

District 2 On-line Newsletter



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN SUSAN

Wishing all club members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

A huge thank you for all the service and support you have provided in 2024 putting Inner Wheel at the heart of local communities and further afield, showing that you are all Women of Action !

I have enjoyed great fun and friendship as I have visited clubs this year and am looking forward to more as I continue to visit clubs and events.

Well done to you all and continue to enjoy service through friendship as we move into 2025.



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Lets say "HELLO" to our Presidents new to District 2



JOAN BROCK - ALLOWAY

I have been a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Alloway since the Club was chartered in 1979. Over 45 years, I have held several positions within the Club including President (*on several occasions*), Secretary, International Services and Club Correspondent.



LIZ TAIT - AYR

I was invited to join the Inner Wheel Club of Ayr in 2019 after I retired and I have enjoyed the many and varied meetings and activities in the Club's calendar. Ayr is fortunate to have a healthy membership and teamwork means we can fund raise and help provide a service within the community as well as enjoying fun social events.

Outwith Inner Wheel I love spending time with my grand-daughters in both Scotland and New Zealand. I also enjoy bowling, keeping fit and walking along our lovely Ayrshire coastline and parks.



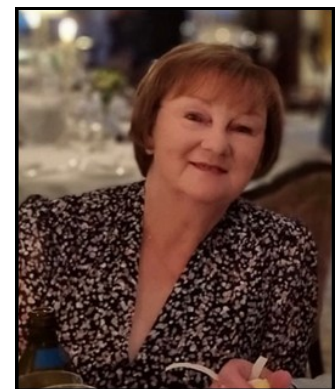
GAIL EDWARDS - CAMPBELTOWN

I have been coming to Campbeltown for 35 years and retired here 8 years ago. I transferred from Dunblane Rotary Club to Campbeltown Rotary where I was also introduced to the local Inner Wheel Club.



ROSEMARY WATSON - DUMBARTON

Rosemary has been a member of Inner Wheel for more than 15 years. She began her working life in the Bank of Scotland then, once her three children were at school, she took the decision to go to university, get a degree and train as a Computing and Business Studies teacher in one of the local secondary schools. In Dumbarton Inner Wheel she has held many executive posts and this is her second time as President. She enjoys cooking and baking and spending time with her family and is a proud grandma. Her enthusiasm and commitment to IW is second to none. In October she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding





JUNE NEWLANDS - RENFREW & GOVAN

I am President for the eighth time and have been a member of Inner Wheel for 40 years. I like fundraising and enjoy working out fun and interesting ways of doing this. I visited Sierra Leone with Rotary and Mercy Ships and helped with the construction of a new wing to a Fistula Clinic. A very humbling experience.

SHONA NEIL - OBAN

My name is Shona Neil and I was born and brought up in Hamilton, a town 15 miles from Glasgow. I moved to the Oban area 31 years ago with my husband Ronnie who is a member of Oban Rotary Club. My interests include walking in the beautiful rural area of Argyll, baking, gardening, reading and being part of the small village of Taynuilt where I am a serving elder of the local church.



JANET DICKSON - KIRKINTILLOCH

Janet was the Founder President of the Inner Wheel Club of Kirkintilloch which began in 1988 and has held many District and International posts over the years.

Janet was District 23 Chairman in 2018/2019.



CAROLINE BERWICK- KILMARNOCK

This is my first time as a Club President although I have been Secretary, Membership & Development Officer and most recently, District Chairman. Although I have only been an Inner Wheel member for just over 9 years, I believe that taking office has helped me to understand the inner workings of Inner Wheel, expand my network and make lasting friendships from all over the UK



TRACEY MONAGHAN - LOUDOUN

My name is Tracey Monaghan and I am currently President of the Inner Wheel Club of Loudoun.

In 2013 following the breakdown of my marriage, I was encouraged to join the Club by a friend who was a member. Since then I have enjoyed the friendship and support of a brilliant group of women.

My family are grown and spreading their wings. I retired from a career in nursing after 33 years. I have a Lhasa Apso who gives more attitude than my children ever did! I swim three times a week and read at any

opportunity! My Christmas tree stays up from November through to February and this year I am being Mrs Claus at Dumfries House!

Looking at our 2nd generation members



Let's begin with our youngest and newest 2nd Generation Members. Two generations of "fresh blood" transferred into the Lanark Club this year. Mother and daughter duo officially became members in October 2024. The family moved to Lanark from Dorset and on looking to enhance their social life were introduced to the Club by a friend. The pair are thoroughly enjoying their first experience of Inner Wheel and have already started to recruit new members !! We wish them many happy, fun filled years with their Inner Wheel "sisters".

Ruth and Violet Webb, Lanark

"I am the Aunt and joined Inner Wheel in 1980 as a Founder Member of Loudoun Club. I have held every post in 44 years and am now Club Secretary. My niece is Marian Newland (daughter of my late husband's Sister). She joined in 2003 and brought her baby daughter Rebecca to an Executive Meeting at only a few months old. Marian has also held most posts and Rebecca, now a University student, continues to help out at functions".

Irene Hopkins, Loudoun Club.

Larkhall were lucky enough to have 3 sets of 2nd Generation Members throughout the years:

Elsbeth Hawthorn

Her mum Mary Davidson was a Founder Club Member

Lorna Dick

Her Mum May Mackie was also a Founder Club Member

Lynn Dempster

Her Mum Ann Dempster was a Club Member for many years



To promote true friendship

To encourage the ideals of personal service

To foster International understanding



Inner Wheel Club of Paisley—Summer Outing to “Mrs. James Young Farm”
dated around Mid-Thirties—Those were the days

The days when ladies wore hats and gloves !!

“ I am attaching a photo of some ladies from Paisley Inner Wheel Club on an outing. My Paternal Grandmother, Margaret Morrison, is sitting on the far right, middle row, wearing a dark hat and round glasses. She was a Founder Member of Paisley Inner Wheel Club “.

Mary Laurensen, Kilmarnock Club



“My Mum was a member of firstly, Peebles Inner Wheel, then Kirkintilloch and finally a member of Auchterarder. I had never thought about it, but that covers District 2, former District 23 and District 1. A complete hat trick !!.

Margaret Pears , Kirkintilloch

“My Mother-in- Law, Greta Young was also a member of Kirkintilloch Club for many years”.

Barbara Young, Kirkintilloch



KIRKINTILLOCH

and even more 2nd Generation Members....



Our Founder Margarette Golding (Peggy to her friends) would have been proud that 100 years on the Club that she founded would still be supporting good causes at home and world-wide and would be a structure that offered fun and friendship to women of all ages and backgrounds. Mothers/Daughters/Sisters/Aunts and Nieces have all found the same fun, friendship and fulfillment through service in their Inner Wheel Club

MORE MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Alloway President Joan Brock's Mother, Mary Clunie was a member of Inner Wheel South Shields (District 3)

Alloway Liz Campbell (Community Convener) is the daughter of Alloway's Founder President Kathleen Graham. Kathleen was the first President when the Club was chartered and went on to be District 23 Chairman in 1995/96.



Ayr President Liz Tait is the daughter of a former member of Stranraer Club. Her Mother, Betty Grierson was a Past President of Stranraer.

Musselburgh President Elaine Clark is another 2nd Generation Member as her Mother Jessie Hunter was the Club President in 1995.

ONE DAUGHTER'S MEMORIES

"From Dorothy Cree

My mother joined Ayr Club in the late 1970s and was President of Ayr Club in 1985/6. From 1986-9 she served as District Secretary during which time Minutes were typed on an ordinary typewriter, photocopied and sent out by "snail" mail to the clubs. I remember comparing IW to some very secretive organisation as her typing room was strictly taboo! She went on to be District Chairman of District 23 in 1991/2 and held her Rally at the then prestigious Belleisle House Hotel where I was her guest! She passed away in September 2005. She was at the Rally that year in June on the day of her 91st birthday.

I was persuaded to join Inner Wheel in 2000. I felt it was inappropriate to cramp her style by joining the same club so went to Alloway. I did not follow quite the same path as her, starting off my time in District as Editor before becoming District Chairman in 2013/14. I then went on as Member of Council and Association Editor. I sometimes wonder what she would have thought of that!

An unusual thing is that the name "Cree" appears twice on the chain of office, thus it is mother and daughter with the same surname (*without a male tagging on!*). I remember vividly why I agreed to take on the role of District Chairman. Following "that" District Executive meeting, I went home and opened the box where her Inner Wheel ladder of badges was. I could still detect the perfume she used and that clinched it!

Twenty one years almost to the day that the chain of office left the house, it came back! and when I was wearing it, people would sometimes ask where was my mother's bar. Without even looking, I could touch it! This always amazed me! "



Dorothy with her Mother at her Mother's Rally in 1992 (Dorothy left)

JUST SOME OF THE CHARITIES SUPPORTED OVER THE YEARS



Supporting Reading, Changing Lives



STILL LOOKING FOR A GIFT ??

You can still buy the Inner Wheel 100 Years Special Edition Gin. It is now at a reduced price of £25 and you can order it from melanie@innerwheel.co.uk and it will be sent directly from the Association Office. Great New Year's gift !





Some Christmas pics to finish



KIRKCUDBRIGHT



Musselburgh Bear



Musselburgh



Loudoun



Ayr



Lanark



Motherwell & Wishaw



Tranent



Alloway



Galashiels



Newton Stewart



Kirkintilloch



Campbeltown





Well, it certainly looks like everyone had great fun in their Clubs this Christmas and did some collections for various charities at the same time. Having fun and being active in the community that's what Inner Wheel is all about !!.



MESSAGE FROM EDITOR NANCY

Thank you everyone for your contribution to this on-line Newsletter for December 2024. It was originally just to highlight the Presidents new to the amalgamated District 2 and to also celebrate our 2nd generation members. However, as I had some space left I included some of your Christmas pictures (apologies if you did not get one to me in time). The next full Magazine will be printed and distributed at the District Meeting on 8th March. Correspondents to have their contributions to this full Magazine to me by **1st February 2025**. Don't worry, I will send out a reminder in January. Can I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2025.



Your Editor Nancy Ralston