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# E bulletin – Mirror International Inner Wheel 2017-18



## Welcome Reception Speech

Dear IW Sisters, Rotarians, Guests

Welcome to you all at the 17<sup>th</sup> IIW Convention in the beautiful city of Melbourne.

It is a great joy to see so many of you here today at our Welcome Reception at the House of friendship.

We've got a few amazing days planned for you, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and of course important Business Sessions.

LCC / PCO have tirelessly been working towards a memorable Convention for all of you.

May good times spent here at the Convention become golden memories for all of you to cherish for years to come.

An IW Convention is a Festival of Ideas. It provides the stage to showcase our achievements and inspire each other with stories and ideas.

Equally important, a Convention is a Festival of Fellowship.

IW brings together members from more than 103 countries from all corners of the world in harmony and friendship.

We celebrate our diversity and our shared vision for service.

I hope that as busy as all of you are going to be, you will still make time for what might just be the most important part of every convention: meeting new people and getting to know your IW friends worldwide.

“If there's one thing I've learned this year, it is that when two IW members get together and start talking about service -- there's just no telling where that might lead”.

Surround yourself with those who bring out the best in you, not the stress in you.

Because that's why we're here. — Serving Humanity and Promoting Inner Wheel.

Enjoy IW, Expand IW -- Expand Friendship

No matter how different they look, no matter where they're from and what language they speak — everyone here is a part of your IW family. So don't be shy. You might just find yourself a new friend, or your club a new partner for service activities. It all starts with a smile and a hello — from one IW member to another.





## Symposium Topics- IIW Convention -11th April 2018



**Synergy in Inner Wheel: Together We Make A Difference**  
**Session Chair – IIW PBD Sissel Michelsen from Norway**



**a. Stand-up for Identity ---NR Marian Tellegan -Netherlands**



**b. Branding Inner wheel -- Essential for a secure future**  
**AP Liz Thomas - GB & I**



**c. To be an inspired leader, Dream big, set goals, take action**  
**NA/NR Elisabeth Haye - FAMAT**



**(II) Building bridges for a Global Community**  
**Session Chair IIWPBD Renu Baljee -India**



**a. Being a woman --Challenges & Support**  
**AP Patricia Hilton -India**





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**b. Kindle a will - Invest to serve Humanity --NR Gemma Pirondini  
Italy**



**c. Voice of the Future-- Digital Empowerment  
IIW Editor/Media Manager Sandra Neretljaković**

**(III) Live Green--- Think Green --- Love Green --Session Chair  
IWPBD Dilruba Ahmed -Bangladesh**



**a. Nature Needs You -- PNR Prabha Raghunandan**

**b. Reduce - Recycle - Reuse -- IWPBD Nelly Bratoeva**



**c. Optimise Resources -- To serve -- AP IWA Karen Winters**

**d. Do your Share Of Cleaner Air -- NR Mexico Mayiya  
McGuinness Cuernavaca**





### Civic Reception

Well-chosen venue by LCC and IIW for President's Welcome Reception to NRs, APs, IIWPP, EC, BDs, Speakers at Melbourne Hall, Town Hall.



### Friendship Dinner

A great concept by LCC which was enjoyed by all delegates and guests along the Yara River at South Wharf where long chains of festive restaurants offered a variety of foods and snacks. Dancing at musical notes with unlimited entertainment were definite highlights.



### Welcome Reception – at House of Friendship

Well-chosen name given by IIW President Dr. Kapila Gupta to this Foyer area – House of Friendship where our Host Country AP Karen Winters welcomed every delegate to her country followed by a Welcome message by our Convention Coordinator and finally IIWP Dr. Kapila Gupta welcomed everyone on behalf of IIW.



### Team Melbourne





## Opening Ceremony -IIW Convention -2018

### Lighting Candle of Friendship



### Flag Parade by Representatives of 46 countries was the highlight of Opening Ceremony



## IIWPPs were honoured by LCC and IIW Dr Kapila Gupta

### Message by Convention Coordinator Val Corva

International Inner Wheel President Dr. Kapila Gupta, IIW Governing Body, Distinguished Guests, Inner Wheel Friends and friends of Inner Wheel,

After 3 years of planning and preparation, on behalf of the local Convention Committee of Anne, Marg, Lorraine, Pam, Val and National Representative Marilyn- and all members of Inner Wheel Australia, our host country, it makes me very happy to finally say...

G'day and welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Triennial International Inner Wheel Convention, for the first time ever, being held "Down Under" in the capital city of Victoria, Australia.

Welcome to Melbourne!

Our friendly Ambassadors, Stewards and Home Hosts extend Aussie hospitality to help ensure your time with us is the best it can be.

Dr. Kapila Gupta, the 50<sup>th</sup> President of International Inner Wheel, has thoughtfully planned and collaborated with the Convention Committee to ensure that throughout the convention programme, you will be inspired, educated, motivated, challenged and entertained.

For the past 3 years we have worked to deliver a programme that showcases our country's relaxed lifestyle and uniqueness, that honours the diversity of cultures we share in Inner Wheel, that applauds the achievements of Inner Wheel service and that celebrates our common bond of global friendship. We acknowledge every unique IIW Convention that has gone before us and hope we too bring smiles to faces, so that when you leave Melbourne, you leave with a lasting legacy of special memories and fulfilment.

In 2001, our organisation instigated an award named in honour of our founder, Margarette Golding. Since that year, 331 have been presented to women worldwide. These women have each received the highest honour awarded by our organisation for their outstanding service to the community through Inner Wheel.

Accordingly, I am delighted to welcome to the stage, 16 of these MGA recipients attending our convention. I ask you to please hold our applause until all names are acknowledged

MARGARETTE GOLDING AWARDEES ATTENDING IIW 2018 CONVENTION

AUSTRALIA



1. Frances BLAKE
2. Anne Mc GILL
3. Sandra RICHARDS
4. Margaret SANSOM
5. Patricia (Patti) STAFFORD
6. Gail VAN der HEYDEN
7. Margaret WHITCHURCH

BANGLADESH

8. Dilruba AHMED

INDIA

9. Sudha GUPTA

NEW ZEALAND

10. Margaret HAYWARD
11. Marion PATCHETT

NIGERIA

12. Oluyemisi ALATISE

UNITED KINGDOM

13. Jenny BIRCH
14. Margaret DAY
15. Pam Mc CONNELL
16. Christine SIVORI



Ladies and gentlemen, please acknowledge these special women of Inner Wheel with your applause.

As you are aware, Margarett Golding founded Inner Wheel in 1924, but it was not until 1967, that we had our first International Inner Wheel President.

*(IIW President's introductory video playing as she approaches to stage)*

So in this 50<sup>th</sup> year since the formation of International Inner Wheel, in this Golden Jubilee year, it is my honour to call upon the 50<sup>th</sup> President of INTERNATIONAL Inner Wheel, Dr. Kapila Gupta to present her welcome address.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome President. Dr. Kapila (Gupta).





## Opening Day Speech by IIW President



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Good morning

Dear IW Sisters --IIW EC, BDs, NPs, NRs, PIIWPs, Team Melbourne led by CC Val Cora, Leaders Past and Present at all levels Of IW, Rotarians, Guests - Specially two elegant ladies, Minister for Women, Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Hon Natalie Hutchins MP and H.E. Mrs.

Jane Sharwood, Special Advisor City of Melbourne -- I am sure by the end of the ceremony they would already be IW members.

It is a great joy to see all of you here at 17<sup>th</sup> IIW convention Golden Jubilee year of International Inner Wheel formation.

It has been a privilege, and a tremendous honor, to have served as IIW president in this particular year.

Being IIW President is very prestigious -- but all good things come with a Price TAG. It is to me like a job to run IW as I would BE running my hospital or any big business:

Someone could say -- but It is not a business -- But to me it's a business like no other --

Yes it's no less than a business -- the business of serving with a passion.

Striving to keep our costs low for functioning, our productivity / outcomes high, our operations efficient and focusing on increasing values leading us to develop new and creative ways to give each IW member good value for the cost of their membership.

Our business is empowering girls and women, taking care of their health. Our business is to fulfill the needs of senior citizens, to give hope to younger ones of a better future ---

Yes, our business is life itself:

caring for women, girls and the weak is our business, providing education, shelter, vocational help is our business, taking care of earthquake victims, flood affected areas and so on ---

---save the girl child campaign ---

initially the ratio was ----700/1000---- now it is 926/1000

A Greek philosopher once wrote that great enterprises begin with small opportunities.

That sounds good, doesn't it? But you know what? I don't think it's true.

Great enterprises don't begin with small opportunities. They begin with great opportunities. It's just that great opportunities sometimes have a way of looking small.

Every one of us here has been given that great opportunity: the opportunity that came in the form of an IW member saying, "I'd like to invite you to a meeting of my club." It might have seemed like a small opportunity at that time. But for whatever reasons, for each of us, it also seemed like a good idea: an interesting chance to meet like-minded people, and do some good work, and have some fun along the way.

Looking back on that now, I think every one of us recognizes the opportunity to serve through IW for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one -- the great opportunity that led all of us to the great enterprise that is INNER WHEEL. What I want all of you to take from that -- today, tomorrow, and in the days ahead -- is that the only difference between a small opportunity and a great one is what you do with it.

Becoming an IW member was what opened my eyes to the reality in that there is so much work to be done in the rest of the world: where clean water might be miles away, or not available at all, where no sanitation means a girl can't go to school, where there is no ambulance to call, and no hospital to go to. These are the places where the work of IW service is changing lives.

As Mother Teresa puts it -- Not all of us can do great things, but together we can do small things with great impact, together.

This year IW Day celebrations worldwide showed the Power of Togetherness.

IW Day Uniformly -- adding more than 1400 members on a single day. Membership expansion is extremely crucial for IW future growth.

IW Day this year was an opportunity to plant numerous saplings for a better environment for breathing, to have media coverage and live interviews on television for IW Promotion.

These highlights and many others will be most memorable moments of our IW day celebrations.

Mother Teresa said: "I alone can't change the world but I can cast a stone across the water to create ripples".

Leadership creates ripples to set the change in motion, the moment we are convinced that a change is essential and that the status quo is not serving the purpose.

It then takes the risk, does not lose time but captures at the



earliest opportunity, it can cast the first stone to set in motion the churning causing ripples for good.

We're all in this together. We're all on the same team. If one of us scores, we all score.

For our new members - Welcome to IW world. You have made a wise choice .

IW gives us an opportunity to serve the world & we are also equally beneficial, because our lives changed for good. We become better persons and enjoy that intrinsic satisfaction to which we cannot put a price.

I wish there was a way for every IW member in every IW club, to see the things that I have seen this year: the work that is being done, by IW women all over the world. The incredible diversity of our clubs, of our communities, and of our service — and the challenges faced by so much of the world, and the ways that IW is working to overcome them.

Throughout these 10 months, it has been a journey of knowing so much of IW service & friendship.

Our IIW theme was conceptualized so beautifully ---- Thanks a lot for liking and promoting it.

That is what really matters. And that is the goal I set before

you this year — Leave a Lasting Legacy. As this theme should lead our thoughts and decisions, while shaping our future and way forward.

To conclude

When you find yourself in a position to help someone, Be happy and feel blessed.

It's because God is answering that person's prayers through you.

Remember our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark but to be a light to others, so that they find their way through us.

- The light of a single candle may be feeble but if all our members join together – the flame of service would be much brighter.

Let's join hands to lighten up the world around us -- to leave a lasting legacy

If not us - who ??? If not now ??? When ???

Respect the old when you are young. Help the weak when you are strong.

Confess your fault when you are wrong, because one day in life, you will be old, weak and wrong.

Enjoy IW - be proud to be IW members !  
Viva Inner Wheel!!

### Gala Dinner --Melbourne Cup

A theme chosen by LCC/PCO--that stops the nation and took IWP by great surprise by offering grand entry and her carrying real Melbourne Cup ,which only winners get to hold.

IWP was very emotional at this gesture of her grand entry too. All delegates got the chance to click pics with Cup and to dance to Australian Musical Band







## Business session -17th IIW Convention 2018



Welcome of delegates by IIW President Dr. Kapila Gupta



## Reports were presented by



IIWPP Charlotte De Vos -2015-2016

IIWPP Oluyemisi Alatise -2016-2017



IIWPP Dr. Kapila Gupta -2017-2018



**IIW VP Christine Kirby – ND Clubs & UN**

**IIW Treasurer Azhagu Annamalai**



**IIW Editor/Media Manager Sandra Neretljaković**

All reports were adopted by show of hands and will appear in the minutes and will also be uploaded on the IIW website.

Now was the time for taking up the Proposals and Amendments in the Business sessions.

IIWP, CC Phyllis Charter, Admin Elaine Hathaway –

By Friday afternoon all proposals and amendments were discussed and voted upon and all the results were noted and appeared on the screen.

## **Open Discussion**

IIWP Dr. Kapila Gupta introduced the topic of

### **Restructuring future conventions**

IIW VP Phyllis Charter expressed her views on the way forward to placing of events to the best interest of delegates at future conventions.



IIWPP Kamala Ramakrishnan was also invited to express her views on the subject.

IIWP Dr. Kapila Gupta invited members to express their views and the topic was open for discussion.

Members took keen interest and came forward to express their views and everybody was happy end results.





## Saturday Morning Session Programme – Towards a New Dawn



**Morning session** of the concluding part of the Business Session presented a different vision entitled

### **Towards a New Dawn – A Way Forward**

To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be beautiful or rich, you just have to be yourself and show that you care.



### **Musical tribute to Womanhood---**

The Morning session started with a musical presentation by delegates on power within---

Past Association president D314,India -Pushpa SuryaMurthy Introduced the topic---

Dancers presented on Indian Classical Presentation of Power of Goddess Durga by DCs of D298,319,320,303

Fusion dance by members from different Districts -301,315,326

Finale with DCs representing women in different professional Roles-DCs from 302,305,306,307,308,310,311, 313,323,325,



### **Young Gen Speakers -----**

Young IW members were chosen from four different regions.

Convenor was IIWPP Dr. Pallavi Shah, who conducted the whole programme with great skill and youthful spirit.

### **Inner Wheel – A World of Friendship to Live** Rosita Yordanova, IWC of Sofia D248, Bulgaria



### **I Pledge to Carry Baton of Legacy** Ayushri Pavel, D350, Nepal





**My Profession – Sharing Skills – A Tool to Serve**  
Dr. Sandhya Bhat, PAS, D314, India



**Be the Change You Wish to See in the World**  
Adaora Nwandu, PP IWC of Ekulu, D914, Nigeria

As our UN Reps could not attend to present their reports, I invited IWP VP Christine Kirby to present a report on the UN on their behalf. Her presentation was quite informative and very thorough.



### Feedback on 3 Topics presented at the Symposium

IWPBD Renu Baljee summarized the issues discussed at the Symposium for those who were not present during that session. All these presentations will be available on the IWP website.



### Honouring IW members with their services for more than 50 years -



A toastmaster and well-known name among IWA, Mrs. Nola Sharp was invited to conduct this part of the programme: Age is just a Number. Her presentation was quite successful and inspiring.

Two IW members from India D317 Mrs. Smita , Mrs. Prabha Kuljarni were recognized by citation by IWP Dr. Kapila Gupta.



Past Association President from Australia, Mrs. Audrey Jones was recognized by Citation IW member from IWA, Mrs. Telka Williams 97 years old, had registered for the Convention but was taken to ICU praying for the success of the Convention. She was also recognized for her service to IW in absentia. We have sadly learned that dear Telka passed away a few days ago and we mourn her deeply.





## Presentation By IIWPBD Luisa Vinciguerra

A way forward

This presentation by IIWPBD Luisa Vinciguerra initiated the next part of Saturday morning session and opened the doors to next discussions on the future of IW.



## Talk Show - Pave the Way for the Future of IW --To Leave a Lasting Legacy

Moderators: PA President Sarita Lunani, India

IIWPBD -- Ashnadelle Hilmy Mortagy, D95 Egypt & Jordan



The Panelists were chosen from IIWPPs representing different continents based on the concept of Then and Now

Then -- 1993 -- IIWPP Anita Aggarwal from India chaired IIW Convention in Sydney

Now -- 2018 -- 25 years later

IIWP Dr. Kapila Gupta from same country and same District Chaired



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Then -IIWPP Metje Hanekamp Van De Kamp --from the Netherlands 2004-2005

Now 2015-2016 -- IIWPP Charlotte De Vos from Belgium & Luxemburg

Then 2001-2002 -- IIWPP Carole Buchanan -- from Australia

Now recently from same area, New Zealand -- IIWPP Carole Young 2012-2013



### Topics for discussion

- Change the way you serve humanity -To be successful IW needs Partnership
- Technology Enhancing Communication
- Training Programmes for leadership at all levels -- for effective leadership
- Undertaking one service activity uniformly -- Synergy for better results in community service



It was a good initiation for Talk Shows. The experienced moderators put thought provocative questions to panelists who expressed their view points about each topic in a lively discussion. Due to shortage of time, the audience did not have time to ask questions but it was a great start to have talk shows at IIW Conventions.

At the conclusion of the Talk Show all the members sang together the song "We Are the World" with great enthusiasm and joy.



## Closing Day Speech by IIW President

My friends, my fellow IW sisters Rotarians, and guests,  
The shadows are lengthening and the twilight draws near.  
Soon, this Convention will pass from experience into memory.  
A day from now, this place, this time, will exist only in each of us in the stories we will tell of the days we spent together, here in this world of Inner Wheel.

I know it seems like we only just got here, but soon, it will be time to go. This convention that we've looked forward to, and planned for during so many months is nearly at its end.

We will say goodbye for another 3 years to friends old and new, and to Melbourne, where we have lived together for these few days in the world of IW. It's been an amazing week. It's been a joy to spend this time here in Melbourne. And it's been a tremendous privilege to have served as your president, leading IW that is stronger than ever before — with a membership that is growing, talented, diverse, and engaged; with partnerships that enable us to achieve even more and set our sights even higher.

I hope you've found new inspiration and new ideas for your service in the year to come. I do hope that this convention has reminded you, as this year has reminded me, of what an incredible organization IW is and how important every single IW member is to the work that we do. I want to end today by telling you a story. It's a story about Albert Einstein —

Long before he became a brilliant physicist and a household name. The young Albert grew up, for most of his childhood, in an educated household in Munich, in what was then the German Empire. His father was an engineer, and his mother was a talented pianist who wanted to be sure her son grew up with a love of music. So, at the age of six, the young Albert acquired a quarter-sized violin and went off to his first violin lesson.

The next seven years might sound familiar to any of you who ever tried to send a child to music lessons who didn't want to go. He hated it. He wouldn't practice. Sometimes, when he was supposed to be playing his violin, his mother would hear things go quiet; she'd open the door to see what he was up to and find him building houses out of playing cards! But she wouldn't let him quit, and things went on that way — Albert complaining, and his mother insisting — for years. Until one day, when Albert was 13, someone finally thought to take him to a concert.

And for the first time, he heard the violin concertos of Mozart. He described the moment later as one that changed him completely. For the first time, he understood not just how a violin is supposed to sound — but how it's supposed to be heard. He heard the violin sing, not alone, but as part of an orchestra — with all of those different instruments singing their own tunes in glorious harmony. He went home, picked his violin back up, and was never the same again. And toward the end of his life, when people tried to talk to him about his many achievements in physics, all of his honors and awards, he would talk instead about the joy that he had found — not in science, but in music. He would

say,  
"I could not imagine my life without my violin."  
I think many of us would say the same about IW.

All of us have had our moments in IW, moments when we got that chance to listen and to hear the music that we could only make in harmony with others. Moments when we realized that our song in life is more beautiful when we sing it together. My friends, I hope that for you, this week has been filled with such moments — and such music.

As my year at the helm of Inner Wheel draws to its close, let me mention with gratitude just a big thank you to each one of you for offering me their time and warm hospitality wherever I travelled. Thank you to all those who travelled across the border to be with me as I could not visit their country. I thank you all those who wished me safe journeys.

I take this opportunity to thank all the men in my life, when my mother and grandmother were trying their best to make me a

good girl, my father and my grandfather made me a strong woman who studied medicine. Later in my life my father in law & my husband never stopped me for using my profession as charity.

Most recently in the last two years, when my husband was a silent listener to my feelings, happy or sad over our morning cup of tea, talking about nothing but the Convention.

A big Thank you.

Most important is my gratitude to the Convention Committee --- Team Melbourne lead by CC Val

Corva ---Together exchanging numerous emails, messages, some happy some sad but we never left hope and trust in each other and here it was, a lovely Convention. I thank Alannah and team ICMS, our PCO for working sleepless nights to make this convention a memorable event.

I take this opportunity to thank our IIW Executives, IIW CC Phyllis Charter, IIW Treasurer Azhagu Annamalai, IIW VP Christine Kirby, IIWIPP Oluyemisi Alatise and each one of the BDs for performing their duties so well.

When I look back, one day, upon this year, when I tell the story of my time as IIW President, I know that the stories I will tell will not only be my own.

They will always be a mosaic of the stories of others — of lives touched and shaped and changed by IW, as mine has been shaped and changed.

As we prepare to leave this place, and our time together, and as we say farewell to each other, knowing that our paths will cross again, I send with you my trust, my confidence, my faith in you — for you are, and will remain, a gift to me as a Lasting Legacy.

NEVER STOP BELIEVING IN YOUR DREAMS --

Have courage to live the life you want to live

To conclude --

Always serve for the cause and not for applause, live life to express, not to impress, don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.





## CLOSING CEREMONY

Saturday 14 April 2018 1400-1630 Plenary MCEC

Madam President, Dear Friends,

After 3 years of planning and preparation, how can it almost be over?

On behalf of our amazing *Team Melbourne*, the Convention Committee and our Professional Conference Managers, ICMSA, we hope you have enjoyed the 17<sup>th</sup> Triennial IIW 2018 Convention programme, the fun surprises we promised you and your entire Melbourne experience!

If the smiles, the laughter and the hugging are anything to go by, then what a party we have shared together and our dream has become a reality!!

We have no doubt you will return home with a lasting legacy of international friendships, inspired by the speakers' presentations, and a sense of pride that you are a member of such an amazing worldwide organisation of extraordinary women!

Our convention logo was designed with a 'returning boomerang' - because we hope you will one day return to Australia and your Aussie Inner Wheel friends.

When EARLY BIRD registrations closed on 10<sup>th</sup> October, there were 1296 registrations which exceeded all our expectations. As a thank you, our wonderful PCO has randomly selected 10 names from the EB registration list. President Kapila requested the LCC present a small keepsake prize to 10 lucky winners. So- when I read your name, please stand and wave BUT due to timing, please wait to collect your prize until after the conclusion of the ceremony programme.

From:

- |              |                        |                |                      |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. INDIA     | Patricia HILTON –      | 2. GERMANY     | Katja STRANG –       |
| 3. NORWAY    | Solveig Erdal WEDDING- | 4. NEW ZEALAND | Laurice HOLLAND-     |
| 5. MALAYSIA  | Sheela WADHWANI-       | 6. REUNION     | Jasmine SERY         |
| 7. AUSTRALIA | Judith REPPEN          | 8. MEXICO      | Alma Blanca SALMERON |
| 9. BULGARIA  | Doroteya BUDAKOVA      | 10. NEPAL      | Bindu SHREATHA       |

Congratulations and don't forget to collect your prize before you leave.

My next pleasure is to highlight The PROJECT and POETRY COMPETITION -

Every entry was outstanding, not only in their creativity but in the truly inspirational projects they highlighted. I would like to sincerely thank our sub committee: Sue Blenkhorn and Deb James for their time and effort, which enabled this concept to become a reality.

To the National Representatives and Association Presidents who collaborated within their own countries to judge and submit the winning entries, a huge thank you to you all.

Having received 20 winning entries and realising the incredible effort involved, the subcommittee contacted all participating countries and sought their runner up entries, which amounted to 25 more. ALL winning and runner up entries have been proudly displayed in the House of Friendship throughout the convention. It was obviously a difficult task for the various selection panels to make those choices! I hope you took the time to enjoy this exhibition.

These brilliant winning entries are now screened for your appreciation LISTED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE RECEIVED, not in country alphabetical order:

- |                            |   |                  |  |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| 1. MALAYSIA and SINGAPORE- | Koto Belud Water Project                | 2. SWITZERLAND-  | Aurora: The Governor's Project                 |
| 3. CANADA-                 | a tribute - Inner Wheel's Living Legacy | 4. NORWAY-       | a tribute - Together We Leave A Lasting Legacy |
| 5. AUSTRALIA –             | Supporting Cord Research                | 6. NEW ZEALAND - | Kowhai Tree Planting in Schools                |
| 7. SWEDEN-                 | Making A Butterfly Effect               | 8. GB&I -        | Supporting Toilet Twinning                     |
| 9. GREECE-                 | Join Hands To Save The Planet           | 10. USA-         | Foundations Myoelectric Limb Project           |
| 11. FRANCE –               | The French Inner Wheel Tree of Life     | 12. ITALY -      | Supporting Women After Breast Cancer           |
| 13. BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG-    | a tribute- Inner Wheel Friendship       | 14. CYPRUS-      | Children of Rizokarpaso                        |
| 15. NIGERIA -              | The Gift of Mobility                    | 16. EGYPT -      | Supporting Children                            |
| 17. JORDAN -               | Helping Hands                           | 18. PAKISTAN –   | Supporting Girls' Education                    |
| 19. GERMANY –              | a tribute- Symbolizing Inner Wheel      | 20. INDIA -      | Supporting Girls In Schools                    |

What an incredibly impressive tribute to our IIW President's special theme, "Leave A Lasting Legacy".

The IIW website will feature these entries for all to enjoy and we encourage you to post all of your entries on your FB pages and websites to promote IW's legacy within the broader community.

And now for the surprise element of the competition, it is now my honour to call upon, our leader, our friend, the 50<sup>th</sup> President of International Inner Wheel Dr Kapila Gupta.

Members your creative winning entries have been compiled into a beautiful book - by IW member Deb James-showcasing the lasting legacy our President's 2017-2018 theme has encouraged members to deliver globally helping to make *Happier Futures- Better Lives*.

With the gratitude and affection of all IIW members, I now have the greatest of pleasure in presenting this book to our President Dr Kapila- as a thank you for your wonderful convention year.

President Dr Kapila, we know you will treasure this gift which showcases the lasting legacy of IW members projects from your year as our International Inner Wheel President.

On behalf of the LCC I thank you for your thoughtful planning and preparation. We hope we have been able to deliver your convention dream too and we thank you for agreeing to the LCC's Aussie inclusions throughout the convention programme.

Ladies and Gentlemen please thank President Dr Kapila.

I would like to express my personal and heartfelt gratitude to Team Melbourne. An IIW Convention cannot happen without a great team and there is no "I" in Team Melbourne. From the top with our President and IIW Admin Elaine and the IIW Governing Body, to our simply awesome Professional Conference Organisers, ICMSA, for their commitment, professionalism, patience and tireless effort.. Thank you for helping us bring our convention vision to reality. We know this IIW Convention challenged you but you excelled. It will never be forgotten.

To my LCC, Anne, Marg, Lorraine, Pam and Marilyn- small in number HUGE in effort, massive in friendship- I thank them for their dedication and support and I'm happy to say after all this, we are still friends!

To our wonderful Ambassadors and Stewards and all IWA members for your support in so many ways and to every one of you our IIW friends, for travelling Down Under to join us in Melbourne for the 17<sup>th</sup> Triennial IIW Convention...a huge bunch of red roses for being so special. THANK YOU.

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## Closing Ceremony

MOC Jean Kittson with her humour and vivacity made the whole afternoon an enjoyable one for delegates and guests.

IWC of Point Cook members performed a dynamic dance accompanied by a fusion of music selections. Its young generation members originally from India, married and settled in Melbourne and joined IWC of Point Cook and are definitely an asset as young IW members.

Beautiful selections were performed by the Australian Girls' Choir.

A book compilation of all the poems on IWP's theme "Leave a Lasting Legacy" was presented to IWP as a sweet gesture of remembrance.

A vibrant calisthenics performance was presented by the children of the Canadian College.

An impressive and inspiring musical presentation by Suzanne Shakespeare was another highlight of the Closing Ceremony.



Australian Girls' Choir



Book compilation on Poems on IWP Theme was presented to President Kapila Gupta by CC Val Corva



Calisthenics Performance by children of Canadian Bay college



Musical presentation By Suzanne Shakespeare





## Announcement of International Social project by IIWP Dr Kapila Gupta 2018-2021

Women are more likely than men to be poor, hungry, and victims of violence. We need to ensure that the basic needs of women & girls are met for their well-being and a secure future.



Feminism is not about making women strong. Women are already strong, feminism is about changing the way the world perceives their strength. Empowering women and girls is a prerequisite for creating a good nation. When women are empowered, society with high stability is ensured.

“If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty

Now is the time for crediting not just our forefathers,

It is also time to recognize the sacrifices of our foremothers.

It is only natural that our International social project for 2018-2021 is [Caring for women & girls](#)



## Release of New International Inner Wheel Website

[www.internationalinnerwheel.org](http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org)

Sandra Neretljaković IIW Editor/Media Manager

## IIWP Christine Kirby announcing her theme and team for 2018-2019



## IIW Theme 2018-2019 Empower and Evolve

## IIW Convention 2021 Jaipur, India





## Some expressions of appreciation after the Convention

**IIW PBD Luisa Vincigerra** — Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul” wrote Henry Ward Beecher. From my soul, only gratitude, for IIW President Dr. Kapila Gupta, for the Convention Coordinator Val Corva and all the members of the Organizing Committee in this wonderful XVII Convention. Last week in Melbourne has been for me and for all of us a great gift: friendship from worldwide, emotions, contents, important news, always with a look forward to the future... The gratitude that comes from my soul is deep and sincere.



**IIW PBD Ashnadelle Hilmy Mortagy** - Thank you dear President Dr. Kapila Gupta for a most memorable 17<sup>th</sup> Convention that has taken us to new heights of excellence and has brought our worldwide members closer in realizing our IW objectives for today and for the future and some of our dreams. Coming down under was in fact a highlight of this wonderful year where every day left a Lasting Legacy. My sincere **Thank you, Merci, Shokran, Dhanyawaad, Gracias, Danke, Blagodarya, Tack, Daalu, Efcharistó, Shukriya, E se, Bohama Istuti, Vi Blagodaram, Hvala vam, Salamat, Multumesc, Arigato** and my deep appreciation for the meticulously planned and orchestrated Convention go to CC Val Corva & Team Melbourne and also to every single member of IW Australia who made us feel right at home. Looking forward to welcoming all our IW friends in Egypt & Jordan to offer you our hospitality in return in IW friendship.

**Priya Chopra D310** - IIW President our Pride Dr. [Kapila Gupta](#) maam... relished every moment at the convention ... thank you very much for giving us such a memorable experience

**Rubina Pung** - And then it was over oh so soon. What a great convention. Thank you IIW President Dr. Kapila and LCC Val & team Australia. Till we meet again (hopefully) in Pink City Jaipur.

**Dian Barlow-Australia** - Thank you to the fantastic Convention team of Val, Anne, Margaret, Lorraine, Pam and Marilyn for the most wonderfully successful Convention. It was my first and I cannot thank you all enough. You did us proud.

**Dale Julius** - Thanks for a wonderful introduction to the IIW Convention. My first, but already looking forward to the next

**Anne Wettenhall** - Special congratulations to the team who made it all happen! Val, Anne, Margaret, Lorraine and Pam who worked solidly for three years to make it a very successful IIW Convention. Thursday night's progressive dinner was a highlight and the Gala Dinner was the icing on the cake. Well done!!!

**Donatella Polizzie** - Dear President Kapila thank you very much for this stimulating experience. To the organizing committee my heartfelt thanks for these unforgettable days.

