

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DATIN GILLIAN LEE'S 1ST VIRTUAL CLUB VISIT TO IWC SINGAPORE ON 29 OCTOBER 2020

The Coronavirus pandemic this Inner Wheel year has posed many challenges for the clubs in District 331, as projects were put on hold when towns, cities, and outlying areas in the District went into lockdown.

Thankfully, the situation improved significantly after a couple of months. However, just when we thought the end was in sight; the State of Sabah and Kuching in Sarawak were suddenly declared as Covid-19 Red Zones.

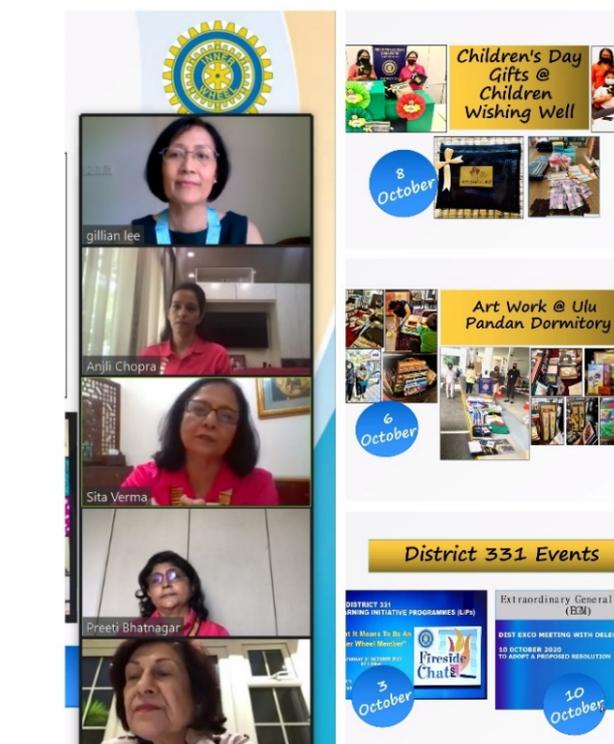
With District 331 straddling both East Malaysia and Singapore, planning my District Chairman ("DC") official visits to the clubs within the District was a little dicey, as the Coronavirus situation was as unpredictable as the weather, and travel restrictions imposed in Singapore, Sabah and Sarawak were rarely congruent. In fact, even the simplest of plans, like visiting my home club, the IWC Kota Kinabalu, had to be cancelled at the last minute and postponed when Kota Kinabalu was declared a Red Zone in October 2020.

Fortunately, my virtual visit to IWC Singapore (IWCS) on 29th October 2020 proceeded as planned. It was not only my first DC Club visit, but also the very first virtual DC visit for District 331!

Unlike a face to face meeting, where there are ample opportunities for social interaction and fellowship, virtual

meetings can be quite arduous and impersonal. And being a new norm, it has yet to become an integral part of our lives. So, imagine my surprise at the relatively good turnout and support from the members that Thursday afternoon. In fact, I was very impressed to note that one of the senior members, who was in England at the time, actually woke up at an unearthly hour just so that she could join the meeting at 6.00am local time! That, to me, is true commitment and must surely be one of the best compliments any DC could ever wish for.

Club Report by President Sita Verma



Both the meetings with the Club Executive members and the Club members were very well organised by President Sita Verma and her team. At the meeting with the Club Exco members, President Sita gave a comprehensive presentation of the Club's projects and social events undertaken during the first 4 months of 2020-2021 and a summary of their upcoming plans. These were all beautifully captured on a power point presentation and was very well presented

I then touched on what was expected of the members, and what the District Executive Committee has in store for this Inner Wheel year. The meetings and sharing sessions were not only very successful and well received, but also saw the members filled with great enthusiasm!

So, just as we ended that afternoon with a vote of thanks and a toast (albeit with our cups of tea) to FRIENDSHIP, I would like to reiterate my sincere **THANKS** to President Sita Verma and members of IWC Singapore for making my 1st DC Club Visit such a special and memorable one!!

