

NOMINATION BOOKLET FOR ELECTIONS 2024-25



International Inner Wheel



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An Important note on Canvassing from IIW Executive

“Our members decided at the Virtual Convention 2021, that canvassing/asking for votes is **no longer forbidden** in Inner Wheel. Let’s remember that by being an IW member, friendship comes first, also at elections. We don’t have to humiliate or boo our friends when competitors or if we disagree. It’s what we can offer to the world through IW, not what other candidates can’t do that counts. At elections for national officers, candidates are asked to behave in the same, positive way. If we have friends canvassing for us, they should act with decency as well. If things are getting out of proportion and our first objective of friendship is violated, these breaches will draw negative attention to our organisation. We have to remember that we are not a political party. The use of social media must be handled with utmost care; reality shows that the keys to our mobile phones are often too easy to use.

We can meet this new challenge with dignity and pride; we have a rather long voting period, where canvassing is allowed. So, be a friend, also at elections.”



Elected Unopposed As **IW President 2024-25**



Name: **Mamta Gupta**
 Club: **Central Calcutta**
 District: **329**
 IW Country: **India (NGB)**
 Approx members 55,140

Present, though manifestation of past indicates what holds in future.

As we step into another century, my mission is to transform Inner Wheel into a global brand. 22 years of journey in IW has sown a deep desire that IW be renowned for its indispensable contributions to society. I aspire to communicate IW's message to the younger, upwardly mobile generation, who are the architects of tomorrow's world. Leveraging the vast reach of social media platforms, we can craft engaging and dynamic ways to increase our visibility and influence.

Expanding our reach to new countries is paramount to our mission. Let's strive to at least double our membership, with a focus on attracting youngsters, opening new-generation clubs, "e" clubs with electronic memberships.

I envision orphan-free world, a dream that transcends borders and circumstances, in the face of pandemics, poverty and conflict the number of orphans grows unabated.

Let IW be reckoned for embracing the wellness of women and the care of our ever-expanding aging population worldwide. I am committed to forging impactful partnerships with corporate entities and governments, securing grants and resources to equip us with the tools and expertise needed to reach even the remotest towns and villages.

In sum, I humbly offer my vision and dedication for the role of IW President, with a deep commitment to make IW a heartbeat of humanity. Together, we can make our world one family and create one future for all.

I believe that nothing is impossible when we embrace the mantra, "I'm-possible."

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IW Vice-President 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2006-07

Club Vice-President 2005-06

Club Secretary 2004-05

District Chairman 2015-16

District Vice-Chairman 2014-15

District Secretary 2013-14

District Treasurer 2012-13

District International Overseas Chairman
Organiser 2011-12

District Editor 2010-2011

National Association President 2019-20

National Association Vice-President 2018-19

National Association Treasurer 2016-17

National Representative

2019-20

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2021-22



**NOMINATIONS FOR
IIW Vice-President
2024-25**

**TWO (2) NOMINEES.
PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE (1) NOMINEE.**



Name: **Kay Morland**
Club: **Berwick**
District: **A62**
IW Country: **Australia (NGB)**
Approx members 2,468

I've been a member of Inner Wheel for 30 years and still remember the uplifting feelings of welcome and inclusion I experienced the first time I walked into an Inner Wheel meeting.

IW has made the most amazing difference to my life not only by opening up a world of new friends but also building confidence and instilling a sense of purpose outside of family and work environments. I want to share that with the world but so many people I meet have never heard of us.

My ideal would be a world where no member is ever again asked "What is Inner Wheel". I would value the opportunity of working together with all members, looking at ways to raise the profile of this wonderful organisation to the point where people do know what IW is. To the point where women of all ages and backgrounds are interested in finding out more about who we are, what we do and how they can be part of it.

With the many challenges facing communities all across the world there are countless opportunities to promote ourselves, to set examples by our support both financially and through active service to those in need. We need to proudly display our IW logo at every opportunity letting the world know who we are and what we contribute.

Should I be elected IIW VP, I promise you all that I will work hard and do my very best to be deserving of this honour.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel Australia Constitution
Chairman 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 1999-2000, 2020-21
- Club Vice-President 1998-99, 2019-20
- Club Secretary 2013-14
- Club Treasurer 2019-20, 2020-21
- Club Correspondent 1995-96, 2001-02
- District Chairman 2011-12
- District Vice-Chairman 2010-11
- District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2009-10
- District Extension Chairman Organiser 2011-12
- District Editor 2010-2011
- District Editor 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09
- National Governing Body President/Chairman 2015-16
- National Governing Body Vice-President/Chairman 2014-15
- National Governing Body Chairman
- Constitution Committee 2022-23, 2023-24
- National Governing Body Council Member 2013-14

National Representative

2016-17

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2017-18



Name: **Kirsten Møller**
 Club: **Give**
 District: **45**
 IW Country: **Denmark (NGB)**
 Approx members 2,315

We have members, clubs, districts, and national associations all over the world.

We are from different cultures, religions, and traditions, but if we want to survive and attract younger, active women we must adapt Inner Wheel to the world of today.

To do this we have to work together.

By using the new digital world, we can make groups working together worldwide, support each other, make decisions and actions. This also gives us the chance to connect better – for friendship, service, and international understanding. We become closer and this will strengthen us.

From my professional life as chief financial officer in international companies, I have learned that good management means cooperation with the entire organisation to achieve common goals.

We have many fantastic projects around the world where we can support each other.

One area I would like us to work on together is women’s self-perception.

The development of recent years with the MeToo debate, I believe, gives us a responsibility to support and help women and young girls to believe in their own abilities to a greater extent.

We are also experiencing an increasing problem with the influence of social media on children and young people’s self-perception.

Working together makes the sun dance.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2011-12

Club Vice-President 2010-11

Club Treasurer 2017-18

District Chairman 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14

National Governing Body President/
Chairman 2019-20, 2020-21

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2022-23, 2023-24



**NOMINATIONS FOR
IIW TREASURER
2024-25**

**THREE (3) NOMINEES.
PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE (1) NOMINEE.**



Name: **Abimbola Oluduton Sowande**

Club: **Surulere**

District: **911**

IW Country: **Nigeria (NGB)**
Approx members 1,175

I am a public health physician – almost five decades post qualification, who worked as a developmental international USAID project Country Director for almost two decades.

Currently now Chairman of Nigeria Society for Infection Control (NSIC).

Have evolved from being a Charter member in 1983 imbibing the Inner Wheel, lifestyle of service with sisters to being the National Representative/President 2017-18, after passing through all the ranks learning and developing. I have left in legacies serving at the Club, District and National levels through positive leadership of team harnessing all available strengths, opportunities while being initiative-taking about weaknesses and threats to ensure positive results. As my Club President, made my Club relevant by reactivating the zeal to serve better with other partners which earned me greater responsibilities.

Elected and have served as Inner Wheel (IW) Treasurer respectively at the Club, District for three years and National levels. Was also Treasurer to Infection Control African Network (ICAN) with bank based in Cape Town South Africa operating online banking for four years.

Have also made friends locally and across the globe by reaching out through service, initiated in 2001 the District 85 Germany District 911 Nigeria Joint Proposal development and implementation that snowballed over the next 18 years touching lives.

My tenure National Conference was very productive. Contributed additional N1,000,000 (GBP 2,200.00) to our National microcredit scheme funds and achieved membership growth with formation of new clubs.

Will continue working hard to develop IW.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 1991-92
- Club Vice-President 1990-91
- Club Treasurer 1997-98, 1998-99
- Club Correspondent 1986-87, 1988-89
- District Chairman 2001-02
- District Vice-Chairman 2000-01
- District 2nd Vice-Chairman 1996-97
- District Treasurer 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96
- National Governing Body President/Chairman 2017-18
- National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2016-17
- National Governing Body Secretary 2015 -16
- National Governing Body Treasurer 2002-03
- National Governing Body Editor 2013-14

National Representative

2017-18



Name: **Bambi de Ceuninck-Leunckens**
Club: **Antwerpen-Singel**
District: **217**
IW Country: **Belgium & Luxembourg (NGB)**
Approx members 1,877

I am grateful to District 217 for my nomination as International Treasurer 2024-25.

As National Treasurer and as Treasurer of District 217, I have gained the necessary experience regarding the finances of Inner Wheel. Figures have fascinated me since childhood.

Inner Wheel is a unique organisation, and I am proud to have been a member for 40 years.

The finances of an organisation are very important. It would be a privilege to contribute to the transparency of our international finances as International Treasurer.

I look forward to working with the International Executive Board, and the Board Directors. I am positive about the future of Inner Wheel. It is in the hands of all the members to keep our organisation going and growing.

Let us use modern means such as social media to make IW more attractive, especially to young people who want to join and put friendship, relaxation and working together to help people when needed, first.

Let us support the less fortunate in our society and those affected by natural disasters, war and similar events. Let us promote friendship as a priority goal of IW.

The friendship between members on national and international levels is very important. I am proud to be a member of IW and to be part of this big family who has given me the opportunity to live unforgettable moments of friendship. Being International Treasurer will give me the possibility to gain many international friends, all over the world.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 1995-96
- Club Vice-President 1994-95
- Club Secretary 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94
- District Chairman 2005-06
- District Vice-Chairman 2004-05
- District Secretary 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01
- District Treasurer 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04
- National Governing Body President/Chairman 2016-17, 2017-18
- National Governing Body Vice- President/ Vice-Chairman 2014-15, 2015-16
- National Governing Body Secretary 2014-15, 2015-16
- National Governing Body Treasurer 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

National Representative

2016-17, 2017-18

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2019-20

Name: **Rashmi Sharma**Club: **Bhusawal**District: **303**IW Country: **India (NGB)**

Approx members 55,140

Inner Wheel's activities are anchored in finance, a base for stability that has fortified Inner Wheel's illustrious century of existence.

My Inner Wheel journey has been uniquely intertwined with the world of finance, marked by a doctorate and over three decades of teaching in the field, and hands-on corporate experience in finance, budgeting, accounts, banking and audit.

Since joining Inner Wheel in 1994, have served in various leadership roles, spanning Club, District, and National Council levels and as Convenor of numerous events, my proficiency in financial planning has been put to practical use. This has cultivated the indispensable groundwork needed to assume the pivotal role of International Inner Wheel Treasurer. In this role, I envision channelling my acumen and enthusiasm into a harmonious blend of financial strategy, prudent execution, and revenue optimisation. My dedication to financial discipline shall harmonise seamlessly with the collective endeavours of the Executive Committee and Governing Body, fostering growth and personal enrichment. My reputation for integrity amplifies my commitment to safeguarding Inner Wheel's fiscal health.

In our organisation, I resolve to:

- Meticulously uphold ethical financial management principles.
- Assimilate modern tech-savvy accounting methodologies.
- Cultivate membership growth for enhanced vitality.
- Champion cost-control strategies and innovative fundraising.
- Strengthen Inner Wheel's financial core.
- Champion adherence to financial protocols for unwavering discipline.

I pledge to synergise Inner Wheel's growth. As we evolve, engage, and excel, I stand resolute in my commitment to lead Inner Wheel into a future defined by financial soundness and collective achievement.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1999-2000

Club Vice-President 1998-99

Club Secretary 1997-98

District Chairman 2009-10

District Vice-Chairman 2008-09

District Secretary 2007-08

District Treasurer 2006-07

District Extension Chairman Organiser 2012-13

District International Overseas Chairman Organiser 2005-06

District Editor 2004-05

National Governing Body President/Chairman 2014-15

National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2013-14

National Governing Body Secretary 2010-11

National Governing Body Chairman of Constitution Committee 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22

National Governing Body Council Member 2010-11

National Representative

2014-15



**NOMINATIONS FOR
IIW CONSTITUTION
CHAIRMAN
2024-25**

**THREE (3) NOMINEES.
PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE (1) NOMINEE.**



Name: **Cinzia Tomatis**
 Club: **Ancona Riviera Del Conero**
 District: **209**
 IW Country: **Italy (NGB)**
 Approx members 6,429

Ever since I was a young girl I made the choice to actively participate in acts of service.

From the very beginning of my Inner Wheel membership I never confined myself within the borders of the Club, rather I have immediately expanded to District activities, to then move onto the National level, and further to the International one by participating in the Conventions as a proxy vote holder rather than in different Rallies. It has now been more than 23 years that I share IIW's goals.

The vision that I have for IIW is one of interconnectedness. We have to stimulate each and every single Club to engage and to be present, not only within their own District, but also on a more global scale. I would like for IIW to be a forum of exchange of thought and a safe space for women all over the world. What I believe is needed in an Association like ours is more of a managerial culture: even though we work on a volunteer basis, there should be a systematic plan in place for services and projects to happen. It should not just be about getting things done, rather there should be a more conscious component to it.

My motivations to run for Constitution Chairman arises from providing the knowledge and skills gained throughout the years in favour of the shared planning of our association toward new forms of "social protection" framed in terms of "service networks," in light of a social context that changes characteristics with impressive speed.

Always thrilled to "do what matters, now".

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24

Past Office held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2004-05

Club International Service Organiser
2003-04, 2016-17, 2021-22

Club Correspondent 2014-15, 2015-16

District Chairman 2011-12

District Vice-Chairman 2010-11

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 1999-2000

District International Overseas Chairman
Organiser 2008-09, 2009-10

National Representative

2019-20, 2021-22

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23, 2023-24



Name: **Margaret Whitchurch**

Club: **Rockhampton Sunset**

District: **A77**

IW Country: **Australia (NGB)**

Approx members 2,468

As International Inner Wheel begins the first turn of a new century, what could be a more exciting time to reflect on our great history while focusing on the future.

A future, I am sure Margarette Golding could never have imagined. One of the most important facts we must always put front and centre is that Inner Wheel is a bottom up not a top-down organisation, with important changes to our constitution always made by the members for the members. The responsibility of the Constitution Chairman is to support, encourage, assist and mentor all countries with or without their own Constitution Chairman.

As we move forward and look to attract a new generation of Inner Wheel members, we must acknowledge that technology in all forms is important. There is a need for ongoing training to ensure that we embrace the digital arena. I have been an active member of Inner Wheel for forty years. I have served on several Boards where keeping abreast of policies and procedures as well as constitutions has been paramount. I have attended six of the eighteen Conventions, one as a Board Director, and at least twenty-six National Conferences as well as most District meetings.

If elected, I can promise dedication and enthusiasm, working as a team with the Executive for positive outcomes. An understanding of what is written in the Constitution comes with a willingness to listen to other points of view, as well as seeking advice if needed, before making an educated decision.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Club Secretary 2023-24

Past Office held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1997-98, 2009-10

Club Vice-President 1996-97

Club Secretary 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24

Club Treasurer 1995-96

District Chairman 1998-99, 2020-21

District Vice-Chairman 1997-98

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 1996-97

District Extension Chairman Organiser 2009-10, 2010-11

National Governing Body President/Chairman 2012-13

National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2011-12

National Governing Body Council Member 1999-2000, 2020-21

National Representative

2013-14

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2014-15

Name: **Patricia Mary Hilton**Club: **Dehradun**District: **308**IW Country: **India (NGB)**

Approx members 55,140

Throughout my Inner Wheel journey, an unwavering commitment to education and volunteerism has been the driving force behind the pursuit of meaningful service and community development.

My efforts have consistently revolved around women's empowerment, environmental conservation, education and strengthening Inner Wheel's organisational and operational functioning.

As President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India, I initiated Project "Subala", a comprehensive endeavour addressing critical areas such as women's empowerment, maternal health, child care, menstrual health and hygiene, safety and protection, cancer detection and care, and vocational training for disadvantaged women and girls. Additionally, Project Banks were established at district level to further streamline and enhance our efforts, ensuring they met the specific needs of local communities, aligning with our organisation's core mission.

Serving as International Inner Wheel Board Director in 2019-2020, I had the privilege of engaging with Inner Wheel members from across the globe. This opened up a world of opportunities, fostering the exchange of ideas and invaluable learning experiences. It enriched my understanding and helped me to appreciate and utilise it for the benefit of our organisation

My experience of working on constitutional committees at club, district, and association levels equips me with invaluable skills for international work. I envision that as we celebrate our centennial year, it is crucial that we strengthen our foundation by adhering to our constitution and embracing constructive change. These steps will undoubtedly fortify and enhance the effectiveness of Inner Wheel worldwide, reaffirming our commitment to positive transformation and community well-being.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Office held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2003-04

Club Secretary 2002-03

Club Treasurer 2013-14

District Chairman 2011-12

District Vice-Chairman 2010-11

District Treasurer 2008-09

District International Overseas Chairman
Organiser 2007-08

District Editor 2006-07

National Governing Body President/
Chairman 2017-18National Governing Body Vice-President/
Vice-Chairman 2016-17

National Governing Body Treasurer 2012-13

National Governing Body Council Member
2012-13

National Representative

2017-18

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2019-20



**NOMINATIONS FOR
IIW EDITOR/
MEDIA MANAGER
2024-25**

**TWO (2) NOMINEES.
PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE (1) NOMINEE.**



Name: **Akhter Jahan**
 Club: **Dhaka North East**
 District: **328**
 IW Country: **Bangladesh**
 Approx members 1,287

My mission statement focuses on the objects of Inner Wheel – to promote true friendship, to encourage ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding. In order to build further the objects of Inner Wheel, I will focus on the following priorities.

Building image of Inner Wheel:

Being editor I will focus on the consistent image that has been created by my predecessors. However when changes are necessary I would be flexible to adopt them quickly and implement required changes.

Better Communication:

World is changing fast on communication. I will use all communication channels to build better understanding about International Inner Wheel. Print and electronic media will be the cornerstone of communication as it is still very effective and efficient.

Social Media:

Social media is getting very popular and effective around the world. In the framework of Inner Wheel we will use social media platform like Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and LinkedIn to make the Inner Wheel experience more integrated.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2000-01, 2001-02
 Club Secretary 1999-2000
 District Chairman 2011-12
 District Vice-Chairman 2010-11
 District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2006-07
 District Secretary 2005-06
 District Extension Chairman or Organiser
 2008-09, 2009-10
 District Editor 2004-05

National Representative

2014-15

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2015-16



Name: Rajni Katia
Club: Bathinda Central
District: 309
IW Country: India (NGB)
 Approx members 55,140

My vision as IIW Editor would be, to serve as a bridge between the organisation and its members by providing the informative content about IW activities while promoting its motto "Friendship & Service".

My primary objective would be to inspire and enhance the impact of humanitarian services conducted under the umbrella of Inner Wheel. By showcasing tangible results, we aim to encourage more members to engage in meaningful community service and philanthropy. The media platforms as the voice of Inner Wheel, is a powerful tool to publicise our organisation worldwide and raise awareness and advocate for causes like education, healthcare, social welfare, and women empowerment. The ultimate goal is a robust media landscape that empowers, inspires, and helps us to make Inner Wheel a worldwide brand. As the IIW Editor, I would be dedicated to delivering timely and engaging content that keeps members informed about Inner Wheel activities, events, and campaigns. Ensuring transparent and accessible communication, regardless of challenges, would be my top priority.

I believe that with my technical qualifications along with my experience as National Editor of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India, equips me with the necessary qualifications to excel in the role of IIW Editor. Through unwavering dedication to this vision, we are poised to strengthen and renew IW with digital literacy and modern technology ensuring that the organisation remains at the forefront of humanitarian services while fostering international understanding among its members worldwide.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 2013-14
- Club Secretary 2012-13
- District Chairman 2019-20
- District Vice Chairman 2018-19
- District Secretary 2017-18
- District Treasurer 2016-17
- District Editor 2015-16
- National Governing Body Editor 2022-23
- National Governing Body Council Member 2020-21



**NOMINATIONS FOR
IIW BOARD DIRECTOR
2024-25**

**TWENTY (20) NOMINEES.
PLEASE VOTE FOR
SIXTEEN (16) NOMINEES
or sadly your ballot paper will be rejected.**



Name: **Alyssandra Skerrett**

Club: **Queenstown**

District: **NZ298**

IW Country: **New Zealand (NGB)**

Approx members 1,243

Why did I choose to apply for International Inner Wheel Board Director?

I believe Margarettte Golding gave Members a Name and a Purpose. Truly inspirational, even today Margarettte inspires women to take a step – just one step – to grow, serve, and even take a role – making it a place to belong.

Inner Wheel is focused on making an impactful change investing in our future women and girls broadening opportunities through our United Nation Representatives. It would be a great honour to serve as a Board Director, widening international understanding, and helping Inner Wheel move forward.

What experience and strengths do I bring?

- Graphic Designer achieving 18 Golds and 11 Highly Commended Print Industry Awards.
- 19+ years serving in roles at Club, District, and National level, and National Representative experiencing friendship, service, and personal growth (joined early 1999).
- My greatest strength is promoting Membership Growth, encouraging Members to be active in Clubs and Districts, and motivating Women to connect those before us with those behind us.
- Inner Wheel is the gentlest form of Leadership that transforms a 'Woman's Journey' to be and do their best. When one woman wins, we all win as women together.

I strongly believe each Club finds its own way to enrich the community. Our Constitution is adaptable, so Members enjoy numerous ways to meet, experience friendships, while giving selflessly to others creating a feeling of pride and responsibility. Our **Inner Wheel Women are strong, bold, and capable** along with being **kind, generous, and compassionate**.

Present office held in Inner Wheel

Past Office held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 2003-04, 2016-17
- Club Vice-President 2002-03, 2015-16
- Club International Service Organiser 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16
- District Chairman 2018-19, 2019-20
- District Vice-Chairman 2017-18
- District Secretary 2005-06
- District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2020-21
- District International Overseas Chairman Organiser 2006-07
- District Editor 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10
- National Governing Body President/Chairman 2022-23
- National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2021-22
- National Governing Body Editor 2010-11, 2011-12
- National Governing Body Chairman of Publications Committee 2020-21, 2021-22

National Representative

2022-23

Name: **Aneta Antova Pesheva**Club: **Skopje**District: **255**IW Country: **North Macedonia**

Approx members 94

**Dear Inner Wheel Sisters,
I am honoured to present my nomination for
International Inner Wheel Board Director
2024-2025.**

Throughout my life and career, I have been involved in humanitarian organisations. As part of my mission as Board Director, I will support and promote the professional empowerment of women to achieve their full potential. As a businesswoman and Honorary Consul of Canada in North Macedonia, I understand the importance of gender equality, financial stability, and career development for women and young girls. As I often say, "Equality can only be achieved if a woman is financially independent; any other theory of equality is unsustainable for me. Young girls need to be economically independent, and they will achieve this most easily if they dive into the waters of informatics." I will also support human and children's rights, healthcare, and education projects.

Our club activities will adapt accordingly to face the needs and challenges of our society in this globalisation era. By creating a long-term strategy, I will guide our local projects in achieving the 17 UN SDGs for peace, equality, and justice, and I will accelerate the growth of memberships, clubs and collaborations with IW Clubs, NGOs, governmental and educational institutions, local authorities, etc.

Together, by joining forces with all Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide, women can make countless positive impacts on our planet and improve people's lives by using our position, voices, network, and enthusiasm for doing our bit, all with friendship and service.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2014-15

Club Vice-President 2013-14

Club Secretary 2012-13

District Chairman 2016-17, 2017-18

National Representative

2020-21, 2021-22



Name: **Ann Acaster**
 Club: **York Vikings**
 District: **4**
 IW Country: **GB&I (NGB)**
 Approx members 10,492

I have had the honour of being IIW Board Director this year and enjoying this interesting work, getting to know my fellow Board Directors, the IIW Executive, but most of all the non-Districted clubs I have been introduced to, hoping to get to know them all more, learn how their clubs are functioning and to be a listening ear.

Last year, I mentioned that my family is my lifeblood, I also have my family of friends and my family of Inner Wheel. As with all families, we encourage our little ones – our saplings, our shoots, also our ancestors – our roots. We must not forget our roots, our older generation, without them we would not be where we are today. Our Inner Wheel family, like branches on a tree, grows in different directions and yet our roots remain as one. We must all learn from best practice, looking to the future with our aims, our projects and of course new technology.

I love my Inner Wheel and feel that I have the time, patience, knowledge and kindness, to help and direct those who need a little extra help. As Amelia Earhart said, 'A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees.' Let us all be kind, help roots, shoots and branches spring up all around our Inner Wheel family and Shine a Light on all we are doing in our wonderful Inner Wheel in this our Centenary year.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Board Director 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1999-2000

Club Vice-President 1998-99

Club Secretary 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2022-23

Club International Service Organiser 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13

Club Correspondent 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07

District Chairman 2007-08

District Vice-Chairman 2006-07

District Second Vice-Chairman 2005-06

District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2008-09

District International Overseas Chairman Organiser 2014-15

National Association President 2018-19

National Association Vice-President 2017-18

National International Service Chairman 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17

National Association International Overseas Committee 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17

National Association Council Member 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13

National Representative

2019-20

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2023-24

Name: **Donatella Polizzi Nicolich**Club: **Trieste**District: **206**IW Country: **Italy (NGB)**

Approx members 6,429

Inner Wheel has been essential to my international and local life for 23 years.

I consider myself a very motivated and driven member with a passion for continuous growth and learning. Throughout my years of service, I have gained valuable experience in different roles serving at the club, District, and National levels in various capacities.

I have been very active in training at all levels. To improve our Association, I believe it is crucial to focus on strategic planning, efficient training, and promoting leadership and communication. I want to bring more clubs together in international collaboration to carry out large-scale projects and significantly impact communities and territories.

I have attended 4 Conventions as a voting delegate, 5 European Meetings as a speaker and organiser, and 3 International Rallies, where I got to know members from other countries in a spirit of collaboration to share and affirm the founding values of IW.

In my experience with national and international IW, I feel ready to serve IIW as a Board Director and make a meaningful impact in this role. I'm looking forward to supporting and helping the non-districted clubs so they do not feel isolated from the rest of our IW family.

Our Constitution is based on friendship as a resource to draw on to overcome barriers and obstacles together, and I want to promote and support international friendship inside and outside Europe, creating strong bonds between people, encouraging the ideals of personal service and fostering international understanding.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Club Secretary 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2004-05, 2009-10

District Chairman 2015-16

District Vice Chairman 2014-15

District Secretary 2013-14, 2018-19

District Treasurer 2011-12, 2012-13

National Governing Body Council Member
2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23

National Representative

2021-22, 2022-23



Name: **Elena Zaharieva**

Club: **Shumen**

District: **248**

IW Country: **Bulgaria**

Approx members 394

Next year is one very special for me. In 2024 it will be twenty years since Inner Wheel became a part of my life and amazingly 100 years of the foundation of this International Women's Organisation – a hundred years of friendship, love, care, support, creativity, realisation of ideas, working wonders and shining a light to brighter lives.

I had the chance to experience IW in different roles from the very beginning of my IW membership and to attend various Clubs, District and International events. I have been a voting delegate and a President of my club Shumen and also an Editor, a Secretary and a Chairman of District 248. My service as a National representative of District 248 for two consequent years met me with incredible and determined women from different countries and encouraged me to learn a lot, to improve myself, to motivate the others and to be a team player. As a Board Director for 2023-2024 I get in touch with even more friends, who with the power of female energy help to create a stronger world.

The nomination for BD 2024-2025 for a second year by my country is a great honour and recognition for my service, but also a responsibility and incentive to work even harder, because I do believe that IW has not only a history, but also a bright future.

Inner Wheel gives me a passion for life, but also the security and tranquility of friendship.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2007-08

District Chairman 2021-22

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14, 2014-15

District Secretary 2008-09, 2012-13

District Editor 2009-10

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24



Name: **Emily Duterte**
 Club: **San Francisco Del Monte**
 District: **378**
 IW Country: **Philippines (NGB)**
 Approx members 1,798

I wish to bring dynamism to Inner Wheel. I see Inner Wheel as an organisation responsive to the times, vibrant and fun, yet able to maintain the basic traditions of true friendships, and selfless service to humanity and international understanding.

Inner Wheel has been an integral part of my growth as a woman leader. It has helped me shape my character as we bring much-needed help and hope to those in need. It has brought me joy as we mould young bodies and minds to be responsible citizens of the world.

I hope that I will be able to share my knowledge and expertise in managing and conducting leadership training, membership development, and values formation with the organisation. These will help members to be empowered, for them to empower others. My years of experience in handling programmes, promotions, and events will come in handy in promoting Inner Wheel to be the most preferred socio-civic organisation of women around the world.

I believe that Inner Wheel needs to transform with the times. The organisation should be able to maximise the current technology trends in the market to be able to communicate not only with our members but also with our stakeholders. Technology will also help in improving our operational systems, having organised processes and on-time reporting. I hope that I will be able to contribute to the implementation of these digital transformation methodologies in a positive way.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1985-86

District Chairman 1994-95

District Vice-Chairman 1993-94

District Extension Chairman Organiser
1992-93

District Editor 1990-91, 1991-92

National Governing Body President/
Chairman 2022-23

National Governing Body Vice-President
2008-09, 2009-10

National Governing Body 2nd Vice-
President 1999-2000

National Governing Body Secretary 1995-96

National Governing Body Treasurer 1994-95

National Representative

2020-21



Name: **Feerooza Avari**

Club: **Karachi**

District: **327**

IW Country: **Pakistan**

Approx members 1,167

My 50 years in Inner Wheel have been the most exciting and exhilarating time.

I learnt a great deal from my seniors who were most encouraging and helpful as I was a complete novice in this field.

My year as IIW Board Director from Pakistan opened me up on an international level. My desire is now to expand Inner Wheel in my country and impart as much knowledge of it as I can.

The terrible floods of the last year in the country made me send out an appeal to IW worldwide. We were truly humbled and grateful to receive funds for the flood stricken people from IIW and we have started projects of rehabilitation and water distribution in flood affected areas.

I want our members to focus on our environment as climate change has played havoc all over the world. We must plant more trees everywhere and ban the use of plastics worldwide.

I would like that smaller countries like Pakistan be appreciated for our work and projects. I want more IW members to visit our country and recognise our contribution to this wonderful organisation. This will bring members of different cultures and customs closer together in friendship.

We have put emphasis on working with and for women. We need to improve their lives by giving them education, healthcare and work opportunities. They should be self-reliant and self-sufficient. By doing this together we can SHINE A LIGHT

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1980-81

Club Vice-President 1988-89, 2020-21

Club Secretary 1978-79, 1979-80, 1987-88, 2003-04

Club Treasurer 1986-87

District Chairman 1988-89

District Secretary 1993-94

District International Overseas Chairman
Organiser 1992-93

District Editor 1991-92, 2001-02, 2017-18,
2018-19, 2019-20

National Representative

1994-95

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2021-22

Name: **Iclal Kardicali**Club: **Ege**District: **244**IIW Country: **Turkiye**

Approx members 359

I am very honoured and happy that my IW friends proposed my nomination for BD again for 2024-25.

IW gives me opportunities to make friends internationally, to spread kindness and good to make a difference in the lives of others through service projects.

My unforgettable, exciting IW experiences include my services as a member of the Organising Committee for Istanbul Convention where I conducted the Inaugural Concert; as the DC 244 where I led the organisation of Women for Europe 8, as the NR where I was a voting delegate and speaker for a proposal at Jaipur Convention, and as the Centennial BD where I work with NDCs and organise an International Choir for the Centennial Convention. Through these, I have appreciated the international character of IW and its richness in diversity.

As we will live through our Centennial, I would like to continue – with my fellow friends as a team – to work with women, children, displaced people, NDCs to find better solutions to the needs of women in areas of literacy, environment, well-being, equity of opportunity, education to produce happy, healthy and visionary leaders skillful in promoting projects, using social media, forming e-clubs to attract new generations, members to strengthen us through expansion.

I perceive IW as the greatest women's organisation to empower women to promote friendship and service; for international diversity and kind, peaceful coexistence in the world, welcoming 2024 and beyond for Stronger Women, Stronger World.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2015-16

Club Vice-President 2009-10

District Chairman 2017-18

District Secretary 2014-15

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24



Name: **Iman El Bashari**

Club: **Cairo North**

District: **95**

IW Country: **Egypt & Jordan**

Approx members 936

It is with profound honour that I assume my role as an Inner Wheel member, and I'm both privileged and humbled by my nomination as the Board Director for the International Inner Wheel for the term spanning 2024 to 2025.

My connection with Inner Wheel dates back to 1998, yet its influence on me reaches even earlier to my student days. The legacy of this remarkable organisation within District 95 runs deep in my family, with my British grandmother being the visionary behind the club that I proudly call my own. My grandfather's role as a Rotary Governor and my mother's tenure as District Chairman further solidify my commitment to this cause.

Inner Wheel is more than just an organisation to me; it's an encompassing world that spans continents, fostering friendships that transcend boundaries. Its potential to empower women, uplift the marginalised, and bring about positive transformations is boundless. My personal involvement in District 95, combined with a global perspective via technology and social media, has vividly demonstrated Inner Wheel's far-reaching impact.

Backed by my extensive experience and expertise, I'm confident in my ability to significantly contribute to the organisation's growth and influence. Through Inner Wheel, we possess the capability to turn strangers into allies, reshape lives, and foster a world that exudes compassion and equity. Let us unite, utilise the resources at hand, and channel our shared passion to achieve exceptional milestones that benefit us all.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2006-07

Club Secretary 2004-05, 2005-06

Club Treasurer 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04

Club International Service Organiser
1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01

District Treasurer 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13

National Representative

2020-21, 2021-22



Name: **Juanita Lee**
 Club: **Kuala Lumpur**
 District: **330**
 IW Country: **Malaysia**
 Approx members 423

My mission is to further the ideals of Inner Wheel friendship and service — to be welcoming, delighting and empowering others.

A healthy and wholesome friendship generates empathy for each other. By encouraging each other in this way, we can communicate and bridge differences in culture and language, and promote good mental health and physical wellbeing.

In this age of the Internet, there are so many ways to communicate with Inner Wheel friends across the world. We are challenged only by our creativity. For example, a friend in another country will be appreciative of personable video messages that show our expressions in our voice and movements. By enabling captions in the app, the messages can be translated automatically online to be understood by friends speaking diverse languages.

I envision that in being creative and keeping in constant communication, we can develop a harmonious blend comprising the wisdom of senior members whilst engaging with the ideas and vigour of the next generation of members. This brings us, Inner Wheel, forward into a new century of friendship and service.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2002-03
 Club Vice-President 2001-02
 Club Correspondent 1999-00
 District Chairman 2012-13
 District Vice-Chairman 2011-12
 District Treasurer 2007-08
 District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2020-21
 District Editor 2006-07

National Representative

2019-20



Name: **Lynne Davine**
Club: **Warragul**
District: **A62**
IW Country: **Australia (NGB)**
Approx members 2,468

My mission is to enable more women to be able to embrace the privilege of being a member of Inner Wheel and to make a difference globally for those who have no voice, no freedom of choice, no opportunity for education, nor basic life necessities.

To also be a part of the healing from catastrophes which may have overwhelmed many parts of the world and to serve with compassion and love for our fellow human beings worldwide.

I personally wish for a great future for Inner Wheel to continue on for many generations as the world will always have the need for champions.

From one small seed sown locally, nurtured, and cared for and shared, we can create a beautiful garden together, universally, as we grow and expand in our services.

We have already achieved within our own inner strengths that we can reach out, support and touch those in need. For 100 years, Inner Wheel has provided this opportunity to be that voice and advocate, to stand up for and to share in our world not just for the privileged few, but for all.

I have been honoured and proud to serve as a Charter member of my Club and District for over 28 years. I have served as Club President twice, District Chairman, Council Member, IWA President and now National Representative and have been a witness to the great work our Inner Wheel members worldwide have already achieved.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

National Representative 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1999-00, 2010-11

Club Vice-President 1998-99

District Chairman 2016-17

District Vice-Chairman 2015-16

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2014-15

District Secretary 2008-09, 2009-10

District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2012-13

National Governing Body Council Member 2017-18

National Governing Body President 2022-23

National Representative

2023-24

Name: **Mazeena Lukmanjee**Club: **Colombo**District: **322**IW Country: **Sri Lanka**

Approx members 420

“Selfless service is the highest form of giving when one expects nothing in return”.

I am grateful to District 322 for their confidence in me by proposing my name for the post of IIW Board Director.

It is an appointment, which, if elected requires the nominee to be an ambassador of Inner wheel and its ideals.

Inner Wheel entered my life in 1987, when I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Colombo, which is also my extended family. The camaraderie has been encouraging and fulfilling. From then it has been my passion and commitment to identify the less fortunate in society, and serve them to the best of my ability.

I envision that educating girls in personal hygiene during the menstrual cycle is the need of the hour, especially in the rural schools. My objective is to reach out to Heads of schools and conduct workshops with the relevant age groups. Distribution of sanitary napkins to the 12 years and over will be considered so that they are confident to attend school.

Kidney disease is very prevalent, due to drinking water being polluted. My vision is to provide wells with a reverse osmosis plant to purify the water, thereby making it safe for drinking.

Cancer is on the rise and medication is in short supply. Procurement of cancer drugs is an urgent need, which is another priority on my list.

International Inner Wheel would be the formidable force in the region and worldwide to help achieve our goals of friendship and service.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1992-93

District Secretary 1999-2000

National Representative

2021-22



Name: **Nayar Islam**
Club: **Dhanmondi**
District: **328**
IW Country: **Bangladesh**
Approx members 1,287

For 19 years, my involvement with Inner Wheel has been immensely transformative and enriching.

The organisation’s core values of service, friendship, and global understanding have driven me to contribute significantly to the worldwide community. Recollecting this period, I’m reminded of Inner Wheel’s profound influence on nurturing international fellowship and connections, motivating me to continue fostering such bonds.

International Inner Wheel showcases the impactful potential of women uniting across borders for positive change. Engaging with remarkable individuals from diverse cultures, I have exchanged ideas, experiences, and goals. Collaborative projects I have taken, empowered communities and women, striving for global equity. The friendships forged across continents highlight Inner Wheel’s remarkable ability to bridge divides and establish enduring connections.

Looking ahead, I’m dedicated to being a unifying force in this complex network of global camaraderie. In an interconnected world, my aim is to utilise Inner Wheel’s platform to augment cross-cultural understanding and collaboration. I envision facilitating virtual exchanges, workshops, and dialogues, enabling members worldwide to share insights and best practices. Through technology, we can transcend physical boundaries to collectively tackle global issues like education, healthcare, and the environment.

In conclusion, my 19 years journey with Inner Wheel has epitomised growth, empathy, and service. Continuing on this path, I’m committed to bolstering the organisation’s role as a catalyst for international fellowship. By nurturing connections, celebrating diversity, and collaborating globally, we can pave the way for a brighter and more harmonious world.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

- Club President 2007-08, 2008-09
- Club Secretary 2006-07, 2013-14
- Club Treasurer 2005-06
- District Chairman 2017-18
- District Vice-Chairman 2016-17
- District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2015-16
- District Secretary 2014-15

National Representative

2021-22



Name: **Nnenna Opebiyi**

Club: **Ilesa**

District: **913**

IW Country: **Nigeria (NGB)**

Approx members 1,175

I am honoured to be nominated for the position of IIW Board Director.

Inner Wheel is a unique organisation, and I am proud to have been a charter member for over 37 years.

Having served at various Club, District and National levels, if elected, it will be a great opportunity to work with members worldwide at various levels.

My passion for True Friendship, Personal Service and International Understanding is a continuous inspiration to me.

I am a retired Nurse Tutor, and I am also an advocate of new ideas.

As a Club President, we built a furnished multipurpose hall for antenatal mothers and for immunisation of children.

As a District Chairman, we laid the foundation for a Mammography Centre which was also handed over to the OAU Teaching Hospital after completion.

As an advocate of new ideas, during our national rally, I organised an exciting relaxation exercise for old and young members. We played a novelty football match with Rotary International, District 9125, which attracted new members from the spectators.

My profession has endeared me to focus on health education and health literacy for women and children.

As we celebrate our centenary, we can give a strong signal by Shining a Light to inspire young women to join Inner Wheel in the years to come.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1996-97

Club Vice-President 1994-95,

Club Secretary 1993-94

District Chairman 2003-04

District Vice-Chairman 2002-03

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2001-02

District Treasurer 1997-98

National Governing Body President/Chairman 2018-19

National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2017-18

National Governing Body Secretary 2012-13

National Governing Body Editor 2011-12

National Representative

2018-19



Name: **Paulette Dewinter-De Soete**

Club: **Deinze**

District: **62**

IW Country: **Belgium & Luxembourg**

Approx members 1,877

Dear Friends, as Board Directors, we are the link between the NDCs and International InnerWheel and therefore I think it is very important that there is some continuity in the contact with the assigned NDC.

This is one of the reasons why I am running for a second term as Board Director.

The other reason is of course my love for Inner Wheel.

Because we are all unique, united we can do so much to brighten the lives of those who are hurting and in pain. Last year, we worked wonders to raise the money needed to help these people. This year let 'Shine A Light' on all actions taken by clubs for a better future for the next generation.

2024 is the Centenary year, and needless to say, much has changed in the past 99 years: needs, humanitarian issues, technology and infrastructures have changed. Therefore, we need to transform our organisation and make it more relevant to today's world so that IW is also attractive to our younger generation.

We can only achieve all this through good communication, motivation, respect, trust and by working as one team on every level, Club, District, NGB and IGB. Don't forget: together we can make the change!

I hope to meet you in Manchester in May 2024 at the 19th Convention to celebrate 100 years of International Inner Wheel together.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2008-09

Club Vice-President 2007-08

Club Treasurer 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07,

District Chairman 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14

District Secretary 2012-13

District Treasurer 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12

District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2016-17

National Governing Body President 2020-21, 2021-22

National Governing Body Vice-President 2018-19, 2019-20

National Governing Body Secretary 2018-19, 2019-20

National Governing Body Treasurer 2017-18

National Representative

2020-21, 2021-22

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2023-24



Name: **Surjit Kaur, Dr.**
 Club: **Kapurthala**
 District: **307**
 IW Country: **India (NGB)**
 Approx members 55,140

As a doctor my life's mission is to heal the sick and ailing, to give hope to all, to bring new life into the world and happiness to many.

My vision is positive health for women and adolescent girls which is a necessity for their empowerment. I envision a future where women and girls are physically healthy and empowered to achieve their fullest potential.

As the President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India, 'We Care' was our slogan and each District's major focus was on health for adolescents and women, menstrual hygiene management, anaemia, an aggressive battle against cancer, and a concerted effort to stop non-communicable diseases.

During my tenure as the Association President for the first time International Past District Chairmen's Conference was organised which had delegates from eight countries.

Besides, guidance regarding legal service for women, skill training, marital counselling, rehabilitation and education for girls was taken up on a war footing. I visualise a world where governments, healthcare professionals, and Inner Wheel work together to advance women's health and empowerment on a global scale.

I would work for a phenomenal increase in membership and clubs. Inner Wheel must become known globally, thus would put thrust on its branding.

Our world needs us now to confront the challenges of health, poverty, inequality and illiteracy. As the messengers of hope and forerunners of change, we must move forward together by creating dynamic strategies to address the world's most pressing problems.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2005-06
 District Chairman 2011-12
 District Vice-Chairman 2010-11
 District Secretary 2009-10
 District Extension Chairman Organiser 2015-16
 District International Overseas Chairman Organiser 2006-07
 District Editor 2007-08
 National Governing Body President/Chairman 2022-23
 National Governing Body Vice-President/Vice-Chairman 2021-22
 National Governing Body Editor 2018-19
 National Governing Body Council Member 2012-13
National Representative
 2022-23



Name: **Susanne Metelerkamp
Cappenberg-Beetz**

Club: **Pumerend**

District: **58**

IW Country: **Netherlands (NGB)**

Approx members 2,025

This year IW The Netherlands is running a pilot on simplification, based on the idea that our clubs – the warm beating heart of IW – are taking centre stage again, always and everywhere!

We believe it is time for IW 2.0., supported by International IW to ensure that all clubs around the world can grow and flourish, without unnecessary burdens and uncomfortable structures. IW 2.0. looks at our organisation with a fresh, open mind. Empower clubs, give them space. Take on challenges and find new paths. But above all: seek cooperation and connection. In order to make connections we must get in touch with each other. Connecting with people around us is a basic need and is only possible if there is trust, based on openness and respect. I would like to help making those connections as a Board Director of IIW: bringing people together, listening to each other without judgement and creating opportunities. Would love to be part of our IIW-organisation to share ideas and create new initiatives. My annual theme as President of my club was “IW Grenzeloos Dichtbij” (“IW Close without Boundaries”). I then encouraged to challenge IW boundaries and to explore the boundaries within ourselves. When we do so, there are many opportunities and surprising destinations to discover. With this nomination I am putting my words into action, because I firmly believe in the need for cooperation across our IW borders. Hopefully I will get the opportunity to contribute as a Board Director to a dynamic Inner Wheel 2.0.!

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2016-17

Club Vice-President 2015-16

District Chairman 2018-19, 2019-20

District Vice-Chairman 2017-18

National Governing Body National
President/Chairman 2021-22

National Governing Body Vice-President/
Chairman 2020-21

National Representative

2022-23

Name: **Tracy Van Eeden**Club: **Bedfordview**District: **932**IW Country: **South Africa**

Approx members 100

I became a member of the Inner Wheel club of Bedfordview 23 years ago, at the age of 22 and although I was the youngest member by several years I was welcomed into the club.

To promote true friendship has always been the element that appealed to me the most. This could not have been more evident or more needed than during COVID. We were all determined not only to continue to look after our projects but even more so to look after and care for one another. Zoom get-togethers were held, just to check in and see how we were. Coffee dates on Zoom allowed us to chat and share our "lockdown" experiences. Groceries, cakes and other essentials were left at the gates of our projects so as to avoid contact but ensure that needs were still met.

We all made sure that at any time, day or night, one of us was always available to support, laugh, cry, shout or celebrate with our members. Nobody felt alone or forgotten at this unprecedented time.

Through Inner Wheel I have met the most amazing women who I am very proud to call my friends. I have shared with these ladies many tears, many laughs and have created special memories. I hope to spread this further than Southern Africa as I meet up with more members from across the globe.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2015-16

Club Secretary 2002-03

Club Treasurer 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07

District Chairman 2016-17, 2017-18

District Treasurer 2007-08, 2008-09, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16

National Governing Body President/
Chairman 2016-17, 2017-18National Governing Body Vice-President/
Vice-Chairman 2014-15, 2015-16

National Representative

2016-17, 2017-18



Name: **Ursula Eigenmann**

Club: **St. Gallen**

District: **199**

IW Country: **Switzerland &
Liechtenstein**

Approx members 1,647

Inner Wheel has been an important pillar in my life for many years. I have found loyal friends here. We are united by trust, tolerance and mutual acceptance.

I became a member of the Inner Wheel Club St. Gallen in 1997, a club that has always developed and today starts the new year with a young board team. After the year as Vice-President, I held the office as President in 2003-04 and as Club Secretary in three subsequent years. Together we initiated and supported various social projects.

Later I was elected to the District Committee, 2013-14 as 2nd District Chairman, 2014-15 already as District Chairman, 2017-18 as National Representative. During the visits to the clubs I experienced the spirit of Inner Wheel and to the enriching cross-country contacts with the neighbouring clubs.

The Convention in Copenhagen in 2015 and in Melbourne in 2018, where I served as proxy vote holder, impressed me with the international cohesion.

The aims of Inner Wheel remain essential. Especially in today's globalised but also polarised world, it is extremely important to show solidarity and support for disadvantaged people and to meet other cultures with tolerance and understanding.

Inner Wheel can make a significant contribution to this. As a women's organisation, we are also particularly committed to strengthening the values, rights and self-image of women worldwide.

I would be delighted to be elected as a Board Director to continue to help shape and ensure that the Inner Wheel continues to turn into the next century.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2003-04

Club Vice-President 2002-03

Club Secretary 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08

District Chairman 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14

National Representative

2017-18

Name: **Valentina Serrano**Club: **Cuidad de Mexico**District: **417**IW Country: **Mexico**

Approx members 194

As a Mexican with a deep-rooted sense of culture, resilience, and compassion, I joined Inner Wheel with a strong commitment to support and involve myself in social crises globally.

Grateful for the blessings in my life and motivated by a sense of duty to give back, I focus my efforts on supporting educational causes, recognizing its power to break the cycle of poverty and ignorance. In Inner Wheel, I found more than an organisation; I found my closest friends and a second family of like-minded individuals dedicated to making the world a better place. Together, we strive to create a lasting impact and uplift the most vulnerable communities worldwide. My mission is to share the experiences from my underdeveloped country as an Inner Wheel member, understanding the challenges faced by other nations, and proposing ideas to aid the most marginalised populations. Vision: To evolve and adapt Inner Wheel to meet the demands of the modern world while staying true to our original objectives. As a united women's organisation, our vision is to become the largest of its kind, continuing to benefit those in need and leaving a positive legacy for future generations.

Present Office held in Inner Wheel

Past Offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2010-11

Club Vice-President 2009-10

Club Secretary 2008-09

Club Treasurer 2007-08

District Chairman 2013-14, 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2012-13

District Secretary 2012-13

District Treasurer 2011-12

District Editor 2015-16

National Representative

2019-20



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