

INNER WHEEL U.S.A.FOUNDATION, INC.
ROSE PETALS

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Dear Inner Wheel Members and Friends,

This is my last **Rose Petals** as the your Foundation Chairman. As I sat down to write this newsletter. I found it to be a bitter sweet task.

My love for the Foundation cannot be described. I have been truly honored to serve as Chairman for an organization whose mission I care about very, very deeply. If I had a wish it would be that I could serve as Chairman for life but of course it is not possible.

There have been so many highlights during my term as Chairman, as well as during the past 8 years as a trustee and Financial Officer. One that stands out the most is the Foundation paying for the new i-limb for Kasey Edwards last year. The great publicity the Foundation received on TV and in the print media was wonderful. Many of us had the opportunity to meet Kasey and Troy Farnsworth, a Representative from Hanger Clinics, in October while they were in Orlando during our Fall meetings.

Another highlight was our wonderful IWUSA & IWUSA Foundation meeting and Installation in New York in 2007, especially our Installation on the cruise on the Hudson River. Little did I ever imagine that would be the last Inner Wheel Foundation event my husband Dan would attend.

Many of you heard about Billy, the young boy from New York State whose mother called me to see whether we could help her son who was born without a hand. The Foundation and Hanger came through and Billy received his Myoelectric limb. It was a touching experience to meet Billy and his parents at an IWC Stamford-Hobart meeting. To actually meet the young people that we have helped to become whole again is unbelievable.

In February Joan Cotton, Peggy Wood and I attended Hanger's Education Fair in Reno. This was one of the most worthwhile events I've attended. The Foundation's association with Hanger has been very gratifying. The Foundation was thanked and publicized throughout the event. In the past four years the Foundation has given Hanger \$200,000 and we have helped 29 children,

Another highlight of my term as a Trustee was our Conference in St. Thomas. It was at that time that my husband Dan became impressed with the Foundation.

Afterward, he was able to donate over \$100,000 in stock to the Foundation from a Trust that he oversaw. His strong feelings regarding the Foundation have inspired me to publicize the Foundation as much as possible.

This year I traveled to Florida twice. I was invited to represent the Foundation and speak at District 696's luncheon in Sebring in January. I was hosted by Past IWUSA President Joy Sims and her husband. In February Melba Rilott a Past Foundation Chairman invited me to speak at the IWC Dunedin North's Foundation month dinner.

At the outset of my term I had planned to travel to more clubs around the country to publicize the Foundation. I was not able to go to as many clubs as I would have liked, due to Dan's illness and then his passing. Unfortunately, I was just not up to it.

I would like to thank Joan Cotton, our Immediate Past Chairman for her guidance through the years. Also, I offer my heartfelt thanks to all the Trustees who served on the Foundation, as well as the Governing Body of Inner Wheel U.S.A.

I would like to congratulate Peggy Wood and her Board of Trustees on assuming the responsibility of overseeing the Foundation.

I would also like to thank our Inner Wheel members, clubs and districts for their support of the Foundation.

Remember we must work together to **GIVE A CHILD A HAND AND TO TURN DISABILITIES NOT ONLY INTO POSSIBILITIES BUT REALITIES.**

Once again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your friendship, love and for giving me the opportunity to serve the Foundation. It has been my privilege.

In friendship & love always,
SUZANE M. SADOFSKY, CHAIRMAN (2007-2009)