



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DATIN GILLIAN LEE'S VISIT TO:

- (i) IWC Singapore Central
- (ii) IWC Singapore East and
- (iii) IWC Singapore West

Although my Club Visits thus far have been virtual visits via Zoom, I must say that I have enjoyed every single one of them. Not only because I've been able to meet with so many of the members, hear about their very exciting Club projects, and share with them our District news and forthcoming events for the next 6 months... BUT because I've also had the pleasure of being at the receiving end of some very creative efforts taken by each of the clubs to make my virtual visits that extra bit special.



During my virtual Club visit to **Inner Wheel Club of Singapore Central (IWCSC)** on Saturday 21st November 2020, it was heartening to note that although they are a very young Club, IWCSC has managed to accomplish several meaningful projects, despite having to abide by the strict SOPs. Their Club projects are all well reported in the District 331 Website, but among their projects, there were two that really touched my heart... their "Food From The Heart" that went to underprivileged

children and the "Willing Hearts" project which saw many of the members volunteering their time and effort chopping vegetables and helping out in the kitchens to provide food for the less privileged in Singapore. I was given to understand by President Rati that the "Willing Hearts" project is an ongoing programme undertaken by the members, and I cannot think of anything more commendable than that! **Inner Wheel brings LOVE!**

And to organise a "Walkathon" during this period where physical distancing is the norm, was truly an example of thinking out of the box! This creative idea by the members to mark the Club's 1st Birthday also served as a fund raising activity. What a remarkable team of ladies we have in IWCSC!

On Monday 23rd November 2020, I was delighted to join the members of **Inner Wheel Club of Singapore East (IWCSE)** for a virtual "Lunch Meeting". Now, this was something new altogether! For although we were all "there" for lunch, I had mine in Kota Kinabalu while the ladies of IWCSE led by President Joyce, had theirs in Singapore!!



The Lunch Meeting was very well attended, and from my vantage point on the big screen up front, I could see that the members were very disciplined and remained seated in their appointed seats throughout the session in accordance with the prevailing SOPs. It was such a novel idea and I was impressed not only by their creativity but also by their resourcefulness and the effort that they put in to make my visit such a memorable one. Thank you President Joyce and all ladies of IWCSE!

Despite the implementation of the Circuit Breakers in Singapore, the members of IWCSE have kept themselves busy. One of their major projects was to promote the Inner Wheel brand by collaborating with IWC Singapore and IWC Singapore Central to have antimicrobial face masks custom made, with the Inner Wheel logo and name printed on them. These, together with packets of cookies were then donated to health and essential frontline workers in the Dover Park Hospice, the staff and residents of Star Shelter and Shelters for abused women. **Inner Wheel CARES!**

After 3 distinctly different yet interestingly organised virtual Club meetings (including my club visit to IWC Singapore in October 2020), I thought that my virtual visit to the **Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West (IWCSW)**, which was scheduled for Saturday 5th December 2020, surely couldn't come with any more surprises. Well, I couldn't have been more wrong!

Imagine my surprise when a deliveryman appeared at my front gate a day before the meeting, with a package for me from President Nany and her Club members. It was a beautiful red Eternity Rose... very real to the touch and still as fresh today as I pen this report as it was, the day I received it! It was truly unexpected and such a lovely keepsake to mark my "visit" to their Club!!

During my meeting, I was amazed to learn of the cooking and baking skills of President Nany and her members. From the making of tangy and mouth-watering kimchi to yummy cookies and muffins... the ladies' efforts were all for a good cause, as the goodies were for distribution to the less fortunate.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the recipients, I have no doubt that the love that went into each and every muffin, cookie and bottle of kimchi had brought not only sunshine and happiness into their lives, but also comfort in the knowledge that they are not alone.

Inner Wheel brings JOY!

There is certainly no end to the creativity of our members and I have so far been truly amazed. All I can say is that as far as our Inner Wheel members are concerned, there is no challenge which is insurmountable. Their care and compassion for others in need; their skills, talents and creativity and most of all, their resilience to overcome all obstacles that life may throw their way.... that is what sets our Inner Wheel ladies apart from others.

Well done everyone.

May you continue to unlock your many abilities in the face of adversities as you **Lead the Change!**

