

JEAN'S JOURNEYS

September 2024



Forfar Loch



Inner Wheel at the Heart of the Community for over 100 years



Inner Wheel
District 1 Chairman
2024-25



September means the start of many, many journeys - mostly out and about to meet all of you in your clubs - really looking forward to this ladies!

DIGITAL BANNER EXCHANGE

My challenge has gone out to all other Districts in GB&I to exchange banners with us, not real banners, but online! This is a cheap *fun* way to extend friendship with others and to promote D1. Once I have a few exchanges from GB&I, I will extend this internationally.

Thank you Past International President Trish for being my first exchange!

To record these exchanges I have set up a pin board with a map of the **28 Inner Wheel Districts in GB&I** and also a **world map** - lets see how full these get with pins and record how far our District 1 Banner can travel during this year.

I shall post exchanges on our Facebook page and keep ,you updated regularly on our progress



4th September - visit to Golden Girl Margaret Pate

Today, I had the greatest pleasure of visiting Forfar member **Margaret Pate**. Margaret is one of our District's Golden Girls having been a member of my own club, Forfar **59 years!** She joined in 1965. Sadly Margaret is no longer able to come to meetings but stays in touch with all that is going on through regular newsletters and visits from club members. Today Jean was accompanied by Club President Susan Oliphant. A wonderful record of service Margaret !



Pic - District Chairman Jean, Margaret & Club President Susan - all Forfar members.



5th September - Auchterarder & District Club Visit

Set off today on the first of my club visits in glorious sunshine - best day of the summer! Received such a warm welcome from President Renee Riddell and all the members. This was their first meeting of the new year and also in a new venue - Smiddy Haugh, in Aberuthven - just off the A9 and easy to find. Auchterarder Rotary President Jim Irving, brought greetings and outlined the main areas of focus for their club this year - before it was my turn. While I was there I was also able to induct two new members, Joyce Dalglish and Rhoda Colvin who were warmly welcomed to the Club and our District. A most enjoyable meeting for us all.



*with Auchterarder & District's new President
Renee Riddell*



with new members Joyce Dalglish & Rhoda Colvin

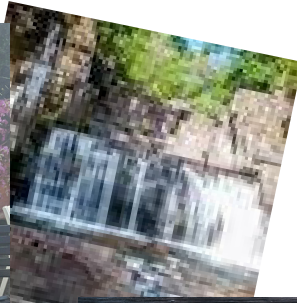
6th September - IW of Stirling Club Visit

A lovely end to the week attending the opening meeting of the Stirling Club - one of our biggest with around 40 members. A joy to meet up with "old" friends and to meet new ones - just what these occasions are all about! So many of these ladies have given service to our District - with 3 PDC's in the room - I needed to get the talk right!!! Stirling too were trialling a new venue - with great success - a little more difficult to find through the maze of a housing estate - but good parking and an excellent lunch, ladies!





During the meeting I was able to present **Mary Scobie** with her Golden Girl's Certificate. Mary is a treasured member of the club and regular attender. She joined Inner Wheel in 1971 and enjoys the friendships she has made over the years and the good works done for so many charities



with Stirling's Golden Girl - Mary Scobie

My thanks to Susan & Frank Trzebiatowski for hosting me overnight at their home in Callander - enjoyed a walk up to the Bracklinn Falls and along the meadows

with Stirling's President - Susan Trzebiatowski

So pleased to see my mini sitting in the drive on my return --- car trouble is NOT what you want 2 days before starting out on your club visits round District!!!! Local garage & husband to the rescue!



9th September - IW of Kinross & District Club Visit

An easy drive down to meet **President Tricia Lucas** and **Past President Liz Pottie** for a light lunch in the **Kirklands Hotel** before joining their start up meeting. A lovely afternoon catching up with members and meeting new ones. After my talk there was time to mingle & meet everyone over tea and delicious scones. Highly recommended!! Plans were being outlined for various projects, lunches, and visits. Thank you for a very warm welcome.

with President Tricia Lucas

Thank you!

The first banner exchanges start to arrive - **thank you D15 & D5 for sending so quickly**



10th September - visit to Aberdeen Inner Wheel



A change in the weather - autumn winds and cooler temperatures are upon us. A visit to the **Aberdeen Club** tonight in the Atholl Hotel brought back many happy memories of living here briefly way back when my children were small - and meeting up with two friends from that time who are also Inner Wheel members is always special. Thank you President Susie and all club members for the warm welcome and for your engagement in all we are planning for the new Inner Wheel year. Thank you too for the vote of thanks from Doris Campbell who stayed on at the meeting even though her daughter and grandson were due to leave for London then Australia in the morning!!



with President Susie Robertson and other members at the Aberdeen Club Visit



13th September - a great day out with my own club - Forfar - on our annual outing to the Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see Shirley Valentine.



District 1 Chairman
Jean Hale

Rachael Cooper
PDC D22 Melbourne Club



District 1 Chairman
Jean Hale

Association Editor
Di Hylton
PDC D22 Swadincote Club



District 1 Chairman
Jean Hale

Di Sardesai
PDC D22 Heanor Club

3 Exchanges from District 22 - thanks Di for aranging!

18th September - visit to Inner Wheel of Nairn



An Indian Summer evening up in Nairn on the Moray coast - Scotland at its best. A warm welcome - great hospitality - thank you Sheelagh - a fabulous meal in the Golf View Hotel - new & old friends - nothing like meeting up in person. took an "interesting" route home - navigating by shops!!!!



Nairn Club members - with President Ellen Maxwell - with Secretary Sheelagh & VC Mardi

26th September - visit to Pitlochry Club



A delightful evening spent with the members of the Pitlochry Club. One of our smallest clubs - they make up for numbers with enthusiasm and great ideas. They support each other very well and are meeting the challenge of reduced members with determination. The venue at the Hydro Hotel is suiting them - with a room to gather in to hear the speaker, then dinner in the dining room followed by business round the table. Thank you President Margaret for great overnight hospitality - I think we set the world to rights a few times over! Lovely views in the autumn sunshine.

A happy group of Pitlochry members & with their President Margaret Hamilton who also gave me wonderful hospitality overnight. Thank you all xx



District 1 Competition

This year's competition will be a writing competition – a piece of prose, a poem, a riddle or a limerick on Association President Heather's theme of Friendship & Membership.

Friendship

Membership

What does Inner Wheel mean to you?

How have things changed over the years?

What is unique about our organisation?

Entries by March District Meeting

How does Inner Wheel make a difference?

Inner Wheel is a women's organisation focused on friendship and service.

Join us and become a woman of action today.
see more at innerwheel.co.uk/district-1/

D1 Writing Competition

- Share your journey in Inner Wheel & inspire others with your unique experiences
- A letter, poem, article, riddle or limerick - around 150 words
- Focus on special memories and the impact Inner Wheel has had on your life
- A GOOD NEWS story - inspiring & uplifting - highlighting Association President Heather's themes of **FRIENDSHIP & MEMBERSHIP**
- Let us continue the Inner Wheel's story
- **Entries by March District Meeting - 8th March 2025**



**This month a total of 15 exchanges!
15 pins on the map!
From 12 Districts so far**



Yes - one is from my local Rotary Club! Thanks Scotty!

 <p style="font-size: x-small;">District 1 Chairman Jean Hale</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">International Past President Phyllis Charter District 10</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">District 1 Chairman Jean Hale</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">International IW Board Member Ann Kester District 4</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">District 1 Chairman Jean Hale</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">District 2 Chairman Susan Ramsden</p>
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As this is now 6 pages long I have decided to hold over my last visit & the Forfar Fashion show till the next edition! Jean xxx