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President's Message

Dear friends,

Welcome to the last meeting of the year 2009. December is the month of festivities and it has arrived with a pleasing winter breeze flowing all around.

Let the joy of celebration make us more kind & compassionate.

Compassion and daily acts of kindness make life richer. Always try to do something for the other fellow and you will be surprised how things come your way, how many pleasing things are done for you.

From my own experience, I can say :

प्रेम विराने को गुलिस्ताँ बना देता है
प्रेम परिचय को पहचान बना देता है
मैं आपबीती कहती हूँ
औरों की सुनी सुनाई नहीं
प्रेम इन्सान को भगवान बना देता है।

I would like to conclude with the following words of mother Teresa - "We can do no great things; only small things with great love".

Wishing you all, a wonderful New Year 2010.

Yours in friendship
Sudha Choudhury



Congratulations!!!

Mamta Gupta for being elected as the District Editor for the year 2010 -2011. We are very proud of you Mamta.

Thought of the Day

"Nothing carries more potential for change than individual acts of human kindness"

- Jamie Winship

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Today's Guest Speaker

Dr. Murlidharan is a scholar in Sanskrit and has mastered the art of traditional meditation and psychic healing. Born in a small village in Kerala he qualified as an engineer and served a multi national company till he took voluntary retirement for the upliftment of humanity. He is also an ex-rotarian.

He meditates everyday. He has an indepth knowledge and can preach the Bhagwad Gita, and various Upnishads. He brings out the true meaning of the scriptures. He is well versed in both Hindi as well as English.

A grand master in Reiki, his Reiki classes impart spiritual teachings & leave an impact in the minds of the people. He combines Vastu Shashtra along with Reiki and does not believe in demolition of structures.

The Past Life Regression Seminar that he conducts helps people to come out of their Inhibitions & traumas. People have experienced healing at all three levels mind, body and spirit. He is the author of various books which are meant to bring about a radical change in a person.

Mamta Gupta - her Journey in Inner Wheel so far...



Mamta joined the Club in the year 2000. The very next year she won projectpati award for attending the highest number of projects in 2001-02. under President Renu Bagrodia. She continued to assist the Presidents in organizing various projects. Due to her involvement in the club activities she was inducted into the Executive Committee for the year 2003.04 immediately, thereafter she became the Club Secretary. Besides assisting President Smita Murarka, she has attended the District programmes and also organized "Lay the table contest" on Club's charter day. In the year 2005-06 she served the Club as Vice president and Chaired the Mega fundraiser event "Temptation Plus" Finally, she took over the President ship of the Club in 2006-07 and started her year with club's Website www.innerwheelccc.com. She always wanted to do something new and big, thus started a mega event in the Club "FQ- Fashion Quotient a weeding exhibition" at Taj Bengal inaugurated by Shri Amar Singh Hon'ble Member of Parliament. She also had a vision for a long time and a permanent project. Since January, 2006 when she was elected to be the President, she started searching for a piece of land for her dream

project a Home for the Aged. Despite lot of resistance, she stood as a rock and with the help of like minded members and few Rotarians took the initiative and bought 13 kotha of land at Thakurpur. She led the example for fund raising by making the first contribution of Rs. One lakh herself. Another milestone was achieved during her tenure, the visit of International Inner Wheel vice President, Mrs. Kamala Ramakrishnan, who laid the foundation stone for "Apnalaya", on the auspicious occasion of inner Wheel day. She was privileged to Chair the 200th regular meeting of the Club, where the Club jointly with District 329 felicitated Mrs. Kamala Ramakrishnan. Kamala Ji was so impressed with the working of the enthusiastic President and club members that she visited the Club once again with her husband and inaugurated the "Temptations Plus" exhibition. She brought a cookery queen "Nita Mehta" from New Delhi for a cookery show. She has attended 11th Triennial Conference in Mumbai. When she was IPP she edited the tabloid Fq. In the year 2008 again she took the responsibility of organizing mega fundraiser FQ- Fashion Quotient exhibition as the Chairman. The event was preceded by a fashion show with 7 big

Project Done

Eye Checkup Camp



A formal inauguration of the Eye Checkup Camp with the cutting of ribbon.



Dr. Rajani Rampuria and members of our club at the eye checkup camp.



Dr. Rajani Rampuria conducting the Eye Checkup Camp.

On 15th November, 2009, our club organised a major eye checkup camp at Jangul Sufi, Belgachhia with the help of Dr. Rajani Rampuria & her team. The checkup started at 9 am and was scheduled to continue upto 4 pm. But, the time was inadequate for the large number of patients who had come from far away villages. By the time the camp concluded, it was past 7 pm and a record number of 1035 patients had their eyes checked up. More than 400 free spectacles were given to the needy patients. Over 125 cataract patients were detected. All the patients with cataract problems are being operated upon free of cost at Eye pavillon, the clinic of Dr. Rajani Rampuria.

Project Done



President Sudha helping a patient with spectacles

Thanks to Mr. Sapan Mukherjee for helping us in organising the camp & for providing us with delicious bengali lunch. From our club President Sudha Choudhury, Renu Lakhota, Vinita Poddar, Beena Verma, Ruchi Bhagat, Geeta Jhawar, Mona Saraf & Sashi Khandelwal attended the camp.

In addition to helping the very needy patients, it was a day of excellent fellowship for all of us.

Our wholehearted thanks to Dr. Rajani Rampuria for her help, time, effort & initiative without which this camp would not have been possible. The cost of the project was Rs. 35,000/-

Childrens Day Celebration

Our club celebrated Children's Day by visiting a school "Gandhi Vidyalaya", near Ladies Park, Park Circus, where we distributed biscuits, chocolates & Vaseline Cream to 400 school children at a cost of Rs. 3000/-. Elaborate arrangements were made by the school to welcome us. A very lively cultural programme was organised by the school children. The project was attended by President Sudha Choudhury & Suman Keyal. Thanks to Suman Keyal & Sudha for sponsoring the entire project.



A warm welcome accorded to us.



Joyous School Children.

Project Done

Auto Pipette Blood Testing Machine



Association President
Mrs. Nandini Bhargava
addressing the gathering.

Our Club sponsored a Auto Pipette Blood Testing Machine worth Rs. 5,000/- which was donated to "The Haemophilia Society". The machine was handed over on 3rd December in the presence of Association President Mrs. Nandini Bhargava. The project was attended by President Sudha Choudhury, Riju Chamaria, Mona Saraf, Neeru Jain & Aruna Murarka.

Meals to Street Children

During the month of October, our club provided meals to street children of Alipore area at a cost of Rs. 1,500/-. Thanks to Sarla Maheswari for sponsoring the project.

District Conference

The District Conference held on the 5th of December at Rangmanch, Swabhum was attended by about 500 Inner Wheel members, Rotarians and guests. The venue was beautifully decorated and the food court was huge making it a pleasure to have tea and lunch there. The lazy winter afternoon was just perfect to match the excitement of the proceedings. The Association President Mrs. Nandini Bhargava spoke very enthusiastically and emphatically urging everyone to come to the Trinnial Conference being held on the 29th, 30th and 31st January 2010 at Benaras. District Chairman Snigdha Barat and her club members of IWC Calcutta Downtown left no stone unturned to see and ensure that all was fine and well. The food was excellent as was the venue and the arrangements. From our club, 10 members attended the conference.

The post of District Editor was the highlight of the day because our PP Mamta Gupta was elected for it. It is a matter of great pride for us to have a member of our club elected in the district after almost a decade and a half. Here's wishing her all the best from all of us.

Fellowship at Raichak

Members of our club had a great time at the marriage of Aashika (daughter of PDC Mamta & Ajay Agarwal) on 22nd November. Almost all the club members attended the marriage function which was held in the scenic Pfort Resort in Raichak. It was a very pleasant winter afternoon & all of us enjoyed the excellent ambience, great food & nice fellowship.

District Events

Felicitatation of International Vice-President

International Vice President Dr. (Mrs.) Pallavi Shah is visiting our District on 14th December, accompanied by her husband Dr. Tushar Shah. She will be felicitated in a programme on 14th December at Rotary Sadan at 6 pm. The felicitation will be followed by a short cultural programme and dinner.

Members of our club are organising a small skit. Riju Chamaria is the Chairman. Members who are participating are Renu Lakhotia, Ruchika Rajgaria, Mona Saraf, Beena Verma, Riju Chamaria, Ruchi Bhagat & PDC Mamta Agarwal.

Registration charges is Rs. 200/-

Poush Mela

Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Down Town is hosting a 'Poush Mela" on the occasion of International Inner Wheel Vice President Mrs. Pallavi Shah's visit to our city. The programme will be held on 14th December at 34/1, Elgin Road (Opposite Forum) from 2 pm to 5 pm. to be followed by a cultural programme. Members of our club are welcome to attend. There is a Registration fee of Rs. 30/-. There are surprise gifts for all those who are attending.

Visit to Nimpith

On 15th December, the District is organising a visit to Nimpith with International Vice President Dr. (Mrs.) Pallavi Shah. Members are welcome to join. Registration for lunch per person is Rs. 100/- .

Forthcoming Projects

- On 13th December, Clept lip & palate testing will be held at Repose Nursing Home, Broad Street.
- On 13th December, we will be organising the 2nd Eye Checkup Camp at 1 Dhulagarh Chourasta, Joyrampur More, Jageshwar Road.
- On 20th December, we will be organising the 3rd Eye Checkup Camp at Ghatshila, Near Jamsedpur.
- Our Club is undertaking renovation work of the School Building of "Adarsh Hindi Vidyalaya", at Chetla.

■ A proud Moment for Renu Dalmia & Archana Salarpuria ■



On 12th November, 2009, the Department Of Posts, India, released a First Day Cover and a commemorative postage stamp on Freedom Fighter - GAURISHANKER DALMIA. We at IWCCC are very happy as he was Renu Dalmia's Dadaji-in-law and also Archana Salarpuria's Nanaji-in-law.

A Few lines on Gaurishankar Dalmia

- Gaurishanker Dalmia was born on 12/11/1910 at Lakhisaray village in Munger district, Bihar.
- Responding to the call of Mahatma Gandhi, he abandoned his family business and joined the freedom struggle in 1926.
- He was imprisoned in 1931 for participating in the "Namak Satyagrah".
- He was elected as Member of Bihar Legislative Assembly (MLA) from 1937 till 1952 and Member of Bihar Legislative Council from 1952 to 1972.
- He was associated with many business and educational institutions, like FICCI, Bhagalpur University, Indian Employers Association, Bihar Industries Association.
- He was the founder President of the South Bihar Chamber of Commerce and remained so for 20 years.
- He was especially interested in the fields of Education and Health, involving himself in work relating to education, leprosy eradication, rehabilitation of handicapped persons, upliftment of Adiwasies (aboriginal tribes), Prakritik Chikitsa (Nature Cures).
- He also published weekly magazines "Prakash" in hindi and "The Spark" in english for two decades.
- He passed away on 16/6/1988.

Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful,
whatever gives you happiness,
may all that be yours ...
Today, tomorrow and forever.



Happy Birthday!!

6th December	-	Renuka Agarwal
7th December	-	Mamta Mehta
7th December	-	Seema Gupta
8th December	-	Sudha Choudhury
19th December	-	Manju Jhunjhunwala
28th December	-	Mridu Somani

CLUB NEWS

- Next E. C. Meeting & Regular Meeting on 8th January Golden Park.
- Husband's Nite on Saturday, 30th January, 2010. Mridu Somani is the Chairman

FORTHCOMING



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DARE TO SPEED>?

20TH DECEMBER 2009

1st

ROTAWHEEL '09

car adventure

Chairman :
Anjana Bhawania

Co-Chairman :
Smita Murarka

Happy Anniversary

An anniversary is a special day to celebrate
the beautiful bond of LOVE that two hearts share.

Happy Anniversary!!

2nd December	-	Shashi Khandelwal
2nd December	-	Shruti Tania
3rd December	-	Anjana Bhawania
8th December	-	Sangeeta Maroo
10th December	-	Meinu Banka
11th December	-	Kamini Mehta
11th December	-	Suman Keyal
12th December	-	Sharmila Sethia
13th December	-	Pushpa Agarwal
14th December	-	Manju Prahaladka

BULLETINS RECEIVED

Chairman's newsletter

Seva	-	IWC Calcutta Lansdowne
Pratiruti	-	IWC Calcutta Mega City
La Review	-	IWC Salt Lake City
Sukanya	-	IWC Calcutta West
Sanchari	-	IWC Salt Lake Uptown
Padakshet	-	IWC Jadavpur
Bulletin	-	IWC Madhamgram Metropolitan
Sahyog	-	IWC Calcutta South East
Efforts	-	IWC Calcutta Old City
Shraddha	-	IWC Garden Reach
Kishalaya	-	IWC Behala

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NID Dates

10th January, 2010

7th February, 2010

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