

Inner Wheel

District 1 Chairman 2024-25



had gone - all over for another year - but of course we will be planning for Llandudno Saturday 5th April - my birthday - thank you all friends and family for making this day special - for the lovely cards, good wishes, flowers, Chocolates presents & visits. Definitely sitting back and being spoiled and

recuperating from the rigours of Conference!!!!!!! Why does it now take much longer to recover from big events?????!!!

Wednesday 9th April - Rally Meeting at the Royal Hotel.

Susan Oliphant (Rally Convenor) & I met with Hotel Manager Donna to firm up final plans for the Rally on 30th May. I hope to see a good turn out from all our clubs - an opportunity to network & meet up socially at this annual event - to hear Association President Heather give her address. If you are staying locally the night before join the Forfar Club at the Golf Club for our Pre-Rally meal & get together.

Later that day, journeyed with Tim to Inverness staying over at the lovely Kingsmills Hotel so that I could attend the Inverness Club's Birthday Meeting the next day. Quick pop into House of Bruar on the way there, of course.



Thursday 10th April - attended the 66th Birthday Meeting of the Inverness Club - this was my last club visit - later than normal as my previous 2 attempts had to be postponed for health reasons then the weather! How lovely to be there on this occasion as the Inverness Club members welcomed home their friend - Heather Sheerin - our Association President, fresh from the triumph of the Harrogate Conference. The club took the opportunity to present Heather with beautiful gifts to commemorate her year as Association President - a lovely silver framed photograph, earrings & a clematis for her garden.





Club President Mairi Cuthbert is seen making the presentation and Heather was profuse in her thanks to the club members for all the support she has had this year - and for their superhuman efforts at Conference where their craft stall had raised £4000 for Arthritis Action.







The speaker for the meeting was local archivist (left) who gave a very interesting talk on The Lion Tamer of Inverness!!! A lovely day spent with so many friends - visitors from Nairn, Aberfeldy & Banff made it a large gathering & having Heather with us made it really special. I was delighted to induct a new member - Cathy Morrison and present appreciation certificates to 2 of our Golden Girls - Doreen Caldwell and Sheila Kelly with more than 100 years service between them. Both still very active in the club and feel that joining Inner Wheel is the best thing they have ever done. Thank you for your outstanding service ladies and thank you Mairi and the Inverness Club for your hospitality and the warmth of your welcome. Congratulations!



Presentation to Sheila Kelly



Jean & Mairi





Presentation to Doreen Caldwelll









These chickens lay eggs anywhere!



Around some of the tables



Induction of Cathy Morrison





<u>Saturday 12th April</u> - began journey down to **Nottingham** - Tim driving most of the way down to Crooklands - our favourite stop over place just off the M6 in Cumbria

Hilton Nottingham



<u>Sunday 13th April</u> - continued our journey south to Nottingham to arrive in good time to attend the pre-Rally get together at the Hilton Hotel at the Nottingham Gateway - a new venue for the **District 22 Rally** - but by the comments afterwards - a great choice. I was there to support my friend **Lyn Copper** who is **DC** of **District 22** this year. We began



this District journey together as raw recruit Editors during the pandemic - a friendship cemented over the years by many shared experiences - that's how Inner Wheel friendships blossom.

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DC Lyn with the 3 visiting DC's -Jean D1, Joy D127, Patricia D7



Ass President Heather & DC Lyn





Ass President Heather, DC Lyn & D22 District Executive



Ass President Heather, DC Lyn with the amazing D22 Choir



Now there is an idea any volunteers to start one in D1?????



<u>Monday 14th April</u> - the day of the **Rally** - started early with a service of Friendship - something new for me but beautifully done. It was led by Rev Alison Redshaw, one of their members and the praise was led by the District 22 Choir! - *see pics above*. Although the Rally itself followed the usual format - it was so interesting to see how things were done in a different ways - like each club standing up & bringing greetings to Lyn and a lovely ceremony of lighting 4 candles which I first saw done at the 100th Centenary Lunch in London. A very happy day - thank you Lyn for the invitation and for the warmth of the welcome from everyone. We look forward to seeing you at our Rally in Forfar.

with DC Patricia, D7



with Tim

at Pre-Rally

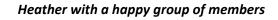
Some more pics from the Rally & Pre-Rally - some well known faces in D22.

DC Lyn & Paul



How many ladies are needed to fix the Ass. President's Chain of Office ?

MOC Elaine & Pete



Treasure Gloria <u>Wednesday 16th April</u> - Rally meeting with the Committee. Update on plans - numbers coming in slowly from clubs but nearly all guests now accomodated and plans made for transport etc. Lists to be made - draft programme done - deadlines now looming! Some slight tweaks to schedule may be made - but table & room decorations now well in hand - report back from meeting with Donna at the Royal. Music now all in hand too - it will all come together on the day **b b b b**



That evening was the club meeting of **Forfar IW**, when a very interesting talk was given on **Forfar in Bloom** by **Alison Elliot** and **Lynne Devine**. We heard how the group started and with a very small membership of helpers have transformed many of the town's eyesore corners into beautifully tended gardens. Inner Wheel had given the group a donation of funds recently and the ladies were able to see how this money has been spent mainly on refreshing and replanting the area at the entrance to the Country Park. A busy spring and summer is envisioned with all the weeding and watering needed to keep the various baskets & planters tended as well as the bigger areas refreshed. We congratulated them on once again achieving a **top award from Keep Scotland Beautiful.**

Pic left - Alison Elliot, Club President Susan Oliphant & Lynne Devine

<u>Thursday 24th April</u> - drove up to Pitlochry with 2 passengers - Mary & Agnes - to attend the **Open Meeting & Lunch of the Pitlochry Club** held in the **Moulin Hotel**. A always a lovely event and a very happy occasion. Thank you President Margaret & her committee for the warmth of your welcome and and for arranging such a happy occasion - always lovely to meet up with Inner Wheel friends from neighbouring clubs. An excellent talk given by Lindsay & Craig from local business, Heather Gems. They took us through all the processes in making their beautiful pieces of jewellery - and lucky me - I won a beautiful brooch in the raffle. We were delighted too to congratulate President Margaret on becoming Pitlochry's citizen of the year - a great honour and excellent PR for Inner Wheel.



Thursday 1st May - Perth Open Meeting and Afternoon Tea .

Journey this time to Perth - via Jerico!!! Thank you Eleanor for driving Agnes, Annetta & myself to Perth & managing to get a space in the hotel car park - how lucky was that - neat reversing though!!!! This was to attend the Perth Inner Wheel Open Meeting and Afternoon Tea! The pictures speak for themselves. The afternoon tea at the Royal George Hotel is legendary - just look at that cake selection - and believe it or not I didn't have one! Musical entertainment was provided by *Plaid Song* - a brilliant local singing duo - Nicky Small & Syd House . They charmed us all with their mix of traditional songs and the stories behind them - some new to us and others well known favourites. Over 40 in attendance with visitors from Aberfeldy, Auchterarder & District, Dundee, Forfar, Kinross & District, North Fife and Stirling. My thanks as always to the Perth ladies for an excellent afternoon - and I wish them every success with their Fashion Show in a couple of weeks time, which I understand is a sell out!

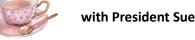


Afternoon tea anyone?



Plaid Song with Sue & Dorothy Kennedy who gave Vote of Tanks









And so another month comes to an end but fear not there are many more travels to come later in May, when I shall be visiting Larkhall, Durham and Belfast to attend their rallies representing District 1.





Other pics from the day.





I look forward to seeing many of you in Forfar on 30th May for our 73rd District Rally - being hosted by my own club, in the Royal Hotel. Preparations are well in hand. A very warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to welcoming Association President Heather as our guest and hearing her address.

See you all there.





