



In the Wheel

Inner Wheel USA

Inner Wheel USA Foundation

Bina Vyas, IIW 2020/2021 President

Gill Broadaway, IWUSA 2020/2021 President



Lead the Change

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

It has been a very busy six months since our last Governing Body meeting! The IIW Virtual Convention was all consuming from the middle of January to March. April allowed me time for one last visit to California.

I have continued to be invited to take part in ZOOM meetings, which I have enjoyed immensely. One of the responsibilities of the National President is to become familiar with clubs and districts and what is going on in Inner Wheel nationally and internationally. ZOOM has allowed me to get to know members and the find out about the wonderful work clubs are doing even during COVID times. I think COVID has brought out the creativity in all of us!!

Every club was offered to have their club delegate carry their vote and IWUSA would pay the registration fee. Nineteen (19) clubs and districts took advantage of the offer. Four (4) Past Presidents and I served Proxy/Deputy vote holders for the remaining clubs. In all, we had 29 IWUSA members, some of whom paid their own registration fee, in attendance.

MCI, the company putting the virtual convention together requested from National Representatives a photograph standing a certain way, a picture of each of us holding our country's flag, and walking carrying our country's flag. They did piece it all together for the opening.

Our Foundation was showcased in the Service Projects Hall with a video featuring Giovanna's story. The Inner Wheel Clubs of Slidell, Fair Oaks, San Leandro, Haines City, and El Cerrito had projects displayed with a short write up and pictures. Additionally, pictures from Citrus Heights, Ft. Myers, and Slidell were submitted for display.

The takeaway from all of this was make sure you are taking high resolution pictures, submit write up and pictures to the National Editor A.S.A.P. IIW is always asking for articles and the National Editor can send the articles and pictures immediately, if she has it. A big thank you to Becky Donhost for being ready on a moments notice to keep IWUSA presence going with IIW.

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2020—21 Governing Body:

- Gill Broadaway, President, National Representative
- Linda Daniel, Vice President
- Fran Beers, Secretary
- Michelle Burgess, Treasurer
- Becky Donhost, Editor
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- Gloria Vasconcellos, Dist. 517 Chair
- Janet McWilliams, Dist. 519 Chair
- Rebekah Kogelschatz, Dist. 696 Chair
- Linda Howard, Dist. 767 Chair

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Con't. ~ President Gill

In January, I formed a committee of Past Presidents, current executive board members who have attended previously IIW Conventions. Our purpose was to discuss the Proposals to be voted on at the convention. After several lengthy discussions, we were ready to have ZOOM meetings with the voting delegates. Proxy/Deputy vote holders and their clubs were in communication on the voting. This process was completed shortly before the convention and vote training was held. Everyone knew how they were to vote, but not prepared for the glitches that occurred when voting started. All ended well!!

On March 6th, along with Sue Robinson we were the guest speaker at the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean. We spoke about Inner Wheel and our Foundation. The members saw the video that was going to be on display at the IIW Virtual Convention. It received great reviews and comments from the Rotarians. The "happy bucks" raised (\$300) that day were given to Inner Wheel and have been split between IWUSA and the Foundation.

On April 19th, the day after the convention was over, I flew to Sacramento to meet with Linda Daniel, Maggie McLaughlin-Jordan, incoming National Secretary, and Gloria Vasconcellos, incoming Vice-President. We were able to spend time talking, and answering questions related to the coming year. I delivered two suitcases of IWUSA items to the west coast. A luncheon was held to bring together incoming National Officers from District 517 & 519, and to honor two outgoing officers, Becky Donhost, National Editor, and Janet McWilliams District 519 Chairman. It was beautiful day as we gathered to celebrate Inner Wheel friendships.

It has been a wonderful two years. It is my wish for each of you to continue to make a difference in your community, work to keep your club strong, please don't be afraid to step into a position of leadership, and invite a friend to attend an Inner Wheel meeting. Remember communication is the key to good relationships. Please welcome Linda Daniel and the new board as they take over the first of July. God Bless.

IWUSA & IW Foundation & International IW

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Editor ~ Beckv Donhost

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Editor over the last 6 years. As stated before, the news of Inner Wheel service across the USA is simply amazing. We are a giving group of women on so many levels—to our families, our communities, and the world. As President Gill has said, communication is the key to strong relationships. This newsletter gives proof to that statement. Remember to share with your new Editor, Lesley Shaw all of the wonderful news of your service to your community. This becomes an inspiration to others to explore new ways to help those in need. And as always, pictures say 1000 words. Be proud of your service and share those photos of your members in action. Share here to the newsletter as well as social media—we need to be seen in order to grow.

The following is Lesley Shaw's information: lesleycshaw@gmail.com; 727.687.6142.

Treasurer~ Michelle Burgess

APPROVED BUDGET 2021-2022 INCOME

IWUSA Dues	<u>550 x 31.00</u>	\$17,050
IIW Directories		\$400
TOTAL INCOME		\$17,450

EXPENSE

International Cap fees/Dues		\$2,695
Insurance	Liability	\$2,300
	D & O Ins.	\$832
President's Expense		\$2,400
Secretary Expense		\$150
Vice President's Expense		\$25
Treasurer's Expense		\$75
QuickBooks Online		\$75
Postage/Shipping/Printing		\$175
Board Meetings	Fall Meeting Travel	\$3,500
	Spring Travel	\$3,500
2022 National Conference		\$1,000
State of CA - Legal Work		\$1,000
Computer/Website		\$600
Accounting (Year End Audit)		\$700
Int'l Directory & Postage		\$400
USA Directory & Postage		\$500
Donation to Foundation (Pres. Honor)		\$100
Florida State Fee		\$75
IWUSA Officers Gifts (Acrylic Heart)		\$350
Bank Charges (wire fees)		\$40
Regalia/Pins for Members		\$400
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$20,892
NET PROFIT		-\$3,442



Hold in your hearts ~

Mary Tarpley, Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro's long-time member and friend to all, passed away on May 30. Mary was always cheerful and enthusiastic about Inner Wheel. She supported the Inner Wheel U.S.A. Foundation and was a participant in the Investment Club and Book Club. Mary served as ISO for our club and for District 517. In that position, she established personal relationships with members of nineteen clubs around the world. Upon receiving a letter, Mary would



distribute copies to each club member. Sadly, due to illness she was unable to meet in person with a woman visiting from Italy whom she had written to for many years. Mary will be greatly missed. It was such a pleasure to know her. Rest in Peace, Mary.

West Coast Sunshine ~ Joan Cotton

Upon hearing of the death of long-time member, Lola Chase, words of sympathy from Inner Wheel U.S.A. were sent to her daughter Linda and their family. Lola was a wonderful USA President. She continually offered her help in all areas of Inner Wheel. As Constitution Chairman, she continued to follow up with her committee during her three-year term to be sure we were all on task reviewing areas of our By-laws and Standing Rules to be sure we had suggested changes and/or updates that would better the operation of our National organization.

This year I received only one notice of the loss of one of our Inner Wheel members. Linda Sanders, Co-Treasurer of IWC Cupertino became ill with pancreatic cancer and passed away February 20, 2020. Words of love and strength from Inner Wheel U.S.A. were sent to the family and Mass was said in Linda's memory in April, 2020.

I am reaching out to our clubs and asking them to notify me of any illness or passing of our members. As ONE prayer gives comfort; however, MANY offering love, strength and prayer to families of our members in time of need, bring a great deal of comfort.

Linda Daniel ~ IWUSA VPresident

Covid has transported us into directions and reflections not even dreamed of in 2019. Zoom meetings and the cancellation of many events and the concerns and fears of so many of us were real and at times shadowed our normal lives.

In January I reported to the special zoom meeting of the Governing Body that the Baton Rouge Club had held their vote and would be ending their relationship with Inner Wheel U. S. A. on July 1, of this year. Their vote was definitive and there will be details to this decision going forward through the summer. Gill and I have spent time Margie Jones and Suzanne Robinson hoping to sustain the club. I asked their President to allow us to send a letter to their charter members. I did not receive a response to my three requests. Clearly, they wish to sever the relationship.

I had planned to go to India and attend the Convention in Jaipur. Instead, I found myself up in the middle of the night observing and listening to the Virtual Convention. I believe that they did a fantastic job of putting it together and getting the large response of over 4000 attendees. I was part of the group that President Gill Broadway put together to review all of the amendments making recommendations on each proposal so that clubs could have somethings to consider on their voting. I was not a voting proxy at the convention.

President Gill visited our area right after the Convention and spent time with me and incoming USA Secretary, Maggie McLaughlin Jordan. She delivered materials and updated us on our upcoming duties. On a different day, incoming USA Vice President Gloria Vasconcellos joined Gill and I for more conversation and insight. I set up a luncheon, and planned a program and Installation for the Governing Body members that were present. Margie Jones agreed to do the Installation. Leis and fun, cake, and recognition of Gill's efforts through her term were a focus of our day and lunch was enjoyed by 24 of us, of which five were from District 517. It was a wonderful day together as at last there was a lessening of Covid restrictions. I love that we have had the opportunity to be part of an International call to bring good to the world through the Covid Fund for vaccinations. Calling Compassion to Action is a wonderful way for the strength and goodness of women to be showcased. Gill Broadway's decision to match some dollars with money in the Governing Body Budget was a wonderful idea.

As we go forward, taking care of the Baton Rouge disbandment, membership, Conference planning for 2022 and the need to Register in California as a Charitable Group (different from the Florida Registration) will be immediate areas for action as I take on the office of USA President. I have benefited from my assignment to the Foundation Board, and hope to be a positive USA President, available, approachable, and open. I bring to the table my love of Inner Wheel and a desire to serve. Thank you, Gill Broadway, and all that have taken the responsibilities of the office of USA President in the past for your service and skills.

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A Note from IIW President Bina Vyas ~



My Dear Change Maker Leaders

I am extremely happy to write to you my last Monthly Letter to you for the year 2020-21. How I wish this beautiful journey of our memorable association would continue for a longer time. But we all know that our posts are for one year only. Our term comes to an end by June 30. Last July 2020, our odyssey to LEAD THE CHANGE started with great positivity. The Theme LEAD THE CHANGE brought many CHANGES in the working of our Inner Wheel Organisation.

There are many FIRSTS during this year: IIW President's 7 GOALS, Leadership Development Training Programs; Monthly Letters by IIW President; Focussed on NEW GEN CLUBS for young women in age group 18-30; Gave to the Inner Wheel World – the FIRST VIRTUAL 18th IIW CONVENTION with the world record of 4,434 highest registrations from 72 countries

Unfortunately the pandemic has hit us badly this year and we were left helpless amidst lockdowns and curfews. However, I congratulate you and all Members of your Club for the good work you have all done to further the ideology of Inner Wheel. I express my gratitude to you and all Members for your love, affection and friendship.

Though the Year is over, I assure you that I will ever remain a FRIEND to you and the Club and will remain connected with you.

I bid goodbye to you now. Be safe, Be Happy and Keep working for the betterment of our wonderful Inner Wheel Organisation Lots of Love & Best Wishes, Affectionately yours.



Left: Our very own IWUSA President Gill Broadaway, 4th from the right.

Below It: IIW Promotion Committee—Paula Edwards 2nd row, 1st on the right.

Below Rt: the Convention Entrance featured our very own Giovanna Charlotte (just below "VIRTUAL")



The Virtual IIW Convention ~

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Greetings from 18th International Inner Wheel Convention Virtual 2021!

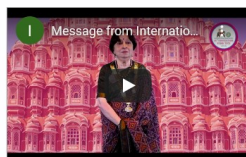
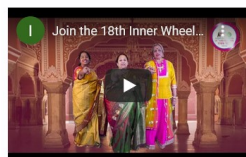
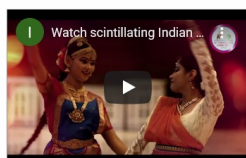
Exactly three years ago in Melbourne, it was announced that India would be given the opportunity to host the 18th International Inner Wheel Convention. As all of you can imagine, the journey from Melbourne 2018 to India 2021 has been an extremely eventful one, not only for the members of the Local Convention Committee but for all of you who have shared the road with us. As the pandemic brought the world to its knees, we found ourselves reluctantly abandoning the idea of a physical Convention; the uncertainty was too great, the risk just not worth it. This was sadly not to be.

Little did we know at the time that the momentous decision taken by the Executive Committee to turn Friendship Digital would add an unimaginable new dimension to the Convention. Never did we imagine that Virtual Convention will be such a huge success. I cannot thank our Event Organisers MCI enough for their tremendous amount of hard work. Their whole team left no stone unturned in making the event a unique experience for us all. All member countries were kept engaged in contributing their service projects with embedded videos, dances and success stories. And of course, all of this was only possible due to the exemplary leadership of our President Dr Bina Vyas who gave us the advice and help needed to complete a mammoth task such as this.

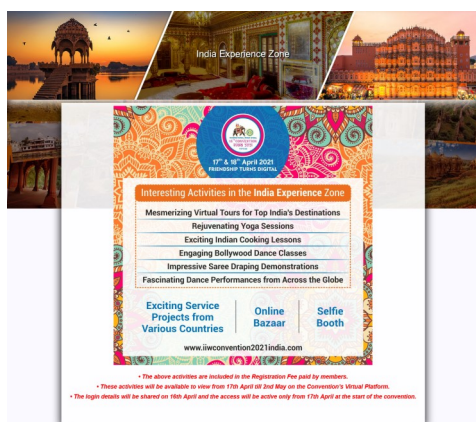
The Local Convention Committee comprising of Treasurer Gomathi Viswanathan, Chief Steward Shailaja Bhat, Deputy Steward Pushpa Suryamurty and myself are extremely grateful to all the delegates who placed their faith and trust in it. During our journey, we made innumerable friends and will always cherish the friendship bonds thus created. A big THANK YOU to all of you.

We meet again in Manchester 2024 to celebrate 100 years of FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE.

Yours in Friendship, Renu Baljee, IIW Convention Coordinator



*Clips from the 2021 Virtual
18th IIW Convention:
Places to go, People to see;
Lessons to learn; Projects to
share.
A busy two days—well
planned.*



District 517 Chairman ~ Gloria Vasconcellos

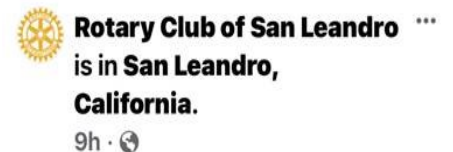
All clubs continued to have meetings using Zoom. Gloria attended as many as she could. She was also a voting delegate for three clubs and a district during the Virtual Convention in India.

Some clubs played the game of BINGO on Zoom. One club even raised over \$4000 for the Foundation despite not having a lunch or dinner event. One club had a "treasure hunt" by driving around their town and raising money.

Rape Care Kit supplies were purchased using grant money, put together and distributed to BAWAR and Washington Hospital.

Gloria's year ended with the loss of her son but grateful for all the love and understanding shown to her during that difficult time.

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA ~



Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, a partner organization to the Rotary Club of San Leandro, was recently awarded a very generous grant to provide 260 Rape Care Kits to Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR).

Sweats, t-shirts, socks, toiletries, nutrition bars, and journals were placed in back-packs and distributed by members Sherrie Barnes, Kristi Barnes, JoAnn Cornelius, Linda Mahadevan, JoAnne Frazier, and San Leandro Rotarians Dev Mahadevan and Ivan Cornelius.

Gift cards were also delivered to Children's Hospital Protective Services. Another example of #ServiceAboveSelf for the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro with support from members of the Rotary Club of San Leandro!

Interested in learning more about the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro? Contact them at iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com



Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, CA ~ con't.

In early December IW Club of SL donated 25+ containers filled with food, healthcare items, gift cards, and more to Building Futures 2020 Holiday Gift Drive. On New Year's Eve Inner Wheel of Club of San Leandro donated 86 burritos to the ER Healthcare Providers of San Leandro and Eden Hospitals. Burritos were prepared by Los Pericos Market San Leandro. A special thank you to all who donated to this very special outpouring of love and appreciation. Inner Wheel Club of SL meets monthly and has philanthropic fundraising activities throughout the year. Contact iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com to learn more.

INNER WHEEL CLUB of San Leandro celebrated its first in-person meeting & 2021-22 Installation of officers at Harry's Hofbrau. Everyone was so excited to be together! Outgoing President Alice Sarafian presented many outstanding awards. IW Excellence Spirit Awards were presented to JoAnn Cornelius, Gloria Vasconcellos, Kristi Barnes, Linda Mahadevan, Joanne Frazier, Isabel Polvorosa, and Pearl Johnston. Linda Stroud, Lola Chase's daughter, accepted our Certificate of Appreciation in memory of her mother's incredible devotion to the principles of IW. Inner Wheel USA also presented our club with the Year of Achievement Award for strengthening the Objects of IW through fulfillment of the Award objective. Gloria Vasconcellos graciously installed the new Officers with a beautiful ceremony- Installing new officers is like opening new doors of opportunity, service & friendship. " Each new officer was presented with a key to 'open' each position.

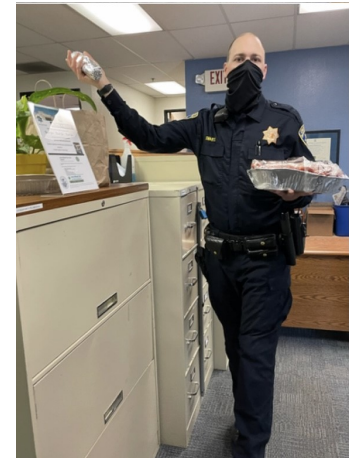
"GIVE A CHILD A HAND" IW CLUB OF SL BASKET WINNER
member, Silvia Goble, was the overjoyed winner of our IWUSA Foundation Basket. The overflowing basket was created by our Isabel Polvorosa with many wonderful donated items. Thank you all for your generosity to our primary fundraiser for the IWUSA Foundation & its Myoelectric Limb Project. "Open your hearts and let's make a difference"



At a recent Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro meeting our amazing member JoAnn Cornelius was honored with the Inner Wheel Excellence Spirit Award. JoAnn has been a contributing and dedicated member for thirty plus years. She serves as a Foundation Club Coordinator promoting information about the IWUSA Foundation. As an excellent role model of the ideals of Inner Wheel, she has shown outstanding leadership and dedication to community service. JoAnn is a highly respected and much-loved member of Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro. Her never ending encouragement and friendship continues to inspire and make a difference. Congratulations, JoAnn, on your selection for the IW Excellence Award!



DROPPING OFF JOY & BURRITOS
Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro continues the spirit of appreciation for our Essential Workers. Burritos prepared by Portales Taqueria-CV were delivered to the California Highway Patrol-CV and to Westmed Ambulance Service-SL. Special thanks to Kristi Barnes for again chairing this amazing tribute!





IW Club of Saratoga, CA ~

Saratoga IW and District 517 celebrated 36 years! We had a 'meet and chat' virtual gathering several weeks before our September meeting, to get to know more about four new members. This was also learning time for members new to Zoom. Luckily, we had several experienced virtual users. We shared ideas to help make our virtual meetings more interactive and interesting. Min LeFevre, suggested for fun everyone should wear a hat to our first meeting. Members were given the new 2020-21 District Directories before our first meeting.

In September - looking and feeling rather glamorous in their hats, each member shared the special history of their hat . . . creating a little nostalgia. It was a great way to know others. New member Karen Roberts, works in the health area and shared about the Behavioral Health Disaster Workers who were also first responders for Covid16 and California fires but unknown to the public as they are out of sight. We chose to recognize & thank them with \$500 worth of Starbucks gift cards.

In October & wearing Halloween hats, IWUSA President Gill Broadway and our District Chair Gloria Vasconcellos joined us to hear our speaker, Norma Crawford, talk about The Mercy Ship. Norma and her husband spent a week on The Mercy Ship helping along with hundreds of volunteer doctors, nurses, mariners, managers, engineers, cooks to operate, care for the patients, teach local doctors to operate, manage the day-to-day operations and crew for 10 months at a country location before returning to their home port of the Netherlands to restock supplies and plan the next country location for The Mercy Ship to help.



In November, Kimberly Lazier shared how she created a Micro-Credit program, The Nairobi Women's Project in Tanzania, that is having great success teaching women how to start a business & improve their health conditions. A local woman helps to interpret the language barrier and works with Kim in the Project.



IW Club of Saratoga, CA ~ con't.

Our traditional 'Thanks-for-Giving Celebration' was canceled, but we continued the tradition of collecting and donating diapers for the Sacred Heart Community Center in San Jose. Like last year, about \$1,000 of diapers were delivered by our newest member Sue Ranney, to the Community Center early December.



For the Celebration part, members shared a favorite hors d'oeuvre recipe that a member put together and sent everyone who then chose one, not their own, to make for the party. A prize was given to the member whose recipe was made the most. We had two winners as recipes of Lyn Clawson and Min LeFevre tied. Both members received a special succulent arrangement created by Lydia Norcia. Then we virtually partied - guests and members dressed in holiday attire with their favorite beverage, an hors d'oeuvre or two and sharing a favorite Christmas tradition, a special memory, their holiday decorations indoor or out, and how this year was different for them.



In January after much discussion regarding the CA lockdown, we decided to have a 'Walk' on February 28 at 9 AM virtually or safely distanced in a lovely park--walkers choice--to raise money for the Myoelectric Limb Project. Each member was responsible for obtaining sponsors and/or donations to raise at least \$100 each, hopefully more, with our goal of \$1,000. Sue suggested setting up a GoFundMe page which Min

researched and established, Karen created our Flyer, I shared an 'email appeal' example with the Flyer and GoFundMe link to send family and friends, and Anne contacted the editor of the Saratoga Spotlight Magazine that resulted in a 'well-done article and pictures in the April issue'. Several members are new this year, so we watched Hanger Clinic's Power Point about our children recipients, so they could see how the children benefit from their prosthetic limbs and Myoelectric Limb Project, to help members with their fundraising. Success . . . we were delighted to have Rotarians and friends, plus, fifteen teenagers join our members on a beautiful day at the lovely Saratoga Kevin Moran park. And we raised \$4,210 . . . Hooray!! March was our follow-up discussion on what worked best for each member to raise funds. About half of our money came from friends donating on GoFundMe and half mailed checks, so the combination was helpful. We will consider having a 'Walk' again next year to publicize the Myoelectric Limb Project and increase support for the IWUSA Founder's Day Champagne Celebration.

IW Club of Saratoga, CA ~ con't.

Saratoga Inner Wheel was honored to accept a Proclamation from Mayor Yan Zhao at the March 3 Saratoga City Council meeting to honor International Women's Day and Saratoga Inner Wheel and the Saratoga Foothill Club. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, and we were pleased to have Inner Wheel appropriately recognized.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day giving green mugs decorated in shamrocks and filled with helpful mostly green things and gold coin from the end of the rainbow . . .



Our member, Vidya Belkhale, gave a presentation on a charity she supports, a School that educates under privileged children in the Anand Nagar slum, Mumbai, India. The school instruction goes through the 10th grade, the highest in India and equivalent to our 12th grade. Children receive free lunches, educational school trips, vocational and computer training. Scholarships are available for graduates who wish to pursue further studies. \$130 U.S. provides 1 year of education for a child.



In April, speaker Erica Erney from the Kaiser Permanente Foundation, presented her program on 'Aging and Brain Health'. It was highly informative and helpful.

For Saratoga members, June always brings our traditional 'End of Year Celebration' with delicious food, wine, lots of friendship in a member's backyard. We're looking forward to 'gathering'. The Inner Wheel U.S.A. Strategic Plan is printed in our Zone 4/District 517 Directory for all Clubs to use as their guideline and Saratoga projects work to benefit of women and children.

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



District 517 & 519 IWUSA & District Friendship Luncheon ~



Above: 20/21 IWUSA Officers & Below: 21/22 IWUSA Officers

Below: Gill presents Becky with appreciation for service as Editor



Left: Linda Daniel intalls Jan Smith as District 517 Chairman

Below, left—right: Gill presents Year of Achievement awards to: San Leandro, Citrus Heights, Niles-Fremont & Fair Oaks



District 519 Chairman ~ Janet McWilliams

Settling into the Zoom Format at our January meeting, we decided that we needed to somehow recognize the Foundation, like we usually do at Founder's Day. So we had a special U-Tube Presentation about "Camp No Limits," This was followed by a report from Annelise Graf, Foundation Financial Officer, who reported that we had over 2 Million invested and helped 85 children this past year. We also got ready for the International Virtual Convention by selecting delegates and making sure all our clubs were represented.

Due to the Covid closures we found that our meeting place for many years, the Casa Garden Restaurant would not be reopening. Looking at other possibilities, we will be meeting at North Ridge Country Club. This venue has been the site of many of our fundraisers over the years.

A thumb drive with the Membership Presentation Slidell Club put together was sent to all Club Presidents, including our Non-districted Clubs in March, hoping this will be a tool we can use to bring in new members. We were still in Zoom mode for our April meeting—we had a special presentation from Inez Whitlow, founder of "Chicks in Crisis." This organization has been in existence for 24 years intending to help pregnant girls stay in school and to care for them during their pregnancy. Inez was able to tour us through their facility and show the services they are able to provide. It was great to visit her again and see how the program has grown and survived.

On April 23, we had the pleasure of hosting Gill Broadaway to a wonderful "in person" Friendship Luncheon, many members from District 517 joined us. It was wonderful to get together. Many awards were given to the Clubs attending, and the USA Officers from our two districts were installed into their offices.

Our Clubs are awaiting our first in person meeting on June 8, when Rosemary Lamb will be installed as the new District Chairman. We are also proud to announce that as of today, \$845 has been donated to the COVID Fund from District 519 and there will be more to come.



*It was a cacophony of bright, beautiful, joyful noise as we had our first in-person gathering to celebrate the end of 20/21
Left—right: Gill Broadaway, Janet McWilliams, Gloria Vasconcellos, Trude Vasquez, Becky Donhost, Michelle Burgess,
Margie Jones, & Linda Daniel*



IW Club of Citrus Heights, CA ~

This has been a very difficult year for all of us, but in spite of the restrictions our Citrus Heights Inner Wheel Club has managed to accomplish quite a lot. All of our projects this year have been projects that help women and children. Food and health care issues are critical to the welfare of women and children here and around the world. Our support of teachers, who are mostly women, is very important to club members. Our partnership with The Flying Samaritans is a project that benefits women and children the most. The IWUSA Strategic Plan has helped us seek projects that contribute to the welfare of women and children. After the lockdown our members continued to make fleece blankets and donate food and money to the Sunrise Christian Food Bank. Pryor to the lockdown we were collecting donations of small toys, blankets, hygiene items, school supplies and sunglasses for the Flying Samaritans. This group flies to San Quintin, Baja two days a month to operate a medical clinic for the villagers. We were about to deliver our donations to them when they found out that they would not be allowed to return to Mexico for the near future. We all held onto our donations and many members made backpacks to hold the items. We were finally able to get these donations to them on April 13, 2021! Our closets are empty, but our hearts are full. Our members continued to make fleece blankets and we donated a total of 120 fleece blankets to Volunteers of America and 60 blankets to the Veterans homeless project at Mather field. We also donated blankets to the Citrus Heights police Dept. and some to Child Protective Services for their Santa Shop in December. Several of our members cooked and delivered 100 food boxes to the residents of the Veterans Home at Mather Field for Christmas dinner. After the first of the year we collected 20 different items to fill 35 goody bags that would be delivered elementary school teaches in Elk Grove. These items were intended to lift their spirits and show them how much we appreciated their hard work during this stressful time. Items included lotion, candy, gift cards, stress balls and soft fluffy socks. Our year has ended on a high note. Our club has celebrated our 36th Anniversary. Our members Margie Jones, Linda Daniel, and Maggie McLaughlin Jordan have gone onto positions at IIW Inner Wheel, and we are so proud of them. We have received our Year of Achievement Award! We look forward to the new year with high hopes.



IW Club of Citrus Heights, CA ~ con't.

A year for the books but one that found our club continuing to serve our community—from blankets to books to bags of goodies and even teddy bears!



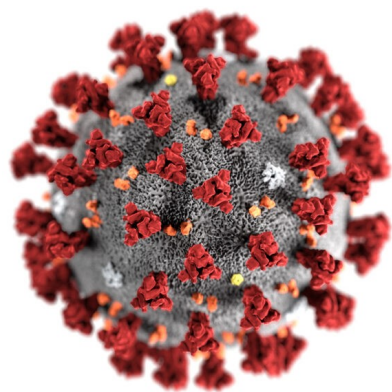
IW Club of East Sacramento, CA ~


Our year began with a Zoom Board Planning Meeting AUGUST 21, 2020. We reviewed the goals set out by President Bina Vyas. During this time of Covid 19, we felt the theme of LEAD THE CHANGE was appropriate. SEPTEMBER: IWUSA president Gill Broadway installed our officers with the beautiful theme of 'Keys to Success'. We decided members will donate food items to Carmichael Food Closet. Members will interview each other and give presentations at each meeting. This way we can learn more about each other. We decided to continue our meetings via Zoom. OCTOBER: Law Enforcement Chaplain Mindi Russell explained how Covid has affected our community and how the 100 Chaplains are helping make a difference because of the increase in depression, domestic violence, child abuse etc. We decided to do two projects supporting two of our members: Robin, a kindergarten teacher, and Katie, a nursing student. We supported these projects with individual member donations. We made TLC bags for Robin's fellow teachers and Katie's fellow nursing students. We also decided to continue our support of Wellspring with member donations of needed items and cash donations. We discussed how to continue our Christmas Stocking Project at our NOVEMBER meeting. We have been supporting Sierra Forever Families (now Stanford Sierra Youth & Families) for many years with 20 hand made Christmas Stockings filled with gifts and a gift card for foster youth aging out of foster care. We were able to complete this project with purchased stockings and the very generous support of our members and friends. We delivered the stockings in December. And also delivered items & money to Wellspring. A Christmas social was held at our DECEMBER meeting where we shared Christmas memories, played games and enjoyed each other. Our 2021/22 officers were nominated in JANUARY and we discussed the IIW virtual convention to be held April 17-18. We were treated to a delightful and delicious program by cheese educator, Kirstin Jackson of "It's not you, It's Brie" in FEBRUARY. We enjoyed learning about the pairing of wine and cheese as we participated virtually. Joan, proxy for IWES, & Becky, IWUSA governing body, discussed the upcoming April 17-18 Virtual IIW Convention at our MARCH meeting. Karen U, Becky and Joan will attend. In APRIL, we enjoyed a program from Stanford Sierra Youth & Families learning more about their merger and services. We will continue discussing with them how we might help their organization. We have found Zoom Meetings beneficial in keeping our club involved and active during 20/21. But we do look forward to the time we can be together in person. In fact, we are planning a yard sale fundraiser in October.



IW Club of El Cerrito, CA ~


El Cerrito Inner Wheel Club met at Norma Trillia's home for their May meeting. Members attending surprised Sue and Norma by celebrating their birthdays, with a bouquet of flowers, cards, and a delicious birthday cake. Annual dues have been collected and submitted to District Treasurer. Joyce Odlin and Rose Marie Hansen wish to continue as members, though they cannot attend. They do receive all District, IW USA and IIW Wheel newsletters. Mona Patel wishes to resign, due to personal reasons, but will remain on our roster for one more year. Members have enjoyed being together and plan an end of term Luncheon on June 14, 2021, at a Local restaurant. Members continue knitting Teddy Bears. They are planning more donations during the coming year.






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Many countries' governments will not be able to provide vaccines, so, IIW Covid-19 DVF will save lives by ensuring safe vaccinations for disadvantaged people anywhere in the world where it is unaffordable or not readily available. Some governments have already announced that they will provide free vaccines for all vulnerable groups. But many countries will have no such chance. The funds raised from the COVID-19 DVF will be used to save lives by ensuring safe vaccinations for disadvantaged people anywhere in the world where it is unaffordable or not readily available. The funds raised will be distributed to organizations chosen and vetted by the IIW Executive and the Governing Body. These could be regional, national or international, but they will all be working against Covid-19 and its effects.

IW Club of Carmichael, CA ~

Carmichael Inner Wheel supports the Sacramento Crisis Nursery, a program of the Sacramento Children's Home. The Sacramento Children's Home has eight programs to care for the most vulnerable children in our community from ages 0 thru young adult. Services consist of education, counseling, residential treatment, childcare, early violence intervention, and family resource centers. The Crisis Nursery provides emergency childcare and overnight care for children ages 0-5 years whose families are experiencing difficult, stressful times such as homelessness, domestic violence, mental health or medical issues or employment issues due to lack of childcare. Case management, counseling and community resources and referrals are provided to all families accessing Crisis Nursery services. Families using Crisis Nursery services are primarily single parents but also grandparents, and other relatives caring for children.

Carmichael Inner Wheel has supported the Crisis Nursery program since it first opened over 25 years ago. The club continues to support this essential community service program by collecting essential supplies used in their daily operations such as food, diapers, hygiene items, and household supplies.



IW Club of Fair Oaks, CA ~

Fair Oaks has had a busy spring. On June 7, Fair Oaks Inner Wheel were the honored guest of Fair Oaks Rotary. Club Historian Howard Papworth delivered a history of how our Club was formed as the first Club west of the Mississippi. Club President Betsy Alberts shared our Clubs activities during the past year, and incoming District Chairman Rosemary Lamb shared how our organization is active in the USA and Internationally. We were totally surprised by the presentation of a \$500 check. That evening we also raised money with a wine raffle.

Our newest community project is delivering a meal every month to the volunteers at the Orangevale/Fair Oaks food bank. We have received personal feedback about how appreciated this gesture is.



IW Club of Orangevale, CA ~

I don't have a lot to offer for you to share. We are meeting in person again. At our April meeting at Annelise's house we discussed ideas about what we would like to do next year, how to meet, etc. Nothing concrete yet but it got us all to thinking about some fun possibilities. Some of our members have been helping Rotary at the Orangevale Food Bank on the first Friday of the month. Bert Smith has been the organizer/reminder person to make sure some of us show up to help. In May, we will meet at Carol Hart's house for our regular meeting and lunch. We will be saying goodbye to Phoebe Swaney. She is moving to Colorado to be closer to her kids. Our main project this year was the "appreciation goodie" bags we made and delivered for the teachers at Pershing and Mariposa Elementary Schools.

District 696 Chairman ~ Rebekah Kogelschatz

District 696 had two Zoom meetings this year. Approximately 25 people join each meeting with most of our District Clubs represented.

Our first meeting was on October 31, 2020. This was a general overview of our "hopeful" annual schedule. January 9, 2021, IW Club of Haines City hosted our Zoom meeting. District Clubs participated in a COVID fundraiser after our January meeting. I am excited that our Spring meeting on June 5, 2021, will be held in Ft. Myers in person. We are glad to be resuming our traditional spring event with an installation scheduled. There will be a foundation fundraiser at this meeting with a gift basket raffle.

I know this year has not been as active and we have not been able to meet in friendship and fellowship in person as a district, but I am looking forward to 2021-22 and the return to tradition.

IW Club of Avon Park, FL ~

The final meeting of the year brought friends together for fun and friendship and so much more.



District 696 Installation of IWUSA & District Officers ~



L to R: Rebekah Kogelschatz DC; Maleah Hinkle. Vice- Chairman; Billie Jo Morrison Treasurer; Lesley Shaw Editor; Jody Craig & Janette Donoghue Merchandise Coordinators



Rebekah Kogelschatz DC & Lesley Shaw Editor are being installed as the new IWUSA Officers by President Gill Broadway





*Left: IWC Ft. Myers is presented the Year of Achievement award by President Gill Broadway
Right: IWC Dunedin North receives the Year of Achievement award*

IW Club of Haines City, FL ~

Every year the Inner Wheel Club of Haines City adopts a family or two that is in need at Christmas time. Club Members donate \$25 each and we have a designated shopper who, armed with some basic information about the children, purchases gifts for each child. Traditionally we gather at a member's home for a potluck dinner and then we wrap all the gifts while enjoying time together. Knowing the increased need this year, this was something we wanted to continue. However, COVID posed some logistical challenges. We were able to secure some space at a local church so that we were able to have a large table each and physically distance while wrapping gifts. Masks were worn except during our picture and hand sanitizer was available. Instead of our usual potluck we decided to just bring cookies to share that we had in individual bags to minimize cross contact.

In June, IWUSA President Gill Broadway presented our club with the Year of Achievement Award.



Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, LA ~

20/21 started with an outdoor installation ceremony of new officers and board members in early July. Our usual summer monthly social luncheons could not take place in restaurants due to Covid-19. We moved our social meetings and our monthly Board meetings outdoors at a local park weather permitting. We used conference calls and Zoom for some meetings. It was beneficial to have these summer socials to help keep our club involved and informed of coming events and opportunities. However, this year these opportunities were limited due to the virus as the usual Rotary activities that we assist with were cancelled. At the July meeting, members were given information for the Charity of the Year and helped plan our Calendar of Events for the coming year. Commitment Sheets were distributed. Our monthly newsletter "The Caboodle" helps keep everyone up to date on events.

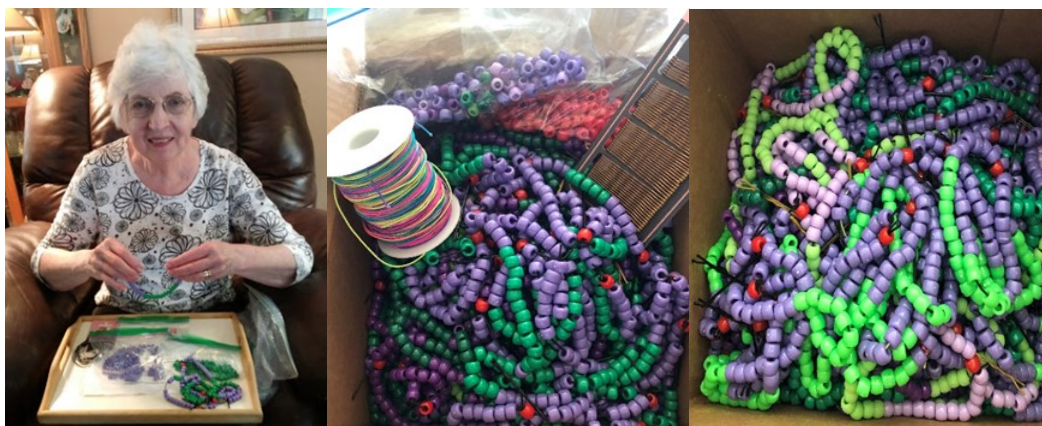
During the August social, members submitted their nomination for the Charity of the Year and the Calendar of Events for the Year was distributed. Chairpersons for the year's activities were shared from the Commitment Sheets.

September begins our regular monthly meetings. This year's Charity of the Year was voted on and announced: Rainbow Childcare. Rainbow provides quality childcare on a sliding scale for low income working parents and families in crisis. We began plans for our annual "Gourmet Wine and Dine" and Cheers Basket Raffle to raise funds for the charity of the year. We continued supporting the Brock Elementary Reading Project that we began last year. However, COVID-19 prevented us from entering the school and interact with the students.

In October, we held a very different but successful Gourmet Wine and Dine and Cheers Basket Raffle with the event held outdoors virtually with physical attendees limited to members and spouses. The community supported us with donations and virtual attendance. Proceeds are donated to our Charity of the Year. We also participated in the Christmas wreath sale with the Rotary Club.

The director of Rainbow Childcare was our November guest speaker. Shirts and other prizes were delivered to Brock Elementary for the reading incentive program. We participated in the Women's Build/Habitat for Humanity which was a bit different this year. Playhouses were built to be raffled for charity. One of the recipients is Rainbow Childcare. We provided lunch for the Women's Build team.

December was celebrated with our annual Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant with social distancing and precautions practiced. This provided a time of much needed social sharing.



Jane Freeman Making Fertility Bracelets

Supplies and Bracelets

Bracelets Ready to Mail

Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, LA ~ con't.

We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day by making beaded bracelets for women in Guatemala. This project started from a presentation at the Inner Wheel District Meeting in June 2019. Dr. Genelle Grant started The Grace Project to support women against human trafficking & spoke about ways to help. By making "fertility bracelets," a woman can then keep track and decide when she wants to become pregnant. This is especially important for young brides who want to delay pregnancy and stay in school. This was an easy project to do at home during these COVID times. Some members even got their relatives and grandchildren to help. We completed over 300 bracelets. Planning continued for our Foundation Walk in February. A new slate of officers was recommended by our nominating committee.

February is the Foundation month. Our annual Foundation Walk took place around the beautiful lake at Park Provence Assisted Living and Memory Care Center. We shared information in our local newspaper "The Slidell Independent" and the local "Slidell Magazine". With funds raised from the Walk and other donations we were able to donate \$4000 to the Foundation. The officers for 2021-2022 were elected.

We held a drawing at our March meeting to award Rose Council Pins to four members who participated in the Walk. All four winners donated their pins back to IWCS. Nomination forms for the annual Frank and Elaine Duvic Memorial Award were distributed and the winner will be announced at our Installation in May. In April we continued our \$500 scholarship program to two Interact students at two local high schools. One of our members had the pleasure of participating in the IIW Virtual Convention as a voting delegate. We were pleased to be able to go on our annual April Field Trip. This year we visited Bogue Chitto State Park in Franklinton, LA. Our New Member Project will assist with a memorial in the park for our 2020-21 new member's son who lost his life in the park as a Park Ranger.

We look forward to our May installation of new officers and board members. We will honor a member who has Lead the Change by "going above and beyond" this past year to insure the success of IWCS projects and endeavors. We are also looking forward to welcoming new members into our club. Even though 20/21 was a very different and unusual year, it was busy with many activities. We shared information about Inner Wheel with others in our community; our projects and endeavors were successful because as a group we all pitched in and worked together; and were proud to "Lead the Change" and do our part to help make our world a little better.



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District 767 Chairman ~ Linda Howard

Current membership is approximately 72. New members-4. Clubs-4.

Charlotte: held a raffle at three of local Rotary Clubs at Christmas time; contributed donations to St. Jude's Hospital, Shriner's Hospital for Children, the Florence Crittenton Home for unwed and abused mothers; and helped the Matthews Help Center Clinic.

Newton-Conover: members gave blood and helped teachers and students navigate the changing education processes.

Matthews-Mint Hill: was unable to meet but helped community by collaboration with 30 non-profits and individuals in homes. The Breast Cancer Pillow Project was continued. Members assembled lunches for a Rotary event; helped Matthew's Women's Club to fold pajamas for homeless children and youths; and wrote personal notes in Christmas cards sent to Veterans in the VA Hospital in Salisbury.

Plantation Estates: members reside in one retirement facility and were in lockdown most of this year, no news reported.

Statesville: sent Valentine Cards to Meals-on-Wheel's participants; assembled bags of treats and homemade brownies to the Rainbow Kidz Project through Hospice, making 80 bags children, families, nurses, and staff. They also assembled and wrote notes at Easter for clients at the Eldercare Center and contributed funds for several non-profits. \$50 was raised for the Covid Fund.

Westchester: held several Zoom meetings; donations were made to Davis Jopling Foundation and Rotary Foundation. They also helped with a Rotary event. A donation of \$410 was made to the Covid Fund.

Comments from Linda Howard: Clubs have done well keeping with the motto, "Lead the Change". She was also a voting delegate at the Virtual Convention on April 17-18th. She enjoyed all the activities shown virtually at the Convention. It was a beautiful and rewarding experience. Congratulations on a great job.



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IW Club of Stamford/Hobart, NY ~

This has been a difficult year for the Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel Club because of Covid -19. We were able to have meetings September, October, November, and December in a local grange hall where we practiced social distancing.

The Stamford/Hobart Inner Wheel Club was honored at their October meeting with a visit from USA Inner Wheel President Gill Broadaway from Winter Haven, Florida. While here, Gill presented a Year of Achievement Award to the club president, Shirley Popp, for the 2019/2020 year. She also presented the Inner Wheel Excellence Spirit Award to Lynda Turner of Hobart for 38 years of dedicated service and to Nancy Beisler for her 47 years of dedicated service to the club. The Stamford/Hobart Club is the oldest Inner Wheel Club in the United States and will celebrate its 70th year of its founding next year in 2021. For a fund raiser, we re-raffled a quilt raffled at the Inner Wheel-Rotary Christmas Party in 2013 and won by Mary Williams. Unfortunately, Mary passed away and her husband, Gary, gave the quilt back to the Club to be re-raffled and generously agreed to match funds raised. Carol Lorgan, a Stamford-Hobart Inner Wheel member was the lucky winner.

For a service project, the club made TLC bags for three local schools to thank the teachers for their hard work and dedication during this trying year. Flyers explaining Inner Wheel were included. The Club is planning a special meeting for June to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. This will be a celebration for members only due to the virus.



*Above Left: Gill Broadaway, USA President of Inner Wheel & Shirley Pop, Co-President;
Right: Inner Wheel Excellence Spirit Award to Lynda Turner of Hobart for 38 years of dedicated service and to Nancy Beisler for her 47 years of dedicated service to the club by IWUSA President Gill Broadaway*

Above far Right: Stamford/Hobart Inner Wheel members, Priscilla Marigliano and Marianne Ciulla recently delivered Thank You Gift Baskets of goodies from the Inner Wheel Club to the Stamford, Jefferson, and South Kortright schools. We wish to recognize the teachers and staffs for all their hard work, perseverance and dedication to our students during the pandemic and this difficult school year. Our many thanks go out to them.

IW Club of Westchester, NY ~

This has been a difficult year, but we have maintained contact through Zoom as best we could in our small Westchester club. Nevertheless, we met physically three times during the summer, once in an outdoor restaurant and twice in a local park along the Hudson. I have been hosting our monthly board meetings and Susan Feldman has been hosting our regular monthly meeting. The attendance is mixed, sometimes good and sometimes not. We have 16 paid members in our club. Five of them do not live in the area. Of the 11 local members, 3 of them for one reason or another frequently don't attend meetings. Once things open up we are going to make a strong effort to increase our membership. We usually run a Country Kitchen at the annual Rotary horse show which helps to make lots of money that is given to local communities. This year we supported the virtual horse show by taking a Friendship Ad in the virtual Journal and by buying raffle tickets. We contributed to the Daisy Jopling Foundation to assist underprivileged children with music lessons. We will be making more donations at the end of spring. As I mentioned before, we are planning to donate school bags with supplies to a local school over the summer. I think we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Mission accomplished! Finally, after two snow delays we dropped off 25 backpacks filled with all the necessary supplies for second and third graders to the family Resource Center in Peekskill Wednesday. Thanks to everyone who participated by donating or shopping. A big Thank You to Susan Feldman who was responsible for coordinating with Marie at the Resource Center. Marie is very enthusiastic in her efforts to help the underprivileged in Peekskill. We learned from her that there was a great need for disposable paper goods as many people in the community have COVID. We talked about making that our project at our next meeting. And last month we delivered 50 bags of disposable paper products to the center. A special thanks to Kathi Oliveri who was responsible for buying and packing eleven bags in a short period of time.



UN Representative ~ Martine Gayon, New York

Over 1 billion persons with disabilities have great potential and the ability to contribute in all aspects of development and society. Yet they have been in more marginalized situations due to historical discriminations and many forms of barriers that prevent their inclusion and participation equally and fully as members of our communities. In facing the current COVID-19 crises, evidence has shown that persons with disabilities are at greater risk and disproportionately affected by the COVID-19. It is the intention to:

- Build back better: COVID-19 response and recovery; Meet the needs, Realize the rights and Address the socio-economic impacts on persons with disabilities.
- Protect the rights of persons with disabilities in armed conflict and humanitarian emergencies.
- Right to education, challenges with inclusive education and accessibility during COVID-19.

5 things to know about persons with disabilities:

Independence is key:

People who live with a disability should be able to make his or her own choices, enjoying the same freedoms and services as the rest of society. Failure to acknowledge each individual's needs prevents them from fully enjoying their human rights and freedoms. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was adopted to protect these rights.

COVID-19 has strongly impacted persons with disabilities:

Persons who live with a disability are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19. Many cannot afford or are denied healthcare. Persons with intellectual disabilities are also disproportionately affected by the socio-economic consequences of the health crisis. It is necessary to implement structural reforms to services disrupted by the pandemic.

Women with disabilities are at higher risk of discrimination:

According to UN Women, 1 in 5 women live with a disability. They are more easily subject to discrimination and sexual violence, especially if they live with intersecting identities. All efforts for persons with disabilities must include a gender perspective to protect those at a higher risk of discrimination.

Many countries lack funding and training to integrate technological advances:

Information and communications technologies contribute to the education of persons with disabilities. Accessible technology also allows for full participation in society, subsequently diminishing stereotypes on disabilities. Countries need more targeted policy and funds to support the right to education of persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities face restrictions in healthcare:

Disability is often overlooked in the public health department. The lack of research and action, combined with lower incomes, often lead to difficulties for persons with disabilities in securing quality healthcare.



Thank You, Prez Gill!!



A final au revoir to President Gill—Thank you for two splendid years as the leader of Inner Wheel U. S. A.

It has been a time of challenges on so many levels with so many changes that were unexpected and unknown. You rose to those challenges with grace and flair. You kept our spirits high with your beautiful smile and infectious laugh. As a true leader, you got us through this ~ almost unscathed. Plans needed to be changed, altered, or sadly cancelled. But you never gave up hope that our members across this wonderful country would come through with flying colors. Our communities were served as best we could in these unprecedented times. Our Inner Wheel Club members never gave up hope.

I speak for us all as I say, Thank you. God love you. And God Bless you.

~Your Friend, Becky Donhost

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- ✦ *Nashville, TN ~ Here we come!!*
- ✦ *April 27—May 1, 2022*
- ✦ *Spring IWUSA Spring Meetings*

