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Newsletter of the District Chairman, IWD 323

My Dear Friends in Inner Wheel,

My tenure has begun like the dramatic Chembaruthi or the multi-hued Hibiscus flower, which is prized in cultures around the world and may symbolise youth, beauty, success, glory or feminity. This seems yet another way to describe the year going by.

"Say it with flowers" they say, but this year we 'hear' the language of the flowers! The fragrance has wafted into every avenue, leaving a distinct sweetness wherever it has bloomed. Roja, Thamarai, Malligai, Saamanthi, Sampangi, Manoranjitham, Alli, Vadamalli, Vilvam, Suryakanthi, Maghizhampoo, Thulir, Thazhampoo, Lavender, Iris, Tulips, Orchids, Daffodils, Beach Aster, Parijatham and now through Chembaruthi, our flowers will bind us together in memory for many more years to come.

"Leadership is having a compelling vision, a comprehensive plan, relentless implementation and talented people working together."

It has been my dream to bring together every member of our Inner Wheel District in a service activity, because I believe that collective effort and involvement is the best way to succeed. This is my dream now bearing fruition when amazingly, we have all 1800 Inner Wheel members nurturing this magnificent flower garden with their ongoing projects every day.



Life is not only about the steps you have taken but also about the footprints you leave behind. So let us all remain united in the true spirit of the Inner Wheel tradition of Service and Friendship.

"Pink First" being the theme given by our IIW President Ebe Martines Panitteri and "SHEROES" being the goal given by the Association President Saroj Katiyar, our focus for the year has been on promoting Women Empowerment and Gender Equality through our various programmes. These are goals which I have always personally believed in and worked towards, so the enormous thought process that has gone into putting together the projects and activities for the year have culminated in the blooming of an array of meaningful and a colourful bouquet of flowers in a very short span of time.

Unique, innovative, exciting and exhilarating is how I would wondrously describe the five months that have flown by. Projects, events, competitions, new Clubs, friendship and service have all touched new heights. The enthusiasm, synergy and fun is palpable in every meeting and event of Inner Wheel District 323 and to be at the helm of affairs in such a harmonious scenario is a privilege and possibly the best thing that could happen to any District Chairman!

"The mind is like a flower. It does not bloom without the lights of appreciation, encouragement and love." I thank each one of you for showering me with all three in abundance!

Kamala Selvam District Chairman IWD 323





Saadhya

Incoming Chairman's Institute 2021 on April 9th, 10th & 11th April 2021

Saadhya -the ICI at Coimbatore was a very enriching experience. From the word go we were all excited as it was to be a physical meet in these troubled pandemic times and were elated when it really happened. Meeting up with batchmates gave a 'back-to-college' feel and we immediately bonded well in the next three days.

The Briefing sessions were interesting and interactive and we diligently lapped up all the information doled out to us by senior faculty members IIWP Bina Vyas, PAP Gomathi Viswanathan, Association CCCC Rashmi Sharma, Association President Saroj Katiyar and Association Secretary Anuradha Chandak.

The entertainment performance by the Chairmen brought out the informal and fun side to them and we felt lucky to be amongst a highly talented group of ladies.

In all it was a memorable experience and one which we will cherish for a lifetime.





Ushering in an Era of Pink

Saturday, July 3, 2021 was a pink-letter day for all of us at IW District 323, as we



witnessed a glittering and star-studded yet well-planned District Assembly "Thamarai" that ushered in Kamala Selvam as the new District Chairman for 2021-22. The previous year had called for tremendous patience and perseverance from everyone in order to reach out and serve our fellow-citizens held in the deadly throes of Covid-19. This year we look forward with renewed hope and vigour to less challenges and better times ahead.



The glitterati and dignitaries of District 323 were all there in full strength to welcome special guest Association President Saroj Katiyar, Chief Guest Meenakshi Vijayakumar, Joint Director, Fire Services, Tamil Nadu, and the delegates and special invitees. Held at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Chennai, the



meeting was a hybrid one, due to the Covid imposed limitations on the



number of guests allowed. No matter, the assembled gathering hailed every announcement with enthusiasm, listened with heartwarming attention to every speech, and applauded the incoming team with great aplomb. The colourful and meticulously planned Assembly session struck all the right notes and stayed on schedule every stage, we can expect this year to be very special with her at the helm of affairs. Kamala is a powerhouse of energy and determination when it comes to achieving her goals and along with the Special Projects team she has planned out a whole host of flowerthemed projects that would impact our environment and society.

The addresses of both Association President Saroj Katiyar and Chief Guest Meenakshi Vijaykumar were powerful and aimed at motivating the audience. Felicitations from PDC Nallammai Ramanathan for IWD 323, PDC Swarnalatha Jothikumar on behalf of the home club, DG Nirmal Raghavan of RI Dist. 3231 and President Vikram Jindal



throughout. As District Chairman Usha Saraogi demitted her post to a standing ovation, Kamala swept gracefully into her position as the 36th President with just the right blend of verve and humility that bodes well for the days to come. The Chairman's Newsletter and District Directory were also released in accordance with protocol.

Kamala Selvam, brings a good deal to the table of the District Chairman. An excellent all-rounder in both academics and extra-curricular activities, leadership came naturally to her, both in her school in Nazareth Convent in Ooty and subsequently at Stella Maris College and LIBA, Chennai.

Known for her organizational skills and passion for progress and innovation at

of RCMM, RI Dist. 3232 were followed by a humourous and candid felicitation by Rtn Selvam Alagappan on behalf of the Chairman's family. The Vote of Thanks by District Secretary Nasira was followed by the National Anthem and then a sumptuous lunch to round off a morning well spent.







The Club officers Training institute held virtually on 5th, 6th and 7th of June with our eminent PDCs as the faculty provided the necessary inputs that the Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and ISOs needed. For the first time the manuals for the four office bearers were included in the District Directory which serves as a ready reckoner for the leaders at the Club level.

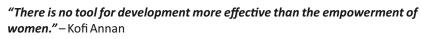




PANGEA

PANGEA - The joint ISO program saw almost 163 participants from all Clubs and this was meticulously piloted by District ISO Rakhi Maher.





As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things and we will all be better off for it!



Empowerment is raising a woman's status through education, career, literacy,

skill training and all the other aspects that would complement her in this mission to strengthen the social fabric of society to recognize India as a progressive nation. We do not need magic to transform our world. *"We carry all of the power we need inside ourselves already,"* said JK Rowling.

Our Pink Presidents stand testimony to this. The last six months have seen them exploring every avenue of service with a secret ingredient called passion that drives them to excellence.

Come pandemic, come rain, come storm, our Pink Presidents are out there, out of their comfort zones and the safety of their homes, braving the weather to unite as one group, one force, to radiate that compassion, understanding and giving to the hapless and bereft.

Woman Empowerment is best described in a pictorial depiction through the Language of Flowers seamlessly merging with the Association President Saroj Katiyar's acronym SHEROES.



SURYAKANTHI : like the unique Sunflower that looks up to the Sun for sustenance and to one another in it's absence, women from the marginalised section of society are being empowered to earn a dignified, sustained and independent livelihood.





We celebrate the beauty of those who identify as transgenders and our efforts to create a life of opportunities through care, healthcare and emotional support.





ROSE : The pink rose symbolizes gratitude to God for giving one the strength to conquer Cancer, to relegate the experience to the back of the mind and the resultant peace to move forward.





Vadamalli is a bright and colourful basket of fun-filled learning experiences through stories and exciting activities for children in orphanages and shelter homes to keep them engaged and connected to the world outside while helping them



Spreading the nings of knowledge...





We focus our attention on empowering the young and budding students in Govt-aided schools, through sports and other activities that would mould and prepare them to be proud and responsible citizens of tomorrow.







VILVAM : Earth Care has become a revolution in our District. Members are into terrace gardens, igniting young minds with kitchen gardens in schools, old age homes and orphanages and planting saplings and trees in abundance. Many others have taken up composting with a passion, awaiting the Black Gold in anticipation!



Spreading the ideals of Inner Wheel - Hyacinth



Bringing in happiness and comfort for the old and infirm



Thazhampoo











Mazhalai Oli, the Signature Project of our District conducted every year during the time of Diwali and the brain child of Convenor PDC Nallammai Ramanathan has been continued this year too with 1100 children from shelter homes and orphanages being provided with goodie bags containing sweets, stationery, note books, sanitary kits, masks, juices and chocolates. This project costing around Rs. 7 lakhs is very soul satisfying and brings happiness to the girls and boys of the orphanages.

Tulips virtual Inner Wheel Bazaar, an undoubted success, is a wonderful initiative wherein six participating clubs showcase the products and services of their own entrepreneurs every month. It provides a common awareness platform to connect, source and buy and is a

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great way for us to buy from one another

before looking elsewhere.





The icing on the cake on the ESO front has been the formation of three new Clubs – Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Daffodils with 41 members, Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Beach Aster with 20 members and Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Rhythm with 23 members.



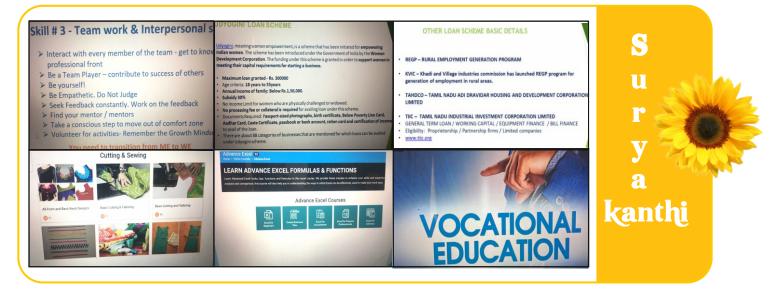
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Manoranjitham

We bow with gratitude to the members of our faculty for having stood with us with willingness and commitment week on week for the last five months. MANORANJITHAM comprising of Suryakanthi, Lavender and Maghizhampoo owes it's success and reach to them.









WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT? Maghizhampoo பாலியல் வன்கொடுமை என்றால் என்ன? Anything which is • 1.Unwelcome advance - விரும்பத்தகாத வகையில் நெருங்குவது • 2.Sexual in Nature - பாலியல் சீண்டல் • 3. Impact is what matters, not intent. - விளைவுகள் முக்கியம் LIVE • 4. Often occurs in a matrix of power - - பதவியில் இருப்பவர்கள் Secret: Your Senses Feed Into Your Mind. UGH • 5. Subjective experience - நீங்கள் மட்டும் உணரமுடியும் • 6. Can be direct or by implication - நேர்முகமாகவோ மறைமுகமாக ACKED GET AUGHING **Role of Advertising** Messaging — Domestic work Why is - Dependant CHARACTERS 49.6% - Insecure SCREEN TIME 59.7% Typing cybersecurity 2/3rd are fair SPEAKING TIME 56.3% 9x stunning 6x revealing awareness Nos 5x objectified Mouth important? Brand Ambassador Vs. Brand commodity Skin

A CONFETTI OF MALLIGAI



Confetti, the South Zone meet, aptly named 'Malligai" to reflect Tamil culture and tradition, was hosted on October 30th and 31st, 2021 by District 323. Delegates from 7 districts led by their respective chairmen came together in a joyous culmination of friendship and bonding over two packed days at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai. Each day's schedule was meticulously planned and carried out under the dynamic leadership of DC Kamala and team under the watchful and experienced eyes of Convenor PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan and Coconvenor PIIWT Azhagu Annamalai. Valuable contributions from the PDCs of District 323 added to the glamour and excitement of the event, held again in Chennai after a hiatus of 7 years. Association President Saroj Katiyar and her executive team attended in full strength and interacted with all the delegates and attendees.

There was rich entertainment, varied cuisine, motivational speeches, goodie bags for participants and shopping galore in the stalls put up outside. Excitement mounted

to heady heights as lucky winners were awarded dream prizes every so often, and a fabulous fashion show by title sponsors Maganlal Jewellers carried the day.

Emcees PDCs Seema Bhargava, Nallini Olivannan, Sushi Natraj and Shama Prasanna ensured the smooth flow of events and minimal wastage of time. Chief Guest

Dr.(Smt) Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry delivered a rousing address on Day 1. Hon'ble Justice Dr. Anita Sumanth delivered an inspiring keynote address on Day 2. The Sheroes Award was presented to Mrs Suneeta Reddy of Apollo Hospitals for her exemplary service to world-class healthcare in India. Another event of special interest was the panel discussion with seven y o u ng n ext-generation women entrepreneurs, one from each district,

helping them to succeed.

With never a dull moment, all too soon it was time to wrap up and say adieu. Another joyous event furthering the bonds of friendship had been carried off with aplomb, leaving behind lasting memories

moderated by Hemu Ramaiah, founder of

the iconic bookstore Landmark. Each

panellist spoke of the challenges faced along

the way and the mindsets that prevailed in





"The purpose of human life is to Serve, to show Compassion and the Will to help others" - Albert Schweitzer