

## IIW Convention in Melbourne

A very warm greeting to all my dear Inner Wheel Sisters.



From left:  
District Chairman Sakunthalai,  
IIW President Kamala Ramakrishnan (2007-2008),  
IIW President Dr Kapila Gupta (2017-2018), and  
Association of IW Clubs in India President  
Saritalunani (2012-2013)

It was indeed an exciting and eye-opening experience, attending the 17<sup>th</sup> International Inner Wheel Convention last week from 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 at the spectacular Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The four-day program commenced with a stimulating symposium to set the stage for the next few days of Friendship and Fellowship. The opening ceremony was held with pomp and grandeur and was attended by more than 1460 Innerwheel Sisters, during which the colourful flag parade conducted showcased how global the IIW organization is.

Kudos to the organizing team lead by Convention Coordinator, Val Corva under the patronage of IIW President Dr. Kapila Gupta for a smooth and seamless transition between registration, formal programs and social programs.

The business sessions were enlightening, where 20 proposals were voted on, out of which 11 proposals were accepted. The intellectual sessions were balanced beautifully by the welcome reception, friendship dinner and the glamorous gala night where we were urged to “Dress to Impress” to celebrate the famous Melbourne Cup.

As always, all good things must come to an end. The Convention concluded with the introduction of the Incoming Executive Committee which will be led by incoming IIW President Christine Kirby who has chosen the theme entitled “Empower and Evolve” and “Supporting Cord Research” as the project for 2018/19.

This IIW Convention gave an excellent opportunity to celebrate the friendship and achievements of the IIW as well as take part in the future direction of the organization that we love. I hope to see more Inner Wheel Sisters from District 330 at the next IIW Convention which is going to take place in Jaipur, India in 2021.

Yours in Innerwheel Friendship,

**Sakunthalai**  
District Chairman 2017-2018