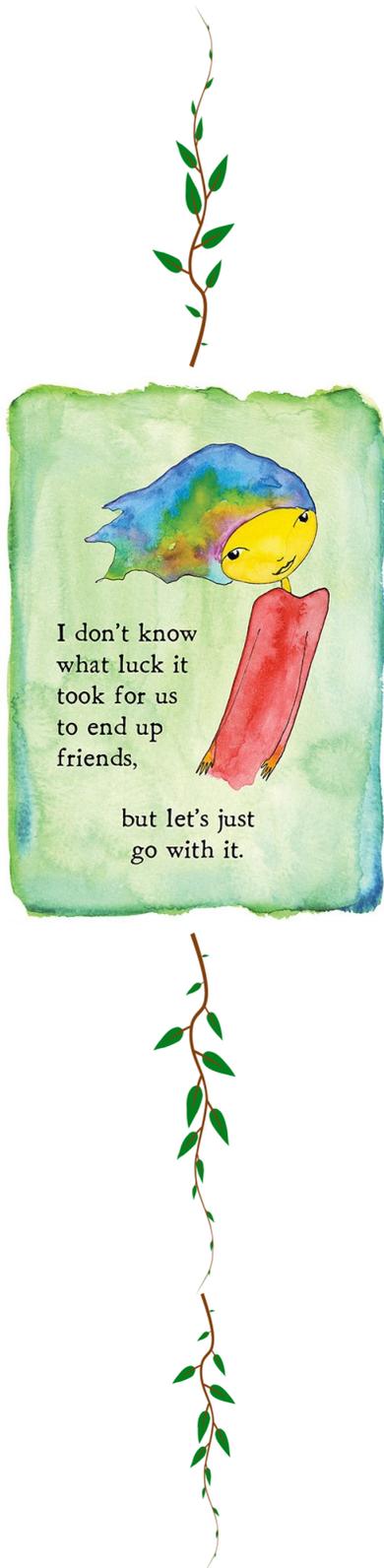
A very beautifully and carefully crafted letter was sent to each member from the Executive Committee laying out the plans for the rest of the year. Of the remaining 27 members, with the average age at mid to upper eighties, 17 have personal or mandated driving restrictions, we asked, "What is the solution?"

We presented the question: Are you willing to become an officer for the 2020-2021 year? If not, what kind of commitment to this Club can you make? Or is it time to consider dissolution of the Club? I sent to each member the story that Gill Broadway told us about of the club that had only five members, but still carries on. There was no response in that regard.

We called District Chair, Trude Vasquez to join us March 4 for the vote to determine our future. She was very helpful, encouraging us with possible ways to stay a functioning club, yet supportive as the votes were counted in favor of dissolving our club. With heavy hearts mixed with a sense of relief, we agreed that we would maintain our book club and bridge groups and would arrange social gatherings to stay in touch.

Now with the May meeting canceled because of the virus, we are simply waiting until we are allowed to meet once again to have that final meeting with Trude. We figured we could have "search-parties" to go through all files to find our Club Charter, but we were unable to do that with the current situation. We have searched every possible file, binder, and box. Gone through them twice, but no Charter has been found.

What a miserably sad conclusion to this Annual Report! Nevertheless, here it is. Kathryn A Breuer (Kiefie), President



IW Club of Walnut Creek, CA ~

One of the favorite, long time traditions of our club is the yearly Baby Shower when we bring clothing, blankets, and caps for babies born at our regional hospital, which serves all people in the county with special attention to those who are most vulnerable to health problems. Many of the items are purchased, but some of our members knit blankets throughout the year or bring handmade pieces from their church group. In this last year, and following the example of our neighboring El Cerrito club, we extended our layette contribution to going to the hospital and assembling the complete layette packages to be distributed to the new mothers. Three or four of us go to the hospital every other month. Each new mother gets a bag that includes a book, bib, booties, onesie, hat, socks and a blanket, often hand made. Also included in the bag is a thermometer. We are always trying to coordinate the cute onesies with a pretty matching blanket. We work for a couple of hours and complete about 100 layettes. We've been told by the volunteer coordinator that there can be 150 births in one month! We have fun getting together and when we are done we sometimes go out to a nearby restaurant for lunch and more visiting. Our medical center also provides basic clothing for adults who are being discharged.





TOGETHER WE CAN



- # Together we can overcome Covid-19
- # Together we can do everything
- # Together we can change the world
- # Together we can pull mountains
- # Together we can save the world
- # Together we can achieve more
- # Together we can create a better world
- # Together we can build a better tomorrow
- # You can do what I cannot I can do what you cannot together we can do great things
- # Together we can make impossible things possible
- # Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change
- # We walk together, we move together, we think together, we resolve together and together, we take this whole world forward
- # Alone we can say, together we can talk; Alone we can win, together we can achieve; Alone we can smile, together we can laugh; Alone we can enjoy, together we can celebrate

IDEAS FOR STAYING CONNECTED

- * Call a friend
- * Write to a Pen Pal
- * Play Scrabble online
- * FaceTime a friend & teach each other a new skill
- * Create poster messages for your neighbors
- * Share your most creative recipes

IW Club of Kenosha, WI, District 627 ~

Our year began on 2-19-20 with the installation of club officers' luncheon given by former club president Judy Wavro. Our club Treasurer, Diane Naidicz said that her report had been submitted to National and accepted. Our club has 14 members and continues to be active promoting the goals of Inner Wheel.

We had a very good turnout at the August luncheon and as always, invited Racine and Menomonee Falls members to join us. It has been the goal of the President of our IWC Kenosha to include these other Inner Wheel Clubs in all our functions and we continue to make an effort to stay in close contact with them.

The Inner Wheel Club of Kenosha was very honored to host IWUSA President Gillette Broadaway in October as she visited the Wisconsin clubs. A lovely dinner was held at one of our most elegant Supper Clubs on the shores of Lake Michigan. All members, spouses and extra guests were honored to have the opportunity to meet and visit with our IW Sister Gill. Gill's visit was very informational and helpful since personal problems of our members combined with illness has prohibited our club officers from attending the National meetings.

Our Holiday charity this year was to provide gift food cards to "GODS KITCHEN" founded by Mrs. Arnetta Griffin who provides meals to over 100 people per day, using her own kitchen and a donated local church's kitchen. We were able to give her \$400 in food cards.

Our club also honored one of our dear members, Mrs. Delores Schneider with a beautiful knitting bag and matching decorated scissors, at our February Valentine Luncheon. Delores has generously knit and crocheted numerous afghans for our group over the years, donating them so we would be able to auction them off and raise money for the Inner Wheel Foundation. Recognition was also given to our President Donna and Vic Weiler in honor of their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Because of the advancing age of our members, our club keeps in touch with each member by sending greeting cards on birthdays, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, etc. Even in their "golden years" several of our members continue to give of their time and talent regularly to local hospitals, churches, community centers, Shalom Center, and homeless food locations to help feed the poor.

IWC Kenosha members have generously donated \$870 this year to the IW FOUNDATION. This club was one of the original clubs sponsoring the Foundation and we are very proud of our continued contributions.

We are anxiously waiting for the year 2024 when we will be entering our 100th Year of Inner Wheel and our club continues to embrace the true meaning of friendship and service to each other and to many others. Stay Well, Respectfully, Judith Horvath, VP



District 696 Chairman ~ Paula Edwards

As my year comes to an end, I would like to share the highlights of my term and impart the valuable experiences to new and existing members, friends near and far, to satisfy my appetite for spreading the good work of the members of District 696 and Inner Wheel and Inner Wheel USA Foundation at large.

While I was ill and in my absence, our District's clubs proved to be healthy and strong through continued leadership of Rebekah Kogelschatz, District Vice Chair, Suzanne Robinson, Past District Chair and Past IWUSA President, Deloris Donnelly, District Foundation Coordinator and IWUSA Foundation Trustee, Fran Beers Governing Body Secretary, and many others who filled in the when their Club Presidents were unavailable. Unfortunately, we have lost a 3-member club - Metaraie, citing the aging of its members. However, we continue to remain in communication and look forward to continuing in friendship. Sadly, we lost Dottie Hobbs who was a member of IW North Jacksonville. Dottie would have been 100 years old in December and was an active member of the Club for over 40 years.

While we are currently faced with current world changes resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, I am delighted to report that our clubs continue to donate to the IWUSA Foundation. I am more so delighted that during this Pandemic our clubs have found innovative ways to continue serving through various projects or contributions in their communities while living through our theme - Together We Can. More importantly, it is heartwarming to see how we have embraced our existing friendships and engage new ones by way of electronic media – our new mode of communication. Remember to visit our Facebook and hit "like" as we will be doing the same. However, do not forget to reach out to those members who do not have FB access. To this end, let us continue to pray for comfort of those members that have lost loved ones and our entire global community who are all affected in some way during this challenging time.

Special appreciation is extended to the outgoing and incoming Executive Body leading this organization, all outgoing and incoming District & Club officers for their willingness to serve in leadership capacities and to those who provide support to these members. Extra special appreciation to my successor Rebekah, for taking the leadership role of District 696. Many thanks to all who have supported and mentored me, as well as to those have served with me in my role as District Chair. I wish everyone the best, and please, please Stay Safe and Sanitized.



RECIPE FOR MIRACLES

Fold two hands together and express a dash of sorrow,
Marinate it overnight and work on it tomorrow.

Chop one grudge in tiny pieces, add several cups of love,
Dredge with a large sized smile & mix with the ingredients above.

Dissolve the hate within you by doing a good deed,
Cut in and help your friend, if she should be in need.

Stir in laughter, love, and kindness - from the heart it has to come,
Toss with genuine forgiveness and give your neighbor some.

The amount of people served will depend on you—

It can serve the whole wide world, if you really want it to.

IW Club of Avon Park, FL ~

“Together We Can” has been very suitable for this year due to the Corona virus. We started out very organized and eager as usual. In September, we two guests, Emily Lee and IWUSA President, Gill Broadaway. Gill told our club all about the San Antonio Conference. Emily will become an “E” member as she has a job and cannot attend evening meetings but can help with projects. We plan to continue with our backpack project for needy school students. Funds were raised by selling coupons for discounts and helping at the store on the day of the sale. We supplied 27 backpacks to two local schools. We collected money for the Coupon Sale in October and had lots of fun trying to string beads to make fertility counter bracelets for women in Guatemala for the Grace Project. Lots of laughs later, we had 50 bracelets to donate to the project. In November, we gathered at the beautiful Jacaranda Hotel in downtown Avon Park for lunch. IWUSA President, Gill Broadaway attended. It was a good turnout and lots of fun. The hotel was beautifully decorated for the Christmas holidays.

Our Foundation Chairman, Cyndy Stanley gave a short talk on the Foundation and myoelectric limbs at February’s Foundation Luncheon. Our guest, Rotary Club of Sebring President Anastasia Saunders attended. Members made contributions to the Foundation.

Since March 15, everything changed as far as our club plans. The Corona Virus caused the cancelling our April and May meetings. As club president, I have made it a point to keep in touch with our club members to see how everyone was doing. As most of our members are older and living alone, I felt this was important. We can keep our club alive even with social distancing. We all look forward to the fall in hopes that we can meet again.



IWC Avon Park provides help to the food bank (lt.), elementary students (center) and to members in need (rt.).

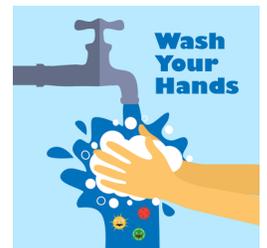


IW Club of St. Thomas, VI ~

From the *Nassau Tribune*, April 10, 2020: WITH the government now ordering people to wear face masks when they leave their residence to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, members of the Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau has started to make them.

“When it became clear that wearing a mask, even a homemade one, was important for all of us to do to help in the spread of the coronavirus, our members sprang into action to begin sewing masks,” said president Elizabeth Howard. “Our efforts are completely voluntary and we are using fabric we all have in our homes and every mask is donated.”

“We are all called to do our part during these trying times,” said Mrs. Howard. “It is a simple thing for us to do and I am incredibly proud of our members and friends for rising to the occasion. We have been told that health care workers on the frontline appreciate the effort we have made and that is gratifying. If the masks help just one person be safe during this pandemic then our united effort was well worth it.”



IW Club of Dunedin North, FL ~ Roberta Guilfoile

In November, we went to HOME, House of Mercy and Encouragement. It was our first visit, and we received a tour. They are in Dunedin, a non-profit and they serve as a resource for those children and families who are affected by mental health, learning, emotional or behavioral issues. The club donated items that were requested for use in the facility.

We held our February meeting at the Dunedin Fine Art Center where we celebrated Foundation Month with inspirational moments of Foundation history provided by our Foundation Coordinator Melba Rilott. She discussed the mission statement and the logo: Give A Child A Hand. She displayed molds from one of our field trips to Hanger in Clearwater. She shared the picture of Cody, who had 2 deformed hands, but was fitted with 2 myo prostheses through the Foundation. Melba thanked the club for their fundraising efforts over the many years of support.

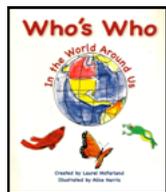


IW Club of Fort Myers, FL ~

Members of the Inner Wheel 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, Ed.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, Inner Wheel 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 IWC Sacramento, CA also donated some books she had written which have been given to Guatemalan children. After speaking at a District 696 luncheon, other clubs are now 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 a project with no end in sight!



IW Club of Baton Rouge, LA ~

30th Annual Attic Trash & Treasure fundraiser provided the club with funds to support the following charities:

- 1) Society of St Vincent de Paul
- 2) Hospice of Baton Rouge
- 3) Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency Foundation
- 4) McMains Children's Development Center
- 5) Thrive Academy
- 6) The Life if a Single Mom
- 7) Grief Recovery Center
- 8) Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center
- 9) Uplifted Woman's Center
- 10) Salvation Army
- 11) Capital Area Law Enforcement Foundation
- 12) Front Yard Bikes
- 15) Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- 16) IWUSA Foundation (Myoelectric Limbs)

~ Our total donations \$246,605



Event co-chairs Kay Nelson, Becky Smith, and Kema Bueche (left-right) check on some of the items that will be part of the 30th annual Attic Trash & Treasure Sale of IWC Baton Rouge.

IW Club of Haines City, FL ~

The IWC of Haines City adopts a family for the Christmas holidays, through the Women and Youth Home. The club gathers at the home of a member to share a potluck dinner and wrap presents. Each member brings a dish to share, supplies for wrapping presents, and canned goods for the family.

We celebrate with our Rotarians with Chili on the Ridge for the second year. We came in 3rd place and won \$100 to support our local projects.



District 767 Chairman ~ Sherry Harris

We thrive with great leadership from the seven clubs and the dedication of District officers. We hope this continues as we care about each member and the success of Inner Wheel. We enjoyed the pleasure of coordinating the "Footsteps for the Foundation" walk at the conference. The District provided a backpack with various donated items. Various IW members assisted putting together these backpacks at the conference. Hanger Clinic staff provided some items and were on site for the walk. What a great turnout from IWUSA! Over \$10,000 was raised for the IWUSA Foundation – the most funds raised since the beginning of the walkathons! Our District invited Beth Troutman, motivational speaker and a great friend of the District (and now IW) to be the keynote at a conference luncheon.

District 767 has great meetings. Some had low attendance but regular business was conducted and clubs were ensured they had the necessary paperwork and information needed. Our April meeting was scheduled to be hosted by IWC Plantation Estates at its retirement community but COVID-19 interrupted our plans. It was going to be a great meeting with a local recipient of the newest myoelectric limb by Hanger Clinic. IWUSA President, the recipient, her parents, local Rotarians, and community members were invited to attend. There was to be a presentation by Christine Becker and Maggie Spears. Perhaps this event can happen during our next scheduled District Meeting.

Before the quarantine, I visited IW Plantation Estates for lunch. They were hosting IW sister Hala from Jordan. She shared her club and IW happenings within Jordan. I shared information about International, National, District, and Foundation happenings. Hala graciously provided a generous donation to the IWUSA Foundation after hearing about how it supports children in need of limbs.

We are pleased with the success of IWC Plantation Estates, chartered in March 2019. They meet regularly and have elected 2020-2021 officers. Most of the members are renewing memberships. The Club provides support and items for the assisted living and nursing facility residents on the Plantation Estates campus. I know they will grow stronger each year.

The IWC Stamford-Hobart announced it will be become non-districted beginning the 2020-21 year citing travel and distance issues in meeting with the District and other Clubs. Stamford-Hobart is a strong Club and will continue to do well.

I am pleased to have served these two years with Frances Rose (Secretary), Linda Howard (Treasurer) and Joanne Ellis (Foundation Coordinator). Frances has been a great advisor and continues to be the greatest supporter of IWUSA. Linda has worked diligently to ensure our Club treasurers are up to date on what is needed in financial reporting and deadlines. Joanne has not been able to be as active as in past years, but we all remember how she emphasizes the importance of the Foundation. Chris Becker and Maggie Spears have provided Foundation programs and information as needed. I offer a special thanks to Diane Guilford (IWC Statesville) who has served as "corresponding" secretary. Diane has been in touch with so many National and District members in time of need.



The Inner Wheel Club of Statesville supported the Meals on Wheels recipients in the Iredell County area with special treats for Valentines and Easter. The recipients commented that they ate the desserts and treats before their meals!



IW Club of Stamford/Hobart, NY ~

The IWC Stamford-Hobart (the oldest club in the US) started this year off attending a yearly luncheon with the IWC Westchester at the Beckman Arms in August. In September four members attended the 2019 Inner Wheel Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Attending the conference were Chris Becker, Mary Jane Butler, Nancy Beisler and Shirley Popp. They contributed \$995 to the walk-a-thon for the IW Foundation.

We have been very active this year participating in several service projects. In November, third grade classes at our local school were presented dictionaries. Each member purchased gift certificates from local businesses—such as gas cards, grocery cards, hairdresser gift cards, thrift store cards, etc. for things that the food pantry clients might not be able to afford. The gift cards were won in an auction where each person was given 5 tickets to place in a cup for each certificate of their choice. If their ticket was drawn, they won the certificate. This was one of our most heart-warming activities we have ever done. The patrons were thrilled as one lady remarked that she hadn't been to a beauty parlor in years! We also continue to prepare what we call Cancer Bags that we give to the ladies who are undergoing cancer treatments at local hospitals. These bags contain: nail clippers, tissues, lip balm, mints, gum, wipes, and tic-tac's. Our monthly collection of diapers is appreciated by our local food pantry and WIC participants.

We are extremely excited for three new members have been inducted for 2019-2020. One new member, Rosie Hanselman is a young lady and shares new ideas with the club. Another new member, Annette Hinkley is extremely technology savvy. She is setting up a new club website that can be easily accessible to all club members. She set up "zoom" so snowbirds and other club members not able to be at the meeting could participate. She is currently working on setting up a face book page for the club.

Due to the Coronavirus, many scheduled and planned events have been cancelled or postponed. We look forward to serving various organizations in the Stamford Hobart areas with contributions to reading centers, food pantries, historical societies, and libraries. The Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel Club looks forward to the remaining year and the beginning of 2020-2021. Due to distance, we have voted to become a non-districted club.



IW Club of Westchester, NY ~

IWC of Westchester in District 767 currently has 18 members, 6 of the 18 do not live in the area. Sadly, we lost one of our members Christine Romeo. She will always be remembered for her smile and her giving nature.

We have had our monthly Board and luncheon meetings, except for January due to the weather. Our holiday party was made special by having a gift exchange and playing some fun games.

At our October meeting we had a visit from a lovely lady Shobha Kamut from District 314 Dembele Mumbai India. She shared that the main focus of her club was sex education for young girls.

We were planning a fundraiser for April 25. It has been postponed until May 30. A dinner theater outing that was scheduled for April 22 is in limbo. The theater is currently closed.

The Peekskill Rotary Club has once again donated \$1000 to IWUSA Foundation. They have donated \$6000 to the Foundation over the past few years.

All our officers are the same as last year. Kathi Olivieri is our club secretary. She is currently in the process of moving. She should be in the new house during May. Her new address will be:

18 Alex Ct., Highland, NY 12525; 914 262 3999; KSPuppy@gmail.com.

Spring is in the air; the birds are singing. So at least we can enjoy the outdoors. Eileen Marx



IWC Plantation Estates in Matthews North Carolina hosted Inner Wheel sister Hala Akkad from Jordan. The Plantation Estates members, Miriam Fisher and Mary Ellen Randall (IWC Matthews Mint Hill) along with District 767 officers Sherry Harris and Linda Howard listen as Hala shares information about Egypt, Jordan, and International Inner Wheel.

Beautiful friendships were formed at the IWUSA Governing Body Meeting. These four bonded, told secrets, walked, shopped, and ate together! IW is about friendships!
From left: Jo Murphy, first IW event; Linda Howard, IW National Treasurer; Sherry Harris, Chairman District 767; and Delores Donnelley, IWUSA Foundation.



Our Inner Wheel sister from Jordan, presents a generous donation to the IWUSA Foundation at a luncheon with the IWC of Plantation Estates. Also pictured are (left to right) Miriam Fisher, Sherry Harris, Linda Howard and Hala Akkad.



A Letter from Down Under ~

In response to IWUSA \$2975 donation to IW Australia's Bush Fire Appeal and in a letter to IWUSA President Gill Broadaway, the following:

Dear Gill,

Thank you so much for the most appreciated donation to The IWA Bush Fire Appeal. It is very much appreciated. We, like the citizens worldwide have now had our individual lives turned upside down. Australians like the citizens in the United States of America are facing a real challenge. Australian borders have been closed and now our internal borders have closed, except for the delivery of essential items. All non-essential businesses have been forced to close, also gyms, movie theaters, sporting, and entertainment events - Church Services have been banned. Restaurants have been closed except for take-away meals. I guess you are experiencing the same in America. We are all told to stay in our homes and not to leave except for emergencies.

I like am hoping for an early end to this horrific pandemic and pray it will not extend further than the six months our Government is predicting.

I have never in my lifetime experienced any disaster like this. My heartfelt sorrow goes to all who have been so unfortunate to be affected in this hideous pandemic.

Please pass on my message of sincere thanks to the members of Inner Wheel in the United States for their kind and generous donation.

I wish all members of Inner Wheel in America the very best in these most trying times and send love & friendship to you all.

Most sincerely, June Muller, IWA National Representative 2019/2020



**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>