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The Objectives of INNER WHEEL

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service
- To foster international understanding



Stroke
Association



District Rally 2022



A Message from D.C Jacquié

As our 50th year hurtles to the end my diary holds many postponed events from earlier in the year. Despite a point in the Pandemic that suggested we could resume 'normal life' this has been anything but true. The saddest thing for me has been meeting ladies who have been afraid to go out and remain fearful. The last year has been difficult, many of you know of my husband's failing health which has deteriorated enormously over the last few months, as well as supporting one of my close friends through her terminal cancer to the end. This has left me with the feeling that life really is too short to worry about Covid now that vaccines and improved treatments have rendered it to the status of being the 'new flu' no less deadly for some but for most, an unpleasant few days illness.

To those clubs who held events this year, 'Well Done'. I am sorry that I was unable to attend all of them. To the clubs who held or plan to hold Charters whether open or closed I have enjoyed every one and look forward to the rest. I've enjoyed each club visit for the opportunity of meeting those who seldom attend other club or district events for whatever reason and for the sheer enjoyment of groups of friends having fun together.

The Rally was lovely, the Church service reflected how I felt about friendship and I know many of you enjoyed it. Association President Betty spoke to us about her year and the stroke association although Teddy was too closely guarded for Kirkby to carry out their kidnap plan.

The fundraising Gala Dinner was one of the highlights of my year with over £1500 raised for MIND. My thanks to all who supported it. The dinner at the Hostess was excellent as always and the table magician kept everyone amused while waiting between courses. Finally Thank You - to the District Exec and the Kirkby in Ashfield Club for all their support this year. I could not have done it without you.

CELEBRATIONS



Lesley Wilson 70th
 Mary Pay 80th
 Christine Fretwell 70th
 Hazel Kelly 80th

Love from Warsop



From - Beeston

Ann Powell 90th
 Sheila Chambers 80th



From: Wollaton Park

Kath Woodhouse 80th



Penny Riggot 75th
 Pauline Summers 75th
 Doreen Tuson 75th

From: Alfreton



Lorna Pye 80th
 Margaret Coney 80th
 Kathy Winson 80th

From: Mansfield



Mari Hall 98th



From: W. Ashfield

Doreen Taylor 80th

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding
 From: Matlock to Sue & Mel Askew

Helen & James Thornhill



Love From: Wollaton Park

Sandra & Richard Robinson

Love from: Sutton in Ashfield

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to all our new members joining District 22

Patricia Ward Melbourne
 Marie Fox Alfreton
 Ruth Sedgwick.....Bolsover

Transferring member

Sheena Clark Alfreton to Chesterfield Scarsdale.



News in 22 Spring Edition

Letter from Lyn

As another year rushes by, words from my mother and grandma come flooding back, such as “Time is one of the things that you cannot buy back, so don’t waste what you have”. “Time is your most precious gift, don’t waste it with idleness” and “Time waits for no man”. All of these sayings and more, were to encourage me as a child to get off my butt and do something, anything!

When I took up the Editor duties in Inner Wheel, I have realised that time does actually rush by. Here I am writing my 6th edition of *News in 22* and knowing we are approaching the end of my second year as Editor. And what a year it has been.

I can remember back in March giving my report at the AGM and reporting on the District’s Home Service report, relaying the amount of personal service that hundreds of our members have given over the year while supporting 37 different national charities as well as 57 regional and local charities, donating over £32,500 to those charities. It has been impressive and astonishing how our members have come up with new initiatives to raise funds when we were bogged down with Covid. It makes being a member of this organisation so joyous and a privilege.

As Editor, each quarter, I am seeing a slow and steady growth of new members joining our District and knowing that perhaps we are not becoming complacent about our future after all. So continue to enjoy your Inner Wheel life. If there is a position that you fancy, apply for it. The more you put in, the more you get out! Stay safe.

Lyn Copper - District Editor.

Melbourne - President Rachel Cooper

DC Jacquie's visit to our club had a bad beginning.

Monday morning 21st March, we were locked out; photo opportunity said a voice in my head. DE Lyn Copper by any chance?! Whilst some investigating was being done, VP Diana Eley and Judith Rosser, Distinct Treasurer went to the pub opposite. They came back with the good news that we could hold the meeting there. Hooray! We hurried across the road for warmth and a hot drink as it was chilly waiting.



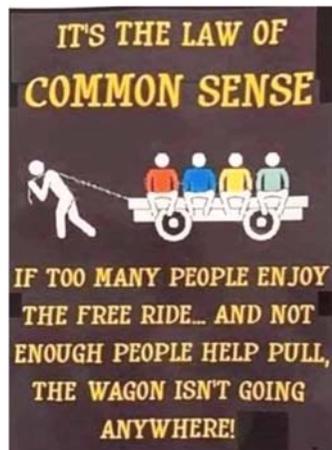
During the meeting the landlord announced beverages were ready. DC Jacquie told us to "carry on with the meeting" as she discreetly went around taking our orders and serving. Her address later on went down very well and we found out why she made a good tea lady. (Smile).



Some members, along with DC Jacquie, stayed afterwards and enjoyed lunch. "A bad beginning makes a good end"; reference

our **wonderful** meeting.

**Diann Jacobs -
Club Correspondent**



West Ashfield - President Margaret Longdon

We are now happy to be meeting at The Holiday Inn for a meal, business and speakers.

We were well entertained in March by Gordon McGlone who produced a wonderful Power Point presentation of times gone by. Does anyone remember these from their early working days? We also saw TVs, irons, mangles and remembered all those lovely sweeties bought for a 1d and Saturdays at the Pictures.



Since the outbreak of War in the Ukraine we have collected goods as well as giving financially to them. Some members attended the International Lunch hosted by Alfreton where we learned about Mary's Meals while others attended the District Thanksgiving Service and Rally as well as some Rotary events. It has been good to meet again face to face. We have been lucky to receive a donation from our local Nisa Store arranged by one of our own members. So during future meetings will decide where this might be sent.

**Mary Murray -
Club Correspondent.**

The Minors of the ABC

We are the boys and girls well known as, the Minors of the ABC.

And every Saturday all line up, to see the films we like and shout about with glee.

We like to laugh and have a sing song, just a happy crowd are we. We're all pals together. We're the MINORS of the ABC.

Editor.. For those who remember, I challenge you not to burst into song when reading this.

Happy memories.

Chesterfield Scarsdale - President Elizabeth Cromwell



On 17th February some members and guests went on a tour of Thornbridge Hall and those that attended said it was a very informative and an enjoyable visit.

A Fashion Show by Blanc in aid of the Stroke Centre was held at Chesterfield Golf Club

on March 7th. The photograph shows the models provided by Blanc in some of their outfits. There was a sale of some bargains and the latest outfits were available to buy. The event was a sell out and was very successful in raising money for the Stroke Centre.



In March a small group went on a walk along Cromford Canal having a very enjoyable coffee afterwards.

Very sadly we have lost a dear friend and member Connie Par-kin who has been President three times, most recently 2020-2021. Connie is quoted as saying that she was a founder member and wanted to die a member and sadly she got her wish.

We have a new member Sheena Clark who has joined us since moving from Alfreton. We hope she will continue to enjoy the friendship and fellowship for which Inner Wheel is so well known.

Liz Outram - Club Correspondent

50th Rally and Thanksgiving Service 2022

Thwarted by Covid cancellations from many members, the District Thanksgiving Service and Rally went ahead with over 100 ladies attending on a fabulously sunny day.

The service was held at St. Wildrid's Church, Kirkby in Ashfield and conducted by Rev. Kevin Charles, the organist - John Berrington and the pianist, Simon Hurrell supported District 22 choir, conducted by Maureen Tunney with the collection raising £308.70 for MIND.



The beautiful service was produced by DC Jacquie which was interspersed by songs from the choir, readings from DC Jacquie, 1st VC Elaine Hopkins, and APP Pam McConnell as well as the Act of Dedication by MOC Di Hylton. Rev. Kevin

delivered a humorous address, which was also thought provoking.



Thanksgiving Service & Rally

Following the service, a meal was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, South Normanton in the presence of Association President Betty Roberts, District 7 Chairman Shirley Cross and Rotary Governor Martyn Bye. It was a full-on afternoon of laughter, fun and friendship which has become synonymous with Inner Wheel events.



Montage



.....District Rally 2022



Church Wilne - President Ann Gregory

Friends and Mayhem – an evening of fun.

It was two years almost to the day since the Mother Club, (the IW Club of Long Eaton) and daughter Club, (the IW Club of Church Wilne) had their long overdue joint meeting at the Royal Oak hosted by Church Wilne.

As you would expect when Mums and daughters get together there was plenty of good food, some wine and other beverages. Lots of gossip, laughter plus glue, sticky backed jewels, felt tip pens and creativity.

Denied all this time by Covid, twenty five of us met at The Royal Oak. It was a golden, or should I say Platinum, opportunity to celebrate by making preparations for our joint Charter taking place in May and also Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee by creating our own personal crowns for the event.

Ably demonstrated by Pauline, who led the fun and sourced the crowns and materials, what followed was just amazing as you can see by the photo below.

Looking forward to the second instalment of this Mother and Daughter fun in May at the joint birthday parties – Charters.

Yvette Thomas - Club Correspondent



Clay Cross - President Dr Cheryle Berry MBE



We were pleased to welcome D.C. Jacquie Chapman at our Club meeting last November and to learn more about her well-travelled life.

In March, Paula Scaife, Derbyshire Fund Raising Manager from the British Heart Foundation told us about all the ongoing research the Foundation has funded and the many major discoveries that have been made. President Cheryle presented Paula with a cheque from

the Club for their funds.

Members have given generously to collections for the Stroke Association and the D.E.C. Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine.

I.S.O.s Anne Kirk and Carol Phelan have also collected and delivered more bags of blankets, clothing and toiletries to NPAC for Ukraine and Malawi.

President Cheryle and myself enjoyed meeting up with other clubs again at the District Rally and got a closer look at "Teddy".

**Angie Dawson -
Club Correspondent**



Kirkby in Ashfield - President Barbara Williams

Now life is more or less back to normal we have enjoyed coffee mornings, lunches and garden centre visits.



The annual Quiz Night was hosted by Kirkby with 18 clubs taking part and being won by Sutton in Ashfield. The ladies from Kirkby wore golden leggings in honour of the District's Golden anniversary.

As the annual conference was cancelled a number of members enjoyed a "Not the Conference"

long weekend at Nidd Hall. We all had a wonderful time and were first on the dance floor!

Club members have made generous donations of a variety of goods for transport to the Ukraine by Taylors of Huthwaite.

Clothing was also collected but unable to be transported at present is being sold at car boot sales and the proceeds are given to either International or Scotties Little Soldiers.

The highlight of the season was DC Jacquie's fund raiser held on April 29th at The Hostess in aid of MIND. We had an extremely enjoyable night, with a magician astounding us with his skills whilst we ate an excellent meal.

Club Correspondent



Sally Hill -

Bolsover - President Lyn Copper

"Time goes quickly when you are having fun" so I must have been having a great time as it seems only a very short time ago I was sat compiling the last magazine article.

It's nice to catch up with members at our club meetings and having concluded business it's time to feel good about being amongst friends whilst working on projects or funding to help the community.

A community group we have been able to support is Area 51, a Martial Arts and Tricking Academy. It was a pleasure to present them with a cheque towards their competition clothing. Several of the youngsters put on a demonstration and all in attendance, excited by what they were doing and through the training were learning a great deal about respect. Whilst there has been a lot of fun, there are also



issues which have made the club very reflective. We were visited by Jo Mellor from MENTELL, an organisation supporting men with mental illnesses. Jo made it clear how difficult men found it to seek help as she explained the work of the organisation and how they have accessed men through pubs and health clubs. A donation was given to Jo towards

their important work. Finally, not all club Presidents would dress up as a fireman but ours did! Lyn tells us the equipment is very heavy but didn't seem to mind as she did have help from two fireman in both putting on and removing the equipment. **Linda Hillyard - Club Correspondent.**



Swadlincote - President Pam Ratcliffe

How lovely it is to be getting back to normal and appreciating fun and friendship even more than before the pandemic. I visited Bolsover Craft Day on Saturday 14th May and what a great fun packed day it was. Although numbers were slightly fewer than in previous years, the camaraderie was not



diminished at all. We attempted four works of art, I use that term loosely for my offerings, a key chain in red, white and blue, painting a vase, making a floral ring with lights and designing and painting a hessian bag. We were given a delicious lunch, spoilt with Pam's cakes morning and afternoon, all in all a fabulous day. Well done, Bolsover.

Di Hylton



Alfreton - President Patricia Parkin

Members are enjoying meeting at the new venue, the Watchorn Library Restaurant and had a Easter Bonnet parade at the April meeting where PDC Margaret Day won with a splendid entry.



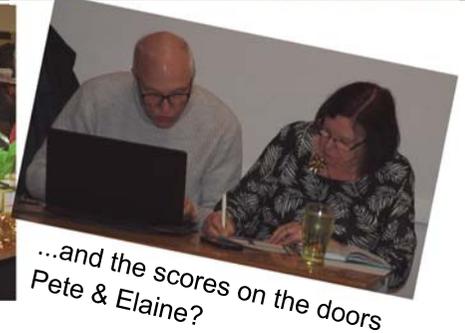
In May we had a photo quiz where photos from members childhood were guessed amid much laughter at the results.

We also held a successful Charter welcoming many visitors from District 22. Our newest member Marie Fox lit the candle to the future.

**Penny Riggott -
Club Correspondent**



District Quiz-15th February, in Pictures



*Keyworth & Ruddington -
President Diana Herrington*

Our February meeting was a very interesting talk on Quilting given by a past member Lynda Child. This was followed in March by our annual International Evening where we always enjoy a splendid supper and listen to a very worthwhile International Charity which is different each year.

In April we were privileged to have the District Chairman Jacquie Chapman give us an insight into her very interesting life, career and involvement in Inner Wheel. She willingly answered all the many questions just as she promised. The picture is Jacquie with our two joint Presidents, Diana and Sharon.



In May, a few of our ladies met up with Rotarians for a walking holiday in Northumberland.



**Yvonne Rix -
Club Correspondent.**

Long Eaton - President Cheryl Browne

In January, we spent a productive afternoon filling Rotary Shoeboxes, thirty-two in all, accompanied as usual by lots of chatter. These were destined for Moldova, certainly a hot spot at the moment.

In March we had the Club Visit from our District Chairman Jacquie Chapman, who entertained us with stories of her Globe-trotting days. We enjoyed coffee and cake afterwards.



Church Wilne Club kindly invited us to a joint Meeting in April. We had a lovely meal and then made crowns for the joint Jubilee Charter in May. There was a lot of hilarity and definitely some Blue Peter moments! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**Marion Atkins -
Club Correspondent**



Mansfield - President Lynne Bowman



Veronica Malkowski and her Rotarian husband Ray had been trying to organise a 'Pub Evening' fundraiser for over two years and it kept being postponed. When we finally got round to being able to hold the event, they both tested positive for Covid and could not attend. Luckily, our President Lynn was up to the challenge of taking up the reins and a great night was had by all.

There was a quiz, a very entertaining Karaoke and a pie and pea supper. The raffle was well

supported and raised a good amount for a Ukrainian Charity.

As a Club activity cum fundraiser, Dain Pinder organised a walk around Farnsfield followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. Members were encouraged to invite friends and family to either walk or just join us for lunch. Money raised was sent to the Association President's nominated charity - the Stroke Association.



**Dee Bailey -
Club Correspondent**

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Heanor - President Ann Hodgkinson



Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at the home of our International Service Organiser Denise & Lu Vitale.

As it was their 46th Wedding Anniversary it was a double celebration.

Our 76th Charter Anniversary

was celebrated at Horsley Lodge Golf Club. At long last we were able to enjoy our Charter and President Ann welcomed District Chairman Jacquie Chapman and friends from Inner Wheel Clubs within District 22 to the celebrations. We were thoroughly entertained by Pay Hall who's talk was entitled "A good laugh". We were not disappointed and she certainly had all those present having a "good laugh"



We continue to support Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity and the Ukrainian Appeal.

**Sue Mukherjee -
Club Correspondent**

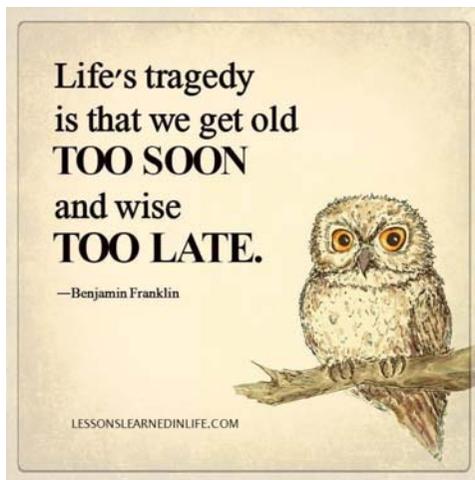
**DERBYSHIRE
REFUGEE
SOLIDARITY**

Matlock - President Sylvia Netley

Our ladies are slowly trying to get back to normal as several of us have attended a few events during this period. In February it was wonderful to enjoy our annual Luncheon as we welcomed District Chairman Jacquie and members of the District Executive Team to be apart of the occasion. DC Jacquie spoke to us about her life and how she came to join the Inner Wheel following her return from living in the Antipodes.

The Matlock Marvels did not disgrace themselves at the District Quiz in March although some questions we did find rather challenging, especially the science ones. Several members attended the District Rally later that month and be a part of the 100+ members from District 22.. We were also delighted to welcome Past District Chairman Margaret Day in April. She knows Matlock very well having done her teacher training at Matlock College.

Chris Fryer - Club Correspondent



Retford - Dorothy Bastow

NPAC & Intercare are always at the forefront of our activities, especially as Marion Tasker is now Chairman of NPAC. Members have been busy making/collecting items for both these charities and baby bundle day is also a rewarding social occasion. We also still save stamps. We were pleased to be able to make a donation to Retford Rotary's Ukraine appeal. The club received a donation with which we are intending to buy medical standard Blood Pressure Monitors and Stethoscopes for Marion's appeal.

Unfortunately due to Covid our family picnic afternoon had to be cancelled. However members have been on the social scene attending Warsop Afternoon Tea, 50 Shades of Graham, the International Luncheon at the Hostess and immediately followed by the Gala Evening. All thoroughly enjoyable. We very much appreciate District Chairman Jacquie being able to make her overdue club visit to our May meeting. It was lovely to see her and certainly important for our newer members to be aware that there is much more to Inner Wheel than the Retford Club. Our oldest member, Mari Hall, had her 98th birthday in May.

Gwen Hines
- Secretary



Ravenshead - President Mary Hind



In February it was our district quiz evening and it was so good to see people in person again. Everyone took a picnic, sharing it with team members and drinks were flowing. The best part, we were leading most of the way through the

evening only to be beaten at the end but came joint second. Congratulations to Rosemary Chambers, Susan Spanswick, Kathy Kings, and Susie Parry-Williams.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Lewis to the club who was inducted by District Chairman Jackie Chapman at our February meeting.

In March, Joy Richardson arranged for Jack Whitton to come and speak to us. As a boy, Jack lived in Grassington, North Yorkshire where Jack and his father joined the recently formed Fell rescue and later Cave rescue, the headquarters of which was opened by Prince Charles in 1978. Jack took part in his first rescue when he was still a teenager. Later the group joined up with the RAF training in rescuing pilots from ejector seats. During Jack's time with the Volunteer Rescue Team, he has been involved in some extremely dangerous rescues. It was a very interesting presentation which we all enjoyed.

Also in the month we visited the National Arboretum in Staffordshire when we had a lovely day out, enjoying a trip on the little train around part of the grounds accompanied with commentary. Thank you Joy for organising a great day out with friends. **Susie Parry-Williams. Club Correspondent**

Hucknall - President Sue Stanley

In early February we all had a jolly time enjoying a delayed Christmas meal at Morton's Farm, Papewick. We were entertained and educated at the meeting in February by our member Beverley's granddaughter, Charlotte. She had trained in hairdressing and beauty and went on to specialise in special effects. Charlotte now works in television and films and demonstrated her skills on her grandmother!. She enthusiastically created bruising, scratches and a broken nose. Beverley assured us she felt better than she looked. Finally members enjoyed a skittles match in May against Hucknall Rotary club. A good social event, despite Inner Wheel losing.



Polly Hill - Club Correspondent.

Message from District Editor Lyn

Your help is required.

Membership and Development officer Margaret Day recently attended a meeting with Association Officer Anthea Tilsley and her peers regarding promoting Inner Wheel far and wide using social media.

To get our messages out into the public domain, if you are a user, especially of Facebook and read about events going on in the district, would you kindly please share with your friends from either your club's or D22 Facebook pages, no matter where they live and maybe we can encourage someone to join our happy band of members. Thank you. *Lyn*

Sutton in Ashfield - Joan Broughton

Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes sent a speaker to a recent meeting to explain about their work for the NHS, both before and during the Covid Pandemic. Complete with his magnificent motor bike, parked outside for our inspection, we were amazed to hear about the voluntary work they do too .

After the talk member Sandra Robinson impressed us all with her agility, as she hopped aboard to try out the bike.



Instead of a Charter this year we decided to celebrate our club birthday with a visit to Felley Priory. A beautiful day meant we were able to explore the lovely gardens before enjoying a wonderful afternoon tea in the Tea Rooms. We had such a good time we decided this would be a blue print for future visits throughout the year and are now busy planning monthly adventures.



**Sue Fensome -
Club Correspondent**

Gala Dinner 2022

At the end of April in excess of 85 members and guests all dressed in their finery attended a wonderful evening, with good food, music, games, a fabulous magician and of course fun and friendship were the order of the night for DC Jacquie's Gala Evening Meal at the Hostess in aid of MIND.



Warsop - Janet Wright

The ladies of Warsop Inner Wheel have had a very busy quarter catching up on all the backlog from Covid restrictions, resuming our meetings at the Hostess and hosting some wonderful events.

One of our favourite events was the Easter Afternoon Tea on April 19th when ladies from District 22, members and friends joined us at the Hostess Restaurant for an afternoon of food, fun and friendship.



Our speaker was Graham Keal who spoke about his Fifty Shades of Graham. It sounded quite racy but was simply sharing the differences between the sexes and was very amusing.

We also had a great Easter Bonnet competition which Gloria Humphrey deservedly won. Everyone who commented said they had enjoyed it very much. All proceeds for the local John Eastwood Hospice Trust. This year has gone too fast.



Sharon Sorensen - Club Secretary.

Wollaton Park - President June Pedlar

We have enjoyed our monthly visits to garden centres for coffee and cake!!

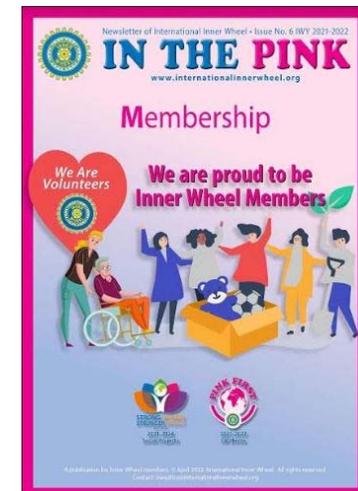
President June presented Jenny marking her 50 years in Inner Wheel.



Congratulations Jenny!

We had a fun walk during Easter starting at Strelley Hall then following the circular walk to Babbington for a well deserved lunch at the Mulberry Tree enjoyed by all members.

Debbie Pink - Club Correspondent.



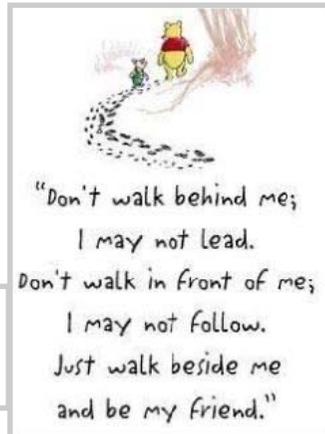
Beeston - President Sheila Chambers

Our Club continues with Zoom Meetings where we all contribute to the full discussions regarding Inner Wheel business, we also enjoy our Friendship meetings every four to six weeks, when we are able to chat about what is happening in our own lives and the world in general.

At these meetings, we take the opportunity to collect donations of food which is delivered to the local Food Bank run by Hope, Nottingham and are pleased to have the opportunity to continue to serve our local community in the spirit of Friendship and Service.

Angela Westerman
- Club Correspondent.

Albert Camus -
Author and Philosopher



Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory

Jill FretwellAlfreton
Constance Parkin.....Chesterfield Scarsdale
Josie GrahamChurch Wilne
Rosie Walton.....Alfreton
Ann Powell.....Beeston
John Parkin husband of Margaret.....Long Eaton
David Edge husband of Valerie.....Melbourne



An Introduction to incoming District Chairman Elaine Hopkins

Dear Inner Wheel friends,
I can't start to tell you how delighted and honoured I am to be your District Chairman from the 1st of July 2022 and I am looking forward to meeting you all at your clubs and Charters throughout the year.



My Inner Wheel Journey has been such an experience and I take a lot of pleasure from being at Inner Wheel Events. The friendship and kindness that has been extended to me over the past ten years has been fantastic. I have always loved the fun and friendship that has become integral to our Organisation, as well as the feeling of helping others in our Service events being second to none.

This year being the first full year since Covid 'hit us' we can now start to get out and about again, it is my hope that you will do your best to support not only your club events but District events too. After what we have all been through over the past two years I hope you will join with me, sharing the Friendship and Kindness to all we meet and spreading the delights of being an Inner Wheel member.

My chosen Charity is AGE UK who do some amazing work for older people and whatever amount is raised, will be split equally between Age UK Nottinghamshire and Age UK Derbyshire. I am planning a sponsored Zip wire in September for this very worthwhile charity. I hope you will all join me at Induction day on the 25th July at the start of what will become, a lovely year. Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Incoming District Chairman Elaine.

*An Introduction to incoming
International Service Committee Chairman
Lynda Wallace*



Hello ladies. My name is Lynda Wallace and I am your new District International Service Committee Chairman for 2022-23. For two years, I have worked with Stella on the District International Committee as the International Zone Leader for the North Area which I really enjoyed. I am a Past President of Chesterfield Scarsdale Club and I have been their ISO for six years. It was great to

meet so many members from different clubs and enjoy their different varied events before lockdown hit!

I joined Inner Wheel when I retired in 2012 and my sister, Margaret Thomas was the President of Mansfield Club. She took me along to a meeting and persuaded me that I needed to do something more with my life. I certainly haven't looked back since! I have met such caring, talented, fun loving ladies at wonderful, interesting events who are making a difference in this crazy, bizarre world that we have been living in lately. So this year I am looking forward to working with my Area Committee Joan Green - Warsop, Pat Churnside - West Ashfield, Jane Markwell - Church Wilne, and all the ISO's of the clubs in District 22.

Here's hoping for lots of fun, friendship and happiness in our clubs' activities whilst working to benefit those in need at home and overseas. I am looking forward to seeing you at your forthcoming events. Keep healthy & happy!

A Reflection from IPDC Margaret Day

With June approaching, I write some words of reflection of my time on the District Executive Team.

Starting well, I enjoyed my year as 2nd Vice taking on the challenge of the District Stationery stall, ferrying all the goods and splitting myself in two to help run the Gambia stall and carry out other duties, whilst my club managed the actual sales at meetings. Plans for my "big year" were forming and I was eager to get going.

I began my year as 1st Vice with great enthusiasm. Four of us enjoyed menu sampling in preparation for Induction Day, venues were booked for meetings, the Rally and Church services and draft invites prepared. My vote of thanks as 1st Vice at the Rally was written and then boom – the Pandemic hit us! The next three months were spent re-arranging, cancelling and learning the skills for zooming!

I spent most of my year as DC sitting at my desk wearing my chain and slippers! Thankfully official meetings, the International Rally, Carol Service, the District Rally and the District quiz were shared on Zoom. I managed to attend four club meetings in person and twelve other events, the majority being held in members' gardens! I did wonder at the start of the year how many salmon and chicken dinners I would eat during the year. In the end my IW diet for the year turned out to nibbles and drinks, fish and chips and 10 afternoon teas!!

Now I'm on the last leg of my time on the Executive committee. We no longer have to rely solely on Zoom to connect with our IW friends, we have kicked off our slippers and we are out and about and it feels good. I've enjoyed my time on the Exec. There have been challenges but we have shown just how adaptable and resourceful we can be and we have won through! My sincere thanks to you all for the friendship and support you have given me, it has been tremendous and very much appreciated. As I move on to new challenges (2024 springs to mind!) there is only one way I can end these reflections:

Always remember that District 22 is "Simply the Best"!

A Reflection from ISCC Stella Taylor

The End of an Era for me.

In 2019 PDC Linda Elkin said at a District meeting that all positions on the District Executive Committee were for one year only, as everyone needed to be voted on each year. Then a couple of people suggested that I should take on the role of District International Service Committee Chairman and I thought - I could do this for a year if no one else wants to take on the role.

As there was no opposition I was elected and enjoyed the role. Even though half the Inner Wheel year was on Zoom, overall it was a very positive experience, so despite Covid and lockdowns I decided to stand for a second year. July 2020 – June 2021 Inner Wheel was all conducted on Zoom, but under the expert guidance of Margaret it was an enjoyable and successful year. I did not expect to be in post for a third term of office, but I have been delighted to work with the current District Executive, International Service Committee and club ISOs and to have the pleasure of face to face contacts and meetings.

I believe that International service is a most important part of Inner Wheel and that it is not always given the prominence that it should have within clubs – despite the best endeavours of some excellent club ISOs. I have been privileged to work with two very good and committed Association I.S. Committee Chairman. Both of them have used the benefits of Zoom to keep in more regular contact with Districts and club members and I hope that this will continue. I also hope that all D22 members will consider standing for the I.S. Committee and the office of District I.S. Committee Chairman. I can promise you that it will be an interesting and rewarding experience. However no one needs to stand forward for July 2022 – June 2023 as there is an excellent team in place. I wish Lynda and the team all the best and a very happy and exciting year ahead.

Outgoing DISCC. Stella Taylor

