



# Spoke N – Wheel

International Inner Wheel Canada - District 555 – September, 2012

## International Inner Wheel Theme 2012-2013 “Be a Friend”

### NEEPAWA INNER WHEEL

The Neepawa Inner Wheel has completed a successful year and is planning for a busy 2012 – 2013 year. We have 18 active members and 2 honorary members.

The ladies hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Youth Exchange Orientation Weekend in September. 21 students from around the world enjoyed Neepawa's hospitality for the weekend. Some of our members attended the "Fun and Friendship" weekend in Regina for our District Annual meeting. November was the Rotary T.V. Auction and the Inner Wheel members helped where they were able.

A Roster is planned for our monthly jobs which include planning a program, being the hostess for the meetings and visiting the residents at Country Meadows who have birthdays in the month to deliver a birthday carnation. We contribute to the Neepawa and District Fine Arts Festival and send a deserving Grade 5 student to Camp Wannakumbec. We also sponsor a Foster Child through Plan Canada.

We were involved with helping the Neepawa Rotary Club host the GSE (Group Study Exchange) from Great Britain in May. We spent a very interesting weekend showing these people around this area and learning about their home area. We have also enjoyed visiting with Erik, the Rotary long-term exchange student from Switzerland staying in Neepawa until next month.

The Executive for the 2012 – 2013 year will remain the same as the past year. Past-chair – Judy Boychuk; Chair - Myra Bennet; Vice-chair – Pearl Hogarth; Secretary – Marg Wopnford and Trudi McCarthy; Treasurer – Judy Watson; and International Secretary – Donna Newton. Pat Trill is a Canadian Board member at International Inner Wheel.

We will begin next year with a very busy September as we are hosting "Fun and Friendship" and the District Annual meeting as well as the Annual Rotary Youth Exchange Orientation Weekend.

Submitted by Donna Newton

### ST. VITAL – ST. BONIFACE INNER WHEEL

Our club is made up of wives of former Rotarians who have all, but one, left Rotary, and we have not been successful in attracting new members. Our membership is down to five senior members which makes it difficult to take on any worthwhile projects.

We still get together once a month for lunch & socializing. We would like to remain affiliated with District 555 Inner Wheel to keep track of activities .

Submitted by Maxine Kovach, Secretary.

### FLIN FLON INNER WHEEL

Membership – a monthly general dinner meeting from Sept. to June with between 12-20 members attending. We also invite our Exchange Student and host mother to join us. There is also a monthly executive meeting.

Activities are: Fund raising – Tag Day (organ awareness), Car Boot sale, Happy Boot (members contribute and share what has been special for them the past month), Birthday Box (members contribute 10 cents for each year).

Community Activities: Tri Service (Lionelles, Kinnettes, I.W.), Remembrance Day (laying of wreath), Port in the Storm (support of people having to go to Wpg for health reasons), Purchasing of Christmas gifts for children in a Northern Reserve, PARTY (prevent Alcohol Risk-related Trauma in Youth), Financial support of a family dealing with cancer, purchase an annual gift for a Senior complex, provide a High School Scholarship, Food Bank (supply milk on a monthly basis and, Gift of Life.

Rotary support activities – supply food and kitchen services for the following: Seniors Christmas Party, Lobster Night, Seafood Night ; Dream Draw and Camp Whitney (Exchange Students). We also had a good turn out at the District Fun and Friendship in Regina, with 6 members in attendance. The club donates to the District Projects. We also have a special gathering to recognize I.I.W. Day, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and our Charter Day, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This year Flin Flon I.W. has put a "Memory Bench" in Rotary Park to remember our members who have passed away. Our bench says "LOVE IS NEVER FORGOTTEN".

Submitted by Nadine and Dona O'Brien, Secretary.

*"A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good."*



## REGINA EASTVIEW INNER WHEEL

Regina Eastview Inner Wheel has had an exciting year as we hosted the highly successful Fun and Friendship, "Tying One On", in September. It was held at the home of Annette and Gavin Semple who live outside of Regina. We had a wonderful time with the highlights being a display of aprons throughout the years, a wonderful tea luncheon featuring the "Queen", a delicious supper to which partners were invited followed by a "Guess that Tune" competition complete with prizes for the successful winners. The concluding event was a Sunday morning brunch. A great time was had by all!

We have had many opportunities to share fun and friendship this year through a number of social functions. We celebrated our 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a delicious dinner at Greco's in November, with Guest Speaker Bernadette McIntyre talking about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wascana Authority. Our Christmas potluck dinner was delicious, as usual, and was joined by Ina Bensch, Rotary Exchange Student, who shared information about Christmas traditions in Bavaria. Our Valentine brunch was held at the West Harvest Inn. A message was delivered by District Chairman 555, Jessie Carlson. Our concluding social event of the Inner Wheel year was a barbecue at Annette Semple's home. Throughout the winter we have enjoyed some delicious potluck lunch meetings.

We enjoyed some very informative presentations this year. Anna Crowe from WISH Safe Housing presented on the work they do and indicated an appreciation for the hygiene kits presented to that organization each year. Judy Taylor from RT Travel talked to us about an innovative fundraiser based on booking travel through that agency. Doris informed the group about Health Care Directives. And, last but not least, Fran Goudie reported on her trip to Istanbul to attend the International Convention.

We continued to support a number of service projects. We gathered warm hats, mitts and scarves to donate to an inner city school. Homemade cookies were added to goodie bags for meals on Wheels at Christmas. We again hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Mental Health Tea and Marg Lawrence made and sold fabric gift bags to support Rotary Shelter box. In addition, a financial donation was made to a local recipient and we continued support of our Foster child. Regina Eastview Inner Wheel also submitted a proposal to District 555 for the National Project.

In all of these endeavors, we continued to strengthen the bonds of friendship while having a great time!

Linda Guest  
Club Correspondent

*"There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up"*

## WEYBURN INNER WHEEL

Eight members from our club traveled to Regina on Sept. 10 to take part in the Fun and Friendship Annual District Meeting. They had a great time and on their return recommended that we should all make an effort to attend future gatherings.

In October we held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Grandmothers for Grandmother Luncheon. This year 70% of the profit went toward the Grandmother for Grandmothers project and 30% went toward the Weyburn Hospital Foundation. The luncheon was very well supported by our community and we were able to send \$4,700 to the Steven Lewis Foundation which sponsors the Grandmothers for Grandmothers program in Africa as well as contribute \$1,550 towards the building of a new hospital in Weyburn. Once again members sold raffle tickets and we are grateful to Inner Wheel members Brenda King and Renee Marx who donated a beautiful quilt as one of the prizes.

During the year we also made donations to the Weyburn Community and the Salvation Army Food Bank and Christmas Cheer Fund. Each year we offer a music scholarship at the Weyburn Rotary Music Festival and this year also donated to the Library Children's program and the Souris School Music program.

We meet for lunch at the Legion the first Wednesday of each month. Lunch is followed by a short business meeting, and when possible, a guest speaker.

We have invited our spouses and guests to join us at a wind-up supper at The Captain's Hall later in June. We are looking forward to having our Music Scholarship winner entertain us, and Terry Williams from the Estevan Rotary club will join us and be our guest speaker. Terry was very involved in Inner Wheel while living in Hinckley, U.K. and we are looking forward to having her share some of her experiences with us.

We are all looking forward to the summer, but will be anxious to get together again in September for our first meeting.

Submitted by Jeanette Hamm

### DISTRICT EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the I.W. L. President, Carole Young from New Zealand, we are honoured with your presence. Thank you for sending your reports for The Spoke N' Wheel. Sorry for the inconvenience of resending your reports when my Hotmail Account crashed with a virus. Computers can be trouble!

Thank you to Audrey Heffell, of Neepawa, for organizing and printing The Spoke N' Wheel. I greatly appreciate her help.

Have a great time at Fun & Friendship in Neepawa Sept. 7-9, 2012.

Yours in friendship, Marg Wopford, District Editor



## TRANSCONA INNER WHEEL

The Transcona Inner has completed our 2011-2012 year.

Our club is small and a few of our members have experienced health problem during the year – one had a heart attack while waiting to have eye surgery and one had a family death (a very close brother) along with slowly loosing her eye sight as well as other health problems. Helene Marsh is fine now and her eye surgery was successful. Our condolences to our friend and member Alice Zaplachanski.

In August of 2011 we had a get together with our partners along with a BBQ at David & Helene Marsh's home. Fun was had by all! In September our club ran the "PUTTING GREEN CONTEST" at the Transcona Rotary Clubs Annual Golf Tournament. In December our club packed 4 hampers of Christmas Pampers for families in the Transcona area.

Congratulations to Helene Marsh on becoming an HONORARY ROTARIAN in the Transcona Rotary Club. She has worked very hard along with her husband with organizing their Rotary Club Auction, President Night, etc.. She is also a long time member of the Transcona Museum Board having serviced as President, Treasurer, etc.

This year is Transcona's 100 Anniversary and again Helene was there to help with the Anniversary preparations and spent her weekend doing many jobs to make it a great success.

We hope to see you in September at Fun & Friendship.

## INNER WHEEL OF BRANDON

The Inner Wheel Club of Brandon continues to meet on the 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., usually at a local restaurant. This past year we met at noon for the months of February and March. Our average attendance is 10 - 12 members and we are excited about 3 potential members for 2012-2013.

Our service projects included a \$1,000 donation to "A Sense of Home" residence for individuals undergoing cancer treatments in Brandon, a donation to Christmas Cheer and a monthly food donation to the Breakfast programs in Brandon Schools. In support of The Rotary Club of Brandon we assisted with filling sandwich and daintie plates, refilling tea and coffee pots and tidying up after The President's Teas which were held in October and May. Many members assist with the Book Sales which are held in September and March by The Rotary Club as well as other service and fundraising projects.

Our May meeting was a "High Tea" at the home of Pat Jasper. Fascinators, gloves, fancy sandwiches and biscuits with clotted cream were enjoyed. At that time we

finalized our executive for the coming year: Past President - Pam Stacy; President - Penny LaRocque; Vice-President - Jeanne Mustard; Secretary - Barbara Laluk; Treasurer - Louise Hume.

We look forward to the Fun and Friendship meeting in Neepawa in September and wish all Inner Wheel Clubs of the District a great year ahead!

## INNER WHEEL CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

What a great year to be lucky enough to represent Canada with International Inner Wheel. My experiences have been varied and extensive.

Attending the District 505 Fun "N" Friendship weekend at the amazing home of Annette Semple in Regina was a great start to my year. Renewing old friendships with these members and making many new friends is a highlight of that time. This is how the towns, neighborhoods and faces start to come together in my memories.

District 707 held their Annual General Meeting in beautiful old St. Mary's Ontario in September. Good venue, great hospitality and a town bus tour also. A time thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Then in April I had the privilege of attending the IIW convention in Istanbul, my first convention. What an experience, over 2000 IW members from 103 countries all with the vision of a bigger, better and more modern Inner Wheel. I would recommend this to any of our members who have the opportunity. Remember 2015 in Copenhagen!!!

I was invited to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary of the Flin Flon club and was happy to attend. An area of "the west" I had never been to, old friends to see again and a wonderful town to visit. Many thanks to District Chair Jessie Carlson for sharing the drive with me through Manitoba and returning through Saskatchewan.

It is my privilege to serve as Canadian Representative for a second year and follow the progress of the Inner Wheel clubs in this great country. I do not like to end this with a negative perspective but we have lost one of our Non-Districted clubs this year, Halifax. Once a District dissolves, there is no longer a "glue" to hold the clubs together. Can I encourage all members to offer their services to Club and District on their executive? This will ensure that the Canadian connection with IIW will continue and thrive.

Yours in friendship

Edna Blything.

*"A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand"*



## DISTRICT #555 INNER WHEEL

### “Be A Friend”



Greetings to District 555 Inner Wheel Members.

Now is the time we begin a new year in Inner Wheel. Our Inner National President, Carole Young, has chosen the theme “Be A Friend”. This is a very exciting theme and fits with many of the projects that we do. I think of my own club who do Christmas favours for Meals and Wheels and our

very popular St. Patrick’s Day Tea for the Mental Health members in Regina as being a friend in the community. I know that each of our clubs have similar involvement that make Inner Wheel a friend to the community in which they are located.

To share Carole’s message go to: [www.internationalinnerwheel.org/](http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/) IIW-President-Message. Stay on the site and see interesting messages about our Vision and Mission. Carole also shares about the Social Project in which we choose our own project. Districts and Clubs can choose their project that comes under the umbrella of “[Happier Futures – Helping Children Around the World Now](#)”.

It is very exciting that our International President, Carole Young will be at our Fun and Friendship. This is a great opportunity for us. Thank You to Pat Traill for helping to make this happen.

I personally am very excited about this theme, “Be A Friend”. I think it has such a wide scope. Part of it is helping in our local community, and also to do something worldwide. It can be giving support of one of our members or communicating with our members around the world. Personally I have concerns about the environment and I can see a club project being a friend of the environment such as a recycling project which our individual members could do or encouraging our community to be involved in this. I know many of our cities are getting involved with this and we could be supportive of these projects. I encourage each member to consider how you can “Be A Friend”.

International Inner Wheel at the 15<sup>th</sup> Convention made some big changes and I know Edna Blything our National Representative and Fran Goudie, our District Secretary will share these with us. Extending our membership may have a large impact on our clubs. I saw a report on the internet where one club added 10 members. I will leave the rest to be mentioned by Edna, Fran and Carole.

I greatly enjoyed attending the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flin Flon Club on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and say Thank You for their wonderful hospitality and for the invitation from my own club to speak. I welcome invitations from the other clubs. I would love to come and visit you in the year 2012- 2013.

Yours in Friendship,  
Jessie Carlson

Fun & Friendship 2011 – Regina Eastview  
At Annette Semple’s Farm – High Tea

