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A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN PATRICIA PICARD

I hope this newsletter finds you well during these unusual times. We have weathered worse and we will get through this together. Our friendships and meetings are continuing in new ways and our friends continue to support each other.



In our last newsletter, we shared a few of our recipients/ children, a few events that were coming up and highlighted a few of our clubs' activities for the Foundation.

This month, I am thrilled to share our donations for the 2019-20 year that ended on June 30, 2020, a few updates from clubs and districts and a spotlight of one of our previous Foundation Chairman.

In my note to you, I want to express my unending gratitude for every minute you spend working to support this Foundation; the events you plan, the decorations you make for these events, the planning meetings, etc. You are the strength and success of this Foundation and I am thankful to be working with you.

As we made our disbursement to Hanger Clinic a few months ago, the Hanger Clinic National Director of the Upper Limb Program was excited and thrilled with the possibilities. He shared that there are constantly new technologies being developed and that our donation is going to help so many more children with this new and improved advancements.

More children living their dreams, riding bikes for the first time, holding their mom or dad's hand for the first time, the first time they get to hug their parents. These moments are made possible by your daily efforts to further this Foundation.



*Patricia displays her
"new" purse from the
District 696 fundraiser*

So, thank you for all you've done and for all you continue to do. May your lives be enriched by your generosity of time, talent, and treasure as we "Lead the Change in 2020-21".

With much gratitude,

Patricia Picard

Chairman, IWUSA Foundation



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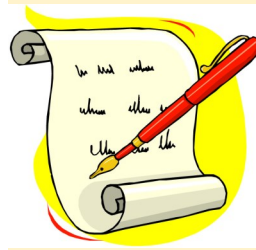
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Editor's note:

This newsletter has details of many events that happened before our world was turned upside down from the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. Regrettably, many other social and fundraising events that we had so diligently planned had to be canceled or postponed. As we acclimate to the new normal, we are asked to grow, learn, and do new things, (Zoom, skype, Facebook Live, and even celebrate with drive-by parties). It will be a challenge to continue the good work that we do for our children with missing limbs and different abilities. Perhaps this tongue-in-cheek poem penned by the Racine Club will spur some ideas. Happy Reading! Gay DiGiovanni. Email news to phillychick26@gmail.com

WORDS TO PONDER— IW CLUB OF RACINE

Baking for sales is extra work
 Yet nobody really wants to shirk
 So we thought of a plan that's truly grand
 And feel quite sure you will understand
 In a little envelope, please put a price
 Of a pie or cake or something nice
 Without fuss or bother, you've done your part
 We hope you'll give with a willing heart

Inner Wheel Club and District Events

IW CLUB SLIDELL, LA

The IW Club of Slidell's annual Foundation Walk was held this year on February 29th at the Parc Provence Senior Living Center. Parc Provence has been hosting the club's monthly membership luncheons free of charge for several years, and they have a wonderful pond and walking trail behind the main building. One of their residents, 100 year-old Iris Newton, joined the walk in the woods. Iris is pictured in the front row 5th from the left along with other members and friends of the club.



IW CLUB FT. MYERS, FL and DISTRICT 696

Submitted by Deloris Donnelly

The Ft. Myers club was pleased to have IWUSA President Gill Broadway and past Foundation Trustee Elaine Willis join club members as they toured Hanger Clinic in Ft. Myers. How grateful we are to be partnered with Hanger, "Turning Possibilities into Realities". The club is also visiting three local Rotary clubs to share information and bring awareness to their community about the Foundation and the *Give A Child A Hand* limb project.



IW Club of Ft. Myers' members touring the Hanger Clinic of Ft. Myers, FL

IW CLUB SAN LEANDRO, CA

Submitted by JoAnn Cornelius



The San Leandro club welcomed IW Foundation Chairman Patricia Picard and IWUSA President Gill Broadway at their general membership meeting held on January 27, 2020 at the Englander Pub Restaurant in San Leandro. Patricia presented Foundation news and updates to the club. The club also participated in the District 517 Founder's Day Luncheon on February 16, 2020 with proceeds from their beautifully decorated basket raffle going to the Foundation and the myoelectric limb project.



Jody Griffing from the IW Club of Avon Park with her patriotic purse and a surprise inside

As host of the IW District 696 meeting on January 11, 2020, the Ft. Myers club also held a Purse Party. About 40 members from the District enjoyed this fundraising event for the Foundation at the Discovery Village Senior Living Facility. Organizers boasted of gently used purses donated by members and friends. These were raffled off along with other silent auction items donated by local artists. Some purses held surprises of cuddly stuffed animals and beautiful antique handkerchiefs donated from a mother's collection by a Ft. Myers member. Many happy members were smiling as they left with artwork and purses. Proceeds of \$800 were split between the District and the Foundation.

Pictured left to right: Patricia Picard IW Foundation Chairman, Gill Broadway, IWUSA President, Alice Sarafian, San Leandro Club President, and Jeanetta Arenott, IW District 517 Secretary

IW CLUB STATESVILLE, NC

Submitted by Sherry Harris

David and Gail Pope presented information about the IWUSA Foundation to the Investment Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church in Statesville, North Carolina. David is a life-long member of the Rotary Club of Greater Statesville and Gail is a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Statesville.

After years of hearing about the Foundation and participating in the basket raffles provided by the Inner Wheel Club of Statesville, this wonderful couple approached their church about a donation to the Statesville club that will be forwarded to the IWUSA Foundation over a two-year period.

Our club is so grateful for this generous donation of \$1,000. Gail says "St. John's Lutheran Church is very concerned with children and hopes that every child has an equal chance in this world. The committee at St. John's saw this as an excellent opportunity to help children with myoelectric needs. David added, "Rotary and Inner Wheel in Statesville cooperated very well over the years. Inner Wheel's fundraising basket projects held throughout the community Rotary clubs are fun and beneficial to the needs. The request to St. John's Lutheran Investment Committee was in line with Inner Wheel's distribution guidelines and funds were granted."



Gail and David Pope, St. John's Lutheran Church In Statesville

IW CLUB PLANTATION ESTATES, NC

Submitted by Linda Howard



(Pictured left to right) Miriam Fisher, (past International IW Board Director, Sherry Harris, District 767 Chairman, and Linda Howard, District 767 Treasurer, were presented with a generous donation for the Foundation from Hala Akkad

Hala Akkad Inner Wheel member of District 95 in Jordan, was visiting her son's family in Mooresville, NC and contacted her friend, former IWUSA President Miriam Fisher, inquiring about a meeting she could attend. Miriam set up a Plantation Estates club luncheon on March 5, 2020, to meet and honor Hala. Sherry Harris and Miriam both presented a program about the Foundation, Inner Wheel district and club news. Hala was so impressed with the Foundation, that she decided right then to give generously from her own pocket.

CONTRIBUTORS REACH "JWELED" GOALS!

Sapphire

- ◆ Gill Broadaway
- ◆ IWC El Cerrito (for Dist.519 Pinochle Club)
- ◆ Rev. Nancy M. Smith

Emerald

- ◆ Amy Chiuu
- ◆ Mary Lynn Pelican
- ◆ Robin Slort

Rose Council

- ◆ Linda Bankston
- ◆ Alice Sarafian
- ◆ Bert Smith
- ◆ Trude Vasquez
- ◆ Marlene Weibel
- ◆ Carol Winget

Ruby

- ◆ IWC Haines City
- ◆ IWC Matthews-Mint Hill



Hanger Clinic Arm molds for Cody

IW CLUB DUNEDIN NORTH, FL

Submitted by Melba Rilott

The IW Club of Dunedin North celebrated Foundation month with inspirational moments of our history given by Melba Rilott, the club Foundation Coordinator and past IWUSA Foundation Chairman.

Melba took her club back to the moment when just a few women had an idea and started the process and work to form a non-profit organization under the IRS code 501(c)3. They developed the mission statement and the logo *Give a Child a Hand* that we use today.

It was a highlight of Melba's chairmanship from 2002-2005 to partner with Hanger Clinic. This gave the Foundation the ability to serve many more children. She shared the picture and story of Cody who had to struggle with balance because both hands were

deformed. Melba also circulated the special molds that were used to design the two myoelectric limbs for Cody, pointing out that funds from the Foundation made this possible.

She showed the Rose Council pin with two leaves which are given when you become a Benefactor. She also thanked the club for their fundraising efforts over the years and for the individual members' contributions.



IW DISTRICT 517, CA and AZ

Submitted by Mary Lynn Pelican



From the left, Angela Figman, Bill Conner, James Caywood (Hanger Clinic), Mary Lynn Pelican (Co-President Niles-Fremont IW Club)

One hundred thirty (130) people enjoyed the annual District 517 Founder's Day Champagne Brunch Celebration on Sunday, February 16th at the Castlewood Country Club.

We were especially honored to have Gill Broadway, IWUSA President, and Linda Dan-



Also present was 4th grader Unique, (featured in the Winter 2020 Newsletter) . She is pictured here with her grandparents and James Caywood.

iel, IWUSA Vice President, join us this year, along with a number of District 519 members.

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. The beautifully decorated basket raffle fundraiser raised \$11,200 for the Foundation.

OTHER CLUB AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- ♦ IW Club Newton Conover, NC sold Valentine Basket raffle tickets to two Rotary Clubs from January 28 through February 13 and displayed several prosthetic limbs from Hanger Clinics with great response.
- ♦ IW Club of Stamford-Hobart, NY always celebrates February as Foundation month. At the meeting on February 6, 2020, Nancy Beisler, Foundation Benefactor Trustee, and Mary Jane Butler presented a history of the Foundation to their membership which included several new members.
- ♦ IW District 519, CA celebrated International Inner Wheel Founders Day at the North Ridge Country Club, Fair Oaks, CA on Sunday January 26, 2020. Along with cocktails and a buffet brunch, the event featured a program put on by the Assistance League of Sacramento called *Kids on the Block*. This was presented by June Gatewood and Kathleen Wade.

IN MEMORIAM MARYANN SHEARER

1934-2019



Editor's Note: The following letter by Kimberly Dapron was sent to the Foundations with a donation in honor and memory of her mother Maryann Shearer. Maryann was a founding member of the Foundation and Chairman (1992-1994), and past IWUSA International Representative (1984-1986). Her full obituary can be found at www.legacy.com. (This has been edited for clarity).

Dear Friends of Inner Wheel, January 12th, 2020

I have enclosed a check in the memory of my mother, Maryann Shearer, to be used specifically for the Myoelectric Limb Project. I remember that she would tell me about her work starting "a myoelectric limb bank," and I have pictures of her handing over the first check to doctors at Stanford Hospital with news crews documenting the event. My mother unfortunately passed (cancer) one year ago today, on January 12th, 2019. I would like to donate funds every year in honor of her memory, working toward Rose Council. My mom was a VERY active member of Inner Wheel, District 519 – Carmichael Club, for about 40 years. If you ask any of these ladies about my mom, they will be able to tell you of her achievements for and dedication to this club; Vicky Boatwright, Lillie Tonkin, Karen Gallagher, Karen Munsterman, Lilly Pop, Diana Vinks, Melody Sipes, and my mom's sister-in-law, Judy Shearer.

The following is an excerpt from Legacy.com of the obituary my father wrote:

'While a member of Inner Wheel, she served as club President several times, District Governor [Chairman], and two years as the [International Representative] chartering new clubs throughout the United States and of course making more and more new friends. She was instrumental in establishing a Foundation which provided a myoelectric limb bank for children born without a limb. The Foundation has subsequently become a beacon of help to those children [born with such a disability]'

Thank you ever so much. I appreciate all the work you do and the help the club provides. My mother enjoyed the creative outlet it provided, the rich friendships she made, the national and international travel she did, and of course, helping others. *Kimberly Dapron*

IN THE SPOT LIGHT—MELBA RILOTT

Submitted by Nancy Beisler and Melba Rilott



Melba Rilott is an energetic and enthusiastic woman. She is also a retired legal secretary, master cosmetologist, artist, and professional quilter and she came to Inner Wheel in a unique way. After her husband's death in 1987, (he was a Rotarian), she was interested in joining Inner Wheel. She offered to do a program on quilting for the Inner Wheel club at her home and was able to show off her artistry. Shortly afterwards, she was invited to join the Inner Wheel Club of Dunedin North in 1988.

Interest in the Foundation was cemented when in June 1998 Andres Alvarez, age 8, received his first myoelectric limb; He touched Melba's heart when he grabbed his mom's hand and said "Mom, look I can hold your hand".

At the IWUSA National Conference in Charlotte, NC Joanne Ellis convinced her to submit an application to be a Trustee for the Foundation. In 1999 Melba was elected and served through 2005. Her first assignment was as the Public Relations Trustee. She spoke to Rotary clubs, local organizations, and at her district meetings, and published articles in the local newspapers. One of those articles sparked the interest of Capt. Charles Cook, an affiliate provider of prosthetic limbs and developer of high technology prosthetic components. He later joined her when she spoke to groups, and in May 2004 Melba invited Capt. Cook to be the guest speaker at the Inner Wheel National Conference in St. Thomas, VI.

Melba was the Chairman of the Foundation from 2002 through 2005. During her chairmanship she had two goals. #1 was to reach \$1,000,000 in assets. Unfortunately, the 9-11 attack on the Twin Towers in 2001 dampened that. Goal #2 was to partner with Hanger Clinic. Thanks to Becky Donhost, the Project Development Coordinator at the time, Melba signed the contract with Hanger Clinic on January 7, 2004.

As Chairman, Melba used her expertise as a legal secretary to move the Foundation's financial and benefactor programs forward. She designed the brochure *Planning Tips for IWUSA Clubs* and created the Benefactor form. The Foundation board approved both, and the yearly donation distribution formula which she promoted: 60% to Hanger based on the last three years net income; 35% reinvested; 5% to reserve fund.

Melba's strong commitment to the Foundation and especially the Benefactor program were evident as she became a board Trustee, Chairman, and in 2001 she became a Benefactor.



Benefactor recognition is given to anyone who informs the Foundation, in writing, that he or she has made provisions in a will or other final estate plan for a contribution to the Inner Wheel Foundation. Benefactor contributions are recognized by the addition of gold leaves to the Rose Council pin or Membership pin.

This definition is from the IWUSA Directory. The Benefactor form can be found at (www.innerwheelusa.com).



DO YOU WANT TO BE A BENEFACTOR?

Submitted by Maggie Spears

Becoming a Benefactor is actually Planned Giving such as in estate planning. Legal counseling is recommended when considering planned giving. A planned gift is designated during the contributor's lifetime, but whose principal benefits are not transferred to the Foundation until sometime in the future, usually upon the death of the contributor. As a Benefactor, gifts may be made during your lifetime or through an estate. Some examples are cash, securities, life insurance, wills, or the testamentary trust. Benefactor recognition is given to anyone who informs the Inner Wheel Foundation in writing that they have made provisions in a will or other final estate plan for contributions of \$1000 or more, benefiting the Children's Myoelectric Limb project.

The Foundation Benefactor form can be found on the IWUSA website at (www.innerwheelusa.com) under downloads or from the Foundation Resource Manual.

The Foundation Resource Manual was distributed to your club Foundation Coordinator or your club President in September 2019.

DO YOU KNOW?

How a child can receive a myoelectric or bionic limb with IW Foundation (IWF) funds?

Here is the Process:

- ♦ Child is referred to Hanger Clinic
- ♦ Child is evaluated by Hanger Clinic if OK'd,
- ♦ Child qualifies for IWF Financial aid, if yes,
- ♦ IWF approves, if yes,
- ♦ Hanger checks for limb availability, if yes,
- ♦ Hanger checks for funding availability, if yes
- ♦ Child is fitted for a limb, and then,
- ♦ Hanger maintains charts on the child and limb

IN THE NEWS



IW FOUNDATION SPONSORS

CAMP NO LIMITS

Submitted by Annelise Graf

The IW Foundation Board has voted to sponsor Camp No Limits, a non-profit organizations where children with limb deficiencies meet to learn from each other, gain confidence, and to just be kids. The camps are usually held on the East Coast, but due to Covid-19 it is a virtual camp this year reaching kids from all 50 states, and English speaking kids in other countries.

Two Board members were invited to "Zoom-in" during occupational therapy sessions and answer questions about how the Foundation may be able to help financially with a new upper limb. Another sponsor of Camp No Limits is Hanger Clinic, who will continue to do all the vetting when a child is identified.

Our association with Camp No Limits goes back to 2012, when we provided scholarships for campers. Our Carrie Davis was then the camp counselor extraordinaire. Because of generous donors and a very healthy return on our investments, we will once again be able to help even more children this year!