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IIW President Trish Douglas Speaks ...

Brighten Lives for the Future Mental Wellness Brightens Lives.

My Dear Fellow Members

It is a great honour for me to be your International Inner Wheel President in this, our Centennial Year. This past year we have been asked by immediate Past International Inner Wheel President Zeny to 'Work Wonders' and you have certainly done that, this year we will 'Shine A Light' on all the fantastic work that has been done and will be done in this very special year for each and everyone of us. Thank you so much Zeny for your great leadership this past year.

My sincere thanks to Past International President Ebe Panitteri Martines for all her work chartering our new clubs around the world, Ebe leaves the executive and I have great pleasure in welcoming Mamta Gupta, our new IIW Vice President to 'The Team' Staying on 'The Team' we have our technical wizard PIIWP Zeny, Sarita our IIW Treasurer and Sissel the IIW Constitution Chairman. Prabha, our Media/Manager, who has done a wonderful job with our magazine, steps into her second year.

We welcome to the Governing Body our 16 IIW Board Directors, I'm delighted that seven are returning for their second year to 'Shine A Light' around the world working with our Non Districted Clubs.



Inner Wheel cannot achieve their objectives, encouraging personal service without the support of our National Presidents, National Representatives, District Chairman, Club Presidents, our UN Representatives and all our wonderful members in each and every District and Club as you go forward to 'Shine A Light'.

It is my vision that in Manchester we have a 'House of Culture', in the past we have had a 'House of Friendship', friendship will be very much present. We all have something to offer from our various countries and it will 'Shine A Light' on our great organisation and may I encourage members to bring their various artifacts which showcase their country, our PIIWP Phyllis Charter is looking forward to receiving your ideas and illustrations.

Each year, the International President presents a theme to unite members toward a common achievement. When over 111,000 members prevail with one passion, the results can create the change across nations and generations, with your help we certainly can do that as we 'Shine A Light' the theme of two flagship initiatives which are critical to make that happen:

Brighten Lives for the Future and Mental Wellness Brightens Lives.

Brighten Lives for the future - The world is experiencing unprecedented natural catastrophes of apocalyptic proportions. We know the issues are huge and the impacts widespread. If unchecked and unreversed, the next





generation will have to fight for survival. The future of the world looks dire. How can we brighten lives and give hope for the future?

Inner Wheel's objectives of encouraging personal service means that members are volunteers at the grassroots to offer selfless service. Inner Wheel Clubs have all along worked individually and should continue to do so for their own small projects. In the last decades, as issues became more widespread and made known through the internet, there have been concerted efforts by several Inner Wheel Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies, who have implemented projects for whole communities or regions. When Inner Wheel members come together and do more together, the light shines even brighter - this is good and the way forward. This year, Inner Wheel will continue to campaign for Strong Women Stronger World.

#### **Mental Wellness Brightens Lives**

There are increasing reports of mental illnesses, stress, trauma victimisation and displacement which have resulted in violence such as domestic abuse and homelessness. It is a darkness in life, filled with negativity and destruction. Many Inner Wheel Clubs worldwide have been actively supporting to uplift and brighten the lives of those who are hurt and in pain. Anorexia is an illness that goes 'across the board', I am supporting at Convention BEAT, (beat eating disorders) this is a charity supporting all who have an eating disorder, there will be an 'Olde Fashioned Sweetie Shop' at Convention if you feel able to support by donating a packet of your favourite sweets BEAT will benefit greatly. To date £500 has been donated by Past Board Directors who met in Edinburgh and gave generously to the charity.

This is an exciting year for all Inner Wheel Members, 100 years - I am sure in January 1924 when Margarette Golding along with 27 members who met in the Turkish baths in Manchester because it was free! Never realised 100 years later, Inner Wheel would be active in 108 countries with 111,000 members who will 'Shine A Light' throughout our Centennial Year. I look forward with pride to welcoming all to our Convention in Manchester in May 2024 - where we will certainly 'Shine A Light' for the world to see.

Yours in Friendship and Service



## International Inner Wheel Vice President

### Mamta Gupta

Greetings and good wishes to all members across the globe for the new inner Wheel Year 2023 – 24.

Friends, I'm honoured and humbled to serve as IIW Vice President in the centennial year. I'm looking forward to work with IIW Centennial President Trish, IIW Board & UN representatives.

In my 22 years of Inner Wheel journey as a member of IWC Central Calcutta D329, I had seen many projects being accomplished by my club, which at the beginning seemed impossible. It reminds me of the saying of Nelson Mandela –"It always seems impossible until it is done"

We had an amazing year under the leadership of Zenaida, as clubs have work wonders and now it's time to shine a light, under the leadership of Trish. Its' often said that there is nothing as honorable as helping improve the lives of others, so my dear friends -- Shine a light in the lives of needy and make a positive impact on the world.

In the year of our 100th anniversary, when we look back on our many accolades and special achievements, the name of our Founder Margret Oliver Golding immediately comes up in mind. What a vision she had. We salute to her for giving us this platform to serve our community, foster International understanding & sisterhood. Let's give a befitting tribute to her by making this special year memorable by undertaking long lasting projects. Take a journey through uncharted territories and make our world a beautiful place with every step you take and every hand you reach out to.

We are celebrating centenary year in Manchester, the birth place of IW in a large way by organizing 19th IIW Convention on 7th to 10th May 2024. I urge you all to join in a large number to witness a life time opportunity for all of us.

Friends, I am widely known to read the word "Impossible" as "I am possible". I am sure if you too read it the same way and practice, nothing would be impossible to achieve.

I wish all of you a memorable year, may everything you want - be possible to you.





### International Inner Wheel Imm. Past President **ZENAIDA Y. FARCON**

The Inner Wheel year 2022-2023 was a delightful and memorable one. I am grateful to all leaders and members who took on the challenge to Work Wonders throughout the world.

As the Immediate Past President of International Inner Wheel, I will still form part of the Executive Committee (EC) with the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Constitution Chairman, and the International Governing Body (IGB) together with the Board Directors.

Last 14 June 2023, while the outgoing and incoming EC members were present at Klassbol, Sweden, I took charge in recording videos and taking photos during the turnover ceremonies between the Work Wonders Team and the Shine a Light team led by my successor Trish Douglas. I volunteered to do this to continue the tradition I started last year, the Virtual Changeover Ceremonies. I also want to support my dear friend Trish and other EC members.

Among my Duties and Responsibilities is to work closely with President Trish Douglas and give advice when requested. I will also attend EC and IGB Meetings and Convention. I am required to render a report at the Convention on my term as President.

My other primary duty is to be the Extension Co-Ordinator. As such, I will be the one to receive copies of correspondence relating to Extension and work in conjunction with the Administrator in providing information and assistance to interested parties. I will also report on Extensions for Executive Committee and Governing Body Meetings, prepare a statistical report on new Clubs and disbanded Clubs and Districts, and follow up on all contacts made and received.

I appeal to all the top leaders worldwide, especially those who have friends outside their country, to help promote Inner Wheel and endeavor to form clubs in countries where IW is yet to be present. I am willing to give orientation talks via virtual platforms and participate in the Installation Ceremonies in these new countries.

To all National Presidents, National Representatives, and Extension Chairmen, please regularly inform me about your membership statistics.

My email address is ipp-zenaida@internationalinnerwheel.org

Let Us Always Strive to Thrive In Order To Survive!

Zenaida

## WITNESSING THE CHANGEOVER





International Inner Wheel Treasurer **SARITA LUNANI** 

'Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall...'

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your International Treasurer once again for the Centennial year. 'Magic is believing in yourself. If you can do that, you can make anything happen'. 365 days have passed by like a whiff of breeze. As I reach the end of my second innings as International Treasurer, the glow of satisfaction is radiated, through serving the organisation is clearly visible in our success stories. The International Treasury is robust.

July sees a change in guard at all levels over the world and brings with it new hope & many expectations. Friendship & networking are an integral part of Inner Wheel. In this centennial year, let us make new friends, exchange ideas & views from our members. I sincerely hope that in the coming year we get opportunities to meet and greet one another, shake hands, give a hug, pat each other's shoulders, share our success stories, and take back fond memories @ the International Convention in Manchester. 'Opportunities don't happen, you create them...'

I wish you all a year of fulfilment as we work to 'Shine a light' in this world with our motto, 'Friendship & Service' – May you give, rather than take. May you love, not just be loved. May you have more and more opportunities of serving and bringing smiles on the faces of children and all those in need.

Involve...Inspire...Illuminate...Inner Wheel !!!





# CCCC Sissel H Michelsen

Dear Friends,

A new IW year has yet commenced with all its challenges and duties, but also with its pleasures. The challenges and duties for International Inner Wheel me are deeply connected with the coming up Convention. This first half year will be the involvement with the possible amendments to the proposals that were published last year. I know that in most clubs members tend to rely on a few other members who they think are more in the know of our Constitution also concerning voting. Perhaps it is about time that we as

members become more involved in matters concerning our own membership and don't always have others to think and decide for us. I wish you all a positive involvement through your clubs and districts. I'm the first one to admit that our Constitution & Handbook 2021 would not be on my priority reading list - if I didn't have to. That's why we ask for a modernisation and an update of it after the Convention to make it both easier to read and understand.

You remember I added pleasures. Pleasures of being a member in a club is an absolute necessity as the clubs are the backbones of our organisation. The greatest pleasure this year is that our Centennial celebration is just around the corner both in time and place. Yes, our Convention venue, the old railway station Manchester Central, is exactly around the corner from where it all started in the Turkish Baths on the 10th of January 1924.

Friends, let's celebrate the past, the present and the future of IIW together in coming May.





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Sissel

Inner Wheel Greetings! It is the time to Shine A Light, It is the time to celebrate. 100 years of Friendship and Service, Begun by pioneering women, Visionary Margarette Golding, 100 countries across continents Thousands of like-minded women Giving a helping hand, for environment, Education, health, for old and young. Creating strong women, Stronger World.

> We Shine will showcase all this and more, as I hope to feature all the celebrations worldwide, and chronicle Trish's Adventures across the world. I hope to receive and post more news of all that you do dear fellow members on Social Media because that is how we can SHINE A LIGHT on Inner Wheel. I hope in my second tenure to continue to make interesting, informative Ebulletins and Web Magazines.

Prable Raghurardan Prabha