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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 Mary with some of her team from Ravenshead Club

L—R: Susan Spanswick , Sue Evans, Joy Richardson, DC Mary, Susie Parry-Williams, President Kathy and Liz Teal





*A Message from D.C
Mary*

Dear friends

With all my planning for the year done I am starting to look back at all that has happened since I wrote my first piece for the Autumn magazine. What comes to mind overwhelmingly is the support and friendship I have experienced as I have visited Clubs, Charters and at District events. I shall remember them all with great affection. Thank you all so much for that. I have also been privileged to take part in the special Centenary events. There was our own D22 afternoon tea on Inner Wheel Day; the Centenary Lunch in London, and of course the International Convention in Manchester. I feel very lucky that my year as DC coincided with these unique occasions. One common theme this year has been the recognition that in order to survive as an organisation we are going to have to change – our membership is declining and we need to take action to reverse this. Change can be unsettling but it does not mean we have to give up what we value most about Inner Wheel – the friendship, fun and commitment to service. We do though need to recognise that how these will be achieved for those following will be very different. Change can be challenging but being actively involved in it helps to manage it. Therefore, I look forward to the future and all it involves and to seeing you there too. In conclusion I would like to wish Lyn a fabulous year and hope she has as much fun as I have had. Yours in friendship
DC Mary

A strong woman looks challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink

Ravenshead—A year of support to DC Mary

We have supported Mary in many ways this Inner Wheel year. Amongst the highlights have been:

Helping her plant 100 trees on a bleak day in December alongside Coxmoor Golf Club. We hope that the trees have not been washed away. February had us all dashing around at the District Quiz but managing to enjoy a banquet of food in between our duties. Some of us joined DC Mary at the annual Service and Rally at Eastwood Hall. We were the welcoming and general helpers on the day. Everything went very well, and it was lovely to meet up with so many other ladies from around the district. In Mary’s closing remarks Sandra was mentioned and thanked for co-ordinating all the helpers for Mary’s different events that she hosted during her year as District Chair.

Another great day!

The icing on the cake was DC Mary’s final event of her year another great success. The Hostess hosted us with lunch and we held a Tombola which raised £420 and Elaine Hopkins organised a Heads and Tails which made another £67 to go to DC Mary’s charities Women’s Centres in both Nottingham and Derby. The entertainment was an all-male choir who were excellent. The whole event was a very enjoyable afternoon, Mary should be very proud.



The Grand Central Chorus, four part harmony in full flow

Club Correspondent- Susie Parry-Williams

Comment by District Editor: Thank you Ravenshead Club. You should also be proud of the help you have given to DC Mary.



News in 22

Letter from Yvette Thomas

This Edition of News in 22 reflects what a busy time it has been for Clubs and the District: The Rally, DC Mary's fund raiser, the Centenary Lunch, Charters, International lunches and the Convention. Celebrating the 100 years of Inner Wheel has put many challenges on me and the Club Correspondents. Pictures showing the 100 for 100 challenges that Clubs have been undertaking, photographs and comments by their members with 50 years or more service, getting me out of a hole, when I had a case of camera failure, or really user slip up. They have stepped up to the mark.

At the Centenary Lunch it was lovely to see many of the photographs from District 22 and in the "We Shine Bulletin" from International Inner Wheel where the 50 plus year members featured. I say a big **THANK YOU** to the team of 2023-24. I have enjoyed my first year as your Editor and feel that I am beginning to progress from quill pen perhaps, but still with a lot to learn. I look forward to meeting the team for 2024 -25. I expect that the new Inner Wheel year will put different challenges to us and we will all keep popping up with our camera in hand.

In friendship,

Yvette.



Wollaton Park- President Debbie Pink

Operation Orphan, a small charity based in Attenborough but working in the UK and worldwide is our International charity this year. They aim to promote warmth, health and education for children in crisis. Volunteers Dave and Emma gave us an illustrated insight into the charity's work and thanked us for our donations - beautiful blankets knitted by members, warm children's clothing etc. We will continue to support them and will make a cash donation later in the year.

Six members took the train to London for the 100th anniversary luncheon. What a wonderful experience, bags of fun and friendship, meeting friends old and new and delightful to hear Lily



Taylor-Ward

singing once again – she sang at our 40th Charter last year. We came home buzzing!



President Debbie with Sandra Warzynska

The Susan Pathak Cup, donated by Binay in memory of his wife, a former member, is awarded annually to a resident of the Wollaton area who the Club feels has shown service 'above and beyond' to the local community.

This year we were delighted to present the cup to IW member, Sandra Warzynska, a trustee and tireless fundraiser for many local charities.

A talk on the BBC's Dementia Choir, started by former Wollaton pupil, the actress, Vicky McClure, showed us the huge benefit music can be to the brain.

Special birthdays, a 70th and a couple of 80ths have been celebrated in style by members this year. Also, our member Jenny Seth appeared in the 'Shine a Light' presentation for the Manchester Convention. We congratulate them all!

Club Correspondent - Gillian Huddleston

West Ashfield—President Linda Elkin

At one or two of our coffee mornings the question of how to celebrate the 100 years kept coming up and not being resolved. Also, what kind of bees can we send to Convention? One of us spotted some bee pins being sold to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. After some scouring of the charity's shops, in various locations 100 pins were purchased. So, £100.00 raised for Cancer Research UK and 100 bee pins taken to Convention.

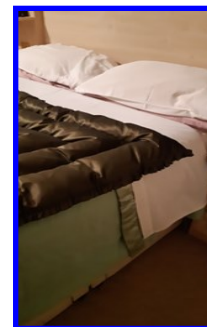


Our Pat has received another award – this time the Margarett Golding award for her work with British Heart Foundation and her local Methodist Church. Congratulations!



Pat Churnside receiving her award from Association President Anthea Tilsley

At one of our meetings we had a fun discussion about the job we least like and changing the bed was that job. Much laughter about the difficulties of changing the duvet – especially for short people! Then follows the washing and should we iron or not? One member shared a photo of her bed – with sheets, blanket and eiderdown. 'What's an eiderdown?' was a question asked!!!



Not a duvet in sight

Club Correspondent—Mary Murray

Ravenshead - President Kathy Kings

Kathy's Fundraiser - Afternoon Tea with Baroness Bolsover. A joint event with Warsop IW Club.

What a fabulous afternoon we had at the Hostess, the speaker was Baroness Bolsover who was marvellous and gave us the Do's and Don'ts of taking afternoon tea. It was both entertaining and informative, certainly not how we behave nowadays. We had a very relaxing afternoon. The charities supported at this event will be Blood-bikes and The Book Bus, the raffle raised the amazing amount of £482 which will be shared between the two charities.



Baroness Bolsover instructing the audience in how to take tea!!



President Kathy, Rosemary Chambers and Susan Spanswick

Club Correspondent- Susie Parry-Williams

Sutton-in-Ashfield—President Dodo Pearce

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day in January with our usual working day, producing baby bundles, Joy, Roy and Toy bags and generally enjoying the friendship of fellow members. An era was ending as it had been decided this was to be the last working day to be held at the home of Pam and Tony Lord. They had been hosting working days for many years and our grateful thanks to them for their hospitality over this time.

We had decided not to hold a traditional Charter in March, but instead we all enjoyed a visit to Felley Priory Gardens, followed by a most enjoyable Afternoon Tea.



The photograph shows our senior members enjoying a moment in the sunshine.

L to R Pam Lord, Noreen Bustin and Judith Masters

Club Correspondent—Sue Fensome

Heanor—President Denise Vitale

Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at the home of President Denise



Following a delicious meal we were delighted to welcome three new members. President Denise had the pleasure to induct Judith Woolley, Hayley Manley and Victoria Long into our Inner Wheel family. Almost all our members attended the 100

L-R: Victoria Long, Judith Woolley, President Denise and Hayley Manley

year celebration of Inner Wheel, Afternoon Tea and Vintage fashion show, getting dressed in 1920's fashion and putting on the glitz.



Some of Heanor's 1920's flappers



To raise money for I W charities we held an SOS fashion show. All the models were members, family or friends. A good amount was raised and a very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Our April meeting was an opportunity to plan the rest of the I W year.

Four members are attending the Convention in Manchester and we look forward to our 78th Charter Afternoon Tea in May. As we didn't have a speaker, Monica Pynegar, one of our newer members, gave an interesting talk of her life.

Club Correspondent- Sue Mukherjee

Service of Thanksgiving and District 22 Rally celebrated at Eastwood Hall on 25th March 2024

Always a special day, the Service of Thanksgiving was led by the Reverend Kate Byrom, with the choir and congregation in good voice. Prayers and readings followed and MOC Anne Lyons lead the members in the Act of Dedication. It was very enjoyable for all.

DC Mary's charities - Derby & Nottingham Women's Centres were the beneficiaries from the collection.

We then moved into the Rally itself. Eastwood Hall looked resplendent with tables dressed, chairs set out and 111 members and guests gathered together. DC Mary welcomed us all; the Roll Call was taken and greetings brought from 18 Clubs in the District. After the lighting of candles, a jolly good lunch and the loyal toast, the main programme took place. We learnt much about Ravenshead from Kathy Kings, President of the host Club, Ravenshead. Greetings were received from District 7 and Ravenshead Rotary. This was followed by a warm and informative address by our special guest Association President Anthea Tilsley, including the wonderful surprise of the presentation of a Margarett Golding Award to West Ashfield member Pat Churnside for her charitable work. Anthea told us a little about herself, her thoughts about the present and her hopes for Inner Wheel in the future. D22 1st VC Lyn Copper gave a warm and moving vote of thanks. Mary then ended a special day in the Inner Wheel Calendar, where we had celebrated 52 years of Inner Wheel Friendship and Service in the District, with Pooh and Piglet quietly supporting their friend Eeyore in his time of need.

This is what we do in Inner Wheel we support each other and as Anthea said we are "absolutely awesome in all you do."



Celebrations around the District

Congratulations



Church Wilne

Ruby Wedding Anniversary
Jan and David Stopher Clark

Church Wilne

Golden Wedding Anniversary
Shirley and John Walker

Wollaton Park

Golden Wedding Anniversary
Julie and Graham Nicholls

Ravenshead

Golden Wedding anniversary
Kathy and Mike Kings
Susan and Keith Spanswick

Mansfield

Golden Wedding Anniversary
Lynn and Kelvin Bowman



Birthdays with a "0"

Church Wilne Jenny Lord

Wollaton Park Iris Cole

Mansfield Margaret Wilson

Clay Cross Jackie Makinson

Melbourne Noreen Smith
extra special -100

Melbourne Doris Brittan



NEW MEMBERS

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

Chris Talbot

Church Wilne

Mary Elgie

Warsop

Correction from Edition 154

Ruth Harrison

Warsop

Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory

Mari Ainsleigh Hall

Retford

Rosemary Cuff

Matlock

Rotarian Frank Ceney husband of Margaret

Mansfield

Rotarian Terry Fensome husband of Sue Sutton in Ashfield

Malcolm Jackson husband of Anne - District Secretary

Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Clay Cross—President Dr. Cheryle Berry M.B.E.

Last year members and friends started knitting squares aiming for the “100 for 100” When it came to putting them together we had 250+ squares which have been made up into seven colourful blankets. They are to be donated to The Salvation Army in Clay Cross.



L to R. Jackie Makinson, Sonia Worthy, Susan Glover, Louise Manfredi, Margaret Andrews, President Cheryle Berry MBE, Angie Dawson, Barbara Marshall MBE, Margaret Sheikh

We have also donated £100 to the local Food Bank.

In January, the weather improved enough to be able to take a photograph of our bench in Kenning Park. The new plaque is in Memory of our late Founder Member Margaret Shaw and all past members. Margaret had completed her 50th year in Inner Wheel when she died aged 92 years in April 2021.

Several members went to a fun Bingo evening in March at Clay Cross Social Centre. President Cheryle won £40 and friend Maggie Scammell won £20. We will definitely be going again! Also in March, the Pie and Pea supper and Games evening was much enjoyed and raised more funds for President Cheryle’s charities.



L to R. Margaret Sheikh, Julie Marshall, Barbara Marshall MBE, Lilian Carrington, Sonia Worthy, Susan Glover, Margaret Andrews and President Cheryle Berry MBE

Club Correspondent- Angie Dawson

Matlock - President Joan Orme

A busy few months for the members of Matlock.

The 100 years’ tea party was much enjoyed by members who attended and congratulations must go to the hard working committee who worked so hard to make it such a success.

The following week we had World Inner Wheel day at Diane Blount’s home and a day of hard work produced lots of baby bundles and toy bags and of course a lovely lunch.



In February we were delighted to welcome most of the District Executive to a lunch at a local pub. It’s a shame the local council decided to close the only road to it, causing confusion all around.

*DC Mary and President Joan
And an ironic sign*

We have attended the District meeting and the Rally at Eastwood Hall and the District Chairman’s fund raiser at the Hostess. What a wonderful choir.

Janice and I are looking forward to the Convention, I’m sure it will be a terrific experience.

Club Correspondent - Sylvia Netley

What Sylvia didn’t tell you was that the alternative routes were flooded and the rain did not stop but this did not affect the warm welcome and fellowship..

Thank you to the ladies of Matlock, it was fun. Yvette District Editor

Retford President - Carol Lawrenson

We were really pleased to be able to enter a cross generational team in the Rotary Swimathon. The swim was very successful and monies raised are for the Bassetlaw Hospice and the Motor Neuron Disease Association (MNDA). Many thanks to our team and everyone who supported them.



The successful swim team

A large collection of stamps and other items have been given to InterCare in Leicester and in April a container of medical supplies was on its way to 11 health clinics in Southern Malawi.

In the spring we welcomed a speaker from the local Riding for the Disabled group and we heard all about the wonderful horses, ponies and volunteers.



The team of packers

Baby Bundles, joy bags and toy bags are currently on their way to The Gambia via NPAC. Our President for next year helped pack the container. We have also had another very successful fund-raising coffee morning at Grove Street Chapel for International funds.

Our annual Sunday lunch meeting at Clarborough Village Hall raised monies to go to the charity Papyrus which works to prevent suicide in young people and offers help and support to youngsters and their families. In addition to being well supported the lunch was a very happy and convivial affair with low key table quizzes and lots of chat. Now that summer has come we are meeting once a month for a walk at Idle Valley (Retford) – friends, family and dogs are always welcome. The walk is of course followed by a cup of coffee in the Idle Valley Café

Club Correspondent - Heather Reid

Bolsover President—Maureen Holmes

Our meeting on January 10th began with a visit from Nigel and Michelle of Aviary World, who brought three owls and an American Kestrel to visit. We all enjoyed handling them. The meeting which followed ended with tea and lots of cake!

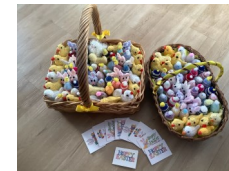


The following month our team "Bolsover Beauties" won the District Quiz for the first time.

Congratulations ladies. Our meeting that month was followed by a slide show and talk featuring Sam Holmes and Steve Atherton about their visit to India when they visited places not often on the tourist route. An exciting adventure giving insight into real life in India.



The egg distributors—and the eggs



Bolsover Beauties with DC Mary



Membership and Development Officer Elaine Hopkins paid us a visit in March, encouraging us to keep and increase our membership and on Easter Weekend our members distributed 100 for 100 Cadbury's Cream Easter eggs, dressed as chickens to local children.

Club Correspondent—Bea Bowskill

Alfreton- President Mandy Walker

Highlights from a busy few months. February we celebrated our 78th Charter with District 22 members and guests at Horsley Lodge Golf Club with entertainment provided by talented singer Hilary Leam



ISO Ruth Hunt organised our International lunch at Little Eaton Village Hall inviting friends from District 22 with a few husbands as well. The speaker was from Dignity and Freedom (DFN) in South Asia helping young people with education and medical health towards a better life. Money for the charity is raised by selling patchwork elephants.



At our meeting in April, we had an inspiring talk by 16 year old Henry who together with Dad Craig are keen metal detectorists. Henry struggled at Primary school and found it challenging and difficult as he was dyslexic. However, after going to Secondary school he met a friend who introduced him to the hobby and he spoke passionately about how it changed his life. He is doing well now, revising for his GCSE exams and hopefully going on to A levels and becoming an Archaeologist. He brought many of his treasured finds to show us including Roman coins and artefacts found in fields locally. A delightful young man who as he left us, said that "it's been a blast!" High praise I believe! Nine of us went to the Convention in Manchester in May, we had many conversations/meeting about transport, accommodation and dress code. We have dearly missed Margaret Day and Sue Curley who had been to Conventions before and could have answered our many questions

Club Correspondent-Penny Riggott

International Information Lunch 28 February 2024

Lynda Wallace International Service Committee Chairman for District 22 and her team of four Zone Leaders arranged a lunch at The Hostess Restaurant Sookholme, Nottinghamshire attended by 52 members. Action Aid, with the problems in the world at the current time, were unable to send a representative, so we watched a selection of videos sent to us on the work that Action Aid does for girls and women around the world. How they are empowering the women to become stronger. Giving the mothers the skills to be able to provide for the family and keeping their girls in education. Looking for the next generation of leaders, giving the girls a chance to shine.



R - Rob Wallace as technical support



Above - Lynda in full flow



L - Fellowship at the end of an informative meeting

From DC Mary's fund raiser - little did we know how competitive our DISCC Lynda Wallace truly is.



I will choose tails and I am going to win. By jove, I did it!!!



Centenary Celebratory Lunch

Monday 15th April 2024: Over 300 Inner Wheel members from GB&I meet for a Centenary Lunch at the Leonardo Royal Hotel Tower Bridge London. A large contingent from D22 attended, many dressed in 1920s fashions. Association President Anthea Tilsley welcomed us including International Inner Wheel President Trish Douglas and the longest serving member, Betty Selfe from District 12. A member for 71 years! The entertainment was a wonderful young soprano with strong links to D22, Lily Taylor-Ward, who dedicated her last two songs to Elaine Hopkins and Gloria Humphrey both from the Warsop Club. Angela Jacobs, President of the newest Club, South London, chatted with Diann Jacobs. A memorable event to mark 100 years of Inner Wheel Service and friendship.



Above - Some of the D22 contingent



R-L Steph Besbrode, Association President Anthea Tilsley and Helen Lamerton, (Steph and Helen of Altringham Inner Wheel Club)



Below - Diann Jacobs and Angela Jacobs



Above - Di, Gloria,



R - Lily with Elaine and Gloria

Chesterfield Scarsdale President—Carol Hull



On March 11th Margaret Fray who is one of our Founder Members was 90, her son arranged a surprise party on the previous Saturday at Chesterfield Golf Club for lots of her friends. It was a total surprise to Margaret and a good time was had by all.



Above is our member Chris Heathcote modelling two outfits at the Fashion Show in April which included a makeup demonstration and raffle which, together with the cost of tickets, raised money for the Stroke Centre.

Club Correspondent—Liz Outram

Keyworth & Ruddington -President Karen Lewis

Our first meeting of the year was a very enjoyable meal at the Rancliffe Arms to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.



In February our International Chairman, Diana Herrington demonstrated what goes into the Baby Bundles her Committee assembles several times a year for new mothers who have very little

In March we had a most enjoyable Cream Tea Fundraiser with lots of stalls as well as yummy cakes. It was very well attended by members, friends and family.

At our April meeting we had a very moving talk by Dr Tim Grey about The East Midlands Immediate Care Service (E.M.I.C.S.). He described how doctors, on a totally voluntary basis, provide pre-hospital emergency care at the scene of serious accidents to stabilise patients so they survive the journey to the nearest hospital. As this is one of President Karen's charities the photo shows her presenting Dr Grey with a cheque. We were also delighted to welcome a new member Karen Arnold at the same meeting. Also in April members travelled to Bletchley Park for a fascinating and informative tour arranged by our Social Committee.



The May meeting saw Vanna Grant demonstrating Tropic Skincare with one lucky member, Sharon, having a facial. The photo with President Karen shows the range of products she bought. Also at the May meeting we inducted another new member Sue O'Donoghue

Club Correspondent—Yvonne Rix

Mansfield President—Margaret Ceney

With spring approaching and hopes of better weather Jenny Burroughes got us all thinking about getting out and about after all those long winter nights. Our speaker was from Health Your Way and he gave us a demonstration of how we could incorporate some gentle exercise into our lives. It was a great meeting with lots of laughs.



Dain Pinder has had the idea of meeting up occasionally in a setting a bit less formal than Club meetings. One of the members sets a date and place and just waits to see who turns up! The idea has been a great success It's nice to try out new places and it's a good opportunity to bring along a friend so

they can meet Inner Wheel members.

To celebrate St George's Day we had a fundraising concert. We decided to support REACH a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities. Veronica Malkowski and her Rotarian husband Ray organised the Dukeries Wind Band to play at Ravenshead Village Hall. The tunes were all from well loved films and shows and we finished with music from the last night of the Proms. A fantastic night out.



The Dukeries Wind Band

AND. ...an appreciative audience

Club

Warsop President—Sharlotte Somerville

Warsop have had a busy and fun couple of months. Our meetings have been informative and creative starting with club secretary Jude holding a creative writing session. Members were encouraged to use their imagination to describe a special place with the use of words. Much head scratching and unusually no talking, the members produced some lovely ideas. This was followed by our youngest member Emily giving a talk on wildlife conservation in our gardens and apparently we need to love the creepy crawlies! Members then made their own bug hotels and went home with a packet of seeds that are bee and butterfly friendly. Members have reported that by the time of this report the flowers have begun to grow. The club then invited Rhubarb farm, a local non-profit organisation, to tell us about the work they do within the local community for people with additional needs. They then donated a car boot full of baby items for our baby bundles. The last meeting held was fun with a capital F as we had a friendly beetle drive. Lots of laughter and very strange beetles were the name of the game. Member Jenny also told us about an award she had been presented with for achieving 50 years in amateur dramatics. A wonderful achievement. President Sharlotte has also inducted two new members – Jenny and Mary – who have been welcomed into the club by members.

Other activities started with Association Treasurer Gloria joining a class to learn how to crochet so that she could make a post box topper. With the assistance of President Sharlotte putting bees, flowers and wording onto the base, the topper looked lovely on the main post box at our local post office and has been admired by the postmaster and passersby. Alongside Ravenshead club we held an afternoon tea with Baroness Bolsover and learned that little fingers should not be held up in polite company. The event was a great success, and funds were

raised for both clubs charity/international funds. Baby bundle making was done by members Christine, Joan and Mavis, with smiles and a cuppa. Brave members went on a walk to the local landmark of Cresswell Crag. The weather was windy so the lovely coffee and cake after the walk was very much welcomed. The fun and enjoyment continued with members attending an afternoon tea hosted by The Hostess Restaurant team. Chatter, laughter and dancing went alongside dancing and singing and our raffle made a good amount for President Sharlotte's charity funds. Members are now looking forward to Convention and the last few events of President Sharlotte's year before she hands the reins over to vice President Jean.

A selection of photographs;



Club Correspondent—Emily Somerville

Church Wilne-President Margaret Abbott

January through to May is always busy with Inner Wheel Day coffee morning, a visit from DC Mary, the District Quiz and a fun event with IW Club Long Eaton for Easter Crafts. Two new members inducted and another waiting in the wings. April saw us Shining a Light and giving "Hope" to the Hope Centre including its food bank.

Denise Hawley from the Hope Food Bank in Derby was our speaker and she started by thanking everyone for their very generous donation of many tins and packets of food which will be much appreciated by the recipients. Yvette and Jane P made a figure 100 in tins, which had reached 3 tins high – very impressive.

She explained the need for the charity and over the 12 years she has worked there has seen the clientele change a little from single "children" coming out of care at 18, sufferers of domestic violence, asylum seekers and refugees and, more recently, pensioners and people with pets who may be able to afford to look after themselves but not their beloved pet as well – so the stock of pet food is increasing with assistance from the RSPCA.

The charity assesses the clients at the Centre and works with other agencies, (Citizen's Advice Bureau, Reed Partnership, as well as Social Services, the Police, NHS, GPs and Housing Associations) to try to help people in need, to give control to their lives, to create a little calm in their chaos, to look to their future through work, and to give them Hope.



L - Church Wilne members with Denise
R - 100 in tins



Club Correspondent—Yvette Thomas

Kirkby-in-Ashfield- President Jacquie Chapman

The club were fascinated to hear a talk about Medical Inspection Dogs, and many decided to sponsor a puppy as a result.

A second bleed kit was purchased from The Daniel Baird Foundation and donated to Ashfield Rugby Club. It was gratefully accepted by the club chairman who presented President Jacquie Chapman and five IW members with a

beautiful chrysanthemum plant each.



Jacquie with Patrizia



The members of Kirkby Club have been very busy packing Easter bags.

To celebrate 100 years of Inner Wheel friendship Kirkby members collected well over 100 tins of basic food items. These were given to club member Patrizia Canova for distribution via the Community Foodbank at Kirkby Woodhouse where she is a hard-working volunteer. In addition, 100 bags were filled with sweets and chocolates and donated to a nursing home in time for Easter. They were extremely well received!

Jean Matthews was presented with a beautiful cake to celebrate 50 years of Inner Wheel membership.

Ann Wison has hosted a regular drop in coffee morning, selling books to help raise funds and Barbara Williams has hosted a

Melbourne President—Diann Jacobs

Our members enjoyed the District 100 years celebrations at the Hostess restaurant, and we thank and congratulate Rachel Cooper and Judith Rosser for their part in organising the event. Some members went in the Melbourne Community minibus, driven by volunteer Frank Hughes. Freelance journalist Frank suggested I write to our local paper. My letter was published in February.

We gave bags of toiletries to Zoe Stanistreet from Derby Women's Centre in February and bags of jumpers to Reverend Tony Luke, Chaplain of Derby County, for his RAMS in Kenya project at our International meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed a visit from DC Mary learning about her busy life.



*L President Diann Jacobs
and R Club Correspondent
Diana Eley looking
fabulous in their 1920's
dresses at the Celebration
Lunch in London*

Five of us enjoyed the Association's 100 years celebrations in London, starting with Prosecco as we arrived. The atmosphere was joyful, the formalities short and simple, and the entertainment was wonderful.

Frank Hughes came to our April meeting to learn about Inner Wheel, particularly in Melbourne and I hope his article is published in May.

Club Correspondent—Diana Eley

*A Message from Incoming
District Chairman Lyn Copper*

Dear Friends,

As I write this, as the 5th Dimension sang, "It is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius", well this isn't Aquarius, but it is the "Dawning of the Age of District Chairman!" and no matter how long one takes to prepare and believe me, I've done plenty of that, I have now approached my two month countdown before I come into office as D.C. and custodian for District 22. To say I am honoured to be your D.C. is an understatement and of course I feel immense pride of the privilege to hold such a position.

Many in District 22 celebrated with gusto during our Centenary Celebrations. 52 of us meeting in London with ladies throughout GB&I to mark this joyous occasion and many more from around the world about to meet up in Manchester to add the cherry on the cake.

I'm all for dressing up, celebrating and having fun with old and new friends throughout Inner Wheel and Association has said, that we can continue our 100th celebrations until December 2024. So let us continue doing our 100 for 100 challenges and not forget the friendships we have made and the fun that will continue for as long as our membership remains.

My charity for this year is "Young Carers", which is close to my heart, having been one from nine years old. I hope that you will take up my challenges across the district and raise funds for a much needed cause to help these youngsters get some respite from the difficulties they face.

I'm very much looking forward to visiting all our clubs across the district and sharing some fabulous times together.

*1st VC - Lyn Copper
District 22*



Nottinghamshire
Carers Association
(NCA)



New to the Executive Committee in 2020 I met Pam McConnell MBE and Margaret Day. What a formidable team with incredible energy. They prepared the bid for GB&I to host the IIW 19th Convention in Manchester. Videos were made, massive documents proof read. Now four years later I have enjoyed the fruit of their work and that of others. I am not certain that Manchester knew what it was letting itself in for. 2300 Inner Wheel members from 39 counties from Australia to Zambia arrived. GB&I by far the biggest number, with 72 from District 22 representing 15 Clubs. My first impression of Manchester Central Convention Centre was wow! Built in the old Midland Station it is massive but impressive. It was straight into a seminar "Public Image through Social Media" with speaker Yeok San Cheng. So began four days of meeting new friends and different experiences. Wednesday morning, the Opening Ceremony was part traditional, lighting the International Candle by IIW President Trish Douglas. A welcome from Pam reflecting on the long journey and the hard work of all the Local Convention Committee. Pam and her team were all wearing the yellow roses made by DC Mary's daughter Jen, from Mary's Rally. A letter from the King, greetings from many including the newly re-elected Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham. Much singing and dancing, including the Convention choir with several members of D22. The inspirational speaker Olivia Giles the founder and CEO of "500 miles". Look her up, she is amazing. One special guest addressed the audience looking remarkably good for her age, Margarett Golding whose vision at the Turkish Baths in Manchester brought us to today. Thank you Margarett who then time travelled to become Association President Anthea Tilsley. The audience was worth watching. The French all had white berets and the Italians blue. The many varied and colourful Saris of the Indian ladies and wonderful headwear of Nigeria and Philippines. D22 stood out with our brightly coloured polo shirts or red, white & blue outfits with union flag or IW scarf. Then the sounds with all the different accents from around the world. In the afternoon, the first business session. With IIW President Trish in the chair, administrator Alan Phillips at her side and the full IIW Executive Committee and board members present, minutes were

Page 31 and 32- A selection of photographs to set the scene.. Thank you to all those who contributed.





Convention 2024 continued:

approved and reports delivered. From Trish's report it is fair to say her year so far is busy and "absolutely amazing". Read the reports, when available, to get an idea of the complexity of the roles undertaken by volunteers. Then onto Proposals and General Motions. Voting was done electronically but the dynamics of the Convention Centre and sheer volume of voting meant some inventive thinking was needed. Circa 3,000 votes were cast, DCs having multiple votes as proxies. Results were announced in minutes. Business had to carry on relentlessly. It was interesting to hear the discussion both for and against although at times this became a little repetitive. I think we all became concerned that business would not be concluded in time but with steps being taken to keep things moving along, the end was reached with two minutes to spare at the end of the fourth business session on the last day of Convention. Some eleven hours devoted to business. Of the 32 Proposals, 2 were withdrawn, 12 were carried and 18 failed. Proposals needed a two thirds majority to succeed. General Motions A, B and D were carried with C failing, decided on a simple majority. To keep us alert, at intervals during the voting we did exercises. It was good to stand up and have a jig about. Tuesday we had a Meet and Greet reception. Wednesday's Friendship Dinners had been arranged in several iconic buildings. From Museums to Galleries, Cathedrals to Monasteries. Stella and I at the Cathedral along with 698 other people. A fabulous setting and the organisation for such a large number went fairly smoothly. The Gala Dinner on Thursday had us all at Convention Central Hall with large numbers dressed in their 1920's gear. For the dinners it was pot luck where and with whom you sat. The closing ceremony continued the theme of speakers, choirs, dancing and music. The opera singer and member of Brighthouse Club Nicola Mills sang You Raise me up and the "Drinking Song" amongst others. One abiding memory will be a German choir singing My Bonny Lies over the Ocean. Finishing with us all singing Auld Lang Syne we now know the theme for next IW year is "Heartbeat of Humanity" where "every beat counts, every action matters". Next Convention in 2027 in Manila, the Philippines.

Time to start saving.

Yvette Thomas District Editor

A Year In The Life Of MOC Anne

How time flies when you are enjoying yourself! One year of being Member of Council has been a whirlwind - with Council meetings held face to face in London and Yarnfield, as well as via Zoom meetings – all reported on at the District Meeting at Eastwood Hall and Ravenshead.

I have been part of a wonderful group of fellow MOCs from around the country and created strong friendships even in this short time – strengthened by extra chances to gather and celebrate this year. Being part of Anthea's team has been a heartwarming experience – everyone so inclusive, open and friendly - what an honour it has been. There has been the constant flow of emails, reports to be prepared and all the wonderful Charters I have been invited to attend - and welcomed so warmly.

The Centenary celebratory events have made my year even more special – what a privilege to hold this very special position during our centenary year – a one off. The cherry on the cake was not only belonging to a global organization – but one that came to our doorstep in such a fabulous way, with the Convention being held in Manchester. Thank you D22 for the opportunity, and for memories that I will treasure. As I turn the page - the next chapter awaits.



Thank you Anne. A lovely photograph of you with Association President Anthea and DC Mary at the District Rally.

Member Of Council - Anne Lyons

Long Eaton—President Claudia Jeffrey

At the end of January, club members packed 40 Rotary Shoeboxes. We always make it a social occasion with coffee, cakes and chatter.

In March we had our Charter at Horsley Lodge, enjoying an afternoon tea with other clubs in District 22. The speaker brought back a lot of happy childhood memories, especially our favourite sweets!

Later in March, we enjoyed a lovely evening at the invitation of the Church Wilne Club. We got in touch with our artistic side and decorated Easter eggs. Some were beautiful and were done with a lot of fun and friendship.



The fruits of their efforts on the egg tree

On the 15th of April we celebrated 100 years of Inner Wheel in London. There were lots of clubs represented and it was very enjoyable to meet members from different districts. After lunch we were entertained by our local singer, Lily Taylor-Ward, always a delight to hear.



The ladies of Long Eaton at the Celebration Lunch with one member from Melbourne and one from Church Wilne

Club Correspondent - Marion Atkins

*District 22's Pam McConnell at the Convention 2024.
Thank you for all your hard work.*



Photos: On stage with the local convention committee, ready to sing with the choir, with husband Tom, addressing us all and at the Cathedral making sure everything was right. Busy as ever.