

Guest Editor Speaks

After being a full time editor twice over it gives me immense pleasure to be the guest editor for this month. Once I started working in the press I realized how much I had missed it. It was great fun compiling this edition of the ECHO for all you great people out there. Of course I had all the material ready with lots of help from **President Aruna** and **PDC Mamta**.

Mona Saraf, Guest Editor

Who is a Tweetheart?

A tweetheart is a person who is much admired and followed on Twitter. A tweetheart could be a celebrity, or even a public figure who, usually sets a trend, and picks up a fan- Tweeter- following. There is another meaning to the term too; tweeters who find soul mates while networking turn into tweethearts



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Happy Birthday

Renuka Agarwal – 6th Dec

Seema Gupta – 7th Dec

Mamta Mehta – 7th Dec

Sudha Chowdhury – 8th Dec

Manju Jhunjhunwala – 19th Dec

Mridu Somani – 28th Dec



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

DG Raju &

Shashi Khandelwal – 2nd Dec

Vikram & Shruti Tantia – 2nd Dec

Shekhar &

Anjana Bhurwania – 3rd Dec

Ramesh &

Sangeeta Maroo – 8th Dec

Sanjay &

Minu Banka – 10th Dec

Manoj &

Kamini Mehta – 11th Dec

Naresh & Suman Keyal – 11th Dec

Anil & Shanti Shah – 11th Dec

Sunil &

Sharmila Sethia – 12th Dec

JP & Pushpa Agarwal – 13th Dec

Om &

Manju Prahladka – 27th Dec

ECHO



Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta
District 329

Commit with
conviction compassion consistency
IIW Theme 2010-11



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Aruna Murarka
President

Meghna Lohia
Secretary

Minu Banka
Editor

Welcome Rotarians, RCCQ! & Jennifer Sommerville, Chairman, IW District 1 to our 243rd regular meeting



Dear Friends,

It was a privilege to have District Chairman Sumita Roy and District Secretary Rupa Mukherjee for our club visit.

Sumita Roy was motivating and encouraging with her address - She congratulated our club as being vibrant and enthusiastic and she wished success for the completion of Apnalay. She said that IWCCC is a matter of pride for District 329.

Rupa Mukherjee very sportingly conveyed her message with a song!

District Chairman's mantra for all inner wheel members.

ENJOY INNER WHEEL! EXPAND INNER WHEEL!

So friends, have fun - enjoy Inner Wheel! Let us look backward with satisfaction, And look forward with confidence! Take responsibilities and go up the ladder!

"The future depends on what we do in the present" – Mahatma Gandhi.

Yours in friendship

Aruna Murarka, President

TODAY'S PROJECT

Under **Ek Prayaas**, our scholarship program, we are giving one years' (July 2010 – June 2011) school fees to **Puja Shaw, Lakshmi Ram, Sushma Singh, Ruby Thakur, Tayyabun Nisha** and **Simi Khatun**, all students of **Shri Gandhi Vidyalyay** and **Gulaksha Begum** of **Elliot Day School**. In total this year so far we have adopted **10 girls** for educational help.

We owe our grateful thanks to M/s Siddha Group (6 students) and our member **Ms Minu Banka** (1student) for their contribution for this cause.



Our Guest Today

Jennifer Sommerville, Chairman, IW District 1

A member of Inner Wheel for over 20 years, initially she was in **Campbell town** in **District 23**, and since 1995 in the **IWC of Perth**, where she has been Secretary, OSO and President. She is also a Rotarian, of the **RC of Blair Gowrie** since 2006. She believes that both the organisations are complementary, and are not mutually exclusive! And they have a long

history of working well together. She has been a consultant in **Genito-urinary Medicine** in **Glasgow**. She owns a horse but does not ride any more. She and her husband **Bobby** both are keen gardeners, and like to travel. She chaired a local **"Save the Children"** branch for many years, and is still a keen supporter. She is having a wonderful and busy year as District Chairman, and enjoys meeting members throughout **District 1**, which covers the North and East of Scotland.

INTERESTING FACT!

Britain Refuses Surgery on Builder, Pune to the Rescue

300 kg? Not a problem!

Dr Shashank Shah, head of the laparoscopic and obesity centre at **Pune's Ruby Hall Clinic** conducted a successful weight reduction surgery on a wheel chair bound **Zac Smith** on the eve of Diwali. This 35 year old, Britain's fattest man who weighed nearly **300 kg** was refused by the doctors in **UK** until he lost some weight. He is the heaviest person to be operated on in **Asia**.

WELL SAID...

It was a pleasure to go through your bulletin **ECHO**. It is amazing to see the wonderful work being done by your club. I congratulate you for the same.

Jyoti Rao, Association Treasurer

WELL DONE!!

- **Mona Saraf** for winning the **2nd Prize** for a slogan competition organised by **District 329** on **"Preserve Nature"**.
- **Yogita Ganeriwala** for winning the **2nd prize** for table mat making competition organised by **IW District 318**.



We shall miss you!

We deeply regret the sad demise of **Mrs Sunita Bhimsaria**, sister of **IPP Sudha Chowdhury**. She was full of life and a very warm person. We would always remember her fondly for her good nature and her generosity in contributing towards **APNALAY**. May god give enough strength to the family and rest her soul in peace.

Participated

- **19th Nov: President Aruna, PP Kamini, Meghna, Mona, Sunita Jalan and District Editor Mamta Gupta** attended the **District Bijoya Diwali Meet**.
- **3rd Dec: President Aruna, Secretary Meghna and Voting delegate PP Kamini** attended the **2nd D C Meet**.
- **4th Dec: President Aruna, Meghna, PP Kamini, PDC Mamta Agarwal, District Editor Mamta Gupta, Mona, Vaishali Tekriwal and Shashi** attended the **33rd District Conference Udbhashito** held at **Swabhumi**, where **Association President Dr Kapila Gupta** was the Chief Guest. **PP Praveena Lohia, VP Renu Lakhota, Dr Shashi Jindel, Riju, Vinita, Mridu and Sunita Jalan** also had registered themselves but could not attend the same.

District News

- **International Inner Wheel Day** on **10th January, 2011** – **International Inner Wheel President Dr Pallavi Shah** to attend programme on **Tagore** at **Birla Sabhagar**.
- **South East Asian Rally** to be held on **23rd and 24th April, 2011** at **Harbana, Sri Lanka**. Registration ₹ 2,800 per person.

Joint Projects

- Sponsored ₹ 1,000 for solar energy project to **IWC Calcutta Metropolitan East**.
- Sponsored ₹ 1,250 for hearing aid project to **IWC Calcutta Metropolitan**
- Sponsored ₹ 1,000 for drug and chemical abuse rehabilitation to **IWC Calcutta Old City**.
- Sponsored ₹ 750 for training of a nurse assistant to **IWC Calcutta West**.
- Sponsored ₹ 300 for aid awareness to **IWC South West Calcutta**.

Future Plans

- 72 sweaters to be distributed at **RCCC Benapur**.
- **Cleft lip identification camp**: 28 patients were identified at a cost of ₹ 18,460.

Help to the District

We join hands with the sister clubs and also help the District functions regularly. For the **INTER DISTRICT ISO MEET, UDAY** held on **24th September**, we contributed ₹ 3,000 towards its expenses.

CLUB CORNER

- **Project Anna Daan**: Monthly food to street children of **Alipore Angel Care** was sponsored by **Vaishali Tekriwal**, cost ₹ 1500
- **Childrens' Day Celebration**: Stationary and goodies distribution at **Alipore Angel Care** was sponsored by **Aruna Murarka**, cost ₹ 1,000, attended by **Aruna, Meghna, Shashi and Suman**.

S T A N D I N G T A L L

Apnalay - a progress report

On
3rd October
2010



5th Dec:
Aruna, Renu and
Shashi at
the site



3rd Oct:
The
inside story



5th Dec:
Aruna, Mona and
Shashi at
the site

*After wall plaster electrical,
plumbing and other work is under
progress at APNALAY.*

In conversation with

Vinita Poddar, club Joint Secretary and the first lady



Rtn. Subir & Vinita Poddar

Q: What is your contribution in Inner Wheel today and what will it be tomorrow?

A: This years' IIW theme **Commit with conviction, compassion, consistency** is the spirit with which I have tried to hold the various posts in the past three years and in future I shall continue to serve.

Q: What is your favorite quote and motto in life?

A: My favorite quote is - "Live each moment to the fullest" and my motto is - "Winner is he, one who refuses to be defeated."

Q: What are you passionate about in life?

A: My beautiful garden.

Q: What irritates you the most and what makes you happy?

A: Lies irritate me the most and a day spent with the close friends gives me happiness.

Q: What would you like to convey to your club members?

A: Each member is like a pillar to the monument "IWC Central Calcutta". I would request my members to not to shy away from responsibilities, and to take on whatever they can do, even moderately.

TRULY AWESOME! A PRICELESS PICTURE!!



This has got to be the picture of the year....

This is the Columbus, Ohio family that just had sextuplets.

Wedding Bells!!

Heartiest congratulations to PP Meeta Lakhotia and Mr Brij Mohan Lakhotia on the auspicious occasion of the wedding of their daughter Rashi with Dipak Simal on Wednesday, 15th December 2010.

EYE CHECK UP CAMP



On the 5th of December at 9.30 am, President Aruna, VP Renu, Shashi and Mona went to Thakurpukur Paanch Masjid Primary School, Barisha for an eye check-up camp where 175 spectacles were given at the cost of ₹ 20,000 along with free eye check-up in association with Dr Rajni Rampuria of Eye Pavilion. Cataract

operations will also be done sponsored by Mrs Shailja Agarwal, sister of President Aruna Murarka. It was a great experience with the local councillor of ward no. 125, also present to give his full support for this noble cause. This camp is an annual feature taken up by the local boys of the Paanch Masjid Sporting Club.

– A report



Congratulations!

Mamta Gupta
for being elected
District
International Service
Organiser
for the year 2011-12

Memberspeak

■ "The bulletin is really impressive and well presented. The Club news and the Current affairs clubbed together was a new insight!!"

– Sunita Jalan, ISO

■ "Nice bulletin, Keep it up!!"

– Sudha Chowdhury, IPP

Service
at
Large

Biggest act of philanthropy by an Indian Premji parts with wealth to usher in education times

Azim Premji, Chairman of Wipro, who cut short his education to look after the family business after the death of his father in 1966, will use a portion of his wealth ie \$ 2 bn to build schools, train teachers and fund other educational activities.

Our next meeting to be held on 5th January, 2011 at Astor Hotel at 4 pm