



IIW Theme 2011/2012

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Think Ahead – Aim High

## TIME TO CHANGE

For International Inner Wheel change is both necessary and inevitable

To face the new century, to be ready to face 2020, IIW must change with the times, but change with the dignity that our organisation requires while always maintaining those principles that have made our organisation great

The overriding challenge that we face today is to make IW meaningful at all levels of our organisation, and the most important level is the club with its members.

We must be ambitious and give meaning and life to the theme of the year: **THINK AHEAD- AIM HIGH**

How IIW is going to adapt throughout the 21st century is in fact in your hands.

2012: the year of our 15th Triennial Convention is an event of outstanding importance where some extremely important resolutions and proposals will lay down the foundations of a new updated, clarified, simplified constitution, as well as new possibilities to increase our membership, which is a question of survival in some parts of our IIW world.

We are an international organization and we **MUST** stay international, increasing our membership is one of the most important challenges we have this year as well as the following years.

It is the duty of each IW club to vote at a Convention.

If you don't vote, you will compromise all our efforts of modernisation.

If you wish to remain a vibrant, healthy and efficient organization, you need to send your voting delegate to Istanbul and :

**YOUR CLUBS MUST LET THEIR PROXY VOTE HOLDERS USE THEIR DISCRETION. THAT WAY, THEY CAN LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSIONS, FOR AND AGAINST, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION, THE RIGHT DECISION FOR OUR FUTURE.**

Once again, I would also like to remind you that when discussing the resolutions and proposals in your club, you must have in mind that the general interest should always prevail over the interest of any individual club as we need to be adaptable to the very different traditions and cultures of the countries where we are active.

But there is another way to try to increase immediately our membership:

**IT IS TO PUT ALL YOUR EFFORTS TO HAVE IN EACH CLUB, STARTING THIS YEAR, A NET INCREASE OF ONE MEMBER**

I urge you to achieve it.... **ONE NET MEMBER**

We could this way have a total increase of almost 4000 members, that means also that we could be back again over 100,000 members and probably higher than ever. It seems really something we can achieve, it is not just a dream, **IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE**; it can, it **MUST**, and it will become **REALITY**.

Think about it, and **ACT** with enthusiasm, energy, efficiency, as acting with a vision is a positive attitude towards our Future, don't be addicted to the status quo, be individually and collectively pro-active and make a wonderful success story of each Inner Wheel club around the world.

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