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The Objectives of INNER WHEEL

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



DC Elaine's year in pictures





A Message from our D.C

Dear Friends, as I sit writing this article, I realise that I have only nine weeks left to serve as your District Chairman. Many PDC's told me that the rally is the highlight of the District Chairman's year and as I now reflect on our recent rally it lived up to all my expectations. The room throughout was full of talking and laughter and when I looked around it was apparent that people were enjoying the chance to socialise with their Inner Wheel friends.

The service was delightful being led by our very own Alison Redshaw, who hit the spot perfectly with a little humour, and a lovely message whilst still keeping the occasion just right. The choir had worked so hard which showed on the day with their delightful music. So many people helped to make the occasion so special for me and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart, as this day will remain with me for the rest of my life. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did.

As a person that has been brought up working in a male dominated environment. Inner wheel has had such a huge impact on my life and this year as I have visited the clubs and attended the Charters, I have felt the love and friendship of so many new female friends. Thank you for making me so welcome on my visits. You have all been amazing.

I now turn my mind to my main fundraiser and due to circumstances beyond my control we are not able to have our Ladies day at Ascot, however we will be having an afternoon tea with the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire and former Chief Constable of Derbyshire Kate Meynell on the 13th of June so I do hope that you can join us at the Hostess for this. Please feel free to bring partners, parents, friends and family.

I will end by wishing incoming District Chairman Mary a happy and successful year from July. [DC Elaine](#)

NEW MEMBERS

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

Jane Groves.....	Church Wilne
Beryl Jean Quincy	Ravenshead
Patricia Cree.....	Ravenshead
Nichola Milner	Alfreton
Catherine Pollard	Retford
Wendy Armstrong.....	Retford
Rebecca Stanbridge	Kirkby in Ashfield
Sylvia Bell	Keyworth & Ruddington
Connie Hoggins.....	Keyworth & Ruddington
Travey Bellis.....	Keyworth & Ruddington
Ruth Hennell	Keyworth & Ruddington
Angela Bateson.....	Member @ Large
Donna Barnes.....	Church Wilne

Amendment to February - Clare Stone ...Sutton not Kirkby

A warm welcome to all our new members.

Remember, the more you put in, the more you get out.

Here's to many years of Inner Wheel friendship.

Celebrations around the District



Joan Smith. - Mansfield 80th Birthday

Kate Garritty - Matlock 90th Birthday

Vicky Moss - Members@Large - 80th Birthday

June Meir- Swadlincote 80th Birthday

Congratulations

Frank & Margaret Ceney - Mansfield

Lorna & Harry Pye - Mansfield

Sue & David Stokes - Mansfield

Elizabeth & John Roughton - Mansfield

Congratulations

to Lin Maloney & Brian Johnson

your forthcoming nuptials.

With love from all members in Sutton-in-Ashfield



Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory



Gill Biddulph Keyworth & Ruddington

Margaret CurtisBeeston

Past President Peggy Burns.....Swadlincote

Herbert Hunt.....husband of Ruth... Alfreton

Nina Lowe.....Past President Sutton in Ashfield

Sharon SmithPast President Warsop

Philip Moss.....husband of Vicky.....Member at Large

Terry Marshall.....husband of Margaret ...Alfreton

Rtn. PP Mike Lee - husband of Jo Lee West Ashfield

Beeston - Acting President Angela Westerman

In late February, we were very shocked by the sudden death of Margaret Curtis. She was a valued supporter of Inner Wheel and especially International Service and is very much missed.

We were also saddened by the sudden death in April, of former Rotarian Alan Oxley. Alan was the husband of our late member Barbara who presented District 22 with the carved wooden plaque to show the flowers of the four GB&I countries which he gave in memory of Barbara.



We continue to have our Friendship meetings in members' homes and are looking forward to the warmer weather when we will hopefully be able to sit and enjoy our chat in the garden.

Angela Westerman – Club Correspondent

Helpers

Some members do and some members don't,
Some members will and some members won't,
Some only do.....after you've pleaded,
Some say "I'll come only if needed".
But the one who makes us want to cheer,
is that wonderful, eager, volunteer.

District 24. 1991

Letter from Lyn



Dear Friends.

Three years have flown and this is my last magazine article as your District Editor.

Although our Home Service Report was written in January and referred to at the AGM in March, I feel that I would like to sing the praises of all the work that has been done in the District during 2022.

In my three years as Editor and through the Covid years we have unfortunately seen clubs close, but even so we have experienced a rise in charity donations and personal service across the whole district, year on year.

For a comparison, In 2020, our giving raised over £22,600: this rose in 2021 by giving £30,800 and in 2022 we raised a total of over £32,000, not forgetting the three years of personal service from each and every club in the district. In my opinion, that is totally remarkable.

On a note of caution, I was reading back editions of *News in 22* from the late 80s, when District 22 had 40 clubs. Today we have 20 but 19 from 1st July. It would be a travesty to lose our District from GB&I. I know it is tough, but what is heartening is that in each edition I am adding new members to our "Welcome Roll" in the magazine, so we are trying. Recently we also have had an Inner Wheel column in several Newspapers, so fingers crossed, it may attract new members who I know will be warmly welcomed to the District.

Many thanks for all your support and hope that you will continue supporting me in the coming few years as I remain on the Executive Team.

In friendship. **Lyn Copper - Editor.**

A Reflection from IPDC Jackie Chapman

It is now my turn to fall off the end of the Exec Table.

My thanks go to everyone who has supported my various roles over the six years but most of all my club of Kirkby in Ashfield. It has been interesting, rewarding, challenging, busy and educational.

As editor my creativity and IT skills were extended by producing the magazine and maintaining the old website. My patience was challenged by the need to collect information from club officers who at times were on a different timeline but in the end, deadlines were met and information delivered. My years as Second Vice and Vice Chairman were dominated by the pandemic. Unable to plan for our Golden Year as no one could commit to anything, so many Zoom meetings were held and yet despite it all we arrived in our fiftieth year.

Apart from a general reluctance to congregate we were able to celebrate fifty years as District 22. A new and impressive chain of office and all the normal annual celebrations made my year as District Chairman a good one. I was pleased that as part of that we were able to make a healthy donation to MIND.

My final year as IPDC and Membership Officer has been quieter due in part to my husband's ill health and to the lesser demand of the roles.

Would I recommend it? – Yes. It has increased my knowledge of Inner Wheel and the Exec is like a small club in itself with ever changing dynamics as officers come and go. What's next? – within Inner Wheel I will be president of my club but in the longer term who can say as it depends on many external factors. I am looking forward to the Convention in Manchester.

Best wishes Jackie.

A Reflection from District Editor Lyn Copper

As I put away my pad and pen, I can honestly say that being your Editor has been a wonderful experience from start to finish. Yes, initially it was a VERY steep learning curve and I asked many questions not only to my husband but also my predecessors who willingly offered and gave help. Nevertheless it's not goodbye, just au revoir as I move to First Vice from the First of July for more experiences to learn and get under my belt but with a little more confidence than I had three years ago. I need to pass on my thanks to many of you; to Pete Hopkins who has been a stalwart on the Website and who I could not have done without; to all the Club Correspondents throughout my three years for all your support. No District Editor could do this job without you. My thanks go to Judith Turner who has honed my skills as District Editor by proof-reading the magazine and to my club members who have supported me at District Meetings with the sales of the Merchandise; and last but not least, the Executive team, for all the fun and friendship that we have had over the last three years but knowing your advice and guidance will still very much be needed in the years to come! I wish Yvette, my successor, best wishes for her time as Editor and just enjoy every minute. Help is only a phone call away. I am so proud of this organisation and remain as committed as I was on the day I joined Inner Wheel. Let us all continue in Fun, Friendship and Food while building a stronger District 22 in the years to come as well as providing Service to communities at home and overseas. Thank you everyone.

Lyn Copper - District Editor.



Melbourne - President Diana Eley

This is my last report as Club Correspondent and I have a confession to make, I slipped up.

It was my intention to take photographs of DC Elaine's visit to our club in March and do a write up. I completely forgot. I began searching for an answer to my problem when I had a light bulb moment that I grasped.



At our April club meeting I photographed President Diana and with the choir dress rehearsal two days later for the Rally I saw a light through the tunnel. I seized the opportunity to get a photograph of DC Elaine with three Melbourne choristers during the interval. It was a good rehearsal sweetened with a variety of biscuits provided by DC Elaine that

accompanied the drinks. We left the rehearsal on a high and looking forward to the Rally. The Rally was a wonderful occasion, full of joy and friendships.



Club Correspondent Diann Jacobs

Photographs: (1) President Diana at April meeting (2) DC Elaine Hopkins MBE with Melbourne choristers at the final rehearsal for the Rally.

Heanor - President Kathleen Hill



President Kathleen hosted a successful coffee morning to raise money for her chosen charity Blood Bikes. Mike, one of the volunteers, came with his bike giving President Kathleen the opportunity to “have a go”.



The Blackpool, Conference was greatly enjoyed by six of our members allowing us to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of Inner Wheel.



Nine members attended the Annual District Rally at Eastwood Hall in April. Our newest member Monica Pynegar attended her first IW meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We now look forward to our 77th Charter Anniversary Afternoon Tea to be held at Horsley Lodge.

Sue Mukherjee - Club Correspondent

A Reflection from District Treasurer Judith Rosser

Ladies.

We were very lucky with the weather the day Elaine, outgoing District Treasurer, came to handover in my garden. We were only allowed to meet outside, socially distanced.

After she left, I gazed at the two large plastic boxes, a folder and a memory stick. What had I let myself in for! There was nothing for it but to keep calm and carry on.

With time, the panic faded and the job became more enjoyable. What a three years it has been! I had no idea what Executive Committee meetings entailed. At the start, the meetings were on Zoom, wearing slippers, smart tops and casual from the waist down. The Pandemic made everything different and meant meeting the other members of the Executive, other than on Zoom, would have to wait.

On-line banking became a necessity to ease the problems caused by the restrictions of the Pandemic as well as bank branch closures.

I have enjoyed my three years as District Treasurer and am glad I took the position. Having a ‘tech savvy’ Granddaughter helped as well as that memory stick.

Wow, was that three years? I will miss it.

District Treasurer
Judith



A Reflection from MOC Di Hylton

Dear Friends,

After nine wonderful years on the District Executive, it is time for me to bid a very fond farewell. I can hardly believe where the time has gone but sadly, all good things must come to an end.

It has been the most rewarding time and I have loved every minute. I have got to know so many of our members in D22 and there have been so many laughs along the way. Friendship at its very best.

As a district, we are second to none. We are close and lookout for each other, distance knows no bounds, the friendship is strong no matter where we live.

I would like to give a very special thank you to my own club (Swadlincote), who have supported me through my adventures and will be with me during the next phase.

I have worked alongside some great ladies and for those Executive members carrying on, I wish you the very best of everything and look forward to seeing you out and about in the district.

In friendship.

Di

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Di, on behalf of the District Executive and the whole of District 22, we wish you well in your next venture.



Members@Large - Eastwood Hall

Our ladies wish to thank the Executive for arranging a lovely afternoon of chat, fun and tea in March. Our club of Members at Large ladies are certainly not



forgotten but encouraged through friendship and service to participate in all Inner Wheel events.

Following the refreshments we discussed our way forward. Though we are spread across the counties, we feel we can still contribute to many aspects of International work through Lynda Wallace our ISCC. We can collect items and pass them on such as used stamps, items for baby bundles, as well as sewing colourful knitted squares for blankets. If any club in the district asks us to make something, we will do our best to help. Thanks to Lyn, for producing the 'News in 22' I call it my Happy Magazine, to Di as our liaison for notifying us of events and our thanks go to Elaine, Mary,



Yvette, Judith and Jacque for holding us all together in their different aspects of work. I'm looking forwards with excitement to the March, **Blackpool Conference**. We just all LOVE our Inner Wheel! *Rosie Bolton on behalf of us all.*

Sutton in Ashfield - Lin Maloney



It has been a busy time for the Club over the past few months. We celebrated our 78th Charter with afternoon tea in March, where we were entertained by our Speaker Pauline Daglish, who runs the Edwinstowe Pop Choir as well as the

Cranwell Military Wives choir. We took the opportunity for a Club Photograph, including recently retired member Pat Cowen who has just celebrated a “significant” birthday.

April saw 6 members attend the Inner Wheel Conference in Blackpool, a most enjoyable few days enjoying the best that Inner Wheel has to offer.

The photograph shows members posing with Eric and Ernie in the Winter Gardens.



The month came to a close with our Fashion Show, held in All Saints Hall Huthwaite - a most successful morning, raising funds as well as meeting up with friends.

**Sue Fensom -
Club Correspondent**

A Message from Incoming District Chairman Mary Hind



Dear Ladies

It is with great excitement and some trepidation that I approach my year as DC. I am proud to have been given the opportunity especially as our organisation will be celebrating its 100th year, but conscious of all those who have gone before and how they contributed to where we are now. We must stand on their shoulders while moving forward to embrace the fast-moving developments in the world.

Therefore my theme will be based on remembering Inspirational Women who we have known or heard about. Let us use what they showed us and make it our own.

As a representative from a women's organisation I have chosen to support the Nottingham and Derby Women's Centres. Both provide safe environments for women helping them to develop skills and confidence to become safe, strong and valued.

<https://www.derby-womenscentre.org.uk/>

<https://www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com/>

I would also like our Clubs to contribute to supporting Women's refuges by donating what is needed most, so I am working on establishing links with those locally.

Thought for the day: Women are like tea bags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water – Eleanor Roosevelt.

1st VC Mary Hind



A Night at the Theatre!

The Executive team got together in friendship and fun to enjoy a wonderful meal, followed by a night at the Theatre at the De Montford Hall, Leicester.

Menopause the Musical 2 “Cruising through the Menopause” was hysterically funny, telling of the four ladies lives, loves and losses as they set off on the high seas.

Hot flushes, mood swings, memory lapses and weight gain was truly enjoyed from start to finish and many comments received empathy from the audience of probably 600+ women and as far as we could see, 3 men, ending in a standing ovation (only because I couldn't see unless I stood up!).

Excerpt - “When I met my husband he had a lazy eye. It took 12 months for it to spread throughout his body!”

There is no doubt that when I joined the Exec team, I didn't realise I was joining another 'club'. Absolutely fabulous friendships.



Lyn - District Editor.



Church Wilne - President Jane Page

President Jane had us on our toes again

Coffee morning for Inner Wheel Day, poems and books, a quiz with fish and chips, Ellie's adventures in the USA and Peggy with her encounter with “Kirsty and Phil” followed by a Safari, if only for supper, but the icing on the cake must be the fresh baked bread.



Wonder what made Margaret Key laugh so much?

President Jane makes rather good bread and held three master classes. These raised funds for her charity, Derby Women's Centre and also for ISO Jan for the Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal. Attended by members, some husbands and friends they were great fun.

Close your eyes and use your imagination you can smell the wonderful aroma when you look at the final products.



Yvette Thomas - Club Correspondent.

Inner Wheel Association Conference - Blackpool. March 27th - 29th.

Over 1000 ladies and some Rotarian husbands from across the whole of GB&I headed to Blackpool for three days for their Annual Conference which included nearly 100 members from District 22. After two full days of listening to keynote speakers such as Adam Henson from BBC's Countryfile; the courageous Lynne Baird MBE, on victims of knife crime, following her son's fatal stabbing; Sue Riddlestone on 'One Planet Living'; "Chizzy" Akudolu talking about her mental health, the sessions finished with the wonderful children's choir from Anchorsholme Academy.



Clay Cross - President Sue Glover

On IIW Day we enjoyed a get-together lunch at the Three Horseshoes in Clay Cross, arranged by Jackie Makinson and Margaret Andrews.

Lisa Byrne our speaker in January was so positive about her role with the Derbyshire Dementia Support Service. Jointly funded by D.C.C. and Alzheimer's Society they provide support for Carers, Memory Cafes and Singing Groups for sufferers.

In March, the Pie and Pea supper with an excellent selection of Desserts was enjoyed by everyone. After playing "Beetle", a different Pass the Parcel provided much hilarity, thanks to Sonia Worthy and Margaret Sheikh, raising more funds for Alzheimer's Research.



The Coffee and Cakes afternoon at the home of Angie and Pete Dawson was to see the daffodils in the garden. Despite the weather, we all enjoyed the many home-made cakes. With friends and neighbours a good amount was raised for Guide Dogs.



Gabbie Pattison J.P., our speaker in April gave us an interesting talk about her life as a Magistrate. Angie Dawson was delighted to give Gabbie a cheque for her Guide Dogs charity.

Angie Dawson - Club Correspondent

Count Your Blessings!

A group of seniors was sitting around talking about all their ailments at the coffee shop.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you," said one elderly lady!

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully.... "Thank God we can all still drive."

**Thanks to Gill Leach.
Members@Large**



Blackpool Conference continued.....



The speakers was interspersed with the AGM on the Wednesday morning. We heard from the Association Editor about our achievements in 2022, noting that £522,013.36 was raised for charities in GB&I, included £21,600 for Air Ambulance



and £71,256.00 was sent to the Ukraine to support them during their conflict with Russia. A collection was taken during Tuesday morning's Service, which raised £4,820 for Blood Bikes.

Blackpool Conference continued.....

Wednesday evening, Eric & Ernie was 'on hand' in the foyer to say goodbye to our contingency of 1092 members, as they left the Winter Gardens to put on their glitz and glamour before dancing the night away in the spectacular Tower Ballroom with the outside of the Tower lit up in our familiar colours of blue and yellow and the beating heart in the centre, displaying the words 'Inner Wheel' in ticker-tape fashion. As Frankie Vali and the Four Seasons once sang, "Oh What a Night" and it certainly was. Congratulations went to Association President Karen and her team for organising the event and to Blackpool for graciously receiving us. The ladies of Inner Wheel are certainly back in force to "Work Wonders" in the future.



Matlock - President Joan Orme

It seems a long time since January, when six members marked World Inner Wheel Day by making up Baby Bundles and Toy Bags. In February, we entertained District Chairman Elaine and five members of the District Executive at our February lunch where DC Elaine gave an interesting talk of her career in the police force. Six of our members went to the Annual Conference in Blackpool in March and had a wonderful time.

We have also attended a very enjoyable District Rally at Eastwood Hall.

Chris Fryer - Club Correspondent.

Swadlincote - President Pam Ratcliffe

In April for our International meeting we joined Melbourne Club to have a joint meeting at Lakeside Moira when a special raffle was held for international causes. The speakers were Pam McConnell MBE and Margaret Day who gave an update on the Gambia School project when a cheque was presented to Pam for her school and also a small cheque was given to the Book Bus. Gill Harvey - Club Secretary

Thanks for the Memories

After almost 65 years and much deliberation, it is with great regret and sadness that the Inner Wheel Club of Beeston has come to the decision to close our Club due to age, illness and low numbers.

Our thanks go out to all our friends in District 22 for the friendship, fellowship and fun we have received for so many years on so many varied occasions.

You have our very best wishes for the future.

Angela Westerman - Inner Wheel Club of Beeston

West Ashfield - President Alison Redshaw

On an unexpectedly snowy Wednesday in March, we hosted an informal evening at The Holiday Inn, South Normanton to raise funds for our President's Charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Their dogs help deaf people to leave loneliness behind and reconnect with life.

We all enjoyed a wonderful fish and chip dinner with lots of chat and catching up over the tables.

Once they were cleared, we were shown how to fold the beautifully washed and starched linen serviettes in four different ways. The lotus flower, the Bishop's hat, the fan and the pillar. We all had a great deal of fun trying to have a go, with some of us proving to be very good.

We'd hosted a raffle and it made a very good £140.00. The snow was still with us at the end of the night, so we decided to travel home sooner rather than later.

Goodbyes rang out and we wished each other a safe journey home. Thank you everyone for coming and making the evening so enjoyable

Mary Murray.

Club Correspondent



Deep in concentration



And in Blue Peter style "these are the ones they made earlier"

Bolsover - President Margaret Seals.

"Didn't we have a lovely time the days we went to Blackpool?". The members of the club who were able to attend had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the conference and were pleased to meet IW friends old and new. It really was the highlight of the year and being Princesses in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom was something we never imagined would happen to us!

As a club we were delighted to be able to support the poppy appeal and in early April our efforts were

recognised at a pleasant evening at which we were thanked and presented with certificates in recognition of our volunteering.



Who knew a windmill was a she? Well I didn't until we were lucky enough to be visited by Bryan and Mary Naylor from Heage Windmill Society. Bryan was so

enthusiastic about the history and renovation of this historic building that it has encouraged many of us to want to visit, and he did manage to sell some flour! So much would be missed if it wasn't for volunteers such as Bryan and Mary and our own amazing volunteers in IW who all achieve so much in so many different ways.

Linda Hillyard - Club Correspondent.



Marjorie Eyre - 102 years young!



CONGRATULATIONS

On the left, Marjorie celebrating her 102nd birthday in February at Harrier House, with no other guests due to an outbreak of Norovirus.



But that didn't stop Karen Sutton and Vicky Moss making a surprise visit to Marjorie in March, when they went to see her in the Home.

The ladies reported that Marjorie was in very good form at her surprise birthday party, co-ordinating as Marjorie does, in her black and white outfit, even down to her tights.

Marjorie said that the following night she was going to the local WI. You are continuing to look fabulous Marjorie.

Karen & Vicky - Members@Large

District 22 Rally continued.....

Introduced by President Elaine, Association President Karen Davies gave an interesting and thought provoking speech which was supported by Greetings from DCs Caroline Morrice and a very informative speech from Tessa Holdaway from Districts 7 and 127 respectively. This event is a very firm favourite of many of our ladies. Congratulation DC Elaine on a successful Rally.



District 22 Rally - April 2023

All the work behind the scenes and leading up to this special day was complete and the Eastwood Hall was ready to see many ladies in their finery converging on their hotel. Around 140 ladies attended the event on the Monday, with the Executive Team and friends meeting the night before for a meal and laughter. The room flowers and the corsages looked gorgeous and the product of many talents in the District.



As always the District Choir didn't let us down being in fine voice and raising a tear from one or two of the congregation as they listened to

arrangements led by Maureen Tunney and accompanied by Simon Hurrell, whilst the service was lead by our very own Rev. Alison Redshaw from West Ashfield. Alison did as expected



by raising the spirits of the day, which continued throughout the Rally and meal, amid chatter and laughter throughout the day, it was a day of highs.

Keyworth & Ruddington -

Presidents Elizabeth Thornton and Penny Oldham

In February we had Sarah Dyer talk to us about 'Damsons', a community support group for people with mild to moderate dementia, giving us a unique insight into how people can be helped in a social setting. She was a very enthusiastic and interesting speaker. Our March meeting was organised by International and featured a return visit by Marian Tasker to tell us more about her work in Africa.



In May we had another return visit, this time Vina Ladwa to demonstrate more about Indian Dance with willing club members participating enthusiastically

Several Members have been planting daffodils around the village for the past few years and this year their efforts were acknowledged by an official plaque.



We have also been busy inducting FOUR new members so far this year. Their names are Sylvia Bell, Tracey Bellis, Connie Higgins and Ruth Hennell. Our May meeting featured a really

amazing lady Natasha Wood, her talk was entitled "Rolling with Laughter" and was a shortened version of a stage show about her life that she has performed in America and London from her wheelchair. Her talk overran as she was inundated with questions and admiring comments from Club Members.

Yvonne Rix - Club Correspondent

Long Eaton - President Marion Atkins

In February we celebrated 76 years of our club, at our Charter lunch at Cleve Lodge. It was lovely to see so many clubs and we had a very entertaining talk on the speaker's life as a Beefeater in the Tower of London.

At the beginning of April, we were invited to a tour of the Aquabox warehouse. We had a really interesting talk on their work, how they assembled the filters which purify the water, no mean task. It is an amazing organisation, which is run by volunteers and we were shown their very worthwhile work in disaster areas.



Afterwards we enjoyed a lunch in Cromford.

On the 17th of April we hosted the Church Wilne Club. We take it in turns and always enjoy our time together. We prepared a buffet and our speaker taught us some rudimentary sign

language in a very entertaining manner.

We look forward to another year of friendship.

Marion Atkins

Club Correspondent

Retford - President Marie Gibson

Firstly congratulations to our multi generational team who swam magnificently at the Retford Leisure Centre in the Rotary Swimathon. The money raised was for the Bassetlaw Hospice, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Aurora Wellbeing Services. Our club also hosted a coffee morning at Grove Street Chapel in Retford for members and friends. The money raised on that occasion was for our International work.



Our very successful lunch was held at Clarborough Village Hall in support of Breast Cancer Now. Over 70 members, family and friends came to support us and enjoyed the lunch and delicious desserts as well as playing the light hearted table quizzes. A delightful touch was that grace before the meal was sung by President Marie's granddaughter.



On Marion's latest trip to Africa she was able to see how much the Joy bags and their contents (including glam jewellery) are enjoyed by the ladies who receive them. The mother in the photo received a baby bundle and joy bag (both donated by Inner Wheel) – and she has called her baby Marion.

Heather Reid - Club Correspondent

Kirkby in Ashfield - President Sita Singh Tunstall



Fifteen members were delighted to head to Blackpool in March to take part in the Conference, which had not been held for the last three years due to the pandemic.

To start off the fun Patsy Clements celebrated her 80th birthday with a special cake and a visit by Association President Karen Davies.



We enjoyed listening to the speakers on both days and thoroughly enjoyed the evening entertainment. The highlight was the President's Evening which was held in the famous Tower Ballroom. As the theme was "Strictly" we were all dressed to the nines wearing sequins, sparkles and glitter and added a sash promoting the club. Members "rocked" the dance floor in typical Kirkby fashion!



In addition, Barbara Williams hosted a dinner party and Ann Wilson has held two coffee mornings, selling donated books and she hopes to make this a monthly event. **Sara Hill - Club Correspondent**

District Quiz

21 teams battled it out on 21st February at the Ashwood Centre at our annual quiz night. Again, as Inner Wheel does, there was copious amounts of food brought to the occasion and the evening was full of hilarity and fun. Obscure answers were given to some difficult questions, raising titters across the room. It's become a much loved event. Well done to the victors from Sutton in Ashfield with Ravenshead and Bolsover in a tie-break for second place. Well done Ravenshead, the 'gloves are off for next year!'



Congratulations to Sutton in Ashfield



Quizmaster - DC Elaine



The proceeds from the Raffle will go to Age UK



Ravenshead Team - Runners-up

International Lunch



This was held on International Women's Day, with Jane Walker MBE as our guest speaker, who is the CEO and Founder of the Purple Community Fund and the day was well supported by the ladies from District 22 as they listened to a very inspirational talk.

Jane's background was in the Rupert Murdock empire and thinking about a promotion, took time out and travelled to the Philippines where she witnessed the shanty towns and at the landfill sites, saw children and families collecting scraps for a living. This appalled her and she set about looking into an integrated system of health care, education and business progression which, over the last 20 years, has helped over two million children and benefited more than 10 million people. Her scheme has ended child labour, with them now attending school.



International Lunch continued.....



She has inspired a "credit prize" system in education whereby the children can "win" tins of food, fruit, etc. to supplement their main staple rice dishes and she has now turned her attention to the elderly, who are no longer able to pull their weight in terms of collecting waste.

Jane has also tried to end period poverty for the girls and the clinics / health care specialists are all volunteers.

Jane's "ring pull" business has trained 1300 ladies and is thriving and some hand-crafted items were brought with her which sold very well. Of the money given to the Purple Community Fund, 86p in the £1 is used by the charity.

A vote of thanks was given by Pam McConnell MBE and Jane was presented with a cheque towards her charity.



The day was enjoyed with lots of chatter, laughter, information and of course food, supplied by the Hostess restaurant.

Jane Markwell
South Area Committee Member