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"Turning Possibilities into Realities"

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A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN PATRICIA PICARD

Hello Fabulous Inner Wheel Sisters,

It's Foundation Month – the month of love and romance. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you safely weathered the holidays. We can only help others and give of ourselves once our joy tanks are full.

It continues to be a great year for the Foundation. Credit goes to each person reading this newsletter. Thank you for the creativity of keeping contact with your Inner Wheel sisters, for thinking outside the box when it came to fundraising, and for continuing all of your good works.

We had some fun events and lots of information that you will read about in this newsletter. Please share this newsletter with someone *NEW*. Our International President Bina Vyas has asked that our focus this year be to spread the word and grow our membership. This Foundation is the perfect vehicle. Women are truly interested in participating in a group that physically does good deeds. That's us!

Last month on our Zoom meeting, we had two new members join our club because they were impressed with our national project. They were having such a good time that I decided to ask at the end of the meeting, "Would you like to become a member of our Inner Wheel Club?" They were thrilled to be invited to join and both said YES!

Please register to shop with Amazon Smile. Page two explains how you can support the Foundation. What's great is that the money comes from Amazon.

Welcome to our beautiful new trustee, Sherry Harris. You can meet her on page two as well. Thank you Sherry, for giving your time and talent to our board. We look forward to working with you.

And finally, check out the article about our support of Camp No Limits and the Spotlight on a true angel, Norma Trillia. You will want to get to know her. She is fun, energetic, and committed to promoting Inner Wheel and the Foundation.

Please stay in touch. Call, write, email or text if you have questions or need ideas for sharing our Foundation with others. We are a wealth of information and we are ready to help. Thank you again for all you continue to do, and I look forward to when we meet again in person.

Happy February!

Your Foundation Chairman

Patricia



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Editor's note:

February is Foundation Month, and now I hear so often from clubs, "We used to do this in February, but now we don't." The IW Club of Dunedin North would have a banquet. Diners who were encouraged and inspired by a limb deficient speaker would donate to the Foundation. Some new ideas have come forward and some events have been scaled down or modified. It may be a wonderful coincidence or perhaps it was planned many years ago that Valentine's Day, a celebration of love also occurs in February. Let's spread the love to our club members and the Foundation. All the members of IW Club of Kenosha receive a Valentine with a reminder to donate to the Foundation. Let us be reminded of the many hearts beating in rhythm around the world. We are all connected. Enjoy this edition of the Foundation Newsletter. Email news to Gay DiGiovanni phillychick26@gmail.com

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You shop. Amazon gives.

The Foundation is now registered with Amazon Smile. It's easy to log in and register one time at www.smile.amazon.com to set it

up. Choose Inner Wheel USA Foundation as your charity. From then on, shop from that website and Amazon will donate .5% of what you spend to us.

Foundation News

WELCOME ABOARD – SHERRY HARRIS



Sherry Harris, our incoming Foundation Board Trustee lives, loves, and gives! She has many accolades and the education to back it up. A resident of Statesville, North Carolina she was honored with the Governor's Volunteer Award for her volunteer contributions in many non-profit organizations. Her extensive experience includes being a board member of a domestic violence shelter, a Boys and Girls club, an advocacy group for long-term care residents, and a cancer support services organization. Sherry provides public relations and fundraising efforts to ensure these organizations continue their vital work.

Sherry serves in Christian ministry as a Stephen Minister trained in the Episcopal faith. She was awarded the Circle of Quality Service while employed with a large hospital system in Raleigh.

Sherry is a Rotarian and the President-Elect/Secretary of the Greater Statesville Club. She facilitated at the Rotary Leadership Institute and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow. Her Inner Wheel leadership experi-

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ence started as Club President, progressed to District Chair and Treasurer, and was the Coordinator of the Footsteps for the IW USA Foundation event.

Her community leadership continued when she started a Women's Business Network through the local Chamber of Commerce. She was instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for adult women students which allowed them to obtain additional higher education. She was awarded the Athena Award for this effort.

Sherry uses her Justice Studies degree from North Carolina Wesleyan, her non-profit certificate from Wake Forest, and a hospice and palliative care certificate from Northwestern University to care and advocate for others. Above all else, Sherry loves the basics of life. She lives fully, loves justice, and gives compassion every day.

Ten Ladies Zooming



ROSE COUNCIL AWARD LEVELS



Awards in the form of an oval pin are given to donors who have donated at least \$1,000 to the Foundation. Donors then become a Rose

Council member. As their donations increase to the following levels, the donor receives a jeweled pin for each level. Donors of \$2,000 receive a jeweled rose. Donors of \$5,000 receive a sapphire jewel. \$10,000 in donations garners a ruby jewel, and \$25,000 in donations warrants an emerald jewel.

Congratulations to all the contributors who have reached these levels of giving!

Our Immediate Past Chairman, Christine Becker organized and hosted a Zoom meeting for all our past chairman. The women who signed on were excited to be there and some saw their friends for the first time in years! Even our very first Foundation Chairman attended, 90-year-old Dr. Annemarie Ballin (top left). Below the happy faces is a list of our past amazing leaders and the years they served, from top left, across to bottom.

Dr. Annemarie Ballin 1988-1991

Suzane Sadofsky 2007-2009

Barbara Schmidt 1998-2000

Patricia Picard 2019-2021

Christine Becker 2017-2019

Gill Broadway 2013-2015

Yolanda Gonzalez 2015-2017

Joan Cotton 2004-2007

Melba Rilott 2002-2004

Heidi Case 2011-2013

THE REST OF THE STORY ABOUT CAMP NO LIMITS



Inner Wheel USA Foundation had very generous donations last year, and with investment income larger than expected, our Financial Officer Annelise Graf found the perfect way to make use of our good fortune and to increase our outreach. She remembered Carrie Davis, an employee of Hanger Clinic who is also a counselor and resource for Camp No Limits when she was invited to be the guest speaker with the IW Club of Sacramento and at a recent Inner Wheel conference. Carrie was born without part of her arm and is an amazing role model. Annelise contacted the No Limits Foundation that funds and organizes the camp each year and learned of a sponsorship opportunity.

After the Foundation board approved a \$10,000 donation, we became a major sponsor which entitles us to have our name on their website and marketing material. We were also invited to join their virtual camp this past July. Normally an overnight and outdoor adventure, the virtual event was able to reach many more children, parents, and medical personnel due to the pandemic.

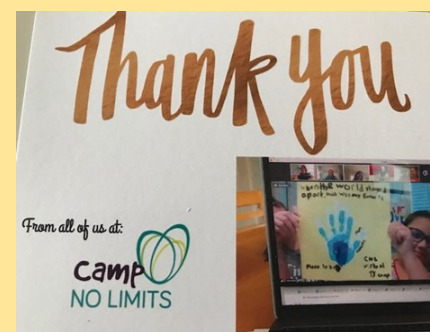
Our Chairman, Patricia Picard, and Vice Chairman, Maggie Spears, were able to participate in the virtual camp via Zoom during the occupational therapy and chat room sessions.

Maggie Spears said, "What an awesome opportunity given to me to participate in the July 2020 virtual Camp No Limits Occupational Therapy session.

The mentors attending the session included Pedro Pimenta and Carrie Davis from Hanger Clinic who were familiar faces. Oh my, the energy and questions from the children and parents was invigorating."

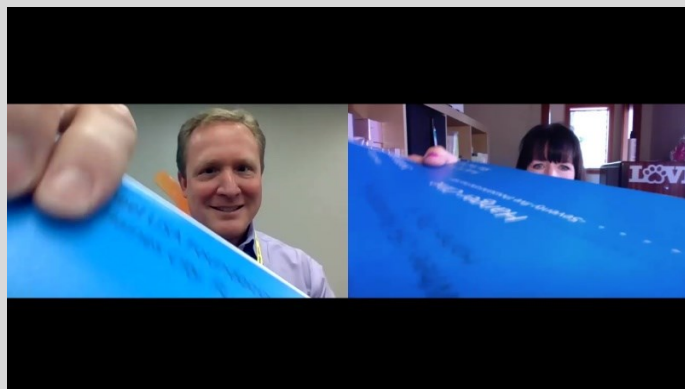
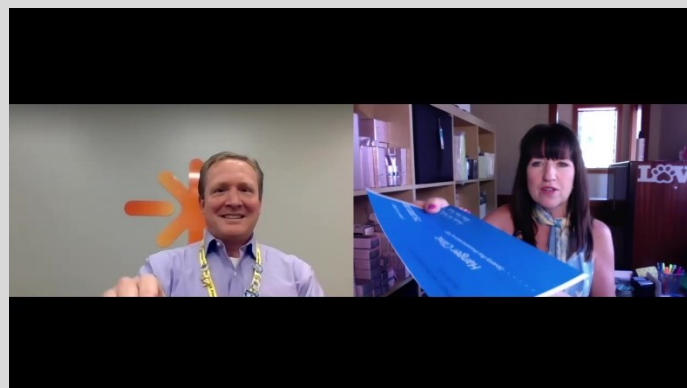
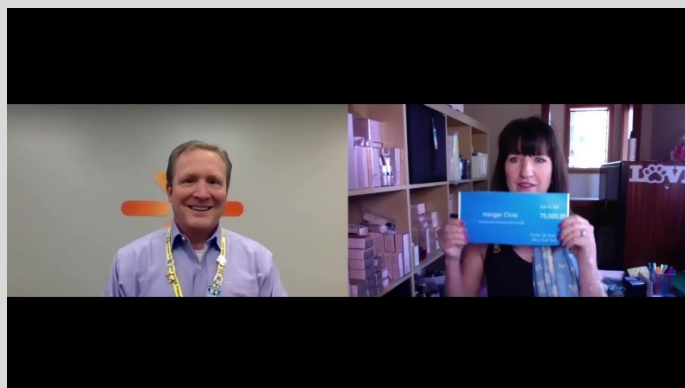
Maggie added that the camp created a wonderful social and interactive environment for everyone. No one felt alone. What a great event to see and be part of in this time of CoVID-19. The mentors provided multiple adaptive techniques for the children thereby 'Turning Possibilities into Realities'. What a way to foster our relationship with Hanger. Among other things the children perfected making Lava Lamps and other arts and crafts. Camp No Limits is still considering Camp options for 2021. See Videos on YouTube.

This was an unexpected opportunity to broaden our reach and name in communities across the country and the world.



Hanger Clinic Updates

A PICTURE IS WORTH \$75,000 - FOUNDATION DONATION TO HANGER CLINIC*

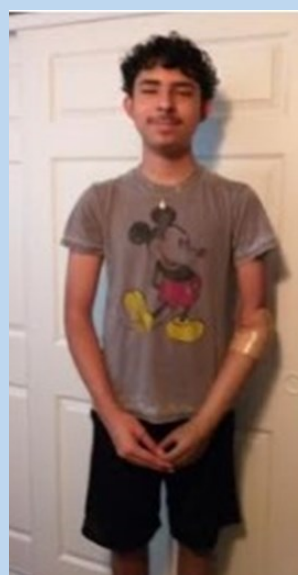


* A real check was sent via the US Postal Service

OUR KIDS THROUGH THE YEARS - FEATURING ARATH



Arath is now 16 years old and has been part of our Inner Wheel USA Foundation family and Hanger Clinic's Upper Extremity Prosthetics Program for eight years. He received his first myoelectric limb and started to play the drums. He has since been fitted with several limbs as he has grown and taken on new challenges. These kids grow up so fast!



As Of December 2019

IW Foundation

Helped

85 Children

Nation-wide

\$1Million worth

In Myoelectric

Limbs

Please remember to review your Myoelectric Limb Project Children's Book for all the recent updates distributed the summer of 2020. These include: Adam, Aden, Athalie, Daniela, Devanie, Gabriella, Giovanna, Jacob, Kamryn, Tucker, and an update for Unique.

FOUNDATION BUSINESS NEWS

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Have you been confused about our name? Our brochures, literature, newsletters, and other documents are not consistent. Sometimes we show up as Inner Wheel U.S.A Foundation, or IWUSA Foundation. The Board is taking steps now to ensure that we will officially be known as the Inner Wheel USA Foundation.

UPDATED FOUNDATION WEBSITE

The website for Inner Wheel USA (IWUSA) and the Foundation, www.innerwheelusa.com was recently secured and updated. The site is highly informative and easy to use. There are many new photos along with links for the Foundation, to see recent newsletters and articles, a listing of all the clubs and districts, and forms and logos that can be downloaded.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

INNER WHEEL FOUNDATION Statement of Activities For The Period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

Revenues and Gains:

Contributions	\$ 149,423
Interest income, cash accounts	67
Investment income	
Dividends and ST capital gains	31,942
Investment interest	18,758
Net realized gains	30,985
Net unrealized losses	(62,414)

Total Revenues and Gains 168,761

Expenses:

Program Services	
Project allocation	89,580
Other program expenses	3,362
Total program services expenses	92,942

Supporting Services	
General and administrative	23,642
Total supporting services expenses	23,642

Total Expenses 116,584

Increase in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions 52,177

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions At Beginning of Year 2,021,711

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions At End of Year \$ 2,073,888

STATEMENT of FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

INNER WHEEL FOUNDATION Statement of Functional Expenses For The Period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

	Program Services	General and Administrative
Project Allocation	\$ 89,580	\$ -
Accounting	1,000	1,000
Box rental	-	118
Filing fees	-	85
Foreign tax	-	196
Insurance	561	561
Investment management fee	-	17,402
Pins, jewels, and gifts	-	748
Postage	-	491
Printing, copy, supplies	-	1,239
Travel and conference	1,656	1,656
Website	145	146
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section on the Statement of Activities	\$ 92,942	\$ 23,642

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL 18TH CONVENTION



Our Website also contains a link to the International Inner Wheel website. Here you will find information about the 18th International Inner

Wheel Convention. Instead of visiting Jaipur India to attend, you can enjoy the convention from the comfort of your own home. Events start on April 17th and 18th 2021 at 5:00 am Eastern and 2:00 am Pacific time for six hours each day.

From Renu Baljee, Convention Coordinator:

The Virtual Event will have all the elements you will normally expect in the Convention. Whether it is the Business Sessions where you will be able to exercise your voting right yourself, or the entertainment, or virtual tours of places of interest in India, our aim is to deliver a Convention that will fulfill its purpose to the fullest. Dates and timings have been shifted to suit international participants.

To register follow the instructions carefully on the website, www.iivconvention2021india.com Visit us for news and updates and join the International Inner Wheel President Dr. Bina Vyas in Leading the Change.

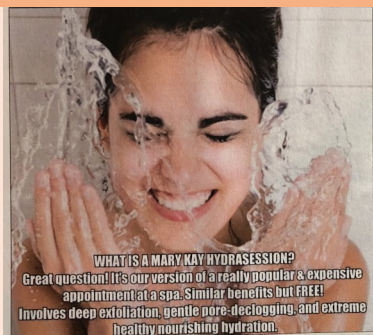


Club and District Events

HOLIDAY PAMPERING WITH A PURPOSE

IW CLUB NILES FREMONT

The IW Club of Niles Fremont put a social, pampering, holiday, and FUNdraising event all together via Zoom on December 8, 2020. Chairman Patricia Picard, IWUSA Treasurer Michelle Burgess, and club member Rachelle Gan, hosted this fun evening event across 4 time zones. More than 20 ladies joined in the Mary Kay "Hydrasession" experimenting with facial peels, mud masks, lotions, creams, gels...well you get the idea. A \$25 purchase bought a box of fun with the proceeds benefiting the Foundation.



LESSONS FROM GEESE

CONTRIBUTED BY DELORIS DONNELLY

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the following birds. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson1: People who share a common direction and sense of community get where they are going quicker and easier traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front of it.

Lesson 2: When we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go, we are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Fact 3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson 3: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities, and unique arrangements of gifts, talents, or resources.

Fact 4: Geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson 4: We can ensure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it, until it dies or can fly again. Then, they join another formation or catch up with the flock.

Lesson 5: We all benefit when we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

BASKET RAFFLE

IW CLUB OF SAN LEANDRO

The San Leandro Club has a great idea for Foundation fundraising! Club member Isabel Polvorosa created a beautiful basket stocked full of goodies and comfort items that will be raffled off for \$10 a ticket. Their lovely flyer is distributed, and donations are mailed to the club. Who doesn't want a little comfort and joy?

"Give a Child a Hand"! Try your luck at winning a beautiful basket created by Isabel Polvorosa. By participating in this basket drawing, you are helping to provide myoelectric limbs to children with upper limb deficiencies. There is joy in giving, so why not add a little joy in your life...you might even win the Basket!

"GIVE A CHILD A HAND"

BASKET

Offered by Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro

IN THE SPOT LIGHT—Norma Trillia



What comes to mind when talking with Norma, is her enthusiastic and practical nature. She didn't look for leadership, but when the opportunity presented itself, she rose to the occasion.

Norma grew up on a ranch in Argentina, speaking English, French, and Spanish. Her introduction to Inner Wheel came in 1955 as a student in Canada. She and her husband George were expecting their first child when a friend mentioned that her sister was a member of Inner Wheel and they were giving out baby layettes. Soon, a huge box arrived with everything

for her baby. This made a tremendous impression on Norma, a young mom far from home. Life became busy and never got to say thank you before she moved back to Argentina.

There, George joined Rotary, but no one seemed to know about Inner Wheel. Norma stayed in Argentina raising her 5 children until 1981 when the family moved to California. Again, when she inquired about Inner Wheel, the Rotarian's said "Inner what?" Finally, she heard an Inner Wheel presentation at George's District meeting in Oakland CA. Her Inner Wheel journey began when she chartered the Inner Wheel Club of El Cerrito in 1986 and was installed as President.

In 1989 Norma started District 516 and quickly moved into increasingly higher leadership roles from District President, to Zone 5 Representative, to Inner Wheel USA (IWUSA) Vice President. In 1994 she served as the IWUSA President and the USA National Representative, attending the IIW meeting near Manchester England. In 1996/1997 she was an IIW Board Director, going to the IIW Convention in Berlin. Her practical side showed up when Norma convinced the IIW leadership to assign duties enabling the IIW board to be more effective. Norma's three years with the Foundation began in 2001 as a trustee, then as Secretary under Melba Rilott. In 2012 she was again elected as an IIW Board Director. Norma has attended all ten triennial conventions since 1997 and continuing with this year's virtual convention. Her penchant for travelling abroad and ease with people and languages made her an especially effective national representative on the world stage.

In addition to Norma's Inner Wheel involvement, she taught English as a second language in Argentina. After moving to California, she helped her daughters run a home day care, and a golf course renovation business. She no longer plays golf or fishes but stays active swimming and cycling. Norma also enjoys knitting and makes teddy bears with her El Cerrito club members. They distribute these unique bears to seniors in assisted living homes and to police as offerings to children in crisis. Norma tells of a woman who was given a knitted teddy bear and started chatting away to it. Later she learned the woman had not talked for years until that moment.

Norma said her best experiences were meeting wonderful women from around the world. She feels that we are all just the same. Norma's dedication to Inner Wheel has been her way to say thank you for that young mother who received a huge baby layette from a stranger.