



# INNER WHEEL

IN NIGERIA



*The journey so far*



**2017-2018 THEME:**  
**LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY**



L-R Lady Bank Anthony(Late), Mrs D Alakija, Lady Kofo Ademola(Late), Lady Akerele(Late), Lady Beatrice Spencer Ajose(Late), Mrs Remi Omotosho, Mrs Bisi Solaru, Mrs Fola Onalaja(Late) (behind) Mrs Eniola Ajibade



Intl. Innerwheel PDC Stella Awani Handing over as Dist. Chairman to Remi Omotosho with Representatives from 911, 912, 913, 914



### **Objects of Inner wheel The objects shall be**

- i. To promote true friendship
- ii. To encourage the ideals of personal service
- iii. To foster international understanding



#### **Inner Wheel Prayer**

Instill in us, O Lord., the true meaning of friendship  
Never let us forget that we are all Thy children  
Notwithstanding the differences in our culture and creeds  
Endow us with a desire to serve our fellowmen  
Remembering that we too often need help  
Whenever or wherever the need for service arises,  
Help us to be ready to serve.  
Endeavouring to make our badge of Inner Wheel worthwhile,  
Ensuring that we have not  
Lived in vain



#### **Inner Wheel Anthem**

We are the club called Inner Wheel  
We pledge with all our zeal  
To spin the wheel of Rotary  
The more to serve mankind  
Inner Wheel! Inner Wheel!! Inner Wheel!!!  
To promote true friendship over land and sea  
Inner Wheel!  
Our club has come to stay

We are beside all Rotarians  
To help them change the world  
Through charity and spotless lives  
We are loyal to both Wheels  
Inner Wheel! Inner Wheel! Inner Wheel!  
We profess excellence in all that we deal  
Inner Wheel  
Our club shall never die.

#### **From the Edit Team**

Your indulgence is solicited for any inadvertent errors or misspelt name that might have remained despite our best efforts!





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## INTRODUCTION



There is always a surge of excitement when we get together and “O when The Saint Go Marching in”, as Innerwheel members step to the rhythm with grace and fluidity the clubs carrying banners that display their identity into joyful procession the hall of event. This must not be mistaken for superficial activity. At the DISTRICT RALLIES and INSTALLATIONS etc, we champion (in our own simple way) the course of Nation Building through cohesion and integration of the diverse cultures and ethnic groups in Nigeria; as we take stock of and celebrate our mission of services in friendship to our communities, specifically in areas where help is genuinely needed; on the backdrop of the THEME of each innerwheel year. I anchor this short commentary on the title

above that records to appreciable extent what has been achieved in the years under review –from 1968 when the first innerwheel club in Nigeria was chartered.

It was the innerwheel club of Lagos to which I belong by courtesy of my husband - Rotarian Arch Dr. Daniel Edo Awani, please note that one does not require the sponsorship of a Rotarian husband/father/relative to join the innerwheel family these days, whereas Rotary membership is predicated on specifications, innerwheel membership is not.

If I may spool back to the years before we were chartered about the youngest new member, I

found myself rubbing minds with ladies of lofty personality. A good number of them wallowed unobtrusively in Knighthood MBE (MEMBERS OF British Empire) by Her Royal Highness, Elizabeth II Queen of England.

These were Lady Bank Anthony, Lady Kofo Ademola (Nee Eric Moore) the first woman in West Africa to obtain a BA degree from Oxford University; Lady Sodeinde, Lady Beatrice Spencer Ajo and others of fragrant Memory. Mention must be made of Pioneers- Greenman, Moubayed, Sutherland, Audifferen, Bucknor Mc Lean, Olumuyiwa, Braithwaite and several others role models in their professions and various fields of endeavor.

Innerwheel member Alakija (Nee Smith) became the First President of Innerwheel Clubs in Nigeria, latterly by coincidence Nigeria fielded a member of the innerwheel club of Lagos IWM Yemisi Alatise who was voted Vice President (in the World body) 2015-2016, in Manchester



U.K IWM Alatisé was decorated International Innerwheel President 2016-2017. She's first in the African continent first black—as was Rotarian John Majiyagbe of the Rotary International President 2003 – 2004.

Innerwheel member Olabisi Solaru- the charter president of the Innerwheel club of Ilupeju was Nigeria's first member on the Board of International innerwheel board; while Ade Majiyagbe was the first Nigeria District Chairman, Dist 911 before the split into 4 districts, 911,912,913, 914. The journey and position details are recorded in the book (page 17).

Rotary/Innerwheel in those days was elitist and suffused with oratorical good humour. IWM Adelaja's Octogenarian Rotarian half (a cleric) was in my opinion the ultimate in priestly refinement. His roles resonate decades after, one could not ignore the de ja vous atmosphere of Rotary/Innerwheel events which in itself was powerful attraction; as was the determination to be counted among those who were willing to GIVE and not count the cost.

Innerwheel in Nigeria owes its survival and development to the critical intervention of mature minds; the intuitive and precocious handling of the affairs of clubs.

The constitution, tradition and thinking of innerwheel were and are given the needed filling by means of district rallies workshops, seminars and retreats which made room for collegiality, and inspired strategic thinking and survival mechanisms in tackling traditions and systems skewed against the underprivileged; and in some areas women.

Intune with global initiatives aimed at making life worth living in a world full of contradictions and cynicisms with our THEME in focus the beat goes on. Today images of innerwheel are aesthetically festooned across the landscape of Nigeria cities. Our lateness-for poverty alleviation scholarships, hospitals, homes built for the voiceless, quadruplets born to poor parents; and numerous projects of profound impact-some of which are captured in pictures in the book, define innerwheel.

I congratulate the past international president my fellow past and present Board members National Representatives, Presidents.

Governing body of innerwheel clubs in Nigeria, District Chairman (not genetic sense please) club presidents most of all the energetic proactive ladies who employing the use of their portable skills and global vision in collaborative work, undaunted by the challenges inherent in selfless services; are making the BADGE of innerwheel worthwhile and enjoying doing so. Commemorating 50 years of our journey with the permanence of a book is laudable INNERWHEEL AT FIFTY is a treasure trove/Library material. It is written in readable style and pleasurable.

The National Council of innerwheel clubs Districts in Nigeria was formed in 1991 and BM Stella Marie Awani was its first president.

**STELLA MARIE AWANI**  
PAST BOARD MEMBER  
PRESIDENT NATIONAL COUNCIL





## FOREWORD

by the National President of Inner Wheel in Nigeria 2017/2018 - *Mrs Bimbo Sowande*



It is with gratitude to God and my singular honour and pleasure to share my thought on this great landmark in the Evolution of our great Club in Nigeria - Inner Wheel in Nigeria the first five decades. I salute our rock of Gibraltar - Rotarian husbands and founding mothers in Inner Wheel for their acceptance, great ideas and guidance over these years that have led us to where we are today.

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a step" The introduction of Inner Wheel came from the Rotarians and the first club was formed in 1966 and Chartered 1st July 1967 in an un-districted country and today we have 7 clubs in currently three Districts as District 912 was disbanded in 1999. Penciling down the Past experiences with help to shape our thoughts for even a greater

Tomorrow for generation yet unborn within the Rotary International, Inner Wheel families and even beyond our immediate families in Nigeria and

abroad, we are definitely "Leaving a Lasting Legacy" for posterity.

Our three object have come into bear in all activities as we have promoted true friendship, encouraged the ideal of personal service and fostered international understanding over the past 50 years of our existence.

We have on the International Inner Wheel Board Governing Body our own Immediate Past International Inner Wheel President (IIWP), Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatise who presided from 2016 to 2017, on this highest pedestal of decision making and many past Board members with PBM, Mrs. Bisi Solaru, the first in 1987/1988 IW year; Past Board Directors – Mrs. Eunike Nwankwo, the first Board Director; and several leaders at the National level on the creation of National Council of Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria - PBM/President of Council, Mrs. Stella Awani; and our PNR Oluremi Omotosho, our first National Representative and president of Clubs in Nigeria. Our first Club President, Mrs. 'Deji Alakija is alive to witness these first 50 years too. I salute all these ladies of vision - dead or alive.

We should roll out our drums and celebrate our club's momentous achievements and learn to navigate our way ahead with greater enthusiasm so that the centenary celebrations will even be greater than this.

I wish us enjoyable reading of the epochal contributors of our heroines and please share the positive replicable experiences beyond your Clubs, Districts and even National Governing Body.

Love you all.

**Dr. Mrs. Abimbola Sowande,**  
National President of Inner Wheel in Nigeria  
2017/2018.



## Message from Dr. Kapila Gupta IIW President 2017/2018

### ***Dear IW sisters***

I wish each one of you a very happy new year. I take this opportunity to congratulate you all on Golden Jubilee Celebrations and doing lot of service and membership growth on IW day. On this day each one pledge to bring in new members to add to your clubs. Remember growth starts with a decision to move beyond your present circumstances.

As is true for International Inner Wheel---

Each PP at all levels has put in their best contribution to lay the foundation of a strong organisation, standing tall today at its 93rd year of formation & celebrating glorious 50 years of formation of International IW, Bringing all clubs in the world under the Umbrella of IIW, On 1st July, 1967.

It's time to look back & cherish the moments of service & friendship, as Well as of growth & expansion of IW in 102 countries.

May the good times of service & friendship become golden memories of tomorrow & to leave a Lasting Legacy on hearts for years to come.

For the last 94 years, IW has made a difference to many lives, in many ways than we could ever keep a count or would remember. Today each one of us bears a torch- its flame lit by Margaret Oliver Golding--that has been passed forward from generation to generation to leave a Lasting Legacy.

Dear Club President, You are the privileged one to be chosen by your members to serve this prestigious organisation & motivate members to serve the community along with you. Club is



**Dr. Kapila Gupta**  
IIW President 2017/2018

heart of our organisation, dedicated members who hold a passion for community service & friendship. The stability and growth of Clubs translate to the stability of the whole of our organisation. Your Club is very important to International Inner Wheel.

This year's Theme is -Leave a Lasting Legacy--- Thank you for appreciating it & promoting it. To serve in such a way that entire community has everlasting impact on their minds of your service. The theme itself says that all throughout the year we would work towards publicizing & strengthening our organisation's existence. Let the world around you, your friends, family know of the service IW is doing to needy & is one of the largest women's service organisation.

What kind of difference IW Club & individual



member make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organisation, we are guided by three strategic priorities.

1. To support & strengthen each club  
Friendship in IW ---Friendship is not about whom you know the longest, it's about who came and never left your side. Strengthen clubs, strengthen districts, bring in new members, new members bring new ideas, new zeal, so a combination of wisdom of old members & zeal of new ones would produce great results for clubs.
2. To focus & increase humanitarian service  
People are not beautiful for the way they walk, look or talk, but the way they care & share. Think of service which leaves a mark on heart not on tombstones to leave a lasting legacy 3 to enhance IW branding & public recognition & its image. Change the way you do humanitarian services, to write the names on hearts & not on tombstones.

When we talk of IW, the biggest brand & identity of IW is our Logo, as well as our theme Logo of the year. Theme logo changes every year but IW logo is permanent. It is made of two wheels, held together by six spokes. The world needs IW more than ever, It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation, and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.

It is tremendously important to IW future that our service to community be recognized. The more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the

funding, and, most important, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard at IIW headquarters to be sure that IW gets that recognition. But it can't all happen at IIW HQ. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what IW is and what we do, so that when people who want to do good see IW as a platform where they can change the world, our clubs are ready to give them that opportunity.

### **For IIW Convention 2018**

2017/18 is a year of IIW Convention at Melbourne. Whether you are a regular convention goer, have not been to one in few years, or have not attended yet, the 2018 convention will be one you would not want to miss. Melbourne is a Great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason for the convention is always the ideas, inspirations & friendship which you will find there.

*To learn more & to save money-to register visit convention website:  
[www.iiwconvention2018.com/registration.php](http://www.iiwconvention2018.com/registration.php)*

**Let's all join hands to make difference by giving someone a gift of life to Leave a Lasting Legacy**

**Use your voice for kindness, ears for compassion.**

**Your Hands for charity, your mind for honesty & your heart for love.**

**Life is too short to worry about what others say. Be remembered for the right reasons.**

**Enjoy IW - be proud to be IW members  
Leave a Legacy and a smile in your heart  
beyond life.**

**Dr Kapila Gupta**

*IIW President-2017/18 International InnerWheel*





**MRS. 'DEJI ALAKIJA**  
CHARTER PRESIDENT, INNER WHEEL CLUB LAGOS,  
FIRST CLUB IN NIGERIA



**MRS. OLUYEMISI ALATISE**  
PAST INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL PRESIDENT  
2016 - 2017



## INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL HISTORY

a brief historical look at the birth and evolution of inner wheel



### THE FIRST TEN YEARS FROM A CLUB TO THE ASSOCIATION



Mrs. Margaret Golding, a nurse, business woman and the wife of a Manchester Rotarian started the Inner Wheel movement in 1924. Prior to 1924, wives of Rotarians in many cities and towns, prompted by a concern for public welfare, had been voluntarily, in the background, giving their time and energies to help in any service undertaken by their menfolk. On the 15th November 1923, twenty seven Rotary wives, led by Mrs. Golding, met in a Cooling Room (because it was free of charge) at Herriot's Turkish Baths, South Parade St. Mary's Street, Deansgate, owned by the Electro – Medical Treatment Company Limited, where they discussed the possibility of forming an independent ladies' group run on Rotary lines. The objects of the Club, they explained, would be twofold, to foster friendship and to offer much

more in the way of service. The next meeting, held at the Social Club in Lower Mosley Street, Manchester, which became their regular meeting place, was on 10th January 1924, and it marked the actual commencement of Inner Wheel with the formation of Manchester Club. Since 1970, January 10th has become universally recognized as WORLD INNER WHEEL DAY, when we celebrate the anniversary of that first meeting. Margarett Golding, the founder, was elected as the first President and Mrs. W. A. Nixon, the first Secretary, thirty members were present, and six basic rules were agreed. The first rule was the name of the Club shall be "The Inner Wheel" Thus ingeniously, they respected the wishes of Rotary, and the use of the word 'Rotary' was avoided, while the link with the men's organization was symbolized by reference badge-the Rotary Wheel. This link is still nurtured today and we proudly share the same ethical values and objectives. This was the beginning of a beautiful adventure, which is the heritage of the Inner Wheel organization, known and shared by every member. Looking back over the past 90 years, there are important dates and developments to remember, which show the evolution of our Association and its diffusion, first in Great Britain, then worldwide.

The basic rules laid down that day, with slight variations, continued to be used until the formation of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland in 1934. News of the formation of the Manchester Inner Wheel Club, and its achievements, began to spread. Rotary wives, who had been meeting together, contacted Mrs. Golding and gradually the movement spread throughout G.B & I and by 1927 another five new Clubs started their





journey: Liverpool, Macclesfield, Nelson, St Helens, and Warrington. In 1928, thanks to the collaboration of the Rotarians of Districts No 5, the 1st Inner Wheel District was formed, "No 5 Inner Wheel District Committee" The administration of the Districts, which followed, was the same as Rotary District procedure (officers were elected by ballot, two Delegates from each Club had representation, three if the Club had sufficient membership, and decisions were agreed by vote)

As more Districts were formed, they took the area number corresponding to their Rotary District. In 1931, there were 56 Clubs and by the end of 1932, 4 new Districts had been formed, 3 more in 1933 and the need for a central organization was being suggested. On 6th May, 1934, at the RIB. I conference held in Douglas, Isle of Man, the delegates of the 79 Clubs from existing 8 Districts, aware that it was necessary to have a Governing Body capable of guiding the growing number of Clubs and Districts, approved and ratified the Constitution, and adopted the name **"THE ASSOCIATION OF INNERWHEEL CLUBS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND"**.

The first elected President of the Association was Mrs. Golding and the first Secretary, Mrs. Nixon. During the first meeting of the Council in September of 1934, the Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Young.

(Canterbury) and Vice President Mrs. Shakerley (Clapham) were elected. The Association grew, and after 10 years had passed, there were 79 clubs (76 in England, 1 in Scotland, 1 in Wales and 1 in Ireland). These Clubs, which founded the Association, are still known today as "The 79 years".

#### **TOWARDS GLOBAL DIFFUSION:**

Even before 1934, some Clubs were formed in

other parts of the world, having heard about the Inner Wheel Organization in Great Britain & Ireland —such as Ballarat (1931), North Sydney (1933) and Bendigo (1933) in Australia. In the following years, more Inner Wheel Clubs were formed. For example, the Napier Club (1936) in New Zealand, Port Elizabeth (1938) in South Africa, and Winnipeg (1943) in Canada. From 1945, Inner Wheel continued to expand globally, with the formation of at least 15 clubs in remote places. Equally Inner Wheel's penetration into Europe extremely interesting. The first European club outside of Great Britain and Ireland was formed at Bergen (Norway) in 1935, thanks once again to Margarete Golding; the second after 10 years, retained as was, at Apeeldom, Holland. The Association began to change from a National Organization to a Worldwide Organization and it was felt that a closer connection was necessary. Thus in 1947, the words "In Great Britain and Ireland" were removed from the title and Inner Wheel became known as "ASSOCIATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS". In 1948, the six clubs in Holland formed the first District outside of Great Britain and Ireland, District no 26. In 1950 Club rules were translated into European Languages, and by July of that year, every member received a copy of Association magazine with the news of "Oversees" Clubs.

In the early sixties, the Association, mindful of the increasing number of clubs outside GB&I, and glad to have Districts formed in Europe, gave much thought about ways to make Inner Wheel more international in government and the need for personal contact to be made with some more remote Clubs. The first steps towards the creation of an International Governing Body were taken in 1962 during the Association Conference, held in Blackpool, England when a resolution was approved, to include on the Governing body, On the 1st of July 1967 all Clubs became Members of



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL and Mrs. Lavender Weightman became President. There was then the opportunity for qualified members, from any country, to become President, Vice President and Treasurer. The first Board meeting was held in Copenhagen on the 3rd- 4th October 1967. One of the important tasks was to approve National By-Laws, so that all the countries, while remaining faithful to the Constitution, could interpret Inner Wheel with their culture and traditions. In 1967, NATIONAL COUNCILS were recognized in Australia, Denmark, Great Britain and Ireland, India, The Netherlands, Norway, The Philippines and Sweden.

In 1970, the first convention of the INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL was held at The Hague. The International Inner Wheel was, and is, supported by a Governing Body, which, up to 1993, included an elected Executive Committee with Officers-President, Vice President, Immediate Past President and Treasurer, and also Board Members — then representatives from every country, processing the necessary qualification as laid down in the Constitution and Handbook. Each Board Member had a number of votes equivalent to the number of Districts of her Country. In 1993, it was agreed to restructure the Governing Body with an elected Executive Committee (Consisting of the Officers), plus 16 elected Board Directors; each of whom have the right to one vote, and also have the responsibility to be in contact with the Non-Districted Clubs. Finally, in 2006 the Chairman of the Constitution Committee was admitted as a Member of the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel. Today, International Inner Wheel is present in 103 Countries/Geographical areas, counting over 103,000 Members, and is structured in Clubs, Districts and National Governing Bodies. It connects together members of Clubs in the

various nations, from Europe to Africa, India, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, United States of America and Canada and many others, all working to uphold the objects of Inner Wheel.

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service
- To foster International Understanding.

### **Benefits of Membership**

There are lots of reasons why women from across the globe choose to become part of International Inner Wheel.

When you join the organisation, you'll become part of a network of friendship embracing 103 countries. You'll develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills and will become part of a community based on friendship, support and love.

At our 16th Convention in Copenhagen young women explained their reasons for joining and what they felt the benefits of the organisation were. To summarise those joining found that.....

***“We make a difference to people's lives and share our talents.”***

***“We learn from one another, interacting with people from around the globe and we receive local and international recognition.”***

***“Inner Wheel gives you guidance and care and the opportunity to work at grass-root levels.”***



## My Experience as President of International Inner Wheel

My rise to topmost hierarchy in Inner Wheel is an experience I will cherish my whole life. I joined Inner Wheel not thinking of getting to the top. I enjoyed giving personal service without counting the cost nor expecting reward.

I returned to Nigeria on the 2nd of July 2016 after my Installation in Manchester, England, to surprising rousing welcome party by members of District 911. I took office on the 1st of July 2016 and handed over on the 29th of June 2017. It has been a year of very extensive travel partly paid for by International Inner Wheel and supported by various donation I received from friends and Governors of Anambra and Enugu States. I was able to do more than expected in Touching Hearts of members around the world. Apart from the opportunity to spread my campaign against various abuse to the Female gender from Cradle to Grave. There was also a publication of the Coffee Table Book, which I took with me on all my trips for free distribution. I visited Pakistan and was received by the President Mamnoon Hussain and had the privilege to lay a Wreath at the Cenotaph of the Country. I met with Four Mayors in Italy, Citta de Castello, Spoleto, Treviso and Trieste. In Mexico I was received by Two State Governors, Puebla and Morelos where I was given a State Flag Ceremony and received a Distinguished Guest Award. I visited India and toured the State of Bangalore, Calcutta, Mumbai, Puri and Annand. I was in West Africa, Bourkina Faso and met with the Prime Minister of the country, Cote D'voir and Cotonou. I visited Australia and was in Sydney and Cairns. I was also received in Finland, visited St. Petersburg in Moscow, and was in Denmark and had reception at the Beach of North Sea and Baltic, Skagen. I visited Nigeria Districts and was received by two State Governor of Anambra and



Enugu States, a reception in Abuja with the presence of Minister of Information. I also was privileged to receive a warm welcome from my home District, District 911, Nigeria at the installation of the Chairman and her Executives for the year 2016/2017. I was in Colombo, In Mauritius I also met with President of the country Her Exc. Ameena Gurib, in Uganda, I met the Speaker of Parliament and was also received by Nigerian High Commission, Kenya, Mombasa, Casablanca, Morocco, USA Atlanta, Great Britain and Ireland.

International Inner Wheel was not registered as a fund raising organisation. The reason why our capitation is as low of £3.50 per member. We do not have the luxury of large monetary resources, we do not give grants and our membership fee is just enough to cover our expenses. However, countries are permitted to raise fund and spend for their projects as deemed fit. Clubs projects have been sponsored by contributions from





levies on members, donations by friends and corporate organisation and support from Rotary Clubs. It is most incredible the type of projects embarked upon by Inner Wheel Clubs in various countries.

We support as little as providing sanitary towels to girls who are not allowed in School because of their natural call of nature, upgrading school environment to Happy Schools, providing drinkable water to students with filters, constructions of school toilets, equipping school libraries, construction and equipping paediatrics wards in hospital, donation and maintainance of Dialysis Machine and Wards, building schools for free education from crèche to secondary, with free school uniform and a meal a day, supporting the government in bringing health awareness programme to the generality of the public, providing sneever dogs for customs, to assist in drug control and money laundering, free eye screening and medication for school children, scholarship for Under graduates, women empowerment and skill acquisition for single girls, micro credits for women, taking care of abandoned pregnant girls, who are sexually abused by relatives, taking care of Vesico Virginals Fistula girls, construction of hospitals and paying for Medical surgeries and rehabilitation of the affected, taking care of the depressed, building homes for vulnerable, school in bag project to provide stationeries and personal toiletries to thousands of children, paying for a meal a day for many students, maintaining artefacts and monuments in city squares, beautification of gardens and squares. Buying school sandals, sports equipment's, teaching one on one school children who dropped out of school to discover their strength and build on it.

All these are done by Inner Wheel Clubs around the world with no funding for IIW. Because we

are women we seems to know the little things that go a long way in supporting the poor. The goal of service organisation like Rotary and Inner Wheel is a common one. To achieve this is not to kill Inner Wheel, but to encourage participation in any way possible. Rotary does very big things, because of the monetary power they have. They raise fund through Paul Harris Fellow and give grants to Districts for their operations. Inner Wheel activities is like little drops of water and little grains of sand that make a mighty ocean. We are doing the same thing in different ways. How fantastic would it have been if you share your grants with Inner Wheel Clubs to get to the poorest of the poor in the society? Because we know them, we work with them, and more can be achieved through us, because we have time. We are not in competition with Rotary, our services is of great complement to each other. It was difficult some years back with the introduction of Female members to Rotary Clubs. We are back in full swing and our membership is rising again. The purpose of introduction of female membership in Rotary is being defeated in some countries and you can find them coming back to Inner Wheel because they did not feel fulfilled in their attempt to serve the poor and give back to the society through personal service.

I have seen many Litigations amongst members, Clubs and Districts, which made me to appreciate the gentle understanding we have in one another within our Districts and the National Governing Body in Nigeria.

It dawned on me, that District 911 is the largest District in Africa. The first Club formed in Africa was Inner Wheel Club of Mombasa in 1963. It has remained the only surviving Club in Kenya till date. Inner Wheel came to Nigeria through IWC of Lagos in 1967, and it has grown to over 90 Clubs and 3 Districts. Inner Wheel Club of Port



Elizabeth in South Africa was formed in 1970 and they have only five Clubs to date. In Egypt, Inner Wheel Club of Cairo formed in 1971, they have only 5 Clubs with one District. Inner Wheel Club of Cotonou formed in 1978, they have not been able to form a National Governing Body within a District formed by 7 countries. Amongst the minority countries in Inner Wheel data base, Nigeria is on top. We have been struggling to get our membership to 1,000 for the past few years. There is strength in number, voting papers are printed out with the numbers of members of the contestants' country.

Margaret Golding Award voting is in camera by the executive. You are not permitted to discuss with other members except at the meeting where CVs are read and votes are cast. It takes more than giving scholarships to poor students, personal sacrifices of mental and physical involvement are key to the criteria. It cannot be influenced by any executive, except there is a tie and the President has a deciding vote.

Board Directors votes are counted by Auditors. All enveloped marked voting papers are directed unopened to the Auditors office, who counts and sends in result to the office. It cannot be influenced by any individual. No canvassing is permitted, voting is done by all Clubs in various

countries. We need to be more outwards looking and interact internationally. I thank all members who used to travel internationally with me for various programmes. Even though the travels were for us to enjoy inner wheel, promote the name of Nigeria positively. This should not be stopped.

I cherish the experience and achievements, which cannot be taken away from me for ever. I have made very good friends around the world, I have enjoyed sincere love and affection expressed by expensive gifts. I have seen the other side of love as well from both expected and unexpected. It has enriched me positively, I understand human natures more than before. I take this opportunity to pay tribute to my late Husband for taking me to Rotary Ladies night and 1977 and got me invited to Inner Wheel activities.



In Bourkina Faso with the Prime Minister



In Italy with Mayor Trieste



Visit to The Chief Justice of Lagos State, Funmilayo Atilade





## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, YEMISI ALATISE'S TRIPS



At the International Governing Body meeting



In Italy with Mayor of Spoleto



Laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Karachi



Int. President, Yemisi Alatise In Mexico with Mayor of Morelos



In Nigerian House in Uganda



In Morocco.





## INNER WHEEL IN NIGERIA



Rotary came to Nigeria in 1961 with the formation of a club in Kano in April, and another in Lagos in May 1966. The first inner wheel club in Nigeria was formed in Lagos with Mrs Deji Alakija as its Charter president in 1967. The second club was Inner Wheel club of Ikeja, its Chapter certificate was presented by the International Inner Wheel President, Mrs. Marjorie Foster in 1969. The third club was formed in 1980 in Kano from 1982. Many clubs were formed in rapid succession and by June, 2017, there are 75 active clubs with 970 members in three Districts in Nigeria.

911 - Lagos and Ogun State

913 - Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Abuja FCT, Sokoto, Kwara, Niger and Ekiti States. Zamfara and Kebbi States

914 - Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Anambra, Enugu, Imo, Abia, CrossRiver, Akwa Ibom and Ebonyi State.

The growth of Rotary extended to Inner Wheel and formation of District 911 emerged in 1984/85 with Mrs. Adeola Majiyagbe as its First District Chairman. The District split into District 911 and 912. District 912 had Mrs Beatrice Agama as its First District Chairman in 1985/86 with PMB Bisi Solaru in district 911. Both Districts had the honour of Mrs. Doris Browne, the then International president at their inauguration. As at 1st July 1988 there were four inner wheels districts (911, 912, 913 and 914). District 912 became inactive (in 1997/98 inner wheel year) which leaves Nigeria with 3 districts to date.

By July 1986, Inner Wheel in Nigeria became eligible constitutionally to send a representative of Inner Wheels Clubs in Nigeria to the board of International Inner Wheel. Mrs. Bisi Solaru, Past District Chairman of D911 was elected to serve on the board in the 1986/87 year. Mrs Ade Majiyagbe took over for 1987/88 and Mrs. Beatrice Agama in 1990/91.

The Inner Wheel Year 1991/92 saw the formation of National Council for Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria and the governing body of the Nigeria districts, with Mrs. Stella Awani in the dual capacity as the first President of National Council of Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria and Board member. Mrs. Femi Oyeleke took over from her in 1992/93, followed by Mrs. Tayo Olutoye in 1993/94 and Mrs Joan Ogbuehi for the 1994/95 Inner Wheel year respectively. The National Council of Inner Wheel was changed to National Governing Body of Inner Wheel Clubs 1995/96. In the same year, Mrs. Oluremi Omotosho became 1st National Representative/President of National Governing Body in Nigeria, followed by Mrs. Christy Okoye for 1996/97, Mrs Bukky Balogun for 1997/98, Mrs Edith Okokon for 1998/99 and Mrs. Adenuga Taiwo for 1999/2000 Inner wheel year respectively. For 2000/2001, Mrs Kemi Adegbite was the National Representative followed by Mrs Uzunma Amaonwu for 2001/2002, Mrs. Doyin Otuyalo for 2002/2003; Funmi Adeshina for 2003/2004, who also served as International Inner Wheel Board Director 2007/2008, Mrs Eunice Nwankwo was the National Representative and President of National Governing Body for 2004/2005 and she



also served as International Inner Wheel Board Director 2005/2006, Mrs Titi Ismail served as National Representative and President of National Governing Body for 2005/2006.

Mrs Ranti Adetuberu served in 2006/ 2007 and also served as 2011/2012 Board Director, Mrs. Sally Unam served in 2007/2008 also served in 2009/2010 as the International Inner Wheel Board Director, Mrs Oluyemisi Alatise served as National Representative and President of National Governing Body for 2008/2009 and she served as International Inner Wheel Board Director 2010/2011 and she rose to the post of International Inner Wheel President 2016/2017 (the first African to be elected into that position), Mrs Ayo Odelana served in 2009/2010 and served as IIW Board Director, 2014/2015, Mrs Ngozi Adirika served in the same capacity in 2010/2011 and also served as the IIW Board Director for the year 2012/2013. Mrs Adedoyin Abiodun-Oredein was President of the National Governing Body and National Representative for 2011/2012 and she served as IIW Board Director 2013/2014.

In 2012/2013 Mrs Grace Adekoya was the National Representative and President of the National Governing Body. Mrs Ify Ndefo served in 2013/2014 as the National Representative and President of the National Governing Body, she also served as IIW Board of Director in 2016/17.

In 2014/2015, Mrs Osenike Ajadi served as National Representative and President, National Governing Body for Inner Wheels Club in Nigeria followed by Mrs Phebean Alade who served in the same capacity in 2015/2016. Mrs Uche Agbim served in the same capacity in 2016/2017. Currently, Mrs Abimbola Sowande is

the National Representative and President National Governing Body for Inner Wheel Clubs of Nigeria.



Inner Wheel International President Suzanne Nielsen (centre) with members of Inner wheel at Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja, in Nov. 2008



Visit of Inner Wheel International President, Anita Aggarwal in 1993 flanked by the District Chairman, Doyin Otuyalo and Past District Chairmen



Left to Right: PNR Grace Adekoya, Mrs Deji Alakija (1st Club President), in Nigeria, PBD Doyin Oredein, PDB Ranti Adetuberu, Mrs Bisi Solaru (1st Board Member), PBD Ngozi Adirika at Conference/Rally at Ibeju Lekki in Feb. 2012.



## "HOW IT ALL BEGAN"

### Early days of the Inner Wheel Club of Lagos

(the first Inner Wheel Club in Nigeria)

by I.W.M. G.O. Olumuyiwa, Past President IWC of Lagos

In 1966, while the Rotarian (Dr.) Modele Alakija was President of the Rotary Club of Lagos, he encouraged his wife, Mrs. Deji Alakija to organise an Inner Wheel Club in Lagos. All Rotanans of the Lagos Rotary Club were also urged to encourage their wives to join the new InnerWheel Club.

The Club was registered on the 1st July 1967, having accepted international Constitution and National Bye-Laws, for membership of International Inner Wheel, with Club number 1276. The charter was presented by the president of the Rotary Club in Nigeria,

The earliest meetings began in April 1966, in the home of the Alakijas in Keffi Street, Lagos. The Foundation Members were:

Mrs. Deji Alakija (who became Charter President), Mrs. O. Ajose, Mrs. T. O. Oshindero, Mrs. Bisi Braithwaite, Mrs. Eva Adelaja, Mrs. Svelick, Lady Lande Bank-Anthony (the first Treasurer), Mrs. Akerele, Mrs. Molly Dada, Mrs. Elsie Ibru, Mrs. Mollie Johnson, Mrs. G.O. Olumuyiwa, Mrs. Otun, Mrs. Tina Audifferen, Mrs. C.U. Isijola, Mrs. Joko Edu, Mrs. A. Greenman, Mrs. E. Mobayed, Mrs. Fadeke George -Charter Secretary , and Mrs. Grace Guobadia. Some of these members are now of blessed memory.

Those early monthly meetings afforded us the

opportunity to learn and discuss thoroughly the Constitution and By-Laws of the Inner Wheel; later the venue of the meetings was rotated among other members' homes. We applied for a Charter and in July, 1967, we were Chartered as Club No. 1267 on the Roll of International Inner Wheel. Our Charter was presented to us by the President of the Lagos Rotary Club, Mr. Jack Farnsworth at a colourful ceremony.

We then went to work in earnest, our first project being the "Keep Ikorodu Road Clean" Campaign. We were able to obtain 100 empty oil Drums from the Mobil Oil company through the good offices of Mr. Michael Otedola, then a Senior Public Relations Manager at Mobil Oil. (He later became Sir Michael Otedola, Governor of Lagos State).

The Drums were painted in Inner Wheel Colours and placed at strategic points along Ikorodu Road-, members then went along with brooms and swept the sides of the Ikorodu Road, demonstrating and teaching the women who had stalls along the road the proper use of these garbage bins. We also concluded arrangements with the Mushin Local Government Council for the regular clearing and collection of the garbage from the bins.

When, a few weeks later some of the drums were removed by unknown persons, Mr.





Otedola (as he then was) most generously arranged for replacements! Thus we were able to sustain for quite a significant while our environmental sanitation project which predated the now nation-wide Environmental Sanitation Day observed monthly all over the country.

Our first Fund-Raising Dinner dance was held at the Club Bagatelle in October 1968, with Mrs. Olufunmilayo Johnson, wife of the then Governor of Lagos State as our Guest of honour.

Several more projects have been undertaken by the Inner Wheel Club of Lagos since that first one, started way back in 1968. These include:

1. Donation of Toys and books to the Salvation Army Home;
2. Donation of Wheel-chairs to the Old Peoples' Home, Yaba;
3. Care of a total of five sets of Triplets from birth to school age-,
4. Award of a typewriter to the best student of the year at the United Secondary Commercial College, Apapa in memory of I.W.M. Fadeke George - made possible by a donation by her father, Mr. Nubi;
5. Support for a Blood Bank Government Project;
6. Donation of an Incubator to the Massey Street Children's Hospital;
7. Construction and establishment of a Transit Camp in Idi-Araba, Surulere, Lagos, for stray children-,

8. Sponsorship of two children for Hole-in-the-Heart Surgery in the U.S.A. under the Gift of Life Programme of Rotary.

The Inner Wheel Club of Lagos continues to go from strength to strength, and its fund raising activities continue to be famed for their fun-filled success and the worthiness of the causes.

### **INNER WHEEL IS GOOD**

1. *Inner Wheel the way to be  
A leader of repute  
Ever trusted  
Speaking the truth always  
Never a lie to tell  
Chorus: Give me your hand my friend  
INNER WHEEL IS GOOD*
2. *Inner Wheel the way to be  
A lady full of smiles  
Friendly and fair  
But firm in words and deed  
No matter who may be  
Chorus: Give me your hand my friend  
INNER WHEEL IS GOOD*
3. *Inner Wheel the way to be  
A leader of wisdom  
Meek and gentle  
Building goodwill and love  
Among all friends and foes  
Chorus: Give me your hand my friend  
INNER WHEEL IS GOOD*
4. *Inner Wheel the way to be  
One of integrity  
Serving with love  
Working for peace always  
And more abundantly  
Chorus: Give me your hand my friend  
INNER WHEEL IS GOOD*
5. *Inner Wheel the way to be  
A leader of action  
And good vision  
Building a future life  
Beneficial to all  
Chorus: Give me your hand my friend  
INNER WHEEL IS GOOD*



## VALEDICTORY SPEECH

by District 911 Chairman, Mrs B. Solaru 1985/86



Dear Sisters in Friendship,

This Inner Wheel year has passed quickly and for this District, it has been an eventful year, full of activities, fellowship, much evidence of **COOPERATION** and **COMMUNICATION**. I would, first of all, like to thank you all for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your Chairman, and for your cooperation and your selfless service and contribution to the success of our District and, by the grace of God it has survived and succeeded.

At the beginning of this Inner Wheel year we had 24 Chartered Clubs, and 4 Provisional Clubs. The numbers now stand at 39 Chartered and 11 Provisional Clubs. I am particularly happy to report that I had the opportunity of visiting all the chartered clubs and quite a few Provisional ones mainly through Zonal Visits.

I also made special trips to Abuja and Sokoto.

The Sokoto Club is waxing strong in spite of a number of difficulties and their members look forward to more interaction with fellow Inner Wheel members from the South. Abuja has suffered a great loss of membership due to movements of many Rotarians to other areas and Clubs. An appeal was made to the President of Abuja Rotary Club and we have his assurance that he will respond by encouraging the ladies of Rotary in Abuja to join and strengthen the Inner Wheel Club. All should be well, pretty soon. May I at this juncture acknowledge the hospitality of the Rot. President to me and to IWM Seri Kuti, the President Inner Wheel Club of Lagos who accompanied me to Abuja.

It was impossible for me to 'go it alone' in the District but I have been very fortunate in the kind of District Executive, Zonal Representatives, Club Presidents and executives we have had this year.

We had a total of 14 Zonal Representatives at the beginning of this year namely: Inner Wheel members Onalaja, Akintoye, Aje, Oluwole, Omotosho, Oduyoye, Olanrewaju, Taiwo, Ogedengbe; Ajayi, Omokhodion, Ajibade, Folarin, and of course our beloved dear and now departed Mrs. Comfot Akinla, who passed on to greater glory on the 2nd June this year. May God's eternal compassion and blessings be upon her and may her kind soul rest in perfect peace, Amen.

All Clubs have contributed immensely to the needs of their immediate communities. These, contributions range from gifts of libraries to Schools, the provision of public toilet facilities, to the provision of incinerators in hospitals, equipping of children's wards, the provision of



TV sets and oxygen supplies, to health facilities, clothing for the young as well as the aged and indigent, support of Motherless Babies Homes, and institutions for handicapped children... the list is almost endless! May God bless you all. Please keep the flag flying.

On Zonal level, you have also taxed yourselves to contribute to the District Charity Projects. You all demonstrated the spirit of oneness when our International President, Mrs. Doris Browne visited Nigeria early in this Inner Wheel year. Your efforts and sacrifices which made her trip successful and memorable have been most commendable. I would like to thank you for this once again.

Our indefatigable Editor brought Inner Wheel news, both local and International, to our doorsteps and quite a number of our News letters have found their way to Italy, Egypt, Englan U.S.A. and of course to our Sisters District 912. In May of this year some of our members attended the District Rally in Sacramento, California, US and many returned with beautiful memories of the visit. This month of June saw quite a number of us, ladies of Rotary at the Rotary International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada USA, a City which has in the middle the desert transformed its area into green flourishing land through sheer hard work and meticulous planning. Though there were gambling machine virtually everywhere but there were a lot of ordinary people like you and me who, unlike the hordes of tourists who came purely for the gambling, went about their normal business without any compulsion to gamble!

The turnout of ladies from our District at the convention was most encouraging. There were friendly faces everywhere and reunions, light hearted chats and quips. Speeches at the

convention itself were most moving and deeply touching especially the out-going Rotary International President's speech. The themes centered, as always, on Service to Mankind.

Dear Sisters in Inner Wheel, you and I, must never shrink from doing good. On the contrary it is our charge, continuously to seek ways and means of improving on all that we can bestow on others less well endowed. We must never let anything dismay or deter us. This is our task, our mission.

To my Successor Inner Wheel member Fola Onalaja, I say Congratulations once again and may I appeal to you all to rally round and support her and make 1986/87 the best Inner Wheel year. Long live Inner Wheel District 911, Long live International Inner Wheel.



Chairman's visit to Inner Wheel Club of Lagos, Nov. 1985. The chairman was received by Lady Kofoworola Ademola and members of Inner Wheel Club of Lagos.



Int. Inner Wheel President, Mrs Doris Browne reading her address at the Installation of the 2nd District Chairman D911, Mrs Bisi Solaru (2nd left) at the Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos. July 1985. (1st left Mrs Ade Majiyagbe, 1st District Chairman)





## FORMATION AND SPREAD OF INNER WHEEL IN NIGERIA



The first Inner Wheel Club in Nigeria was formed in Lagos in 1967 and Mrs. Deji Alakija as its chartered president. In 1969, the second Inner Wheel Club of Ikeja was formed with Dorothy Myers as Charter President

Both clubs interacted till when the third Club was formed by 1980 in Kano and from 1982, many Clubs were formed in rapid succession and presently there are over 76 chartered Clubs in Nigeria with about 1025 members.

The Chartered Clubs were districted into Districts 911 and 912 and the first District Chairman Mrs. Adeola Majiyagbe and Mrs. Onikepo Oshodi as its first District Secretary.

Inner Wheel grew and had two Districts 911 and 912 in 1985/86 with Mrs. Bisi Solaru and Mrs. Beatrice Agama as Chairmen respectively. In that year the two Districts had the honour of the visit of International Inner Wheel President Mrs. Doris Browne. She was present at the induction ceremony of District 911 and inauguration of District 912.

As at July 1st 1988, there were four Inner Wheel Districts, D911, 912, 913 and 914.

The four Districts are:-

D911 - Lagos and Ogun States

D912 - Benue, Gongola, Plateau, Bauchi, Bornu, Kano, Jigawa, Kaduna and Katstina States.

D913 - Oyo, Osun, Ondo, Kwara, FCT, Niger, Kogi and Sokoto States.

D914 - Imo, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Edo, Delta, Cross River, Enugu and Abia States.

By July 1986, Inner Wheel District 911 became eligible constitutionally to send a representative for NIGERIA to the Board of International Inner Wheel. The first such representative Mrs. Bisi Solaru, Past District Chairman of D911 was elected to serve on the board in the 1987/88 year. Mrs. Adeola Majiyagbe took over for 1988/89 while Mrs. Fola Onalaja served in 1989/90. Mrs. Agama 1990/91 and Mrs. Stella Marie Awani who served a dual role of Board Member and first Chairman of the Nigeria National Council 1991/92.

In 1992/93 Mrs. Femi Oyeleke served as the Board Member and President of National Council.

Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria have contributed in no small measure to the social Development of their communities. They have been involved in many charitable projects notably the building of Health Centre, Maternity Centre, Mammogram Centre, School Halls, Libraries, Transit camp for Lost children and Vocational centre in Amuwo-Odofin with "Wall of Kindness" and various training and Empowerment programmes. Significant contribution to the Polio Plus Programmes. We equipped play centres, gave clothing and food stuff to destitute, aged and orphans, awarded scholarship, donated Hospital equipments, including dialysis machine to State Government-owned hospitals



## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### Sometimes in 1972

Take a good look at the Buffet Dinner & Dance ticket reproduced on this page! Did you notice how much a Th ree-course meal and Dance with a Live Band at one of the three biggest Hotels in town cost then? Five Guineas, that's what! And if you were not really part of the "Guinea Brigade", One Guinea was One Pound and One Shilling - i.e. 21 shillings - i.e. 210 kobo -a.k.a. N2.10 So, for N10.50 you could have a whole night of reve eating and dancing the night away! I wonder if N10.50 would buy you a soft drink in any self-respecting hotel today!

If you are beginning to get a faint tinge of nostalgia, brace yourself - in another twenty one years you will need the equivalent of at least five times today's N10.50 just to check in your car - or maybe buy a glass of coke.

### TALK ABOUT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"!!

By The Editorial Board





## FIRST TEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT 911

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	IWC of Lagos	July 1st, 1967	Deji Alakija	Comfort Okolie
2.	IWC of Ikeja	Nov.1st, 1969	Dorothy Myers	
3.	IWC of Apapa	Feb 2nd, 1982	Siddal	Joe Nwokedi
4.	IWC of Isolo	Nov 15th, 1982	Funke Folarin (Late)	Kikelomo Babalola
5.	IWC of Ilupeju	July 1st, 1983	Bisi Solaru	Kikelomo Olasoji
6.	IWC of Ogba	Aug 5th, 1983	J. O. Omokhodion	Elizabeth Aina Adenuga
7.	IWC of Satellite Town	Oct 5th, 1983	Selina Olanrewaju	Moni Gbadegesin
8.	IWC of Festac Town	Oct 5th, 1983	E. Bailey	Sarah Ahuchogu
9.	IWC of Onigbongbo	Oct 24th 1983	Funmi Thompson	Bridget Adebayo
10.	IWC of Ijebu Ode	Aug 2nd, 1984	P. Ogunbanke (Late)	Joke Olugbewesa

## CURRENT CLUBS IN DISTRICT 911

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	IWC of Lagos	July 1st, 1967	Deji Alakija	Comfort Okolie
2.	IWC of Apapa	Feb 2nd, 1982	Siddal	Joe Nwokedi
3.	IWC of Isolo	Nov 15th, 1982	Funke Folarin (Late)	Kikelomo Babalola
4.	IWC of Ilupeju	July 1st, 1983	Bisi Solaru	Kikelomo Olasoji
5.	IWC of Ogba	Aug 5th, 1983	J. O. Omokhodion	Elizabeth Aina Adenuga
6.	IWC of Satellite Town	Oct 5th, 1983	Selina Olanrewaju	Moni Gbadegesin
7.	IWC of Festac Town	Oct 5th, 1983	E. Bailey	Sarah Ahuchogu
8.	IWC of Onigbongbo	Oct 24th 1983	Funmi Thompson	Bridget Adebayo
9.	IWC of Yaba	Jan 18th, 1984	Olayemi Akinla (Late)	Titi Salu
10.	IWC of Ijebu Ode	Aug 2nd, 1984	P. Ogunbanke (Late)	Joke Olugbewesa
11.	IWC of Lagos West	Aug 2nd 1984	Ayodele Sanwo	Ayodele Sanwo
12.	IWC of Opebi	Nov 15th, 1984	Fola Awosika	Funke Omoniyi
13.	IWC of Gbagada	Feb 14th, 1985	Arinola Adenuga-Taiwo	Folawe Apanishile
14.	IWC of Matori	July 9th, 1985	Bimpe Kuku	Titilayo Aboderin
15.	IWC of Oregun	Jan 13th, 1986	Abiodun Aluko	Kehinde Oke
16.	IWC of Surulere	Mar 25th, 1986	H. T. Falomo (Late)	Faith Eboigbe
17.	IWC of Akowonjo	Aug 19th, 1986	Prisca Itotoi	Yetunde Shangolana
18.	IWC of Agege	Aug 1st, 1985	Funmilola Adebisi	Olumuyiwa Ojelabi





### CURRENT CLUBS IN DISTRICT 911 (CONTD.)

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
19.	IWC of Mushin	April 6th, 1988	Bunmi Arawole	Kofoworola Ojo
20.	IWC of Ikeja South	Dec 14th, 1988	Femi Pearse	Yinka Onamuti
21.	IWC of Ijanikin	Oct 21, 1990	Tola Cadmus	Josephine Ossai
22.	IWC of Iju	Sept. 26th, 1991	Joke Majekodunmi (Late)	Iyabo Adeoti
23.	IWC of Okota	July 1st, 1992	Moji Akande (Late)	Chinyere Chinwa
24.	IWC of Gowon Estate	July 8th, 1998	Zainab Ikheloa	Florence Anifowoshe
25.	IWC of Egbeda	Dec 6th, 2004	Rabi Abdullahi	Rabi Abdullahi
26.	IWC of Gbagada South	March 14th, 2005	Febisola Okunade	Rachael Ojo-Onile
27.	IWC of EKO	Jan 28th, 2010	Pamela Chikodi Ebo	Benedicta Oyeneye
28.	IWC of ALAUSA	Jan 28th, 2010	Salamotu E. Ikheloa	Onotie Ikheloa
29.	IWC of Ikorodu Metropolitan	April 2nd, 2012	Omolaro Mohammed	Sumbo Oni
30.	IWC of Olumo	May 13th, 2013	Mulikat Musa-Atinuke	Zainab Jinadu
31.	IWC of Igbe	May 13th, 2013	Wemimo Olasanya	Rhoda Olasanya
32.	IWC of Shogunle	Oct 15th, 2015	Shola Ashipa	Olanike Ogunronbi
33.	IWC of Farapark	March 4, 2016	Yemisi Doherty	Yemisi Doherty
34.	IWC of New Omole	March 4, 2016	Funke Abiodun	Meg Faturoti
35.	IWC of LUTH	Oct 8th, 2016	Omolola Fakeye	Omolola Fakeye
36.	IWC of Onipanu	Feb 13th, 2017	Jumoke Odulaja	Jumoke Odulaja

### FIRST TEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT 912

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President
1.	Kano	26th October 1980	Adeola Majiyagbe
2.	Jos	26th October 1981	Onikepo Oshodi
3.	Kaduna	1st June 1982	Maria Osagie Erese
4.	Maiduguri	28th April 1984	Veronica Onozua
5.	Yola	2nd July 1984	Irene Carew
6.	Bauchi	1st December 1984	Comfort Ikpeawujo
7.	Gboko	23rd December 1984	Esther Gajir
8.	Bukuru	2nd January 1985	Oyebimpe Onoviran
9.	Jos Central	4th March 1985	
10.	Makurdi	26th July 1985	Susan Adoba



## FIRST TEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT 913

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	IWC of Ilorin	7th August 1981	Lola Akintoye	Funmi Olafimihan
2.	IWC of Ibadan	30th November 1983	Fola Onalaja	Serifat Bola Sofela
3.	IWC of Abuja	June 1984	Bunmi Aje	Blessing Ify Nwaoba
4.	IWC of Akure	1984	S. M. Adesida	Omotayo Olutoye
5.	IWC of Ibadan West	September 1984	Emiola Ajibade	
6.	IWC of Oluyole	1984	Kehinde Ogunsola	Yinka Adigun
7.	IWC of Ijapo	1st July 1985	Agnes Omonije	Folake Adegunleye
8.	IWC of Apata Ganga	7th July 1985	Bukunola Balogun	
9.	IWC of Bodija	September 1985	O.A. Olawuyi	Ada Osereime
10.	IWC of Ilesa	29th November 1985	Mobowale Akinola	Racheal Asaaju

## CURRENT CLUBS IN DISTRICT 913

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	IWC of Ibadan	1983	Fola Onalaja	Serifat Bola Sofela
2.	IWC of Akure	1983	S.M. Adesida	Omotayo Olutoye
3.	IWC of Ilorin	1983	Lola Akintoye	Funmi Olafimihan
4.	IWC of Oluyole	1983	Kehinde Ogunsola	Yinka Adigun
5.	IWC of Ijapo	1985	Agnes Omonije	Folake Adegunleye
6.	IWC of Ondo	1985	Alice Ojuawo	
7.	IWC of Bodija	1985	O.A. Olawoyin	Ada Osereime
8.	IWC of Ilesa	1986	Mobowale Akinola	Racheal Asaaju
9.	IWC of Osogbo	1986	Wuraola Oyelola	Kemi Adetuberu
9.	IWC of Ado-Ekiti	1986	Kemi Adegbite	
10.	IWC of Ikole-Ekiti	1987	Ebun Falodun	Ogunleye Dupe
11.	IWC of Abuja	1990	Bunmi Aje	Blessing Ify Nwaoba
12.	IWC of Bida	1990	Folake Ogunnusi	Folake Ogunnusi
13.	IWC of Garki	1990	Obiageli Iku	Kemi Towobola Lanloye
14.	IWC of Ibadan Gem	2011	Tola Oyediran	
15.	IWC of Ilesa Pears	2011	Yemi Fakande	Rafiu Asrat
16.	IWC Garki Rubys	2013	Oge Adebayo	Oge Adebayo
17.	IWC of Kuje	2013	Irene Okafor	Chinwe Nkemelu
18.	IWC of Ipetunmodu	2014	Funmilade Adewole	Funmilade Adewole
19.	IWC of Iyere Owo	2014	Lola Adako	Lola Adako
20.	IWC of Ado-Ekiti Roses	2017	Abimbola Solanke	Abimbola Solanke



## FIRST TEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT 914

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	Ekulu	1st July 1983	Chiemeka Nwizu	Uzo Nwandu
2.	Umuahia	1st July 1983	Margaret Nwogbo	Betty Ndiyo
3.	Ogbor Hill	10th Feb. 1986	Christy Nnaji (Late)	Princess Okorie
4.	Ezi ukwu	23rd April 1986	Nene Uche	Ijeoma Ojiako
5.	Okigwe	6th May 1986	Stella Obioha	Rose Akpuoye
6.	Aba	2nd July 1986	Ulunma Nnubia	Eunice Nwankwo
7.	Abakaliki	31st July 1986	Margaret Okereke	Beth Oluka
8.	Umuahia Central	16th Nov. 1987	Patricia Nwubani	Comfort Nwabughogu
9.	Umungasi	28th Nov. 1987	Cordelia Utaegbulam	Unoma Nwoke
10.	Effurun	4th Jan. 1988	Vero Omagbai	Kemi Adeyemi

## CURRENT CLUBS IN DISTRICT 914

S/No.	Name of Club	Date of Charter	Charter President	Current President
1.	Aba	2nd July 1986	Ulunma Nnubia	Eunice Nwankwo
2.	Abakaliki	31st July 1986	Margaret Okereke	Beth Oluka
3.	Abakaliki	2017	Josephine Izuchukwu	Josephine Izuchukwu
4.	Abakaliki South	18th Oct. 2014	Ann Agomeze Nkiru	Edith O.Ogbuinya
5.	Awka	3rd, August 1994	Ngozi Adirka	Ebele Onwuka
6.	Calabar	22nd May 1983	Voncille Ekwere	Pamela Odu
7.	Delta Radiance	2010	Tolupe Adeyemi	Bisi Akinpelu
8.	Effurun4th	Jan. 1988	Vero Omagbai	Kemi Adeyemi
9.	Effurn GRA	2016	Edah Marian	Perpetual Popo
10.	Ekpan	7th July 2015	Esere Ejifoma Atamu	Orakpor Adline Oke
11.	Ekulu	1st July 1983	Chiemeka Nwizu	Uzo Nwandu
12.	Eziukwu	23rd April 1986	Nene Uche	Ijeoma Ojiako
13.	Ogbor Hill	10th Feb. 1986	Christy Nnaji (Late)	Princess Okorie
14.	Okigwe	6th May 1986	Stella Obioha	Rose Akpuoye
15.	Osubi	2016	Cynthia Eyifoma	Cynthia Eyifoma
16.	PH Garden City	2016	Maureen Calistus	Lucky Edun
17.	Umuahia	1st July 1983	Margaret Nwogbo	Betty Ndiyo
18.	Umuahia Central	16th Nov. 1987	Patricia Nwubani	Comfort Nwabughogu
19.	Umungasi	28th Nov. 1987	Cordelia Utaegbulam	Unoma Nwoke
20.	Warri Metropolitan	23rd Oct. 2016	Lawrenta Oribioye	Lawrenta Oribioye





## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD DIRECTORS & NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1987 - 2018

NAME	IW YEAR	IW DISTRICT	IIW PRESIDENT	THEME
IWM Bisi Solaru (PBM)	1987/1988	District 911	IIW President Dora Bailey	HAVE PATIENCE.
IWM Adeola Majiyagbe (PBM)	1988/1989	District 912	IIW President Allison Dowson	PROTECT THE CHILDREN THEY ARE THE FUTURE.
IWM Fola Onalaja (PBM)	1989/1990	District 913	IIW President Brenda Taylor	PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT.
IWM Beatrice Agama (PBM)	1990/1991	District 914	IIW President Margret Spinning	GIVE OUR WORLD A FUTURE.
IWM Stella Awani (PBM)	1991/1992	District 911	IIW President Isabel Mc Night	TAKE TIME
IWM Femi Oyeleke (PBM)	1992/1993	District 912	IIW President Gwedolaine Bowman	UNDERSTANDING.
IWM Omotayo Olutoye (PBM)	1993/1994	District 913	IIW President Anita Aggrawal	EXPAND TO SERVE BETTER .
IWM Joan Ogbuehi (PBM)	1994/1995	District 914	IIW President Barbara Bennett	WIDEN YOUR HORIZON.
IWM Oluremi Omotosho PNR	1995/1996	District 911	IIW President Ida Double Dam De Klerk	OPEN YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME.
IWM Christy Okoye PNR	1996/1997	District 912	IIW President Beth Mc Neil	LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF BE INVOLVED.
IWM Bukie Balogun PNR	1997/1998	District 913	IIW President Elizabeth Jones	TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER
IIW Edith Okokon PNR	1998/1999	District 914	IIW President Lovise Richardson	MAKE OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE - Communicate and Educate
IWM Arinola Adenuga- Taiwo PNR	1999/2000	District 911	IIW President Lillian Pettigree	REACH OUT KEEP HOPE ALIVE TURN GIVING INTO LIVING.
IWM Kemi Adegbite PNR	2000/2001	District 913	IIW President Vivian Bolton	STRANGERS ARE FRIENDS WE HAVE NEVER MET .
IWM Uzunma Amaonwu PNR	2001/2002	District 914	IIW President Carole Buchanan	ENTHUSIASM CREATES ACTION.
IWM Doyin Otuyalo PNR	2002/2003	District 911	IIW President Solveig Svensson	CARE FOR THE FUTURE.
IWM Funmi Adesina (PBD 07/08)	PNR 2003/04	District 913	IIW President Eilen Harsant	MAKE THE FRIENDSHIP POSITIVE.
IWM Eunice Nwankwo (PBD 05/06)	PNR 2004/05	District 914	IIW President Metje Hankamp-Van Decamp	WORK TOGETHER AND GIVE HOPE
IWM Titi Ismail PNR	2005/2006	District 911	IIW President Erna Fandal	SUPPORT GIVES STRENGTH.
IWM Ranti Adetuberu (PBD 2011/12)	PNR 2006/07	District 913	IIW President Janet Day	SHOW THAT YOU CARE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP SERVICE.
IWM Sally Unam (PBD 09/10)	PNR 2007/08	District 914	IIW President Kamala Ramakrishnan	COMMUNICATE OUR VISION.
IWM Oluyemisi Alatise (PBD 08/09)	INT. PRES 2016/17	District 911	IIW President Suzanne Nielsen	REALIZE YOUR VISION.
IWM Ayotunde Odelana (PBD 2014/15)	PNR 2009/2010	District 913	IIW President Ann Fryer	HELP BRING HOPE.
IWM Ngozi Adirika (PBD 2012/13)	PNR 2010/2011	District 914	IIW President Palavi Shah	COMMIT WITH CONVICTION,COMPASSION
IWM Doyin Abiodun/Oredein (PBD 2013/14)	PNR 2011/2012	District 911	IIW President Cathrine Refabert	THINK AHEAD AIM HIGH
IWM Grace Adekoya PNR	2012/2013	District 913	IIW President Carole Young	BE A FRIEND Sub Theme: Happier futures helping children around the world now.
IWM Ifeyinwa Ndefo (PBD 2016/17)	PNR 2013/14	District 914	IIW President Gabriella Adami	WE FOR WOMEN Sub Theme: happier futures helping children around the world now.
IWM Osenike Ajadi PNR	2014/2015	District 911	IIW President Abha Gupta	LIGHT THE PATH Sub Theme : Happier futures helping children around the world now.
IWM Phebean Alade PNR	2015/2016	District 913	IIW President Charlotte De Vos	UNIQUE AND UNITED Sub Theme : Happier futures better lives
IWM Uche Agbim PNR	2016/2017	District 914	IIW President Oluyemisi Alatise	TOUCH A HEART Sub Theme: Happier futures better lives.
IWM Abimbola Sowande NR	2017/2018	District 911	IIW President Kapila Gupta	LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY Sub Theme: happier futures better lives.

PBM : Past Board Member. PBD: Past Board Director. PNR: National Representative

**International President 2016/2017 Oluyemisi Alatise - Theme: Touch a Heart**



## SOME OF DISTRICT 911 PROJECTS



Empowerment Project for Women



Donation of food items, wheel chairs and other aids to Home for the Handicapped by Inner Club of Matori Lagos (District 911).





DISTRICT 911 PROJECTS CONTD.



← Women empowerment programme in Lagos

→ Sponsorship of Eye test and Donation of Eye Glasses by District 911



Graduands from the Women Empowerment Programme





## SOME OF DISTRICT 913 PROJECTS



**HAPPIER FUTURE BETTER LIVES D-913 PROJECT  
AT GOV'T. GIRLS' SECONDARY. SCHOOL, BIDA, NIGER STATE**



**BUILDING OF WATER SYSTEM, TOILET AND FLOORING OF THE FLOOR OF KARSHI  
PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE BY PROJECT OF INNER WHEEL CLUB OF GARKI**



**DONATION OF UNIFORMS AND EXERCISE BOOKS TO PUPILS OF METHODIST PRY SCHOOL, IDANRE, ONDO STATE BY IWC OF IJAPO**



**SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAM - CAKE MAKING AND BEAD-WORKS**





## SOME OF DISTRICT 914 PROJECTS



← Distribution of Educational items to students

→ Donation by NGB to Orabuiké Primary School, Enugbukwu, Njikoka LGA. Anambra State. District 914.



Gender awareness lecture with students





Donation of School bags to pupils



District 914 visited the Home for the Destitute at Abakaliki and distributed wrappers to the inmates



## INTERACTION AMONG MEMBERS



Past President, Mrs Deji Alakija and Inner Wheel friends during one of the interactive sessions



IIW President 2009/2010 Suzanne Nielsen on a visit to Nigeria. 1st left: PDC Zainab Ikheola  
Middle: PBM Bisi Solaru 1st right: IIW President Suzanne Nielsen





↑ Reception for Int. Vice President Yemisi Alatise at the Sheraton Hotel, Lagos. 2015



← Vive la Inner Wheel. Decoration of Board Directors and National Rep. in Aba. June 2013

→ National Governing Body Meeting at Aba in 2012







## *The Margarett Golding Award*

It was decided at the 11th IIW Convention in May 2000, in Stockholm (Sweden) that an award – similar to the Rotary Paul Harris fellowship – be created in the name of **Margarett Golding**, the founder of Inner Wheel, for highly commendable personal service to the community, either personally or through Inner Wheel.

The award has been available since September 2001 and over 200 people have now received a Margarett Golding Award (MGA). The award may be given to Inner Wheel members, or to members of the general public, for outstanding personal service, which must be completely unconnected with work on behalf of Inner Wheel or for Inner Wheel/Rotary fundraising (pg. 61 Constitution/Handbook refers).

The successful Margarett Golding Award recipients have generally been involved with a variety of charities or organisations for a very long time, often involving a great deal of commitment on a very regular basis. This work must be completely unconnected with Inner Wheel membership, Inner Wheel or Rotary fundraising activities. Alternatively or in addition, they must have made great personal sacrifices for the benefit of others.

The award is not for bravery or endurance of hardship in their personal life.

The award is not in recognition for work for which the recipient has received payment.

The award is not given for members who have filled a

number of positions in Inner Wheel over many years. Members who have given long and valuable service to Inner Wheel but who do not qualify for a Margarett Golding Award, may be recognised with the award of Honoured Active Membership.

The criteria for success are set high so that the award remains a truly significant marker of an individual's commitment to others.

### **Application Guidelines**

Applications for the Margarett Golding Award must be made on the original application form as required by International Inner Wheel. Guidelines and forms may be obtained by contacting the National Representative. Additional supporting evidence may be attached to the application, to be no more than 1 page of A4. A photograph of the recipient – if feasible – should be attached to the application. Payment of GBP 25,-- (for certificate and badge) should be made once the application is accepted/approved by IIW Headquarters.



**Karin Uwaje, MGA**



## Nigeria: Margarette Golding Awardees

S/No.	Date/Year	Name of Recipient	Sponsor	District	Country
1.	June 2002	Rosalind Ulunma Nnubia	Aba	914	Nigeria
2.	June 2002	Joyce Rita Nwobbi	Aba	914	Nigeria
3.	June 2002	Beatrice Chinwe Okoye		914	Nigeria
4.	Sept. 2003	Barbara von Saldern		911	Nigeria
5.	Nov 2004	Karin Uwaje		81	Germany
6.	July 2008	Oluyemisi Alatise		911	Nigeria
7.	Oct. 2010	Dr. Bukunola Balogun	Bodija	913	Nigeria
8.	July 2014	Ayo Odelana		913	Nigeria
9.	Feb. 2017	Margaret C.N. Nwaogbo	Umuahia	914	Nigeria
10.	Feb.2017	Lady Ifeoma Atuegwu	Ekulu	914	Nigeria
11.	Oct. 2017	Adedoyin Laja	Surulere	911	Nigeria

## National Award

*Honored Active Membership is also awarded for long active service to deserving members*



Honoured Active Membership being awarded to PBM Bisi Solaru by the National President Doyin Oredein, assisted by Dist. Chairman Julie Sekoni and Past Dist. Chairman Bridget Adebayo



Decoration of PBM Omotayo Olutoye as Senior Active Member District 913 by National Rep. Osenike Ajadi, supported by BD Odelana, DC Odeleye and PNR Balogun Coordinator of Women for Africa.

### OTHER AWARDS:

*Some Inner Wheel Members donated to Rotary Foundation and became Paul Harris Fellows.*



## JOINT PROJECTS WITH GERMAN CLUBS

Inner Wheel was formed in Nigeria, July 1967. We shall be celebrating our Golden Jubilee next year. We are 980 members in 3 Districts of 89 Clubs.

We have a German married to a Nigerian and has been living in Nigeria for over 40 years. Now a Past District Chairman, Karin Uwaje. Through her we cultivated a relationship with Inner Wheel Clubs and District 81 and 85 in Germany. Since 2000 to date we have had joint projects with District 81 and District 85. District 81 supported our project with a total of almost 20,000 Euro. District 85 supported our campaign for Awareness of HIV/AIDS and Prevention of Transmission from Mother to Child. We created awareness through workshops, for Hairdressers, Barbing Salons, Traditional Birth Attendants with the support of the grants received through District 85 in Germany. We searched and found about 80 orphans of people that dies of HIV/AIDS and created a project we named Succour to Orphans of People that dies of HIV/AIDS. District 85 through Barbara Von Saldern was responsible for past of the funding.

A Scholarship was created in the name of Gisela Rauhut since 2009 where 6 gifted children were selected supported through Secondary School to University. The group of six has been turned around every year. As new recipients were replacing graduating ones. A sum of over 15,000Euro has been spend on this Scholarship programme that still has two more to finished the third round of 5,000 euro. District 911 received 1,000 euro every year for the 6 children school fees.

We also had hearing aids project through Barbara Von Saldern which gave rise to the support Starkey Foundation that gave out over 2,000 free testing and moulding of hearing aids to both young and adult with hearing disability in Lagos State.

In 2008 Barbara Von Saldern a Past District

Chairman of D.85 linked us with a hospital that wanted to upgrade its Ultrasound Machine and was ready to donate the old functioning machines to any country willing to pay for its freight. We accepted to receive the one Abdominal and Virginia Ultrasound Machine and one Abdominal Ultrasound machine, which were donated to Health Centre in Oshodi/Isolo Health Centre in Lagos and a Rural hospital in Abuja. District 911 and District 913 a paid for the freight from Germany to the various point of donation. We supported with medical accessories. One Mammography machine was also dated through Barbara Von Saldern went to District 914 and was installed at the (now old) Abia State Teaching Hospital in Aba.

Inner Wheel in Nigeria has made a tremendous impact in the life of children by donation thousands of school in bag to various primary school in the rural part of the country cut across the three districts in Nigeria. Skill acquisition and empowerment for hundreds of women and few men programme is a yearly project in the various Districts in Nigeria.

Through Past District Chairman Karin Uwaje and Past District Chairman of Barbara Von Saldern Nigeria and Germany Clubs in District 81 and 85 have great memories of joint projects that benefitted a great number of poor people.

SUBMITTED BY:  
**OLUYEMISI ALATISE**  
PPIIW 2016/2017





## THE EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

I congratulate us all as we celebrate our golden years of existence in this noble Humanitarian Club. International Inner Wheel. The object has a positive effect on our triennial



convention which in like manner is applicable to us members globally, through promoting true friendship, encouraging the ideals of personal service and fostering International understanding. The effect is quite numerous and cannot be explicit enough on this page due to wordings constraint hence doing justice to the "effects" cannot be realized as envisaged. In a nutshell, it is simply "A NOSTALGIC EFFECT" Triennial convention motivates, inspires, raises our hope of a better global future. Our representatives at the UNESCO has a binding positive effect of update reports, involvements and contributions which depict our challenged projects embarked upon which gives succour to Humanity worldwide viz Education, Scholarships, Environmental care of the aged/children, happier future, Campaign against drug abuse, alcoholism terrorism, rape e.t.c.

These affords us the opportunity of rendering services globally. Effects of Triennial convention endeared us

"Be Prepared". We get prepared as we look forward to the next convention and increases our numerical growth and strength reaching the next generation. Since it is a non-religious, non-political Club we are all united in the spirit of True-Friendship. The effect is beneficial in the well prepared business sessions binding on us all, symposiums and speakers questions/answers interactive questions is very beneficial to us all as we are enlightened and more knowledgeable. Prior to the Triennial Convention voting delegates and right to voting is quite effective and result oriented, a very laudable one as a democratic Club.

Pre and post tours are organized for members which gives evergreen memories and relaxation to participants. Triennial convention is purposeful, constant, steadiest, substantial, uniform, dependable reality to all members Worldwide hence buttressing its good effect.

While thanking you with humility for the opportunity given me to contribute on the above subject matter. I wish us all journey mercies as we attend the forth coming 17th Triennial Convention holding at Melbourne Australia.

Long live International Inner Wheel  
Yours in True Friendship

**'Ranti Adetuberu**  
IIW Past Board Director.



↑ Nigerian delegates at the International Convention, Turkey, May 2012.

IIW President 2011/2012 Catherine Refabert at Cotonu with Nigerian delegates in 2012. →



← Nigerian delegates at the 10th triennial Convention in Berlin, Germany 1997.





## WOMEN FOR AFRICA - Role of Inner Wheel

This laudable project was introduced in 2012 by our Amiable Inner Wheel Leader PMD Yemisi Alatise (now PIIWP) to:-

- Improve Inner Wheel members intellectually.
- Educate women & men on current vital issues affecting women & children and proffer solutions to the same.
- To issue communiqué to Government to be aware and help solve problems.
- To generate funds to create and maintain Micro Credit Empowerment for the less privileged women in the society.



**PNR Bukie Balogun**

### **The 1st Edition for Africa**

This edition which was coordinated by PBM Yemisi Alatise was hosted by IW District 911 at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers Ikeja Lagos Nigeria from 8th – 12th November, 2012.

#### **The issues thoroughly debated included:-**

- Micro Credit Empowerment / Women leading the way.
- Network for Renewable Energy.
- Cervical Cancer, Fibroid & Fistula.
- Violence against Women
- Flooding – Prevention, Control, Environmental protection & Green Economy

First Edition generated N700,000 for Micro credit empowerment of indigent women. Communiqué was forwarded to the Government for assistance & implementation.

### **The 2nd Edition for Africa**

This was coordinated by PNR Bukie Balogun, and was hosted by 11W District 913 at IITA (International Institute for Tropical Agriculture) Ibadan Nigeria between 18th – 21st September, 2014.

The seminar focused on:

- Will & Inheritance as they affect women.
- Female Genital Mutilation
- National Health Insurance Scheme as it affects women.
- Information Technology in Schools.
- Security
- Violence against women





This 2nd Edition generated N1,100,000 for Micro/Credit Empowerment of the less privileged women in our society.

#### The 3rd Edition

This was coordinated by PBD Bakky ADIRIKA was hosted by IW District 914 at Beautiful Gate Hotel Awka Anambra State Nigeria between 3rd – 6th November, 2016.

The Edition focused on:-

- Domestic Violence
- Human Trafficking:- Agencies & Network.
- Youth Practices & Family Ethics:- generation gap or negligence?
- Challenges and future of the Nigerian child.
- Cancer

The usual communiqué was forwarded to the Government for implementation.

3rd Edition generated N500,000 for micro credit empowerment for the less privileged women in our society.

Women for Africa – Role of Inner Wheel has come to stay in Africa & will be hosted in different countries of Africa.

Now very many women are benefitting in the Micro Credit Empowerment Scheme that has risen to over N2,000 000. Inner Wheel Members, women and men are well informed on many issues. The Government too appreciates the efforts of Inner Wheel in Nigeria.

Long live Women For Africa.  
Long live International Inner Wheel

#### **PNR Bukie Balogun**

11W District 913.

Coordinator, Women for Africa II



Professor Modupe Onadeko, Guest lecturer in Women for Africa II, presenting Advocacy plan for United Nation General Assembly Resolution on Female Genital Mutilation



## THE GAINS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE/RALLIES IN NIGERIA

(compiled by Pdc Ihuoma Ndimele (Inner Wheel Club of Umungasi, D914))



The idea of hosting a n n u a l conference/rallies emanated from activities of District 912. The District during their District Assembly in June 1986 deliberated on the possibility of bringing Inner Wheel members from the

two Districts (then 911 and 912) together. The programmes mapped out for this gathering included cocktail, excursions, cultural displays and gala night. This idea became a reality in June 1988 with the first inter District rally held at Oguta in the present day Imo State. A document we stumbled on while doing this write-up actually states that the first get together of Inner Wheel clubs in Nigeria was in May 1987 at Bauchi. However, history favours the gathering at Oguta to be the first documented inter District Rally of Inner Wheel Clubs in Nigeria.

The annual event affords Inner Wheel members in Nigeria the opportunity to meet one another, interact and be educated on various issues. Most importantly it exposes members to new environments, ideas and cultures. Activities at the rallies have gone beyond the initial agenda of the Oguta rally. Districts still display the activities of their clubs (projects executed) but it is no longer as competitive as was the initial practice where trophies were given to winning Districts. The business session and recently execution of NGB projects have been incorporated into the programme of rallies

making them more interesting and educative. In 2015 at Olumo, Abeokuta, the Inner Wheel Leaders Retreat (Elders Retreat) was introduced, thereafter becoming a major event at Rallies.

Inner Wheel members in Nigeria look forward to February each year to attend the rallies because that means they will be meeting and fraternizing with their friends, visiting memorable and interesting locations of the host city, relaxing and reducing accumulated stress and listening to important lectures by renowned resource persons. Worthy of mention is the fact that the organizers of the rallies go extra miles to get interesting venues and attraction sites for the gathering. There were rallies at Badagry, Ikogosi, Obudu Ranch, Olumo etc.

***Below is an update on rallies held in Nigeria from inception till date.***

1. 1988 D912 Oguta
2. 1989 D911 Badagry
3. 1990 D913 Abuja
4. 1991 D914 Enugu
5. 1992 D911 University of Lagos, Lagos
6. 1993 D912 Jos
7. 1994 D913 Ibadan (the International Inner Wheel President, Anita Aggrawal was inattendance)
8. 1995 D914 Benin
9. 1996 D911 Festac, Lagos
10. 1997 D912 Kaduna
11. 1998 D913 Ibadan (U.I)
12. 1999 D914 Calabar
13. 2000 D911 Lagos
14. 2001 D913 Ikogosi
15. 2002 D914 Umuahia



16. 2003 D911 Topo Badagry
17. 2004 D913 Ibadan (U.I)
18. 2005 D914 Aba
19. 2006 D911 Ijebu Ode
20. 2007 D913 Abuja
21. 2008 D914 Obudu Ranche
22. 2009 D911 Epe Lekki, Lagos
23. 2010 D913 Iloko Ilesha
24. 2011 D914 Awka
25. 2012 D911 Akodo Lekki, Lagos
26. 2013 D913 Abuja
27. 2014 D914 Enugu
28. 2015 D911 Olumo Abeokuta
29. 2016 D913 Ibadan
30. 2017 D914 Enugu
31. 2018 D911 Lagos.

This event has held annually since its debut in 1988, without any disruption. It has remained colourful, entertaining, educative and the greatest gathering of Inner Wheel members in Nigeria.



District Conference/Rally at Enugu



District Conference/Rally at Enugu in February 2017





District 914 Merit Award to a deserving member



Int. President with pupils during a seminar.



At the Conference/Rally in Enugu in February 2017



Students of Bina Foundation at the NGB award of the founder of the foundation in Enugu in February in 2017



Cervical Cancer Awareness Campaign to 140 Secondary Students in Enugu on 8th February, 2017.  
4th left, Int. President Yemisi Alatisie





## COURTESY VISITS



Visit to Royal father Jeb Ogunnaike and Olori in Ala Ijebu, during District 911 AGM in Ijebuode in 1998



Courtesy visit of the Int. President Doris Browne in 1985 to Oba Adeyinka Oyekan of Lagos, with District officers



Courtesy visit to the Paramount Ruler of Egba land, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo (CFR) during the Conference/Rally at Olumo, Abeokuta. February 2015



Courtesy visit by DC Foluso Afolabi of District 913 and Inner Wheel members to Mrs Akingbade who hosted the inaugural meeting of IWC Ijapo, chartered 1st July 1985





Visit to Alaye of Agege, Oba Komolafe in 1990.



IWMs paying homage to HRM Chief Dr. Gibson Nwosu, the Eze Uzu of Awka Kingdom



## COURTESY VISITS



Visit of Int. President, Yemisi Alatise with National Rep. Uche Agbim to Anka Eze Uzu II in 2017



Visit to the Governor, Enugu State by the Int. President and members of Inner Wheel





## NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY EXECUTIVES 2017/2018



**MRS NNENNA OPEBIYI**  
Deputy National Representative/Vice President



**ABIMBOLA SOWANDE**  
National Representative/President



**MRS UCHE AGBIM** (Paul Harris Fellow)  
IMM Past Nat. Representative/President



**MRS EZINMMA NNABUIKE**  
National Secretary



**MRS JULIE SHEKONI** (Paul Harris Fellow)  
National Treasurer



**WUNMI OLADIMEJI**  
National Editor



**ADEGBEMISOLA FATHIAT RUFAI**  
District Chairman 911



**FOLUSO AFOLABI**  
District Chairman 913



**NWOGU JOYCE CHIDI (JP)**  
District Chairman 914





## MY PERCEPTION OF INNER WHEEL TODAY

### BY DISTRICT 911 CHAIRMAN – IWM GBEMISOLA RUFAI

International Inner Wheel was formed by Mrs Margaret Golden 94 years ago in Manchester on 10th January 1924 with about 27 women who were wives of Rotarians by their concern for Public Welfare, giving their time and energies to help in any services undertaken by their husbands. Subsequently the 10th of January 1970 became recognized as International Inner Wheel Day Worldwide.

The birth of International Inner Wheel movement in Nigeria was welcomed 50 years ago however, this movement metamorphosed after some years to become known as Inner Wheel movement and was chartered in Nigeria with Lagos Club as the first Club. History revealed that, membership then, was limited to wives of Rotarians only. These men were influential and highly placed individuals who had excelled in their various fields of endeavours. They supported their spouses with all necessary requirements to sustain and nurture the young Club to eventually extend to almost 80 Clubs and 3 Districts operating in Nigeria today. The new policy of admission of women into Rotary in 1988 came as a setback to the steady growth of Inner Wheel as membership and extension started dwindling. This downward trend continued until the review of the Inner Wheel Constitution which opened up more avenues to extension of membership to family and friends of existing Rotary and Inner Wheel members (women only).



**Activities :** In some parts of the world, where governments are responsive to the Social needs of the citizenry, activities of Service Clubs like the Inner Wheel is limited to specific areas, unlike in our Country Nigeria, they extend to virtually all aspects of life---- Health, Education, Socio-economic etc, executing projects like:

- (a). Construction/equipping Hospital ward, Provision of Dialysis Machine.
- (b). Vocational Training and Economic Empowerment programs for the down trodden women especially.
- (c). Constructions of Home for the Blind and Spinal cord injuries association.
- (d). Awareness Campaign on Female Cancers with emphasis on Breast and Cervical Cancer and Prevention of Transmission of HIV /AIDS from Mother to Child.



- (e). Organising Career Counselling talks, general hygiene and Awareness on Sexually transmitted Infections for Senior high schools thereby promoting abstinence from sex.
- (f). Provision of Eye glasses and eye test for the less privileged young and elderly.
- (g). Observing Notable International Days ie International Day of Charity, International Day of Friendship, Campaign on End Violence Against Women and Girls just to mention a few. The list is endless and demand for assistance from Members are enormous.

As we pray for abundant blessings on members and the public donors who entrust funds on us to carry out specific acts of charity, we also appeal to members to rededicate themselves to the true objectives of Inner Wheel by promoting True Friendship amongst ourselves and our clubs, commitment to personal service and not leaving responsibilities for 'anybody' when it should actually be for 'everybody'.

Communication : Distance is no barrier these days with technology of meetings via Skype, Whatsapp and several other online platform.

In the hirachy of Inner Wheel in Nigeria, we have in the recent past produced many Board Members, Board Directors and International President.

Conclusion - To keep the flag flying, Charity they say begins at home. Let every member continue to be a good ambassador of the Inner Wheel Objects right from our homes, Schools, market places, communities religious organizations, villages, towns and cities, so that we can all leave in a more peaceful and friendly world.

Love live International Inner Wheel  
Long live Inner Wheel Nigeria  
Long live District 911, Nigeria.

Yours in Humanitarian Service  
**IWM Gbemisola Rufai**  
District 911 Chairman



**INNER WHEEL FAMILY HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME IN AMUWO ODOFIN, LAGOS.**  
Hon Oluwaseyi Braimoh (LGA Chairman) with National Rep. and NGB Members at Amuwo Odofin Local Government Council



## MY PERCEPTION OF INNER WHEEL TODAY

BY DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMAN – IWM VERONICA FOLUSO AFOLABI

Inner Wheel, the Greatest Women Organisation that spreads across the whole world, which used to comprise only the wives of Rotarians has now extended its membership to female relatives of Rotarians and other women who have the spirit of giving and serving humanity in the society.

The objects of Inner Wheel which are to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding state clearly the workings of the organization.

In my thirty three (33) years of joining the Inner Wheel, it has given me the opportunity to, give and serve humanity more. There is Joy in service and helping the less privileged.



**IWM VERONICA FOLUSO AFOLABI**

Membership of Inner Wheel that used to be strictly wives of Rotarians limited the number of willing hearts to help the less privileged. But today, the Organization has relaxed the rule thereby admitting responsible women in the society.

### **My experience since I joined the Inner wheel for the past 33 years.**

At the club level, I had served in various capacities as President, Secretary and District Chairman's Representative, I had worked with my club members in carrying out some charitable duties which include empowerment of some less privileged and widows, construction of functional toilets and Dining Halls fully equipped in some schools among others.

At the District level after my Installation as the District Chairman, I have been more exposed to inner Wheel charitable activities at a higher level. Apart from carrying out the District projects which include empowerment of a disabled lady to set up a business in order to earn a living and be less dependent on relatives; giving assistance to successfully manage medically a boy child born blind to receive his lost sight, giving Braille materials to some blind students among others, I have successfully coordinated the activities of all Clubs in District 913 Nigeria. Because the Inner Wheel is an integral part of a global Village, I was able to carry out some specific activities to reflect the global





concept such as International day of the Girl child, World Literacy Day and others.

The effect of modern technology greatly assisted me on the effective communication of all the activities to the stakeholders at the local level, National level and International levels.

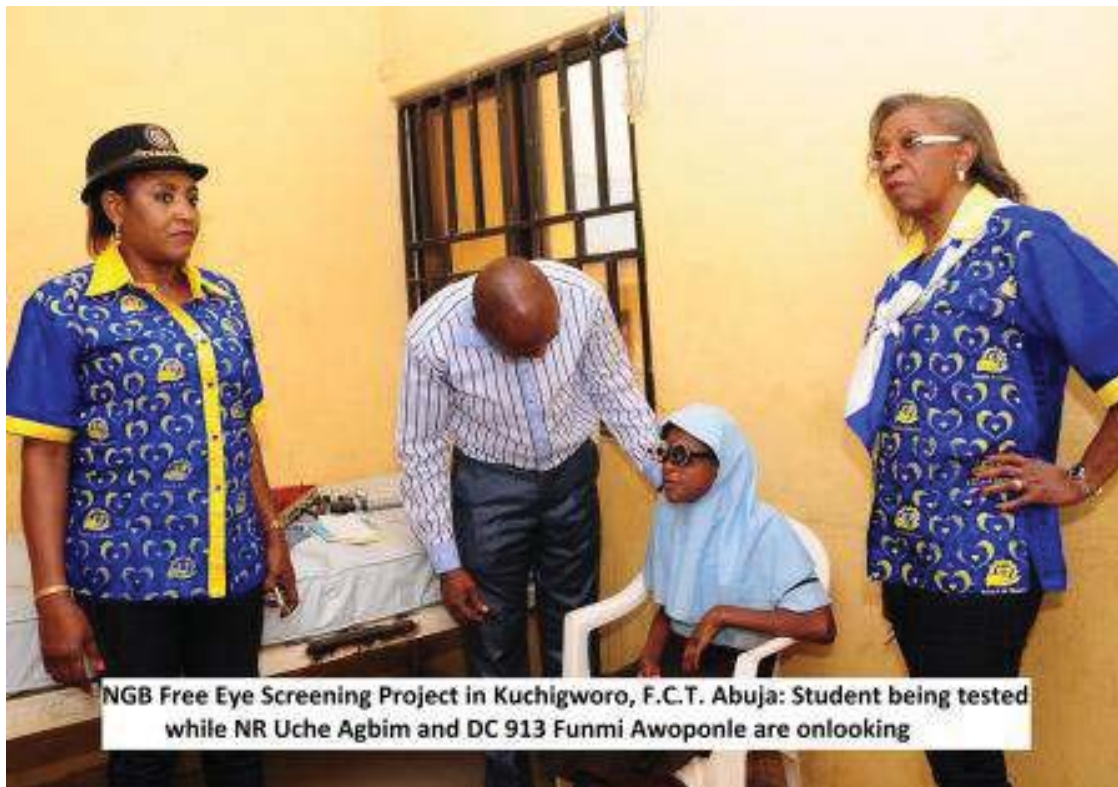
The effect of technology also influenced the scope and complexity of Inner Wheel Intervention in various aspects especially in medical area. It has also afforded me the opportunity to make friends locally, nationally and Internationally.

In conclusion, my experience in carrying out the charitable activities of the Inner Wheel over the years has enabled me, working in concert with my other colleagues of the Inner Wheel family, to act locally and think globally, thereby leaving a lasting legacy.

### **IWM Veronica Foluso Afolabi**

District Chairman

District 913, Nigeria-



NGB Free Eye Screening Project in Kuchigworo, F.C.T. Abuja: Student being tested while NR Uche Agbim and DC 913 Funmi Awoponle are onlooking



## MY PERCEPTION OF INNER WHEEL TODAY

BY DISTRICT 914 CHAIRMAN – IWM JOYCE NWOGU

**PERCEPTION:** Definition: The Oxford Dictionary defines perception as ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.

**2nd Meaning:** A way of understanding or interpreting something

**3rd Meaning:** The ability to understand the true nature of something.

For purposes of this write-up, I will apply all the three meanings because we saw inner wheel yesterday, we see Inner Wheel today. We also heard about Inner Wheel today and I understand the true nature of Inner wheel.

My perception of Inner Wheel today, will not be complete without the historical background of Inner Wheel yesterday. Inner Wheel started with 27 (twenty seven) women, on 10th January 1924. The Club had members only in Great Britain and Ireland. The main focus or object was caring for orphans by clothing them. That was the vision of Margaret Golding.

Today Inner Wheel has members in countries across the globe. The focus has shifted from orphans to other disabled or disadvantaged persons. The focus has enlarged and developed humanity for able bodied persons, educationally, socially and economically.

The objects of Inner Wheel are more embracing: True friendship has been promoted across the globe, breaking racial, colour, class and language barriers and even religious boundaries.



The ideals of personal service: has been expanded as people look beyond self to equip individuals, groups and communities to serve humanity in their own chosen avenues.

International Understanding: has been fostered by the attendance of International Conventions which create an environment of friendliness and love, as members meet and discuss about dishes of other cultures enjoy arts and dances of other cultures etc.

My perception of Inner Wheel today, is that Inner Wheel will grow from country to country, creating stronger webs of true friendship, love, warmth and peace for this generation.





## DISTRICT 911



**WEMIMO OLASANYA**  
Immediate Past Chairman



**ADEGBEMISOLA FATHIAT RUFAI**  
District Chairman



**ABIMBOLA SHOGA**  
District Vice Chairman



**SODIPO ADENIKE**  
District Secretary



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Extension Service Chairman



**SHOLA ASHIPA**  
International Service Organizer



**FAITH OKPARA**  
Editor





## DISTRICT 913



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Immediate Past Chairman /  
Extension Service Chairman



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District 2nd Vice Chairman



**OJOELE SHERIFAT BOLATITO**  
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**DEBO AWODOLA**  
District Treasurer



**NIKE BAMISAYE**  
International Service Organizer



**OMOWUNMI OLOMO**  
District Editor



## DISTRICT 914



**TYNA OKPALEKE**  
Immediate Past Chairman



**NWOGU JOYCE CHIDI (JP)**  
District Chairman



**CHINWE OKAFOR**  
District Vice Chairman



**ROSE CHINWE EZEADIKWA**  
District Secretary



**CHINWE OKAH**  
District Treasurer



**FIDEL UKETUI**  
Extension Service Chairman



**ONGELE JULIANA EZINWANYI**  
International Service Organizer



**UZUNMA OGBURAFOR**  
District Editor





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Tour of Eko Atlantic by Inner Wheel members. February 2018



National Representative and members of National Governing Body in with Inner Wheel Members who attended the National Conference Rally for the first time.



Members of National Governing Body at the National Conference Rally



Inner Wheel Members with the First Lady, Lagos State Mrs Ambode cutting the anniversary cake



Delegates from District 914 at the Conference/Rally at Amuwo Odofin in Lagos. February 2018





**DECORATION OF THE GOLDEN MOTHERS AT THE ANNIVERSARY RALLY (February 2018)**



Award to immediate Past Int. President, Yemisi Alatise



Award to Past Board Director, Eunice Nwankwo.



Award to Past Board Member, Bisi Solaru



Award to Past Board Member, Stella Awani



Award to First Inner Wheel President, Mrs Deji Alakija, represented by PDC Joke Kukoyi





Award presented to PNR Grace Omotosho



PDC Monilola Bamisaiye supported by DC Afolabi received Award on behalf of PBM Omotayo Olutoye



Award to Past National Rep., Bose Tayo as Senior Active Member



DC Foluso Afolabi joyously received the award of Honours on behalf of Past National Representative Bukunola Balogun.



Award to First Lady, Lagos State Her Excellence Mrs Ambode by the Past Int. President, Yemisi Alatisé





## DISTRICT 911 VOCATIONAL CENTRE



District 911 Vocational Centre, commissioned by IIW Suzzane M. Nelsen in Nov. 2008



The main entrance of the Vocational Centre, showing the Wall of Kindness on the left



The Conference Hall of the Vocational Centre



Free Computer training session at the Information Technology Room of the Vocational Centre



Activities at the Wall of Kindness where beneficiaries collect items at no cost





## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

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YEAR	THEME	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	HOME CLUB
1984-85	Communication	Mrs. R. Oglænd	Mrs. Adeola Majiyagbe	Kano
1985-86	Co-operate	Mrs. A.W Browne	Mrs. Bisi Solaru	Ilupeju
1986-87	Identity	Mrs. M. Kapour	Mrs. Fola Onalaja	Ibadan
1987-88	Have Patience	Mrs. Dora Bailey	Mrs. Stella Awani	Lagos
1988-89	Project Children	Mrs. Allison Dowson	Mrs. Remi Omotosho	Matori
1989-90	Put your heart into it	Mrs. Brenda Taylor	Mrs. Joke Kukoyi	Ilupeju
1990-91	Give our world a future	Mrs. Margret spenning	Mrs. Arinola Adenuga Taiwo	Gbagada
1991-92	Take Time	Mrs. Isabel McKnight	Mrs. Selina Olarenwaju	Satellite Town
1992-93	Understanding	Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman	Mrs. Abiola Ogubanke	Ijebu-Ode
1993-94	Expand to serve better	Mrs. Anite Aggrawel	Mrs. Doyin Otuyalo	Ilupeju
1994-95	Widen your Horizon	Mrs. Babara Bennet	Mrs. Titi Ismail	Yaba
1995-96	Open your heart and your home	Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dembe Klerk	Mrs Yemisi Alatise	Lagos
1996-97	Look beyond yourself and be involved	Mrs. Beth Mc Neil	Mrs. Dalla Modupe Davies	Ifako
1997-98	Together we are stronger	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	Mrs. Adedoyin Oredein	Gbagada
1998-99	Make our world a better place to communicate and educate	Mrs. Lovise Richardson	Mrs. Nike Ajadi	Onigbongbo
1999-00	Reach out, keep hope alive, turn Giving into living	Mrs. Lilian Pettigre	Mrs. Josephine Masade	Ogba
2000-01	Strangers are friends we have not meet	Mrs. Vivian Bolton	Mrs. Karin Uwaje	Anthony Village
2001-02	Enthusiasm creates action	Mrs. Carole Buchanan	Mrs. Bimbo Sowande	Surulere
2002-03	Care for the Future	Mrs. Solveig Svensson	Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ajose	Akowonjo
2003-04	Make The friendship Positive	Mrs. Eileen Harant	Mrs. Kafilat Afodun	Lagos West
2004-05	Work together and give Hope	Mrs. Matje Hane Kamp van De kamp	Mrs. Bisi Oyewo	Oregun
2005-06	Support Gives strength	Mrs. Erna Ferdal	Mrs. Bola Ajala	Akowonjo
2006-07	Show that you care through friendship and service	Mrs. Janet Day	Mrs. Bolanile Adefeso	Ilupeju
2007-08	Communicate our Vision	Mrs. Kamale Ramakrishman	Mrs. Bridget Adebayo	Onigbogbo
2008-09	Realise your vision and make a difference	Mrs. Suzanne Nielsen	Mrs. Zainab Ikheloa	Gowon estate
2009-10	Help bring hope	Mrs. Anne Fryer	Mrs. Yemisi Elegba	Oregun



**CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**

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YEAR	THEME	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	HOME CLUB
2010-11	Commit with conviction Compassion consistency	Mrs. Pallavi Sah	Mrs. Yemi Johnson	Ogba
2011-12	Think Ahead, Aim High	Mrs. Catherine Rafabert	Mrs. Julie Shekoni	Ilupeju
2012-13	Be A Friend	Mrs. Carole Young	Mrs. Taiwo Adisa	Opebi
2013-14	We for Women	Mrs. Gabriela Adami	Mrs. Lanre Olomofe-Kufeji	Onigbongbo
2014-15	Light the Path	Mrs. Abha Gupta	Josephine Ebo	Okota
2015-16	Unique and United	Mrs. Charlotte De Vos	Olayinka Adijat Ayanwale	Isolo
2016-17	Touch a Heart	Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatise	Oluwemimo Olasanya	Igbe-Ikorodu
2017-18	Leave a lasting Legacy	Mrs. Kapila Gupta	Mrs. Gbemisola Rufai	Ogba



**PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**

**912**

YEAR	THEME	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	HOME CLUB
1985-86	Co-operate	Mrs. A.W Browne	Beatrice Agama.	PortHarcourt
1986-87	Identity	Mrs. M. Kapour	Ikepo Oshodi.	Jos
1987-88	Have Patience	Mrs. Dora Bailey	Joan Ogbuehi	Umuahia
1988-89	Project Children	Mrs. Allison Dowson	Olufemi Oyeleke	Kano
1989-90	Put your heart into it	Mrs. Brenda Taylor	Susan Adoba.	Makurdi
1990-91	Give our world a future	Mrs. Margret spenning	Christie Okoye	Kaduna
1991-92	Take Time	Mrs. Isabel McKnight	Keziah Agundu	Gboko
1992-93	Understanding	Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman	Joan Nwasike	Zaria
1993-94	Expand to serve better	Mrs. Anite Aggrawel	Rosalind Nweke	Maiduguri
1994-95	Widen your Horizon	Mrs. Babara Bennet	Merry Uwakwe	Jos
1995-96	Open your heart and your home	Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dembe Klerk	Evelyn Onyemelukwe	Kaduna
1996-97	Look beyond yourself and be involved	Mrs. Beth Mc Neil	Sara Pam.	Jos



## CURRENT &amp; PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

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YEAR	THEME	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	HOME CLUB
1987-88	Have Patience	Mrs. Dora Bailey	Funmi Olafimihan	Ilorin
1988-89	Project Children	Mrs. Allison Dowson	Emiola Ajibade	Ibadan
1989-90	Put your heart into it	Mrs. Brenda Taylor	Omotayo Olutoye	Akure
1990-91	Give our world a future	Mrs. Margret spenning	Lola Akintoye	Ilorin
1991-92	Take Time	Mrs. Isabel McKnight	Bukie Balogun	Apata Ganga
1992-93	Understanding	Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman	Kemi Adegbite	Ado Ekiti
1993-94	Expand to serve better	Mrs. Anite Aggrawel	Funmi Adesina	Ibadan
1994-95	Widen your Horizon	Mrs. Babara Bennet	Funmi Ogunsu	Osogbo
1995-96	Open your heart and your home	Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dembe Klerk	Sally Bogunjoko	Okene
1996-97	Look beyond yourself and be involved	Mrs. Beth Mc Neil	Ranti Adetuberu	Apata Ganga.
1997-98	Together we are stronger	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	Alice Ojuawo	Ondo
1998-99	Make our world a better place to communicate and educate	Mrs. Lovise Richardson	Bola Olatinwo	Minna
1999-00	Reach out, keep hope alive, turn Giving into living	Mrs. Lilian Pettigre	Ayo Odelana	Oluyole, Ibadan
2000-01	Strangers are friends we have not meet	Mrs. Vivian Bolton	Moni. Bamisaiye	Ijapo.
2001-02	Enthusiasm creates action	Mrs. Carole Buchanan	Grace Adekoya	Garki
2002-03	Care for the Future	Mrs. Solveig Svensson	Phebean Alade	Bodija
2003-04	Make The friendship Positive	Mrs. Eileen Harant	Nnenna Opebiyi	Ilesha
2004-05	Work together and give Hope	Mrs. Matje Hane Kamp van De kamp	Dupe Adediran	Ibadan
2005-06	Support Gives strength	Mrs. Erna Ferdal	Wunmi Oladimeji	Osogbo
2006-07	Show that you care through friendship and service	Mrs. Janet Day	Stella Ekpunobi	Garki
2007-08	Communicate our Vision	Mrs. Kamale Ramakrishman	Moni Aladejobi	Ibadan
2008-09	Realise your vision and make a difference	Mrs. Suzanne Nielsen	Joe Anifowose	Bodija
2009-10	Help bring hope	Mrs. Anne Fryer	Oby Iku	Garki
2010-11	Commit with conviction Compassion consistency	Mrs. Pallavi Sah	Bose Tayo	Ibadan
2011-12	Think Ahead, Aim High	Mrs. Catherine Rafabert	Folake Ogunnusi	Bida
2012-13	Be A Friend	Mrs. Carole Young	Victoria Adebayo	Garki
2013-14	We for Women	Mrs. Gabriela Adami	Bola Sofela	Ibadan
2014-15	Light the Path	Mrs. Abha Gupta	Bola Odeleye	Bodija
2015-16	Unique and United	Mrs. Charlotte De Vos	Iyabo Arogundade	Bida
2016-17	Touch a Heart	Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatise	Funmi Awoponle	Garki
				Ijapo





YEAR	THEME	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	HOME CLUB
1988-89	Project Children	Mrs. Allison Dowson	Edith Okokon	Calabar
1989-90	Put your heart into it	Mrs. Brenda Taylor	Theresa Allanah	Warri
1990-91	Give our world a future	Mrs. Margret spenning	Uzunma Amaonwu	Ekulu
1991-92	Take Time	Mrs. Isabel McKnight	Eunice Nwankwo	Aba
1992-93	Understanding	Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman	Sally Unam	Umungasi
1993-94	Expand to serve better	Mrs. Anite Aggrawel	Felicia Ogosi	Benin
1994-95	Widen your Horizon	Mrs. Babara Bennet	Clem Aisueni	Uselu
1995-96	Open your heart and your home	Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dembe Klerk	Ngozi Adirika	Awka
1996-97	Look beyond yourself and be involved	Mrs. Beth Mc Neil	Ifeyinwa Ndefo	Ekulu
1997-98	Together we are stronger	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	Stella Obioha	Okigwe
1998-99	Make our world a better place to communicate and educate	Mrs. Lovise Richardson	Rosalind Ulunma Ununbia	Aba
1999-00	Reach out, keep hope alive, have not meet	Mrs. Lilian Pettigre	Lizzy Ekpiken	Calabar
2000-01	Strangers are friends we turn Giving into living	Mrs. Vivian Bolton	Uche Agbim	Ekulu
2001-02	Enthusiasm creates action	Mrs. Carole Buchanan	Victoria Okon	Calabar
2002-03	Care for the Future	Mrs. Solveig Svensson	Adekemi Adeyemi	Effurun
2003-04	Make The friendship Positive	Mrs. Eileen Harant	Ezinma. Nnabuike	Awka
2004-05	Work together and give Hope	Mrs. Matje Hane Kamp van De kamp	Ori Obasi	Eziukwu
2005-06	Support Gives strength	Mrs. Erna Ferdal	Ucheoma Chukwudum	Awka
2006-07	Show that you care through friendship and service	Mrs. Janet Day	Maria Anya	Calabar
2007-08	Communicate our Vision	Mrs. Kamale Ramakrishnan	Flora Aguocha	Aba
2008-09	Realise your vision and make a difference	Mrs. Suzanne Nielsen	Comfort Nwabughogu	Okigwe
2009-10	Help bring hope	Mrs. Anne Fryer	Evelyn Obuareghe	Efunrun
2010-11	Commit with conviction Compassion consistency	Mrs. Pallavi Sah	Anthonia Nwadukwe	Awka
2011-12	Think Ahead, Aim High	Mrs. Catherine Rafabert	Angy Ogbonna	Ogbor Hill - Aba
2012-13	Be A Friend	Mrs. Carole Young	Ihuoma Ndimiele	Umungasi
2013-14	We for Women	Mrs. Gabriela Adami	Beth Oluka	Abakaliki
2014-15	Light the Path	Mrs. Abha Gupta	Uzoamaka Nwandu	Ekulu
2015-16	Unique and United	Mrs. Charlotte De Vos	Regins Odjoji	Efunrun
2016-17	Touch a Heart	Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatise	Ugoeze Clementina Okpaleke	Abakaliki
2017-18	Leave a lasting Legacy	Mrs. Kapila Gupta	Joyce Nwogu	Ogbor Hill - Aba



## PAST AND CURRENT DISTRICT 911 CHAIRMEN



**MRS. ADEOLA MAJIYAGBE (LATE)**  
1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman 1984/85  
IIW 2nd Board Member 1988/89  
International President Mrs. Allison Dowson  
Theme: Protect Children  
District Chairman 1984/85  
Home Club: Kano



**MRS. BISI SOLARU**  
1<sup>st</sup> IIW Board Member 1987/88  
Theme Have Patience International  
President Mrs. Dora Bailey District  
Chairman 1985/86  
Home Club Ilupeju



**MRS. FOLA ONALAJA (LATE)**  
District Chairman 1986/87  
Board Member: 1989/90  
Theme: Put your heart into it International  
President Mrs. Brenda Tylor Home Club:  
Ibadan



**MRS. STELLA MARIE AWANI**  
District Chairman D911-1987/88  
1<sup>st</sup> National Council President/Board Member 1991/92  
International President: Mrs. Isabel Mcknight  
Theme: Take time  
Home Club: Lagos



**MRS. REMI OMOTOSHO**  
District Chairman 1988/89  
National Rep./President National Council 1995/96  
International President: Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dam De Klerk  
Theme: Open your heart and your home  
Home Club: Matori



**MRS. JOKE KUKOYI**  
District Chairman 1989/90  
International President: Mrs. Brenda Taylor  
Theme: Put your heart into it  
Home Club: Ilupeju



## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 911 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. ARINOLA ADENUGA TAIWO (LATE)**  
District Chairman 1990/91  
National Rep./President National Council 1999/2000  
International President: Mrs. Lilian Pettigre  
Theme: Reach out, keep hope alive, turn giving into living  
Home Club: Gbagada



**MRS. SELINA OLARENWAJU**  
District Chairman 91/92  
International President: Isabel McKnight  
Theme: Take time  
Home Club: Satellite Town  
Project: Applied for Vocational Center Land



**MRS. ABIOLA OGUNBANKE (LATE)**  
District Chairman 1992/93  
Theme: Understanding International  
President: Gwedaline Bownman Home Club:  
Ijebu-Ode Project:



**MRS. DOYIN OTUYALO**  
National Representative 2002/2003  
International President – Mrs. Solveig Svensson  
Theme: Care for the future  
District Chairman 1993/94  
Home Club: Ilupeju  
Project: Bought Amuwo land



**MRS. TITILOLA ISMAIL**  
National Representative 2005/2006  
International President: Mrs. Erna Ferdal  
Theme: Support gives strength District Chairman – 2007/2008  
Home Club: Yaba



**MRS. FUNMI OGUNSI**  
District Chairman 913 – 1994/1995  
International President: Mrs. Babara Bennet  
Theme: Widen your horizon  
Home Club: Yaba (formerly Osogbo)





**MRS. OLUYEMISI ALATISE**  
International President: 2016/2017  
**National President:** 2008/2009

Theme: Realise your vision and make a difference

International President: Mrs. Suzanne Neilson

District Chairman – 1995/96 Home Club: Lagos

Project: Foundation Laying of Vocation & SCIAN,  
3Bedroom Project.



**IWM DALLA MODUPE DAVIES (Late)**  
District Chairman 911-1996/1997

International President: Beth Mc Neil Theme:

Look beyond yourself and be Involved Home

Club: Ifako

Project:



**IWM ADEDOYIN ABIODUN-OREDEIN**

District Chairman 911-1997/1998

National Rep./President National Council 2011/2012

International President: Catherine Refabert

Theme: Think Ahead Aim High

IW Board Director 2013/2014

Home Club: Gbagada Project:



**IWM OSENIKE AJADI**

District Chairman 1998/99

National Representative 2014/15

International President – Abha Gupta

Theme: Light the Path

Project: Supported Polio Vaccination



**MRS. JOSEPHINE MASADE (LATE)**

District Chairman 1999/2000

International President – Lilian Pettigre

Theme: Reach out, keep hope alive, turn giving into living

Home Club: Ogba

Project:



**MRS. KARIN UWAJE**

District Chairman 2000/01

International President – Vivian Bolton Theme:

Strangers are friends we have not meet Home

Club: Anthony Village

Project: Computer Literacy training for  
youth empowerment



## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 911 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. BIMBO SOWANDE**

District Chairman 2001/2002

National President 2017/2018

International President Mrs. Kapila Gupta

Theme: Leave a lasting legacy Home Club: Surulere

Project: Youth Computer Literacy, HIV & Reproductive Health Education



**MRS. FUNMI AJOSE**

District Chairman 911-2002/03

International President: Solveig Svensson

Theme: Care for the future

Home Club: Akowonjo

Project: Donation to Orphans & Widows



**MRS. KAFILAT AFODUN**

District Chairman 911-1997/1998

International President: Eileen Harant

Theme: Make The friendship Positive

Home Club: Lagos West

Project: Prevent of HIV transmission from mother to child



**MRS. BISI OYEWO**

District Chairman 911-2003/04

International President: Matje Hane Kamp van De Kamp

Theme: Work together and give hope Home Club: Oregon

Project: Prevention of Blind in 2 LGA,

Christmas Party with the Disabled (SCIEN CENTER)



**MRS. BOLA AJALA**

District Chairman 2005/06

International President – Erna Ferdal

Theme: Support gives strength Home

Club: Akowonjo

Project:



**MRS. BOLANLE ADEFESO**

District Chairman 2006/07

International President – Janet Day

Theme: Show that you care through friendship and service

Home Club: Ilupeju

Project: 150 Wheelchairs donated to Adult & Children

Empowerment of 50 Widows



**MRS. BRIDGET ADEBAYO**  
District Chairman 2007/08  
International President Mrs. Kamale Ramakrishman  
Theme: Communicate your vision  
Home Club: Onigbogbo  
Project: Empowerment of Severe Burns patient



**MRS. ZAINAB IKHELOA**  
District Chairman 2008/09  
International President: Suzanne Nielsen Theme:  
Realise your vision and make a difference Home  
Club: Gowon Estate  
Project: Youth training & Empowerment



**MRS. YEMISI ELEGBA (LATE)**  
District Chairman 2009/10  
International President: Anne Fryer  
Theme: Help bring hope  
Home Club: Oregun  
Project:



**MRS. ADEYEMI JOHNSON**  
District Chairman 2010/11  
International President: Mrs. Pallavi Sah  
Theme: Commit with Conviction Compassion Consistency  
Home Club: Ogba  
Project:



**MRS. JULIE SHEKONI**  
District Chairman 2011/12  
International President – Catherine Rafabert  
Theme: Think Ahead, Aim High  
Home Club: Ilupeju  
Project: Sick cell Awareness, Women Empowerment,  
& Prevention of Blindness



**MRS. TAIWO ADISA**  
District Chairman 2012/13  
International President – Carole Young  
Theme: Be A Friend  
Home Club: Opebi  
Project: Sick patient hips Replacement





## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 911 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. LANRE OLOMOFE-KUFEJI**  
District Chairman 2013/2014  
International President Mrs. Gabriel Adami  
Theme: We for Women  
Home Club: Onigbongbo  
Project:



**MRS. JOSEPHINE EBO**  
District Chairman 911-2014/15  
International President: Abha Gupta  
Theme: Light the Path  
Home Club: Okota  
Project: Hepatitis, Cervical & Prostrate Cancer Awareness Campaign



**MRS. OLAYINKA ADIJAT AYANWALE**  
District Chairman 2015/2016  
International President – Charlotte De Vos  
Theme: Unique and United  
Home Club: Isolo  
Project: Youth Vocational Training & Empowerment



**MRS. OLUWEMIMO OLASANYA**  
District Chairman 2016/17  
International President: Olujemisi Alatisé  
Theme: Touch A Heart  
Home Club: Igbe Ikorodu  
Project: Youth Vocational Training & Empowerment



**MRS. GEMISOLA RUFAI**  
International President – Kapila Gupta  
Theme: Leave a lasting Legacy  
District Chairman 2017/2018  
Home Club: Ogba  
Project: Youth Vocational Training & Empowerment



## PAST DISTRICT 912 CHAIRMEN



**MRS. BEATRICE AGAMA**

National Rep./President National Council 1985/86  
International President: Mrs. A.W. Browne  
Theme: Co-operate  
District Chairman 912 -1985/86  
Board Member 1990/91  
Home Club: Portharcourt  
Project:



**MRS. ONIKEPO OSHODI**

National Rep./President National Council 1986/87  
International President: Mrs. M. Kapour  
Theme: Identity  
District Chairman 912-1986/87/1998  
Home Club: Jos  
Project:



**MRS. JOAN OGBUEHI**

Board Member 1994/95  
International President: Barbara Bennett  
Theme: Widen your horizon  
District Chairman 912-1987/88  
Home Club: Umuahia  
Project:



**MRS. OLUFEMI OYELEKE**

Board Member 1992/93  
International President – Mrs. Allison Dowson  
Theme: Project Children  
District Chairman 1988/89  
Home Club: Kano  
Project:



**MRS. SUSAN ADOBA**

National Representative 2000/2001  
International President – Vivian Bolton Theme:  
Strangers are friends we have not meet Home  
Club: Markudi  
District Chairman 1989/90  
Project:

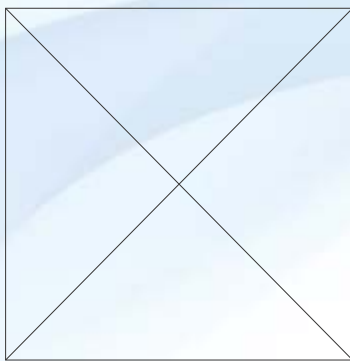


**MRS. CHRISTIE OKOYE**

International President Mrs. Margret Spinning Theme: Give  
our World a Future  
District Chairman 1990/91  
Home Club: Kaduna Project:



## DISTRICT 912 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. KEZIAH AGUNDU**

District Chairman 1991-92

International President: Mrs. Isabel McKnight

Theme: Take time

Home Club: Gboko



**MRS. SARA PAM**

National Representative 1996/97

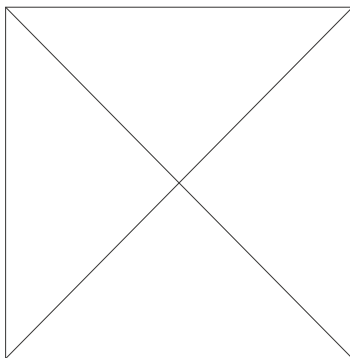
International President – Mrs. Beth Mc Neil

Theme: Look beyond yourself and be involved

Home Club: Jos

District Chairman 1996/97

Project:



**MRS. JOAN NWASIKE**

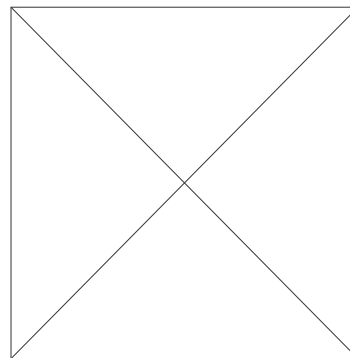
National Rep./President National Council 1992-93

International President: Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman

Theme: Understanding

District Chairman 912- 1992/93

Home Club: Zaria



**MRS. ROSALIND NWEKE**

National Rep./President National Council 1993/94

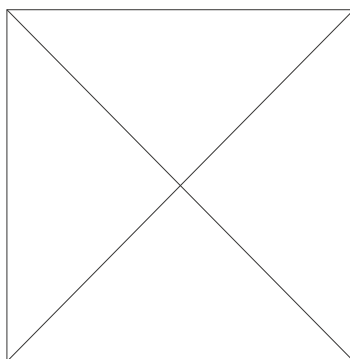
International President: Mrs. Anite Aggrawel

Theme: Expand to serve better

District Chairman 911-1993/1994

Home Club: Maiduguri

Project:



**MRS. MERRY UWAKWE**

National Rep./President National Council 1994/95

International President: Mrs. Babara Bennet

Theme: Widen your Horizon

District Chairman 911-1995/96

Home Club: Jos

Project:



**MRS. EVELYN ONYEMELUKWE**

National Representative 1999/2000

International President – Mrs. Ida Dubbel Dembe Klerk

Theme: Open your herat and your home

District Chairman 1995/96

Home Club: Kaduna

Project:





## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN



**MRS. FUNMI OLAFIMIHAN**  
District Chairman 1987-88  
International President Mrs. Dora Bailey  
Theme: Have Patience  
Home Club: Ilorin  
Project:



**MRS. EMIOLA AJIBADE**  
District Chairman 1988 -89  
International President – Mrs. Allison Dowson  
Theme: Project Children  
Home Club: Ibadan  
Project:



**MRS. OMOTAYO OLUTOYE**  
National Representative 1989/90  
International President – Mrs. Brenda Taylor  
Theme: Put your heart into it  
Home Club: Akure  
District Chairman 19989/90  
Project:



**MRS. LOLA AKINTOYE (LATE)**  
District Chairman 1991-92  
International President: Mrs. Margret Spenning  
Theme: Give our world a future  
Home Club: Ilorin  
Project:



**MRS. BUKIE BALOGUN**  
District Chairman 1991-92  
International President: Mrs. Isabel Mcknight  
Theme: Take Time Home Club: Apata Ganga  
Project:  
IW District 913 DIRECTORY  
Procurement of Sickle Cell Screening Machine. Lectures and  
Counselling on Sickle Cell Anaemia. Screened four(4) Secondary



**MRS. KEMI ADEGBITE**  
District Chairman 1992-93  
International President: Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman  
Theme: Understanding Home  
Club: Ado Ekiti  
Project:  
Schools and refer Sicklers to the UCH, Ibadan, Oyo State



## DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. FUNMI ADESINA**  
District Chairman 93-94  
International President –Mrs. Anite Aggrawel  
Theme: Expand to serve better  
Home Club: Ibadan  
Project:



**MRS. FUNMI OGUNSI**  
District Chairman 1994-95 (**Transferred to D911**)  
International President Mrs. Babara Bennet  
Theme: Widen your horizon Home Club: Osogbo  
Project:  
[Provision of wheel chair and crutches to a physically challenged student and payment for his physiotherapy sessions that enabled him to stand for the first time in his life. Sickle cell awareness programme.



**MRS. SALLY BOGUNJOKO**  
District Chairman 1995-96  
International President – Mrs. Ida Dubbei Dembe Klerk  
Theme: Open your and your home  
Home Club: Okene  
Project:



**MRS. RANTI ADETUBERU**  
District Chairman 1996-97  
International President –Mrs. Beth Mc Neil  
Theme: Look beyond yourself and be involved  
Home Club: Apata Ganga  
Project:

Sickle cell screening and Genotype Project  
Vocational Training For The Youth Care of The Aged



**MRS. ALICE OJUAWO**  
District Chairman 1997-98  
International President: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones  
Theme: Together we are strong  
Home Club: Ondo  
Project:



**MRS. BOLA OLATINWO**  
District Chairman 1998-99  
International President: Mrs. Lovise Richardson  
Theme: Make our world a better place to communicate and educate  
Home Club: Minna  
Project



## DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. AYO ODELANA (LATE)**

District Chairman 1999 -00

International President –Mrs. Lilian Pettigre Theme:  
Reach out, keep hope alive, turn giving into living Home  
Club: Ibadan  
Project:



**MRS. MONI BAMISAIYE**

District Chairman 2000-01

International President – Mrs. Vivan Bolton  
Theme: Strangers are friends we have not meet  
Home Club: Ijapo  
Project: Payment of the School Fees for an indigent 300 level  
Civil Engineering Student at The University of Ado –Ekiti



**MRS. GRACE ADEKOYA**

District Chairman 2001-02

International President – Mrs. Cole Buchanan  
Theme: Enthusiasm creates action  
Home Club: Garki

Project: Campaign Against Prostitution" signpost strategically  
placed at Asokoro junction in Abuja.



**MRS. PHEBEAN ALADE**

District Chairman 2002 -03

International President: Mrs. Sloveig Svensson  
Theme: Care for the future Home Club: Bodija  
Project: Mammography awareness, launching, and screening to  
some women were carried out in the District.& the Inauguration of  
the Mammography Centre in Ilesha.



**MRS. NNENNA OPEBIYI**

District Chairman 2003-04

International President: Mrs. Eileen Harant  
Theme: Make the friendship positive Home  
Club: Ilesha  
Project: Overspeeding signpost mounted on expressway.  
Construction of Mammography centre Ilesa



**MRS. DUPE ADEDIRAN (LATE)**

District Chairman 2004 - 05

International President –Mrs. Matje Hane Kamp van De Kamp  
Theme: Work together and give hope  
Home Club: Ibadan  
Project:





## DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. WUNMI OLADIMEJI**

District Chairman 2005-06

International President Mrs. Ema Ferdi

Theme: Support gives strength Home Club:  
Osogbo

Project: Construction of mammography centre  
from ground to roof level



**MRS. STELLA EKPUNOBI**

District Chairman 2006-07

International President – Mrs. Janet Day

Theme: Show that you care through  
friendship and service

Home Club: Garki Project:



**MRS. MONI ALADEOJEBI**

District Chairman 2007-08

International President – Kamale Ramakrishnan

Theme: Communicate our vision

Home Club: Ibadan Project:



**MRS. JOSEPHINE ANIFOWOSE**

District Chairman 2008-09

International President: Mrs. Suzanne Nielsen

Theme: Realise your vision and make a difference

Home Club: Bodija

Project: Commissioning of the mamography centre,  
Ilesha. Free Health Fair



**MRS. OBY IKU**

District Chairman 2009-10

International President: Mrs. Anne Fryer

Theme: Help bring hope Home Club: Garki

Project:



**MRS. BOSE TAYO**

District Chairman 2010-11

International President – Mrs. Pallavi Sah

Theme: Commit with conviction compassion consistency

Home Club: Ibadan

Project: Free Health Care



## DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. FOLAKE OGUNNUSI**

District Chairman 2011-12

International President Mrs. Catherine Rafabert

Theme: Think Ahead, Aim High

Home Club: Bida

Project:

Donation of relief material to Ibadan flood victims.

Scholarship award to Miss Esther Daniel  
Empowerment for 2 women



**MRS. VICTORIA ADEBAYO**

District Chairman 2012-13

International President – Mrs. Carole Young

Theme: Be A Friend

Home Club: Garki

Project:

Drilling of Motorised Hand Driven Borehole at Sabo - Iyere, Owo. Ondo State

Donation of various food items and clothes to Hope for Survival Orphanage Home, Gishiri. Abuja.

Advocacy Visit of District Chairman to LEA Primary School, Dutse Makaranta. Abuja.

Donation of Rescue kitted School Bags to 30 Students during DC visit to Inner Wheel Clubs of Ibadan and Bodija.



**MRS. BOLA SOFELA**

District Chairman 2013-14

International President – Mrs. Gabriela Adami

Theme: We for Women Home Club: Ibadan

Project: Free Health Care

Donation of Books to different Schools



**MRS. BOLA ODELEYE**

District Chairman 2014-15

International President: Mrs. Abha Gupta

Theme: Light the Path Home Club:

Bodija

Project: Free Health Care and Health Education at Ido LGA, Oyo State

Empowerment of three Women at Ibadan –  
Donation of Sewing Machine, Grinding machine  
and Hair dryer, all with required accessories



**MRS. IYABO AROGUNDADE**

District Chairman 2015-16

International President: Mrs. Charlotte De Vos

Theme: Unique and United Home

Club: Bida

Project: Drilling of borehole and



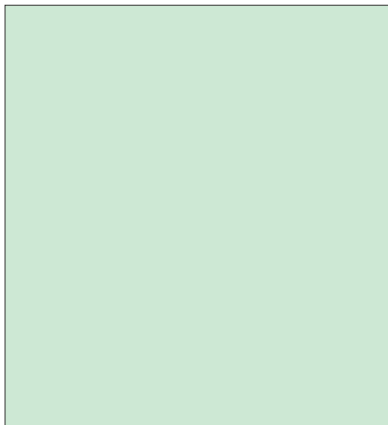
## DISTRICT 913 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. FUNMI AWOPONLE**  
District Chairman 2016-17  
International President: Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatise  
Theme: Touch A Heart Home  
Club: Garki Project: Donation  
of School 50 Desks and Chairs  
to LEA Karomajiji. Free  
Health Fair for 250 patient at  
Awe, Oyo State.



**MRS. FOLUSO AFOLABI**  
District Chairman 2017-18  
International President: Mrs. Kapila Gupta  
Theme: Leave a lasting legacy Home  
Club: Ijapo  
Project: Empowerment of a Physically  
Challenged Lady in Akure.





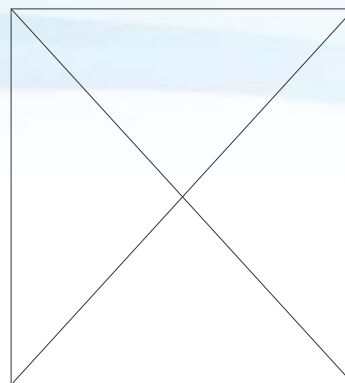


## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 914 CHAIRMEN



**MRS. EDITH OKOKON (LATE)**

District Chairman 1988 -89  
International President – Mrs. Allison Dowson  
Theme: Project Children  
Home Club: Calabar  
Project:



**MRS. THERESA ALLANAH**

District Chairman 1989-90  
International President – Brenda Taylor  
Theme: Put Your Heart Into It Home  
Club: Warri  
Project:



**MRS. UZUNMA AMAONWU (LATE)**

District Chairman 1990-91  
International President: Mrs. Margret Spinning  
Theme: Give our world a future  
Home Club: Ekulu Project:



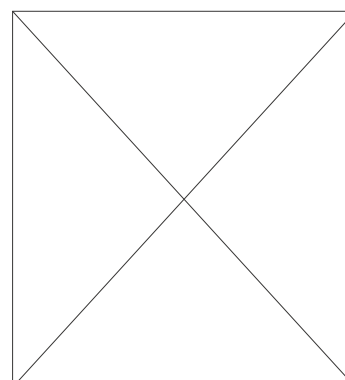
**MRS. EUNICE NWANKWO**

District Chairman 1991-92  
International President: Mrs. Isabel Mcknight  
Theme: Take Time  
Home Club: Aba  
Project:



**MRS. SALLY UNAM**

District Chairman 1992-93  
International President: Mrs. Gwedeline Bowman



**MRS. FELICIA OGOSI**

District Chairman 1993-94  
International President –Mrs. Anite Aggrawel  
Theme: Expand to serve better



## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 914 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. CLEMENTINA AISUENI (LATE)**

District Chairman 1994-95

International President Mrs. Babara Bennet

Theme: Widen your horizon

Home Club: Uselu Project:



**MRS. NGOZI ADIRIKA**

District Chairman 1995 -96

International President – Mrs. Ida Dubbei Dembe Klerk

Theme: Open your and your home

Home Club: Awka

Project:



**MRS. IFEYINWA NDEFO**

District Chairman 1996-97

International President –Mrs. Beth Mc Neil

Theme: Look beyond yourself and be involved

Home Club: Ekulu

Project:



**MRS. STELLA OBIOHA**

District Chairman 1997-98

International President: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones

Theme: Together we are strong

Home Club: Okigwe Project:



**MRS. ROSALIND ULUNMA UNUNBIA**

District Chairman 1998-99

International President: Mrs. Lovise Richardson

Theme: Make our world a better place  
to communicate and educate Home

Club: Aba Project:



**MRS. LIZZY EKPICKEN**

District Chairman 1999 -00

International President –Mrs. Lilian Pettigre Theme: Reach  
out, keep hope alive, turn giving into living Home Club:

Calabar  
Project:



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**MRS. UCHE AGBIM**

District Chairman 2000-01  
International President – Mrs. Vivian Bolton  
Theme: Strangers are friends we have not meet  
Home Club: Ekulu  
Project:



**MRS. VICTORIA OKON (LATE)**

District Chairman 2001-02  
International President – Mrs. Carol Buchanan  
Theme: Enthusiasm creates action  
Home Club: Calabar  
Project:



**MRS. ADEKEMI ADEYEMI**

District Chairman 2002 -03  
International President: Mrs. Sloveig Svensson  
Theme: Care for the future  
Home Club: Effurun  
Project: Youth Empowerment: Say No To Drugs



**MRS. EZINMA NNABUIFE**

District Chairman 2003-04  
International President: Mrs. Eileen Harant  
Theme: Make the friendship positive  
Home Club: Awka  
Project:



**MRS. ORI OBASI**

District Chairman 2004 - 05  
International President –Mrs. Matje Hane Kamp van De Kamp  
Theme: Work together and give hope  
Home Club: Eziukwu  
Project:



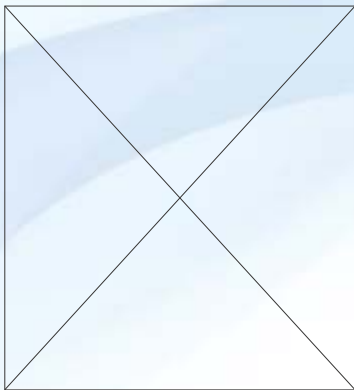
**MRS. UCHEOMA CHUKWUDUM**

District Chairman 2005-06  
International President Mrs. Ema Ferdi  
Theme: Support gives strength  
Home Club: Awka  
Project:





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**MRS. MARIA ANYA**

District Chairman 2006-07

International President – Mrs. Janet Day

Theme: Show that you care through  
friendship and service

Home Club: Calabar Project:



**MRS. FLORA AGUOCHA**

District Chairman 2007-08

International President – Kamale Ramakrishnan

Theme: Communicate our vision

Home Club: Aba

Project:



**MRS. COMFORT NWABUGHOGU**

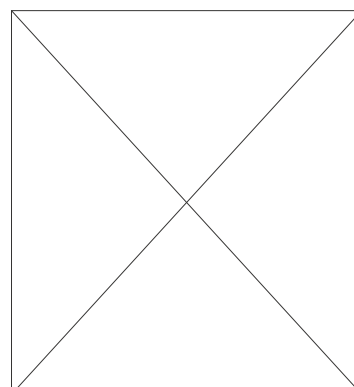
District Chairman 2008-09

International President: Mrs. Suzanne Nielsen

Theme: Realise your vision and make a difference

Home Club: Okigwe

Project:



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International President: Mrs. Anne Fryer

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Project:



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District Chairman 2010-11

International President –Mrs. Pallavi Sah

Theme: Commit with conviction compassion consistency

Home Club: Akwa

Project:



**MRS. ANGY OGBONNA**

District Chairman 2011-12

International President Mrs. Catherine Rafabert

Theme: Think Ahead, Aim High

Home Club: Ogbor Hill - Aba

Project:



## CURRENT & PAST DISTRICT 914 CHAIRMEN (CONTD)



**MRS. IHUOMA NDIMELE**  
District Chairman 2012-13  
International President – Mrs. Carole Young  
Theme: Be A Friend  
Home Club: Umungasi  
Project:



**MRS. BETH OLUKA**  
District Chairman 2013-14  
International President – Mrs. Gabriela Adami  
Theme: We for Women  
Home Club: Abakaliki  
Project:



**MRS. UZOAMAKA NWANDU**  
District Chairman 2014-15  
International President: Mrs. Abha Gupta  
Theme: Light the Path  
Home Club: Ekulu  
Project:



**MRS. REGINA ODJOJI**  
District Chairman 2015-16  
International President: Mrs. Charlotte De Vos  
Theme: Unique and United  
Home Club: Effurun  
Project:



**MRS. TYNA OKPALEKE**  
District Chairman 2016-17  
International President: Mrs. Oluyemisi Alatisé  
Theme: Touch A Heart



**MRS. JOYCE NWOGU**  
District Chairman 2017-18  
International President:  
Mrs. Kapila Gupta  
Theme: Leave a lasting le



## THE CHANGE AGENTS OF INNER WHEEL (OUR AMBASSADORS)

### PRESENTATION AT THE FINAL CEREMONY OF THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL CONVENTION, ISTANBUL 2012 - BY ADENIKE BAMISAYE



**A**t the 15th International Convention, Istanbul 2012, there was an innovation introduced by PPIIW Catherine Rafabet. New generation members were introduced to speak at the closing ceremony of the convention. Six younger members of Inner Wheel from different countries were asked to make the presentations on personal experiences in inner wheel. Subsequent conventions followed suit and Nigeria has been lucky enough to have representatives speaking at the closing ceremony. Adenike Bamisaye represented the country at the 15th International Convention, Istanbul 2012 while Abiola Aberuagba represented the country at the 16th International Convention, Denmark 2015 and Adaora Nwandu represented Nigeria at the 17th International Convention, Melbourne 2018. The summary of their presentation is below.

Why do I believe in Inner Wheel ; Seeing is believing; I have seen the good works being carried out by members of inner wheel and this led to my believing in the club. I believe in sharing with a gift or talent to those in need of it. I have witnessed what the power of sharing the little that the club has gathered, can do to the lives of the less privileged. It is one of the goals of Inner Wheel. Their love for humanity in rendering charity is my dream which solidifies my belief in

the club – sharing only doubles the joy of giving. When there is a presentation done to alleviate poverty in the lives of people, the recipients have tears of joy in their eyes. I also believe in the club for members though of an older generation are still young at heart – the older generation encourages the younger ones which helps the club in moving forward

Why did I choose to join Inner Wheel ; The type of organization that exists within the club is peculiar only to the club. The club is highly organized, focused, determined, and result driven. The objectivity of resource mobilization is another reason why I chose inner wheel. The proceedings obtained for a said program or project is used for that program or project. The club works at grass root levels and this led to a larger geographical spread of the club. Different NGOs have their areas of specialties; some are charitable oriented, others are services oriented, some are participatory oriented and some are empowering oriented – Inner Wheel stood out and encompasses all of the above - IW is holistic and comprehensive in nature)

What can I offer to Inner Wheel ; I have the enthusiasm and energy as a youth to assist in achieving the goals of Inner Wheel. Time is precious and without it one cannot be effective. I have pledged my time to ensure effectiveness in all assignments. I have bright ideas – Lateral Thinking. I have the capacities and capabilities to mobilize resources for the clubs activities / programs

What do I expect from Inner Wheel ; Sisterly love, friendship, guidance, care from all the members of the club. Co-operation, team work when the need arises, and the opportunity to work at grass root levels across the spectrum. Fulfilling my interests, and dream of not having lived in vain.

The opportunity is there for changing the world but will only happen if we make it happen.

THANK YOU





# 16th International Inner Wheel Convention, Copenhagen 2015. WE ARE THE CHANGE MAKERS By IWM. ABERUAGBA ABIOLA Oregon Inner Wheel Club, District 911, Nigeria.



## WHAT IS CHANGE?

- ▶ Change means to transform
- ▶ To change the form or nature of something
- ▶ To cause to be different

## CHANGE MAKERS Ideology

CHANGE is a natural process  
CHANGE the most powerful law of nature

"we must obey the great law of change. It is the most powerful law of nature, And the means perhaps of its conservation"  
(Edmund Burke).

## CHANGE can happen if we CHANGE ourselves CHANGE in mind-set, in our perceptions

- Growth Mindset
  - It is the road to success
  - ❖ Hard work
  - ❖ Self-praise of effort
  - ❖ Improvement
  - ❖ Challenge yourself
  - Incremental Change
  - ❖ Taking Action
  - ❖ Intellect Growth
  - ❖ Don't Quit
  - ❖ Put in your Best Effort

## • Fixed Mindset

- ❖ Keeps you in a box

## CHANGE in our thoughts, words and deeds

### Change in accepting the bad norms

- We must STOP Abuse of Girl Child and;
- ENSURING that there are Happy Children all over the world.

Only then will others change

## CHANGE in our working, in our interpersonal relationships

### Objectives of Inner Wheel

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service and
- To foster international understanding

## For Younger Generation of Members to make the change

We need to adopt qualities of patience, loyalty & transparency

- ❖ Patience
- ❖ Trusting
- ❖ Ethical
- ❖ Trust
- ❖ Rewarding
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Appropriateness
- ❖ Fairness
- ❖ Convenience
- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Supported
- ❖ Helpful

If we CHANGE ourselves, we can certainly hope to bring positive change in others and in our managing / handling our Clubs, Districts and IIW at large

If you think you can, you're right.  
If you think you can't, you're right again  
What matters most is how you see yourself.

"Start changing yourself if you want to change the life around you" (Mahatma Ghandhi)

Thank you.



## PRESENTATION AT THE FINAL CEREMONY OF THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL CONVENTION, MELBOURNE 2018 BY ADAORA NWANDU

### Be the Change you wish to see in the World



**A**fter I graduated from University and began my National Service in Nigeria years ago, one of my first projects focused on Female Genital Mutilation. The organization where I worked, Communicating for Change, had decided to make a documentary

telling the story from the point of view of the Genital Mutilator – a leading lady in the community called Stella.

For Stella and her community, FGM was a generational practice they weren't quite ready to give up. A few non-governmental organisations had been working with the community, and through various initiatives they began to show Stella the deep rooted impact of all the cutting she had been doing. During one performance of a community play on FGM, Stella was so moved to see her actions mirrored to her that she decided at that point 'I no go cut again' – I will never cut, again.

Stella took her change of heart a step further; she began talking to other women in the community about how the modern world is no place for these practices and how it spoils society for the current generation and the ones to come. And because Stella is living proof of the change that she wished to see in the world, people listened, and they eradicated the practice within one generation in her own community.

This is not surprising because the truth is, we are all changemakers, whether we realize it or not. All our little actions, thoughts and words are constantly shifting our own lives and the lives of those around us. Chaos theory states that a butterfly flapping its wings in America, may lead to a tornado in China years later. That is the same way our smallest actions have immense and unpredictable power.

So many of us as women, don't fully see nor own our power. We may be aware of it at some level, but we are often distracted by the circumstances around us and preoccupied with our schedules, events, and the minutiae of daily life. Often as women, and perhaps especially African women – we're constantly facing those who are set on disenfranchising and disempowering us.

But every so often we are able to lift our gaze from our own personal quests and see the bigger picture of the world around us. And when we don't like that picture, we don't just wish for change, we make change.

Sometimes as women, we are able to do this as part of big international outcries like the Women's March or #TimesUp and #MeToo movements.

And other times, we deliberately seek out spaces where we can link arms with small groups of like-minded women in our homes, town and districts. And those arms in turn link with other arms in our country and across

continents like we are doing today with our International Inner Wheel Sisterhood.

But we all started at home. Our districts were able to look at our communities in Nigeria and see people dying from easily screened health conditions. So we stepped in and built health facilities to find and treat conditions like breast and cervical cancer, HIV, diabetes, high blood pressure, malaria, etc so that families don't prematurely lose mothers, fathers, husbands or wives and find themselves in emotional, financial and societal distress. We noticed otherwise wonderful and capable people being held back by major and minor physical challenges and we intervened so that a blind lawyer is able to practice their legal expertise, deaf and mute children receive education, and even the shortsighted get a pair of glasses so they can study and work more effectively. We Nigerian sisters decided we don't want to see poverty drain the opportunity from orphans, widows and the disenfranchised – so we formed our own social safety nets and provide food, clothing, boreholes for water, basic sanitation facilities and vocational skills training that has given them a chance to free themselves from that same safety net. We want to be sure that the next generation of women aren't just surviving either but thriving. We provide micro credit loans so that women can take their businesses to the next level. How many women have failed to pay back these loans so far? Zero – proving that when communities are given the opportunity to make changes to their income, the economic impact is significant and long lasting. And that is why we dialogue with communities on the importance of making sure girls have an education, and then sponsor that education by gathering our three districts to fund three brilliant women through their University degrees. And in a few years these graduates will be standing on a podium similar to this one talking about, how they have passed on the assistance that was given to them. I know that like many of my sisters here, I have been blessed in so many ways I cannot count them. And despite the challenges, I have faced I continue to overcome and to make changes for the better in my own life, and that of my local and global community. In this room, I am surrounded by women who don't simply wish for change in the world, but are making that change happen. Like that butterfly, every day we flap our brilliant wings and unleash powerful forces into the world. We may not be able to control the outcomes but we can absolutely decide in our hearts what we wish those changes to be, and what actions we can take to achieve them. That power is truly our own. Now turn to the sister next to you and say 'Your brilliant wings have great power' So sisters, as you head back into the world, keep that complete truth sacred within you. Think of it every time you see anything you wish was different. Turn to it as a talisman in times of challenge and triumph. Repeat it when that Inner Wheel Club meeting is not quite going the way you hoped, because knowing that truth will be the thing that makes the difference:

**“I am the change I wish to see in this world”. Then flap your brilliant, powerful wings and fly.**

Thank you



## *An Appreciation*

by The National President & Members of the Governing Body 2017/18

1. *To all donors to the Inner Wheel Projects Nationwide and International Donors*
2. *For the input of all our members in the past and for their readiness to continue to serve cheerfully in love and unity. "Leaving a Lasting Legacy"*
3. *For the input of our dear departed members while here with us. May they find favour with the creator.*
4. *To the Editorial Board for their tireless effort in putting the Anniversary celebration brochure together, and the contributors.*
5. *To the International Inner Wheel Clubs for electing one of our members Oluyemisi Alatise to serve as International President 2016/2017, which is a bonus to our 50years Anniversary Celebration.*

Long Live Inner Wheel Nigeria  
 Long Live International Inner Wheel  
 Long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria

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# Inner Wheel

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**Rotarian Dr. Adewale Lateef Ogunbadejo**  
District Governor, Rotary International  
District 9110, Nigeria

on behalf of all Rotarians in RI District 9110,  
I hereby congratulate the Inner Wheel  
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