

# Echo

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District 320

Be A Friend  
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## President speaks...



Dear Friends,

*"No man or woman is an island. To exist just for yourself is meaningless. You can achieve the most satisfaction when you*

*feel related to some greater purpose in life, something greater than yourself."* – **Denis Waitley**

To pave our way, so that we can do more for the society, let us gear up for the launch of our new fund-raiser – '**Temptations Trinity**' in January. Let us all do our bit to make it a resounding success.

With the advent of winters, we have done projects like prize distribution for sports at schools and distribution of blankets to the needy.

Our home '**Apnalay**' is also nearing completion with the tiling work almost complete and the lift fully functional.

Yours-in -friendship,

– **Deepa Banka**

## Listen, *Today's guest speaker* visualize & feel within



Mrs Bella Arora is a certified and accurate Tarot Card Reader.

She is a prodigy in her field and is also a master in the fields of Numerology, Handwriting & Signature Analysis, Crystal Ball Gazing, Crystal Vastu & Crystal Therapy, Runes Stone Reading, Pranik Healing, Reiki and Mind Power.

Mrs Arora's knowledge comes from three main sources such as, her trainings with some of the world's best practitioners, her vast experience all over the world with a varied mix of clients, businessman, industrialists, students, teachers and subordinates and most importantly her natural intuitions and deep meditative qualities which ensure that her practice and results are accurate and to the point.

She has been practicing since 1997 all over the world. She also teaches Graphology, Numerology, Tarot Card Reading & Runes Stone Reading using various innovative new tools and methodologies.



Echo extends *Season's Greetings* to all its readers

# Apnalay at a glance

*(for those who came in late)*

In **2006**, in continuance with our motto of serving the society with a smile and a purpose, we came up with an idea of making a home for senior citizens, **Apnalay**, which would cater to the lonely seniors of the society, providing them comfort, shelter and assisted living in today's scenario of nuclear families. It is a well-known fact that loneliness at advanced age becomes a chronic problem, an age moreover when one is prone to health issues, though their social needs remain unattended. **Apnalay** will give such seniors like-minded company and friends to interact with on a daily basis.

The home, a project of **₹4 crores**, is coming up on a piece of land bought by the club in Thakurpukur. The foundation stone was laid by **Mrs Kamala Ramakrishnan, Past President, International Inner Wheel** on **10th January, 2007**. The construction is nearing completion with work on the interiors of the home currently underway. Two model rooms of the home were unveiled on **14th June 2011**, which was attended by many eminent personalities including **Past President, IIW, Mrs Minna Kapur**.

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**21st Sep.** Our esteemed guest **District Chairman Rupa Mukherjee** is seen here on the terrace of **Apnalay**, a home for senior citizens, during her official visit to our club. She is flanked by District Treasurer our own **Mamta Gupta, IPP Renu Lakhotia, Sangeeta Daga, Rekha Daruka and Rekha Saraogi**.

**Apnalay** comprises of **25 rooms, 4 suites, a hobby room, a Vocational Training Centre, a banquet, kitchen and dining.** The **TV lounge, Cards lounge** and a **Library** will enhance the stay of the boarders providing them means of entertainment. All the rooms shall be equipped with air conditioners and television increasing the comfort level. **An Elevator** has been installed at the ground plus **3 floors building.** The tiling work and false ceiling work is almost complete and we are looking forward to taking bookings and simultaneously doing the interiors of the rooms.

**Apnalay**, being a huge project and our means of fund raising limited, we solicit help by way of donations so that our dream project starts welcoming the aged of the society soon.

– President Deepa Banka

## PROUD, PRIVILEGED & ELEVATED



**17th Nov:** No more one needs to walk up to the beautiful rooftop of **Apnalay**, as today it boasts of a fully functional **elevator** at its premises, which can carry 6 persons at a time. Donated by **Mr Prahlad Agarwal** of **M/s Captain Steel** to Apnalay in July, 2010, on Saturday, 17th November, 2012, **President Deepa, PP Sudha, PP Ruchika, Shashi** and **PDC Mamta Agarwal** took the inaugural ride in the elevator like little children with a loud cheer!!!

They fondly decorated the facade of the same with garlands of marigold flowers and mango leaves. *Tilak of roli* on their forehead created the mood for an auspicious ceremony. **PP Sudha** carried out the ritual of breaking the coconut and **President Deepa** officially recieved the keys of the same.

– A report





# Winter time, play time...



**5th Dec:** We sponsored 80 prizes including 10 for handicapped students for the **Annual Sports Meet 2012** of CIRCLE-XVIII organised by **Kolkata Primary School Council** at Rabindra Sarobar Stadium. **President Deepa Banka, PP Meeta Lakhotia, PP Geetika Khaitan** and I went to encourage the children and gave away the Prizes where more than 400 students including 40 handicapped children from 56 Schools participated in different events.

– Kanchan Somani

## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Our next meeting will be merged with our annual picnic on 4th January, 2013 at 'Panchvati Resorts', Sirakol near Joka at 11am

# Warmth of the members in the shape of blankets

**11th Dec:** President Deepa, PP Aruna, PP Geetika, Seema Gupta and Rekha Daruka distributed 85 blankets and sweets to handicapped people at **Fatehpur**, near Joka on Tuesday at 11.30am. The total cost of the project was ₹9,100.

The entire cost of the project was sponsored by our members

**PP Aruna, Kiran Jhunjunwala, Shashi, Kavita, Sarla Maheshwari, Sangita Maroo, PP Geetika, Saroj Kedia, Seema, PP Meeta, Uma Modi and Gita Jhavar.**



# DISTRICT DIARY: PAST & FUTURE



Congratulations to  
**PP Mamta Gupta**  
for being elected  
**District Secretary**  
for the Year 2013-14



## Heartiest Congratulations!

### District 329 **Executive Committee** 2013-14

*District Chairman:* **Mrs Chandrika Banerjee**

*Vice Chairman:* **Mrs Saswati Dutta**

*AC Member:* **Mrs Rupa Mukherjee**

*Secretary:* **Mrs Mamta Gupta**

*Treasurer:* **Mrs Jayshree Paul Chowdhury**

*ESO:* **Mrs Sharmila Bose**

*ISO:* **Mrs Indrani Chatterjee**

*Editor:* **Vinny Kandhari**

■ **21st Nov:** President Deepa, PP Mamta Gupta and Shashi attended the District Conference 'Amrita' at Swabhum.

■ **4th Dec:** ISO Sangita Maroo attended the ISO Meet.

■ **6th Dec:** President Deepa attended the CCC Meeting.

■ **15th Dec:** 'Bou Thakuraneer Haat' will be held at Maddox Square park, Ritchie Road, from 1-4 pm.

■ **10th Jan:** International Inner Wheel Day will be celebrated with the District picnic at Dhulagarh. Registration: ₹250 Per Person.

## 30 LEISURE TIME second speech by **Bryan Dyson** Former CEO of Coca Cola



Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. They are **Work, Family, Health, Friends and Sprit** and you're keeping all of these in the air.

You will soon understand that **work** is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four Balls – **Family, Health, Friends and Spirit** – are made of glass. If you drop one of these; they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked,

nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for it."

**Work efficiently during office hours and leave on time. Give the required time to your family, friends & have proper rest. Value has a value only if its value is valued**

# KOLKATA KALIEDOSCOPE

*competition*



**KOLOURFUL KOLKATA!**

*Clicked by Lisa Mason, a Fashion Designer from New Zealand and a guest of PP Aruna Murarka*

**Wedding bells!**



*Congratulations to*

■ Kalpana and Prakash Mallya for the wedding of their daughter **Neha** with **Aashish Jhunjunwala**.

■ Shanti & Anil Shah for the wedding of their son **Rahul** with **Chitra Poddar**.

■ Sarla & Prakash Bhadani for the wedding of their daughter **Nikita** with **Khagendra Begani**.

## ECHO earns laurels

Dear Mamta,

Thoroughly enjoyed going through **ECHO!** Indeed an interesting and informative insight of your club. It is extremely well planned and presented. Looking forward to the future issues. Congratulate your President on my behalf.

— **PDC Radhika Wadia, District 306**

## GREETINGS FOR THE MONTH

### Wedding Anniversaries

Shashi & Raju Khandelwal: 2nd Dec  
Shruti & Vikram Tantia: 2nd Dec  
Anjana & Shekhar Bhuwania: 3rd Dec  
Rekha & Yogesh Daruka: 7th Dec  
Sangeeta & Ramesh Maroo: 8th Dec  
Minu & Sanjay Banka: 10th Dec  
Kamini & Manoj Mehta: 11th Dec  
Shanti & Anil Shah: 11th Dec  
Suman & Naresh Keyal: 11th Dec  
Sharmila & Sunil Sethia: 12th Dec  
Harikanta & Manoj: 13th Dec  
Pushpa & J P Agarwal: 13th Dec  
Manju Devi & Om Prahladka: 27th Dec

### Birthdays

Kumkum Jain: 1st  
Renuka Agarwal: 6th  
Seema Gupta: 7th  
Jyoti Nahata: 7th  
Mamta Mehta: 7th  
Sudha Choudhury: 8th  
Mridu Somani: 28th



**Suman Keyal** has moved to BelAir, Flat 13A, 9A, Alipore Park Place, Kolkata

## THE WORLD DIARY

# In America, no asylum for 'lunatics'

■ **9th Dec:** Before 2012 ends and the New Year dawns, there will be no lunatics in the US anymore. At least, that is what the country's politicians would like other Americans and the rest of the world to believe. President Obama will any day now sign the bill passed by both houses of the US Congress into law that forever consigns into the dustbin of history the word 'lunatic' from this country's legislative lexicon.

Two years ago, the US Congress similarly voted to ban the words "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from American national laws and replace these with "intellectual disability" and "individual with an intellectual disability".

## INDIA INDEX



### *Sitar Maestro Departs...*

**Born In The East, Died In The West,  
Master Ravi Shankar Wowed The World**

The sitar maestro passed away in the Scripps Memorial Hospital in San Diego, California, when he was admitted for surgery last week. He was 92 and is survived by his wife Sukanya and daughters Anoushka Shankar and Norah Jones. His music comes alive every time a child sings "Saare Jahan se Achha." Panditji passes on but his magic lives on the billionsof fans and disciple across the world.

## KOLKATA KONNECT

### HOUSE OF SHAME! BLOW BY BLOW, BENGAL AT NEW LOW!

**Law makers become law breakers!** Trinamool, Left MLAs in unprecedented Assembly fistfight

**11 Dec:** The dishonour to the house surpasses all precedence in the Bengal assembly. Bengal's lawmakers dragged the assembly down to the gully pits on Tuesday, choosing fists and cuss words when a debate was denied. In the bedlam in the well of the house, legislators punched each other and a woman CPM MLA was "pulled by the hair" and allegedly "lifted to the treasury benches" by male MLAs.

## DEEP CONDOLENCES

We deeply mourn the sad demise of

Sri S P Gupta, father of Neeru Jain

Smt Durga Devi Khaitan, mother of Mala Ganeriwala.

Sri Girdhari Lalji Sanganeria, father of Shanti Shah.





## Pause a little...

Once in a while we ought to pause in our fast paced life and introspect about our purpose in Inner Wheel. It is a well-known fact that our thoughts shape our actions and our actions contour our lives. In the context of our membership of this organisation, we should consider it to be our privilege and welcome the obligations of friendship and service which it imposes upon us. I am sure all of you are enjoying this privilege to the utmost. The best way to enjoy your membership is to get involved immediately in the activities of the club, whichever interests you. An idle mind derives no pleasure from such associations, and dreariness tends to creep in. It is completely in our hands, literally, to shake others' hands and be friends, and also contribute through our personal time and hard work towards the betterment of our society. It is needless to say that in return, it is we who benefit the most.

Friends, though I am only an active editor this year, somehow the Past District Chairman in me does not allow me to take a back seat.

Pause a little, rise to the call and move ahead with vigour and zeal!

Wish you a happy time ahead!

– PDC Mamta Agarwal, Editor

A shopping bonanza awaits at

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