



KNOW YOUR ORGANISATION

WHAT IS INNER WHEEL?

Inner Wheel is the world's largest women's voluntary organization and comprises of the women folk of Rotarians. It is a recognized voluntary Non-Government Organization to help and serve the needy and underprivileged section of the Society. In recognition of its social service, it has got representation in the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The Inner Wheel concentrates upon Friendship and Personal Service. It is not what is termed as “a money raising organization”, though each club selects its own charities and channels of service. One of the greatest features of Inner Wheel is the opportunity given to its members the world over to get to know one another, thus contributing to International Friendship and Understanding.

BEGINNING OF THE INNER WHEEL MOVEMENT

Mr. Paul Harris started the first Rotary Club in 1905. In 1920, the wives of Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland joined hands to help their husbands with social work undertaken by the Rotary club. The friendship resulted in forming the Inner Wheel Club in 1924; the Manchester Club of England was formed and was named Inner Wheel. As time passed, many Inner Wheel Clubs came into being and in 1934; the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland was formed with Mrs. Oliver Golding as the founder President and Mrs. Nixon as the Secretary.

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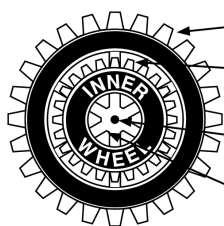


They realized that unity is strength and had the wisdom to group Clubs into Districts and then later to bring the Districts to form an Association. Since then the movement has grown rapidly and spread all over the globe.

A PROFILE OF INNER WHEEL

Inner Wheel is an International Organization. Administratively, it functions at 4 levels. India is the 2nd largest Association. Inner Wheel is totally democratic at all levels. Every office is an elected one and every club has right to vote. IIW is governed by a Constitution and it is amended every 3 years at the IIW Convention. Once in three years an International Convention is held, proposals are submitted to amend the Constitution.

INNER WHEEL LOGO



24 Teeth on outer wheel denote the clubs in the world

24 Teeth on Inside Wheel denote the links with other organizations and charities

The **Dot** in the middle is the individual member - **YOU** - without whom the hub will fail

6 Spokes, radiating outwards from center represent the officers and service committees

The colours to be used are - Rims of inner and Outer wheels in **Royal Blue** Words **INNER** on the top and **WHEEL** at the bottom are written in **Gold** lettering

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ORIGIN OF ENGLISH VERSION OF INNER WHEEL PRAYER

Way back in 1971, Silla Ardeshir, a young member from India attended one of the meetings of a local Club in Australia. At the beginning of the meeting she heard the members reciting a Collect. She was impressed with that and felt why not one for her home Club, Inner Wheel Bombay? She brought back the Collect with her and India being a diverse country, she made the changes to suit the country and presented it to her Club. Soon the other Clubs too adopted this and thus the Inner Wheel Prayer was born.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 10TH JANUARY / STORY OF IIW DAY

International Inner Wheel Day, celebrated on 10th January, was the idea of 2nd International Inner Wheel President Helena Foster (1969-70). She wrote a letter to all clubs worldwide, "I would like to have one day in the year when all Inner Wheel members would do something special and think of their fellow members around the world to do some kind of personal service. I have chosen this special day because it was on January 10, 1924 that the Mother Club, the Manchester Inner Wheel Club, England first adopted the name "Inner Wheel". It can be interpreted in any way you think fit - in a group or as in individual - giving personal

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- **PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:** Membership in Inner Wheel helps one's growth and education in human relations and interpersonal development.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** Inner Wheel is an organization of service minded and capable personalities. Serving in Inner Wheel position is like a college education in leadership, learning how to motivate, influence and lead people from different walks of life.
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- **CULTURAL AWARENESS:** Around the world, practically every religion, country culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour and ethnic identity is found in Inner Wheel. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizen from every background and walks of life. Inner Wheel Members become aware of other cultures and learn to live and work with people all around the world. They become better citizens of the Country they belong to in the process and work towards world peace.
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- Mrs. Oliver Golding was the founder President and Mrs. Nixon was the Secretary.
- The first six rules were agreed upon. (i) The name shall be “International Inner Wheel”; (ii) The emblem shall be: Logo; (iii) The Inner Wheel year shall be 1st July to 30th June; (iv) Inner Wheel shall not be sectarian or party political; (v) There shall be nomenclature for all offices at International, National, District and Club level; (vi) Official language shall be English.
- **1928:** The first Inner Wheel District No. 5 (England) was born.
- **1931:** The First Overseas Club was founded in Ballarat.
- **1934:** 6th May. The Association of Inner Wheel in Great Britain & Ireland came into being.
- **1936:** Since, then the newly formed Inner Wheel Clubs were given a Certificate of Membership or “The Charter”.
- **1948:** The first overseas I.W. District “The Netherland District” was formed. The same was later on numbered as District 26,
- **1955:** Inner Wheel came to India with the formation of Inner Wheel Club of Ahmadabad as District 75 now District 305 (The First District in India). Mrs. Minnie Camma was the Charter President of IWC Ahmedabad the first club in India.
- **1965:** The first Inner Wheel District in India was formed under the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India. Founder was

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