

District Times

Spring 2022 | District 16



Message from District Chairman

So much has changed since we published our first District Times.

I wish to thank all of you for your much appreciated support and generosity to myself and my family on the death of my husband Luke, my forever rock and partner over the past fifty-four years. I know he will continue to be my strength as I continue my challenge to grow our Inner Wheel District in friendship and playing our part with energy and enthusiasm.

Spring is here and 'Yes' we have had our first face

to face District meeting in Sligo.

Team Hasson is very impressed with all the great work and activities happening in our clubs. Eleven Clubs were present, and I am very pleased to announce that we have sent a cheque in the amount of €3880 to **Red Cross Ukraine Appeal**, representing our membership of 323.

All clubs continue to play their part in many ways in support of the Ukrainian people, and our thoughts and prayers are with them during these most challenging times.

Right now, I feel the friendship and fellowship ethos of our Inner Wheel, locally and internationally, is so important and the right time to **'Grab and Grow our Inner Wheel.'**

I am looking forward to lots of interaction with members in Clubs here, and when visiting other Districts. The next few months will be



busy with lots of Club visits, listening, chatting, golfing, coffee, and wine!

My Club is busy preparing for District Rally in Guildhall and yes, I think you guys will have a day to remember.

Let's keep our **'Malin to Mizen Challenge'** moving, our club activities, our **'Sustainability Awareness Programme'**, and remember small steps are key to our success.

Enjoy this edition of the District Times and a 'Big' thank you to our District Editor and all contributors.

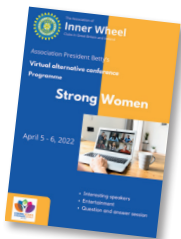
In friendship, Mar



Programme from 11a.m.
Mayoral Reception followed by Lunch.
Early bookings please to District Secretary.



UPcoming EVENTS



Inner Wheel Bournemouth Conference - 5th and 6th April 2022.

Sadly, the Bournemouth Conference has been cancelled but I am happy to report that there will be a Virtual Conference on 5th and 6th April 2022. The theme of the Conference is 'Strong Women.' I hope as many members as possible from District 16 will be able to join in. Look out for further information coming via your District Secretary. On a more positive note, plans for the 2023 Conference in Blackpool from 27th to 29th March are going ahead which will be a great opportunity for us to meet face to face again. Get the dates in your diary now!

It is so exciting that the next Convention in 2024 will be held close to home in Manchester, where Inner Wheel first started in 1924 by our founder Margarette Golding. This is a fantastic opportunity for our members to experience the joy that a Convention brings and to meet fellow members from all over the world.

Inner Wheel 3-Year Social Project - Strong Women Stronger World

The focus for the new 3-Year Social Project will be on mental health for GB & I, mainly on the charity MIND. In Ireland these charities are INSPIRE (NI) www.inspirewellbeing.org, and Mental Health Ireland (Eire) www.mentalhealthireland.ie. All District 16 members are encouraged to support these charities and any other charities that benefit people's mental health, in particular for women and girls. I would be delighted to hear of any support, financially or other, that clubs give towards mental health so that all information can be collated and fed back to Association (jsroule54@gmail.com).

Jeanette Sproule | Member of Council

Coffee Morning event in Ballymena Saturday 23 April from 11am until 3pm



"Like all other Clubs in the District, Ballymena is hoping to raise awareness of our organisation at the same time as helping to raise funds for local charities. As we emerge from the pandemic and as restrictions ease, we can seek ways to take up our District Chair's challenge to 'Grab the Wheel and Grow'. Members of all Clubs are very welcome to come along. As well as fundraising we will hopefully also be able to encourage people to join our Club and we will have information available about the organisation and own Club. It would be great to welcome members along from across the district to support our event.

As Membership and Development Officer I appreciate that it can be difficult to attract new members but hopefully such events can help us raise awareness of the wonderful organisation we belong to. If your Club is planning any similar kind of event, please let the Executive know so that information can be shared across the District and please use our recently launched 'District Times' to promote your event. I look forward to seeing some of you in Ballymena on 23 April!"

Patricia | Membership and Development Officer

Inner Wheel Club City of Derry Greencastle Golf Club 6th May 2022

All Welcome





In many ways 2021 was a more difficult year for raising money and delivering goods to Charities.

We had intermittent lockdowns and constant restrictions and most clubs were unable or hesitant to meet in person. Then transport was stopped so donated items could no longer be collected and sent to refugee camps.

Despite all these setbacks I am very pleased to report that District 16 contributions to International Charities held fast and did not drop and £7210 and €4556 was raised for various charities. All the charities we supported are worthwhile charities doing wonderful work with people who suffer appalling poverty that we can't begin to imagine or understand, and it is great that we can make a difference no matter how small. Even with restrictions in place, we still managed to collect baby bundles and backpacks, clothing, shoes, mobile phones, spectacles, and pencils. However, please note that due to transport issues Mary's meals no longer accept Backpacks but please continue to send donations as the children need to be fed. This year already we have seen

awful climatic disasters and now this appalling destructive war in Ukraine. Many of you are already donating to help the people fleeing the violence in Ukraine and I would encourage clubs to support **The International Red Cross** which has volunteers in Ukraine and all the neighbouring countries who can organise what is needed on the ground.

DEC Ukraine Emergency Appeal
PO Box 999
London EC3A 3AA

Cheques made payable to DEC Ukraine Appeal and write an accompanying

note to go with the cheque. Details should include: The District/Club's name plus an address for the DEC to send an acknowledgment. Charities prefer cash donations for Ukraine as they are overwhelmed with donations of clothing.

I want to thank all the clubs and their hardworking international officers for their generosity and commitment. Your good deeds might seem invisible, but they leave a trail on the hearts of others. Please continue to raise funds for international charities.

Una | International Service Officer

Malin Head - Mizen Head



Update Malin to Mizen Virtual Walk

The fifteen Clubs in our District are completing the virtual walk as a relay. Each Club is assigned a number, which corresponds with the Geographical location on the map and the miles completed (see Map). Enjoy participating in the relay and please send pictures and information about your walk!



Would you like to get involved at District Level?

We are currently seeking an Assistant Treasurer and a Second Vice Chair. If you are interested please contact District Secretary at district

16sec@outlook.com

facebook

District 16 has a new Facebook Page

The link to this Facebook page will be shared with Club Correspondents and Executive members who will share details with Club members. It will be a private closed group to start with and then we can decide whether we want to make it available to the public. It is of course important that Club Correspondents and Club members get involved and continue to provide detail, photos, and news from their Clubs.



District 16 Website

Association is in the process of developing an updated Web presence and will provide a template web site for each District. District 16 will use this template to update and improve upon their current web presence. Association will also be responsible for the hosting costs of all District web sites.

Association/District Website is to go live at the end of April. This website will attract new members and provide information about the District and the Inner Wheel Clubs. The success of the website will depend on up-to-date current content and information.

IN MEMORIAM

Condolences to our District Chair Mar and family on the loss of her husband Luke.

LUKE HASSON 30th November 1941 - 31st January 2022

Mar had tremendous support from Luke in all her endeavours in Inner Wheel. He was so proud and happy to help and support Mar as Chairman of District 16, we can reflect on Luke's life is so many positive ways and particularly his wisdom.

Life Lessons, by Luke

Believe in people: Believe in the possibilities of every person you meet. They are always capable of more than they think. As are YOU.

Enjoy a chat: Whether with a stranger, a friend, someone who needs help, company at the dinner table, take time and listen to everyone's story, you never know where THAT CONNECTION, or THAT CONVERSATION might lead you.

Welcome people into your house and into your life:

Luke always welcomed people from all walks of life into his home. Welcome people at the door take their coats and offer them some wine or a cup of tea. His message is - let people in, care for them and be generous to all. Always keep a stock of chocolate biscuits, red wine, and apple pie just in case!

It's never too late to create change:

Advocate for progress and developments in your community to create opportunity and help others.

Music creates magic:

Listen to and enjoy music, encourage, and enjoy togetherness and fun.

Family: Cherish and appreciate your family be loving and always generous with hugs

Time:

Be aware that time is of the essence. Never wait to say sorry or to say I love you - there is no better moment than NOW.

(Kindly shared by the Hasson girls)