

Summer 2023





# District Executive 2022/2023



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International Service



# From the Editor's Desk

District 16 News

Chairman: Joanne Liddle / Editor: Elaine Doherty

Greetings to all members of District 16. The weather has always been a much discussed topic and given the recent high temperatures here in May and June, July may be the wettest on record, and with current events across Europe, climate is being widely discussed.

We have witnessed soaring temperatures throughout Europe with Italy and Spain reaching mid forty degree Celsius, the images of tourists fleeing wildfires on Rhodes and Greek Islands are most distressing.

These extraordinary climate conditions certainly make us stop and think! These events highlight the important role Inner Wheel can play in promoting sustainability and creating a greater awareness of climate change. Inner Wheel

Clubs focus on Sustainability would encourage us all to play our part and to do what we can to help prevent global climate change in coming years, for the good of future generations.

It is always so interesting to learn of club activities, and perhaps the sustainability message could be adopted by clubs throughout the District as part of our ethos. I hope you enjoy the Summer Edition of our magazine, and a huge thank you to our Club Correspondents, who all have contributed.

Here's to temperate summers!

Carpe Diem

Yours in Friendship,

Elaine

## QUOTES

*'A change in the weather is sufficient to recreate the world and ourselves'.*

*Marcel Proust*



## District Chairman's Farewell

As Chairman I would like to congratulate all the clubs for continuing to uphold the ethos of INNER WHEEL.

It was lovely visiting all the clubs in District 16; the hospitality FUN FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP was superb, and the kindness shown to me was overwhelming.

I thank you all for supporting my chosen charities, Cancer Focus, and Irish Cancer Society, whilst also supporting overseas Charities to make a difference worldwide.

It was great hosting our first face to face conference in Blackpool with Association President Karen. We welcomed over one thousand ladies and were honoured to receive so many most interesting guest speakers. The highlight venue was the Tower Ball Room where we hosted our President's Evening and took to the dance floor like "Strictly", dancing the night away to the highly entertaining band, 'The Other Guys.'

I was delighted with our Rally at the Clandeboye Estate, the weather was so kind to us, permitting us to enjoy the beautiful gardens. For me, days out celebrating our great organisation, making new friendships, and rekindling old is what we need to embrace.



Moving forward we must keep embracing new ways to make our organisation attractive and to encourage new members, using modern technology, social media and promoting Inner Wheel locally in our towns and communities.

As this is my last letter as District Chairman, I want to thank you all for being there for me and supporting me throughout the year.

Have a great summer everyone and I would like to wish incoming District Chair Sue all the best for the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Joanne



## IW International Report

I am delighted to tell you that District 16 in the past year raised over eleven thousand pounds and over four thousand Euro for International Charities. The main charities benefiting were Mary's Meals, Ukraine, and Water Aid. Additional items donated included: sixty bags of adult clothes, fifty- six food boxes to Ukraine, fifty Baby Bundles, thirty-five Back Packs, twenty-two knitted blankets, forty- three mobile phones and twenty- eight boxes of toiletries.

In these past three years we have had huge disasters in Europe, and on each occasion our Inner wheel members have responded with generosity and empathy to the disastrous explosion in Lebanon that devastated Beirut, the Russian Invasion of Ukraine and the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

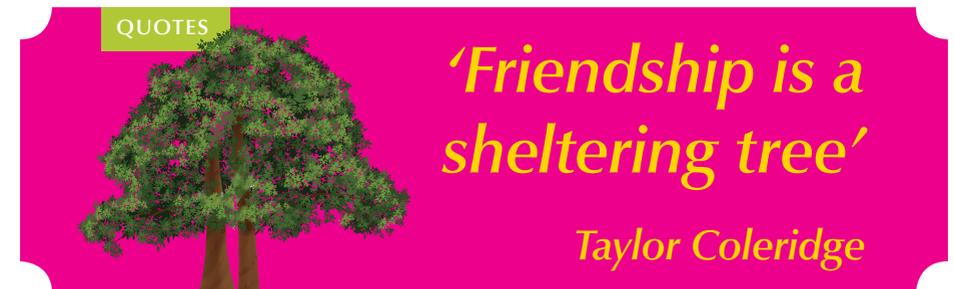
The earthquake apparently is one of the worst the modern world has experienced and has been exacerbated by the war in Syria

whereby, immediately after the earthquake struck, International Aid with all its earth moving equipment was denied immediate entry into Aleppo, by the Syrian government. At the epicentre of the earthquake hundreds buried under the rubble could not be saved in time.

Mary's Meals who had been feeding 5024 children in six schools there since 2017 lost fourteen of their volunteers in the earthquake, All the schools have been destroyed but they are still managing to feed the children and as many survivors as they can.

My tenure as your International Officer is at an end and I want to thank all my International team for all their hard work and you, the members who supported them, for your generosity. COVID was a huge challenge and a big learning curve, but we mastered the technology and became Zoom, What's App and email wizards!

Una Grant  
International Officer





# District Meeting **Monaghan, March 2023**

District Chair Joanne welcomed everyone to the Meeting and told them she had been exceptionally busy visiting our District Clubs (ten clubs to date.)

Joanne congratulated all the clubs for keeping the traditions of Inner Wheel at meetings and for promoting her motto for the year 'Fun Friendship and Fellowship'. District Chair enjoyed hearing about all the different outings and ideas for fund raising and particularly relished meeting members while travelling around the Clubs. District Chair expressed a special thank-you to all the Clubs for their hospitality, gifts, and kind donations to her chosen Charities.

District Chair Joanne thanked District 16 for the kind donation to Northern Ireland Hospice in lieu of flowers on behalf of her Husband David's passing.

One of Joanne's concerns this year has been the decline in membership and hopes the Workshop presentation from the Omagh Club will inspire members moving forward.

Member of Council, Norma Shannon, reported on the number of members attending the Blackpool conference which amounted to thirty-five in

total. Logistics, evening dining arrangements, programme of events and get-togethers were covered. Norma thanked the ladies who brought postcards and knitted Busy Bee, she encouraged them to keep knitting and cross stitching. Norma gave a brief synopsis on the forthcoming Manchester Convention. She informed members that Registration was now open, and the fee is £550.00. This includes three Lunches, one Friendship Dinner and one Gala Dinner plus various Seminars. Norma asked for a show of hands from the Ladies who would consider going to Manchester, most Ladies in attendance were interested.

District Secretary, Jennifer Davidson informed members present that District Executive had decided to send £2500 to the Turkey Earthquake Appeal through International Inner Wheel. This was donated as a matter of urgency when the appeal went out.

District Treasurer, Doreen Cairns reported that District 16 Capitation fees had been received and a proportion sent to Association and International Inner Wheel. District 16 has a total of 306 IW members with one new member in the Omagh Club. Doreen informed members of the current



bank balances and donations made to date. Doreen requested Clubs order their own name badges and regalia in future.

Membership and Development Officer, Mar Hasson highlighted the importance of membership and development and emphasised it is key to the future of District 16. She stated that she was willing to share relevant information received through Zoom meetings with Association M&D Liz Norris with D16 Clubs

She understood all Clubs have similar issues about making meetings interesting and flexible to encourage new members. She believes there are lots of new ideas to address these challenges and she was willing to attend any clubs to discuss them. Mar congratulated Omagh Club under the guidance of President Cathy for their inspirational Workshop delivered to a

large attendance of M&D officers from clubs all over GB&I via Zoom

International Services Officer, Una introduced guest speaker, Joyce Kerr from The Goshen Trust Charity. Joyce Kerr founded the charity and funds it from the proceeds of two charity shops which are managed by volunteers. Inner Wheel members in District 16 had been collecting clothes and school items for Joyce over the last two years so it was interesting for members to meet Joyce and hear all about the Charity and discover what more they can do to assist her.

District Chair Joanne concluded the meeting by thanking the hard-working District Executive for all their work over the year and especially their help and guidance. Joanne thanked everyone who attended, and wished everybody a safe journey home, taking particular care in the snowy conditions.



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



# District 16 Rally - An Excellent Day

District Chair Joanne welcomed Inner Wheel Club members from Great Britain and Ireland to District 16 Rally held at Clandeboye Lodge Hotel, Bangor in June. Members were welcomed by the Mayor Gerardine Mulvenny, followed by introductions by Host Club Larne's President Mary Carmichael.

The rally was addressed by Association President Karen Davies who focused on the importance of growing Inner Wheel membership, commenting that she hoped to see a large attendance at Manchester Centenary Conference in 2024.

District 1 Chair Doris Campbell, and District 13 Chair, Kim Tanner, travelled from GB to attend the Rally, and Rotary Governor John Fitzgerald brought greetings from Rotary.

Members were treated to some excellent music and entertainment before Lunch by Beryl Crawford's husband Alan and participated in a very enjoyable dancing session. Many Clubs were represented on the day and it was reported that everyone in attendance enjoyed an extremely successful Rally, where the sun shone brightly on all.



District Chair Joanne, pictured with family members and Association President Karen Davies



All attendees at District 16 Rally



Norma Shannon, (Member of Council), Mary Carmichael, (host Club Larne, President) and Marianne Cassegrande, (President, Rotary Club Larne).



Left to right- Marianne Cassegrande (President Rotary Club Larne), Joanne Liddle (District 16 Chair), Karen Davies (Association President), Sean Fitzgerald (District Governor Rotary) and Mary Carmichael (President Larne Club).



Patricia Perry Ballymena Club President (past DC)



Inner Wheel Club Members enjoying District 16 Rally.



## The Inner Wheel Association Conference Blackpool 2023

Over 30 members of District 16 travelled to Blackpool to join Clubs from across GB&I at the 2023 Conference which was held at the Winter Gardens. A packed programme of events had been organised for the 2 days, starting with the Service of Friendship and the lighting of the Friendship Candle. The morning session continued with opening remarks by Association President Karen Davies followed by a welcome from the Mayor of Blackpool, Cllr Kathryn Benson. The Tuesday speakers included International IW President Zeny Farcon, Rotary Inaugural Chair of Regional Board Rotary International GB&I, Rtn. Garth Arnold, Lynne Baird MBE whose son had been a victim of knife crime, Sue Riddlestone from 'One Planet Living' and Adam Henson, of BBC Countryfile fame, who gave an inspiring talk about his life and work. Cheques were also presented to Air Ambulance UK and Blood Bikes. The evening was rounded off by James Lee Humphreys (The Voice of the Valley) who entertained everyone with his wonderful singing.

Wednesday heralded the AGM which was conducted very efficiently with business being concluded by lunchtime. In the afternoon Association President Karen gave her address before guest speaker Chizzy Akudolu (Strictly Come Dancing/ Casualty fame) spoke followed by the Anchorsholme Academy Children's Choir who delighted us with their singing. After thanking everyone involved with organising the event Association President Karen declared the 2023 Conference closed.

The President's Evening in the Tower Ballroom was a fabulous conclusion to a very interesting and varied Conference. The Ladies were out in force in their tiaras and glittering outfits. They danced the night away to music by 'The Other Guys'. A huge 'Thank You' must go to DC Joanne and MOC Norma Shannon and members of the District Executive for all their planning and organising of the trip for everyone. Congratulations to the Conference Organising Committee including our Past DC/MOC Jeanette Sproule for arranging such a fantastic few days.

Patricia Perry (Past District Chairman)

Inner Wheel Club of Ballymena

Club Correspondent:  
Joan Leemon



Our year started off in January, on World Inner Wheel Day and two club members visited Women's Aid and donated pyjamas, nighties, and toiletries.

February saw the Election of Office Bearers and later in the month President Patricia held a Coffee Morning at her home in aid of the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, it was very well supported by the wider community, and it raised enough money to six Shelter Boxes.

In March at the International Meeting, International Officer Esther introduced Joyce Kerr from Goshen Ministries who cares for street children in Kenya ranging in ages from three years to eighteen years.

A video was shown of a bungalow where the children live, and they are very grateful for all the clothing,

toiletries, and school items they receive.

In April we enjoyed a Presentation by M.E.A. Council Environmental Officer Catherine Hunter who described all the things that are done as well as emptying our bins, it was interesting to see where a lot of waste is processed.

In May we listened to a Presentation by Glen McGivern, an actor on his time in South Korea, his sister was at university there and he took the opportunity to visit. He described a very beautiful place, but you had to be careful you didn't cross into North Korea.

Also, in May we had our outing and six members travelled to Dublin to visit and tour Leinster House. We were met by Education Minister Norma Foley who made us very welcome. After the tour we were invited into Members' Dining Room for lunch, a lovely occasion and very special.

In June we held our AGM and lunch in Oranmore a lovely end to our year and the weather was superb.

The District Rally was held in Clondeboye Lodge hotel and President Patricia attended and had an enjoyable day catching up with old friends.

Patricia Perry, President Ballymena, IW, with Ester Cahoon, International officer and Joyce Kerr, Goshen Ministry



Inner Wheel Club of Ballymoney

Club Correspondent:  
Rosemary Dunlop



Ballymoney Inner Wheel has enjoyed another busy and varied Programme of events this year. Our first meeting of the new session was a visit to 'Olivia's Haven', where we saw Olivia's scented candles poured and prepared for distribution. The smells were amazing, and many members purchased candles with names and fragrances that captured Wild Heather, Tea in the Orangery and Under the Palm Tree. Our November meeting focused on a locally based charity – CAN (Compass Advocacy Network) - which is all about people with learning disabilities and mental health issues, enabling them to be active participants in their own communities.

Kerry Kane, a Masterchef quarter finalist in 2021, gave us a very amusing insight into her experiences during the competition and the 'behind

the scenes' required to produce the programme. As she spoke Kerry prepared delicious Christmas canapés which were enjoyed by all.

World Inner Wheel Day in January was celebrated in President Sharon's home, where we enjoyed a fork supper supplied by the committee and other volunteers and raised an amazing sum for our Inner Wheel Charities, A very successful Table Quiz in February was followed by members attending Ballymoney Drama Festival in March.

Eight members also travelled to the Annual Inner Wheel Conference in Blackpool. We were delighted to welcome District Chairman, Joanne Liddle, to our 'birthday dinner' in May. As another year draws to a close, we now look forward to supporting our member, Sue Pinkerton, as she takes up the role of District 16 Chairman.

Joanne Liddle District Chair on her visit to Ballymoney Inner Wheel Club and Sue Pinkerton (first vice chairman)



(From left to right) Mary Sweetman, Sarah Browne & Anne Paul members of Ballymoney IW



Inner Wheel Club of Belfast

Club Correspondent:  
Rosie Clements



With Christmas over and another year started, doesn't time march on so quickly. However, January means 'Pie & Pud' lunch, a very successful way to raise funds for our International causes. District Chairman Joanne attended our dinner meeting in February, and we were most interested to hear her talk about her life and work. She encouraged us all to get involved and to take up office.

President Sheelagh's chosen charity is Guide Dogs, and we had an interesting visit from Christine Gordon who, not only brought her puppy in training but she explained what training suitable puppies involves. Amazing! We were delighted to present her with a cheque.

Everyone loves a walk down memory lane and that is exactly what Dr Carol Fulton did in April. Living and growing up in Belfast in the 1950s and 60s

was something we could all share and did. Killyleagh Castle is a fascinating venue and we were treated to a tour by the present owner Gawn Roman Hamilton who had attended the King's coronation. Once the invitation was spotted on the mantelpiece lots of questions were asked. He fascinated us with the Castle's history that went back to John de Courcy. The day started with coffee and a wee bit of shopping and finished with dinner at Balloo house. How could it not be a good day! Apart from that we have collected for Mary's meals, baby bundles, blankets, and adult toiletries to mention a few. Members' families are so busy and every month any achievements attained are gathered and read out as club news. It can be anything from career promotions, fashion, art sporting, pets anything goes. It's just another bit of fun.



Christine Gordon (Guide Dogs) pictured with Club President Sheelagh and members

Gawn Rowan Hamilton, with Club members after their tour of Killyleagh castle



Inner Wheel Club of Belfast West

Club Correspondent:  
Maeve Gray



Belfast West held five meetings during this period. The District Chairman's very successful and enjoyable visit took place in January at Malone Golf Club. In February seven members had lunch in the Dining Room in Stormont and it was a delightful experience. The food was good, and the service was excellent. It was even possible to carry out some club business at the end over coffee.

In March, Joan Taylor, a friend, and fellow stitcher of member Irene Millar, talked about her passion for this art form and showed samples of her work. It proved to be incredibly fascinating. Her pictures were indeed beautiful. In April, several members, some accompanied by husbands, attended the Lisnagarvey Operatic Society's performance of "Sister Act", a most professional and enjoyable show.



Belfast West President Sylvia and District Chair Joanne at Malone

The AGM was held in May at the home of President Sylvia. For such a small club we managed well. Money was raised for local, national, and international charities. Postcards were written and delivered to Association for the IIW Convention, President and Secretary attended the Conference in Blackpool, District meetings were also attended, and the members enjoyed their time of fellowship together.



President Sylvia and District Chair Joanne pictured with Belfast West Club members at Malone

Inner Wheel Club of Carrickfergus

Club Correspondent:  
Jeanette Sproule



Since the beginning of 2023 we have had a varied programme of activities. We celebrated Inner Wheel Day in January with a District zoom, a presentation given by Scott Howes from Keep NI Beautiful, an environmental charity dedicated to help look after the planet. In February we had our annual Coffee Morning in President Jeanette's home which enabled us to raise funds for our charities. It was well attended by friends, family and members from Larne, Ballymena and Lurgan Clubs. In March we had our Election of Officers and a visit to the cinema to watch 'What's Love Got to do with it'. For our April meeting, Club Secretary

Jennifer held an Afternoon Tea at her home in Whitehead.

Our AGM was held in May, a BBQ at President Jeanette's home. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two of our members, Ann Marie who is taking a sabbatical and Joy who has decided to retire from Inner Wheel though we do hope they will continue to join us for special occasions.

Members of the club have supported District Meetings this year and there was also a great turnout for the Conference in Blackpool with five of our members attending. We look forward to another year of fun and friendship in 2023-24.



Carrickfergus Club annual Coffee Morning in President Jeanette's home. Included in the photo members from Larne, Ballymena and Lurgan Clubs.

Inner Wheel Club of Dublin

Club Correspondent:  
Maura O'Neill



The Inner Wheel Club of Dublin started the year in January with a wonderful Inner Wheel Day at the home of past President Joyce Maguire. Members brought goodies to eat, and tea and coffee were provided. Club member 'Sheila's Boutique' was set up with unwanted Christmas Gifts which sold out very quickly. Proceeds from the sale went to Mary's Meals. A lovely social morning to start the year.

For our March meeting we were entertained by Eileen O'Duffy, author of a fascinating story of Dalkey and Dunlaoghaire called 'Champagne Cocktails and Crepe Suzette.' She brought back great memories for many members and many of us purchased her book. In April we had a friendship evening to introduce friends to the Club and tell them about the Inner Wheel and give them the opportunity to join us if they so wished. For our May meeting, Sheila's husband, Joe entertained us with his lovely 'Music for Middlebrows.' Always a special evening and Joe has now added visuals which enhance the experience.

The current Committee have all agreed to stay in office with just a few changes of officers. President Niamh who has done an amazing job in keeping us all on our toes, has agreed to remain as President, news we are all delighted with. Three of our members attended the District meeting in Monaghan and President Niamh and Secretary

Bernadette attended the Annual Conference in Blackpool.

We are in contact with the President of the Inner Wheel Club of Kyiv, Ukraine, Maryna Chernenke, who is presently living in France, with the idea that we purchase Stoves which are made in Ukraine and would be available when Ukrainians can return to their homes. We have given our usual generous donation to St. Vincent de Paul and other local charities. Our Musician Bognam had health, accommodation, and financial challenges during the year, and we were able to help him through his difficulties. President Niamh's charity, the Hospice Foundation, will receive a donation. Our monthly Book Club continues to be enjoyed by members under Maureen's guidance.



Dublin Inner Wheel Club President Niamh receiving a cheque for stoves for Ukraine from the Rotary Club of Dun Laoghaire President Fred Duffy

Inner Wheel Club of Enniskillen

Club Correspondent:  
Rosemary Tisdall



In January our first meeting of the year was in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Our speaker for the evening was Margaret Owens. Margaret and her husband John bought a Camper Van in the 1970's and in her fascinating talk related some of the amusing stories based on the many trips they have been on since then. We enjoyed this evening very much. District Chairman Joanne Liddle joined us for Lunch in the Killyhevlin Hotel in February. It was good to meet Joanne who kept us up to date with information about District 16. We gave her a donation from our Club for her chosen Charities. While we were having coffee in the Conservatory there was a surprise for our President Freda, a small 80th Birthday Celebration! In

March Joan Morton, a professional Kinesiologist based in Enniskillen, gave an interesting talk. She provides Kinesiology therapy for both people and animals. Techniques used in this alternative therapy can help with any health issue.

Mary Rutledge put us through our paces in April when we 'exercised' sitting in our chairs. Mary's routine requires a certain amount of coordination. It was great fun. In May we had a "Coronation Party" in Avril Kee's lovely home. It was great fun too. Members plan to visit the Flower Festival in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. In June we had a walk and a picnic to end our most successful year with Freda at the helm.



IW Club Enniskillen, President Freda Birrell with the surprise 80th Birthday Cake



Members of Inner Wheel Club Enniskillen enjoying a Coronation Party

Inner Wheel Club of Larne

Club Correspondent:  
Noelle Liddle



Larne Inner Wheel club held a Charity event in February at Larne boat club, six hundred and twenty pounds was raised for cancer Focus NI. We had a business meeting in April and we presented a cheque for £1595 to representatives of HOPE HOUSE IRELAND. The money was raised at our Ladies Topsy Tea in November held at Larne Rugby Club. Hope

House provides complimentary recuperation breaks to help people cope as they navigate through cancer treatment. We attended the Sparrow Centre in Larne where members donated sanitary items. In June we had our AGM at Older Fleet bar and enjoyed a lovely dinner.



Members of Larne Inner Wheel Club presenting a cheque to Hope House



Larne Inner Wheel Club's visit to The Sparrow Centre where they donated sanitary items.

Inner Wheel Club of City of Derry

Club Correspondent:  
Carol O'Doherty



Our Inner Wheel year has been busy, and we enjoyed many outings throughout the year.

We had an informative tour of the local water works and were educated on how our city's waste is managed. We had an enjoyable lunch with a local vintage clothes business owner Elaine Duffy and heard her journey into the preloved fashion world. She now has her own boutique on Pump St.

Johnny Mc Nee educated us on his quest to find a WW2 spitfire. It was an intriguing story told vividly with lots of humor. We had a very enjoyable pie lunch at President Marie's home and the green fingered Myrtle and Daphne's plant sale was very successful.

We had two outings to the Willow Hill Garden Centre at which Carol demonstrated how to put together flower trays and baskets. I now have my own herb garden!! Afterwards we had lovely soup lunches at Una's and at my own home in Donegal.

We had two new members join us this year Maureen and Una. At our May lunch Maureen kindly demonstrated her Jewelry making business and displayed her artwork.

Our Club member Elaine Doherty, District 16 Editor has kept us well informed and up to date on other Inner Wheel Club members and their club activities with the District Magazine.

Maureen Dunseath ran a very successful book club meeting at the Everglades Hotel including tea and banter. We also had a few nights at the local cinema with a welcome G&T afterwards!

Mar Hasson, Majella McGee and the Golf committee had a very successful Golf outing with lots of money raised in the raffle and sponsorships. The golf prizes were presented beautifully, great prizes were displayed for the golfers.

Una Grant had a busy year collecting for overseas charities in particular Mary's Meals and putting together clothes bundles and baby bundles. Mary's meals doubled all donations received.

We received a lovely letter from Kenya thanking everyone for their generous donations.

Money was also donated to the Syrian/Turkey disaster fund, the Palestine floods, and the Cresslough Tragedy. President Marie's designated charity this year was Alzheimer's research.

Thank you for all charitable donations, and to President Marie and all the committee members and everyone for helping in the last few months. It has been a very successful year.



IW City of Derry, Lady President Marie pictured with Isobel McCafferty, Lady Captain, Greencastle Golf Club, Donegal. Such great prizes on display!



District 16 International Services Officer Una Grant presenting cheque to Mary's Meals representative Caoimh McCann.



IW City of Derry members pictured with Lady Captain Isobel, at their annual Golf Charity Classic Competition at Greencastle Golf Club, Donegal

Inner Wheel Club of Lurgan

Club Correspondent:  
Rachel Gregg



Our January meeting was a joint one with our local Women's Probus Club at which we were greatly challenged by Scott Howes from the Literacy Carbon Project, and later that month we held our annual Coffee Morning, in the home of Anne and Bill Miller. In February we were invited by Portadown Inner Wheel members to a presentation by a representative of the Air Ambulance highlighting the vital assistance offered in emergency situations. Sadly, a few days later, we were informed of the death of Margaret Ryan, a long-time member of our Inner Wheel Branch.

Our Branch was represented at the District meeting in Monaghan and our President Grainne and Doreen represented us at the Association Conference in Blackpool. We joined members of Portadown Inner Wheel to host our District Chairman Joanne at the Seagoe Hotel.

Unfortunately, members' personal circumstances curtailed our social events for the months of April and May though we did manage to get good representation at our business meeting in April to decide Office-Bearers for next season.



Scott Howes from the Literacy Carbon Project pictured with Lurgan Club President Grainne



Presentation of flowers from President Grainne of Lurgan Inner Wheel Club to District Chair Joanne

Inner Wheel Club of Monaghan

Club Correspondent:  
Alice Mullan



Monaghan club had a very successful year of fun and friendship under President Mary with lunch in Castle Leslie in April, where we had a beautiful day catching up and enjoying lunch. Former president Chris organised our final outing, an overnight stay in Killeavey Castle in

May, we started with afternoon tea and then proceeded to dinner after walks in the beautiful surroundings. The fun continued until late in the evening, after breakfast the following morning we were given a guided tour of the recently renovated castle.



Monaghan Inner Wheel Club on a day out!



Cheque received by Jamie McCann - Cancer Focus NI ( District Chair's Charity)

Inner Wheel Club of Newry

Club Correspondent:  
Maire Murray



We had a busy year with our eighteen members, we lost Mary O Hare (RIP) and welcomed a new member, Annmarie Kidd in September. We enjoyed a wonderful outing in Dublin in December to an Edith Piaf concert on an extremely cold, wet Saturday. At our Christmas dinner we had a floral arrangement demo by the professional Enda Baxter, and the amateur Maire Murray, and raffled the arrangements for the earthquake appeal. We had our annual walk on International Inner Wheel Day in

Kilbroney Forest Park with proceeds going to Cancer Research. In February we welcomed our District Chair Joanne and shared a beautiful evening with her in Warrenpoint Golf Club. In March we had a fashion show from 'Sinenna' with fashion accessories from 'Elite', a most enjoyable evening. We finished the year with reasonable donations to Earthquake in Turkey/Syria, Mary's Meals, The Larder, Samaritans, Arbor House and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

District Chair, Joanne with Newry Club President Angela



District Chair, Joanne Liddle enjoying an evening with Newry Inner Wheel Club

Inner Wheel Club of Omagh

Club Correspondent:  
Carol Simpson



January 2023 commenced activities and was the beginning of an extremely busy, interesting, and exciting year for the club. That evening we were addressed by Dr Mary Magee, a local woman who delivered a passionate talk entitled "Power of Collaboration". This was followed in February, by Mary O'Reilly, sister of president, Cathy. Mary's talk was about "Giving children a Voice" which involves Primary school children interacting with their peers in Italy, Austria, and Ireland to share development goals in project bound activities. For our March meeting, members welcomed District chairman, Joanne Liddle who was present for the election of officers for 2023 -24. This coincided with International Women's Day and, to celebrate that, we engaged in an interesting and informative quiz, the questions ranging from who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize to the first woman to win a best film director Oscar.

In April we participated in a most enjoyable and civilised afternoon tea at the home of our President, Cathy. In comfortable surroundings, we feasted on culinary delights whilst engaging in friendly chatter. In May, we took to the road and visited Outfield Park, Raphoe, Co. Donegal. There, members were able to revisit their inner childhood when they embarked on a round the estate trip by miniature train and "larked" around the wooded walks, examining and being photographed

amongst the trees and sculptures.

Our busy, entertaining and interesting year will draw to a close with the Annual AGM followed by dinner in the Silver birch Hotel. I conclude by stating that the Omagh club has indeed grabbed the wheel and grown this year. From twenty-two members in September, we have increased to twenty-six with three potential members waiting in the wings.

What a great year for Omagh Inner Wheel!

Baby bundles collected from Omagh Club.



President Cathy and Committee of Omagh Inner Wheel with a collection of bees and cards for Manchester.

Inner Wheel Club of Portadown

Club Correspondent:  
Madeleine Powell



January 2023 began with a talk on healthy eating, much needed after the Christmas festivities. In February a volunteer from Air Ambulance gave a very interesting talk on the role of volunteers and fundraising efforts within their Organisation. A donation was made by our club to this very worthy cause. In March our Chairman, Joanne Liddle visited our club which meets in the Seagoe Hotel and after enjoying a lovely meal Joanne gave a very interesting insight into her early career.

Sadly, in March a former President of our club, Liz Cushie died. A very enthusiastic, hardworking member,

Portadown Inner Wheel Club,  
Coffee Morning Fundraiser



Above Right  
IW Club, Portadown fundraiser selling, plants,  
jewellery, handbags, and luxury goods.

Below Right  
Members of Portadown Inner Wheel Club  
enjoying a high tea before their Club AGM

she will be greatly missed.

At our coffee morning in May preparations for our fundraiser began. This is an annual event held in Portadown Golf Club at the end of May which features a well-stocked coffee morning as well as stalls selling plants, jewellery, handbags, and luxury goods. It is always a well-attended event which raises much needed funds for our charities. Throughout the year we have shared many events with fellow Inner Wheelers in Lurgan and Portadown Rotary clubs.

In June we finish off our Inner Wheel year with our AGM followed by an afternoon tea party.

Inner Wheel Club of Sligo

Club Correspondent:  
Hilary Corcoran



January 2023 began with a talk on healthy eating, much needed after the Christmas festivities. In February a volunteer from Air Ambulance gave a very interesting talk on the role of volunteers and fundraising efforts within their Organisation. A donation was made by our club to this very worthy cause. In March our Chairman, Joanne Liddle visited our club which meets in the Seagoe Hotel and after enjoying a lovely meal Joanne gave a very interesting insight into her early career.

Sadly, in March a former President of our club, Liz Cushie died. A very enthusiastic, hardworking member, she will be greatly missed.

At our coffee morning in May preparations for our fundraiser began. This is an annual event held in Portadown Golf Club at the end of May which features a well-stocked coffee morning as well as stalls selling plants, jewellery, handbags, and luxury goods. It is always a well-attended event which raises much needed funds for our charities. Throughout the year we have shared many events with fellow Inner Wheelers in Lurgan and Portadown Rotary clubs.

In June we finish off our Inner Wheel year with our AGM followed by an afternoon tea party.

Right  
Sligo Inner Wheel members took part in a  
Charity Walk in Doorly Park for joint presidents  
Charity the Northwest Simon Community.  
T-shirts reflecting the lovely sunshine!

Sligo Club held a car boot sale in aid of Presidents Martina and Jackie's charity Northwest Simon Community. Members donated bric-a-brac.



District Chair Joanne celebrating Sligo Inner Wheel's  
37th Birthday with Club members





Some months ago, I received an unexpected email from the President of the IW club of Kyiv, Maryna Chernenko, she was seeking wood burning stoves for Ukraine urgently needed for heating and cooking.

My first thought was "is this genuine" so I researched it thoroughly and found it to be true. Niamh also got in touch with IIW for further proof, and Treasurer Eleanor checked the banking details.

Secretary Bernadette is also a member of the Dublin Rotary Club, and she asked them to support, which they did very generously. The Dun Laoghaire Rotary Club also gave money to us and together with money from our own club we were able to buy stoves.

Maryna put our IW logo on them. They certainly look very sturdy and strong and now have gone to the Chernigiv region.

Maryna was evacuated to France where IW was most helpful to her, and she lives with a family there and attends IW functions. She speaks fluent French and writes to me in English.

When she arrived in France she appealed to her local IW for stoves. An international group consisting of IW clubs in France, Andorra, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia (FAMAT) raised over €20,000 for the stoves.

Helen Duffy, Dublin Inner Wheel Club

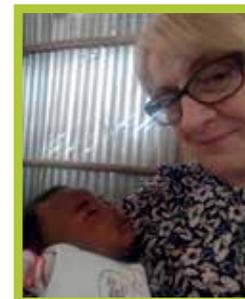
## A Thank You from Goshen Ministries

In April at their International Meeting President Patricia and Inner Wheel Club members Ballymena, hosted a presentation from Joyce Kerr, Goshen Ministries Joyce works in Kisumu the third largest city in Kenya with homeless street children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or run away from abusive homes. She described how she takes the children off the streets and houses them in a nearby village where she has built a long one storied house which is home to 13 boys aged 6 to 18 years old. Here the boys are fed, sent to school, and cared for by Joyce and her volunteers. Many of them are orphaned, lost, or thrown out by families who can no longer afford to feed them.

The lost children Joyce tries to reunite with their families, the others she loves and cares for, gives them a home and a family. She also works with young girls in the village who in many cases have prostituted themselves just to buy sanitary towels! Joyce teaches them sewing to help them make money and feed themselves.



Young Kenyan boys wearing their donated outfits



A beautiful baby bundle.

*Greetings from a sunny Kenya and all the Goshen family. I hope all the ladies of Inner Wheel District 16 are well. I want to thank you for hosting us at the annual meeting with the Ballymena ladies. I want to pass on a big thank you from our children, young people, and staff here in Rabuor village Kenya. The donation of essentials such as sheets, towels, waterproof sheets were most appreciated. Babies start up bundles including Vaseline and sudocrem are a luxury here and we were able to present them to our house parent.*

*Our needs in Kenya are ongoing and with rising prices worldwide we are seeing families struggle more. I hope you know how valuable your support has been to us with supplies and financial gifts but most importantly I want you to realise, Goshen Family Kenya are so moved by the love that has motivated the giving.*

*Yours with a grateful heart  
Joyce and family*




**Any willing participants amongst you all! We could get on to the show and promote IW and showcase the Centenary year.**



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**Hello Potential Convention Choir Members**  
International IW Convention in Manchester (May 7th - 10th 2024).  
Please let me know if you are still interested in singing at Convention. It would be helpful if you could include a mobile phone number so that a What's App group can be set up.  
Please reply to me, Liz, at your earliest convenience.  
Any queries may be sent to the LCC Chairman - Pam McConnell, ([pam.mccconnell@talktalk.net](mailto:pam.mccconnell@talktalk.net)) or to me Liz Norris ([eliznorris@btinternet.com](mailto:eliznorris@btinternet.com))  
In friendship,  
Liz Norris (Member of Local Convention Committee)

**Note to all Book clubbers,** Claire Keegan Irish author of "Small Things like These" is talking about her work in Strule Centre Omagh Saturday 5th August 3pm -4pm booking online £10 ticket.



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TO ENCOURAGE THE IDEAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE  
TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

**INNER WHEEL EVENTS 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

27- 29th March, 2023  
**Conference**, Blackpool

Thursday 8th June, 2023  
**Pre Rally**, Ballygally Community Hall, Larne (TBC)

Friday 9th June, 2023  
**Rally**, Magheramorne Estate, Larne (TBC)

Thursday 22nd June, 2023  
**AGM**, TBA

Club Correspondents please note:  
Deadline for next Magazine Saturday 7th October, 2023



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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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