



Shining Bright

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District 330 celebrates 100 years of Inner Wheel



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District Editor's Musings

Dear Inner Wheel Sisters,

The most celebrated event in any organisation's calendar is the date of its inception. Thus, each anniversary is celebrated with aspirations to take the organisation to the next level.

What started as a meeting of Rotary Anns in 1924 took on a life of its own and expanded exponentially even under the watch of Inner Wheel's founder Margarett Golding. With minimal subscriptions, efficient management of resources, and lofty ambitions to create meaningful friendships and serve society, the ladies set out to create an enduring legacy of caring, sharing and giving hope to those that needed these the most.

Today Inner Wheel (IW) joins the elite ranks of organisations that have stood the test of time as it celebrates its centennial year. Inner Wheel Clubs mean so much to so many women who come together from all walks of life and all over the world as they volunteer their time as well as resources to make a difference in their lives and their communities.

Three-quarters of term 2023-2024 is now over and it has been festivals and celebrations galore from Deepavali to Christmas, New Year and most importantly, IW's 100th Anniversary Celebrations since the last

volume of Shining Bright was published. As I am putting the finishing touch of this third edition, the lunar year of the Dragon has been ushered in with much anticipation, pomp and splendour.

The District Executive Committee took on the responsibility to celebrate Inner Wheel's one-hundredth Anniversary grandly while clubs celebrated the historic occasion in their own way. The logo of the Centenary Celebrations has found its way onto all manner of mementos, decorations and confections.

Clubs graciously complied with requests to send centennial video greetings to International Inner Wheel (IIW) to be posted on social media. These were followed by instructions to use provided templates to put up photographs also on social media. All these were accomplished despite the numerous tasks members had to grapple with during the festive seasons. This is a testament to the dedication of the current crop of office bearers and Inner Wheel members in District 330.

Thus, this edition of Shining Bright is dedicated to all Clubs in IW District 330 with the wish that they will grow and 'Shine a Light' as they pass this historic period in their IW journey. We in District 330, are indeed fortunate to have such wonderful teamwork and loyalty amongst our members.

Yours in Inner Wheel Friendship,

Lucy Barrock



District Chairman's Reflections

My dear Inner Wheel members,

It gives me great pleasure to pen a few lines in this third edition of 'Shining Bright' and I would like to celebrate all of your efforts in making this possible. I am told this is dedicated to the Clubs and I congratulate all of you for this well-deserved recognition as you continue to 'Shine a Light' this term.

Inner Wheel started with its first meeting of Rotary Anns at a Turkish bath on 10th January 1924 in Manchester. It reached our shores in the 1940s after World War II and achieved much by way of service during the tough times of the post-war years.

Our country's oldest club, the Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh started in 1948 while our largest club, IWC Kuala Lumpur sprang up the following year. It has become the norm to expect new clubs to be formed every term and to see new members enter our fold even as others retire.

We have accomplished much as we enter the last quarter of the Centennial term, having celebrated the One Hundredth Inner Wheel Day Celebrations organised by the District Committee on 6th January 2024. I am so touched by the level of cooperation and friendship

extended by all of you which has kept the Centennial spirit of Inner Wheel alive with your dedication to our organisation.

Never before have so many tasks been assigned to individual clubs that have risen to the many requests and complied with them in true Inner Wheel fashion thus putting us on the map with all your participation. You have sent in video clips of Centennial greetings and obligingly sent your group photographs on IIW-approved templates as per instructions for social media.

You have been an extraordinary and exemplary bunch in executing your tasks and thus my team and I have been extremely privileged indeed to serve you. We have now compiled the list of next term's Club executive committees and yet again you have given us your utmost cooperation. I understand that there are more requests for videos and you are compiling those as well. Well done to the participating clubs.

I conclude herewith by wishing you the best for the rest of the term as we continue in the Inner Wheel spirit of friendship and service. Do continue to 'Shine a Light' and turn it into a truly memorable year for you.

Ever yours in Inner Wheel service,

Kamala A. Yeap

District Chairman (2023-2024)

Inner Wheel District 330, Malaysia

District 330 Celebrates 100 Years of Inner Wheel

The District Committee with Chairman (DC) Kamala A. Yeap at the helm, undertook the responsibility of organising IW's 100th-anniversary celebrations at a leading hotel in Kuala Lumpur. District International Service Organiser (DISO) Jasbir Sarjit turned out to be an amazing Organising Chairman.

A delectable English-style hi-tea featuring delicious scones, pastries and sandwiches was arranged. The entertainment and door gifts were also carefully selected to ensure the ninety-odd attendees had a wonderful time and memorable takeaways.

Attendees registered and collected specially designed scarves with IIW's Centennial logo emblazoned on them. They walked into the tastefully appointed room with their friends to be greeted by several screens with the backdrop as below.

IW District 330- Malaysia, Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel Founder
Mrs. Margarette
Golding

STRONG WOMEN
STRONGER WORLD

International Inner Wheel
100th Centennial
March/January 2024

Saturday, 6th January 2024, 2.30-6pm
MAJESTIC HOTEL
5, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin,
Tasik Perdana
50000 Kuala Lumpur

As always, the atmosphere was rife with warmth, joyous greetings as hugs and kisses were exchanged. The District Committee led by Treasurer Mita Chahal literally jived in to a catchy tune and the show commenced.

Emcee, Past District Chairman Shamini Nair took charge and kept up a smooth flow of the programme which started as DC Kamala lit the Candle and led the recitation of the Friendship Poem. District Vice Chairman Vimalavathi Thayaman Pillai led the toast to the Royal Patron, His Majesty the King and Past National Representative Parimala Satheesan gave a short speech before everyone raised their glasses to International Inner Wheel after which everyone heard IIW's President Trish Douglas' speech in conjunction with IW day.

OC Jasbir's address cemented the celebratory tone of the evening and DC Kamala in her usual off-the-cuff but well-executed speech paid tribute to the fine women who founded the Malaysian Chapter of Inner Wheel and ensured continuity in the organisation to date. Extension Chairman Shanti Menon read out Datin Gnana Rajah's brief on the history of Inner Wheel in Malaysia.

It being the Centenary Celebrations, local Inner Wheel stalwarts who have served forty years and more were recognised and presented with specially ordered mementos. The four clubs that participated in a competition to produce a backdrop depicting Malaysia's culture for the celebrations in Manchester which will be held in May, were recognised and duly honoured.

Guest speaker Mrs Jagjeet Singh's talk on friendship was well received as was the stellar performance by Saxophonist Wan Andre. The lucky draw prizes kept attendees glued to their seats and all cheered as a

celebration cake was cut by DC Kamala and the Past District Chairmen of the IW District 330. Memories were captured for posterity by the able team of shutterbugs from IWC Ipoh East who represented Webmaster Jaya R. Samuel. As the programme drew to a close, everyone joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne'.

The event had been thoughtfully planned so everyone would still have precious time to spend with their families later that day and the rest of the weekend. The District Committee who hail from all over Peninsular Malaysia dispersed, contented and happy to have put together an unforgettable event.



Customised Door-gifts



Cake cutting by DC Kamala and PDCs



English tea snacks



Happy celebrants of IW's 100th Anniversary



*A Brief History of Inner Wheel
And IW District 330
By PNR Datin Gnana Rajah
(IWC Ipoh)*

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

The Inner Wheel movement began on 15th November 1923 in Manchester, England when a meeting of a group of ladies encouraged by their Rotarian husbands was held at the Harriets-Baths, a strange place to meet, but it was free!! They met again on January 10th 1924 and drew up the first six rules and guidelines and it is recognised today that this was the first official meeting of the Inner Wheel movement. Mrs Margaret Golding a nurse, successful businesswoman, and wife of a Manchester Rotarian was elected as Founder President. Now, the 10th of January is celebrated as World Inner Wheel Day.

Membership of Inner Wheel is a privilege extended to the women folk of Rotarians – the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters over eighteen years of a Rotarian or former Rotarian. Friendship and service is our motto and each club selects its own charities and areas of service.

From the earliest days, it was envisaged that Inner Wheel would spread to other countries wherever there was Rotary and with the help of Rotary of Great Britain and Ireland (GB & I) along with the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of Mrs Golding, Inner Wheel Clubs were established in many

parts of the country. In 1929, District No. 5 using the Rotary District Number was formed with Mrs Golding as its Chairman.

The first clubs beyond GB & I were Ballarat, North Sydney and Bendigo in Australia, Bergen in Norway, Napier in New Zealand and Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

The number of clubs grew in leaps and bounds and the need for a governing body arose, so the " Association of Inner Wheel Clubs" in GB & I was formed in 1934 with Mrs Golding as the Founder President. By 1947 there were so many Overseas Clubs affiliated to the Association that the words GB & I were deleted.

The first Club in Singapore is the Singapore Club formed in 1946 and the first Club in Malaya is the IPOH CLUB formed in 1948.

On the 1st of July 1967, we became members of International Inner Wheel with Mrs Lavender Weightman elected as the 1st International Inner Wheel President. In 1970 the first International Inner Wheel Convention was held at the HAGUE, NETHERLANDS.

THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution gives the principles or rules by which Inner Wheel is organised and governed. Within the framework of the Constitution, National Governing Bodies may have their By-laws. These By-laws enable members to enjoy their membership according to the customs and traditions of their own countries.

In Malaysia, District 330 and each club has its By-laws while keeping to the requirements of the Registrar of Societies and abiding within the framework of the Constitution.

CONVENTIONS

International Conventions are held every 3 years to which all members

are invited. Members from all over the world attend and proposals to change the Constitution are debated, various reports are presented, seminars are held and it is an opportunity to hear about the work being done by Inner Wheel worldwide.

New friendships are made with members from counties far and wide.

FORMATION OF DISTRICT 330

In 1978 Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh President Dr Mrs Bakshish Singh scored a first by organising the first Inter-City Meet in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary celebration of IWC IPOH. Clubs participating were Ipoh, Taiping, Singapore, Singapore-East and Singapore-West. It was at this function that Bakshish mooted the idea of forming a District. The response was positive and the Inner Wheel District 330 was formed comprising five clubs: Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Taiping, Kota Kinabalu and Tawau in 1980 with the number 330 to correspond with Rotary District. This was followed by the District's registration with the Registrar of Societies Malaysia on 17th July 1984.

Another first was achieved in 1982 when Bakshish became our first International Inner Wheel Representative and attended the IIW Convention in Paris. The first District 330 AGM was held at Bakshish's residence.

MEMBERSHIP

When Rotary clubs opened their doors to lady members Inner Wheel had to change their membership rules.

The three objects of Inner Wheel are:

TO PROMOTE TRUE FRIENDSHIP

TO ENCOURAGE THE IDEALS OF PERSONAL SERVICE

TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Women who share those aims can join Inner Wheel.

At the 32nd District 330 AGM held in Kota Kinabalu, a resolution was passed to form a new District comprising the 3 clubs in Singapore and the 6 clubs in East Malaysia. On 15th May 2012 District 331 was formally registered. Later Singapore with 4 clubs formed a new District 332.

District 330 was awarded the honour of holding the IIW Convention in Kota Kinabalu in 2009. The 4th South Asian Rally was hosted by IW District 330 and held in Kuala Lumpur.

IIW REPRESENTATION

The first IIW representative was Charter Chairman Dr Bakshish followed by To' Puan Lam Lee Pin, Mrs Annie Foo, Mrs Jean Khoo, Mrs Jeanette Tong and Datin Joan Salleh who served 2 years from 1993 to 1995.

In 1995 the structure of the IIW Board changed and representation on the International Board was reduced from 25 to 16. These 16 Board of Directors were to be elected by clubs worldwide from National Representatives. The first NR was Puan Sri Helen Jayasuria. The following have served as IIW Board Directors Mrs Jean Khoo, Mrs Jessie Wang, Dato Nancy Ho, Rathy Mahendran, Mrs Shirin Ghadiali, Datin Ainol Ramli, Mrs Joy Sundram, Datin Pearl Jai Mohan and Datin Seetha Lakshmi. IIW Editor/Media Manager was Past District Editor Mrs Cheng Yoke Sam.

INNER WHEEL AT UNITED NATION

There are seven IW representatives in the UN located in Vienna, Geneva and New York. IIW as an NGO has been a member of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with a status of observer with active Consultative status. Towards the end of each year, the Vice President creates a summary of the reports from our IW UN reps.

Inner Wheel is the largest women's voluntary service organisation in the world with over 120,000 members from 4,000 clubs in 100 countries.

.... STANDING TOGETHER INNER WHEEL - THE JOURNEY OF THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF ALOR SETAR

(by Charter President Padmini Pillai)

As we reflect upon our journey since the successful interest and inaugural meetings by District 330 in September and October 2018, it is hard not to feel a tremendous sense of pride in the Inner Wheel Club of Alor Setar (IWC AS). From being granted approval by the Registrar of Societies on 4 November 2018, to receiving our Charter dated 21 November 2018 personally from the then IIW President, Christine Kirby, to where we stand today, it has been an inspiring journey indeed of dedication and compassion.

We began by carrying out community projects till June 2019, when I had the distinct honour and privilege of being installed as the Charter President alongside my dedicated Executive Committee and 21 members. Our journey then continued, and we embraced the essence of Inner Wheel's themes, from *"Empower and Evolve"*, to *"Together We Can"*, *"Lead the Change"*, *"Pink First"*, *"Work Wonders"*, and *"Shine a Light"*. Each theme, so very meaningful and impactful in its own way, propelled us to push boundaries and make a positive impact on our community.

The continuity of leadership brought us fresh perspectives and ideas. I passed the torch to Tunku Munirah (2020-2021), followed by Pavitratha (2021-2022), Tunku Zamharir (2022-2023), and once again, to Tunku Munirah (2023-2024). Their commitment and enthusiasm have continued to ensure IWC AS' growth and development, from a fledgling 20th Club in the Country to what it is today. Throughout this journey, we have been relentless in our endeavours.

We have contributed to our community in various ways, from supporting the Soup Kitchen and the home for differently-abled children to providing provisions to needy families, donating water filters to cancer survivors, equipping children with school-going essentials, and assisting flood victims, to name a few.

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic did not deter us - we donated face masks and shields and continued to help the needy. We stepped out of our comfort zones to help when the call came from our sisters in Australia who had faced irreparable damage during the massive bushfire that swept and ravaged the country, and the victims of the horrendous blast in Lebanon, as well as the earthquake in Turkey.

One of our most cherished achievements was the assembly of over 100 members and guests in Langkawi in celebration of International Women's Day 2023, where we were honoured to have then IIW President Zenaida Farcon as our guest of honour. This event remains etched in our memories as a testament to our commitment to promoting the empowerment of women.

Another achievement we take pride in is the production of our very own newsletter, **TIDBITZ**. A total of 18 issues were published, regaling stories of our events, which also epitomized our commitment to sharing our journey and accomplishments with Inner Wheel members, both locally and internationally. My experience as the editor of this newsletter served me in good stead when I went on to hold the post of District Editor for the 2021-2022 term. Four issues of the **PINK FIRST** District 330 newsletter were so well received by its readers.

It has not been all about hard work; IWC AS members know how to

have fun. We have celebrated birthdays and festivals in each other's homes, travelled together, participated in walkathons, attended cooking, sewing, dancing and learning Thai language classes, and participated in food fairs, market sales and other Clubs' installations and events.

We produced a Malaysia Day 2023 video, showcasing the country's rich cultural tapestry and diversity. IWC AS also had its presence in international events in Udaipur, India and Dhaka, Bangladesh, where we did not miss the opportunity to exchange flags and forge warm friendships.

Another highlight was the unforgettable performance of six club members meticulously executing the traditional Zapin dance during the 43rd District AGM. Our black and gold attire and synchronised movements drew thunderous applause from the audience.

Today, IWC AS stands as a beacon of dedication to making a difference and engaging in causes that truly can manifest what Inner Wheel stands for – to give people a better life, to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service, and to foster international understanding. As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that await us. We remain committed to our tagline: *"Doing Small Things In A Great Way"*; we truly believe it is the small things that make the most significant difference.

More importantly, we have discovered the value of friendship and that small acts of giving can make a huge difference in the lives of many. We also hope that the Candle of Friendship continues to burn bright, bringing hope and peace, and symbolising fellowship and friendship amongst us all. The Inner Wheel song resonates loud and clear with

IWC AS members as we continue our journey unperturbed and undaunted:

Time keeps turning like a wheel

And the face of our world is changing forever

We'll accept the challenge – that's for real

With responsibility and we'll make it together

The power from deep inside

The energy to do it right

Is the axle making the wheel go round.....



Inaugural Meeting 26th October 2018



Corporate Style Meeting 11th October 2023

A truly deserving Margarettte Golding Award Winner



In a tapestry woven with compassion and dedication, **Her Highness Dato' Seri Diraja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Binti Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, Tunku Temenggong Kedah**, emerges as a beacon of altruism, earning the prestigious Margarettte Golding Award by IIW. This accolade, a testament to her unwavering commitment to philanthropy, illuminates the profound impact of her exemplary charity work. Endorsed by the Inner Wheel Club of Alor Setar in acknowledgment of her remarkable contributions, Her Highness Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz's name now graces the distinguished list of recipients, embodying the spirit of selflessness that defines the essence of this coveted award.

Her numerous contributions as listed below justify Her Highness as a most worthy recipient.

Her Highness Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz binti Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, Tunku Temenggong Kedah, is a distinguished figure renowned not only for her royal lineage but also for her profound commitment to charitable endeavours. She was born in 1966 and received her bachelor's degree in Politics from Sussex University in the UK in 1987.

After completing her education, Her Highness worked for six years; however, her true calling emerged as she redirected her focus towards community-based initiatives, particularly in her home state of Kedah, and over the years, Her Highness has seamlessly woven a legacy of compassion and service...

In 1996, Her Highness played a pivotal role in founding the Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation, a charitable organisation named in honour of her late mother. As the Foundation's Chairperson, she has tirelessly championed programmes, services, and aid to individuals and organisations in need within Kedah. The Foundation's initiatives span education, healthcare, and support for women-led businesses, showcasing a holistic approach to community development. The Foundation also has a mobile health screening bus and two charity dialysis centres.

Education holds a special place in Her Highness's philanthropic efforts. Under her leadership, the Foundation conducts a free weekly tuition programme benefiting 2,500 students in 24 rural areas. Her Highness also actively promotes youth engagement through sports, education, and motivational activities.

Beyond the Foundation, Her Highness dedicates her time to various humanitarian causes. She serves as the chairperson of the Kedah branch

of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society and holds the prestigious position of the National Chairperson, a role she assumed in 2018, making her the first female to lead this nationwide organisation with 300,000 members.

In 2022, Her Highness was elected as one of the Governing Board Members of the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent.

Her commitment extends to addressing critical health issues, including her pioneering efforts with the Malaysian AIDS Council. Her Highness played a key role in establishing Kedah's first HIV and AIDS-related drop-in and outreach centre, demonstrating her dedication to promoting health and well-being in the region.

In addition to her extensive charitable contributions, Her Highness is actively involved in education and military service. She has held significant positions in universities and military regiments, earning honorary doctorates for her contributions to social work management and community development.

Her Highness's remarkable achievements have not gone unnoticed. She has been honoured with prestigious awards, such as the Meritorious Service Medal from the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in 2009. Her exceptional dedication to social causes and her multifaceted contributions make her a deserving candidate for the esteemed Margarett Golding Award, a recognition of a life devoted to making a positive impact on society.

Padmini Pillai, Secretary, IWC AS

2023-2024

THE BIRTH OF IWC APSARAS

IWC Apsaras was officially registered on 29 th November 2017 with 20 members.

Following were the first office bearers and Charter members.

President: Kamala A. Yeap

Vice President: Chelvi Puvanandan

Hon. Secretary: Kavitha Saravanan

Hon. Asst Secretary: Theeranjeet Kaur

Hon. Treasurer: Shamala Sinnapan

Hon. Asst Secretary: Sharon Tan

ISO: Rameswari Arumugam

Club Correspondent: Uma Thamby Pillai

Committee Members:

1. Saratha Govindasamy
2. Premala Devi
3. Parvathy Subramaniam
4. Prema S.

Ordinary Members:

1. Sumathy Marappan
2. Punitha Kuppusamy
3. Neela Narayanan
4. Donna Nilani

5. Sevaran Kaur
6. Chan May Ying
7. Tan Lay Eng
8. Tasha

Since its inception, IWC Apsaras has carried out many projects but one particular project has a special place in everyone's hearts.

In June 2023, a concerned neighbour alerted a member of IWC Apsaras that a family with 5 children was struggling financially.

Upon investigation, it was revealed that all 5 children were not going to school or rather had never been to school. These children were 15, 14, 12, 11 and 8 years old respectively. However, all the children had proper documents.

With immediate effect, Charter President Kamala Yeap and President Saratha had a meeting and with unanimous support from all members, the children were brought to a nearby shop to buy uniforms and other necessary items.

Meanwhile, other members guided the parents to register these children into a school. The children began their schooling venture in July 2024.



Then....



And now....



Giving the needy a new lease of life while enjoying fellowship



Formation of IWC Bangsar

The club was initially called IWC Damansara Bangsar. Many of the "protem" members were living in the Bangsar vicinity and their husbands were members of The Rotary Club of Bangsar. The Bangsar members then decided to split the club and let the Damansara members have their own club while they formed and registered IWC Bangsar in 1989. This was to their advantage because this saw many other Rotarians of Bangsar encouraging their wives to join IWC Bangsar and their numbers grew rapidly.

The Inner Wheel Club of Bangsar on 19th June 1991 distributed spectacles to 49 students from eight schools in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor. The project was held at the Royal Selangor Club and the guest of honour who gave away the spectacles to the students was the wife of the then Education Minister, Datin Naimah Hasbi Sulaiman.

These students had trouble reading from the blackboard and many of them experienced headaches but couldn't afford to buy spectacles. They had to undergo an eye test before the spectacles were given to them. The smiles on their faces brought joy to our hearts and the fulfilment of correcting their vision.

GIFT OF WHEELCHAIRS TO SPECIAL CHILDREN

IWC Bangsar as part of its community service on 2nd July 1993, donated seven wheelchairs and hampers amounting to Rm 5,000 to seven spastic children from three centres. The Petaling District welfare office provided the names of 3 recipients while the University Hospital and General Hospital provided two deserving cases each. Most of the children suffer from spinal disorders and have paralysis of the lower limbs. This was the fourth project of the year for our club.

DONATION OF WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER TO HOME

A new heavy-duty washing machine and dryer worth RM 2,600.00 was donated to the Welcome Community Home in Batu Arang.

The Home houses 40 Aids patients, 13 of whom are bedridden, hence the need for bedsheets and clothes to be changed daily. They were unable to wash huge loads with their previous machine and it was time-consuming to wash five times a day. The new machine could wash up to 25kgs per load.

The Archdiocesan Office of Human Development (AOHD) director Father Mitchel Anthony and AOHD executive secretary Tony Wee were extremely grateful to our club for this generous donation.



Laundry machine donation



Wheelchairs for the needy



IWC Bangsar's members enjoying fellowship.

IWC Butterworth's journey from formation till five years on...

The Inner Wheel Club of Butterworth (IWC Butterworth) like many Inner Wheel Clubs the world over, started with Rotary Anns whose husbands were members of a Rotary Club- RC Butterworth in our case. The ladies also roped in Rotary Anns from RC Kerian and other girlfriends to join their fold. These women who had crossed paths at Rotary gatherings had forged close relationships and were eager to form an IW Club.

In September 2018, current District Chairman Kamala A. Yeap of IW District 330, who had just formed IWC Apsaras in 2017, got in touch with the Rotary Anns of RC Butterworth through her sister-in-law Daisy Rani Velupillai and thus began our journey. Kamala and I touched base and via numerous phone calls, she guided us through the process of setting up the Club. Three of us met physically with her for the first time as her guests at the 70th Anniversary celebrations of IWC Ipoh. We had arranged to have IWC Butterworth's Interest meeting the very next day on 7th October 2018.

My two friends and I enjoyed the celebrations very much and were introduced to Inner Wheel District 330's Executive Committee of 2018-2019. The next morning, we met at 10 am at a local restaurant in Bukit Mertajam with then District Chairman Peggy Lee and her team including Kamala. District Extension Chairman Ambika Menon lost no time in forming the club's executive committee with me as the Charter President.

I immediately embraced the trust my girlfriends had placed in me and set about organising the Inaugural Meeting which was held on 26th January 2019. Eleven of our protem members had earlier attended the dinner honouring IIW President Christine Kirby's visit to Malaysia hosted

by our two sister clubs in Penang namely IWC Penang and IWC Pearl of the Orient in conjunction with Inner Wheel Day, on 10th January.

At the Inaugural meeting, we presented our iconic logo which we later adjusted as per advice from our District Officers. We received our Charter on 6th February 2019 from IIW and were given the thumbs up by the Registrar of Societies, Penang on 18th March 2019. We then planned our Charter Installation which was held on 22nd June 2019- literally at the tail end of term 2018-2019.

Our Charter members had experienced the theme of 'Empower and Evolve', by then. We were gratified by the support we received from sister IW clubs and our families which cemented many a lasting relationship. We attended the installations of many Club Presidents in the term which followed, to reciprocate the love and respect we had been accorded.

We embraced the theme of 'Together We Can' in term 2019-2020 and forged close ties with our local state assemblywoman YB Chong Eng with whom we collaborated to set up a tuition project for schoolchildren at the Desa Wawasan Flats in Bukit Mertajam. This pioneer project brought recognition to Inner Wheel in general and our Club in particular on the mainland of Penang state

We organised a joint training session with RC Butterworth and learned the ropes via Rotary Education Fund's Anthony Pinto to mentor needy students via the Inner Wheel Care and Education project by District Chairman Padmini Menon. The Rotarians introduced us to our first mentee Bawanishri.

We celebrated festivals together and gave to the poor and needy at every turn until COVID-19 swept over the world. This did not keep us

apart or inactive for long as we quickly embraced tech, met online and distributed face masks to hospitals, as well as laptops to students.

In term 2020-2021, we set up a new committee under our second President Daisy Velupillai and continued to meet online, doing projects such as hosting online talks and tech classes for our members.

As the tuition had to be discontinued, we went on to set up a library for the children at the Desa Wawasan Flats. We also complied with all the initiatives of IIW and were awarded the President's citation after being recommended by then District Chairman Shanti Menon. The theme of 'Lead the Change' also opened our eyes to the strengths our members possessed.

Our third President Datin Santhi Sundara Pather who had served as our Club Treasurer led us through the IIW themes of 'Pink First' and 'Work Wonders' in her two terms at the helm from 2021 to 2023. She was an able fund-raiser and initiated several women empowerment projects and dental camps with Club Secretary Dr Jayashri Nerali. She also initiated the sponsorship of tablets for needy students to join online classes. I served as the first-ever District Webmaster during terms 2021-2023.

Now in IIW's centennial term, we still have ten Charter members and some dynamic new members with us under the very capable leadership of President Shanthi K Shanmugam as I serve as the District Editor we abide by the theme of 'Shine a Light'. We are now in several strategic partnerships thanks to Secretary Dr Lalitha Ramasamy and very proud of our association with District Chairman Kamala A. Yeap who helped initiate our club five years ago.

-Lucy Barrock (Charter President)



Charter Night 22nd June 2019



Joint student mentoring workshop with RC Butterworth



Group photo of physical meeting during MCO



Tuition project launch with YB Chong Eng and Yoganraj in 2022



Women Empowerment Project



Dr Lalitha's talk on cyberbullying



Dental Camp by Dr Jaya



X'mas 2023 gathering

Brief History of IWC IORAS IPOH

1. IWC IORAS was formed officially on the 20th of August 2013 by our Mother Club, Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh with PNR Datin Gana Rajah as our mentor.
2. Our installation dinner was held on the 30th of November 2013 and Ms Ashvinder Kaur was installed as the Charter President.
3. Our club was formed to foster friendships and help bring in more younger members into Inner Wheel.
4. We are 11 years old this year and are growing bigger with more 'Inner Wheel Kids'.



11 years ago



Now.....

IWC Ipoh

The Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh is the oldest club in IW District 330. The club was chartered on 4th October 1948 while Malaya was still a crown colony of Great Britain and the Charter President was Mrs Molly Goodwin.

A number of noteworthy projects have been achieved this term under the dynamic leadership of President Kumari Kaushaliya Rani and her executive committee. These include a joint Pink October project with the Rotary Club of Kinta to raise awareness of Breast Cancer. A talk on the topic by Club member, General Surgeon Dr Sumitra Sivasuntharam of Pantai Hospital Ipoh, was attended by five hundred participants at the Tarcisian Convent.

Another collaboration involved the participation of sister clubs IWC Ipoh East, IWC Ioras and IWC Taiping all from the state of Perak. The clubs worked together in a Blood Donation Drive at AEON Kinta from 11 am to 4 pm on 13th January 2024 in a fitting tribute to Inner Wheel Friendship as worldwide celebrations were lighting up the social media platforms celebrating Inner Wheel's 100th Anniversary.

The Club has also celebrated World Peace Day at SRK (Tamil) Gunung Rapat and done a project at the Orang Asli Settlement in Sg. Danak, Tronoh. There have been fellowship projects among members to celebrate Mother's Day and a birthday celebration to honour Past National Representative Datin Gnana which was attended by sister clubs as well.

IWC Ipoh as the District's oldest club has indeed been leading the way to 'Shine a Light' in Perak state. The Club continues to grow and evolve to this day and has many stalwarts among its members.



Attendees and members at the Breast Cancer Awareness talk



Blood Donation Drive with sister clubs



Celebrating Datin Gnana's birthday

IWC Ipoh East

The IWC of Ipoh East (IWCIE) began in 2007, with fifteen members and Mrs. Linda Wong as the Charter President. Five of them are still very active in the club. The Charter Vice President Datin Dr Ramani Subramaniam is now the National Representative of IW Districts 330 & 331, Mdm. Cheng Yeok San the Charter Club Correspondent is IIW's Past Editor/ Media Manager, Mrs Saras Balasubramaniam, a Charter Committee Member is now a Past Club President and Ms Rajes Nagalingam, also a Charter member is the Club's Past Secretary & Treasurer. The Charter President is still active in the club. The club now has twenty-nine members.

The Honorary Member of the club, Dato' Dr Madhuri Majumder is a recipient of the Margarete Golding Award. As one in her golden years, she epitomizes what Inner Wheel members stand for. She is turning 91 this year. The club members will participate in her birthday celebration at her residence on 10th March 2024. She was active in serving the community and her heart was always filled with a spirit of love and friendship, undaunted by the challenges of aging.

Members of IWCIE are also active in organising projects. The COVID-19 Pandemic in 2021 has taught the members many things. In particular, it has taught the club to be more helpful and resourceful. The current club secretary and team decided to embark on a project to make face shields for distribution to the frontliners and the needy. It was the club's contribution to the community to help protect and save lives. While the virus continued to tighten its grip with escalating COVID-19 cases, the IWCIE continued to help the community by making and giving more face shields, especially to those exposed daily to numerous people. However, the roses of IWCIE also organised entertainment activities.

Current IPP Sarala, Secretary Gomathy and team with great enthusiasm organised the Crystal Celebration in the year 2023. Participants for this event were members from District 330 and 331 and other friends from near and far. After all the formal activities, the guests were entertained with dances, songs and games. All the guests enjoyed Buffet Hi tea with a variety of delicious spreads. The guests were mesmerized by the colourfully dressed Funky Divas dancers before and after tea.

The very heartfelt video message of the International Inner Wheel, President Zenaida Farcon, captured the attention of all the Inner Wheel club members. The members felt President Zenaida was a true friend indeed. Then the guests had the opportunity to sit, relax and watch the cinemascope screen of the IWC Ipoh East's 15-year journey.

Appreciation awards were presented to long-term members who have left the club, dedicated and committed Past Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers and the best committed and dedicated social project organisers. Other routine activities are well participated by the members of the club.

Club monthly meetings are held in the homes of members, hotels, and restaurants selected by the hosts of the month. After every meeting, the members have friendship and fellowship during lunch, Hi-Tea, or dinner whichever is planned by the hosts of the month. The meaningful fellowship has established a great friendship among the club members.



Grand Crystal Jubilee Celebrations



Past Presidents of IWC Ipoh East



MCO gathering



Club Meeting

IWC Johor Bahru

The Inner Wheel Club of Johor Bahru was formed on 9th December 2018 and registered on 15th January 2019 by Charter President Sumathi Subramaniam.

IWCJB was one of the first clubs in Malaysia that had to submit the by-laws in Bahasa Malaysia. Translating the by-laws was a challenge and it took a long time to get it right before the Registrar of Societies finally accepted it and officially registered the club.

After overcoming this challenge, the members had the next one looming over their heads...LOCKDOWN. Undeterred, the members continued to meet using technology and also completed some projects ranging from having a food bank to help families in need and providing meals to individuals who lost their jobs and homes during this phase.



Meeting Virtually and food Distribution to the needy during COVID-19 Pandemic



Finally the much-awaited and well-organised Charter Installation



Zumba Project to raise funds



IWC JB's glamorous team of 2023

IWC Klang

The Inner Wheel Club of Klang took a proactive approach in supporting Pink October, a breast cancer awareness initiative, by organizing a 'Health Pulse' campaign on October 28th, 2023, at Soka Gakkai Selangor. This event, which spanned from 9 am to 3 pm on a Saturday, witnessed an overwhelming response from the community, showcasing the significance of health awareness and empowerment.

Key collaborators in this initiative included Soka Gakkai Malaysia, Cawangan Selangor, whose cooperation played a crucial role in the success of the event. The Inner Wheel Club of Klang expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the service providers who contributed to the campaign.

National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM):

NCSM played a pivotal role by providing breast screening services and distributing Mammogram vouchers. The focus was on individuals aged 40 to 59, contributing to early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Fisioterapi Asia:

Fisioterapi Asia offered valuable health services, including screenings for shoulder, knee, and lower back pain, as well as stroke risk assessments. Participants were further encouraged by receiving RM200 vouchers. Dr. Vimalkumaran, a dedicated healthcare professional, provided blood pressure and glucose level assessments, along with valuable advice for the community.

PERKESO Putrajaya & Klang:

PERKESO Putrajaya & Klang extended 'Suri Rumah' insurance protection to women aged 20 to 53, creating awareness, particularly among housewives. This initiative aimed to encourage women to sign up for the attractive insurance package offered by PERKESO, contributing to their overall well-being.

The community's enthusiastic participation during the event demonstrated a collective commitment to promoting wellness and pink awareness. The Inner Wheel Club of Klang expressed pride in the success of the campaign, emphasizing its role in raising health awareness and fostering a sense of empowerment within the community. The event not only provided valuable health services but also served as a platform for education and engagement around crucial health issues, especially related to breast cancer.

About IWC Klang:

The Inner Wheel Club of Klang has been a stalwart presence in the community for 24 years. Committed to the values of friendship and fellowship, the club consistently organizes campaigns and events to support those in need. Their unwavering dedication extends to caring for the overall well-being of the community.

With a strong emphasis on fostering camaraderie among members, the club conducts monthly meetings and fun gatherings. The sense of unity and support within the group is akin to a family, where members consistently stand by one another. Beyond the social aspects, the Inner Wheel Club of Klang is driven by a collective mission to make a positive impact on society. Their focus is on aiding those in need, reflecting a shared commitment to philanthropy and community service.

Over the course of its 24-year history, the Inner Wheel Club of Klang has evolved into a compassionate and community-centric organization. Their enduring dedication to friendship, fellowship, and the well-being of individuals underscores their role as a positive force in the local community.

Sathiadevi Panerelvam
Club Correspondent
2023-2024



66th Independence Day project



Friendly fellowship and sisterhood



DC Krishnaveni & members of IWC Klang with IIW President Zenaida

IWC Kuala Lumpur

History of IWCKL: Founded on 22nd March 1949. There were 15 Charter members under Charter President Mrs Chua Boon Guan. We have grown to 79 members now.

Project Goal – To foster a compassionate community through IWCKL President-led projects, where the needs of the underprivileged inhabitants of our community are accorded respect and recognition, and where members are moved by empathy to take actions to “rise by raising others”.

Major Projects over 20 years and Ongoing:

1. IWCKL have undertaken many projects throughout Malaysia as well as overseas. Projects undertaken to help the underprivileged included, orphanages, schools, financial aid, retired nuns, WAOs and food kitchens to name a few. Overseas projects were sponsored in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Mongolia.
2. The club set up: Pain and Palliative Care Resource Centre at Selayang Hospital – Fans, Oxygenators and Medical Equipment were donated for the benefit of patients.
3. Spastic Centre – Provided with cash and kind via donations
4. Segi University – IWCKL sponsored scholarships for 10 years.
5. Mental Health Association – Donations and still ongoing.
6. Ractar Orphanage – Refurbished rooms, kitchens, uniforms, cash, and kind. Set up a baking studio for baking which is now flourishing. Children are baking cookies, pastries and cupcakes successfully and are able to market the products to help the home.

7. Current President Rani's Major Project – Building wells and undertaking sustainable projects for Orang Asli. Continuous support over the years and till the future. Clean water for the Orang Asli Community now and for their future generations.



(L) Each well has 3 cement rings and a water pump using petrol or generator is given with a 600 gallon tank and tap water is produced



(L) A 600-gallon water tank is given for each well and with the pump, tap water is produced (R)



Some of the lovely ladies of IWC Kuala Lumpur



X'mas Fellowship by IWC Kuala Lumpur



District Chairman Kamala's Visit

IWC Kuala Lumpur City Centre

HISTORY OF THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KUALA LUMPUR CITY CENTRE, KUALA LUMPUR INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 330, MALAYSIA

The Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur City Centre, was inaugurated on 21st October 2011 with a membership of 16 Charter Members. The inaugural Meeting was conducted by the District Extension Chairman, PDNR Datin Pearl Jai Mohan, and the District Extension Committee 2011-2012 at the Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur. The Executive Committee was formed and the Club's notable particulars are as follows: The Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur City Centre was officially registered with the International Inner Wheel on 28th November 2012 with Club No. 5821. The Club is registered at the International Inner Wheel website:

iiw.my.kualalumpurcitycentre@gmail.com.

It was registered with the Registrar of Societies Kuala Lumpur on 6th March 2012 with the Registered No: PPM-011-14-06032012. The Permanent Address of the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur City Centre is as follows: 119, Jalan Jalil Perkasa 18, Taman Esplanad, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan.

Membership included: President Datin Zaiton Bt Palil, Vice President Ms Rakki Sultana, Secretary Ms Bibee Menga Din, Treasurer Ms Shakila Begum Bt Fordil Khan, Club Correspondent Ms Mary Anne Gronningen, International Service Organiser Ms Linda Bruijinen, **Committee Members** Dr Sasha Mohan, Ms Viqarunessa Tariq (Vicky), Ms Tiffany Tan Chui Suan, Ms Reshma G. Belani, Ms Nur Elina Abdul Kadir, Ms Sawarn Kaur a/p Hajara Singh, Ms Loke Siang Siang, Ms Nainita

Bhagwandas Sawlini, Ms Khairul Bahiyah Bt Ismail and Ms Sonia A. Herbert Lobo

The Charter Installation and High Tea was held on Saturday 16th June 2012 at the Langkawi Function Hall, Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur at 2.30 pm. The Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Kuala Lumpur is the twin club of the Inner Wheel Club of Kuching, Kuching, Sarawak (both registered on 28th November 2011).

The Club has progressed well in the last twelve years guided by the objectives of Inner Wheel and the local by-laws. Members enjoy beautiful friendships, provide wonderful personal services, and can understand each other's lovely cultures through this largest international volunteer organization of women.



Fellowship among Club members



IWC KLCC organiser of IW Day 2023

IWC Kuala Lumpur North

IWC Kuala Lumpur North was chartered on 17th July 2003. The Club's Charter President was the lovely Simone Wippern.

The Club has done several community service projects including an ongoing one at the PJ Caring Home. Yet another activity close to members' hearts is the one achieved at PPUM's Children's Cancer Ward.

Members have also participated in distributing vegetables among the B40 group via a project at St. James Church. The MCO did not deter the club from achieving its objectives of serving the poor and the needy as food items continued to be distributed.

Besides being a close-knit club, no effort is spared to ensure that fellowship and joint projects with sister clubs are also a priority. Members make it a point to meet up with one another for joyous fellowship in true Inner Wheel style.



The cheerful and friendly ladies of IWC KL North are known for their passion for personal service and their affection for one another

IWC Parklands

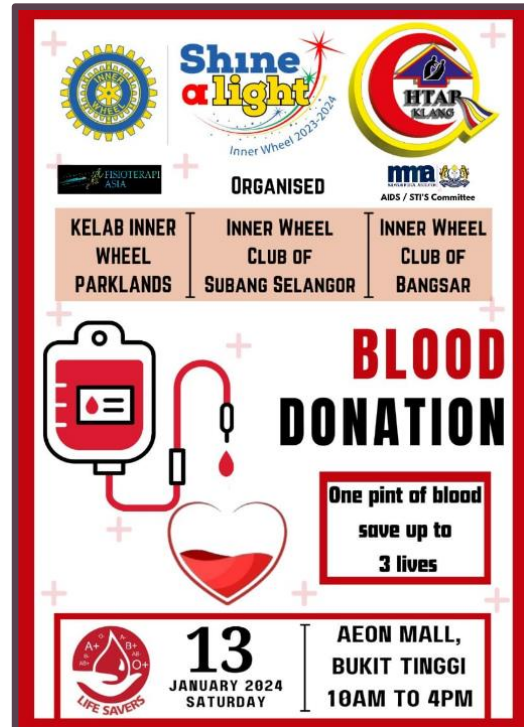
The journey of chartering the Inner Wheel Club of Parklands was the brainchild of six former members of Inner Wheel. The ladies enjoyed their Inner Wheel experience so much that they decided they could not wait to set up a club for themselves, their friends and colleagues.

The first interest meeting was held on 10th July 2023 at Dr Theyveeka Selvy's residence. Once the membership was finalised, the inaugural meeting was held on 29th July 2023 and chaired by District 330's Extension Chairman, Shanti Menon. Also at hand to welcome and give valuable advice, was District Chairman Kamala A. Yeap.

On 31st July 2023, the Register of Societies approved the formation of this club and it started operations with 35 charter members on 9th August 2023. General Surgeon Dr Theyveeka Selvy became the Charter President of this nineteenth club in District 330, Malaysia.

The club has been experiencing exponential growth thanks to the bubbly nature of Dr Theyveeka and is currently the second-largest club in the district although the newest at this stage in the term. A well-attended gala Charter Night to celebrate the club's grand entry into Inner Wheel was organised.

Several joint projects with sister Inner Wheel clubs and other strategic partners, involving public health have been realised. These include District-wide Breast Cancer awareness projects; Blood donation drives and such. The club is indeed making waves and ever more members are signing up to join its fold.



Some of the attractive project-posters



Charter Night group photo



Charter President Dr Theyveeka

IWC Pearl of the Orient

IWC Pearl of the Orient was formed on 2nd July 2013 with Charter President Mary Anne Gronningen. The club has achieved numerous service projects as stated below:

1. An anchor project over the years has been donating a free meal to 120pax once a month to the needy via The Lighthouse Project. Through this initiative, members have been able to provide almost 5000 free meals to date.
2. The club is also proud of its Bear of Hope project launched on 15.12.2022 by President Janet Chong which will see children receiving treatment in Mount Mariam Hospital be given a bear each to remind them of the strength they inherently have as they face this challenge.
3. Another anchor project is the annual donation of hampers for single mothers & needy families via the Family Hope Project every December to bring much-needed cheer and aid over the festive season.

-Merlin Gasper



Committee of 2023-2024

The lovely ladies of IWC Pearl of the Orient serve the community and have fun get-togethers as well.



IWC Penang

Our Inner Wheel Club of Penang is just 15 years old; a relatively young club when you consider that the Rotary Club of Penang is 93 years old.

It was puzzling as to why there was no Inner Wheel Club in Penang in existence. This was because in the early years, all the Inner Wheel Clubs were closely associated with the Rotary Clubs and quite often the wife of the President of a Rotary Club was also the President of the Inner Wheel Club.

In the years 2006-2007, whenever I was present at the District Rotary functions, senior members of the Inner Wheel District would raise the possibility of establishing an Inner Wheel Club in Penang.

I discussed this matter with some of the Rotary Anns in Penang, and found there was a favourable response to the idea then. To help us proceed further, we sought the help of the Rotary Club of Penang. The Rotary Club then kindly invited the District Chairman to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club and talk with the Rotary Anns.

The District Chairman and 3 other very senior members, attended the evening meeting of the Rotary Club of Penang and talked about the Inner Wheel movement and the advantages of establishing a Club.

The Rotary Anns then had their own discussion and the majority view was to establish an Inner Wheel Club in Penang. The Rotary Anns had a formal meeting and elected a Pro Temp Committee.

The Inner Wheel District then provided the advice and assistance to carry out the paperwork to obtain the necessary approvals of registration with the Registrar of Societies and International Inner Wheel.

The Inner Wheel Club of Penang started with 12 members. Over the history of our 15 years, a few of the Charter members left, moved away and with great sadness two of our beloved members passed away. The Inner Wheel Club managed to invite potential members to join and our membership strength today is 25.

The Inner Wheel Club from its inception ensured that the Club was a credit to the District and is highly regarded as a leading matured Club notwithstanding that it was only chartered in 2008.

I feel privileged to have been elected as the Charter President of the Club. I must thank my sisters of the Inner Wheel Club for this honour. I hope the Club will grow from strength to strength, and it will not be long before we have a member from our Club becoming a District Chairman.

Datin Seri Bhajan,
Charter President.

Some Notable Projects:

Two of IWC Penang's notable projects were Aid for Flood Victims and Project Letchumy.

In November 2017, the state of Penang in Malaysia experienced a devastating flood that left many residents in dire need of assistance. In response to this crisis, IWC Penang, in collaboration with IWC Pearl of Orient, extended a helping hand to provide essential relief to those affected by the flood. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, both clubs joined forces and engaged in a humanitarian mission to support the flood-affected communities. They coordinated their efforts with the

Rotary Club of Penang, uniting their resources to maximize the impact of their aid.

The relief efforts included the delivery of various essentials to the flood victims. These essentials encompassed a range of necessities such as rice to ensure access to food, clothing to provide warmth and protection, portable potties to address the needs of the elderly, mattresses for comfort and rest, stoves for cooking, and even school bags and uniforms for the children affected by the disaster. The provision of school supplies was especially crucial to help children resume their education and regain a sense of normalcy during a challenging time.

In addition to the general relief efforts, IWC Penang also sponsored a 7-year-old flood victim as part of their pet project, known as "Project Letchumy." The club provided her with school essentials, including a school bag and uniform, enabling her to start her school year with the support she needed. Moreover, IWC Penang took an extra step by sponsoring her tuition fees for several years, ensuring that her educational journey would continue despite the hardships caused by the flood.

The collaborative initiative between IWC Penang, IWC Pearl of Orient, and the Rotary Club of Penang exemplified the spirit of community and solidarity during a crisis. By working together and delivering much-needed aid, these organizations offered support and relief to the flood victims, bringing hope and assistance to those who needed it most.

This joint venture and the dedicated sponsorship through "Project Letchumy" serve as a testament to the compassion and dedication of

these clubs and their commitment to making a positive impact in the face of adversity.



Club Meeting and Fellowship



Executive Committee 2023-2024



A donation of a chamber pot for an elderly lady



A meet-up to check on Letchumy's progress

IWC Selangor

The Inner Wheel Club of Selangor, chartered on December 6, 2010, thrives to be a beacon of hope and compassion. As it approaches its 15th anniversary in 2025, since it was chartered under the leadership of Charter President Thana Pathmanathan, the club reflects on a journey marked by impactful projects.

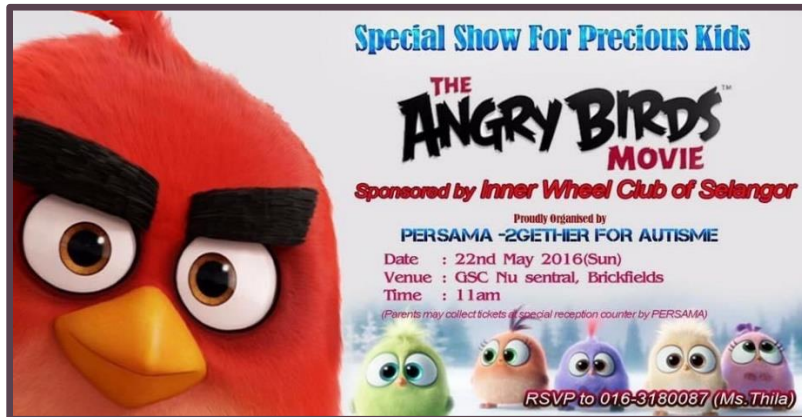
From the inspiring "Legs for Legless" initiative to uplifting movie premieres for children with special needs, our club has strived to leave indelible marks on hearts and communities. Regular hospital visits and provisions of necessities showcase our commitment to serving those in need.

Yet, it's the annual walk with the visually challenged on White Cane Safety Day that truly embodies our dedication to empowering others. Despite our size, the Inner Wheel Club of Selangor shines brightly, fuelled by the passion and kindness of diverse and caring women.



The lovely ladies of IWC Selangor

Some noteworthy projects by IWC Selangor



IWC Subang, Selangor

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SUBANG, SELANGOR – “From Then to Now”

The History

On the 28th of July 2010, the inaugural meeting of Inner Wheel Club Subang, Selangor was held at Holiday Villa Subang. 24th of August 2010 saw IWCSS became a fully chartered club with the Rotary Club of Subang as their sponsor club, and the Inner Wheel Club of Petaling Jaya their mother club. Charter President Parimala Satheesan had previously been a member of IWCPJ. IWCSS was officially registered with the Registrar of Societies on the 4th of January 2011. It was with great pomp and splendour that the club celebrated its Charter Installation on the 4th of June 2011. With a strong team of thirty-two members, and family and friends, the charter night was a spectacular event at the Victoria Ballroom at Holiday Villa in Subang. The IIW theme for that year was ‘Commit with conviction, compassion and consistency.’

Parimala stayed on as President for two years adopting the IIW constitution, recruiting members and putting other important administrative matters in place. Parimala’s knowledge of the workings of Inner Wheel has been a boon for its members and ensured that the club functions within the prescribed IIW framework.

After the second and third Presidents’ had served their one-year terms, it was collectively decided that the club would function more effectively if it had a two-year time frame for the President and their Exco. This would enable them to carry out their duties and plans in a more timely manner. And thus a two-year term became the norm for IWCSS.

Fellowship gatherings and members' retreats have always been a part of the club's activities.

Monthly meetings are filled with fun and laughter once the business affairs of the club have been dealt with. Hari Raya, Deepavali and Christmas cheers are conducted for the needy annually. In line with fostering camaraderie among members, periodic potlucks, picnics, luncheons and trips are also organised

IWCSS Presidents

2010-2012: CP Parimala Satheesan

2012-2013: Shanti Menon

2013-2014: Jegathambal Subramaniam

2013-2015: Sumodhini Thirupad

2015-2017: Thulasi Rani Murugiah

2017-2019: Shanthi Chandran

2019-2021: Indira Menon

2021-2023: Tara Menon

Some notable projects:

In 2012, the club was successful in finding a donor who contributed RM 16,000 towards purchasing a special wheelchair for a Paralympic athlete.

In 2013 the club raised and donated RM 15,000 to a teenage girl for corrective heart surgery at Fortis Hospital Bengaluru, India. IWCSS arranged all communication between a heart consultant in Kuala

Lumpur and Fortis. Some club members accompanied her and her parents to India.

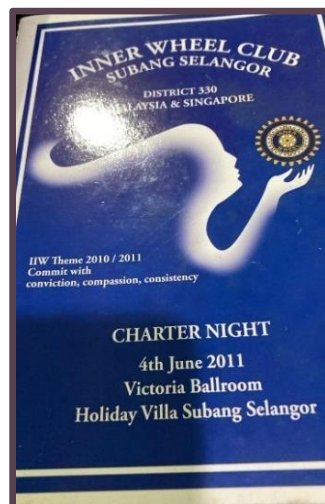
In 2017, the club embarked on an international project of building 4 toilets in a village outside Chennai, India, and also bought some basic furniture for the village school. This cross-border project was made possible by collaborating with the Medical Alumni of Apollo Hospital and IWC Madras Central. The toilet project was an initiative by a group of doctors to align with Prime Minister Modi's 'Swacch Bharat' (Clean India) campaign. Several members travelled to India to see the completed project.

In 2019 Rumah Perlindungan Sosial Klang, a women's shelter was not only in dire need of repairs but also required a concrete periphery wall to replace their existing chain link fence. Being a highly sensitive and protected location, the women's and children's safety was compromised when perpetrators could see them through the fence. A sponsor generously funded the whole project which cost RM 10,000. A donation by the Hundred Women's Club paid for the repairs that the shelter urgently needed.

In 2022, IWCSS managed to secure a large donation of RM 10,000 from The Rhythm Foundation that helped repair and rebuild the counselling room at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Taman Sri Muda after the devastating floods in March 2022.

In 2022, the club embarked on a major fundraising musical event "Down Memory Lane with SP Balasubramanyam". This special fundraiser has been a morale booster for IWCSS, increasing its financial capacity to give back to society.

Members of the club have been steadfast in upholding IIW traditions and values. All eight Presidents have brought in new ideas, successfully undertaken projects, and taken the club and its members on a learning journey by setting new standards, keeping up with contemporary changes, and identifying new purposes. As a result, the club is cautiously deviating from the conventional 'give to charity', towards exploring Wellness themes, community uplift, sharing of information and international understanding and sisterhood. These will eventually become the mainstay of the club. This will not fully exclude charitable projects or helping someone in need, but the focus in the future will be to examine a bigger picture that is sustainable and discover IWCCS's role in it. The club understands it has a long way to go to achieve this, but with continuous dialogue among members, and taking cues from other clubs all over the world, it definitely is achievable. Thirteen years after its inception, and eight Presidents later, the club has proven that women coming together with a sense of belonging, friendship and purpose reap not just the benefits of emotional well-being, but also cultivate a strong culture of community and closeness.



A fond memory of Charter Night: Souvenir programme



Joint project with IWC Madras Central and Apollo Hospital



Collecting Donations officiated by Federal Minister Hannah Yeoh



Cross-border Toilet Project

IWCTaiping

MEMO OF CLUB HISTORY

NAME: INNER WHEEL CLUB OF TAIPING

ASSOCIATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS

CHARTER DATE: 7TH APRIL 1955

CHARTER NUMBER: OVERSEAS CLUB NO. 94

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: MARJORIE HUGHES

CHARTER PRESIDENT: MRS.K. RIDING

On Thursday 24th February 1955, the inaugural meeting of the Inner Wheel Club of Taiping was held with 13 ladies present. On 7th April 1955, the club received its Charter with Mrs. K. Riding as the Charter President.

Little did those 13 ladies realise that what they had started in 1955 would grow up to become a vibrant club that had achieved so much by celebrating its Silver Anniversary (25th) on 22nd April 1979; Golden Jubilee Anniversary (50th) on 20th March 2004 and Diamond Jubilee (60th) on 23rd February 2014.

In 2004, the club organised the 24th District AGM and Fellowship Weekend for the first time when Rathy Mahendran was the District Chairman. It was a joint celebration as the club also celebrated its 50th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee).

The Club joined the District when the District was registered in 1980. Members who had served in the District Executive Committee were the

late PP L. Kanagasingam; PP Cathy Ong (Editor) and Past IIW Board Director Rathy Mahendran

On 24th March 1989, for the first time, IWC Taiping had the honour of a visit by International Inner Wheel President Mrs. Allison Dawson who was attending the District 330 AGM and Fellowship Weekend in Ipoh.

On 8th March 2012, on International Women's Day, Rathy Mahendran was awarded the “Exemplary Community Service through Inner Wheel” by the Inner Wheel Club of Ipoh East.

In 2014, it was an honour for the club when Rathy Mahendran was awarded the Rotarian Spouse/ Partner Service Award by Rotary International.

The club recently has carried out regular projects helping children and women, like the Zoo visits, preparing and distributing meals through soup kitchens and conducting living skills workshops like baking for students at Sekolah Semangat Maju.

Besides the above-mentioned projects, these are the highlights of other activities carried out in the last seven years.

In 2017 under President Dr Karen Jeet Kaur the club donated four Breast Pumps to Taiping General Hospital and in 2018 the club donated air conditioners to the St. John’s Nursing Home.

In 2019 President Viji Kishen started officially advocating “Going Green” initiatives: Educating and advocating members and schools to implement 5R (Reduce, Reuse, Rethink, Recycle and Repair) As a result in 2021, the local District Council (Majlis Perbandaran Taiping) bestowed Viji Kishen with a GREEN CHAMPION award.

On 18th January 2020 the club successfully organised the District's IIW Day Celebrations and our Guest of Honour was none other than IIW President Phyllis Carter. The highlight was the memorandum of Understanding between The Inner Wheel Club of Taiping and Sekolah Semangat Maju (School for the Intellectually Challenged) represented by the School's Chairman Mr. Joseph Lau Tee Sun and our Club President Mrs. Viji Kishen.

IIW President Phyllis Carter and District Chairman Padmini Menon witnessed the signing ceremony.

The Club became involved with this school in 1992 under President Muqbool Bibi and from 1995 started by President Ong Bok Kin, the club has been helping to raise funds by sponsoring and managing a stall during their Annual Food Fair.

Despite Covid 19 period with lockdowns, President Karamjeet Kaur in her term 2021/2022 carried out the project, Wheel Can Cerv, in line with an initiative by IIW to combat cervical cancer among women and girls. Dr Karen Jeet Kaur, an O & G Consultant at KPJ Hospital, Taiping, carried out free cervical cancer screening for 30 economically less privileged women. She also gave a talk on the causes, symptoms, and prevention of cervical cancer.

President Harvinder Kaur, 2022/2023, in her term carried out a Women's Health Awareness project for a group of 40 women. Dr Karen Jeet Kaur gave a talk on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and guest speaker, Dr Abhinash Kaur, spoke on Clinical Hypnotherapy.

The current President Harbajan Kaur's project highlights will be the triple celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Inner Wheel Club of Taiping, the 100th year of Inner Wheel and the 150th Anniversary of

Taiping to be held on 20th Jan. 2024. The project will be carried out in Sekolah Semangat Maju, to promote understanding, acceptance and inclusion among people with and without intellectual disabilities.

Adapted and edited by;

Viji Kishen,

CC 2022/2023

The ladies of IWC Taiping work together as a team



Appreciation

This has been a labour of love amidst many challenges but the clubs delivered nevertheless and the feeling of elation at the task being completed and having learned so much through the whole process is indeed priceless.

Some of the club correspondents sent in their compilations months in advance and waited patiently as the others though hard-pressed for time, made the effort and did what they could to contribute to yet another issue of Shining Bright.

The hope is that we will continue to 'Shine a Light' and bring so much joy and hope in humanity to the communities around us.

When this is done in the spirit of sisterhood, it is all the more joyous and satisfying.

Thank you once again to all Clubs in Inner Wheel District 330 for their contributions of time and articles. You have indeed done well.