

Autumn 2022





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From the Editor's Desk

District 16 News

Chairman: Joanne Liddle / Editor: Elaine Doherty

Greetings to all members of District 16. I hope you enjoy the Autumn edition of our magazine with introductions to our club presidents, and updates on club activities from around the District.

At District and Club level we have developed new modes of communication to keep in touch and remain well informed. These take the form of newsletters, magazines, WhatsApp, Facebook, and our website <http://innerwheel.co.uk/district-16/> which is now live.

It is our intention that these various forms of communication will provide members with the ability to update current club information as and when it happens, and encourage members to publish news of club activities, generating interest and with a view to attracting new members. With that in mind, it is important that Club correspondents and Club members

continue to post photos and news from all your clubs.

With our Clubs busy organising events, activities, and fundraising throughout District 16, our efforts complement our District Chair Joanne's ethos of fun, friendship, and fellowship. My intention is to continue to promote and appreciate the great work undertaken by our clubs in District 16.

We have had a temperate Autumn so far accompanied by its colourful vibrant palette, I hope the season lifts your heart and makes you smile!

Carpe Diem

Yours in friendship

Elaine

District Editor



District Chairman's Greetings



Joanne Liddle
District Chairman

So let's continue what District 16 is good at **FUN** at events raising money for our chosen charities. **FELLOWSHIP** getting together as an organisation to take part in a wide range of activities and raising awareness for good causes across the World. **FRIENDSHIP** while enjoying ourselves throughout the year it is important to make new friendships and rekindle old. I'm very much looking forward to the year ahead working with our executive and your Team 16 members. With your support and encouragement, I hope we have a successful year promoting our great organisation. My charities for the year are: Irish Cancer Society and Cancer Focus NI

Dear fellow members I am extremely proud and honoured and thank you so much for giving me the opportunity of being District 16 Chairman. This year moving forward we will be affectionately known as TEAM 16. As we go through the year, I urge you the members to put forward your views and ideas for Inner Wheel. We are all part of a team and must ensure that we adapt to the future while maintaining what is important from the past. The success of Inner Wheel is down to you the members, personally I feel we have been the world's best kept secret and it's time to be bold with your promotion of Inner Wheel. This year our motto is to promote

FUN
FELLOWSHIP
FRIENDSHIP



The work of these charities includes prevention advice, treatment, living well, end of life care and research this is all important work and hopefully we can support them to ensure they can carry out their important work

In friendship

Joanne



"Work Wonders"

"WORK" refers to the activities involving mental or physical effort to achieve our purpose or accomplish a result.

"WONDERS", refers to something amazing, surprising, beautiful – something that inspires. So, when we say **"WORK WONDERS,"** we mean work that is so meaningful, so valuable, so significant and authentic to the world, that our work inspires and creates wonders for the greater community.



Meet Association President Karen Davies 2022-2023



Ladies, it is a privilege to be your President in the year leading up to our centenary celebrations and I thank you for putting your faith in me. As we progress

from the difficult times of Covid, we must look positively to our future. We celebrate the formation of a new club but realise that we must treasure and keep our existing members. We all have expertise which we must nurture whether it be at club, district, or association level.

We have much to look forward to in the coming year. I hope to see many of you in Blackpool.

Inner Wheel will continue its good works for charity as well as maintaining and developing friendships. We will do what we do best. Work Wonders.

In Friendship
Karen

Meet International Inner Wheel President – Zenaida Farcon

As we head to the centennial year of International Inner Wheel, it is fitting that we prepare and meet head-on the current challenges and immense problems that the world and our beloved organisation face. As an international women's organisation, we are expected to make a global response to address all the challenges in our clubs, districts, countries, and the world. We need to rally our team of wonderful women whose expertise and sphere of influence are not just confined in the comforts of our homes and offices. We need to unleash our inner power to make this world stronger and a better place for humanity.



Inner Wheel District Rally June 2022

A highlight of our year was the District 16 Rally 2022, hosted by Inner Wheel City of Derry Club and held in Derry's historic Guildhall, members met face to face again after the pandemic, catching up with old friends and making new ones. District 16 Chairman Mar Hasson welcomed Inner Wheel members from GB&I to District Rally in June 2022. Over one hundred members gathered at the event and

were welcomed by Deputy Mayor Christopher Jackson and addressed by Association President Betty Roberts. Local broadcaster, film maker and TV presenter Joe Mahon was the guest speaker. District Executive Officers, visiting Chairmen, Rotary Governor and local Rotary President were also present. Each Club within District 16 was represented.



Association Chair Betty Roberts, District Chair Mar Hasson (2021/2022) pictured Derry City and Strabane district Council Mayor, Christopher Jackson and District 16 Executive Committee members





New Faces on Committee

This year we introduce two new Executive Committee members, Norma Shannon Member of Council and Judith de Fleury as Second Vice Chair.

Norma Shannon - Member of Council



I arrived in Northern Ireland thirty- five years ago and joined Inner Wheel Club, Larne in 1999.

I have held the positions of Secretary and President twice and am now club Treasurer. In 2013, I joined the Executive as District Editor.

I became District Chairman in 2018/2019 and became Member of Council from June 2022 and will hold the position for three years. I enjoy Inner Wheel very much and am looking forward to the Blackpool Conference due to the last three being cancelled due to COVID.

The International Convention is held every three years and in 2024 it will be in Manchester where it all started 100 years ago.

Judith de Fleury - Second Vice Chair



Originally from Northumberland I qualified as a dentist at Liverpool university and then joined the

army. While serving in Germany I met an RAF officer who I eventually married and many postings later we retired to Northern Ireland.

We have two daughters, one son and four grandchildren, and are lucky enough to have the girls living locally so we see lots of the grandchildren. Our son lives in York a great place to visit regularly.

My husband joined Rotary and I became a member of Inner Wheel. I have always enjoyed the friendships and activities of Inner Wheel both at club and district levels. I feel very proud to be asked to become your district chairman and look forward to my year.



Introducing Club Presidents

Patricia Perry – President Inner Wheel Club Ballymena

This will be Patricia’s seventh year as President during her time as a Member of the Ballymena Club. During 2020/21 Patricia undertook the role of District 16 Chairman. Unfortunately, due to Covid, it was not a ‘normal’ year. Nonetheless, she was able to maintain ‘business as usual’, albeit on a virtual basis. Despite the challenges it was possible to hold all of the District meetings as well as a virtual coffee morning, a photographic competition and a very successful online auction in support of Special Olympics and our own Inner Wheel charities.



Patricia trained as an Art teacher, has run a Sub Post Office, and had an award-winning Art gallery/Gift shop for over ten years in her home village of Ahoghill. Patricia and husband, a Rotary Club member, and a Deputy Lieutenant for County Antrim, are

actively involved in the *Ahoghill in Bloom* environmental improvement group. Patricia enjoys travelling and spending time with daughter Sarah, son Christopher and his wife Katherine.

Sharon Flynn – President Inner Wheel Club Ballymoney

I feel privileged to be part of the lively and caring group that is Ballymoney Inner Wheel and look forward to another year of fun and friendship while learning more about the charity work, we support, particularly in our local community. My husband, and I have three adult children, two of whom live in Scotland with their young families; we make regular visits there and happily the delights of the Causeway Coast still attract our grandchildren to holiday with us. Since retiring from teaching, I have moved house, completed an MA at Queen’s, and become the leader of the Creative Writing Group in our local U3A. I am also Secretary of Ballymoney Drama Festival which annually brings a variety of plays to compete in the Town Hall. Many of my favourite activities



are sedentary ones but I can also be found walking on a beach or pottering in the garden. Let us hope all our Clubs can enjoy uninterrupted time together this year.



Sheelah Brown – President Inner Wheel Club Belfast

I am a retired teacher and live in Belfast with my husband, a retired lecturer and Presbyterian minister.

I have twin sons, who are both Consultant Microbiologists, married and living in a London. I have two grandchildren, a boy, and a girl.

My hobbies have been horse riding and dancing.



Sylvia Doran – President Inner Wheel Club West Belfast

This is my third time as President of the Belfast West Inner Wheel Club. We are a small club of ten members and are looking forward to the activities and fund-raising events planned for the coming year. Three members have already registered for a 10K sponsored walk in aid of Cancer Research in October. After a career in housing, I was honoured to be awarded the MBE from her Majesty the Queen in 2001. My husband was a former President of Fortwilliam and Belfast West Rotary clubs, he sadly passed away in 2020. I have one daughter and a son both married and living in London working



as employment lawyer a financial analyst. When I am not in London visiting the family and grandchildren I enjoy travelling, walking, gardening, art, and antiques.



Jenaette Sproule – President Inner Wheel Club Carrickfergus

I have been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Carrickfergus for approx. twenty - nine years and have held various offices including President on several occasions and once again in 2022-23. It has also been a privilege to have held offices on District as District Chairman, International Service, Editor and Member of Council. It is very true that the more I put into Inner Wheel the more I have got out of it. Married to a Rotarian we have a daughter, son, and son-in-law and two young grandchildren who I look after two days a week. Apart from Inner Wheel



my other interest is golf and am a member of Balmoral Golf Club where I try to get a game once or twice a week.

Niamh Wallace – President Inner Wheel Club Dublin

Niamh joined Inner Wheel in 2007 after taking early retirement from Montessori teaching. She has served as President in 2013 and District Chairman in 2017/18 and also District Editor. 'I'm delighted to be back in the role of Club President and am looking forward to Conference and of course the International in Manchester in 2024.' Married to a Rotarian for fifty years they have four daughters one son and nine grandchildren ranging in age from twenty years down to one year.



Niamh enjoys Yoga, reading theatre and travel.



Marie Bambrough – President Inner Wheel Club City of Derry

I was born and brought up in Derry but spent many years working elsewhere. I trained as a Nurse in both Derry and Edinburgh spending most of my working years in Scotland, Canada, and Australia. In my thirties I became interested in complementary therapy, undertook studies in clinical aromatherapy and ran a small clinic in an addiction's outpatient department. Upon retirement I returned to Derry with my husband, we have settled in well and are enjoying retirement. I was introduced three years ago to Inner Wheel and found friendship and companionship with other members.



I am impressed by the ethos of Inner Wheel to serve the community both locally and abroad. My husband and I like to travel and enjoy walks in the countryside and beach.

Mary Carmichael – President Inner Wheel Club Larne

I have been a member of Inner Wheel for about seven years and delighted to be asked to be President of the Inner Wheel Club of Larne. I was born in Larne and have lived there all my life. My husband is a member of Larne Rotary Club, and we have three children.



and friendship while helping charities and those in need in our local community.

Family time is very important to me, and I enjoy weekends together in our holiday home in Donegal.

I work in a local primary school, and I really enjoy this job. I would like my year as President to be filled with fun



Grainne Wilson – President Inner Wheel Club Lurgan

This autumn sees me into another year as president, and indeed most of our office-bearers are continuing in their same posts. We are a small club in terms of numbers of members, all of whom are willing to take responsibility. This makes it easy to discuss and share decision-making. So, retaining office for a number of years works well for us. And I think we provide an excellent example of good teamwork.



Hopefully the Covid pandemic is past its worst but undoubtedly our world has been altered and we have had to find new ways of socialising, providing service to our communities and fundraising. "Joining forces" is often the key and over the last two years we have found great support from, and indeed also provided support to, other groups such as Lurgan Rotary and the Inner Wheel club of Portadown. We continue this

trend and in January when we join the Women's Probus group of Lurgan to hear a talk on Climate Change and Carbon Literacy.

Despite the enormous value of electronic communication with emails and zoom, it is good to get back to face to face meetings in person. And I'm looking forward to a year of fun, service and learning within our various communities.



Mary Murphy – President Inner Wheel Club Monaghan



Angela McShane – President Inner Wheel Club Newry

I have been involved with Inner Wheel Newry for ten years. I was secretary for five years before becoming President this year. I live between Warrenpoint and Rostrevor on Carlingford Lough and never take for granted the magnificent ever-changing views I have available every day. I have three children and three grandchildren under the age of three, so it has been a busy year in terms of babysitting sometimes driving from Belfast to Dublin to fulfil occasional babysitting commitments. I actually love it! Newry Inner Wheel survived Covid and as a result have a stronger more highly engaged membership. Regular WhatsApp messages helps us support each other and



often through humorous posts and compassionate concern for what was happening to others we all developed a deeper relationship within the club and created a stronger bond. This will benefit the club immensely as we look to the future.



Cathy McCaul – President Inner Wheel Club Omagh

Until recently, Cathy was President, Global Processing at Mastercard. An Irish and US citizen, Cathy earned a BSc in Computer Science from Queens and spent thirty- five years in IT. She was an executive director on the management boards of Digital, Compaq, CPP and Mastercard. She has also served as a non-executive director at the Bucks Primary Care Trust in the UK, Cuscal in Australia and on the boards of several global Mastercard subsidiaries.



Cathy is passionate about the role of women in business and particularly interested in the advancement of women and girls in technology. Since her retirement from Mastercard, she has focused on mentoring young, diverse women in several countries as they develop their entrepreneurial

or corporate careers. Cathy is a mentor on the International Women’s Forum global leadership development program. She is also an active early-stage investor to Fintech’s ‘led by women.’ Cathy is married and they both love travel, theatre, reading and walking. Cathy is also a keen but despairing golfer!

Philomena Hagan – President Inner Wheel Club Portadown

Philomena has been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Portadown for over forty years and during that time has held many offices including those of District Chairman and Member of Council. Now “recycled” for her 6th term as President she brings a wide range of knowledge and experience to the club and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. A native of Portadown, married to solicitor and Rotarian, mother of five and grandmother of eight, Philomena a former teacher of mathematics, enjoys gardening, travel, reading and music.



She has retained her links with education through chairing the Board

of Governors of her local school. She also chairs a local charity – Craigavon Cardiac Care Association. A very busy and dedicated lady indeed



Jackie Keegan – Joint President Inner Wheel Club Sligo

Jackie joined Inner Wheel in 2000 and this is her first time as President. She is looking forward to sharing the Presidency with her good friend, Martina.

Jackie has served as club secretary and overseas organiser. She is originally from Donegal and is married. They have lived in Sligo for thirty-three years and she works with the HSE. She has four children. Jackie enjoys walking, travelling, and going to rugby matches. Both



Martina and Jackie are members of the same book club and are avid readers.

Martina Cosgrove – Joint President Inner Wheel Club Sligo

I am a member of Inner Wheel Club Sligo for the past twenty years and during that time I have held the office of Treasurer and Overseas. I am looking forward to being joint President with my colleague Jackie.

I am originally from Galway but my career in the bank has taken me around the country before finally settling in Sligo. I am married and we have four boys, two in England and two in Ireland. We have five grandchildren so needless to say life has got very busy. During my



spare time I relax with hill walking, gardening, reading and recently I have taken up Art and Bridge.



News from District 16 Clubs

Omagh Inner Wheel Club

The Inner Wheel Club of Omagh has been busy since September. With our new President, Cathy McCaul at the helm, we have been forging ahead this year. Four members attended the District Assembly in the Europa Hotel in Belfast in September. Members were present at Rotary's Charter Night in November. A wreath was laid at the cenotaph in Omagh in November by Janet Howard. Our club activities have also kept us busy. For the September meeting we were given a thought-provoking talk entitled "On the ground in Africa" by Omagh man, Sean Sheridan. In October, we welcomed Mar Hassan to a "Beating the Odds" workshop which was viewed to be an extremely worthwhile exercise to invigorate the club and increase membership.

Our November meeting consisted of a Rainbow auction. The auction of items, in colours of the rainbow, was conducted by local auctioneer, Geoffrey Simpson. This proved to be a great social event with much fun, fuelled by a glass of wine and chocolates. Our members invited guests to the event. The sixty plus people who attended raised £1700 for our president ,Cathy's chosen charity, Omagh Women's Aid. President Cathy has introduced 'Pop Up' activities to our club. The club correspondent and club president Cathy with husbands thoroughly enjoyed "The Producers" in the Playhouse in Derry. We look forward to more outings of the "Pop Up "nature .Now as the festive season approaches, we will join Omagh Rotary Club for our annual Christmas lunch.

Carol Simpson - Omagh Club Correspondent.



The end of the year and start of new Inner Wheel year for Omagh Inner Wheel Club.



Margaret, Janet, President Cathy with Mar (membership and development officer) ready for the workshop.



Omagh Inner Wheel's Hilary displays items for the charity auction, assisted by Karen Achison extreme right.

Carrickfergus Inner Wheel Club

In September we had our meeting in our club president Jeannette's house, we had a talk from the Air Ambulance association. In October several of our members took themselves off to Dublin for the day. They boarded the Enterprise at 8 am, sat in comfort and had breakfast. A good start to an exciting day. Dublin Castle State Apartments was the highlight of the day. What a beautiful place.

Temple Bar area is a place not to be missed when in Dublin. Our

meetings involved us all making up baby bundles, lots of baby clothes and toiletries. We made twenty- five bundles. Very satisfying to see them knowing many babies would be well clothed. We are planning on visiting a Christmas floral exhibition given by the Chelsea Flower Show Gold winner Elaine Taylor. In December we will be welcoming the District Chairman to our Christmas diner. In the new year we hope to have a charity coffee morning.

Anne Marie Luney,
Club Correspondent



Belfast Inner Wheel Club

It's always good when our meetings start again in September. This year was no exception for President Sheelagh had invited Linda McAuley presenter of "On Your Behalf" to talk about her life and work. Her programme on Saturday morning is a great listen.

October's meeting was very interesting too. Dr and Mrs David Irwin spoke about their travels in South America. Their slides were fabulous, and we were transported to many countries without the bother of actually moving ourselves!

Eileen Bell CBE, former Speaker of the NI Assembly gave us her views in November and that takes us up to the Christmas Dinner! Can you believe it another year gone. Help!

President Sheelagh's Charity is "Guide Dogs for the Blind", and

we kicked off fund raising with our annual Barbeque at Secretary Beryl's home in September. Always a good afternoon's fun.

International Services keeps us busy asking for contributions to baby bundles, Mary's Meals backpacks and towels etc. As well as the usual phones etc. I'm sure there will be more as the year progresses.

Like last year we are continuing our monthly coffee/walk and in early October 10 members met at Hillsborough Castle coffee shop. We didn't manage to walk, there was so much chat!

Every month we gather members family news and report it to the meeting. It's a great way of keeping up with what's going on. Everyone is looking forward to the rest of the year President Sheelagh has organised.

Rosie Clements, Club Correspondent



Belfast Club members pictured with Linda McAuley (Radio Ulster presenter)



Belfast Club members having a cuppa at Hillsborough Castle



Portadown Inner Wheel Club

In our first meeting in September President Philomena welcomed our two new members, Olive, and Jean. As it was shortly after the death of Queen Elizabeth, we held a friendship meeting where several of our members recalled interesting and amusing stories about garden parties and events where they had met various members of the royal family over the years.

In October a local genealogist presented a very interesting talk on

how to trace your family tree. Our November meeting saw us all very busy putting together twenty-two baby bundles to be delivered to refugee camps abroad.

Our Christmas celebrations start soon when we join with the local Rotary club for a Christmas meal in December. We have also got together from September for coffee mornings where friendships are renewed and strengthened

Madeleine Powell,
Club Correspondent



Portadown Club Members



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Dublin Inner Wheel Club

The Inner Wheel Club Dublin has thirty-eight members. We had two resignations and one death since last June. In September our gathering had twenty-three members and our guest speaker was Rachael Hagerty, Poet Laureate Dublin 1. She shared some of her humorous and poignant poetry.

District Chairman Joanne Liddle visited us in October and met with our Indian visitor too.

In November Catriona O'Connor, Conservation Architect and UNISCO World Heritage Specialist gave us a very interesting talk on her

work in Jordan and Myanmar with lovely slides. In November we held our Fundraising Lunch at the National Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. Fifty-eight members and friends attended and many members who couldn't join us sent generous donations. The committee made Hampers using gifts provided by the members and these were raffled. We raised a significant amount for The ' St Vincent de Paul Society' which supports families in crisis.

We will have our club lunch in December and a talented Polish violinist will entertain us with festive music.

Maura O'Neill, Club Corespondent



District Chairman Joanne Liddle, Niamh Wallace President Dublin Club with guest from Mumbai: Kritika Dhingra representing Bombay Hanging Gardens District 314 and Club Committee.



Dublin Club President Niamh Wallace and club member Valerie Little pictured with Hampers made using gifts provided by the club members



Dublin Inner Wheel President Niamh Wallace and Rachel Hagerty, Poet Laureate



Larne Inner Wheel Club

We met in September in 'Older Fleet Bar' with a welcome and drinks Reception from President Mary Carmichael. The following meeting in October was at Larne Tennis Club together with friends and members from Carrickfergus club. We had a representative from 'Tropic' with fifteen per cent of sales going to Breast cancer charity we also held a tombola. The club has raised over two hundred and fifty pounds for Breast cancer charity.

In November we held a massive

'Topsy Tea' charity event for Hope House Ireland at Larne Rugby Club. This event was very well supported, and club members contributed providing sandwiches and volunteer work. With over ninety in attendance, we raised one thousand and six hundred pounds.

Our meeting in December will be held at 'Bally Andy's' country pub where we will enjoy our Christmas dinner and Secret Santa gifts.

Tedi Cross, Club Correspondent



Inner Wheel Club Larne, at the Topsy Tea fundraiser for Hope House Ireland

Larne and Carrickfergus club members attend a 'Tropic' fundraiser for cancer charities.



Lurgan Inner Wheel Club

It was good to meet in person for our first meeting of the new season and we really do hope that we will be able to continue doing so for the rest of the year. We have decided that our main aim for the incoming year will be to 'Recruit and Retain' and want to explore new ways of promoting ourselves to raise our profile within the community. Our first step has been to design a new banner.

Our October meeting focused on

planning a varied programme for the months ahead and it was decided that our November meeting would be of a fun nature, to which we could invite friends. Amelia Chapman, our Club Treasurer, hosted a most enjoyable Temple Spa evening.

For our December evening we are hosting a three-course meal for our local Rotarians and spouses with the dual aims of socialising and fund-raising.

Ray Gregg, Club Correspondent



Lurgan members enjoying a Temple Spa evening

Belfast West Inner Wheel Club

Belfast West met three times this year. A planning meeting took place in the President's home in September. In October the members gathered in Cameron's Garden Centre for coffee and chat. In November a most pleasant morning was spent admiring Irene Millar's artistic creations of Christmas home decoration. She explained how these were put together. Using a mixture

of dried and fresh flowers, available foliage, Christmas tree decorations and interesting and unusual containers, the effect was stunning. Linda Brown supplied a delicious lunch. Two members completed a night-time walk, in aid of Cancer Research and two members attended the District Meeting in Craigavon.

Maeve Gray,
Club Correspondent



Enniskillen Inner Wheel Club

Our first meeting of our new Inner Wheel year was held in September, and we were delighted to have our new President, Freda Birrell, to keep us in order for 2022-2023. Sadly, during the summer recess, Helen Trimble, one of our members, died after living with cancer for some years. We began the meeting with a minute's silence as a tribute to Helen. Freda outlined some of her plans for meetings in the next few months. We then had an interesting discussion on the theme "Memories of the late Queen

Elizabeth." Many photographs and other memorabilia were produced.

In October, Marie Wilson very bravely tried to teach her fellow members how to crochet. She was so patient with us all and many succeeded in producing a decoration for the Christmas Tree.

we visited Ardhowen Theatre at the end of November to see the Musical "The Little Mermaid." Happy Christmas to you and all the ladies in D16.

Rosemary Tisdale,
Club Correspondent

Newry Inner Wheel Club

Newry Inner Wheel started 2022 with eighteen very active members, we lost Margaret McAlinden who was known and loved by many, may she RIP. Our three meetings to date have been well attended, despite problems with Covid. Our Christmas meeting will include a demonstration of Floral Art, thanks to Enda Baxter and Maire

Murray. The door wreath and centre piece will be raffled with monies donated to Mary's Meals. We plan to do our annual walk and lunch on Inner Wheel Day in January. Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and safe year ahead.

Maire Murray,
Club Correspondent

Sligo Inner Wheel Club

The members of Sligo Club were warmly welcomed back in September by Presidents Martina and Jackie. All were delighted to be finally back to face-to-face meetings after our Covid Zoom meetings. In October we had a most enjoyable evening in the Hawks Well Theatre at "A Night at the Musicals". This was preceded by a meal in The Glasshouse Hotel.

was launched in Centra Maugeraboy. This very successful appeal amounted to an amazing thirty-five crates of food and a huge donation for a most deserving local cause.

Our clubs chosen charity for this year is Northwest Simon Community. Members are looking forward to fundraising for this very worthy cause in the New Year.

Hilary Corcoran,
Club Correspondent

In early November our annual food appeal in aid of Sligo Social Services



Sligo members pictured at the Glasshouse Hotel pre theatre Dinner.



Aisling McSharry (North West Simon Community) pictured with joint Presidents Martina Cosgrove and Jackie Keegan, Sligo Club.



Inner Wheel Sligo Christmas food appeal

City of Derry Inner Wheel Club

City of Derry Inner Wheel Club has had an exciting few meetings this year and our focus is on friendship and fun.

At our November meeting our speaker was Elaine Duffy talking about her passion in Vintage clothing

and her local business outlet. (Photo on What's app)

Our November outing was held at Willow Hill Garden Centre in Donegal. We had a demonstration on winter garden boxes and lunch after at a member's summer home. (Photos on what's app)



Our IW book club organized by Maureen Dunseath has been a great success and we meet each month at a local hotel to discuss our chosen book. At present we are reading 'Diary of an MP's wife by Sasha Swire.

One of our members son has written and published a book with a heart-warming story and is beautifully illustrated. 'Donovan the Business Sloth' by Christopher Doherty is available on amazon and proceeds

are being donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held at Jill Huey's home and all donations will go to Mary's Meals.

This year we have donated to Pakistan Floods Appeal and to Irish Red Cross towards The Cresslough Tragedy

Carol O'Doherty,
Club Correspondent



City of Derry Club members visit Willowhill Garden Centre, Fahan, Donegal



Ballymena Inner Wheel Club

Ballymena Club got off to a good start in August as International Officer Esther decided to invite all the members to a Coffee morning at her home. It was the most beautiful day and we sat out in her stunning garden to enjoy our coffee, fourteen members attended. The proceeds were donated to 'The Mercy Ships.'

September we had a business meeting at President Patricia's home, delayed as a mark of respect following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The October meeting was International officer Esther's soup lunch. The money raised went to Mary's Meals, and we were delighted that the government

doubled what we sent.

November, Club Members celebrated an early Christmas with a lunch in Oranmore Guest House, 14 members attended and it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

December meeting after business has been attended to, we will have a Secret Santa and fun Christmas Party with festive food.

Later in December we are going to The Braid to a Choral Evening of Christmas Music by the Braid Chamber Orchestra, then on to President Patricia's home for mince pies and shortbread.

A lovely end to 2022.

Joan Leemon, Club Correspondent



Ballymena ladies enjoying lively debates and fun at their November meeting in Oranmore





Dublin Club International Visitor

The Inner Wheel Club of Omagh has Dublin Club had a visitor from Mumbai.



Pictured District Chairman Joanne Liddle and Dublin Club guest from Mumbai: Kritika Dhingrar representing Bombay Hanging Gardens District 314



Dublin Club President Niamh Wallace pictured with Kritika Dhingrar representing Bombay Hanging Gardens District 314



In memory of a treasured friend and Inner Wheel member Eilagh Hyland, Inner Wheel Club Dublin

Eilagh died just before Christmas last and has left a huge hole in our hearts. She originally joined Inner Wheel in Portadown, having moved there when she married Jack and raised seven children.

After Jack died, she moved back to Dublin and joined our Inner Wheel Club. In 1982/3 she became President of our Club and in that same year she married Jim a widower with nine children. Together they had an amazing, combined family and many happy times. Eilagh was the epitome of Inner Wheel ideals, kind, friendly, generous, and funny. We had many a Charity Coffee morning in her lovely home.

We miss her greatly; may she rest in peace.

Joan Liuzzi, Dublin Inner Wheel Club



A message from Membership and Development Officer – Mar Hasson

As Membership, and Development Officer for District 16 I take this opportunity of writing to you to highlight the importance of Development at District 16. I repeat the motto of 'Grabbing the Wheel and Growing' as I am certain we can do this together, and that Inner Wheel has so much to offer to women in our part of the World.

In my time in District, I have been amazed by the great friendship, and involvement of club members locally and internationally. So, this is a timely reminder that we need to encourage new members to increase our membership and that we need to develop our clubs by reaching out to Club members, to encourage them to get involved at District level and to continue to share information about clubs.

I, am available to meet with any clubs during this year to discuss our future. I took part in a productive Workshop with Omagh Club; I was so impressed by the evening hosted by President Cathy, and I intend to share details of the workshop with you all.

I believe that we do need Membership and Development Officers in all clubs, to work with me.

I can assure you; we will discuss your ideas for club development and hopefully 'Grow the Wheel.'

I wish you all continued success and look forward to seeing you at meetings under the Chairmanship, of Joanne and her Team 16 in the coming months.

I am happy to report of seven new members to date in D16. Good Start Ladies.

Mar

Membership and Development Officer

In Memoriam

All members of District 16 offer our heartfelt condolences to our District Chair Joanne on the loss of her husband David.

*“Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach
you.*

*Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour.*

*The sound of your voice
Found for us
A new music
That brightened everything.*

*Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being
You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
With wonder at things.*

*We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.*

*Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.*

*Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.*

*When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.
May you continue to inspire us:*

*To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.”*

– John O'Donohue

Fun Fellowship Friendship



AIMS OF
INNER WHEEL
TO PROMOTE TRUE FRIENDSHIP
TO ENCOURAGE THE IDEAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE
TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

DIARY DATES 2022-2023

Saturday 13th August 2022
Executive Meeting – Shamrock Lodge, Larne

Saturday 3rd September 2022
District Assembly – Europa Hotel, Belfast

Saturday 12th November 2022
Executive Meeting – Europa Hotel, Belfast

Thursday 17th November 2022
District Meeting 2– Craigavon Civic Centre

Tuesday 10th January 2023
Inter. Inner Wheel Day – Via Zoom

Saturday 4th March 2023
Executive Meeting – Europa Hotel, Belfast

Thursday 9th March 2023
District Meeting 3 – Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan

27th -29th March 2023
Conference - Blackpool

Thursday 8th June 2023
Pre-Rally - Ballygally Community Hall, Larne

Friday 9th June 2023
Rally - Clandeboye Lodge

Thursday 22nd June 2023
AGM - Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk



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| 1. Ballymena | 6. City of Derry | 11. Monaghan |
| 2. Ballymoney | 7. Dublin | 12. Newry |
| 3. Belfast | 8. Enniskillen | 13. Omagh |
| 4. Belfast West | 9. Larne | 14. Portadown |
| 5. Carrickfergus | 10. Lurgan | 15. Sligo |

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