



## Know Your District Chairman



Born in Chennai, brought up in Thanjavur, Kamala did her schooling at Nazareth Convent High School Ooty. She excelled in academics and was an all rounder who pursued several extracurricular activities, her favourites being playing the piano and singing. She was part of her school choir which she feels laid the foundation for her interest in pursuing music with a passion even now. Her schooling gave her a lot of scope for nurturing her talents and helped groom her leadership skills with her taking up leadership roles such as the NSS captain and the House Captain.

She went on to do her Bachelor of Commerce degree at the Stella Maris College, Chennai, holding the Academic Proficiency record in her class and later did her Masters in Business Administration from The Loyola Institute of Business Administration getting the Gold Medal in Finance and the Overall First Prize and Gold Medal.

She joined the Inner Wheel Club of Madras Midtown in the year 2006 and has held all the posts at the Club level – ISO, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice – President before becoming the President of her Club in the year 2014 and the District Conference Chairman in the same year. She then moved on to the Inner Wheel District Executive committee in the year 2016 and has held the posts of District Editor, District ISO, District Treasurer, District Secretary and District Vice Chairman and is all set to take on the post of District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 323 for the year 2021-22.

As the District Editor she upgraded and created a very interactive website and brought in a lot of new elements on the website including links to the Facebook page, “Upkaar” a directory of NGO's, web competitions and flash news of Inner Wheel events happening every day, link to the Inner Wheel District Directory and a gallery to showcase Club projects which was updated on a regular basis. She brought out bulletins by the name “Upkaar” and a souvenir named “Uttara” which was well appreciated and termed as classy by all who read it.

As the District Secretary apart from her regular duties she conducted a free health check – up program at VHS named “Sushrutha” for all the Inner Wheel members, and all the tests and scans were done free of cost. As the District Treasurer she was the co-convenor for the “Mazhalai Oli” program which was held in Infosys hall for 1000 under privileged children. As the District ISO she put together the enjoyable programs “Iyarkaiyin arputhangal” for the City Clubs and “Diyaa” hosted by the City Plus Clubs, a “Career Renewal Guidance program” to help women in Inner Wheel who have discontinued their careers to resume them, and a



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visit to Kalakshetra which was appreciated by all. As the District Vice Chairman she organized very interesting virtual Presidents meets and was in charge of coordinating publicity related information.

Kamala's passion lies in women empowerment and gender equality and she is glad that the International Inner Wheel Presidents goals are the same. She hopes to give her best and empower as many women possible through skill development workshops, vocational training, counselling sessions, financial literacy programs, and personality development courses, with the help of efficient resource people and support of the Inner Wheel members and Club Presidents.

Kamala has also done a course in Vedic astrology and has been doing research in the field of astrology for the past 15 years. She has done consultations for several people and given speeches on the topic of vedic astrology in several forums.

She is actively involved in a couple of social service organizations including Rotary and is a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Madras Heritage. She has held several positions in her capacity as an Ann of Rotary and has helped in organizing many events which she feels has helped groom her organizational skills. She is a part of the Fellowship of Music Loving Rotarians group and has participated in several stage programs to fund charitable activities along with the group.

Her family is in the automobile spares manufacturing and distribution business and Real Estate and Construction Business. They are also involved in a lot of charitable activities and run an Old Age Welfare Trust which serves clean and healthy food to the elders in and around their village Nachandupatti situated in the Chettinad area. They are the Trustees of the Pillayarpatti Temple and have contributed immensely to the upkeep and management of the temple for the past several years. Her husband Selvam is a Rotarian and has held numerous posts in Rotary including the District Conference Chairman position in the year 2017-18.

Kamala runs a yoga and event studio by the name "Pink Lotus" in T.Nagar which is a multi purpose event space used for conducting small events, meetings, photoshoots and parties.

Her son Ashwin is a Mechanical engineer and her daughter Anoo has completed her final year B.Com at the Stella Maris College.

Her hobbies include singing, reading, writing and travelling. She is a yoga enthusiast and pursues it with a passion.