

Inner Wheel Club Presentation

SLIDE #1 INNER WHEEL

Thank you for inviting us to speak with you today. (Optional: I also want to say thank you so much for your past support and generosity).

We have more information at the table, (put out brochures, children's picture book, and demonstration limbs), and we will be available to answer questions at the end of our presentation.

SLIDE #2 OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose in being here today is to talk about Inner Wheel- Because many Rotarians (or reference whatever group you are speaking to), do not know Inner Wheel exists.

We want you to know- Who we are; What we do; and Why it is important.

SLIDE #3 Rotary and Inner Wheel Connections

Inner Wheel and Rotary were intimately connected. The connections started with two people, Paul Harris in Chicago, and Margarett Golding in Great Britain 100 years ago.

SLIDE #4 Rotary and Inner Wheel Symbols

Paul Harris was a forward-thinking man who with a few other fellows, created Rotary as a service organization in 1905. It was called Rotary due to the practice of rotating their meeting place. The idea quickly spread as new clubs began forming throughout the world.

Not long after Rotary reached Great Britain, the wives of the Manchester Rotary club decided to form their own organization. They had been helping with their husband's Rotary projects and decided to gather for their own projects too. Margarett Golding was the forward-thinking woman who led these Rotary wives, creating the first Inner Wheel club on January 10th, 1924.

The Inner Wheel symbol is patterned after the Rotary Wheel with a smaller cog inside the larger wheel. The women met to foster friendships through joint service and social events. It would be another 65 years, until 1989 when women would be able to join a Rotary club.

SLIDE #5 Similarities and Differences

Service is still a major part of what Rotarians and Inner Wheel members do. Service Above Self is Rotary's Motto and is one of the main Inner Wheel objectives as well. Both organizations also strive to promote friendship and international good will as we work toward fulfilling humanitarian needs. Inner Wheel has adopted the rose as a symbol of friendship.

We are organized in a similar way with clubs, districts, national and international boards, and representatives. Dues are paid to the club and filter up to the district and national level. The dues for Inner Wheel clubs in the United States are about \$50 per year.

Although both Rotary and Inner Wheel members are often community leaders, Rotarians are more likely to join to Rotary for networking and to promote their businesses. Inner Wheel members will more likely focus on the concerns of women and families.

Slide #6 International Inner Wheel World-Wide- UN Representation

100 years have passed since we began, and Inner Wheel has expanded to 120,000 members in 100 countries with nearly 4,200 clubs. It is one of the largest women's volunteer service organizations in the world. In many countries, Inner Wheel provides a rare and vital opportunity for women's voices to be heard.

International Inner Wheel enjoys an 'on the roster' status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. They deal with issues such as: the rights of children, the status of women, aging, concerns of families, and narcotic trafficking and abuse.

SLIDE #7 Variety of Service Projects

There is no International Foundation like Rotary's project to end polio, but Inner Wheel does have a nearly endless list of service projects generated by the needs of the communities in which these club members live and serve. Each year on January 10th, the anniversary of Inner Wheel's founding, all clubs celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. For more information about International Inner Wheel, go to www.internationalinnerwheel.org

Slide #8 Inner Wheel USA- Map (Stars are clubs-Districts are different colored stars)

Inner Wheel USA incorporated in 1987 and today has 29 clubs in four districts from California to New York to the US Virgin Islands with about 500 members.

SLIDE # 9 Inner Wheel USA Details

Club membership is no longer tied to a relationship with a Rotarian or an Inner Wheel member. Anyone can join, provided a majority of club members agree. We now have e-memberships. A new club must have 10 members willing to hold an inaugural meeting. After six months, the club can be chartered by the national organization. The governing boards meet at national and district conferences, usually held twice each year, for training and to foster connections.

Slide # 10 Inner Wheel USA Foundation History (show old limbs)

Over thirty years ago, the Inner Wheel USA leadership understood the need to bring members together for a cause. Creating a non-profit foundation would be something that Inner Wheel clubs across the country could support financially, and it would fulfill the goals of charitable service, giving and, education. The Inner Wheel USA Foundation board was formed and then chose a project with a national outreach for helping children who are limb deficient.

At the time it was estimated that 300 children per year were born without a hand in America, and another 200 per year would lose a hand to injury or disease. There was a significant lack of public awareness, and the hook or cumbersome body powered prosthesis were all that was available to a child.

Then, there was another choice available- the myoelectric limb. Myoelectric technology functions more like a real limb with a motor and electronic sensor that pick-up muscle and nerve activity. It is also made to look more like a real limb. This option was expensive and required

adjustments or replacements as the child grew which often was not covered by insurance.

The National Children's Myoelectric Limb Bank was launched with the slogan "Give a Child a Hand", in 1997 to address this need. Initially the Foundation partnered with the Lucille Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University, and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

SLIDE # 11 Hanger Clinics

Since 2002, the renamed Myoelectric Limb Project now partners exclusively with Hanger Clinics in the United States. Hanger Clinics was started by James Edward Hanger who was the first amputee of the civil war. When he lost his leg, he was so determined to walk that he designed a prosthetic made from a wooden barrel. He turned his revolutionary design into a company that has grown to over 800 offices nation-wide.

SLIDE # 12 The Hero Arm (Show the Hero Arm)

We are excited to introduce a new advancement in upper limb prosthesis technology.

Hanger Clinic has partnered with Open Bionics and is now offering the Hero Arm for use in the United States. This amazing prosthetic is created using 3D printing giving it many advantages over prior prosthetic arms. It can be customized and weighs less than two pounds.

It is powerful and strong and has advanced multi-grip versatility and software that adds lights, sounds and vibrations to communicate with the

wearer. The Hero Arm has a twelve-hour battery, a comfortable socket and can lift up to 17-1/2 pounds. The changeable covers allow each child to choose what hero they want to be; Star Wars BB-8, Marvel's Iron Man, Disney's Frozen, and Alita the Battle Angel. As you can imagine, this exciting news means that many more children can benefit from our Inner Wheel USA Foundation.

SLIDE #13 Meet Giovanna

One of the first Hero Arm recipients was Giovanna. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, and doesn't let much stand in her way. Born without her right arm below the elbow, the active teen plays the violin, rock climbs competitively, and rides her bike. She is also a self-proclaimed book nerd and wears the Star Wars Hero Arm.

SLIDE #14 The MyoPro Arm

Another exciting new technology developed by MyoMo (for my own motion) has been adapted for older children with diminished limb function such as paralysis in an existing limb. With this device, they now have greater ability to use their arm or hand.

SLIDE # 15 Just of few of our child recipients – (show the notebook)

We have helped over 100 children. Just of few are pictured here, and in our notebook. Hanger Clinic screens possible recipients, works with families and insurance to develop the best prosthetic choices, and continues to follow-up and make adjustments as the child grows. Our Inner Wheel USA Foundation provides funding when insurance falls short.

SLIDE # 16 Camp No Limits

The Foundation has increased our outreach to support the No Limits Foundation that was started in Maine in 2004 to provide Camp No Limits, an overnight, outdoor camp for limb deficient children. They have expanded to many sites across the country providing an invaluable experience for these children and support for their families.

SLIDE # 17 Supporting the Foundation

The Inner Wheel USA Foundation is supported by the fundraising events of each club and district in the US. Much like the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowships, each club or person contributing \$1,000 becomes eligible for a Rose Council pin. As contributions for that person, club, or district accumulate, jewels are added to the Rose Pin at each specific level.

The Foundation has well over \$2 million in assets and have donated over \$1 million to support “Give a Child a Hand”. We are “Turning Possibilities into Realities”.

SLIDE # 18 Good Fit

Inner Wheel is a good fit if you are interested in the “Myoelectric Limb Project to Give a Child a Hand, or in local service projects that focus on the needs of women and families. You may like the very affordable annual dues and be interested in growing your leadership skills and talents. You can go to the website www.Innerwheelusa.com or contact an Inner Wheel club member.

SLIDE #19**In Summary**

Inner Wheel has been side by side with Rotary for 100 years. Although it is a much smaller organization, we have a big impact here and in the world. We have been a part of literally hundreds of thousands of service projects that have improved the lives of vulnerable people to help communities in every corner of the globe.

We hope to continue this work and join with other women in friendship and service to do even more through our Inner Wheel club, and our USA Foundation. We are grateful for your generosity and attention today. In keeping with our theme, we will “Work Wonders”.

SLIDE #20**QUESTIONS?**

Any Questions?

Thank you all very much.