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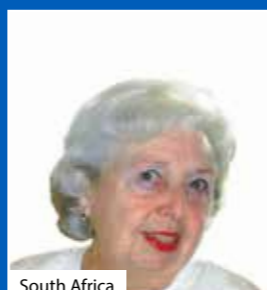
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Presidential theme for 2017-18 -
Leave A Lasting Legacy

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Leave a Lasting Legacy
IIW Theme 2017-18

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Margarette Golding Award Recipients 2016-17

Successful MGA recipients have provided ongoing, regular service over an extended period of time which is unconnected to any service supported due to Inner Wheel membership and involves great personal sacrifice for the benefit of others.



Renate Eckart – Germany
Grief counselling



Nona Dart – Australia
Community service



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Orphans and refugees



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Fight against disease



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Community service



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Special needs



Lady Ifeoma Atuegwu – Nigeria
Community service



Presidential Welcome

Dear Friends in Service

Wha... it's incredible how time flies. It's like savouring a super taste of chocolate, licking it slowly not wanting it to disappear. The throat will ask the tongue to draw it to the stomach. The licking will have to stop. So also, my time of service. It has been a year of a life time opportunity. As much as I have travelled in the past on a personal basis, the Inner Wheel travels have been a magnificent difference. I have had the opportunity to meet a huge number of members and government functionaries in many countries personally; which it would not have been possible to do ordinarily. The difference in the execution of personal service is peculiar to different situations in various countries. Members have been able to identify the gaps in environmental and social obligations and have addressed them accordingly. I am very proud to be a member of this organisation and the objectives it stands for.

My experience in the management of conflicts and peaceful resolution has been increased. I want to continue to reiterate that our focus should be to promote true friendship and encouraging the ideals of personal service. This will create an enabling environment to think of helping others not so fortunate like us to serve. We need harmony amongst members, which brings a greater advantage to us in particular, and the served in general, and we shall be fostering international understanding at the same time.



Membership of Inner Wheel is a life insurance against loneliness. We are each other's keepers for emotional supports in time of distress. I want to thank all Inner Wheel members in various countries for the great receptions, gifts and the trouble taken to receive me. For the occasions, I got invited and did not attend, this may be due to circumstances beyond my control. Movement around the world for Nigerians is restricted.

A lot of time and money goes into applications to obtain visas, which at times are denied. Be that as it may, I have tried to be in communication with as many Clubs/Districts that wanted speeches from me and I was able to visit 21 countries and covered over 85,000 miles in the air and 5,500 miles on the road.

Once again, my immense gratitude to members for the opportunity to serve you. My appreciation to all National Representatives and Protocol Officers for the planning and easy movements in and out of airports. For the precious gifts I received and all the warm handshakes and hugs exchanged I say...

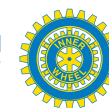
...A BIG THANK YOU.

Oluyemisi Alatise
IIW President 2016 -2017

A Slate plaque to mark the birth place of the founder of Inner Wheel, Margarette Golding, was unveiled in the Gardd Encil in Blaenau Ffestiniog on 2nd May 2017.

Members of the IW Club of Porthmadog in District 18 were present as the plaque was unveiled by Liz Saville Roberts, MP for Dwyfor Meirionnydd.





Touch A Heart Service Projects

A selection of the Touch A Heart Service Projects which have been visited by IIW President Oluyemisi Alatise during her year visiting clubs around the world. Each of these projects demonstrated the President's theme of "Touch A Heart" during the 2017-18 year and have touched the hearts of all involved.



Burkina Faso - Rama Foundation for displaced women suffering with vesico vaginal fistula



Finland - Life Education Trust National Project



India - Happy school inaugurated in Kolkata



India - Solar Street Lamp project on Arsamhala Campus



India - Inauguration of Braille Library for visually impaired persons around Mumbai



India - Wheelchairs for physically and mentally challenged children in Puri



Italy - IIW President showing the thermal cradle at Potenza Hospital



Kenya - A wheelchair for child in need



Mauritius - School for deaf and dumb



Mauritius - Building a house for a great grandmother and her family



Mexico - Helping out at feeding time in Mother Theresa Home



Nigeria - Cervical screening



Nigeria - With pupils of Karomajiji Primary School where desks and chairs were donated



Pakistan - Karachi School for Hearing Impaired



Mexico - Warm clothing provisions delivery



Morocco - IIW Pre-school where a minibus has just been supplied



Nigeria - Free eye screening exercise



Pakistan - Donating medical equipment Hijaz Hospital



Uganda - Visiting Nagura Remand Home



Mexico - Sewing workshop for mothers



Nigeria - Bina Foundation for visually and physically challenged people



Nigeria - At the Lagos Transit Home donating sandals and stationary



Pakistan - Giving Polio Drops in Islamabad



Uganda - Wamukisa Youth Centre for sexually abused girls



Presidential Visits

A snapshot of visits to **21 Countries**,
travelling more than **90,000 km**.



Denmark: Skagen, Nordic Rally



Australia: IWA Conference opening



Turkey: With Inner Wheel Members



Australia: Gala Dinner Cord Blood Grants recipients



Pakistan: Islamabad Monument with D342



Pakistan: Wagha border, the border between Pakistan and India with D341



Pakistan: Mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Father of the Nation



Nigeria: Greetings at the Airport in Lagos



India: D326 Prem Prateek - A Meet to ENJOY - official welcome



India: D306 Club presidents exchanged club flags



India: Golden Jubilee Celebration - IW Club Bombay West D314, Welcome



Nigeria: His Excellency, Chief Willie Obiano with IW NGB at Govt House Anambra



Nigeria: National Representative, Uche Agbim, being decorated during the WAF 3 Conference



Finland: IIW Club Tapiola meeting



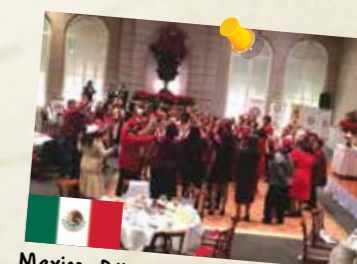
Mexico D418: Visit to the Xochicalco Archaeological site



Mexico D418: Receiving A Distinguished Guest Award for City of Cuernavaca from Major of the City



Mexico: D417 Canal trip



Mexico: D417 reception



Nigeria: Participants at the 2016 WFA 3 Conference Awaka, Anambra State Nigeria



Nigeria: District 909 District Assembly



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Italy: Singing the Nigerian Anthem



Italy: Italy -With Clubs Presidents in Padova



Nigeria: Enugu, 30th Annual National Conference Rally



Burkina Faso: Annual General Assembly with D909 members



Burkina Faso: Courtesy visit with Prime Minister



Morocco: School Bus donated to Preschool



Morocco: At the gala evening



Italy: Treviso - met with Mayor and City Counsellors at City Hall



Sri Lanka: Presenting Margarette Golding Award to Mala Weerasakera



Sri Lanka: Visit to D322 32nd conference - Lighting the Candle of Friendship



GB & Ireland: Friends from Nigeria came to support IIW Pres Oluyemisi at the national conference



GB & Ireland: Distribution of Coffee Table Book



Uganda: Welcome at the Airport



Kenya: IIW Club of Mombasa book giving



USA: IWUSA Friendship Luncheon



Morocco: Sightseeing with club members



Mauritius: IIW Members



Mauritius: President of Mauritius



Touch A Heart Service Projects



A selection of service projects that demonstrate how Inner Wheel members have chosen service projects that demonstrate the President's theme "Touch A Heart" this Inner Wheel year.



Touch A Heart 2017 Calendar for victims of the Italian Earthquake



Italy - Touch A Heart With A Smile, supporting Autistic children



Italy - Supporting Clown Doctors bringing smiles in hospitals



Australia - Cord Blood Research National Project



Bahamas - Supporting the Cancer Society of Bahamas



Belgium - Community festival for children



Netherlands - Princess Maxima Pediatric Oncology Centre



Lebanon - Gift of life to child with heart surgery



Sri Lanka - Hospital supplies at neo natal unit



Bulgaria - In Vitro charity fund supporting IVF treatment



Canada - Served brunch as a fundraiser at McCully's Hill Farm



Egypt and Jordan - Delivering Ramadan parcels to those in need



India - Donation of ambulance to Dr Rakh's Hospital in Puni



New Zealand - Touch A Heart quilt for an elderly lady in the community



Guyana - White canes for the blind



Fyrom - Skopje Europea club Pay it Forward Day



GB & Ireland - Heart shaped pillows for breast cancer patients



GB & Ireland - Garden party to support Devon Freewheelers



Pakistan - Day of kindness to eye hospital



Philippines - Flood relief



Reunion Island - HandiSport event for the disabled



Germany - Blue Bus Mobile Youth Centre



Greece - IIW members Touch A Heart in their local communities



Guyana - Baby Heart Program supporting Hospital Paediatric ward



South Africa - Providing soup kitchens and safe places for abused children



Turkey - Supplying coats and boots for students in need



Nepal - School bag distribution



Happier Futures Better Lives

A selection of service projects happening around the world by clubs, districts and countries that demonstrate the wide range of charities and causes that Inner Wheel members globally have supported this year.



Albania - IIW Club of Korce supporting the work of the Dorcas relief and development foundation



Australia - Days for girls



Bangladesh - Menstruation awareness project in Dhaka



Bulgaria - Infusion pump for pediatric hospital



Canada - ND Club Quebec raising funds for local childrens charity



USA - Prosthetic limb project



Cyprus - Supporting the Paediatric Autism Intervention Centre



Egypt and Jordan - Providing fresh water supplies



Croatia - Assisting speech therapy



GB & Ireland - Supporting Bees Alive project in Uganda



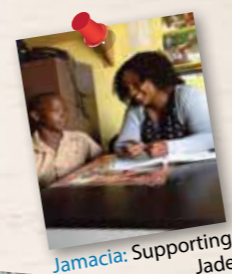
Guyana - Hat Festival raising funds for National Park Playground



India - Masala Project, delivering spice grinding vocational training



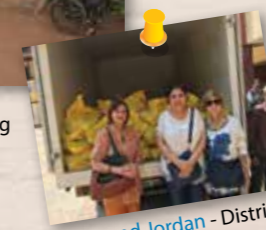
France - Sensory wall



Jamaica - Supporting Jade



Malawi - Donating Maize



Egypt and Jordan - Distribution of Ramada supply bags



Turkey - Aladag Womens Refuge Shelter



India - Mission on Wheels promoting service of IIW clubs in India as it drove through the country



Italy - Soup kitchen of Fraternity of Friars Minor in Turin



Italy - Supporting Juvenile Criminal Institute with vocational training



Malaysia - Supporting Nanthisar Home with stationary and school fees



Netherlands - Free concert for elderly and disabled



New Zealand - Supporting Sexual Assault Society



Norway - Supporting Safe Motherhood Ambassadors in Ethiopia



Pakistan - Free eye camps



Philippines - Stop Violence Against Women



Romania and Moldova - Raising funds for first childrens cancer hospital



Sweden - Queen Silvia Scholarships for Health Education



Switzerland and Liechtenstein - Supporting Swiss Red Cross Holidays for Children



Farewell Messages



My dear unique Inner Wheel Friends,

Six years at executive committee of our wonderful organisation. It's a long journey. I thank all the members who have given me the opportunity to give the best of myself to serve Inner Wheel.

I loved my years as Treasurer. Thanks to my colleagues at executive committee Pallavi Shah, Catherine Refabert, Carole Young, Anne Fryer, Gabriella Adami and Norma Friar, and Editor/Media Manager Asnadelle Hilmy-Mortagy. During this time, the new website and database was launched, and the IIW social media was created – Facebook and Twitter. Which is now a vital link for communication with clubs across the world.

After a break of one year, I was elected Vice President, and I had the opportunity to work with Abha Gupta, Kapila Gupta, Yemisi Alatise, Gunder Lanoy, Azhagu Anamalay, Phyllis Charter and our Editor/Media Manager Michelle Atkinson.

My contacts with the non-districted clubs are still very important to me, and I try as much as possible to stay in contact with them. Contact with our UN representatives is another pleasure. I thank them all for their involvement and the quality of their reports. My visit to the UN in New York will remain a milestone for me.

The IIW Song was selected in that year and I was very impressed to hear it in several countries all over the world. Now, even a short version is available on our website.

'Unique & United', my theme. A personal theme. Thanks for your warm welcome to it. No two members are identical. We are all unique, and we work all together united in our organisation. My grandchildren didn't realise the impact of their painting, when I asked them to put their painted hand on the canvas. For those who ask me how they are doing now, I can assure you that they have grown up since that day. They have been very honoured by seeing their hands all over the world, to have travelled with their Omie that way. But now it is back to normal for them, and they do well.

As Past President, I was responsible for extension and communication. Communication has had my priority as President, I did this by sending the monthly newsletter and having a blog on the website. Extension is very hard in some countries, but with perseverance we are able to grow. We are present now in a new country as well, Moldova Republic.

And finally, as I leave the executive committee, members are asking me what I shall do. My answer is very simple. I will always be an ambassador for our organisation.

I hope to meet you all at an IIW event, and especially at Inner Wheel Convention in Melbourne.

Charlotte De Vos

International Inner Wheel President 2015-2016



Dear Inner Wheel friends,

It is hard to believe that my three years as your Editor/Media Manager are now coming to an end. What a privilege and honour it has been for me to serve this organisation and to help promote your work across the globe.

The challenges have been great, but the experiences and opportunities I have had are awesome. My eyes have been opened and my heart expanded by the knowledge of all the wonderful service and Inner Wheel friendship I see happening from all corners of the earth.

Every day when I open my emails, I never know what I am going to learn about the projects and work that is happening in clubs throughout the world. I have tried my best to share these with you and to help promote the great work that we are all doing. My one wish is that I had more time to be able to contact each club personally and ask for more news and projects to be shared with us all – our Inner Wheel Family – a worldwide community of women in action sharing friendship through service in our local communities, to help bring Happier Futures, Better Lives to those around us.

I challenge each of you to share a project with IIW next year and help our organisation grow and flourish, with the richness of our work leaving a lasting legacy.

Keep up the great work and I look forward to meeting some of you in Australia at convention next year.

In friendship,

Michelle

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SEE YOU IN MELBOURNE!

11th - 14th April 2018

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

Save the Date in your diaries now, if you haven't already and start planning your 2018 holiday in MELBOURNE Australia ...HOW EXCITING!!

Why?

To attend the 17th International Inner Wheel Convention of course! REGISTRATION IS ALREADY OPEN. It is very easy to register online or download the Registration Form from the convention website. All Districts have been mailed a Registration Pack for each Club, so please contact your District for your Club's copy if not yet received.

Early Bird Registration closes 10 October 2017.

Where?

The venue, our Convention home, is to be the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (MCEC). It is spectacular! Such a special venue 'commands' special people like you to be there!

The MCEC is located in the CBD along the banks of the Yarra River, MELBOURNE, Victoria, Australia close to a phenomenal host of Melbourne icons and attractions. So much to see and do.

Convention Hotel and Accommodation? Hilton Melbourne South Wharf, plus the availability of numerous options to suit every budget, within a very comfortable walking distance.

Why?

For the opportunity to meet IW friends from around the world, to be actively involved as a vital part of the Convention team, to experience and to enjoy International Inner Wheel at work and play, right here in Melbourne, Australia!

Visit our IIW Convention website for all you need to know about tours, day trips, the convention programme, location and accommodation options and of course, to **REGISTER NOW!**

Early Bird Registration Fee closes 10th October 2017

www.iiwconvention2018.com

G'day Inner Wheel friends. We are waiting to welcome you to the IIW Convention 11-14 April 2018 in Melbourne, Australia.

It has never been held in MELBOURNE before... and might never be again!

Renew old and make new and lasting friendships from around the world.

Join the party. Share hugs, dance, sing and dine in a continuous celebration of International Inner Wheel friendship!

Be inspired, motivated, challenged, stimulated!

Help create change. Be a part of the discussion shaping the future direction of Inner Wheel.

Share ideas. Promote your projects.

Melbourne is a memorable and magical city which will cast her spell over you. Take time to explore everything on offer. Even the convention venue, the MCEC, is truly unique.

Experience Aussie hospitality!

What does that mean? Come to Melbourne and find out!

Val Corva, IIW 2018 Convention Coordinator



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