



We, for women

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CELEBRATING
25
YEARS

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President Speaks...

Dear Friends,

"I prefer just being with people I like. That's my way of celebrating."

– Michael Jackson

The very thought of January brings to one's mind picnics and parties and reasons to smile. The enthusiasm is almost contagious. The mood for our leisure trip to Thailand was miraculous. All arrangements were taken care of by **Chariman PP Dipti Khaitan** and all members of this trip are more than grateful to her. We also gracefully enjoyed the **club picnic to Lake Land Country Club**. The spontaneous and cheerful games brought us back to childhood. The lip smacking good food left us wanting for more. The **District 329 picnic on IIW day** on the bank of the river at Falta left us with a spectacular view of the bronze sunset and left a perpetual smile on our faces. We are really grateful to the District for their remarkable arrangements and extending this opportunity to get together. All this time spent together has really strengthened the bond of friendship among us. I can tell this relation will last for eons to come.

This smile on our face had neither color, nor depth when compared to the smiles we were able to bring on the faces of the less privileged members of our society on Republic Day at Apnalay, where children sang, danced and shared their joy and pride in being an Indian.

All these were initiatives taken towards joyous expression of our Silver Jubilee Year Celebration. We will continue to bring education at the top of our global agenda as a key to building secure and thriving societies, continuing with our belief that when you innovate in education, you innovate in all spheres of life. The activities of this month will continue to move on with our clarion call for celebration.

– Shashi Khandelwal

Celebration of 25 years of friendship at Bangkok!!



– At Kolkata
International
Airport,
16th Jan 2014

PICNIC

at Lakel and Country Club



9th Jan : It was a pleasant and breezy winter morning, a day on which our annual picnic was planned at 'The Lakeland Country Club'. With the spirit of having endless fun and frolic, we reached the venue and was delighted to be greeted by our President Shashiji with a cup of hot tea. Then there was a series of events which included lot of eating and games. Kudos to our president for organizing such a perfect event. After five hours of non stop fun we all retired back to our car seats with some memories to cherish forever. The picnic was merged with 278th meeting.

– Madhu Bagri

Received three ballot papers from IIW For the post of IIW Board of Directors, Editor and Vice-President...

Forthcoming Events – Dist./Asst.

- **1st march** : 2nd Inter City Meet "Monisha" at Gyan Manch, 4:30 pm. A panel discussion on "Encourage, Educate & Empower Women" along with screening of a documentary film by eminent speaker and filmmaker **Shri Goutam Ghose** on **Raja Rammohan Roy**. Regn. charges: Rs 60/- only.
- **8th & 9th March** : The South Asia Rally - "Women Power Unlimited" will be held at Renaissance Convention Centre, Powai, Mumbai hosted by District 314. This is an attempt to create awareness and bring our strength together in fighting against violence and women abuse. Inter District ISO MEET and Competitions will be held there.



PICNIC

district



- **10th Jan** : Celebrated IIW Day with District Picnic at Falta

Projects done & in pipe line

14th Jan – Served food worth Rs. 5100/- to 80 mentally – challenged women inmates at **Ishwar Sankalp** on the day of **Makar Sakranti** sponsored by President Shashi Khandelwal.



- **25th Jan** – Donated Rs. 800/- for a **Jt. Project** with IWC Calcutta South West for toilet – construction at **Shri Shri Vidya Mandir** at Garcha Lane.
- **30th Jan** – Donated books worth Rs 5000/- to **Adarsh Hindi Vidyalay**.
- **20th Feb** – **Three weighing machines** to be donated to **Amaar Paddakhep**, Dhakuria for the establishment of a new centre for differently-abled children. Many other clubs are also helping this institution.

Making of **Toilets for women** at **Ramkrishna Mission Math** at **Neempith** @ **25000/-**

Future planning for a blood donation camp in progress

An **Health Awareness Programme** at **Gandhi vidyalay**

Computer Training classes at our **VTC Khushi** every sunday.



26th Jan : Flag hoisting at Apnalay on Republic day. Sweets and snacks served to the children.

Best days of



- Flight of Gibbon



- Speeding to Coral



- being Thai in Thai



- Scarfs by Arunaji enhanced the beauty of our tees



our lives!!



- at Poolside



- in the room



- Ladies' nite out!



- Chinese Whispers!



Best days of our lives!! **Celebration of 25 years of friendship at Bangkok & Pattaya**

Bon Voyage : 16th Jan 2014 from Kolkata to Bangkok & Pattaya, flight 6E 77.
Return : 21st Jan 2014, flight 6E 78
Captains of the trip : PDC Mamta Agarwal & PP Dipti Khaitan
Activities done : Tiffany Show, Coral Island, Paragliding, Sea walk, Sea bathing, Zip Lining at Flight of Gibbon, Sirrocco and loads of shopping.

Crew members : 18. This is what they had to say ...

Sunny spirits, sunnier moments & sunniest smiles... Who knew such bonds were there waiting to be discovered in the land of Thais!! - PP Anjana Bhuwania

WE DID IT! A beginning for many more! - PP Aruna Murarka

Har pal sabke saath ki itni masti, itna mazaa...as if zindagi na milegi dobara ! - PP Dipti Khaitan

Bangkok = few days of non stop + mad + crazy + lovely fun = life of friendship + memories - Kavita Shah

The most enjoyable and adventurous trip of my life!! This was the first ever trip of our club and of a moderately large number i.e. 18 of us and that too to a foreign locale ... befitting for the celebration of 25th year of our club. Kudos to our fellowship and friendship!! - PDC Mamta Agarwal

A splendid vacation, which gave us memories to treasure forever and ever ! - Madhu Bagri

Doston ke saath, school college ke dino ki yaad, wapas taza ho gayi. Friends let's keep on repeating it. - Monika Kejriwal

Those who missed must join next time. ... truly an unforgettable experience - Mridu Somani

Travel + Buddies = WOW, Simply groovy , thrilling and a magical trip to Bangkok. - PP Renu Lakhotia

Full of life...a lifetime masti ! - Riju Chamari

An unforgettable memorable trip which reminds me again my bachelor life ... - Sangeeta Maroo

Bangkok trip, still a dream - Sarmila Sethia

A holiday with friends was a lifetime memorable experience to treasure and look forward for one more vacation soon ! - Seema Kothari

Motherly care, sister's hug husbands tease, friends giggles n gossip all made the trip a memorable one!! - Prez. Shashi Khandelwal

A bindaas trip full of masti with no do's n don't's ... - PP Smita Murarka

Bangkok trip made me feel 10 years younger to my age. - PP Sudha Chowdhury

It can happen with friends only. Masti, masti n masti. Aisi masti, itna mazaa, yeh dil maange more ! - Sunita Jalan

Our Bangkok trip was full of merriment, fun, laughter, eating at all odd hours & drinking chai. "MASTI AT ITS BEST" - Vinita Poddar

Charter Member – PP Sudha Choudhury



Q. In the multiple roles that you play as a woman, mother, wife, grandmother etc., how significant is your role as an Inner Wheel member? In other words, what place does IW occupy in your life?

A. Inner Wheel is an institution which has helped me in bringing out a different personality of mine. It gave me an opportunity to meet many people, it helped in broadening my friend circle, it gave me a platform where I could help others and serve the society in its true sense. IW therefore holds a very precious place in making over my life which no other institution could have done.

Q. What motivates you and who is your Inspiration and why?

A. My inspiration is my teacher Ms. Madhu Kapoor because she says that :-
सत्य, शिव एवं सुन्दर सब कुछ सामने है

जिसके आँख है "वह देख ले"
जिसके कान है " वह सुन ले"
वाकी सब " अधुरा" है।

Q. 25 years young – what do u think is your legacy to the club?

A. Other members of our club would know better.

Q. Would you like to share with our new members what inner wheel has given you in last 25 years?

A. Inner Wheel is an international non profitable institution which gives us a large platform to work hard and to be generous. Thus brings out our hidden qualities.

It is my advice to our new members to attend club meetings, projects and activities which will teach you many things. Do not hesitate to take responsibility of club activities. Come forward & accept club positions. Once you accept it, you will automatically get time & confidence to do it. I am sure, it will help you becoming a better person in life.

– As told to Anjana Bhuwania

We, for Women

Indians are considered intellectual and knowledgeable people. **More and more Indians are making their marks all over the world and hold high positions in the companies abroad.** Some of them have excelled in diverse fields ranging from business, academics, media and politics to literature. Here, we have listed some of such **American Indian Women** who have recognized and marked their presence on world map with excellence in their fields.

SUNITA WILLIAMS: An American Indian, also a NASA Astronaut who holds the records of longest ever space flight by a woman.

INDRA NOOYI: An Indian American, is the chairperson and CEO of Pepsico.

NIKKI HALEY: A Punjabi sikh is the first woman to serve as Governor of South Carolina, USA out of the 116 Governors.

KAMALA HARRIS: She is the first ethnic Indian American attorney general in the United States.

KIRAN DESAI: She is the youngest woman to win the man Booker prize at the age of 35 for her novel "Inheritance of Loss".

DEEPA MEHTA: An Indian born Canadian Director which helped her win various awards and recognition world wide for her element trilogy bollywood films namely Earth, Fire and Water.

PADMA LAKSHMI: one of the first well- known Indian model, TV show host, writer to ambassador for the United Nations Development Fund for women.

NORAH JONES: She is a popular American singer – song writer, pianist and actress. She is the daughter of Pandit Ravi Shankar and paternal half- sister of Anoushka Shankar.

ANOUSHKA SHANKAR: Nominated for a Grammy Award in 2003 and 2005 and won the best artist in the song lines music award for her Album Traveier in 2012.

EDITORIAL... "WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY"



Amidst all the political turmoil and travel hiccups we **18 members** rocked the country of Thailand to **celebrate** the **25 years of our club**. The 4 day trip was probably **"THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIFE"** which brought us closer to each other giving us the feeling of oneness and a desire to make this an annual affair.

We missed all the other members who for one or the other reason could not make it. The trip which was so successful and memorable, could not have been possible without the hurricane efforts of PDC Mamta Agarwal and PP


Dipti Khaitan. Three cheers to both of them for all the pains and efforts put in by them, without even making others realize what they were going through.

I also sincerely thank PDC Mamta Agarwal, PP Anjana Bhuwania and PP Renu Lakhota for compiling this issue of Bulletin.

I sign off with the words.....

**Kaun kehta hai, man mein agar ho chahat udane ki,
Aur karna hai fun unlimited, tho ruk na kisi mod par,
Kyonki yeh sach hai doston ki, zindagi na milegi dobara.**

Yours women-in-Wheel
– **Monika Kejriwal**

 **Congratulation to Yogita and C P Ganeriwal on the wedding of their son Shailesh with Sania**

Members Please make a note...
Our Next meeting on
Friday 14th March

Happy Birthday

Monal Agarwal – 1st Feb
Kanchan Somani – 12th Feb
Kiran Jhunjhunwala – 16th Feb
Mamta Gupta – 16th Feb
Rashmi Jain – 20th Feb
Kiran Ganeriwala – 26th Feb
Rekha Daruka – 27th Feb

Happy Anniversary

Monal & J.P. Agarwal – 5th Feb
Anushree & Pramod Mundhra – 7th Feb
Riju & Rajiv Chamaria – 7th Feb
Vasundhra & Anirudh Gupta – 8th Feb
Uma & Shrivardhan Modi – 11th Feb
Mridu & Sanjay Somani – 19th Feb
Renu & Rajendra Bagrodia – 19th Feb
Geetika & R. P. Khaitan – 21st Feb
Vinita & Subir Poddar – 21st Feb
Mamta & Sanjay Gupta – 27th Feb
Meeta & Brij Mohan Lakhota – 27th Feb

 **KUDOS TO HALF YEARLY 100% ATTENDANCE**

PP Aruna Murarka	Kanchan Somani
Kiran Ganeriwal	PDC Mamta Agarwal
PP Mamta Gupta	Mamta Saraf
PP Meeta Lakhota	Monika Kejriwal
PP Renu Lakhota	PP Shashi Khandelwal
Seema Kothari	Sangeeta Maroo

 Our next forthcoming event

TempTations
a reason to indulge...

25th - 27th March 2014
at Ice skating Rink

Caring Sharing Giving

Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta
invites you to



Sagar Kinare – Husband's Wife
A Celebration of blissful togetherness

Sunday 9th Feb, 2014
7 PM onwards

Chairman : Shradha Rathi
Co-Chairman : PP Dipti Khaitan