

Strong women, stronger world



## 2023 INNER WHEEL DAY

Today

**January 10, 2023**, marks the 99<sup>th</sup> year that the mother club, the Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, England, first adopted the name **Inner Wheel**. It is also on this day that we commemorate International Inner Wheel President Helena Foster's call to all members of clubs around the world **"to link together in action on January 10<sup>th</sup>"**.

It is on this special day that all IW clubs throughout the world are inspired and encouraged by one another to extend service and friendship to their communities. Imagine the thousands of members all over the world celebrating this occasion with efforts reflecting the aims of Inner Wheel: promoting true friendship, encouraging the ideals of personal service, and fostering international understanding. There are so many stories to share on how diversely individual clubs celebrate this occasion.

In celebrating friendship, some clubs conduct socials, spending time together and doing fun activities. These activities foster camaraderie and improve bonds that inspire and encourage members to extend service to their communities together. Some clubs engage in activities serving their communities through hospital visits, school building repairs, feeding programmes, grooming of the elderly, gift-giving, and tree planting..., just like when Inner Wheel Day was first celebrated. Mind you, these were mostly fruit-bearing trees, symbolic of the "everbearing" of Inner Wheel's

acts of service that empower women and their communities. Then, there is the interaction of clubs from different countries around the world through online platforms and continued appreciation of each other's undertakings fostering continued understanding of the plight of adopted communities. Last year, for the first 10 days of January, clubs around the world conducted projects called Wheel Can Cerv. Let's also do it again for the whole month of January this year.

I am sure that in the many years to come, whatever the future holds in store for us, Inner Wheel Day will continue to be a celebration of true friendship and selfless service, showing the world the true warmth of the women of Inner Wheel in action.

May the story of Inner Wheel Day continue to grow and embody the changes taking place throughout the world. I am confident that as we walk together on this straight and wondrous path to the centennial of Inner Wheel, we will remain united in personal service and celebration.



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