

Echo

Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta
District 320

Be A Friend
IW Theme 2012-13



helping children around the world flow

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President speaks...

Dear Friends,

As we step into the **24th year of IWCCC**, an energy packed month has already whizzed by with a whirlwind of activities, keeping us all very amiably occupied.

The installation ceremony on **29th June** was very capably and meticulously handled by **PP Aruna Murarka**. Our Editor **PDC Mamta Agarwal** gave us a stupendous souvenir which won us rave reviews. A superb edition of **Temptations 2012** was delivered by **Chairman Kamini Mehta**. I thank each member of our club for extending their support to make every programme successful.

We enjoyed Fellowship with **RC of Central Calcutta** by participating in their singing competition '**Rotary Idol**'. **Sunita Jalan** did a fantastic job of coordination with all the members. We are now gearing up for '**Fashion Quotient**'— our upcoming exhibition at **The Park** on **21st September, 2012**.

Our major project '**Apnalay**' requires our full attention and focus so that it can start welcoming the aged of our society. We have started the year with a bang and we will continue to rock with each others' support, marching joyously and enthusiastically forward into our silver jubilee year. As is rightly said - *"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."* – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Let's start helping ourselves.

– Deepa Banka

**TODAY'S
PROGRAMME**

Orientation of New Members
by **PDC Mamta Agarwal**



Installation of Deepa Banka as President, by Inner Wheel club of Central Calcutta, Be A Friend - IIW theme for 2012-2013, Kolkata – The fascinating "Kolkata Connect" in our souvenir "ECHO" by editor PDC Mamta Agarwal.

29th June 2012: Held at Bengal Rowing Club, the 24th Installation Meeting of our club commenced with the lighting of the lamp and invocation song. **IPP Renu Lakhotia** spoke about the achievements and acknowledged members, Rotarians and others for their support and involvement in the projects & events undertaken during last year. **Secretary Mona Saraf** presented the activities and projects report of the year gone by with a power point presentation.

Deepa Banka once installed inspired the members to take up the cause of the society. She further reaffirmed our resolution to start **Apnalay** in the current Inner wheel year.

District Chairman Rupa Mukherjee, **Association Council Member Arunima Gooptu**, **District officials**, **Past District Chairmen**, **PDG Rajendra Khandelwal**, **PDG Raju Rajgarhia**, and **Deepa's parents Mr & Mrs Narayan Das and Kanta Agarwal** were greeted with potted plants and gifts. **Mr Dinesh Banka**, the **First Man** of our club, **Vineet** and **Vaibhav**, the **President's sons** were also present amongst us.



DC Rupa Mukherjee spoke eloquently and encouraged members to commit to IIW theme **"Be a Friend"** in a broader perspective. **AC Member Arunima Gooptu** in her address mentioned that **IWCCC** is one of the **"Best Club"** of **District 329**. We felt humbled and pledged further to befriend the under privileged

in society. **President Rtn Chandu Ganeriwala** of RCCC talked about woman power and determination.

10 new members were inducted and our annual souvenir **ECHO** was unveiled by **DC Rupa Mukherjee** and **AC member Arunima Gooptu**. As an act of our



friendship for the day, we provided scholarships to 10 girl students of **Shri Gandhi Vidyalay** under our educational program – **Ek Prayas**. A **water pump** was donated to **SOS village** in Salt Lake, who provide homes for orphans. The meeting came to an end with a brief report on **Apnalay**, the club business, a vote of thanks and the National Anthem. An exciting & fun-filled raffle draw added to the club's coffer. By the end of all this, the atmosphere was joyous and the aroma of food was too tempting to resist!

Installation is a high point of all the events of our club. As the first program of the year, it rejuvenates and motivates us all. This year a touch of red in our invites had set the tone for the evening. The souvenir, the décor, the flowers and the members adorned in all hues of red further added to the mood. The final touch of vibrant red was in the bangles presented to all our guests & members as the friendship band.

It has been proved time and again that teamwork is the key to success. It is with this strength of our team comprising **PP Ruchika Rajgarhia**, **PP Sudha Choudhury**, **PP Anajana Bhuwania**, **PP Pushpa Agarwal**, **PP Kamini Mehta**, **PP Sarla Bhadani**, **PP Dipti Khaitan**, **Mala Ganeriwala**, **Mridu Somani**, **Shashi Khandelwal**, **Kalpana Mallya**, **Riju Chamaria**, **Yogita Ganeriwala**, **Monica Kejriwal**, **Saroj Kedia**, **Suman Mohta**, **Kiran Ganeriwala**, **Anita Shroff**, **Sangeeta Maroo**, and not to forget our children-**Devanshi Rajgarhia**, **Priyal Loyalka** & **Shruti Chowdhury** that the Installation Meeting was hosted so successfully!

– **PP Aruna Murarka**, *Chairman Installation Committee*



The tale of **Temptations** 2012 *an attitude...*

How can one narrate the story of our much awaited and loved event **Temptations**? It is that beautiful time when we all work and play for the three days in the year.

The 24th edition of **Temptations** was held from 2nd-4th July 2012 at **Ice Skating Rink, Kolkata**, with the usual fanfare. The billboards, invites, radio announcements, newspaper insertions all added to the hype of our show which is an annual event in our club's diary. We are thankful to **Mr Abhishek Dutta**, a noted designer, for inaugurating it and for his best wishes. He spent nearly 3 hours visiting all the stalls and encouraging them in their effort. About **10,000 visitors** thronged the exhibition on all three days. We also attribute our success to our media partner **T2**, the daily supplement of **The Telegraph**, English daily, **FM Radio 104.8**, and **Sethia Jewellers**. The valuable comments of our participants joining us from **Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore** etc. besides our own city, tell the true story of its success. The crew was headed by **President Deepa Banka**, Co Chairman **Sunita**



FEEDBACK

Nice exhibition with good stall! I am happy to be a part of your show & hoping to be with you in future also. Thank you!

– Poonam Dharewa, Stall #15

Temptations remains the best exhibition, as always the experience was pleasant and profitable.

- Vaishali Poddar, Stall #11

We have had a good experience, really spell-bound seeing the footfall. Looking forward for a bigger studio next time.

Poonam Tibrewala
Stall #24

Excellent footfall & sales! loved the fascia as it makes the stall feel light and airy!

! Priyal Loyalka! Stall #35



How much?



All set!



This is nice!!!



What a collection!!!

Jalan, myself as Chairman and consisted of IPP Renu Lakhotia, PDC Mamta Agarwal, PPs Aruna Murarka, Dipti Khaitan, Ruchika Rajgarhia, Pushpa Agarwal, Smita Murarka, Sudha Choudhury and members Meghna Lohia, Kavita Shah, Mala Ganeriwala, Monica Kejriwal, Shashi Khandelwal, Kalpana Mallya, Kiran Ganeriwala, who all chipped in with their designated chores.

A special mention to be made of Nitika and Neha Agarwal and the youngest and most enthusiastic member Vasundhara Gupta who willingly lent a helping hand. Lastly, I extend a big thank you to all the members of our club and well-wishers for their unstinted support for making **Temptations 2012**, a grand success.

– PP Kamini Mehta, Chairman Temptations



A visit to
Mentaid
*an organisation for
Special Children*

President Deepa, Suman Keyal, Suman Mohita, Shashi, Vinita, Rekha, Vasundhara & Satakshi Keyal are seen with the children

10th July, 2012: We visited **Mentaid** and felt that with love, care, teaching and grooming by the teachers, the children here are acquiring knowledge, both academic and vocational – including handling computers, preparing different types of spices, embroidering napkins & bags, painting, etc. leading to self-reliance. I think not only the parents of these children, but we all should come forward and provide all assistance possible to such noble organisations. This will enable these children to come into the mainstream, and bring a smile on their faces.

– Rekha Saraogi

Projects Undertaken

■ **29th Jun:** A water pump was donated to **SOS village, an orphanage** in Salt Lake.

■ **29th Jun:** Annual Scholarship was provided to **10 girl students** of **Shri Gandhi Vidyalay** under our educational program – **Ek Prayas**.

■ **10th Jul:** Snacks were provided to **60 children of Mentaid**. The cost **Rs 3000** was borne by **Suman Keyal**.

■ **22nd Jul:** Toiletries were donated

to **All Bengal Women's Union** worth **Rs 3000** sponsored by **PP Geetika Khaitan**.



Deepa & Geetika at All Bengal Women's Union



Reaching the Top! The rooftop of Apnalay, our home for senior citizens

25th July: Constant progress is on at Apnalay at a steady pace. Members may visit to see the progress at their convenience. We feel more committed today than ever to complete the project as fast as possible.

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Forthcoming Projects

- **4th Aug:** Helping **Mentaid** by buying a table in District Rally 'Meena Bazaar'
- **16th Aug:** Distribution of food packets at **Shri Gandhi Vidyalay**
- Distribution of **5000** saplings at **Rajarhat Panchayat Samiti** in association with **Siddha Group & Interact club**
- **ENT camp** at Apnalay
- Project "**Samarpan**" – donation of food to street children
- Donation of Salwar Kameez to needy girls

DEEP CONDOLENCES

- Archana Salarpuria for the sad demise of her mother-in-law Smt. Satyabhama Salarpuria.
- Nisha Ganeriwala who lost her father Shri Bijay Singhania.

SOME OF THE “MOST POPULAR REVIEWS ON ECHO”



- "Spell bound"!! – PDC Basabi Mitra
- “Absolute page turner!!!”
– President Deepa Banka
- "Unputdownable!!"- PP Ruchika Rajgarhia

“Kya Mast Hai!!” – Shashwat Murarka, grandson of PP Aruna Murarka

ECHO is splendid indeed and in one word it is superb! I went through it minutely and was simply charmed to see the "**Kolkata Konnect**". The idea is very innovative specially the captions. We always expect such novel things from **Mamta Agarwal**, our District Chairman (97-98) as we are used to. We feel so proud of her.

– PP Reena Bhattacharya, IWC Salt Lake Downtown

“Thank you for sending me a copy of **ECHO**. Please convey my best wishes to your president and members. May your club grow stronger in strength and service.” – **Azhagu Annamalai**, Past Association President

Belated

Happy Anniversary

Seema & Brij Gopal Kothari

4th July

Oops!

Thank you!

We appreciate the efforts of **Dr Sanjay Gupta**, **Dr Kabir Ahmed**, **Ms Sarbani** of **Ishwar Sankalp** & **Sangeeta Ganeriwal** of **Samarpan** in our projects last year.

Congratulations!



- Kumkum & Ajit Jain for having a granddaughter
- Saroj & Dr Kailash Kedia for having a grandson

Birthday Greetings

Archana Salarpuria – 4th Aug
Gita Jhawar – 9th Aug
Meeta Lakhota – 11th Aug
Suman Keyal – 15th Aug
Aruna Murarka – 17th Aug
Kalpana Mallya – 17th Aug



REKHA DARUKA

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Institute AAMI, Member of IAP (Indian
Association of Physiotherapy)
Hobbies : Singing, Dancing, Traveling, Swimming,
Basketball, Chess.

Members make note: Our next meeting will be on 7th September, 2012 – District Chairman Rupa Mukherjee and District Secretary Saswati Dutta will be on their official visit.

Members are requested to participate in large numbers in the events of our **District and Association.**

■ **4th Aug: District Rally – Meena Bazaar** at Thyagaraja hall from 11 am to 8 pm.

■ **12th Aug: District Polio orientation and planning Meet** at Rotary Sadan at 4 pm with dinner.

■ **17th Aug: Synergy – East Zone Seminar** by Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India. **Host District: 329.** Participation by: **Districts 302, 315, 324, 325 and 326** at Rotary Sadan from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm

■ **1st-3rd Feb, 2013: 13th Triennial Conference.** Leonia Holistic Destination Shameerpet, Hyderabad. **Host District: 302**

Congratulations!! **KOLKATA** **KALIEDOSCOPE** *Competition*

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It symbolizes each and every auspicious ceremony of Bengal.

This photograph depicts the pious transfer of the bengali culture from the hands of an experienced to the younger generation, which quenches its skills of learning from the elderly. The photograph also portrays a background of Goddess Kali being worshipped.



Kolkata Blooms!

Frilly lily in my garden...

Picture clicked by Blackberry

Photograph by: **PP Dipti Khaitan**

Details of the camera used:

NIKON COOLPIX, 7.1 Megapixels,

VR & ISO 1000, 2.5 inch LCD

NIKKOR 3X OPTICAL ZOOM

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Photograph by: **Nilika Dutta (Student)**,
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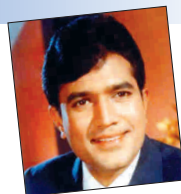


■ **27th July, London:** Welcome to the Olympics, the biggest spectacle on the planet till 12th August, 2012

The NUMBER Game: 30th edition, 204 countries participating, 4,847 women athletes, 81 athletes in Indian contingent, 10,000 participating athletes in all, £ 9.3 billion the cost of the Games, the most expensive so far.

INDIA INDEX

■ **19th July, Mumbai:** Superstar of late 60s and early 70s **Rajesh Khanna** departs with a terminal disease leaving millions high and dry. His last words – “Time Up! It's time for pack up”



■ **23rd July, New Delhi:** **Shri Pranab Mukherjee** declared elected and sworn in as the **13th President of India**.

■ **31st July, 1 pm:** **Daylight Robbery:** Entire North and North Eastern India faced the biggest power outage in history which struck 600 million people in India as 3 grids collapsed one after the other which was seen as the worst blackout in the world.

KOLKATA KONNECT



Kolkata Flies High, Finally!

Kolkata opens the door for the brand new terminal at Kolkata airport. It is without doubt a world class airport with facilities that match international standards. This airport is expected to be commissioned by 31st August though this is not the official date for its inauguration. After the Metro

Railway that happened in 80s, this is the first world class transport project to get completed in Kolkata. The fact file of new integrated terminal:

Check in counters: 147 • Conveyer belts: 30 • In-line X-ray: 10 • Elevators: 19 • Aerobridges: 18 • Toilets: 33 • Car park capacity: 2400 • Entry Gates: 7 • Exit gates: 5 • Security gates: 12 • Built- up area (sq m): 2, 04, 450 • Passenger capacity (million): 20



The Last word!

Dear friends,

I am so happy to present you the first monthly issue of **Echo, Volume 24th**. July is that time of the year when the President and her team has to appear for a very stiff examination with major events taking place. This is kind of an acid test for the President particularly and she leaves no stone unturned to prove her mettle. Our **President Deepa** has passed this test with flying colours.

Friends, on the **25th** I was in **Cuttuck (Dist.326)** attending a **Multi-District Seminar** on IIW theme "**Be A Friend**" as the Chief Guest organised by **IWC Central Cuttuck**. There was meaningful deliberation on the theme and I was happy to meet all my old friends. Congratulations to **President Sabita Khandai** and all the members for its success.



This is to remind you that I need your views on **Kolkata** (your likes and dislikes regarding the city) and also photo shoot of our city. This issue is carrying two entries by the participants. Please send your honest feedback regarding this issue on mamta329@gmail.com.

Ciao, till I hear from you!

– PDC Mamta Agarwal, *Editor*



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