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GOVERNING BODY MEETING**
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"Heartbeat of Humanity"

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3rd – 4th October 2024, held in Altrincham Town Hall, Altrincham.

Mamta Gupta	President	MG
Kay Morland	Vice-President	KM
Trish Douglas	Past President	TD
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Lynne Davine	LD		

Alan Phillips	Administrator	AP
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BD = Board Director, IIW = International Inner Wheel, IW = Inner Wheel, IGB = International Governing Body, NGB = National Governing Body, NDC = Non-Districted Clubs, EC = Executive Committee, IPP = Immediate Past President, PP = Past President, VP = Vice-President, DC = District Chairman, IWC = Inner Wheel Club of, UN = United Nations, CC = Constitution Chairman, NGO = Non-Governmental Organisation, C&H = Constitution & Handbook, GB&I = The Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland, LCC = Local Convention Committee, FB = Facebook, RI = Rotary International.

Opening Remarks

MG introduced the Executive and the BDs from last year and welcomed all the new BDs and there was the lighting of the Candle of Friendship.

BDs and Editor/Media Manager introduced themselves and their individual journeys in Inner Wheel. MG presented the incoming BDs with their IIW Board Directors' badge of office.

Apologies from Emily Duterte. AP explained that it was not practicable for her to join the meeting remotely.

MG – minutes of IGB Meeting 2023; proposed AA, seconded PDS.

PRESIDENT REPORT

JUNE 2024

I am pleased to have presided over the 1st IIW Executive Committee (EC) Meeting at Kolkata – India, on 25 June 2024. We missed IIW VP Kay, she couldn't attend due to her health issues. Besides Trish, Patricia and Rashmi, our Administrator Alan Phillips and IIW Editor/Media Manger Rajni were also present.

In the IIW EC February meeting we decided to transform the changeover ceremony from mere exchange of collar here in this room in the presence of only EC members. Even a club's installation, a District and an Association's installation is a gala affair, so we should also have a grand ceremony to witness stepping into a new century. It was decided that being an international organisation we should hold these ceremonies at various countries in a hybrid mode, i.e. physical and on Zoom.

The ball was set rolling and thus began the roller coaster ride.

Since it was the first time ever, there was no blueprint to follow. The first thing was to decide on a name of the event, fix a date and venue! We decided to name it Changeover Ceremony – Epoch Flow which means — A ceremony making the transition from one century to another!



With it happening in India, the national bird peacock and the national flower lotus seemed the perfect symbols to use and so the creative, the colour combo was decided and with God's blessings, 'save the date' post was sent to all the countries!

We had a very clear vision of how we wanted the whole event to be, keeping in mind the presence of IW Members from across the globe, physically and on digital media, so we were visualising how the presentation of the ceremony would look to viewers on zoom.

Hotel ITC Royal Bengal was decided upon and the registration form was ready as time was just flying and overseas delegates needed to apply for their visa. The happiness and a feeling of pride of IWCCC members (my club members) to be hosts of such an event knew no bounds. Each and every member was ready to pitch in wherever needed.

Similarly for my District 329, it was as prestigious an event and they too were all ready to go out of their way to make it a successful one. Innumerable meetings, maybe the number would go in hundreds for forming committees, sub-committees, deciding our event agency, branding, creative partners, sponsors, entertainment, mementoes... an endless list.

Somehow it was like flowing with the course of events as the days came closer, the countdown started and the heartbeat increased. On 23rd June, our first guests, the IIW President 2023-2024 Trish Douglas, CC Sissel and the IIW EC members arrived and thus began the proceedings of EPOCH FLOW.

The 4th outgoing and first IIW EC meeting took place on 24th-26th June 2024 in the Board Room of Hotel ITC Royal Bengal

EPOCH VOYAGE – A Ganges Gala:

The Sunset Cruise on 25th June evening was an awesome start to the event! A magical evening, it was with Ganga aarti, fun games, Kolkata street food festival, gift stalls, a fun chat between TD/MG, foot tapping music to sway away, the perfect photo corner and curated dinner, fun memories for all. Everyone was welcomed with the gamcha bags to put their wins in and red stoles! It was fun and smiles all through!

On June 26th, 2024, the International Inner Wheel (IIW) marked a momentous occasion – A grand Changeover Ceremony – at Kolkata, India.

The Epoch Flow, Changeover event was a grand affair, attended by over 950 distinguished members, delegates from around the world and guests.

As the curtains drew open, the atmosphere was electric! The Convenor PDC Sumi Agarwal and Co-Convenor PP

Aruna Murarka welcomed the audience, setting the tone for an unforgettable afternoon. IIW President Trish Douglas officially inaugurated the proceedings, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolising new beginnings. The national anthems of the UK and India resonated, fostering unity and respect.

A mesmerising dance performance by Tanushree Shankar and her troupe left the audience spellbound, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage. Past IIW President Anita Aggarwal honoured the IIW Team of 2023-24, celebrating their achievements and dedication.

IIW President Trish Douglas delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the Centennial year's accomplishments and setting a hopeful tone for the future.

The pièce de résistance was my installation as the IIW President for 2024-25. With great enthusiasm, I outlined my vision and goals, emphasising the theme "**Heartbeat of Humanity**". My happiness knew no bounds when the club members adorned me with a sash and tiara. A coffee table book on my IW journey was released on this occasion.

The event was attended by members from Uganda, northern part of Cyprus – District 222, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and members from across India.

The event was broadcast live on YouTube, Facebook, and Zoom, reaching a global audience of 10,000+ members and much more. The IIW EC – incoming and outgoing, six past IIW Presidents, and many Past National Representatives, Board Director graced the occasion. There was a huge spread of delicacies for high tea.

A captivating performance by legendary singer Usha Uthup followed. The evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner, leaving everyone with cherished memories.

The Epoch Flow Changeover event was a resounding success, celebrating IIW's rich legacy and setting the stage for a promising future under new leadership.

On the **27th of June Epoch Flow Soirée**, the celebrations did not end here – a musical evening at my dream project Apnalay – home for senior citizens, was organised for the global members. The IIW EC members inaugurated a physiotherapy unit and planted a gooseberry tree. The party began when the members of IWCCC, my home club performed amazing dances which were choreographed and practised for several weeks. President Trish with her passion for music and dance was ever ready to pitch in with her singing and this was the icing on the cake. Senior residents welcomed all the foreign guests with the traditional tika on forehead and showered their blessings on the IIW EC members.



1ST JULY

On the 1st day of the 1st year of the second century – I attended the first project of District 329 where 2 neonatal radiant warmer machines were donated to a hospital which was attended by District officials and more than 50 club presidents.

I attended the **32nd District Assembly of District 324** as the Chief Guest. The Installation of District Chairman 2024-25 Anindita Dey and District Executive Committee Members. The inaugural session of the District Assembly was a grand affair where culture and tradition of Meghalaya was showcased in the form of music and exhibitions. District Directory 2024-25 was also released.

Attended the **54th District Assembly of District 311** as the Chief Guest led by District Chairman Neelu Singh Dhakrey. I inaugurated the "Inner Wheel Shopping Era", and released the District Directory, the District Souvenir, "District Newsletter" and two significant mega projects. During the event, 115 sewing machines were donated, marking the establishment of the "Inner Wheel Ki Hunarshaala", a sewing centre designed to provide employment opportunities, foster economic independence, and enhance social recognition for women. Another major project emphasised sustainability by repurposing plastic waste into 500 reusable tote bags.

I attended the **40th District Assembly of District 325** to celebrate the Ruby year of the District, with commendable projects done jointly by 33 clubs. Donation of e-waste bins, 1001 plants to schools and colleges to promote a healthy environment, 330 school bags with Inner Wheel logo and theme logo to promote branding Inner Wheel.

On June 16th the 2024, attended as Chief Guest the installation of Mrs Sunita Jain as the 49th Association President of Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of India. The ceremony was hosted by District 305. It was attended by approximately 500 members across India. The official proceedings started with a call to order by Association President 2023-24 Preeti Gugnani. The flag parade marked a vibrant beginning to the ceremony, the lamp lighting ceremony, symbolising enlightenment and hope for a better tomorrow. An invocation dance added a cultural touch to the proceedings. Host District Chairman delivered a heartfelt welcome address. AP Preeti Gugnani reviewed the achievements of the past year, emphasising the collective efforts and successes of the Inner Wheel community. She also released her newsletter. Sunita Jain received the baton from outgoing AP as the Association President marking the beginning of a new chapter.

Attended the East Zone Meet at Jamshedpur hosted by District 324, 10th-11th August. Around 350 members attended the meet.

Attended the West Zone Meet at Goa hosted by District 317 on 29th-30th August. Attended by more than 400 members. 2500 notebooks with Inner Wheel and theme logo print was given for branding Inner Wheel. 150 sewing machines and school bags were also given.

Attended the District Rally of District 310 on 10th September. 353 members attended the event. Mega projects executed jointly by all the clubs. 101 sewing machines, 201 hearing aids, 101 notebooks and 101 bicycles were given. E-bulletin was released. An exhibition cum sale was also organised to promote NGOs.

Attended the District Rally of District 329 on 17th August. They organised an Exhibition cum sale, where budding entrepreneurs had encouraged.

Attended the District Rally and ISO meet of District 312. Where members presented beautiful performances and praiseworthy projects. 125 sewing machines and 50 tablets were donated.

A Visit To Uganda

When I was IIW Vice-President, I got the opportunity to form a club in Uganda with 35 charter members which was sponsored by my home club Central Calcutta. At that time, the club only wanted me to visit on their first installation. I fulfilled my promise to them. Last year two more clubs were formed so they have now total six clubs.

As I reached Uganda airport, we were welcomed by airport authorities in the VIP lounge. I found IWC Central Kampala President Gladys and IWC Mengo President Rhoda. As we stepped out of the airport, all club presidents and members in large numbers were present there with media people.

Six club presidents stand out for their incredible efforts in implementing projects that truly embody the spirit of Inner Wheel. Each and every project witnessed during my visit left an indelible mark on my heart.

The IWC of Mengo project at St Jude primary school, where 350 boys and girls were trained to make reusable sanitary napkins, was truly inspiring. I admire how the project empowered them to be self-sufficient.

The meticulously organised 1st installation ceremony of IWC Kampala Central, attended by 200 people, left me in awe. Every detail was perfect.

The IWC Masaka's project touched my heart I had the privilege of groundbreaking for construction of a dormitory, which they propose to name after me. I'm deeply grateful for this honour.



The IWC of Ggaba project for special children was heartwarming, and I appreciate their continued support for these precious individuals.

The IWC of Kampala, the first club in the District, is doing a splendid job supporting the elderly, a project close to my heart. I was so moved by the project that I wanted to contribute towards it, and my husband Sanjay immediately donated.

The District 900 charter presentation ceremony was held during my visit. It was a gala affair attended by 250 members, Rotarians, PDGs and guest. The event was hosted by all the six clubs of Uganda. Lois, the perfect choice as founder District Chairman. She is the founder member of 1st club of Uganda IWC Kampala. Her dedication to service and commitment to expanding Inner Wheel in Africa is truly admirable. She is a true leader who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

The district officials are chosen from each club. This was my first district formation as the IIW President. It was a moment of extreme emotions for me to see the six clubs forming District 900 and to see such good work being done by all of them. In the IIW forum for the first time a district has been formed in East Africa. It was a moment of extreme pride and fulfilment for IIW and me as the President to see the emergence of this District.

We were provided with home hospitality in Uganda. So many lunches/dinners at members' homes, their warmth, local music and what not, days spent there would forever be cherished. As we were welcomed on arrival, the farewell was too emotional, with a promise to keep visiting each other's country.

Wonderful news for Inner Wheel enthusiasts! Pakistan has welcomed its newest addition, **District 339**, marking a significant milestone in the organisation's growth.

Additionally, **Türkiye** has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming a National Governing Body. This accomplishment showcases Türkiye's commitment to Inner Wheel's objectives: promoting true friendship, encouraging personal service, and fostering international understanding.

A Training programme – was organised via Zoom on 5th September 2024 for National Representatives, National Presidents, District Chairmen and BDs and NDCs.

I would like to thank IIW Immediate Past President Trish for accepting my request and taking care of the entire proceedings, since I was not well.

IIW VP Kay, Treasurer Rashmi Sharma and CC Patricia Hilton, UN Representative Martine and PP Zenaida Farcon for giving wonderful, very fruitful training session. I received many

phone calls inquiring about my health and congratulatory messages for the training sessions.

Topics discussed were the following:

- Membership Growth — New Gen Clubs, E-Clubs and Extension (IIWPP Zenaida Farcon)
- Association of IIW with UN, Updates and Implications (IIW VP Kay Morland)
- Sustainable Development Goals (IIW Representative in the UN Martine Gayon)
- Proposals passed at IIW Convention 2024 and Formation of NGB & District (IIW Constitution Chairman Patricia Hilton)
- Roles and Responsibilities of Club Treasurers & District Treasurers (IIW Treasurer Rashmi Sharma)

THANK YOU

MG – pointed out that all discussions within the IGB are confidential until the minutes of this meeting are issued. AA asked about the minutes of the IGB meeting prior to the Convention, which AP replied to.

MG – Made announcement about the implementation of universal email addresses and asked for help with their ND clubs, KM added that IWA and IWNZ had already done this, as had FAMAT. AP will be sending an email to inform of this. EZ asked about the training materials, AP said that they would be available very soon, via the IIW portal.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BD'S REPORTS ON NDC ALLOCATIONS

Alyssandra Skerrett – New Zealand

Korca, Albania
Tirana, Albania
Saint Georges, Canada

26/8 Unfortunately, IWC Korca and IWC Saint Georges emails have bounced. So, I have tried contacting them through Facebook – messages. Sent the information for IWC of Tirana and also found them on FB.

29/8 I decided this morning I would try again. I have sent 3 emails and **St Georges is the only undeliverable one**. I do see they have all had the info about Mamta's message on their FB pages.

20/9 I have been stalking them on Facebook (FB) and still cannot contact all 3 of them.



Ann Acaster – GB&I

Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Sapporo, Japan
Bijeljina, Bosnia & Herzegovina

22/8 Heard back from 2 out of the 3! One of the clubs asked me how many of the members are able to attend the Zoom meeting on 5th September. That is of course if they are available, as many clubs are at the moment in 'holiday mode'.

12/9 Sent out gentle reminder emails, nothing back yet. Have also done some detective work. Haven't had anything at all from Sapporo Japan and so have contacted their BD from last year – nothing from her yet either!

Donatella Polizzi Nicolich – Italy

Ljubljana, Slovenia
Maribor, Slovenia
Budapest, Hungary
Savinjsko & Saleska Region, Slovenia

1/8 I will be in Budapest by the middle of September, and I will visit the IWC of Budapest. For the Slovenian clubs I will arrange an in-person meeting in September too.

Elena Zaharieva – Bulgaria

Al Koura, Lebanon
Batroun, Lebanon
Beirut, Lebanon

14/8 I have sent them an introductory letter with the e-bulletins. I do not have answer yet but hope to hear from them soon.

16/8 I then asked Past BD Marie-Francoise Pignard for some assistance as she was responsible for those clubs during 2023-2024. She said that the clubs prefer to communicate by WhatsApp and she sent me their phone numbers. She said she had given them to Alan – the information for the new BDs with their contacts. She also told me, that there are 8 clubs in Lebanon, which have very close contact and an elected Coordinator to communicate with all clubs in the country. Using WhatsApp I got answers from Roula Karam, secretary of IWC of Al Koura and Alia Torbey, Secretary of IWC of Batroun. Giselle Kassiss from IWC Beirut did not answer.

I got an e-mail from IWC of Al Koura, with the file confirming payment of the club's capitation fee. IWC Batroun wrote to inform, that they will make the payment of capitation fee after their first meeting. Unfortunately, I did not see any lady from Lebanon attending the training session – it was very informative and interesting. I hope I can send them the presentations and the recording of the training. They will

start regular meetings in October, when they will talk about different projects.

Unfortunately, I do not have any contact with the IW Club of Beirut. They did not answer any of my mails or messages in WhatsApp. I do not have feedback from their Coordinator either.

Emily Duterte – Philippines

Kesrouan, Lebanon
Metn, Lebanon
Carbet, French West Indies

5/9 I have not received any feedback nor a courtesy reply from the above-mentioned clubs. I am not discouraged though. I shall continue to communicate with them and hopefully, I hope to have some updates from them in the future.

Iclal Kardicali – Türkiye

Baku, Azerbaijan
Lusaka, Zambia
Georgetown, Guyana
Georgetown Central, Guyana
Harare West, Zimbabwe – finally closed in June 2024

28/8

IWC Lusaka – Zambia. Lusaka Inner Wheel Club was allocated to me last year, so I was able to renew contact. Active club with a number of different IW service activities. They answer promptly and with interesting reports and photos, and are willing to contribute to the IIW publications, e-mag, e-bulletin, etc. They continue working with some English Clubs in joint projects where the English Clubs are sponsors. They pay their capitation fees. Last year, 7 members wanted to come to Convention. Visa issue kept one member away 6 members were there, and we met. They prepared a wonderful poster at the House of Culture, joined the training programmes and will join the one on Sept 5th. They do not hesitate to ask questions and clarifications. I am hoping that we can add at least one more club to the Zambian group this year.

IWC Georgetown and IWC Georgetown Central – Guyana. I have written to the IWC Georgetown a number of times. I also found an old address of the IWC Georgetown Central and wrote to them. There is no response from either of them up to now. This was the case last year (2023-24) as well.

IWC Elite-Absheron – Azerbaijan. I obtained the President thanks to a Bulgarian friend. I wrote to her and she called me back. She is a very active and busy lady, running in the Azerbaijani elections in September for a seat in their National Assembly. After the elections, she will come to Türkiye with some of her members to meet and visit us. She would like to



increase membership and eventually have a district with at least 4 clubs. I told her that I (we) would do my (our) best to support her. She mentioned the name of a "Baku IW Club" also, but I do not know if such a club exists anymore. She did not know, either. Originally, she was a member of this club and left. They will join the training programme on the 5th of September.

Zambia and Azerbaijan joined the training on September 5th.

Iman El Bashar – Egypt & Jordan

Tripoli, Lebanon
Tripoli Al Mina, Lebanon
Zgharta Zawie, Lebanon
Beirut, Lebanon
Meten, Lebanon

19/8 One of the clubs responded only a couple of days ago, she apologised for not opening her emails, as she finished her post. She told me there is a 'coordinator' for all the IWCs of Lebanon. I honestly don't understand this and wanted to ask you if I should contact this coordinator?

The 2nd club just sent me a msg: "I received the email" with no other comment.

The 3rd club, no response yet.

7/9 I finally had contact with secretary IWC Tripoli and the Lebanon Coordinator Marine. They are slow to reply but finally we are going to make a group and communicate regularly. She told me that unfortunately most Lebanese are still on holiday, and IWCs start serious work beginning of October. I've been informed there are 2 clubs without a Board Director – IWC of Beirut and IWC Meten.

They can be added to me if you wish. I was told they paid their subs.

Juanita Lee – Malaysia

Kaunas, Lithuania
Silute, Lithuania
Taurage, Lithuania

29/8 I have not received any response to the emails I sent to the IWC Silute and Taurage regarding the September 5th training session. Only IWC Kaunas has responded and they are unable to attend the Training Session as it falls on a workday.

2/9 I am happy to tell you that I received a response from Dorothee Remmler Belen, last year's BD for Lithuania NDCs. She replied via WhatsApp that she will revert to me with the contact information when she is home from her holiday in France.

Lynne Davine – Australia

Cascais/Estoril, Portugal
Madeira, Portugal
Kingston, Jamaica
Blantyre, Malawi

26/8 I emailed my introductory message and further info as requested to IWC Madeira, with no response, this was after we worked out the correct email address of IWC Madeira. IWC Cascais/Estoril had no contact details. You then supplied me with two more NDCs, IWC Kingston, Jamaica and IWC Blantyre, Malawi which had two contacts. I received a very pleasant email from Iyaiya, formerly from IWC Blantyre, Malawi (now in Nigeria), she was unable to help with her former club but felt sure that Blantyre is doing well under leadership of Isabella. I have yet to hear from new contact Isabella.

Nnenna Opebiyi – Nigeria

Trinidad & Tobago, Trinidad & Tobago
Vilnius, Lithuania
Safia, Kenya

20/8 After several attempts, I've eventually made a breakthrough. Chinta the Secretary IWC Trinidad & Tobago has just handed over to President Cheryl Kanhai. We spoke at length, she promised to pay their capitation fee by Thursday, give me details of their proposed activities soon.

5/9 I saw President Ramune IWC Vilnius, Lithuania on FB. Sent a message and still no response. No response from IWC Safia, Kenya. I had same problem when PIIWP Chris Kirby selected me to Coordinate, Centenary History for Africa in 2019. Most of their communication with me are by phone and WhatsApp.

17/9 Sent photos and video of the first meeting of the IWC of Trinidad & Tobago.

26/9 IWC Vilnius, Lithuania did not respond to my mails and phone calls. IWC Safia, Kenya also did not respond.

IWC Trinidad and Tobago eventually responded after several attempts. The current President Cheryl Kanhai explained they were doing handover. They have 32 active members and participated in the Zoom for Training Workshop. Capitation levy has been paid. Their projects include erection of a giant Billboard Campaign against Sexual abuse and Human Trafficking, donation of a Wheelchair to a foundation, donation of \$3,000 to a community cricket club, visit with gifts to infirm member unable to attend meetings and fellowship with "Women in Rotary" assisting with one of their projects. Lots of beautiful photos supplied. I am happy and excited for their performance so far. Kudos to President Cheryl and her team.



Paulette Dewinter-De Soete – Belgium Luxembourg

Curepipe, Mauritius
Quatre Bornes, Mauritius
Le Lamentin, Martinique

With IWC Quatre Bornes, we communicate by Whatsapp and email.

The other two by email. I am pleased to report that IWC Le Lamentin and IWC Quatre Bornes have both forwarded an article on their projects with photos for the forthcoming E-Bulletin. Looking forward to seeing them.

From President Yasmin of IWC Curepipe I've got the following answer on my request: Sorry, it took me some time because I had to do the translation of IWC Le Lamentin from French into English. Curepipe is English speaking. The Secretary of Quatre Bornes is French and Le Lamentin also French. I am from the Flemish speaking part of Belgium, so this is good for me to maintain the French language.

Surjit Kaur – India

Taipei, Taiwan
Mombasa, Kenya
Riga Jurmala, Latvia

21/9 I had a response from President of IWC Mombasa in Kenya. There was no response from IWC Taipei or IWC Riga Jurmala. I am in touch with IIWT Rashmi Sharma to follow these clubs regarding their dues. I have mailed them the instructions from IIW Treasurer Rashmi Sharma as requested.

2nd email asking them to share contacts, photos etc. 3rd email – IIW Newsletter and asking about their projects, 4th email – IIW News, dues reminder.

Susanne Metelerkamp Cappenberg Beetz – Netherlands

Flagstaff, USA
Kenosha, USA
Redding East, USA

4/9 I just can't seem to contact 'my' three clubs. I have sent emails (only contact I have) but no response. I hope they will be at Zoom tomorrow anyway. Can you tell me who their previous Board Director was? Then maybe I can ask her if there is another way. KM – Supplied her with Gill Broadway's email address.

Tracey Van Eeden – South Africa

** *Stamford-Hobart, USA*
Tracy, USA
Walnut Creek, USA

Ursula Eigenmann – Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Lublin, Poland
Belgrade Singidunum, Serbia
Zrenjanin, Serbia

18/9 I have not received any answers of "my" NDC in Poland and Serbia even to my 4th mail with some specific questions! It's a bit frustrating that I haven't even received an acknowledgement of receipt. I am curious to know how my BD friends got along with their NDC. At our meeting in October we will certainly have the opportunity to discuss how we can better connect these NDCs.

Sent an email to Lublin, Poland whether they have been affected by the flood disaster and offering support. If I get another sign of life from the NDCs, I'll write you.

Valentina Serrano – Mexico

Campoamor, Spain
Monterrey, Mexico
Vigo, Spain

28/8 In regard to your request, I'm worried because I haven't received any information from my allocated Non-Districted Clubs.

21/9 The Mexican Nat Rep is Patricia Molina; I only have her phone number.

25/9 IWC Monterrey, Mexico. The Club was closed because it was divided, in one group there were 7 and in the other 3 members. About the group of 7 members, I spoke with Dolores Gonzalez, who is looking to grow it to 10 members and form another club, joining District 418. In the group of 3, I spoke with Gloria Pavón, who has plans to open an e-club in the short term, so that she can involve younger people. I don't know the reason for the rupture, however, the good intention to continue in the Organisation is appreciated, with both sides, I offered my support for their reintegration into the Organisation at short notice.

IWC Campoamor – Orihuela Costa, Spain. This club has closed, it was on the Mediterranean coast and was the first IIW club to be formed in this part of Spain July 23, 2019. The members were retired people. With the pandemic some members returned to their origin countries with their families, while others could no longer continue for different reasons.



IWC Vigo, Spain. I spoke with Aracelia García, Webmaster. She told me that the 10 members work very well and have several projects. The members help people from Cambodia, one of their members is from Cambodia (her husband works in the navy), so they can send aid. Another project is helping clean Vigo's beaches, with their own hands, using gloves. They also support community kitchens in Vigo by donating food. Members collect rings from the aluminum cans, used to make prostheses and have a project for recycling eyeglasses. The Club has just opened its website. The club has a friendship with the IWC Thisted in DENMARK.

IWC Barcelona, Spain. I spoke to Mary Anne Gronningen, President of the Campoamor Club. She told me, that the club had been closed in 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic, because the members were already very old and after the pandemic, they did not want to go out again.

IWC Mitad del Mundo, Ecuador. An NDC with 10 members which is under the support of District 417 in Mexico since the Past Chairman, Rosario Olmedo, originally from Ecuador, now living in México, formed a group of friends in her country. They have several projects, with children and elderly women from marginalised areas in Ecuador. They assist by serving meals for elderly adults, they take books to children in rural schools helping them learn to read via a programme "Reading Makes Us Free" and work closely with an association of women hikers visiting marginalised communities with sweets, water, food, clothes and shoes.

COMMENTS (KM)

The number of unresponsive NDCs is both a concern and a frustration for the Board Directors and for the IIW VP. What is the purpose of the BD contact?

Identification – how do we identify current and new NDCs.

Contact info – where is it stored; how can we make it available to IIW VP so it can be passed on to BDs. Are NDC details stored on a database, who updates this information and from what source. If these clubs pay the capitation fees we must have an email address, even if it's from the previous year. Uniform email addresses will potentially assist here.

I'd like to develop a BD to BD, year to year handover form.

AA asked about the structure of the ND Clubs in Australia and USA, which was clarified by KM, who said that we can't alter what's happened but can plan to go forward. TD said that it was decided previously that Australia would not have ND allocated.

United Nations

I have received reports from New York and Vienna but (at the time of writing this report) no reports from Geneva, I suspect that may have something to do with summer break.

Initially I was forwarding all memos I received from the UN to our Reps until I received a message from Evie Marinoni letting me know that they automatically receive all information concerning UN NGO Liaison Unit. She was on vacation in August and unable to participate at the World Humanitarian Day observance held in Geneva.

I received information from both Vienna and New York regarding a possible date to visit but nothing from Geneva as yet. I have asked Evie to let me know when dates for the sessions in Geneva are published.

New York

From Martine – 17 July 2024

Launch of the 2nd Global Progress Report on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators. At the Crossroads; Breakdown or Breakthrough for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

This report represents a unique and pivotal UN inter-agency effort toward supporting the realisation of the 2030 Agenda. The report reveals official trends that, if not reversed, could jeopardise the achievement of all goals set by the international community, leaving an increasing number of people behind. Released in 2023, the 1st joint Global Progress Report on SDG 16 served as a wake-up call for action on strengthened efforts towards justice, peace, and strong institutions. The report portrayed a sobering picture, revealing the progress toward the 2030 Agenda was alarmingly off track, with advancements on goal 16 worryingly slow. In some instances, even moving in the wrong direction.

57th session of the Commission on Population and Development. 29 April-3 May 2024, United Nations Headquarters, New York

The session focused on assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and its contributions to the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

High-Level Political Forum 2024. Under the auspices of ECOSOC, 8-17 July 2024, New York

The theme was "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions". The HLPF on Sustainable Development is the central



global forum to provide political leadership, guidance, and recommendations on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were unanimously adopted by world leaders in September 2015. The Forum provides an opportunity for countries, civil society organisations, and businesses to highlight the efforts they are taking to achieve the SDGs and to engage in mutual learning through the exchange of ideas and best practices.

Preparatory Meeting for the 2025 UN Ocean Conference. 2 July 2024, United Nations Headquarters, New York

The President of the General Assembly convened a preparatory meeting to be chaired by the two host countries of the Conference, Costa Rica and France, to consider the themes for the Ocean Action panels and elements for the declaration, taking into the call by Member States for a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmental agreed declaration.

Vienna

From Ceja – 27 Aug 2024

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. 19 June 2024

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict the permanent Mission of France at the UN Vienna organised a round table bringing together international experts to discuss and strategise on this critical issue. The event taking place at the French Embassy, started with Statements by Mr Samir Rizvo of UN Office on Drugs and Crime working as advisor on trafficking in persons and sexual violence in conflict and Ms Kendall Alaimo an artist and clinical educator, who set the stage with compelling insights.

After the summer recess, regular NGO Committee-Meetings in Vienna will start on 17th September with a joint-meeting of the Committees on Sustainable Development and The Status of Women.

The Committee on Ageing is organising an event to celebrate the "International Day of Older Persons" which will be held on 30th September. A preparatory meeting is scheduled for 12th September.

From Ceja – 22 Sept 2024

Committee on Sustainable Development – Vienna

The Vienna NGO Committee on Sustainable Development organised a seminar with the "Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)".

With two-thirds of humanity living in cities by 2050, governments cannot achieve sustainability, resilience and poverty reduction without significantly transforming the way of planning, designing, building and managing urban areas to "Leave No One Behind".

The psychology of cities and their development: In an increasingly urbanised world, it has become extremely important to consider how urban design affects people's mental health and well-being.

Discussions were held on:

- the difference of behaviour of persons living in cities and those who live in rural areas.
- selective migration and sociocultural influence.
- the psychological make-up of a place shapes important personal and societal outcomes.

From Ceja – 27 Sept 2024

Meeting of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women on 26th Sept 2024

One of the main topics on the agenda of the Meeting was the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will take place in March 2025 at the UN in New York.

The main focus of the 69th session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the "Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action" and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. A Representative of a Chinese Women's Activist Group reported on the situation of women in China.

Referring to the current geo-political situation with wars and armed conflicts going on in many parts of the world, the Committee also discussed UN Resolution 1325.

As women are victims of war in several ways, the Resolution was and is intended to ensure that women have more rights, that the rules of armed conflicts are valid for them, and that measures are taken to ensure that women are part of peace processes, transitional justice mechanisms and post-conflict governments.

The Resolution is a historic and unprecedented document and is binding upon all UN Member States. The adoption marked an important political recognition that women are relevant to international peace and security.

From Gerda – 8 August 2024

I saw that you have already received information from Ceja regarding our work for IIW in the NGO Committees at the UN Vienna. As Ceja mentioned, our work in the Committees will start again in September and we will keep you informed about the activities as soon as we receive the schedule.

Re appointment of UN Reps.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

President Mamta, wishing you all the very best for your tenure as our IIW President, to the new girls on the block, Kay, our Vice-President, Rashmi, our Treasurer and Patricia, our Constitution Chairman, enjoy your year, this is my report for our meeting today also for our meeting on Wednesday with the incoming Board of Directors.

It would be very remiss of me if I did not mention the wonderful Convention which was held in our Centennial year in May, what a resounding success it was, all the cards and messages received were full of congratulations, this was not all down to IIW this was of course down to the hard work of the LCC lead by Pam McConnell, ably helped by Liz Thomas, Phyllis Charter, Thelma Pacsoo, Liz Norris, Sue Allan and Karen Davies. The icing on the cake was the £48,000 plus received back by Liz to IIW, a huge thank you to Liz who was the treasurer for all her hard work getting back the VAT and repaying those who could not attend after paying their registration, also to Pam who won't spend money if it's not necessary! My grateful thanks to you all. The only blemish was The Monastery, the food was very disappointing and the gentleman droned on too long! Over an hour! No wonder the food was ruined! I wish to thank last year's BDs for looking after the delegates so well, hosting tables at two events, also Zeny, Sarita and Sissel for their wonderful support of me, to Alan and Elaine for their hard work, especially Alan for all he does for IIW.

My thanks to Zeny, Margareta, Ceja and Martine for their presentations at the IIW Seminars, a huge thank you to Ashnadelle for all her hard work with The House of Culture, all the videos shown were completed by her, an amazing job! The House of Culture was my version of The House of Friendship, it's sometime no bad thing to have change!

Of course, I still had visits to complete! Croatia, Türkiye and France, wonderful visits so well looked after by Snjezana, Marie Françoise, Martine, Isabelle, Iclal and Gülgün, when I look back, I must have been quite mad! 18 countries in 10 months! No wonder I needed a new knee, Ouch!

Now as the PIIWP I get the wonderful job of new clubs, districts and expressions of interest. To date India has had 23 expressions of interest, Germany 1, GB&I 1, Nigeria 1, F.A.M.A.T. 1, Pakistan 2, Sharon from Alberta, Italy have a new club, D920 also have a new club in their district.

I have been in touch with a lady called Mariam from Tbilisi, there is no club here but there has been in the past, I have sent her all the details re the formation of an Inner Wheel Club where there is no district, I'm awaiting her reply.

My grateful thanks to Zeny, Kay, Patricia, Martine and Rashmi on their wonderful presentations on our Training Day on 5th September we had 118 attend the Zoom meeting, it was very well received, all of you were absolutely brilliant, thanks Alan for your patience as you were the link.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Rashmi Sharma

Dear International President Mamta, other members of the EC Members, Board Directors and Admin Alan,

A Very Good Morning!

It is a pleasure to present my report to all of you at the first International General Body Meeting. This report covers the period from 1st July 2024 to 27th September 2024.

1. RECEIPTS

i) CAPITATION FEES – MEMBERSHIP

In the first week of July 2024 letter stating instructions for membership fees was sent to:

- a) National Representatives and National Treasurers where there were National Governing Bodies (NGBs)
- b) District Chairmen and District Treasurers where there are no NGBs
- c) Club President/Secretary and Treasurer of Non-Districted Clubs (NDCs) through Board Directors appointed for them by IIW Vice-President Kay Morland

Time to time capitation fees was received. The details of capitation fees received is in **Table 1**.

A summary of membership is in **Table 2**. Full Dues Received – 4629 members.

In addition, Capitation fees was received in the month of September on 4th and 12th of 31 and 16 members respectively but could not be identified as to which Club or District or NGB, it is from.

Hence, **total full dues** received **up to 27th September 2024** is of **4629+31+16 members = 4676 members**

IIW also received dues for 2023-24, the details of which are as under **Table 3**.

I am also happy to inform you that 30 new clubs were formed in just around 3 months with 424 members. Their details are in **Table 4**.

Summary of country-wise new clubs formed is in **Table 5**.



Table 1. Capitation Fees Received till 27th September 2024 from Clubs for 2024-25

Date of Transfer	Country	Name of the Club Inner Wheel Club of	District No.	No. of Members		
				Existing Clubs	New Clubs	Total
05.07.2024	Mauritius	Quatre Bornes	NDC	11		11
17.07.2024	GB & I	Hucknall	22		15	15
21.07.2024	Pakistan		344	270		270
23.07.2024	Pakistan		339	141		141
29.07.2024	Romania & Moldova	Iasi	224	20		20
31.07.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Oasis	341		10	10
05.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Fairies	341		10	10
09.08.2024	USA		NGB	444		444
09.08.2024	Türkiye	Smyrna	244		16	16
14.08.2024	Denmark		NGB	2131		2131
18.08.2024	Pakistan		327	288		288
19.08.2024	Pakistan	Okara	339		10	10
20.08.2024	Pakistan	Pakpattan	339		10	10
21.08.2024	GB & I	Mapperley	22		10	10
22.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Galaxy	339		11	11
25.08.2024	Pakistan		340	116		116
27.08.2024	Lebanon	Beirut	NDC	12		12
27.08.2024	Lebanon	Zgharta Zawieh	NDC	25		25
28.08.2024	Pakistan	Multan Rose	343		10	10
28.08.2024	Pakistan	Multan Tulip	343		10	10
28.08.2024	Pakistan		343	100		100
29.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Lily	339		10	10
30.08.2024	Pakistan		342	129		129
30.08.2024	Lebanon	Al Koura	NDC	20		20
09.09.2024	Kenya	Mombasa	NDC	22		22
13.09.2024	Martinique	Le Lamentin	NDC	14		14
16.09.2024	Italy	Stretto Di Messina	211		12	12
17.09.2024	Mexico	Zha Zha Adriana	414	10		10
19.09.2024	Malaysia		330	452		452
24.09.2024	India	Delhi Punjabi Bagh Amrit	301		12	12
24.09.2024	India	Faridabad Shridharini	301		12	12
24.09.2024	India	Ghaziabad Golf Link Iconic	301		12	12
24.09.2024	India	Noida Empress E-Club	301		13	13
24.09.2024	India	Noida Wonder Women	301		13	13
24.09.2024	India	Palakol Dazzlers	302		13	13
24.09.2024	India	Ludhiana Midtown Dreamers	307		12	12
24.09.2024	India	Taran Taran Heritage	307		15	15
24.09.2024	India	Kaithal Queens	308		14	14
24.09.2024	India	Mohali Blissful	308		11	11
24.09.2024	India	Sambhal Heartbeat	310		22	22
24.09.2024	India	Bareilly Mercury Pearl	311		15	15
24.09.2024	India	Kanpur Eden E-Club	311		16	16
24.09.2024	India	Kashipur DE Bhoomi	311		19	19
24.09.2024	India	Akako	313		27	27
24.09.2024	India	Shoran	320		23	23
24.09.2024	India	Jalgaon	324		24	24
24.09.2024	India	Karachi Roses	329		17	17
Total				4205	424	4629



Table 2. Summary of Membership

Country	NDC/District /NGB	No. of Members		
		Existing Clubs	New Clubs	Total
Denmark	NGB	2131		2131
GB & I	NGB (D22)		25	25
India	NGB		290	290
Italy	211		12	12
Lebanon	NDCs	57		57
Kenya	NDC Mombasa	22		22
Malaysia	330	452		452
Martinique	NDC Le Lamentin	14		14
Mauritius	NDC Quatre Bornes	11		11
Mexico	414	10		10
Pakistan	327	288		288
	339	141	41	182
	341		20	20
	340	116		116
	342	129		129
Pakistan	343	100	20	120
Pakistan	344	270		270
Romania & Moldova	224	20		20
Türkiye	244		16	16
USA	NGB	444		444
Total		4205	424	4629

Table 3. Half Yearly Capitation Fees for 2023-24

Country	District No.	No. of Members
FAMAT NGB	NGB	46
Sweden NGB	NGB	80
GB&I NGB	NGB	410
Philippines (CPI)	NGB	10
Total		546



Table 4. New Clubs Formed

Su- noo.	Date of Transfer	Country	Name of the Club	District No.	No. of Members
			Inner Wheel Club of		
1	17.07.2024	GB & I	Hucknall	22	15
2	31.07.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Oasis	341	10
3	05.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Fairies	341	10
4	09.08.2024	Türkiye	Smyrna	244	16
5	19.08.2024	Pakistan	Okara	339	10
6	20.08.2024	Pakistan	Pakpattan	339	10
7	21.08.2024	GB & I	Mapperley	22	10
8	22.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Galaxy	339	11
9	28.08.2024	Pakistan	Multan Rose	343	10
10	28.08.2024	Pakistan	Multan Tulip	343	10
11	29.08.2024	Pakistan	Lahore Lily	339	10
12	16.09.2024	Italy	Stretto Di Messina	211	12
13	24.09.2024	India	Ludhiana Midtown Dreamers	307	12
14	24.09.2024	India	Palakol Dazzlers	302	13
15	24.09.2024	India	Noida Wonder Women	301	13
16	24.09.2024	India	Mohali Blissful	308	11
17	24.09.2024	India	Kashipur Devbhoomi	311	19
18	24.09.2024	India	Taran Taran Heritage	307	15
19	24.09.2024	India	Ghaziabad Golf Link Iconic	301	12
20	24.09.2024	India	Noida Empress E-Club	301	13
21	24.09.2024	India	Delhi Punjabi Bagh Amrit	301	12
22	24.09.2024	India	Jaigaon	324	24
23	24.09.2024	India	Kaithal Queens	308	14
24	24.09.2024	India	Shoranur	320	23
25	24.09.2024	India	Faridabad Shridharini	301	12
26	24.09.2024	India	Bareilly Mercury Pearl	311	15
27	24.09.2024	India	Kanpur Eden E-Club	311	16
28	24.09.2024	India	Kakurgachi Roses	329	17
29	24.09.2024	India	Sambhal Heartbeat	310	22
30	24.09.2024	India	Akkalkot	313	27
Total					424

Table 5. Summary of country-wise new clubs formed

Country	No. of New Clubs Formed
GB and I	02
India	18
Italy	01
Pakistan	08
Türkiye	01
Total	30



We are all concerned about the Non-Districted Clubs (NDCs). Out of around 65 NDCs, fees have been received from 12 of them as given below:

Capitation from Non-Districted Clubs

Date of Transfer	Country	Name of the Club Inner Wheel Club of	No. of Members
05.07.2024	Mauritius	Quatre Bornes	11
09.08.2024	USA	Flagstaff AR	8
09.08.2024	USA	Kenosha Wisconsin Ex	11
09.08.2024	USA	Redding East CA	9
09.08.2024	USA	Stamford Hobart CO	19
09.08.2024	USA	Tracy CA	23
09.08.2024	USA	Walnut Creek CA	18
27.08.2024	Lebanon	Beirut	12
27.08.2024	Lebanon	Zgharta Zawieh	25
30.08.2024	Lebanon	Al Koura	20
09.09.2024	Kenya	Mombasa	22
13.09.2024	Martinique	Le Lamentin	14
Total			192

The membership of IWC Quatre Bornes has decreased from 18 in 2022-23 to 11 members. Hope to receive of few more in the months ahead. NDCs in USA except for Redding East and Walnut Creek have paid dues of 1 or 2 members less than the one's reported in 2022-23. IWC Le Lamentin has increased from 12 in 2022-23 to 14. Of others, they have remained the same. Mombasa paid for next year as well.

ii) Received for MG Awards and Charters:

Date of Transfer	Country	District No.	Quantity
05.07.2024	Germany	88	1
09.07.2024	Germany	87	1
08.08.2024	Italy	NGB	1
09.08.2024	USA	NGB	1
Total			4

Receipts of all Capitation fees, MG Awards, were sent every month to all countries / districts/ ND Clubs and a copy was marked to Admin Alan.

One request has come from District 86 for Replacement Charter.

2. PAYMENTS

All payments have been executed online and authorised by International President Mamta and myself. I informed her from time to time when amounts had been authorised by me with its details so that she too could authorise it. I thank President Mamta for authorising the payments in time despite her busy schedule.

3. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES up to 27th September 2024

S. No.	Bank	Account Type	Amount (Cr. Bal. in £)
1	HSBC	Current Account	£5,000.00
		Deposit Account	£1,693,951.60
2	NatWest	Current Account	£20,200.00
		Deposit Account	£73,476.86

4. INVESTMENTS – 1 year Term Deposits

- i) Hampshire Trust Bank — £90,141.00 (balance reinvested)
- ii) United Trust Bank — £88,559.00 (Renewed for another year)

5. MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

Monthly report of all income-expenditure statements were received from Admin Alan. I prepared the Income and Expenditure Accounts for each month. I have also kept beside it a column of budget for 2024-25 to keep track of the expenses to ensure that expenses are within the budget. All steps are taken to maintain transparency in the accounts.

6. INSURANCE

- i) **General:** The policy has been renewed.
- ii) **Trustees & Officers:** This has also recently been renewed.

7. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2024

Manchester Centenary Convention Account shows a profit of £47,758, which is worth appreciation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Letter to IIW EC regarding details relating to Executive Committee Meeting and First International Governing Body Meeting – dates, venue, accommodation, travel, etc. along with Bank Information Form and Expense Sheet template.
- ii) Board Directors and IIW Editor/Media Manager regarding details relating to First International Governing Body Meeting – dates, venue, accommodation, travel, etc. along with Bank Information Form and Expense Sheet template.



9. OTHER DUTIES

- i) Imparted Training on 'Role of Club and District Treasurers' and sent ppt to Admin Alan for it to be uploaded on the IIW website.
- ii) Have attended quickly to various queries from clubs, districts and national officers.

I would like to thank Admin Alan — for his cooperation, timely help, and prompt response to all my mails — and Elaine for her advice. A special thank you to the members of the Executive — President Mamta, Vice-President Kay, IPP Trish and CC Patricia for their guidance and support and encouragement whenever needed. And thanks to you all Board Directors for enabling IIW to get capitation fees of NDCs.

I, now, hereby present the Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st July 2024 to 27th September 2024.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS A/C From 1 July 2024 to 27 September 2024

S. No.	PARTICULARS	Jul-24 Amount (in £)	Aug-24 Amount (in £)	Sep-24 Amount (in £)	Total Amount (in £)	Budgeted for 2024-25 Amount (in £)
EXPENDITURE						
PUBLICATION COST						
1	Governing Body Meeting Minutes					1500.00
2	Convention Minutes/ Agenda/ Proposal Booklet/ Voting Books					10000.00
3	Printing Constitution Handbooks					2500.00
4	Magazine & Information Mailshots (incl. postage & packing)					30000.00
5	Directories & Postage					5000.00
	TOTAL PUBLICATION COST					49000.00
ACCOMMODATION COST						
6	Rent/Service Charges/Security			24.86	24.86	15000.00
7	Rates	42.00	42.00	42.00	126.00	1000.00
8	Insurance		288.12		288.12	10000.00
9	Electricity (Heating & Lighting)					1500.00
10	Repairs					2000.00
11	Depreciation of Property					6000.00
12	Cleaning					300.00
	TOTAL ACCOMMODATION COST	42.00	330.12	66.86	438.98	35800.00
ADMINISTRATION COST						
13	Salaries & National Insurance	1779.95	12266.91	7023.13	21069.99	90000.00
14	Badges & Regalia — including MG Awards					2500.00
15	UN Vice-President, Representatives & Committee fees					3000.00
16	Executive Meetings at Headquarters		5343.72		5343.72	25000.00
17	Governing Body Meeting		6936.42	3417.92	10354.34	35000.00
18	President's Theme Lapel Pins and Banners (flags)		1000.00		1000.00	0.00
19	IIW President's Expenses		1389.82		1389.82	26000.00
20	Virtual Changeover for Installation of IIW EC		1000.00		1000.00	1000.00
21	Extension — IPP Visits to Non-Districted Clubs					2000.00



S. No.	PARTICULARS	Jul-24 Amount (in £)	Aug-24 Amount (in £)	Sep-24 Amount (in £)	Total Amount (in £)	Budgeted for 2024-25 Amount (in £)
22	Extension — IPP travel to create new clubs					3000.00
23	i)_ Postage		42.34	7.45	49.79	3000.00
	ii)_ Telephone	93.64	56.33	19.19	169.16	
24	Printing and Stationery		90.00		90.00	2000.00
25	Leasing & Maintenance of Office Equipment		156.30		156.30	4000.00
26	Computer Expenses	212.84	2100.05	34.32	2347.21	5000.00
27	IIW Website & Database			3600.00	3600.00	18000.00
28	Office Equipment & Furniture					1000.00
29	Audit & Accountancy	339.84			339.84	10000.00
30	E-Balloting					5000.00
31	Bookkeeping & Other Advice					500.00
32	Legal & Professional Fees					3000.00
33	Indemnity insurance					1500.00
34	Promotional Material	500.00			500.00	3000.00
35	Convention 2024	249.53		504.00	753.53	
36	Bank Charges	51.98	154.21	137.87	344.06	2000.00
38	Miscellaneous / General Expenses	9.66	80.00	6.02	95.68	750.00
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COST	3237.44	30616.10	14749.90	48603.44	246250.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3279.44	30946.22	14816.76	49042.42	332050.00
INCOME						
1	Capitation Fees:					385000.00
	at GBP 3.50	1932.00	11784.50	3041.50	16758.00	
	at GBP 1.75 for 536 members for 2023-24 in July and 10 members in Sep	938.00		17.50	955.50	
2	Sale of Directories					2000.00
3	Sale of Constitution and Handbooks					2000.00
4	Bank Interest (net of Corporation Tax)					5000.00
5	MG Award	75.00	25.00		100.00	
6	Replacement Charters			5.00		
7	Miscellaneous					
	TOTAL INCOME	2945.00	11809.50	3064.00	17818.50	394000.00
	SURPLUS/-DEFICIT	-334.44	-19136.72	-11752.76	-31223.92	61950.00

Note: The Executive Committee Meeting Expense Breakup is

- i) £193.53 of 3rd EC 2023-24 and
- ii) £5148.19 of 1st EC 2024-24



BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

A Budget is telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went.

Preparing the proposed budget for the incoming year 2025-26 is not an easy task as it is difficult to foresee and predict the future with certainty. I had to do a lot of logical reasoning and had online meetings with President Mamta, Vice President Kay, and Admin Alan to get an insight into the various items in the budget. I have tried my best to give a decent conservative proposed budget for the year 2025-26. I

am always open to suggestions by the Executive Committee and Governing Body members.

Finance is important and it must be transparent for everyone to understand.

Now I present the proposed budget for the year 2025-26. The tables show the Budget and Actual of 2022-23, 2023-24 and the budget figures of 2024-25 which was approved and proposed budget for 2025-2026. The actual figures of 2024-25 are not available and it is the current year.

IIW Budget 2025-26

Amount in £

S. No.	Budget Description	2025-2026		2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
EXPENDITURE						Convention, Manchester			
PUBLICATION									
1	Governing Body Meeting Minutes	1500		1500		6000	0	6000	0
2	Convention Minutes/Agenda/Proposal Booklet/Voting Books	0		10000		15000	5227	0	0
3	Printing Constitution Handbooks	2500		2500		2500	0	2500	0
4	Magazine & Information Mailshots (incl. postage & packing) (till 2024-25)/IIW Publications/Magazines (since 2025-26)	2500		30000		30000		65000	2000
5	Directories & Postage (till 2025-26)/ Postage of Publications (since 2025-26)	12500		5000		10000	800	10000	7906
TOTAL PUBLICATION COST		19000		49000		63500	6027	83500	9906
ACCOMMODATION									
6	Rent/Service Charges	15000		15000		9000	11137	6000	11344
7	Rates	1000		1000		500	762	250	867
8	Insurance	12000		10000		8000	7968	7000	7157
9	Electricity (Heating & Lighting)	1500		1500		1500	849	1500	267
10	Repairs	2000		2000		2000	234	1000	146
11	Depreciation of Property	6000		6000		6000	5943	6000	5942
12	Cleaning	300		300		300		300	0
TOTAL ACCOMODATION COST		37800		35800		27300	26893	22050	25723
ADMINISTRATION									
13	Salaries & National Insurance	95000		90000		90000	88761	85000	80179
14	Badges & Regalia – including MG Awards	2500		2500		1000	1203	1000	1491
15	UN Vice-President, Representatives & Committee fees	4500		3000		3000	4077	3000	3644
16	Executive Meetings at Headquarters	25000		25000		25000	10953	25000	11557
17	Governing Body meeting	35000		35000		35000	28829	30000	29828
18	President's Theme Lapel Pins and Banners (flags)	1000		0		0	0	0	0
19	IIW President's Expenses	25000		26000		26000	13844	26000	19550
20	IIW EC Virtual Change Over Meeting	1000		1000		1000			
21	Extension — IPP Visits to Non-Districted Clubs	2000		2000		2000	0	2000	80



S. No.	Budget Description	2025-2026		2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
22	Extension – IPP travel to create new clubs	3000		3000		3000	0	3000	0
23	Postage, Telephone (Communications)	3000		3000		2500	1475	2500	2459
24	Printing and Stationery	2000		2000		2000	847	2100	386
25	Leasing & Maintenance of Office Equipment	1000		4000		4000	973	4000	2461
26	Computer Expenses	5000		5000		4000	3291	4000	3094
27	IIW Website & Database	15000		18000		18000	14400	21000	14400
28	Office Equipment & Furniture	1000		1000		1000		1000	0
29	Audit & Accountancy	10000		10000		8000	8987	8000	8280
30	E-Balloting	5000		5000		3000	4017	5000	4138
31	Book-keeping & Other Advice (till 2024-25)/Payroll services (since 2025-26)	500		500		350		0	390
32	Legal & Professional Fees	3000		3000		3000	1184	3000	2100
33	Indemnity Insurance	1500		1500		1500	1328	1500	446
34	Bank Charges	2000		2000		1500	1538	1500	1572
35	Miscellaneous / General Expenses	750		750		750	338	750	55
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COST	243750		243250		235600	186045	229350	186110
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	300550		328050		326400	218965	334900	221739
INCOME									
1	Capitation Fees @ GBP 3.50 for 114,000 members	399000		385000		385000	390113	385000	391863
2	Sale of Directories			2000		6000	4	9000	5341
3	Sale of Constitution and Handbooks	2000		2000		2000	38	1000	86
4	Bank Interest (net of Corporation Tax)	20000		5000		5000	42506	5000	15933
5	Miscellaneous								
6	Replacement Charters								
	TOTAL INCOME	421000		394000		398000	432661	400000	413223
	SURPLUS/-DEFICIT	120450		65950		71600	213696	65100	191484

Explanation for Proposed Budget 2025 – 2026

EXPENDITURE

I. PUBLICATION COSTS

- International Governing Body Minutes:**
Budgeted for the year 2025-26 is £1,500.00 based on fact that since last few years as IIW has gone paperless, there are no printing charges. As a contingency, the budgeted amount which was reduced to £1,500.00 in Budget of 2024-25 is continued.
- Convention Minutes/ Agenda/Booklets/ Proposal booklets/Voting Books:**
Budgeted for the year 2025-26 is Zero based on facts that Convention printing work will not be done this year and hence, the Budget has been reduced to Zero.

- Printing Constitution & Handbooks:**
For the year 2025-26 it has been Budgeted at £2,500.00, same as in the previous years, as there could be a possibility in any year for printing of Constitution and Handbooks, depending upon the requirements from National Bodies, Districts and Clubs.
- IIW Publications/Magazines:**
Since last few years IIW publications are in the form of soft copy and printing charges are nil. But IIW Editor/Media Manager is at times required to take professional help for layout and design of magazines, etc. and hence in the Budget for the year 2025-26 it is £2,500.00. This budget head is changed from 'Magazines and Information Mailshots (including Postage and Packing)' to 'IIW Publications/Magazines.'



5. Postage of Publications:

This budget head is changed from 'IIW Directories & Postage' to 'Postage of Publications' as Directories are not being printed and general head is given for expenses relating to various publications of IIW like IIW Constitution and Handbook. Postage charges are quite a lot. And thus, the budget is increased from £5,000.00 in 2024-25 to £12,500.00.

TOTAL PUBLICATION COSTS:

Due to prudence and logical reasoning the total publication costs in the budget lowered to £19000.00 in 2025-26 from £49,000.00 in 2024-25.

II. ACCOMMODATION COST

6. Rent/Service Charges:

These are the service charges and ground rent for the office and the car park. And hence the item is Rent/Service Charges for better understanding. Based on the figures of 2022-23 and 2023-24, the expenditure in the 'Service Charges' was increased to £15,000.00 in 2024-25 as the actuals of 2022-23 were quite high (above @£11,000.00) making it necessary that budget be increased. For 2025-26 too it is kept at £15,000.00.

7. Rates:

Rates are the municipal taxes levied by the local authorities in the UK and payable annually went beyond the budget at £250.00 and £500.00 in 2022-23 and 2023-24 and hence it was kept at £1,000.00 in 2024-25. In the Budget for the year 2025-26 it is kept unchanged at £1,000.00.

8. Insurance:

Every year insurance expenses increase and hence Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£12,000.00 instead of £10,000.00 in 2024-25. This is for the purpose of cushioning in case the Insurance rates go up again.

9. Electricity – Heating & Lighting:

Since the expenses on Heating and Lighting have remained within the budgeted amount in the previous years, the amount budgeted for the year 2025-26 is thus kept the same as in the previous years at £1,500.00.

10. Repairs:

Budgeted amount for Repairs remains unchanged at £2,000.00 for just in case we have any repairs during the year. In the previous 3 to 4 years, it has been below @£250.00.

11. Depreciation of Property:

Glancing at the actuals of the previous years, Depreciation of Property – remains unchanged at £6,000.00.

12. Cleaning:

Under this heading there have been no actual expense in the previous years. It was zero. Hence, just for precaution's sake the amount allotted in the budget for the year 2025-26 at £300.00.

TOTAL ACCOMMODATION COSTS

The total accommodation costs have increased by £2,000.00 only, though in the previous year it was increased by more than £8,500.00 (£35,800 – £27,300).

III. ADMINISTRATION COST

13 Salaries & National Insurance:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 is an increase from £ 90,000.00 to £95,000.00 based on facts that the actuals in 2022-23 and 2023-24 were £80,179.00 and £88,761.00 and there has been an 8% increase in Employee Salary.

14. Badges and Regalia:

The budget amount remains the same as in 2024-25 @£2,500.00 as it was already increased in 2024-25 from £1,000.00 to £2,500.00. The money allotted will be used to purchase IIW EC, Past EC members and BD badges. We must keep replenishing the stock and it is difficult to predict. It was also decided that Districts of the Awardees will no longer pay for the Margarett Golding Award badges. It will be given at the expense of IIW as MG Award is an honour and it was felt that it should thus not be charged to the Districts.

15. Representative & Committees' Fees and Vice-President's Visit:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 at £4,500.00 based on facts that in 2023-24 it was at £4,077.00. Hence, it was increased in the budget from £3,000.00 in 2024-25 to £4,000.00 in 2025-26.

16. Executive Meetings @ HQ:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£25,000.00 remains unchanged as in the previous years as the cost of travel of the Executive members has been within the budget sanctioned. At times they are hosted by IIW EC members.

17. Governing Body Meetings:

The amount budgeted includes the cost of air tickets, hotel charges, meeting hall rent etc. and remains the same at £35,000.00 because the actual expenses £28,829.00 in 2023-24 in well within the budget of £35,000.00. Same was the case in 2022-23.

18. President's Theme Lapel Pins and Banners (flags):

In the previous years, budget amount was £Zero and its amount of £1,000.00 was included in the budget expenses of IIW President. But it was discussed and



found it better to show it separately because it was shown in Budget as an expenses item with £0. Hence, in the budget it is now at £1,000.00.

19. IIW President's Expenses:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 is @£25,000.00. In 2024-25 and earlier years it was £26,000.00, including £1,000.00 for President's Theme lapel pins and flags. Since it was decided to show the President's Theme lapel pins and flags separately, in the budget IIW President's Expenses is shown as £25,000.00 instead of £26,000.00. And the actuals, which are IIW President's travel expenses for her official visits, have always remained well below the budget.

20. IIW EC Virtual Change Over Meeting:

Since last 2-3 years virtual changeover is being done with the intention to enable the members across the globe to witness it and £1,000.00 has been budgeted in 2023-24 and 2024-25. It was decided in the EC meeting to continue with a provision for £1,000.00 in 2025-26 too.

21. Extension – IPP visit to Non-Districted Clubs:

Budget for the travel of the IPP visits to Non-Districted Clubs is unchanged @£2,000.00 for the year 2025-26 based on facts that in the previous year the actuals were £80.00 in 2022-23, which is well within the budget.

22. Extension – IPP travel to create New Clubs:

The budget for expense of IPP to create new clubs for the year 2025-26 is continued to remain @£3,000.00 based on facts that in the previous years no actual expenses have been incurred. This is just for precaution, in case IPP visits the place where a new club is to be formed.

23. Postage and Telephone:

The actual expense under this heading were as under:
Actuals 2022-23: £2,495.00
Actuals 2023-24: £1,475.00

In the budget of 2024-25 it was allotted £3,000.00, an increase of £500.00 from 2023-24. It was found sufficient. Thus, for 2025-26 too, the Budgeted amount for the year 2025-26 remain unchanged @£3,000.00.

24. Printing and Stationery:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£2,000.00 based on fact that in the previous years the actuals under this category have been very low and have not exceeded £1,000.00 and hence £2,000.00 provides a sufficient cushion.

25. Leasing & Maintenance of Office Equipment:

This expense is mainly for the photocopier. Budgeted for the year 2025-26 at £1,000.00 based on fact that since last 2 years not much expenses have been incurred except in 2022-23 it was £2461.00.

26. Computer Expense:

This expense item is for expenses relating to computer hardware and software. Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£5,000.00 based on facts as under:

Actuals 2022-23: £3,094.00 Budget 2022-23: £4,000.00
Actuals 2023-24: £3,291.00 Budget 2023-24: £4,000.00

Since it has remained within the budget and it was increased from £4,000.00 in 2023-24 to £4,000.00 in 2024-25 in the budget, it was kept the same for 2025-26.

27. IIW Website & Database:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 at £15,000.00 instead of £18,000.00 in 2024-25 as new company, namely 'Desktop Systems' and Webmaster Yeok San Cheng who charge very reasonable than the previous company 'RMS' have been appointed. They are paid £3,600.00 quarterly, which comes to £14,400.

28. Office Equipment:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£1,000.00 as in previous years though there have been no actual expenses.

29. Audit & Accountancy:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£10,000.00 as it was already increased from £8,000.00 in 2023-24 to £10,000.00 in 2024-25. This was done as the actuals were higher than budgeted £8,000.00. It was £8,280.00 in 2022-23 and £8,987.00 in 2023-24.

30. E-Balloting:

The actual expense of e-balloting was a bit above £4,000.00 in 2022-23 and 2023-24 and hence the amount budgeted is £5,000.00 for 2025-26.

31. Payroll Services:

The amount budgeted for the year 2025-26 at £500.00 just in case it is required. In 2022-23 there was no budget for the same but expenses of £390.00 were incurred. Hence, this amount is kept on the principle of conservatism. The heading which was 'Bookkeeping and Other Advice' is now changed to 'Payroll Services'.

32. Legal & Professional Fees:

The budget figure of last 3 years was £3,000.00. The legal and professional fees have been £2,100.00 in 2022-23 and £1,184.00 in 2023-24 and hence the



Budgeted for the year 2025-26 remains unchanged from the previous years at £3,000.00.

33. Indemnity Insurance:

This is paid to protect IIW officers and employees from legal action. Since last 4-5 years, the amount allotted in the budget for this head is @£1,500.00 and expenses have been always within the budget and hence it remains unchanged for the year 2025-26 @£1,500.00.

34. Bank Charges:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£2,000.00 based on facts as under:

Actuals in 2022-23: £1,572.00 and Actuals in 2023-24: £1,538.00

The amount in the budget was already increased to @£2,000.00 in 2024-25 and hence for 2025-26 it was kept the same as in 2024-25.

35. Miscellaneous/General Expense:

Miscellaneous/General Expenses covers small expenses occurring at the Office and small unforeseen general expenses. Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£750.00 as it were in the previous 3 years.

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The total administrative costs have increased from £243,250.00 to £243,750.00, i.e., only by £500.00.

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

The total estimated expenditure overall has been reduced by £338,050.00 to £300,050.00.

INCOME

1. Capitation Fees:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 @£399,000.00 based on facts as under:

The number of members in 2023-24 were a bit above 114,000 (114,371) and to be on a safer side we have taken capitation fees on the basis of membership of 114,000. An Estimated Income from Capitation dues collected from 114,000 members at £3.50 per member should give us £399,000.00 though the growth could be more in 2024-25 and in 2025-26. I would like to add that the Capitation fees cannot be calculated exactly since the dues are collected in as fully-year dues and half-year dues. Half-year dues are collected from members joining after December 31st and new clubs inaugurated after the 31st of December. Let us be positive and expect many more members to join. We should all strive to increase the membership before

31st December 2024 worldwide. IIW President Mamta has given stress on membership growth in her goals. EACH ONE – JOIN ONE should be our tagline.

Note: Item of 'Sale of Directories' is removed as since last 2 years it is not printed. Webmaster Yeok San has been told to come up with a soft copy with easy to locate option of Directory. She shall be sending her quotation which will then be added to the budget.

2. Sale of Constitution & Handbooks:

Budgeted for the year 2025-26 for Sale of Constitution and Handbooks continued to be £2,000.00 as in the past 2 years. It is expected that we might have a good sale due to the increase in demand for it.

3. Interest (net of Corporation Tax):

It was witnessed that the amount from interest was £15,933.00 in 2022-23 and £42,506.00 in 2023-24. The interest rates from banks have increased and our deposits have too. Hence, Budgeted for the year 2025-26 is £20,000.00 to be a bit conservative.

TOTAL INCOME

The total budgeted income has increased by £27,000.00 from £394,000.00 to £421,000.00.

ESTIMATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT:

The net effect of the decrease in expenses in the budget and increase in income has resulted into an estimated surplus of £120,450.00, which is nearly double of the last year's surplus of £65,950.00.

The expenses estimated are inclusive of all taxes. An attempt will be made to keep the expenses within the budget.

Any Questions?

Madam President, I conclude the presentation of the proposed Budget for the year 2025-2026 and ask for its adoption. Proposed: TVE – Seconded: IK

Thank you very much for your attention.

President Mamta and I will sign the accounts as soon as possible.

Every year the Auditors must be approved and appointed for the next year. At the Executive Committee meeting held, a resolution was adopted, which reads as:

Resolution to Appoint the Auditors for the year 2025-26:

The Executive has approved and appointed ROYCE PEELING GREEN LIMITED as the Auditors for the Accounts of INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL for the year 2025-26.



Hence, in this IGBM "It has been resolved to appoint ROYCE PEELING GREEN LIMITED ("RPG") of Manchester as the Auditors for the accounts of International Inner Wheel for the year 2025-26." Proposed: SK – Seconded: TVE

CONCLUDING REMARKS

A thank-you note to my colleagues in the EC. President Mamta who has always been very supportive to me. Your dedication and the spirit to do something different has always been admired by me. Secondly, Vice President Kay, whom I find goes to minute details of any information asked for or any query put to her. A lot to learn from you Kay. IPP Trish who has all the enthusiasm which catches on everyone. She says she does not understand constitution but one who loves Inner Wheel is the best. And my dear CC Patricia too works with a lot of sincerity and is quick to answer queries or problems related to the constitution. And last but not least is our Alan, who should always get an A+ for his work, sincerity and promptness. Though he is not a part of the EC, he is the soul of the EC.

Also, I thank the Board of Directors for making efforts to help IIW to collect capitation fees from NDCs. Keep up the good work!

Thank you all for a patient listening.

DN asked about printing of directories, which MG answered that a decision was taken at the Exec meeting that they would not be printed.

AS asked about difference in Corp Tax, KM answered. RPG reappointed – SR proposed, TvE seconded.

CONSTITUTION CHAIRMAN

Report by Patricia Hilton
IIW Constitution Chairman

President Mamta, Vice-President Kay, Immediate Past President Trish, IIW Treasurer Rashmi, and the esteemed Board of Directors,

Greetings to all!

It is a pleasure to be back at Altrincham Town Hall for the 1st IGB Meeting of 2024. This venue holds special memories for me from my time as a Board Director in 2019.

As we reach the four-month mark of this term, it has been a busy and eventful journey. However, working alongside such a dedicated and supportive team in the executive

has been an absolute privilege. I often reflect on the wise words shared by Sissel at the beginning of the year: "Being Constitution Chairman is not always a walk in the park, but occasionally, you'll have time to enjoy the flowers and their scent." I truly believe that with perseverance and teamwork, we can always find solutions to any challenges we face.

Re-Appointment of Lawyers

At International Inner Wheel, we believe our organisation is best served by legal professionals who are highly experienced in the non-profit sector.

During the IIW Executive Meeting held on 1-2 October 2024 at the IIW Office, the name of SAS Daniels was approved as the official lawyers for International Inner Wheel for 2024-25.

Resolution:

At the 1st International Inner Wheel Governing Body Meeting of 2024-25, held on 3rd October 2024 at Altrincham Town Hall, I propose the appointment of SAS Daniels as the official lawyers for International Inner Wheel for 2024-25.

Proposed by: PH; Seconded by: DN

Re-Appointment of Trustees

At the IIW Executive Meeting held on 1-2 October 2024 at the IIW Head Office, the names of Past IIW Presidents Phyllis Charter and Carole Young were approved as trustees for International Inner Wheel for 2024-25.

Resolution:

At the 1st International Inner Wheel Governing Body Meeting of 2024-25, held on 3rd October 2024 at Altrincham Town Hall, I propose the re-appointment of Past IIW Presidents Phyllis Charter and Carole Young as trustees for International Inner Wheel for 2024-25.

Proposed by: PH; Seconded by: LD

C & H 2024 and IIW Convention Minutes 2024

The C & H 2024 document is ready. Although there was a slight delay due to necessary checks and corrections, I am pleased to inform you that it will be available on the website by the end of the week, along with the IIW Convention 2024 Minutes.

Acknowledgments

I would like to sincerely thank Alan for his unwavering dedication and tireless hard work which is truly invaluable. I also wish to express my deep gratitude to Elaine, whose steadfast efforts behind the scenes are greatly appreciated.



BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Each BD provided an oral summary of their experiences, frustrations and rewards of managing their portfolio of NDCs (See BD's reports on NDC Allocations.)

EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER REPORT

Distinguished IIW President Mamta Gupta, Vice-President Kay Morland, Immediate Past Pres. Trish Douglas, Treasurer Dr Rashmi Sharma, Constitution Chairman Patricia Hilton, and all Board Directors, good afternoon.

It is my profound privilege to serve as IIW Editor/Media Manager in the first year of second century of Inner Wheel Organisation. I am grateful for this opportunity to present my report here, meeting all of you and gathering valuable inputs and feedback. I am committed to performing my duties to the best of my abilities.

Expression of Gratitude

I extend my sincere gratitude to IIW President Mamta Gupta for her unwavering support and encouragement. Working under Mamta Gupta's leadership has been a rewarding experience as She has consistently trusted and showed confidence in me and always a phone call away to clear my queries.

I appreciate the cooperation and prompt responses from all the IIW Executive members and IIW Board Directors who always boosted up my confidence with their positive remarks on my posts.

Specifically, I acknowledge the constant support from IIW Treasurer Dr Rashmi Sharma, IIW CC Patricia Hilton and BD Dr Surjit Kaur.

Congratulation to IIW President

Before presenting my report as IIW editor/Media Manager, I would like to congratulate IIW President Mamta Gupta on adding two new districts: District 900 in Uganda and District 339 in Pakistan. Her dedication and enthusiasm for expanding Inner Wheel around the world are truly commendable.

Social Media Management:

The Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube channels were handed over to me at the beginning of the Inner Wheel year. It took a little longer to get access to all these social media Platforms due to the admin changes, security configurations but definitely this ensures the protection of the sites.

I appreciate Webmaster Yeok San for helping me out in managing all these platforms. Thank you so much

Webmaster Yeok San for your friendly assistance and always there to help me out with my queries. I am so thankful to IIW Admin Alan for sharing all the mails of National Representatives with me. As soon as I received mail addresses, I sent the Guidelines for Publication and correct usage of Logos to all the National Representatives and Board Directors.

Installation Ceremony "EPOCH FLOW"

Upon assuming my role, I got an opportunity to attend the first IGB Meeting in Kolkata where I presented my report as incoming IIW Editor/Media Manager. I sent my first e mail to all the ECs and BDs on 4th June 2024, requesting their photographs and messages for the first IIW e-bulletin.

I created two posters and an Introductory video featuring all Executive Committee Members and Board Directors. The video and accompanying posters were widely shared by Inner Wheel Members.

Following IIW President Mamta Gupta's instructions, I sent the second mail to all the ECs and BDs and requested them to send their dance video clips on the song "Heal The World" by Micheal Jackson. These video clips were compiled into a full video which was played during President Gupta's Installation Ceremony.

Publications updates:

Now we have only digital, online publications, which too of course, require compiling, editing and designing before we release them. Since July, I have noticed that readership and interest in having their news in IIW publications, has increased in all countries which gives me a great satisfaction as an Editor

The first International Inner Wheel e-bulletin "Inaugural Edition" featuring messages from President Mamta Gupta and all Executive Members and Board Directors and of course Editorial, was released during President Gupta's Installation Ceremony "EPOCH FLOW" which was held on 26th June, 2024 in Kolkata. This bulletin was officially released on social media on 18th July. I am so glad to share with all of you that as soon as this first bulletin was released on Facebook, it went viral on Facebook with numerous shares, views and lot of appreciation remarks.

The Second International Inner Wheel e-Bulletin "Epoch Flow" was released on 11th August featuring each and every moment of the grand installation ceremony. I'm grateful to the IIW President Mamta Gupta for having consented to my idea to release a Special Installation Bulletin "Epoch Flow" to make this event a lifelong memory. I am glad to share that it was also appreciated by everyone. I have brought copies of this bulletin to give you all so that you can have the experience of the Installation Ceremony through this bulletin.



The Third International Inner Wheel e-bulletin, “Friendship Beyond Borders” was released on 18th September featuring Presidential Visits, Margarett Golding Awardees and two exemplary projects from 15 countries and only 3 Non district clubs Lamantin, Lusaka and Mauritius. But I am delighted to share that this magazine has sparked enthusiasm among clubs as many other countries and non-district clubs are coming forward to feature their projects in our upcoming edition which is truly satisfying experience as an IIW editor and Media Manager. I really look forward to expanding our reach in the next publication, featuring inspiring projects from even more countries and Non-district clubs.

Besides this

I created **Friendship Frame with the slogan “My Friends, My Heartbeats”** on the occasion of Friendship Day, and shared it on WhatsApp groups and Social Media . I am so happy that Inner wheel members around the world took it happily, put their photographs and shared it on Social Media on Friendship Day.

On 29th July, I sent **IIW President’s Friendship Message with the logo “Each One, Bring One”** to all the BDs and NRs.

On 20th September, I sent **IIW President’s International Peace Day message** to all the National Representatives and Board Directors. I made **International Peace Day Frame** so that all the inner Wheel members put their photographs and share it on social media to show our unity and promote peace.

Future publications:-

My idea is to release every e-bulletin with the heading “International Inner Wheel” and sub heading as per according to the matter of the bulletin it contains. Purpose adopting name “International Inner Wheel” is to make people know about our organisation.

- I will release one bulletin every month, 12 in a year including two Web Magazines.
- Web Magazines will be released one in December and one in June.
- **Special e Bulletin of IGB Meeting will be released in October to let our members to know about IGBM.**

All Publications will feature:

- Message from IIW President and Presidential Expeditions
- Month related activity to promote IIW Goals
- Articles on important Days (Inner Wheel Day, International Women’s Day, Environment Day, etc)
- Conferences and Rallies in Countries and Regions

- Unique Service Projects relevant to Social Theme and IIW Theme.
- Executive Members & Board Directors vision
- National Representatives and UN Representatives views
- Important Webinars
- Information about NDCs and clubs which are less reported

Special Interview with IIW President Mamta Gupta

Website Updates:-

As IIW Editor/Media Manager, my responsibilities include Website updates:

As we all know that the new website started in 2022-23 with Webmaster Yeok San, is constantly getting updates and the new updates are flashed at the top for immediate attention. The submissions by all EC members and UN Representatives go to webmaster through me.

- **HOME PAGE** has IIW President’s message, Meaning of IIW Theme and IIW Theme video.
- **FRIENDSHIP PAGE** has President Gupta’s Friendship Message, IIW Goals video and International Social Project Campaign 2024-27 video.
- **ENGAGE PAGE** has the latest reports by UN Representatives, MG Awardees and Inner Wheel promotion and supporting videos.
- **ABOUT IIW PAGE** has the introductory video of International Governing Body, Margarett Golding – the Founder of Inner Wheel and Inner Wheel Centenary Book.

– The **Members Portal** has all the information relevant only to members, Constitution and Convention, Membership, Election, IIW Mag, Bulletins and Newsletters, MGA History, Songs, Poems, Prayers and Calendar.

Social Media:-

As Media Manager I post service projects from countries primarily on IIW Facebook Page where we have a strong presence from all over the world. Additionally, we are posting our projects on Instagram, Twitter and YouTube although engagement on these platforms relatively lower. But we are exploring strategies to boost visibility and interaction across these platforms.

IIW President’s Messages on Important days are shared on Website Home Page as well as on Facebook, Instagram and in e-bulletins.

Achievements of IIW, Margarett Golding Awardee Names, IIW President’s visits are constantly shared on all Social Media platforms.

“In today’s fast-paced digital era, social media plays a vital role in shaping our global image. Where millions of users



sharing content every minute, we need to step up our efforts by sharing engaging and relevant content and using social media correctly, effectively and efficiently.

KM – explained about the **formation of the Comms Group** the members and what were the objectives of the new group. For the email's initiative, there will be a project plan agreed, with key stages, responsibilities, roles and a timeline and that this will be a large project that could be transformational for IW and IIW, if it is delivered professionally.

Unique ID

MG outlined her initiative, its scope and this is a project that it is starting and ideas being brought together; the IGB will be kept fully informed and involved.

European Meeting/Rally

TD – said that there was a recent meeting in Budapest, which would be going to Croatia next year. There is a concern that IIW is coming under criticism for not sharing information with the IGB and she would have attended, but for her recent operation and medical advice. There is nothing official in IIW documents that these forums should exist and after last year's meeting there was a letter demanding the closure of D222, which was ill conceived. Mentioned that proposal 7 at the recent convention was not delivered in the best way.

DN said that proposal 7 was not discussed at the Euro meeting; SM has been to several meetings, and it is quite right to say that the meeting should be 'informal' but that it has quite a senior level of representation, but there is no authority to take decisions for IIW; thought that the topics of the European Meeting, seemed to be very similar each year.

TD – when she was GB&I Association President, she attended a European Meeting, but the meetings now seem to have changed, with the introduction of 'mentors,' who are the key drivers of the European Meeting and its agenda. It could be seen that some of the topics and documents being issued, may be interpreted as being contrary to the best interests of IIW/IW and that it could create schisms within the entire organisation. AA related her experience as GB&I Association President when she attended the meeting and quoted from those minutes. EZ said she had attended a European Meeting and thought that it was very informative and productive. DN – reinforced this opinion and that it was only, in her view, that the Cyprus meeting was less so. TD stated that she receives all the documentation that is issued to the attendees.

SM said that how could IW in Europe complain, if it wasn't through such a forum; TD said that much of the output from the European meeting could be viewed as being negative, but DN said that there are problems in IW in Europe, which are not shared with, for example India, so sharing ideas can be productive. Stated that Proposal 7 was not discussed in Budapest and that IIW must try to bring D96 and D222 together; TD explained what happened at the Convention in Manchester and that President Mamta is visiting both districts in December 2024. DN did not see the European meeting as being negative and IW/IIW should be working together to find solutions.

DN – said that the proposals had been worked on to produce propositions for convention that would help to resolve some of the issues being experienced by IW clubs/districts in Europe. TvE said that although she's not in Europe, but unless it is brought to the IGB, how can the issues that it is stated are being experienced be dealt with and potentially resolved.

SM – said that there was not a recognised protocol for the meetings; DN said there had been discussions regarding bylaws and PDS added that it has been use as a forum to bring together and coordinate the development of proposals.

TD – said that she hoped that the content for Croatia would be positive, and that the hosts would have influence in the content for the meeting. The issue needs to be addressed, as it seems to occur after each European meeting.

MG – started a discussion on **e-clubs** and

DN said that she was disappointed that it was not agreed to have people from different countries in an e-club.

PH said that the initiative has started and it will need to evolve and change.

AA said that GB&I had a ready-made format for an e-club, called I-wheel, which was not accepted as a proposal and was disappointed that GB&I was not contacted with a reason why it was rejected.

MG said that e-clubs could help to attract younger, working women to IW.

EZ said that the C&H states that only 18+ can be recruited; in Bulgaria, they tried to make an IW club for school aged, but this did not progress and may have formed a Rotaract club instead.

MG suggested that there could be a proposal for the next Convention and reinforced the message "Each one, bring one."



IK – there is a new gen club being created in Türkiye, there are 41 members, although all are of Turkish heritage, they all do not live in the country, but get together for meeting on-line. Said that in Rotary International (RI), if you are a member of an e-club, that is your club membership only, as if it was a regular club.

TvE – due to the distances in SA, the district meetings have to be on Zoom, due to the travel times and costs. IK confirmed that the RI e-clubs are part of a district, although this required that the bylaws be changed slightly.

JL – there is a problem in SE Asia, that the name Inner Wheel needs to be changed into local language, to comply with the government legislation. PH said that this was the problem in UAE and the club has been closed down.

IK – said that Inner Wheel is ‘too English’ for the government, so, when they need to cooperate with the government bodies, they call themselves “Sevgi Cemberi”, which translates as “Inner Wheel”.

IGB MEETING – 4-10-2024

MG – Welcomed everyone again to the meeting and asked that all assembled outside for souvenir photographs of the IGB group 2024-2025.

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Team A – “What message are we sharing”

AS, TvE, UE, EZ.

AS introduced, everyone, it is important that when branding is discussed, there must be open minds. Looking at branding in a totally different way and although there are vibrant messages, through the IW year, these seem to diminish and crystal clear messages must be developed, from the IW logo, the background and meaning of which is crucial to our branding.

There are other bodies that are over 100 years old and they are still very visible, so, how should these experiences be applied to benefit IIW.

TvE – IW is still very much allied in people’s minds to Rotary, although, it is primarily a women’s organisation. IIW is a far lower commitment of time than that for Rotary; why not piggyback on some of their branding and exposure, to benefit IW.

AS – pointed out that video is far more impactful than static images, IW women are bold, strong and very capable and being women, have far more advanced emotional intelligence. IW does not have a brand statement and a strong branding identity; it is about values and what contributions are being made to the world. Being volunteers,

often this work goes unrecognised, but the younger generations want their actions to be far more visible, e.g. for their social media presence.

Branding delusion, where there are too many things going on, e.g. having three logos being used each IW year. Rotary International (RI) is very much associated with polio – what is the connection between IW and a favoured charity. We as IW members may know that IW stands for, but the outside world does not.

UE – it should be one emblem, and it should be clear that it is for women and there should be a narrative/story that is clear and understandable and it should have ‘emotion.’

AS – IW social media needs to be updated, coordinated; how many clubs know that IW has a branding guide and has a specified typeface. How many members have difficulty inviting new members, with enhanced branding, this process should be easier and IW is a safe place for women. People have a reticence to invite someone who they don’t know, but, with training and better branding, this could be far more effective to enable IW to grow.

RI has one of the best leadership programmes, so, why does IW not have one? Why doesn’t IW have its logo on town signs, as RI does, etc. The website is functional, but IIW should study best practices to enhance the messages and with better branding, these messages will be more compelling and coherent.

EZ – how do people find IIW’s website and what is the first impression? The landing page should be attractive so that people want to know more and go deeper into the website and IW.

TD – asked how many people had received negative comments re: the website and its navigability.

Team B – Membership Matters

SK, AA, IEM, ED.

SK – this is a key issue in many parts of the world and explained that there have been Zoom meetings preparing for this meeting.

AA – relished this task and its importance. Each person is a membership and development officer, Each One Bring One. The title can be express differently, depending on the emphasis. Clarity of the message is crucial, emphasising the core values of IW and what will people get back: networking opportunities, personal growth, professional development are just a few of the benefits:

P.L.O.N.S. – Prestige; Lifelong Friendship; Opportunities for Growth; Natural Network; Service to Others



EZ also contributed A.P.P.L.E. – Attend Meetings; Pay Dues; Participation; Learn the Ropes; Enjoy Inner Wheel

It was recognised that there is a need to identify the problems and focus on retention besides it is not thought that age is the only factor. All members need to be Brand Ambassadors for IW and using pins, scarves, etc., so that people ask what it's about.

SK – mid-range plans: flexible involvement opportunities, remote or hybrid meetings and create a welcoming environment for the new members when they are invited and use inclusive languages and encourage diversity. All levels should have membership development committees and the website needs to be far more compelling. TD added that this is common in GB&I and PH said that this is also popular in India. Also, to help recruit new members, the website must be more captivating and visible.

SK – each one, bring one, can be done through Meet & Greet tea parties, or through social, professional and community based activities to attract new members. Longer term, there could be a welcome letter to new members from District Chairmen (DC); recognition from DC to clubs for membership increase and recognition to the DCs from IIW for substantial membership increases. Also, use the various social media platforms to attract members, but there may be opportunities via print media too.

AA summarised and shared three quotations:

- Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change – Barbara Mikulski
- If we've unified, there is nothing we cannot do – by Ray Nagin
- Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much – by Helen Keller

Team C – Motivating NDCs to increase Membership

NO; VS; PDS: DN.

NO – Introduced and related her experiences from Nigeria and the roles that she undertook; suggested that the younger generation are not attracted when they see the older generation of IW members. Trinidad & Tobago are a very hard working club, but other ND clubs need far more motivation to seek growth and for them to respond. This can be by creating better programs and projects, which may be used as motivation to attract new members.

VS – There are other tools that can be used, such as through celebrating and rewarding achievements and communicating these activities through social media. Develop a sense of community and belonging, for example through interclub events, where they can network and collaborate.

PDS – Boosting membership can be done, for example through enhanced club visibility, through social media or through collaborative efforts with other Not For Profits (NFP), or through schools, universities, etc., and hold open events or to sponsor events attended by younger people. There should be empowerment at club level, through e.g. leadership development and helping clubs tailor programs to local needs.

PDS – Each one, bring one – recognise members who bring new members and all IW members should see themselves as recruitment ambassadors.

DN – the role of leadership in motivating ND clubs and growing membership is crucial and leading by example and providing feedback and support to members actions and activities. Show recognition and appreciation, through social media, and celebrate when progress has been made, but there must also be the willingness to adjust strategies.

Team D – One Project

IK – introduce the team and gave a background to their theme and methodology of bringing their ideas together and started with the three IW key tenants:

- Friendship
- Personal Growth
- Fostering international friendship and understanding beyond borders

SM – does an IW project have an added value to IW, e.g. increasing visibility or working across borders. What could be an effective structure for implementation of such a project. Heart for Women, was a recent project completed by IW Netherlands, as the women's heart is different to that of a man. This was a three year project and members need to be included from the start and involved in any changes, for all members to be fully engaged. The committee were very independent, although with one member from the NGB and invited a famous person (cardiologist) to help, along nominated reps to ensure that the messages and buy-in were prompt and accurate. Thought that this structure could be implemented in other parts of the IW world.

JL – Gave some background to Malaysia and although people know the Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, this is not representative of the rural areas, where clean water can be scarce and hard to access. Her club has sponsored wells/ bore holes for villages, which as they are using the same technology each time are cost effective and cost effective at £500 per well. The provision of water is often seen as a woman's role, so, this may also impact their ability to be educated.

LD – eradication of cervical cancer. Boys get the vaccine as they can pass on the virus to girls. Japan is the only country to have banned the virus, when there was a substantial



anti-vax movement. HPV vaccination was determined largely by the mothers of children and the virus and this led to an increase in the virus in the country.

LD – questioned how this would be rolled out to the countries in which it is not free; the polio plus roll out could be a template to how this could be implemented. Also mentioned the Cord Blood Research project, which has been a long supported project of IWA.

IK – Investing in girls' education transforms communities, countries and the entire world. Girls who receive an education are less likely to marry young and more likely to lead healthy, productive lives. When girls go through secondary school, child marriages decline, child mortality rates fall, maternal mortality rates fall, child stunting drops.

Education for girls is about more than access to school. It's also about girls feeling safe in classrooms and supported in the subjects and careers they pursue – including those in which they are underrepresented.

IK – it is proposed to use a special methodology developed at the Queensland University in Australia by the late Prof. Richard Walker and his team. It is called Concentrated Language Encounter, CLE for short, to speed the learning process and reduce time. This will be working in collaboration with UNICEF.

MG – gave her thanks for the work that had most obviously been done and for the inspiring ideas that have been put forward. Membership growth is key and using the ideas for NDCs, whilst you're a BD, will hopefully help with growth this IW year. IW help for the cervical cancer vaccination roll-out may not be needed in some countries, but, as a global project/issue it is vitally important. Education, especially for girls, is essential; water is fundamental for life and mankind and access to it should be a universal human right, but, obviously, this is not the case.

OPEN FORUM

TD – everyone knows that she is very supportive of the Foundation idea and it is now for PH to give substance to the motivation and justification to progress towards this objective. MG fully supported this and this is very much needed by IW.

TD – On her travels as President, she saw the HPV vaccination rollout in different countries and how important and enabling it can be in developing countries.

MG – said that the increase in Cap Fees should go ahead, as they have not been changed since 2006, which was supported by the IGB. EZ said that to be able to deliver larger projects the Cap Fees increase is needed, as is the Foundation. KM said that the story/message needs to be better developed and delivered for people to vote in favour of it at the next Convention. TvE said that in SA, they have been expecting an increase in fees for many years and IW SA has a fund to cover the increase when it arrives, as the Rand has such a poor exchange rate to the Pound.

There was a discussion regarding the most appropriate mechanism for this proposal to be carried. MG said that she thought that it should be done through a General Motion. It was pointed out that in the C&H, there is terminology that could be seen to limit the increase to 5%; AP said that if it were done on consecutive years, it would reach £4 (roughly), in three years.

LD proposed that the Cap Fees are increased by 15p, seconded by TvE from the start of the new IW year in 2025. This was agreed unanimously.

EZ – a mobile exhibition was created by her district which has been travelling around all 27 clubs, covering 100 years of IW, which is also open to the public and a great way to promote IW.

IEB – in her district, many people are against the HPV vaccine, so, if they can't do this, can the money be deployed to improve knowledge and awareness; MG answered that yes, this was acceptable.

IK – mentioned the branding that RI is now using and the wording they are now using in relation to their support for Polio eradication.

AA – said that there should be a better handover to BDs, as they are full of enthusiasm when they start in July and a Zoom could have been held in early July. Asked about the comms team, which TD and KM answered. AS related her experience with IWNZ, when she entered her role as VP IWNZ.

VS – in Mexico, there is a strong anti-vax movement too.

UE – didn't know what to expect when she came to her first IGB but has found it very productive and TvE suggested that there could be more frequent meetings held over Zoom, which SM supported.

PDS – had a question from her NGB and how would voting work if it were to be a hybrid event, which was answered by several members of the Executive Committee.



CLOSING REMARKS

Dear Board Directors, as we conclude this meeting, I'd like to highlight key takeaways:

- A. Uniform Email IDs for all the 4,200 clubs. We have formed communication team, led by IIW VP Kay Morland, Board Director Elena, Alyssandra, Webmaster Yeok San, Editor and Media Manager Rajni, and myself, will implement this initiative.
- B. Cervical Cancer Vaccine (safe future) Project: Approved one project at IIW level at the 19th IIW Convention, we've commenced this life-changing project for girl children.
- C. Unique Identification Number: We'll schedule a Zoom meeting to discuss assigning a distinctive ID to each member.
- D. Digital IIW Directory: this year the soft copies will be available on our website.
- E. Capitation Fees: With your consent, we've increased fees from £3.50 to £3.65.

- F. IGB Meeting Attendance: Starting next year Editor/ Media Manager will not attend IGB meeting. Only Convention year Editor will attend the IIW CONVENTION.

As we part ways, I'm filled with gratitude and inspiration. Our shared passion and dedication make Inner Wheel's mission stronger. We are the heartbeat of humanity, pulsating with compassion, empathy, and service. Let's continue to: - Safeguard girls' futures through vaccination – Foster peace The Heartbeat of Humanity grows stronger with service and love.

Thank you, dear Board Directors, for your tireless efforts, valuable insights, and camaraderie.

Together, let's keep shining! Safe travel.

VOTE OF THANKS

KM – On behalf of all the IGB, thanks for organising this, for us all to have our say and for such interesting topics for discussion, which will hopefully give us all food for thought on our journeys home.



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