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**Inner Wheel
District 1 Chairman
2024-25**

Suddenly we are into November! How did that happen? Another busy month for us all with birthday meetings, fundraisers, bonfires, fireworks, Remembrance Day, poppy wreaths, chilly days, misty mornings, American Thanksgiving, Black Friday and a new one for us all this year - the **Orange the World Campaign**.

Friday 1st November - Happy Birthday Stirling !



The Stirling club celebrated their 76th Birthday with an Afternoon Tea held in the Birds & Bees. Delicious food and an excellent speaker, Celia Norton from the Japanese Gardens in Cowden, Dollar. Definitely worth a visit in the warmer weather, girls.



The event attracted many visitors from other clubs - a great afternoon of Inner Wheel friendship. The club have announced that they had raised an amazing £2500 from their recent Fashion Show with Colours in aid of Camphill Blair Drummond (President Susan's charity) and My name5 Doddie - MND - (Immediate Past President Teresa's charity)



Saturday 2nd November - Banff Birthday Lunch

Together with members from the neighbouring clubs of Aberdeen, Ellon, Nairn and Inverness, I attended Banff's 65th Birthday Lunch. The Banff Springs provided a delicious meal after which we were royally charmed by our speaker Dr Robert Lovie who shared with us an insight into his career with the National Trust for Scotland alongside his work for the Prince's Foundation and entertaining many of the for Royal Family. Many went home with prizes from an enormous raffle - and I received one of the lovely table decorations. A memorable day!



Cutting the cake with President Teresa



Mary Cumming, Robert Lovie & President Teresa



Some Banff members



with the visitors from Inverness



and from Aberdeen



visitors from Ellon & Nairn



right - Banff members with Robert Lovie



Monday 4th November : and now for something completely different - an **International Service Rally** held on Zoom! This was hosted by **District 13 - Inner Wheel in London**.



An interesting and very worthwhile meeting and an **innovative** use of **ZOOM!** They were able to welcome guests from other **Districts in GB&I** and from **India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Germany, Denmark, Italy and Nigeria**. The speaker **Anna Kent** gave a brilliant talk about her experiences working as a frontline midwife for **Medicins sans Frontieres**, in South Sudan, Bangladesh and Haiti, under conditions few of us could imagine! Read more in her book - '**Frontline Midwife**.' It was a wonderful event and demonstrated how even in post-covid times, using Zoom is a fantastic way in which to connect with members from around the world, to share friendship, information and experiences. The icing on the cake was that Association President Heather was able to join us and bring greetings. Thank you DC Sue for inviting me.



All ready for the Zoom meeting - even wearing tartan - but totally caught out went to answer door bell to see one of my own IW members there delivering my



church magazine - who crumpled up laughing at the sight of me - all this regalia - but slippers & trackies on the bottom half!!!! SORRY Norma!!!



Tuesday 5th November - club visit North Fife



DC Jean with Vice President Alison

with club members and Frances Durward (in red)



Thoroughly enjoyed meeting all members in the North Fife Club. I was accompanied & driven by Moira Adam - great job Moira! We made it just in time, the traffic in Dundee both getting onto the bridge and crossing the bridge was horrendous! However, there was a warm welcome awaiting us at the Drumoig Hotel in Leuchars from Vice Chairman Alison Stewart and the members who shared their plans for the months ahead. Also visiting was Frances Durward who is the chair of the Newport and Wormit in Bloom group, who updated members on the great success the group had through the Tesco blue token collection. The group went on to receive a golden award and this will fund new planters. Many members will remember the photos of the club donating bags of 100 bulbs to their 6 towns & villages for our *100 for 100 challenge* last year.



Thursday 7th November - District Executive Meeting, Invercarse Hotel, Dundee

Productive meeting with the District Executive - much discussion on important topics in preparation for the District Meeting to be held next week on Zoom. No pictures taken !!!! Sorry !!!!



Tuesday 12th November - club visit - Laurencekirk & District

My first club visit this week was to Laurencekirk & District - accompanied & driven this time by Marjorie Kerr of my own club. We were warmly welcomed by friends old & new at the Panmure Arms in Edzell and especially from President Gladys Johnston. Gladys is my right hand on District - having served us as District Secretary for the last 5 years, we have shared many adventures together!!!! I was able to thank her for everything she has done over those years - and I was also able to congratulate the club for their valiant efforts last year with the *100 for 100 challenges* and wished them well for the future. They have been particularly active out and about in the community raising awareness and trying to get new members - well done ladies



Photo with club members



Gladys, Marjorie & Jean

Wednesday 13th November - District Meeting - zoom

Huge thanks to **all** participants in our ZOOM District Meeting. Fruitful serious discussion and much to report back to your clubs, ladies. My thanks especially to the District Executive for their hard work preparing for this - and for follow up work - and to all club delegates who gave brilliant updates on what our 17 clubs are up to around the District. This made the meeting much more interesting and interactive. Certainly your feedback has all been positive. I am sorry I failed to take a screenshot of the event !



Thursday 14th November - club visit Montrose



President Helen & DC Jean



My second club visit of the week was to the Montrose Club - this time I was accompanied & driven by Diane Roy, the newest member of the Forfar club. We received a very warm welcome from President Helen Griffith & all of the club - true Inner Wheel friendship between neighbouring clubs. The club have plans for crafting, fundraising and of course a Christmas celebration. Congratulations on a very successful coffee morning raising funds for the defibrillator project. Well done, ladies - a very active club. Of course, while there, we met up with District 1st Vice Chairman, Lynda Taylor and with Immediate Past International President Trish Douglas - recently recovered from a knee operation.



Other members at the meeting



Saturday 16th November - Joint Scottish Executive Lunch - Perth

The annual lunch with Inner Wheel Executives from Districts 1 and 2 was held in the 3 Brothers Restaurant in Perth. Great fun and friendship catching up with everyone. Very interesting to hear how D2 ladies are coping with their expanded District having received nearly all of the clubs from D23 when it disbanded in the summer. *Lovely to see everyone. We always enjoy our time together.*



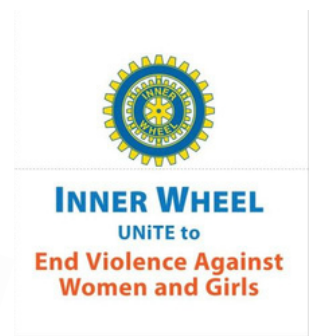
with Susan Ramsden, DC of D2



Pics show the members of the Executive who attended the District 1 & 2 Joint Executive Lunch, in Perth

Wednesday 20th November - ZOOM meeting - ORANGE THE WORLD

Today I attended the launch ZOOM meeting of this campaign which runs from **25th November for 16 days**. This is being fully supported by International Inner Wheel and our GB&I Association. Letters of explanation have been sent out to all clubs. I have also joined the What's App Group - along with over 900 members worldwide! At such short notice probably all we can do this year is raise awareness of this important issue with as many people as possible - share the daily posts from social media and follow what is going on throughout the world. Certainly many other countries are participating very fully with marches, discussions and buildings lit up in orange. This is showing me the power of Inner Wheel members working collaboratively for one united cause. Quite staggering! More info in next instalment



Wednesday 20th November - Forfar Club

Delighted to be able to attend my own club where as well as listening to a fascinating account of club member, Marjorie Kerr's Trip to Kenya I was able to see President Susan present cheques to 9 worthy local causes who have benefitted from our recent Fashion show and hear directly how each is to use this donation. Also able to thank my club members who have accompanied me recently on my travels and driven me - there have been traffic jams, roadworks and diversions in every direction recently!

Thursday 21st November - Dundee club visit



with Club President Gloria

A great visit with the members of Dundee - where I was warmly welcomed by President Gloria Burns. They meet in the Woodlands Hotel and there was a great turn out of 26 members plus 4 guests - some prospective members! It was lovely to see the club in action. They are great collectors, crafters and knitters. Food was to be distributed to the Food Bank and pants and underwear to TOGS - the Dundee Children's clothing bank. Mostly the work of the Oddballs group, the club were displaying blankets, childrens hats, and Worry Monsters which were to be donated to the Mid Lin Community Centre, the NICU at Ninewells and the Archie Foundation. What a talented bunch!!



great to meet up with Golden Girl Barbro and other members at the meeting



On the day President Gloria, handed over 15 knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets to Joyce McIntosh of Mid Lin Day Care Centre to be distributed to some of her clients - which brings the total to 30! Joyce in turn thanked the members for all they do to support the centre which is located in one of the most deprived areas in the city. WELL DONE ladies for all you to support all these projects .



Anne Reid with Joyce Mitchell of Mid Lin

some more members at the meeting

Hats, bonnets, pants . . .



Members admiring all the wonderful hand-crafted goods



baby blankets.



Worry Monsters



Members & guests



15 blankets for Mid Lin

Friday 22nd - planned trip to Inverness - Joint Quiz with Inverness Rotary for the RNLI



A very successful Quiz Night was held on Friday. This was a joint event with the Rotary Club of Inverness. Over 100 were in attendance in spite of adverse weather predictions. After the quiz a supper was served and a raffle was drawn. WELL DONE President Mairi! Well done Inverness. Well done too to Club Secretary Sheila Moir who made these lovely wooden spoons as prizes - in the shape of Lifeboat crewmen!



Sadly Tim and I were unable to make the trip - following Police & Traffic Scotland's advice for travel during Storm Bert! Totally gutted - but determined to get up and see you all ASAP!

