



**INTERNATIONAL
INNER WHEEL**

**ELECTED
OFFICERS**

IWY 2023-24



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY
Executive Committee

IWY 2023-24



PRESIDENT



Name: **Trish Douglas**

Club: **Montrose**

District: **1**

Country: **GB&I**

Approx members 11,800

**Are you ready to party? I certainly am!
Ready to celebrate 100 years of Inner Wheel
Friendship, Service and International
Understanding stretching all around the
globe.**

A hard worker with a business degree and wide experience, I lead from the front. I firmly believe in 'teamwork', which works equally well in Inner Wheel as in business.

A member for over 35 years, I am passionate about Inner Wheel. It has been a joy, an honour and a privilege to work at Club, District, Association and International level. We can be justifiably proud of all that Inner Wheel has achieved but in our rapidly changing world, there is much that needs our attention.

The pandemic taught us how much we can achieve when working together, in friendship and across continents. As a Board Director, I was pleased to be invited to join the team involved in the IIW Covid 19 Disaster and Vaccination Fund.

On the threshold of our Centenary year, we remember Margarette Golding and her fellow members in the Manchester Club who gave us the firm foundations on which to build our fantastic organisation. They could never have imagined that Inner Wheel clubs would be active in 100 countries around the world. What a legacy!

It will be my pleasure to welcome you to our International Inner Wheel Centenary Convention, just a short walk away from where it all began.

I envisage a carnival atmosphere with something for all.

Will Manchester feel our presence? Yes, they will!

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1997-98, 2007-08

Club Vice-President 1996-97, 2006-07

Club International Overseas Service

Organiser 1995-96

District Chairman 2003-04

District Vice-Chairman 2002-03

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 2001-02

Extension Chairman or Organiser 2004-05

Chairman International Overseas Committee
1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000

National Association President 2015-16

National Association Vice-President 2014-15

National Association Council Member

2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11

National Association International Service
Chairman-Organiser 2011-12, 2012-13,
2013-14

National Representative

2016-17

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2018-19, 2020-21

IIW Vice-President 2022-23



VICE-PRESIDENT



Name: **Mamta Gupta**

Club: **Central Calcutta**

District: **329**

Country: **India**

Approx members 49,050

Present, though manifestation of past indicates what holds in future. My mission — make Inner Wheel a global brand, widely known for vital contribution to society. Being a philanthropist, I envision IW to be reckoned as the world's largest charitable service organization devoted for women, children, society and environment.

I envision to make orphan free world. Pandemic, poverty, war all are creating orphans. As Association President, I gave a clarion call to make India orphanage free by 2024. All 1366+ clubs and 45940+ members took it as national project and facilitated adoption of 600plus orphans before pandemic.

I envision to facilitate healthy living for women and taking care of ever increasing aged population in the world. Collaborate with corporates, governments for schemes with grants and ensure better equipment and expertise to reach smaller towns and villages.

I envision adding clubs, districts and countries to double our membership. To make IW more millennial by catching young members. Form new gen clubs in high school & college. One such way is e-clubs with electronic membership.

I envision to spread IW's message to younger, upwardly mobile population, who are prime movers of tomorrow. Social media platforms' outreach provides us with faster and more exciting ways to create visibility farther and deeper.

We must adapt & evolve to create lasting change to make our world a better place to live. Let IIW be known for its unique projects in changing world's demographic pattern. Nothing is impossible, if you read "I'm-possible".

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2006-07
Club Vice-President 2005-06
Club Secretary 2004-05
District Chairman 2015-16
District Vice-Chairman 2014-15
District Secretary 2013-14
District Treasurer 2012-13
District International Overseas Chairman
Organiser 2011-12
District Editor 2010-2011
National Association President 2019-20
National Association Vice-President
2018-19 National Association Treasurer
2016-17

National Representative

2019-20

International Inner Wheel

Board Director 2021-22



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Name: **Zenaida Farcon**

Club: **Marikina**

District: **380**

Country: **Philippines**

Approx members: 1800

I am truly honored to be an Inner Wheel member for 34 years now. IW gives me opportunities to spread kindness and make a difference in the lives of others. I have been transformed by IW to become a Servant Leader who serves out of love.

My most exciting IW experience was my service in IIW as Board Director and Vice-President. I have witnessed the international character of IW, the diverse culture of members, clubs, districts, and national governing bodies.

As we head to our centennial year, I will work to promote IIW as a sustainable Global Organization, experiencing robust growth, responsive and relevant to the universal needs of women of all ages, resilient and adaptable to the new normal.

I envision IIW to expand its reach to Young Girls aged 12-17 through the formation of IW Youth Clubs in high school and college levels.

IIW will continue its service projects that will improve the lives of women and girls to advance our campaign for Strong Women Stronger World. IIW will actively promote its service projects on Social Media as a way to connect with all its members around the world and to attract the New Generation to become our members.

I envision a uniform Management System for IIW that will institutionalize the best practices of clubs and districts around the world. I will promote the IIW brand of leadership and culture to help produce competent, visionary, and agile leaders who can lead with understanding and compassion.

Past Offices Held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1990/91, 1996/97

Club Vice President 1995/96

Club Secretary 1989/90

District Chairman 1994/95

District Secretary 1993/94

District Treasurer 1991/93

National Association President 2007/08

National Association Vice President
2000/01, 2001/02

National Secretary 1994/95

National Representative

2003/04

International Inner Wheel I

IW Board Director 2020/21 I

IW Vice President 2021/22

IIW President 2022/23



TREASURER



Name: **Sarita Lunani**

Club: **Eluru**

District: **302**

Country: **India**

Approx members 49,050

As a passionate goal-oriented leader, I have successfully used my experience and skills to further the cause of Inner Wheel over the past 27 years. I strongly believe that I have the necessary expertise and exposure to lead and serve as the International Treasurer for the final term.

As IIW Treasurer, I have effectively overseen the financial administration of our organization which includes financial planning, budgeting, and reporting. Every quarter I have consistently presented the accounts and financial statements to the Executive Committee. The IIW Budget presentation, a first of its kind, was made using graphics and Powerpoint for easy understanding. I am gratified that the organization balance recorded a surplus during my tenure. I have executed my role with dedication and commitment and with your support, will continue to do so the following year.

I love the global aspect of IIW and enjoy working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Interacting with National Representatives, Treasurers, Non-Districted Clubs, and members worldwide has enhanced my financial acumen and abilities.

My vision is to make Inner Wheel more vital and vibrant:

- Preserve the financial integrity of our organization – maintain transparency in accounts, keep a close watch on the exchange rate, make prudent choices, and leave a legacy for the future generation.
- Follow the latest techniques and tools in online banking.
- Actively promote Inner Wheel. Encourage Membership Growth – ‘Each One to Get One Member’ and generate more income.

I pledge to Work Wonders!

My motto: Involve...Inspire...Illuminate...
Inner Wheel!

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1998-99
Club Secretary 1997-98
Club Treasurer 2001-02
District Chairman 2008-09
District Vice-Chairman 2007-08
District Secretary 2004-05
District Treasurer 2005-06
District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2006-07
District International Overseas Chairman 2002-03
District Editor 2003-04
National Association President 2012-13
National Association Vice-President 2011-12
National Association Secretary 2009-10
National Association Council Member 2009-10

National Representative

2012-13

International Inner Wheel

Treasurer 2021-22, 2022-23



CONSTITUTION CHAIRMAN



Name: **Sissel Høihjelle Michelsen**

Club: **Lorenskog**

District: **31**

Country: **Norway**

Approx members 1,020

What does it take to apply for the position as International Inner Wheel's Constitution Chairman?

Firstly – Knowledge and Experience:

Being your IIW Constitution Chairman since 2021 and an active member since 1987, I have been present at nearly all District Meetings, attended all IIW Conventions from Florence 2003 to Jaipur (digital) 2021, active in debates and presentations, and helped translating into Norwegian the Convention proposals several times as a Constitution Committee Member. It helps having a university degree in English. I've been engaged at 11 European Meetings and also Rallies, both as an organiser and speaker – to renew and strengthen IW.

Secondly – Engagement and Enthusiasm:

I'm a team player – and a CC must be just that. If re-elected. I'll continue to perform my duty with transparency and respect – valuing Members' involvement, give advice and feedback to Members working on submitting proposals for Convention – as well as to Members struggling to understand our existing Constitution. Thus, if I don't understand a possible proposal right away, I'll reply to the sender to clarify the language and/or content – then it will be easier to understand and also to translate it into other languages. The whole process is time consuming, but necessary for true involvement on all levels.

Thirdly – Courage: Constitution work is necessary and indicates change – for upkeep and renewal of International Inner Wheel where bridging cultures are among our objectives. A strongly constructed Constitution will make us even stronger.

Past offices Held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1993-94, 2007-08

Club Vice-President 1992-93, 2006-07

Club International Service Organiser 1991-92

District Chairman 2001-02

District Vice-Chairman 2000-01

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 1999-2000

National Council President 2009-10, 2010-11

National Council Vice-President 2007-08, 2008-09

National Council International Service Chairman 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06

National Representative

2009-10, 2010-11

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2015-16, 2016-17

IIW Constitution Chairman 2021-22, 2022-23



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

16 Board Directors

IWY 2023-24



Name: **Ann Acaster**

Club: **York Vikings**

District: **4**

Country: **GB&I**

Approx members 11,800

My family is my lifeblood, but there is more than one kind of family; family of friends and family of Inner Wheel. As with all family trees, we encourage our little ones, they are our saplings, our shoots, and not forgetting our ancestors, they are our roots.

Our Inner Wheel family, like branches on a tree, grows in different directions and yet our roots remain as one.

We must learn from best practice, look to the future with our aims, our projects and of course new technology, but we must not forget our roots, our older generation, without them we would not be where we are today.

Travelling around my district and around Great Britain and Ireland, I found all clubs worked in their own way, all very different and yet all working to the same end. I am sure this is the same in International Inner Wheel.

Around our Inner Wheel World we have to look after our new clubs – our saplings, and also the non-districted clubs who do not have local expertise and help to rely on.

I love my Inner Wheel and feel that I have the time, patience, knowledge and kindness, to help and direct those who need a little extra help.

As Amelia Earhart said, 'A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees.'

Let us all be kind and help roots, shoots and branches spring up all around our Inner Wheel family.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1999-2000

Club Vice-President 1998-99

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

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

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

District Chairman 2007-08

District Vice-Chairman 2006-07

District Second Vice-Chairman 2005-06

District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2008-09

District International Overseas Chairman Organiser 2014-15

National Association President 2018-19

National Association Vice-President 2017-18 National International Service Chairman 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17

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

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

National Representative

2019-20



Name: **Cinzia Tomatis**

Club: **Ancona-Riviera del Conero**

District: **209**

Country: **Italy**

Approx members 6,155

My motivations to run for a second term remain unvaried from those of last year, hoping that this upcoming social year will lead to an even higher degree of confidence from your side in my abilities as a Board Director.

I am still thrilled to "do what matters, now". The vision that I have for IIW is one of interconnectedness.

We have to stimulate each and every single Club to engage and to be present, not only within their own District, but also on a more global scale.

I would like for IIW to be a forum of exchange of thought and a safe space for women all over the world.

What I believe is needed in an Association like ours is more of a managerial culture: even though we work on a volunteer basis, there should be a systematic plan in place for services and projects to happen.

It should not just be about getting things done, rather there should be a more conscious component to it.

As Inner Wheel has contributed, in over 20 years of my membership, to my development into a much more globally conscientious woman always ready to welcome new points for confrontation, it is desirable to participate/realize international workshops covering a wide range of topics.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2004-05

Club International Service Organiser
2003-04, 2016-17

Club Correspondent 2014-15, 2015-16

District Chairman 2011-12

District Vice-Chairman 2010-11

District International Service Chairman or
Organiser 2008-09, 2009-10

National Representative
2019-2020, 2020-21

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23



Name: **Dorothee Remmler Belen**

Club: **Viersen-Schwalu-Nette**

District: **87**

Country: **Germany**

Approx members 9,200

For me, Inner Wheel is more than a big international women's organisation, it a symbol of female energy and potential and power. Worldwide we show what women can achieve together when they stand together, when they work together appreciatively, in friendship and in solidarity. All over the world, we support women and children in developing their potential and help where it is needed.

Inner Wheel stands for a friendly connection across club boundaries. Due to job-related relocations within Germany, I was a member of three different Inner Wheel Clubs in succession and was able to experience the feeling of being warmly welcomed and gaining a circle of friends in each new club.

With passion I serve Inner Wheel in various positions and at different levels since 2006, from Club Correspondent to National Representative. Beyond the "normal" offices, I like to engage myself in projects.

My professional activities in applied health sciences, with a focus on health, health promotion, health education, health literacy and communication, as a university lecturer and board chairman in two NGO companies, aim in the same direction as our goals at Inner Wheel: empowerment, health, education.

We as Inner Wheel have the potential to improve our world and the lives of women and children and to increase their opportunities. As we celebrate our centenary, we can give a strong signal that can go on to inspire young women to join Inner Wheel in the years to come. I would be happy to make my contribution to it.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2014-15

Club Vice-President 2013-14

Club Secretary 2008-09

Club Correspondent 2007-08

District Chairman 2018-19

District Vice-Chairman 2017-18

District International Service Chairman or
Organiser 2016-17

National Representative

2021-22

Name: **Elena Zaharieva**Club: **Shumen**District: **248**Country: **Bulgaria**

Approx members 400

IW entered my life in 2004 at the right time, when I deeply needed friendship's support, and since then the organisation has been an important part of my life.

For me, IW is loving, caring, supporting, creative and bringing life to ideas. It's just like a woman – beautiful, tender, strong and capable to achieve its goals, work wonders and make the world a better place for living. No wonder it has almost 100 years of history.

When I joined IW, the 10 clubs in Bulgaria had just formed District 248 and I had the chance to experience IW in different roles from the beginning of my IW membership and to attend various clubs, District and international events. I have been a voting delegate and a President of my club Shumen and also an Editor, a Secretary and a Chairman of District 248 Bulgaria.

My service as a National Representative of District 248 for two consequent years met me with incredible and determined women from different countries and encourage me to learn a lot, to improve myself, to motivate the others and to be a team player.

The nomination for BD 2023-24 by my country in the 100th anniversary of Inner Wheel is a great honour and my big challenge to step over the next century in the vast world of IIW. I do believe that IW is a miracle and we can work wonders everyday in serving the society and building friendship and international understanding.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2007-08

District Chairman 2021-22

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14, 2014-15

District Secretary 2008-09, 2012-13

District Editor 2009-10

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21



Name: **Gillette Broadway**
 Club: **Haines City**
 District: **696**
 Country: **United States of America**
 Approx members 550

I am honored to be nominated for a second year to serve as International Board Director.

I believe I possess many attributes and have had many experiences that make me a great nominee.

First, I worked as a teacher trainer, where I was responsible for training, implementing, and overseeing new educational programs in an elementary school. This role helped prepare me to serve in various roles/offices within Inner Wheel USA by instilling in me the importance of communication and leading by example.

Ultimately, I was honored to serve for two years as National President/National Representative. Next, I am a detailed oriented person having served as national conference coordinator and as a committee member for the past three IWUSA conferences. Attending national conferences, district, and club meetings is a vital part of Inner Wheel. I believe attending these events/meetings helps to establish friendships and strengthen the Inner Wheel community.

Like many of you, traveling internationally has deepened my understanding of cultures, geography, climate, and the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

These experiences inspire me to share my gifts and talents. Collectively working together, Inner Wheel is able to use the talents and passions of all its members to benefit those in need.

As Inner Wheel approaches its 100th anniversary we need to take time to reflect on our objectives of friendship, personal service, and international understanding. I encourage all member to share with others your journey in Inner Wheel. See you in Manchester – May 2024!

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2003-04
 Club Treasurer 2002-03
 District Chairman 2010-2011
 District Vice-Chairman 2009-10
 District Secretary 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07
 National Association President 2019-20, 2020-21
 National Association Vice-President 2017-18, 2018-19

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23



Name: **Iclal Kardicali**

Club: **Ege**

District: **244**

Country: **Turkey**

Approx members 370

I am truly honoured and happy that my IW friends proposed my nomination for BD for 2023-24.

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

My unforgettable, exciting IW experiences include my service as a member of the Organizing Committee for Istanbul Convention where I conducted the Inaugural Concert; as the DC 244 and co-convener where I led the organization of Women for Europe 8 – Izmir, and as the NR where I was a voting delegate and speaker for a proposal at Jaipur Convention. Through these wonderful experiences, I have witnessed the international character of IW and its richness in the diversity.

As we head to our centennial year I would like to continue – with my fellow friends as a team – to contribute to work with women, children and displaced people to find better solutions to the needs of women in areas of literacy and digital literacy, climate change, equity of opportunity, education to produce happy, competent and visionary leaders skillful in promoting projects, using social media, forming e-clubs to attract new generations to become our members and to strengthen us through expansion.

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

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2015-16

Club Vice-President 2009-10 District

Chairman 2017-18

District Secretary 2014-15

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21



Name: **Ingelog Wyndhamn**

Club: **Helsingborg**

District: **239**

Country: **Sweden**

Approx members 3,300

“Pink First” gives in a colourful way a clear vision of the goals of the organisation. It points to the importance of not only seeing half of the world’s population but also hearing and listening to us. I am a member since 2003 and for me our motto is of the greatest significance. I am deeply honoured to be nominated for the position as Board Director 2023-24.

To be in the Board of our fantastic organisation would be a great challenge. Our motto is the strong foundation upon which Inner Wheel rests. Having taken part in 4 Conventions I realise how international we are and how easily you get friends and contacts. We help, support and encourage each other to further the good work.

Now more than ever an organisation like ours is needed to spread the message of friendship, understanding, companionship. My work as an English and French teacher in adult education and four EU projects gave me inspiration, passion and interest in international questions. My strength is to inform about Inner Wheel, guide and inspire how to grow and install enthusiasm. If we are not known, how can women decide whether to join or not.

If elected it would give me a real opportunity to enlarge our organisation locally, nationally and internationally, to spread knowledge about us, to retain old member and find new. I will do my utmost to realise this vision and work to strengthen and spread the heart and compassion that Inner Wheel stands for.

Past offices in Inner Wheel held

Club President 2006-07, 2011-12

Club Vice-President 2005-06

Club International Service Organiser
2007-08

District Chairman 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14 National

Council President 2017-18 National

Council Vice-President 2016-17 National

International Service Chairman 2018-19

National Representative

2018-19

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23



Name: **Jumana Masri**

Club: **Amman**

District: **95**

Country: **Egypt & Jordan**

Approx members 950

Engage to build a stronger world for women and children. Been a member of IW since 1983, immediately after moving back from London where we lived as a family for 12 years. My husband was a Rotarian.

What I really liked about this international woman's organization is that it respects all cultures... faith... language... and most important is that no politics and no religion are discussed.

Took many positions in my club, district... International as NR.

Attended IIW Conferences in Malaysia. Copenhagen... Istanbul and Jaipur (virtual) Attended triennial conferences in Hyderabad... Kolkata, Pune.

Attended Women for Europe conferences in Izmir & Varna.

Was privileged to be invited by District 301 – India (home hospitality) attended all clubs & activities & projects during that memorable visit.

Hosted many IW overseas sisters at home.

Created & signed a club sisterhood (twinning) agreement with Suadiye club – Istanbul.

Always contacted IW clubs wherever I travel.

Was a speaker at IW clubs in The Hague-Holland & IW club in Bahrain.

My great joy & self-satisfaction is to help unprivileged people... specially women & children.

Helped wholeheartedly in many projects that helped my community.

Have a bachelor's degree in English Literature.

Created my own brand in Business Artizana crafts. I have 4 children 6 grandchildren

My husband was a Minister... Ambassador. Now a Senator (Upper House of Parliament)

I believe that with the use of social media we can achieve all IW goals easily through public relations & communications to attract new members worldwide.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1992-2017

Club Vice-President 1990-2016

Club International Service Officer 1998-2000

District Vice-Chairman 1995-96

National Representative

2007-08

Name: **Kamal Prava Kharel**Club: **Bagmati**District: **350**Country: **Nepal**

Approx members 880

A teacher by profession, I have always believed in sharing my knowledge and empowering others. What better platform than Inner Wheel to live by this thought?

Inner Wheel in Nepal was established many years ago, however it remained dormant. I joined Inner Wheel in 2009-10 as the Charter President of IW Club of Bagmati and since then, the Inner Wheel movement in Nepal started extensively. Under my leadership, in the first few years, we established 16 clubs, made a remarkable progress by District formation in 2014 and I was appointed as the first District Chairman.

When Nepal was struck by a devastating earthquake in 2015, I took the lead, contacted IW friends globally and worked to bring aid to the most affected people. I am grateful for the support and prayers directed towards Nepal.

I was appointed as the first National Representative of Nepal in 2018 and served in the position for 2 years. I have participated in South Asia Rallies, IIW Convention and Rotary Conventions.

It has been over a decade since I joined Inner Wheel and I am energized and motivated to continue my journey in this field.

I am grateful to be nominated as the IIW Board Director and in the years to come, I pledge to continue my service to uplift the lives of children and women. Even though I have retired professionally, I want to carry forward the legacy of helping the community through Inner Wheel.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2009-10, 2010-11

District Chairman 2014-15, 2015-16

National Representative

2018-19, 2019-20

Name: **Kirsten Møller**Club: **Give**District: **45**Country: **Denmark**

Approx members 2,400

Today the task for the Districts, National – and International part of Inner Wheel is to brand our organization and to inspire our clubs to attract, develop and adapt to our own time. I want to continue to be on this inspiration team as we need more engaged members on all levels.

Our rotation principle all through the organization from clubs to international level makes it difficult to have an ongoing development. Because of that, it is important to work with the idea that Inner Wheel is not a personal achievement only for the President, but a common task for the boards at all levels. If we on the different committee levels set goals for the coming 3 years, it would be possible both to develop and have changes implemented.

We are claiming that we are an international organization. Let us show this by accepting nominations for international offices from all that have the qualifications. Let us live by our objectives of friendship and international understanding.

As the Chairman of the Danish Constitution Committee, I prepared proposals both for the IIW Constitution and National By-Laws.

During the last year I have worked together with a European team preparing proposals for changing our Constitution to make it more democratic and modern

Being a National Representative 2019-2021 really made me feel inspired by our third objective, International Understanding. It was especially fantastic to be part of the work with the first virtual Convention 2021.

Present office held in Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2011-12

Club Vice-President 2010-11

Club Treasurer 2017-18

District Chairman 2014-15

District Vice-Chairman 2013-14

National Council President 2019-20, 2020-21

National Council Vice-President 2018-19

National Representative

2019-20, 2020-21



Name: **Liv Elin Broberg Lewin**

Club: **Karmøy Vest**

District: **28**

Country: **Norway**

Approx members 1,050

When I moved to Kopervik, a neighbour invited me, to join Inner Wheel. She said, "Our goal is working for true friendship among women, personal service to other that need it and international understanding." My answer was YES, and I have never regretted that. My YES has given me a lot of fantastic experiences from day one.

The club projects in the community, created true friendship among us and friends in Inner Wheel clubs in Scotland and Denmark as well.

What Margarette Golding and her Inner Wheel friends did a hundred years ago by founding our organisation – amazing. We are so thankful, to our founders for what they did when they told their Rotarian husbands that of course, they wanted to help serving the community as they did. However, as Rotary did not accept female members, they founded a new organisation, Inner Wheel. What a luck.

The idea they fostered, still alive today, filling my heart. The project of Inner Wheel clubs aiming at improving life and working conditions by educating and empowering girls and women, can never be underestimated.

My vision is that Inner Wheel shall be the preferred organization for young women all over the world, and I would like to become one of the changemakers. This way we make strong women and a stronger world. Together we can.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1991-92, 1995-96, 2013-14, 2014-15

Club Vice-President 1990-91, 1994-95, 2012-13

District Chairman 1997-98

District Vice-Chairman 1996-97

District 2nd Vice-Chairman 1995-96

National Council President 2017-18, 2018-19
National Council Vice-President 2015-16, 2016-17

National Representative

2017-18, 2018-19

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23



Name: **Marie Françoise Pignard**

Club: **Digne Les Bains**

District: **73**

Country: **France (FAMAT)**

Approx members 3,120

I am 65 years old, and I am married to André since 1978. We have 2 children, a son and a daughter, and 2 grandchildren.

I am Charter President of my IW Club founded in 2004. With a constant involvement I have held various positions at Club, District, National and International (Board Director 2022-23).

For the last four years we have been living troubled times with pandemic, wars like in Ukraine, economic crisis... All over the world the members of our beautiful association have been mobilized to help people in difficulty.

More than ever International Understanding is essential to promote social projects at Club, District, National and International level.

I think that the world needs us and I would like to help our organization to have a better visibility and to promote our branding.

If I have the honour of being elected as Board Director 2023-24, I will continue the mission I started this year by helping non-districted Clubs in their various administrative tasks, to promote their social projects, their visibility and all their need for their functioning.

I will be the link between them and IIW Headquarters in friendship and harmony. I love Inner Wheel and I think we can do great things together. Nothing is impossible for a willing heart.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2004-05, 2005-06, 2019-20

Club Vice-President 2019-20

District Chairman 2011-12

District Vice-Chairman 2010-11

District Secretary 2008-09, 2009-10 District

Extension Chairman Organiser 2012-13

National Association President 2015-16

National Association Vice-President

2014-15 National Association Secretary
2013-14

National Representative

2015-16

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23



Name: **Marlies Arnoldus-Luiten**

Club: **Tilburg Triborch**

District: **60**

Country: **Netherlands**

Approx members 2,100

We are all unique and together we make Inner Wheel. Our worldwide organization is a mixture of diverse cultures, experiences and expectations. Choices we make are influenced by our knowledge and cultural background, each member contributes in their own way.

No club, district or national governing body is the same. Therefore listening to and learning from one another can be very inspiring. Our members can make a difference anywhere in the world. I feel honored to be chosen by them as a Board Director.

I find it important that we connect with each other and share views, projects, and initiatives. With all the current communication options, physical distance no longer hinders contact with each other. Being in touch with other IW members around the world makes us realize we all have our own ways. This can inspire us to create new ideas and initiatives.

Friendship across borders can work wonders.

Where Inner Wheel countries face similar challenges (for example membership growth or average age) International Inner Wheel should encourage cooperation across borders. Together we create the impact and image of our Inner Wheel.

Hopefully I will get the opportunity to contribute another year as a Board Director to a dynamic Inner Wheel. If we all keep our Wheels turning and set gears into motion, we will have an impact. Together we can create an active Inner Wheel with a focus on women's interests, ready for the next century.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

District Chairman 2018-19

District Vice-Chairman 2017-18

National Council President 2020-21

National Council Vice-President
2019-20

National Representative

2021-22

International Inner Wheel

IIW Board Director 2022-23

Name: **Michelle Atkinson**Club: **Aotea**District: **NZ291**Country: **New Zealand**

Approx members 1,235

As a passionate Inner Wheel member, I have always embraced opportunities, empowered others, and led from the front while maintaining and promoting teamwork. To achieve greatness, we must all work together and strive to make Inner Wheel thrive into the future.

As Inner Wheel members, we have the collective strength and ability to make a positive difference in so many lives. However, recent years have shown us that we should not take life for granted and that connectivity is a vital commodity for us to feel like we belong, we matter, and we make a difference.

As National President, I have led New Zealand through significant change as we implemented the National Strategy. We aim to be the women's organisation that current and new members are proud to be part of, increase awareness of Inner Wheel in our communities and set up our organisation for future growth.

I am skilled with current social media and online tools, which I have used extensively to promote Inner Wheel. Technology has become an essential tool to share ideas, engage our communities, and empower our members. The opportunities are endless. Yet there is an important balance to find to embrace our heritage whilst developing for growth.

As a Board Director, I look forward to sharing my skills and knowledge, embracing changes and being part of a team that will work together and strive to move Inner Wheel into a new century of inspiration for women across the world.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2009-10

Club Vice-President 2008-09

District Chairman 2018-19

District Vice-Chairman 2017-18

District Editor 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

National Council Chairman 2021-22

National Council Vice-Chairman 2020-21

National President 2021-22

IWNZ Media Manager 2022-23

National Representative

2021-22

International Inner Wheel

Intl Editor/Media Manager 2014-2017



Name: **Paulette Dewinter-De Soete**

Club: **Deinze**

District: **62**

Country: **Belgium & Luxembourg**
Approx members 1,920

20 years ago, my friend asked me to join Inner Wheel after she had invited us to several fundraising organisations of her club. I said yes, because I wanted to contribute to the values of Inner Wheel: Friendship, Fundraising and International understanding.

From 2004 till now I have held several functions at Club, District and National level. With every position my interest and knowledge of Inner Wheel grew.

From the beginning I participated at meetings in and outside my country. This gave me the opportunity to meet a diversity of members and to exchange ideas.

The Clubs are the foundation of our organisation, and each member is playing a very important role. Holding a position in the EC is the best way to get to know the contents of Inner Wheel.

We live with two generations of members. For the young generation it is important that they are willing to listen to the good advice of the elder, and of the latter being open to the new ideas of the young people.

It is very important to maintain Inner Wheel's values while adapting Inner Wheel to today's world.

Internet has become a very important tool for making contacts with friends from all over the world.

It is essential that we actively promote and strengthen Inner Wheel to secure its future by retaining members and recruiting new ones all over the world.

I would like to commit myself to this at an international level.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 2008-09
 Club Vice-President 2007-08
 Club Treasurer 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07
 District Chairman 2014-15
 District Vice-Chairman 2013-14
 District Secretary 2012-13
 District Treasurer 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12
 District Extension Chairman or Organiser 2016-17
 National Association President 2020-21, 2021-22
 National Association Vice-President 2018-19, 2019-20
 National Association Secretary 2018-19, 2019-20
 National Association Treasurer 2017-18

National Representative

2020-21, 2021-22



Name: **Snježana Petrović-Tkalčec**

Club: **Čakovec,**

District: **191**

Country: **Croatia**

Approx members 230

When I started my IW membership in 1997 as one of the founders of IW Club Čakovec, Croatia, I was attracted by friendship and loyalty in a small local community. Being a club gave us initial motivation in our commitment to contribute locally, and strength to set higher goals. Our international activity was at the level of electoral rounding of thumbnails on the candidate lists.

But, constant development, changes and progress are the part of our lives, as well as in Inner Wheel.

In the club and district we organized many public activities representing our organization, but most of all we were focused on gatherings of members and getting to know each other. That connects us more than all written pages or regulations. Only one of the examples, in the role of a District President, with few members, we went to Bari for the twinning charter with the District 210, Italy. Those international experiences of meeting women engaged with the same goals revealed to me that only within a local club you cannot develop international understanding. It motivated me to get more actively involved in international work and relations as a National Representative for Croatia.

Each member can choose to contribute to the club and district or internationally, and it is equally important.

Getting closer and working together internationally is an act which leads to tolerance, understanding, joint activities... that makes our organisation recognizable and more attractive to younger members. Connected active women from various countries working on the same tasks and goals can work wonders. I believe I can contribute in that way.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel Club

President 2009-10

Club Vice-President 2008-09

Club Secretary 2005-06, 2013-14, 2015-16

District Chairman 2017-18

District Vice-Chairman 2016-17

District International Overseas Service

Chairman Organiser 2004-05, 2005-06

National Representative

2021-22, 2022-23



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

Editor/Media Manager

IWY 2023-24



EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER



Name: **Prabha Raghunandan**

Club: **Giridih**

District: **325**

Country: **India**

Approx members 49,050

Inner Wheel entered my life in 1989; and since then, it is my passion. IW has evolved and I have too. To move with the times, adapt for betterment of the organisation and society, a key development has been learning the use and impact of electronic media, upgrading my designing, editing and writing skills.

Today the old adage 'pen is mightier than the sword' has a wider context. Communication of information has changed monumentally, to include e-publications, websites, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TV. By using these powerful popular methods we can spread the Principles Purpose and Projects of IW globally. When Information is power, we cannot harness this power without distributing. 'A picture is worth a thousand words' believing in this, I have polished my video editing and graphic techniques. Images motivate others to replicate/participate in similar work worldwide. The outside world too gets the opportunity to gauge our capabilities, support our cause. Members are enthused, encouraged to extend their boundaries of assistance by effective motivation.

As NR, I initiated a 6000kms Mission on Wheels, before International Women's Day to promote IW. A short film IW in India was made for comprehensive imaging. Print and E Newsletters featured projects and events with data and pictures. Digital literacy and technology helped brand IW India nationally. Facebook was used extensively by clubs even as newspapers and TV were effective locally. By using our intelligence and talents, each one of us can be the best ambassador of Inner Wheel.

Past offices held in Inner Wheel

Club President 1993-94
 Club Vice-President 1992-93
 Club Secretary 1991-92
 Club International Overseas Service
 Organiser 2008-09
 Club Correspondent 1990-91
 District Chairman 2000-01
 District Vice-Chairman 1999-2000
 District Secretary 1997-98
 District Treasurer 1998-99
 District Extension Chairman or Organiser
 2003-04
 District International Overseas Organiser or
 Chairman 1995-96
 District Editor 1996-97
 National Association President 2016-17
 National Association Vice-President
 2015-16 National Association Council
 Member 2001-02

National Representative

2016-17

International Inner Wheel

IIW Editor/MM 2022-23