

## **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.

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.

