



# INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL MAGAZINE 2019/20

PRESIDENT: PHYLLIS CHARTER



IWC Roxas in the Philippines distributed food to needy families during the Covid-19 crisis.

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## Words from the Editor



In this Annual Magazine, printed and distributed to all clubs around the world, you will find many articles and reports from the last IIW year. To be informed, inspired and impressed by, I hope.

Here you can read Phyllis Charter's words about her year as the IIW

President, about projects illustrating her theme "Together We Can" and see examples from her intensive visiting program during the first part of the year. Covid-19 stopped further visits.

You can also read about many service projects under the umbrella Caring for Women and Girls and how our members, clubs and districts are taking up the fight against the Corona pandemic. In this Magazine you will find articles about IIW, our founder Margarett Golding and the awards in her name, our UN representatives and much more.

The four Web Magazines have found more and more readers during the last year. It has been decided that I shall produce four issues also during 2020/21. In the first edition in September there will be a presentation of IIW President 2020/21 Bina Vyas, her theme and logo.

And many thanks for re-electing me as IIW Editor/Media Manager. I am proud and honoured.

Enjoy your reading!

**Kerstin Jonson**  
Editor/ Media Manager 2019-2021

## Together we made it!

The Executive team 2019 -2020.



From left: Corinne Dalleur, Bina Vyas, Phyllis Charter, Chris Kirby and Liz Thomas.



# Many thanks for an exceptional year

International Inner Wheel  
President 2019-2020 **Phyllis Charter**



true. I was also captivated by the creative and varying cultures and colours of how Members relax, anniversaries are celebrated and friendships are strengthened. All memories for a lifetime.

## **INNER WHEEL NEVER STOPS**

For all of us, the second part of our Inner Wheel year will be memories that we wished we had not experienced or dreamt of ever happening! Suddenly along came Covid-19 and a pandemic turned the world upside down! National and international travel came to a halt and then social isolation and lockdown meant that Conferences and Meetings were cancelled. But did Inner Wheel stop? – No. In many ways it strengthened it, by proving that we can do the impossible and make everything possible.

## **WE ARE A TEAM WORKING TOGETHER**

When I chose “Together we can” as the Theme for the year, I never realised that it would summarise how, in these difficult times, Inner Wheel Members would unite together to support their health services, feed thousands of homeless, make masks and many other items whilst also ensuring that those families that we were already assisting were not forgotten. By working together it shows that we are a team and “together we can” achieve our own dreams of a better world by

promoting our three Objectives – true friendship, strengthened by the ideals of personal service and fostering international understanding.

## **MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU**

I would like to thank you for your friendship, support and the warm welcome received during my visits and I congratulate you all on the worthwhile projects that you are supporting and the work that you are achieving in the name of Inner Wheel. As President, I would like to thank my fellow Executive Members and Board Directors, who - along with Alan and Elaine - from the Office - have adapted to virtual meetings.

## **SPREAD YOUR NEWS AND SUCCESSES**

I hope you enjoy this annual magazine and the four new web magazines that Kerstin, our Editor, has produced for us. Please continue to send in your news and successes.

## **WE NEED MORE LEAVES**

I often describe International Inner Wheel as a tree, where the IIW are the roots and trunk, Districts and Clubs are the branches and the Members are the leaves where all the action is and energy is produced to enable the tree to grow. Of course this in turn means that we need more leaves – so let us shout from the tree tops and stimulate growth.

You have proven that in Inner Wheel

**“TOGETHER WE CAN”  
and “TOGETHER WE DO”**

May I thank you for a memorable year and a very special thank you for being you.

**Yours in friendship, Phyllis**

## **Dear Inner Wheel friends,**

It has been a privilege and honour to serve as the 52nd President of International Inner Wheel for a year, which can best be described and will be remembered by all of us as a “year of two parts”.

## **MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME**

During the first part of our Inner Wheel year, I had the opportunity to visit a small number of countries to experience first-hand how members can dedicate themselves in so many ways to give service to their communities and make dreams come



# 110,000 Women in Action

International Inner Wheel is one of the largest, and most important, women's service organisations in the world. Formed in 1924 the organisation has today over **110,000 members** in **103 different countries**.



## REPRESENTED AT THE UN

International Inner Wheel is an NGO at the United Nations in New York, Vienna and Geneva. Our representatives follow and assist the work sessions of the commissions regarding important themes as: Human Rights, Rights of the Children, conditions of Woman, the Family, the Elderly and Drugs.



## SERVICE PROJECTS

Inner Wheel clubs, districts and countries take part in a wide range of work for charities and causes across the world with the aim of helping women and young girls to better lives.

## INTERNET AND FACEBOOK

Read more about what is happening in the Inner Wheel world and be inspired - and impressed.



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### Twitter:

[www.twitter.com/InnerWheelInt](https://www.twitter.com/InnerWheelInt)

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## OUR OBJECTIVE

Inner Wheel has three objectives. To...

- Promote True Friendship
- Encourage the Ideals of Personal Service
- Foster International Understanding



## EASY TO JOIN

All women who share our values are welcome as members. Members achieve these aims through club/district events, which combine personal service, fun and fellowship. The programmes at the meetings vary. Usually we have an interesting lecture or discuss a current topic, make a study visit or just eat something good and socialise.

# 102

new clubs were chartered during 2019-2020.

The new clubs are in India, Italy, Bangladesh, Germany, Pakistan, France and many more countries.



# Mrs. Margarett Golding started the Inner Wheel

Mrs. Margarett Golding was the initiator of the first Inner Wheel club formed on January 10, 1924 in Manchester, England. She was an energetic, knowledgeable and enthusiastic Rotary wife. As a nurse, she saw the great need for help that existed after the First World War.

The first club soon became a success and in the coming years many new clubs were formed in England and around the world. Inner Wheel initially became a support organisation for Rotary but since 2012 this link is not required for membership.



## The Inner Wheel day A day to be remembered

For 50 years now, the formation of the Inner Wheel has been celebrated every year worldwide. On January 10, "The World Inner Wheel Day" is celebrated with local club events,

often with an international focus. This cake was enjoyed by members of four IW clubs in D342 in Pakistan who together celebrated Inner Wheels' birthday on January 10.



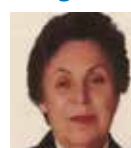
## The Margarett Golding Award For outstanding personal services

In 2000, the International Inner Wheel instituted the "Margarett Golding Award" (MGA) for outstanding efforts in the service of the community. MGA can be awarded to Inner Wheel members or others who have distinguished themselves for outstanding personal service, which must be completely unconnected with work on behalf of Inner Wheel or for Inner Wheel fundraising.

During 2019-2020, 12 well-deserved recipients have been honoured with the MGA. Some of them are published here. Unfortunately, one of the GB&I recipients has sadly passed away.

Due to lockdowns throughout the world, many awards have not been presented. In order not to ruin the surprise for the nominee, as special events are planned, we have decided not to reveal the complete list of MGAs. We hope you understand this decision.

### Margarett Golding Award winners:



**Nesecan  
Hürtürk**  
Turkey



**Mavis  
Silley**  
GB&I



**Helen  
Griffin**  
New Zealand



**Datin  
Pearl Jai Mohan**  
Malaysia



**Kate  
Hargraves**  
New Zealand



**Betty  
Selfe**  
GB&I



**Nani  
Sahleh**  
Egypt



# Important role in the United Nations

Inner Wheel works to change and improve the situation of women in many ways, all over the world. Our members actively participate in local women's projects, which often have an international connection. Many countries also have joint national / international projects. But Inner Wheel also plays an important role at the highest international level - the United Nations.



Our voice is heard in several UN agencies. As an NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) we are a consultative member of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UNICEF Children's Fund. We have six IW members representing us at meetings at the UN offices in New York, Vienna and Geneva.

Consultative status means that we have no voting rights at the

meetings. On the other hand, we can make our voices heard through various statements from the NGO committees. The representatives follow and assist the work sessions of the commissions regarding important themes as: Human Rights, Rights of the Child, conditions of Woman, the Family, the Elderly and Drugs. Within Inner Wheel our UN representatives report to the Vice President who in turn reports to the IIW Board.

You can follow our UN work in several ways. Most reports and protocols, are available on the UN's various websites and on Twitter.

It is not without pride that one can ascertain how important our IW members are doing at the highest international level.

**We are a female network that really matters. Worldwide.**

## NEW YORK



**Martine Gayon** - New York



**Michelle Burgess** - New York



**Karin Rivollet** - Geneva

## VIENNA



**Ceja Gregor-Hu** - Vienna



**Ulrike Nemling** - Vienna



**Veronique Bicu Michaille** - Vienna



# Presidential Theme 2019-2020 Together we can

The theme for the International Inner Wheel President Phyllis Charter during 2019 -2020 has been "Together we can." According to many reports the three words have been very meaningful, and the logo has been used many times. Members, clubs and districts have shown how much can be achieved by working together.



## FRENCH GUYANA

IWC Remiré-Montjoly is a Non-Districted-Club (NDC). During the last year the club has become smaller and now has only six members living in the region all year round. Often IW members from other clubs pass by and join the club for a short time. The social projects supported in the last year have concerned children. Club members try to meet as often as possible and keep in contact by mail or WhatsApp.



## JAMAICA

The IWC of Kingston Jamaica, District 702, is 54 years old. Members celebrated this milestone in December 2019 with a cake cutting at the home of PP Peggy Fennell. The major project for 2018/2019 was the refurbishing of the kitchen and repairs to equipment at the Ozanam home for elderly, poor and destitute men and women. This is a photo from a club visit at the home in January. The Club also provides a 5-year scholarship to a young student at one of the island's top high schools.



## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The ND Inner Wheel Club of Bijeljina, participated on the humanitarian bazaar

in Vienna, Austria, in November with their homemade products. Every year, the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG) holds a humanitarian bazaar where they raise funds to help children and children's associations around the world. A club member's (Ružica Bencun) husband became Ambassador OSCE for B&H in Vienna and invited the IW club members to participate in the Bazaar. At the booth the club presented locally produced products, including homemade cherry liqueur and homemade apricot jam. The amount raised from the Bazaar, is donated to a large number of projects around the world. This year, the project of the Children of Light Association from Banja Luka was approved and funds were provided for the purchase of didactic material.



## AUSTRALIA

This year has shown the unity and resilience of Australians through tough times. District A40's newest Club, Cowan at Sunset, which was chartered in June 2019 has today 16 members from 28 to 70 years of age. The club members delivered soft drinks, water bottles and lolly bags as a small pick-me-up to the firefighters who worked long hours battling fires. The intense Yanchep fires in this area lasted around a week, burning approximately 13,000 hectares, destroying one house and a petrol station.



## NEW ZEALAND

In November 2019, members from IWC Auckland East, IWC Howick and IWC Aotea

Auckland of District NZ291 participated in a charity fun run to raise money for the Breast Cancer foundation NZ. The Pink Star Walk events celebrate survivors, remember those we have lost, raise awareness and much needed funds to work towards our vision of zero deaths from breast cancer.



## ND KALE IWC

The ND Kale Inner Wheel Club sold tickets to the Tea Time organised by the ND Girne Inner Wheel Club to raise money for the SOS Children Village, an association for children without a family, as well as participating in the organisation and donating 1000tl.



## SOUTH AFRICA

In Cape Town City, a former restaurateur has for several years been making soup for the homeless. IW clubs and businesses donate funds and fresh vegetables. In the current crisis he is also helping the destitute, and out of work citizens in the city and poorer suburbs. He is making 500 kg of soup and feeding 1000 people per day. For many it is their only meal! IW clubs are also providing groceries and toiletries to homes for the elderly and to a home for out of town children who stay while undergoing cancer treatment at a local hospital.



# Our fight against COVID-19

The Coronavirus pandemic has hit the Inner Wheel in many ways. The organisation is based on social contact but today there are severe difficulties in meeting. Many IW events have had to be postponed or cancelled, but many members have shown great creativity and changed their meetings to virtual Zoom calls/conferences.

The new situation has also created major needs of vulnerable groups where Inner Wheel has an important role to fill. In a short period of time, we have seen many examples of how clubs and districts around the world have made great efforts. They have helped the sick and aided healthcare systems, making a difference to doctors, nurses and many others who show almost inhuman strength.



## THE NETHERLANDS

Members of IWC Schoonhoven hired a barrel organ and played cheerful music for people living in a retirement complex. The older residents have long been confined to their homes because of the pandemic. Now, they, and all the neighbours in Oranjeplaats in Schoonhoven, could listen to entertaining music from behind windows and from balconies and in the square.



## SINGAPORE

A group of migrant workers in Singapore had been tested for Covid-19. They were healthy and belonged to essential services, so they were being separated from their fellow migrants in the dormitories to keep them safe to continue providing the essential services and to keep them well. The local community asked for support to solve this problem. IWC of Singapore heard about the urgent need and was able, within a very short time, to raise funds and provide 1,000 starter packs which comprised of a toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of soap and a small towel.



## FINLAND

According to the preliminary tests, trained smell detection dogs might become a new tool in the fight against Covid-19. Wise Nose - Finland Smell Detection Association states that in the future it could be possible to use trained dogs to identify infected people. The trained smell detection dogs have already worked successfully with identifying different

International Inner Wheel 

## COVID 19 DISASTER AND VACCINATION FUND



Donate



Collective Fund



Action

Contact your District or Club for more information.

Take action Now!

#TogetherWeCanSaveLives

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At its meeting through Zoom, the IIW Governing Body decided to establish a special fund for the benefit of Coronavirus sufferers. With their humble contribution, each IW member can help us make a global difference and work together to solve this global problem that has affected us all. A special account has been opened for the needs of the fund, and you can get all the information from your club or district. Let us get involved in IW's global action, let us be the wheel of change.



## MALYASIA

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought hunger to millions of people around the world. Hunger knows no barriers and members of IWC Ioras Ipoh saw the impact where they live. Many, for example, stranded migrant workers, have lost their source of livelihood. With donations from members and contributions from a farmer, the club was able to give an extensive amount of provisions to the needy. Due to the need for social distancing and other restrictions, only President Hema and ISO Ann delivered the provisions.





types of cancers. Inner Wheel District 142 and its clubs in Finland are supporting Wise Nose dogs. Cancer dog Lucky showed its skills at an IW meeting.



**BULGARIA**

IWC Stara Zagora Beroe received a request to help 20 medical workers in the emergency centre in the small town of Maglizh. People who take care of our health around the clock needed personal protective equipment. Ladies from the club supplied the protective equipment needed, including working overalls, protective costumes, safety helmets, safety glasses, gloves and disinfectants.



**LEBANON**

IWC Tripoli has contributed money to the Governmental Hospital of Tripoli to help fight the pandemic. Together we fight the Covid-19 pandemic because contribution in this fight will help all of us.



**GB&I**

Chocolates wrapped with an IW logo on the packaging were produced as a welcome gesture during the GB&I Annual Conference in Belfast. Due to

the Covid-19 situation the conference was cancelled. Rather than the chocolates passing their "use by" date they were donated to people working hard, often unnoticed, throughout the crisis. Districts were asked to distribute them where they felt need. Let's hope that all the chocolates – with the Inner Wheel message – give much pleasure at a very testing time.



**BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG**

Each of the three districts and all the 77 clubs are making tremendous efforts to help and support organisations in the fight against Covid-19. In the spirit of "Together we can" the National Council has also decided to contribute. An amount of its reserves has been donated to the Red Cross which collects plasma from patients cured and immunized against the virus. Their second role is to perform laboratory analysis to detect antibodies.



**TRINIDAD/TOBAGO**

The Covid -19 pandemic has caused many people to face hardship as they have lost their jobs. The members of Inner Wheel club of Trinidad & Tobago gave 45 food hampers to the less fortunate.



**USA**

In the stay-at-home constraints, IW members have not been able to proceed with many scheduled projects. Staying connected and cheering up those who are isolated is

just a note card away as seen by the efforts of the IWC of Slidell with the hand-made notes sent to residents and care givers at Park Provence Senior Living Centre. IWUSA members are very willing and able to cheer up those who felt alone and deserted and share the true Inner Wheel spirit.



**NIGERIA**

The clubs in D911 have distributed food packs to members of the Onipanu and Mushin communities. These communities are densely populated with mostly low and middle class families. There was a lockdown and special police permission and support was received from relevant Government agencies. Rice, beans, cassava flakes, noodles and bread were distributed to over 300 indigents.



**BANGLADESH**

During this difficult time, IWC Eskaton, D328, has supported underprivileged people with food, money and other necessary items.

Many patients are dying in hospitals and homes due to breathing problems. Many hospitals have insufficient equipment and therefore members of the Inner Wheel Club of Eskaton donated an oxygen cylinder to Ayesha Memorial Hospital in Dhaka. The club also donated an oxygen cylinder, a nebulizer machine and an oxymeter to Chandpur General Hospital in Chandpur City.



# 2018-2021 International Social Project



Inner Wheel clubs, districts and countries take part in a wide range of work for charities and causes across the world with the aim of helping women and young girls live better lives. Here are some examples of projects under this international umbrella.



## USA

For many years the IWC of San Leandro in California has been involved with the Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR). The club is providing “rape kits” to women who have been raped and then brought to the hospital for treatment. Most of the time the patient’s clothing is kept for evidence by the police and the victim is left to leave in a hospital gown. The “rape kits” contain a pair of sweats (top and bottom), a t-shirt, underwear, toiletry items, journals and pens and a snack. This is the club’s biggest project and involves many members. More than 3,000 kits have been donated to rape victims over the last several years. Photo: A car is packed with kits and ready for delivery.



## MALAYSIA

The ladies of new generation IW Club Intan Kuala Lumpur, spread festive cheer to the girls of Yayasan Sunbeams Home, which houses displaced, neglected and abused children. The IW members taught around 30 girls aged between 7 and 18 how to bake simple cupcakes, draw manga, and design their own Christmas cards, in addition to a giving talks on personal hygiene and what is good touch and bad touch.



## PHILIPPINES

After 19 years, Polio suddenly became prevalent in the country. With the aim of preventing the spread of the virus in the Barangay, IWC Balagtas and IWC Malolos administrated Anti-Polio Oral drops and vaccines. An awareness seminar for mothers was also arranged.



## ZIMBABWE

IWC Harare has been supporting the Prison Babies since the early 90s. The children who are in prison with their mothers are victims of circumstances. A mother is arrested and convicted with a breast-feeding child and if no one is prepared to look after the child, she/he will stay with the mother in prison. Or it could be a woman arrested while expecting a child, sentenced to prison and giving birth in prison. The child will then have to stay with the mother the whole prison time. These children are called Prison Babies – they get no special provision, they are dependent on well-wishers and Inner Wheel is one of them.



## LITHUANIA

Kaunas IWC has visited the Children’s House. The club had invited the artist Biruté who can make toys from wool and porcelain. She taught the children (and the club members) how to make mice from wool. It was a great evening. All worked together, talked and had a cup of tea. At the end all children got Christmas gifts from the club – tickets to a musical theatre performance, “The Adams family”.



## MEXICO

IWC Atizapan celebrated Children’s Day in April with several projects. The club supported Fatima, a 10-year-old girl, with a cleft lip and palate surgery. She is now recovering. Her father, a bricklayer, received help in food and medicines for her recovery.



### SWITZERLAND

Throughout the year the “Scheizer Tafel” (Swiss Food Bank) serves poor people a meal. Once a year, different groups serve soup in many places in Switzerland to collect money and make people aware of the poverty in their own country. Several IW clubs are involved in this project including IWC Aarau and IWC Olten-Niederamt (Marion Rauber and Esther Gassler are pictured).



### GREECE

Members of Inner Wheel Club of Kifissa, D247, with gathered provisions for poor and one parent families in the Kifissa district before Christmas.



### GERMANY

All Inner Wheel clubs in Berlin are involved in a special project for the children and their parents who stay in Ronald McDonald House for up to two months. Club members selected the menu, bought the ingredients, prepared and cooked the meal. A work that pushed the members together and a fantastic experience for all involved. At the end of the day everyone was glad to have been able to help.



### NORWAY

Nannestad IWC is engaged in Navjeevan Children's Home in India. This project is run directly through one of the club members

who come from this area. She, Samantha Kathimanda (pictured), travels home to India a couple of times a year and brings clothing, toys and school supplies for the children. This is a home for the poor and orphans. Samantha visits the home and personally hands over the contributions.



### SINGAPORE

IWC of Singapore, together with the organisation “Food from the Heart” has arranged a day of real fun. Under-privileged children from welfare homes as well as students under the Financial Assistance Scheme from neighbourhood schools were invited to an event held at the Nanyang Polytechnic in Ang Mo Kio. The IW club with support from corporate sponsors and hundreds of volunteers made it a day of fun, games, and food for the children. Club members took care of the unloading, sorting and wrapping of hundreds of toys. It was an impressive collection of 10,000 toys to be distributed to more than 3,000 children.



### SENEGAL

Porto Novo IWC visited the Ahouanbgbo Market to teach the importance of early detection of breast and uterine cancers. The project included a donation of protective equipment and work tools (plastic basins, baskets, trays and aprons) to a group of women selling smoked fish at the market.



### BANGLADESH

The Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Burigang, D 345, organised a successful project on hygiene and sanitation at a remote village school of Northern Bangladesh. The project included a demonstration highlighting the importance of washing hands with soap and wearing sanitary napkins. The club members also made the girls aware of the

implications of “Touch” – both good and bad and distributed soaps and sanitary napkins among the school students.



### TURKEY

Members of Dalyan IWC visited the Kartal Training and Research Hospital, Newborn Baby Unit. They supplied and presented various materials to the new-born and premature babies such as stethoscopes, baby bottles, baby care oil, pillowcases, clothing for babies, hats, socks and blankets, which were appreciated gifts.



### INDIA

The IW clubs of D305, Jaipur Pride, Jaipur Main and Jaipur East organised a Joint Rally on the International Day of the Girl Child. The Rally was a successful attempt to make people aware that Inner Wheel is doing wonderful work in the area of Education. A lot of school children were present in this project.



### SWEDEN

Under the international umbrella “Caring for Women and Girls” all clubs in Sweden are engaged in supporting the Garissa-project in Kenya. For many years the project has been helping and protecting young girls from female genital mutilation and giving them a safe home and a good education.



# Presidential Visits 2019-2020

The IIW President's duties include visiting countries, districts and clubs around the world after formal invitations. Since time is limited, a selection has to be made. Consideration is taken of previous presidential visits and practical conditions including the cost of the visit.

Here are some photos and words from President Phyllis Charter's visits during 2019-2020. Due to the Covid-19 situation in 2020, scheduled visits had to be cancelled.



## THE NETHERLANDS

400 IW members met at the first European Rally in Rotterdam in September 2019.



## SPAIN

Chartering of the new Inner Wheel club of Vigo in September 2019. Left to right: IWC Vigo Vice President, Mayor of Vigo Assistant, Phyllis and IWC Vigo Founder President Karen Laustsen.



## GB&I

Two presidents. Phyllis and GB&I Association President Enid Law.



## USA

At the IW USA conference in San Antonio, Texas. Nearly 50 members from clubs mainly from the east and west coasts attended.



## GERMANY

Together with 40 national representatives and specially invited delegates from 17 countries at the European Meeting in Münster.



**TURKEY**

During her visit Phyllis got information about a School Library Project.



**CROATIA**

Chartering of IW Club Split Palmina. The club members are very active and have already held a charity concert.



**SPAIN**

During spring a new club was born in Spain - IW Club of Campoamor. Phyllis cut the cake with President Mary Anne Gronningen. Together we can!



**MALAYSIA**

During intensive days in the country, the visit to Kuala Lumpur included a walk in the Taman Tugu Eco Park and information about the Green Project sponsored by IWC of Petaling Jaya.



**THE PHILIPPINES**

Ribbon cutting. Phyllis together with members opening the 54th National Conference in Manila. More than 700 delegates from all over the country attended.



**INDIA**

The extensive visit in India included many club and district meetings, information about impressive projects and mutual discussions. It was also a time for interesting sightseeing. This included the Taj Mahal in Agra with Assoc Pres Mamta Gupta and fellow members.



**BULGARIA**

Launching a school book club with IW Stara Zagora. The visit included a typical Bulgarian welcome, meeting with IWC of Kazanlak and visiting a puppet museum sponsored by IW.



**ITALY**

During the year Phyllis had the opportunity to visit meetings with D 211 in Palermo and the IW Club Capua Antica e Nova Caserta in the Naples area (photo).



**SRI LANKA**

During her visit Phyllis met IWC of Ethugalpura and IWC of Anuradhapura, attended the D322 Conference (photo) and appeared on TV.



# Farewell



The past three years has been a huge learning curve for me and I have learned a great deal. I am most grateful to have worked with talented, experienced members both on the Executive and elsewhere who recognise the importance of promoting our organisation over the glorification or advancement of any single individual, and of protecting the long-held values of IW. I sincerely thank them not only for their consistent support, encouragement and friendship but their dedication to our great organisation.

During my travels, I was most grateful to have not only experienced members' gracious hospitality in

amazing places but to also see the very best of IW and its members. From this, it has been my pleasure to develop wonderful friendships and connections that I shall always treasure.

I extend my sincere thanks to CC Corinne and Treasurer Liz for their consistency and hard work. Each inherited a quality legacy from their most capable predecessors, Phyllis and Azhagu, which has complimented the happy and amiable working tone of the Executive.

As many members know, working behind the scenes can be something of a thankless and misunderstood job, so I must take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the work of Administrator Alan and Administrative Assistant Elaine. Their professional skills and management expertise advance the IIW cause in ways that are not always fully appreciated.

My congratulations and admiration go to President Phyllis for successfully navigating this difficult IW year, where we all learned that by focusing on important IW issues and tenets,

*Together we can!*

My best wishes to VP Bina as she enters her presidential year. I look forward to her continuing the established Executive consultative process, thereby ensuring the enhancement of our international organisation. IIW is about moving together globally, and I have every hope the new Executive will embrace that ideal.

I thank you, the members, for this opportunity to serve at this great organisation's highest level. I leave the IIW Executive with the greatest respect and admiration for the work done selflessly, and largely silently, around the world in the name of IW by those whose projects and actions regularly reinforce the objectives of IW. I urge those wonderful members to continue to proudly advertise their charitable activities and outcomes to provide others with inspiration and enthusiasm, and look forward to following those initiatives via the IIW website and social media sites.

**Chris Kirby AM**

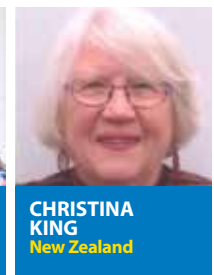
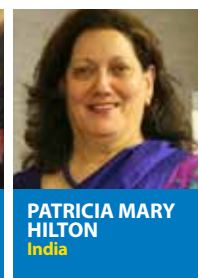
**President 2018-19  
International Inner Wheel**

## Nine Board Directors are leaving

As a result of the latest election nine Board Directors left their positions 30 June 2020.

We thank them all for their strong commitment and valuable experience they have shared with us.

*Many thanks. Hope to see you soon again!*





# Welcome to IIW Convention Jaipur, India

## 3rd - 6th March 2021

The International Inner Wheel Convention welcomes you to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Convention will be hosted at the state-of-the-art Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC). It is the largest pillar-less exhibition convention centre and the only place with an entertainment facility of its kind in all of South Asia.

In the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, be assured that exemplary hygiene standards will be followed and strict safety protocols shall be in place as your health and wellbeing is of paramount importance to us.

The state of Rajasthan is renowned for its heritage and vibrant culture, forts and palaces and tantalizing cuisine. Rajasthan is often synonymous with royalty and the age-old palaces bear testimony to the grandeur of this state. Many of the palaces have henceforth been turned into luxury hotels that exude unparalleled grandeur. The Convention seeks to serve as a foray for all our members into the land of diversity, India. Experience the eclectic charm while here and be a part of the various sessions that we have planned for you. Engage in an interactive discourse around the organisation. Shop for amazing souvenirs at the Bazaar and take back a part of India with you. Give a crowning touch to your visit to the Pink City with a go at the 'Gentleman's Game' – Golf. With an aim to offer a unique opportunity to the members to meet and greet friends from across the globe besides discussing important Inner Wheel issues, we extend a warm invitation to all of you.



DATE	TIME	VENUE
<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	1800-2200	JECC Lawns
<b>FRIENDSHIP DINNER</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	1900-2200	City Palace
<b>GALA DINNER</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	1900-2230	JECC - Hall 2
<b>GOLF DAY</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	0700-1230	Rambagh Golf Club
<b>BUSINESS SESSIONS</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	1400-1630	
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	0900-1230	

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