



# SMILESTONES

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District Team

DOTI

**D**OTI District Officers' Training Institute was conducted at PDC Latha Mahalingam's residence by Advisor PDC Bhamini Parthasarathy and Training officers PDC Nallini Olivannan and PDC Latha Mahalingam.

All the eight District officers were present and shared their understanding of the roles in the District.



  
**INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 323**  
cordially welcomes you to  
**'AARAMBH'**  
DISTRICT OFFICERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE  
2024-25

**TRAINING OFFICERS**  
PDC Latha Mahalingam  
PDC Nallini Olivannan  
**ADVISOR**  
PDC Bhamini Parthasarathy

 12th APRIL 2024, FRIDAY  
 11 A.M. Followed by lunch  
 1501, 'The summit',  
No 6, First avenue,  
Shastri Nagar, Adyar,  
Chennai - 600020





# COTI@MGR JANAKI COLLEGE

June 1, 2024

The Club officers Training Institute (COTI) happened on June 1st, 2024 with the support of Past District Chairmen and participating clubs of the District.



DC Arathi welcomed the gathering of around 240 members present. District Chairman Elect Nasira gave a sneak peak of her plans and unveiled the Inner Wheel theme, Social theme and Association goals for the year.

Past International Inner Wheel President Kamala Ramakrishnan gave us a briefing on the need for COTI and how it helps in friendship, networking and service.



PDC Seema Bhargava spoke to us on the Structure, hierarchy and protocol in Inner Wheel, and why it is imperative to follow all of them.

PDC Shama made a presentation on the upcoming National and international events, created an awareness and motivated members to participate to understand the global impact of Inner Wheel.

PDC Nallini made a presentation on membership. She spoke on the need to not only have new members but also sustain them and make them comfortable in the club. She gave practical suggestions that were well received.

Individual break out sessions for Presidents Elect, Secretaries elect, Treasurers elect, ISO elects and outgoing Presidents were held by senior PDCs that were not only informative but also effective. DLCC Kamala Selvam briefed the Presidents on programs / projects on Literacy.

The entire program concluded with a good lunch and the members went back more equipped and confident.





The District Assembly 'Jubilation' was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at Annalakshmi Restaurant with a lot of fan fare and fun, it was both light and serious considering the fact that we also had our Business sessions.

The Chief Guest was the ever charming and graceful Begum Seema Ahmed, philanthropist and Trustee of the Arcot Foundation.

Smiling and artistic Arathi Narayanan collared Fathima Nasira, an exemplary leader of promise, installing her as the 39<sup>th</sup> Chairman of Inner Wheel District 323 along with the Executive committee.

Chief Guest Begum Seema was at her eloquent best as she spoke out of her heart and congratulated Chairman Nasira and applauded the tremendous work that Inner Wheel District 323 had been doing over the years.

This was followed by a fabulous lunch - which of course Annalakshmi is famous for and we moved on to the business sessions.

The evening ended on a beautiful note - it was truly a day to remember!!

## District Assembly 'JUBILATION'





JUNE 29, 2024

# JOINT INSTALLATION EXUBERANCE









# Joint Installation 'EXHILARATION'



JULY 13, 2024





## New Club Inauguration INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CHENNAI LEGACY

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Legacy was inaugurated on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Dr. Janani Rex was installed as President with the team  
of office bearers and with 30 members

## *Inner Wheel Club of* **CHENNAI RAINBOW SHAKTHI**



Inner Wheel Club of  
Chennai Rainbow Shakthi  
was inaugurated on  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with  
Vandana Agarwal as Charter  
President & Team of office  
bearers and with 26 members  
in a grand ceremony





# South Zone Meet at **THANJAVUR**

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

52 members attended the South Zone Meet and we received the second prize for the maximum number of registrations.

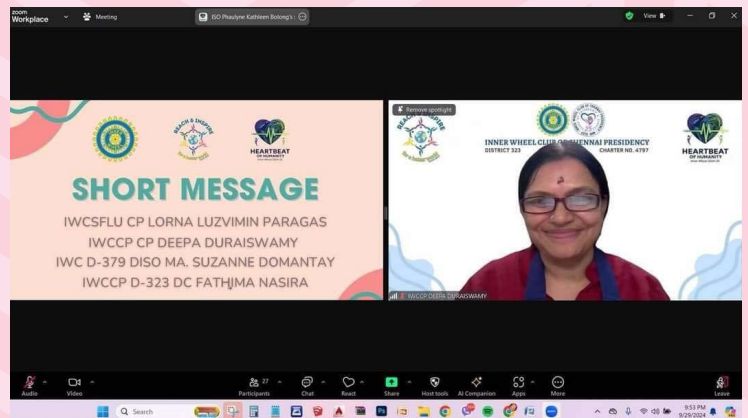
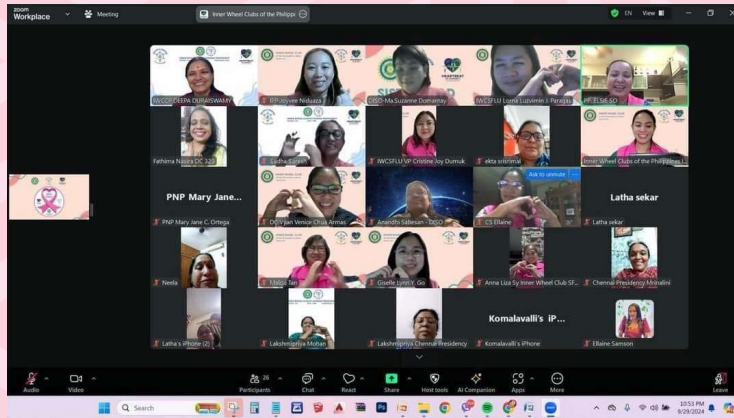
The highlight of the South Zone Meet was the recognition of Past International Inner Wheel President Kamala Ramakrishnan. She was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' and that was a proud moment for our District 323.

17 members of District 323 participated in a wedding theme - a Brahmin Iyer Wedding in which District Chairman Nasira was the bride and we received quite a few accolades.





# SISTERHOOD MEETING



A virtual Sisterhood meeting was organised by the ISOs of IWC Chennai Presidency and Inner Wheel Club of Philippines attended by District Chairmen and District ISOs of both the Districts where ideas were exchanged on best practices adopted and opportunities to work together were explored.







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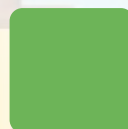
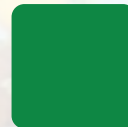


Mazhalai Oli celebrated its 25th year as a flagship initiative of District 323, guided by the exemplary leadership of PDC Nallammai Ramanathan.

Each year, just before Diwali, the District Treasurer, under the direction of the District Chairman and with the support of all club Treasurers, organizes this remarkable event.

Approximately 1,000 children from underprivileged schools and institutions receive new clothing generously sponsored by PDC and DESO Usha Saraogi every year.

Additionally school bags, and kits filled with stationery, biscuits, juice, and hygiene items.



This year the children were taken to the Guindy Children's Park and they enjoyed a day of fun, entertainment, and lunch under the able leadership of District Chairman Fathima Nasira and dynamic Treasurer Supriya Sundararaman.

## GUINDY CHILDRENS PARK