



We, for women

IIW Theme: 2013-14

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25
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Hello Friends,

President Speaks...

It is with great honour and pride, I reach out to IIW President Abhaji, PIWR Dr. Lalita Seth and DC Chandrika Bannerjee for being a part of our success stories owing to the special year. Upon being appointed as the President of the **Silver Jubilee Year of IWCCC**, there was an encumbering task on our shoulders owing to the legacy of this club. But this was helped out by the support of Past Presidents, active committee members and helpful and courteous members. This year started out with the glorious installation '**Aashayein**', '**Taareef Karoon Kya Uski**', then the fun-filled '**Trip to Thailand**'. The celebrations were given a boost by **Husbands' Nite – Sagar Kinaare**. The cherry on the cake was placed due to the grand ceremony of **One Step Up**. I am so grateful to Convener **AVP Mamta Agarwal** and co-convener **PP Aruna Murarka**. Our mailboxes were flooded by responses from across the nation, thanks to the network of communication laid down by esteemed members of the club.

I thank **PP Dipti Khaitan**, **PP Smita Murarka**, **Vinita Poddar** and **Riju Chamaria** for their whole hearted participation and enthusiasm to make these events a success. Being grateful to the members who have been giving their time, energy and money to help build memories for the eons to come. Our charitable deed was carried on through serving the senior citizens as esteemed guests. The smile on their face brought to them by **Mrs. Alokandanda Roy's** performance was a delight and made our mission accomplished. **Mrs. Alokandanda Roy** is working hard to train the people in the correctional homes and bring about a reform. It was a day to remember because it was the integration of international frontiers for our projects. It is rightly said, when there is a will, there is a way.

It is my ultimate pleasure to see all women in IWCCC working towards a common goal. The attainment of the goal is what drives us all forward. We, the women are able to light the path by educating children, serving the needy, giving back the society to push ourselves **One Step Up**.

– Shashi Khandelwal



Installation ceremony at Bhusawal

Club Projects

- 17th May with IIW-President Mrs. Abha Gupta



A Computer donated to Khushi



Certificates given to children for computer classes



Felicitation of Dr. Sanjay Gupta at Medical Camp



Trees Planted at Apnalay

18th May – Rs. 30,000/- donated to the welfare inmates of the correctional homes.



10th June : Flag exchange with Kham Gaanv

14th June – Celebrated Charter Day by donating sarees and sweets to the local residents of Pragatipalli, Apnalay.



14th June : Rs. 3000/- donated to under privileged children of CHIP



Attended / District News



3rd June – District Assembly **MADHURENO** at Royal Bengal Hall, City Centre attended by President Shashi Khandelwal, AVP Mamta agarwal, PP Mamta Gupta, PP Aruna Murarka and Mona Saraf

7th June – Presidential committee meeting at Nari Seva Sang followed by Treasures meet. Installation Ceremony attended by President Shashi Khandelwal and PP Meeta Lakhota.

10th June – The Installation Ceremony of Association President Rashmi Sharma and our own PDC Mamta Agarwal as Association Vice President at Bhusawal was attended by President Shashi Khandelwal, PP Ruchika Rajgarhia, PP Aruna Murarka and Dist. Vice Chairman Mamta Gupta

10th June – Mamta Gupta Launched a special cover and stamps on the death anniversary of our founder member Margaret Oliver.

Exchanged Flags with IWC Chalis Gaanv Milk City (Dist 303) and IWC Kham Gaanv City (Dist. 303)

Future Plans

- Thalassemia
- Ek Prayas
- Khushi to be continued.

Mrs. Sangeeta Bharti (Dist. 301)
has been elected as Association
Secretary for 2014-15

Bulletin Received

Meghdoot –IWC Barasaat
Janani – IWC Belur
Seva –IWC Calcutta Lansdowne
Chime – IWC Calcutta Down Town
Pradakshep – IWC Jadavpur
Bauhi –IWC Ballygaunge
Sanchari – IWC Salt Lake Up Town

Choti Si Mulakaat Pre-celebrations



Thank you Mamta for hosting such a wonderful and a memorable evening "Choti Si Mulakaat" with all the members and the PDC's together. She creatively made sure that every person is leaving the venue with a delightful smile.



One Step Up

“One Step Up”- the **Silver Jubilee Celebration** of our club became an event of many a steps:

It was ...

A step to include

A step to make promises

A step to touch the lives

A step to recognise

A step to rise above self

A step to make a difference

A step to prove to ourselves

A step to leave a mark

And a stepping stone for many such steps in the future.

Sunday, 18th May: All the members were charged up to welcome the guests and celebrate the milestone. They were extremely excited and have been waiting for this big day.

GD Birla Sabhaghar: The venue was beaming with at least 50 policemen who were on duty as we had as many inmates of West Bengal Correctional Homes on parole participating in the musical drama “Mokshgati”.

Recognition: Soon after the invocation the guests International Inner Wheel President elect Mrs. Abha Gupta, District Chairman Mrs. Chandrika Banerjee and PAP & PIIWR Dr. (Mrs.) Lalita Seth were felicitated and they conveyed their best wishes to the members. A proud moment for us to felicitate our very own Association Vice President elect Mamta Agarwal.

“Rupahle Pal” – The presentation by members from all ages between 28 – 70 years was a medley of dances on the songs of Friendship and love shared by them. They performed with perfection and displayed a lot of joy.

“Mokshagati” – The musical dance drama by Alokanda Roy and her troupe was much appreciated by one and all. A standing ovation was given to her and her troupe by a packed auditorium. The audience were touched by the entire show.

Our satisfaction : The happiness on the faces of the Senior Citizens invited from old age homes in and around Kolkata for our celebrations.

Contribution : A handsome amount towards the welfare of the correctional homes along with the stipend to the inmates.

Special issue : “**Echo**” was a necessity on such a occasion. A small travel diary was given as a memento to all the guests.

Credit : The success of this show goes to all the members of our club. We thank ADG. Adhir Sharma, West Bengal Correctional Homes, Authorities of Balika Siksha Sadan, Interact Club members and all our well wishers for their unconditional support and cooperation.

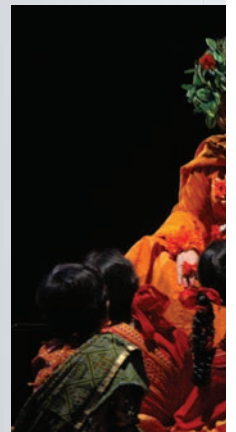
Practices : At Smita and Vinita's Adda.



The packed auditorium



Dignitaries on dias



Rupahle Pal by members



Inaugural ceremony



Alokananda with President Shashi, AVP Mamta, PP Aruna



Mokshagati



Contented Senior Citizens



Biker's cafe Post-celebrations



Thanks to PP Aruna Murarka for hosting a fun filled bindaas evening at Biker's cafe. It felt like the Old College Adda Days to our members.

In conversation with...

Charter Member – PP Renu Dalmia



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 a wonderful platform for housewives to expand their horizon and use their time productively in socially relevant causes.

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

A: I had the opportunity to be the President of Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta during the year It was a highly satisfying experience as I could realize my own potential and contribute to social issues while enjoying excellent fellow ship and team work . The friends I made during this period became my friends and asset for the rest of my life.

Q: 25 years young – what do you think is your legacy to the club?

A: It is very gratifying to see our Club grow to impressive heights and do challenging Projects. I feel there is lot more we can do specially in the area of promoting Community Marriage for the poor, Education and Mother and Child Care for deprived section of our Society.

Q: Would you like to share with our new members what Inner Wheel has given you in last 25 years?

A: I want to invite new Members and I can assure them they will make wonderful friends and can do constructive work as well as enhance their own personality.

In Appreciations

Each and every member of your club deserves praiseworthy words for extending their support and help towards all your good work. your celebration bringing the IIW President Elect together with all members to put up a grand show was exemplary. – **Chandrika Banerjee (Dist. Chairman)**

The great evening so thoughtfully organised by all of you. Right from Felicitation, fabulous introduction, Rupehle pul and Mokshgati were amazing. This is the first time I have come across this kind of project and entertainment by inmates of the reform house. I could see how much hard work has gone into organising this entire event. Once again my heart felt gratitude for doing all that for me. – **Mrs. Abha Gupta (IIW President)**

You all were so graceful on stage, very entertaining, excellent team bonding that i felt as an audience. And Alokandas performance was beautiful!! An art soaked evening. Thank you! – **Namrata Manoj**

Congratulations to each one of you for helping the club reach where it is today!!... fulfilling my wish that we shall all celebrate...For me it has been a month full of fun activities and togetherness. Team Central at large and team One Step Up has done extremely well. We did it! It was a befitting celebration! I need each one of you by my side...love you all. I feel overwhelmed and touched. ..Just a request just be the way you are...Keep striving higher...Keep your friendship intact and reach the stars. – **AVP Mamta Agarwal**

Thanks team one step up for making the show such a thumping success! Together we can! Yaad ayenge ye pal.– **PP Aruna Murarka**

Thank you for a great evening yesterday and Congratulations for organising such a fantastic program today !! All the best for the coming year – **President Neerja Chand (IWC Mid Town)**

Superb programme. Nice concept. Enjoyed – **President Manoj Jain**

Biit gaye din masti ke... those were really Sunhare Pal, Ab to Bas Yaad Aayenge Wo Pal. From reharsals till performance enjoyed every moment of it – **Rekha Saraogi**

We enjoyed very much. It was a wonderful programme. – **President Keya Paul (IWC Greater Tollygunge)**

Very well done, IWC Central Calcutta! Awesome show put up by all of you! Thank you! – **PDC Sumi Agarwal**

Thnx a ton Sashi it was a wonderful programme and we enjoyed thoroughly. Wishing u all d best. – **Sanchita Chowdhury (IWC Joka)**

Fantastic 25th yr celebrations! Stupendous success! Take a bow Team Central - members, EC, Pres, PP's and PDC! Superhit! Silver Jubilee! Congratulations – **Mona Saraf**

Oh...its extremely,extremely satisfying reading viewers feed back...we were not only sure but 200 percent confident that its going to be of a Different Class...well, sincerity interest hard work ultimately shows...salute to each and every participants...have seen them practicing so sincerely, apne apne group ke sath...room mein, ek corner mein, sabke saath...ohh Mind Blowing. – **PP Renu Bagrodia**

Feelings of our AVP Mamta

I can not express my heartfelt thanks to you and all the members of your club for according me so much adulation and love at the instance of my new position in Inner Wheel as Association Vice President.

As soon as you got the news some of you cheered me at **my residence**. Soon again you organised an evening in my honour at **cosmopolitan club**. I felt deeply touched by all the song and dance made by all of you. It was an enjoyable evening all together. Once again at "**Choti si Mulakaat**" you all did not leave the opportunity. It was once again to my pleasure. On every occasion I felt so proud of you and my club. The saree is very beautiful and I am wearing it right now. It was great fun organising **One Step Up**- our Silver jubilee function. We worked as a well knit family. It was one of the greatest opportunity for me to come close to each one of you. And then with **PP Aruna** by my side it was not a responsibility but a joy.

You all once again recognised me here and I was happy again. Today I feel humble and want to thank you for all your love and respect. I convey my sincere thanks to all the members for the same as well. Where ever I go I shall always be by your side because my club is my first love.

I wish you all a wonderful year again.

Mamta Agarwal

Vice President 2014-15

Association of Inner wheel clubs in India



In conversation with...

Charter Member – Uma Modi



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: I have always been only a passive member of IWC.

Q: 25 years young – what do you think is your legacy to the club?

A: Nothing worth mentioning. As I have not been much involved in club's affairs and projects.

Q: Would you like to share with our new members what Inner Wheel has given you in last 25 years?

A: Friendships with so many wonderful persons, more exposure to the outside world, and great enhancement in my selfconfidence; these are a few things that have come readily to my mind. There are many more, no doubt.

Members Please make a note...

Our Next meeting on
Friday 4th July, 2014

CONDOLENCE

we deeply mourn the untimely death of Sapna jaiswal. district. 326
Association Secretary elect.
May her soul rest in peace.

We, for Women

Women without any question have obviously made their mark in every field of life and at times have even left their male counter parts far behind grasping for breath. But now we need to deliberate whether the real potential of women has come to fore front or not.

In today's modern world even though education levels have reached all heights but most people still consider women as toys and treat them as puppets. They are considered as housekeepers responsible for their daily corous, upbringing of children and taking care of their husband and his family.

It is time to bring about a radical change in this thinking and allow women to bring out the inherent qualities in them. Although in recent times laws have been inacted to control crimes and atrocities against women but unfortunately women still continue to be tortured and treated indifferently. In this male dominated society, **Savitri** fought with the God of Death (Yama) and succeeded in getting her husband back to life. Can you find any instance in the scriptures or history where

a husband was prepared to do sacrifice for his wife? If the wife is dead, he is ready to have a second marriage. **Sita**, the devoted consort of Rama and the divine daughter of Mother Earth, demonstrated her chastity by coming out of blazing fire unscathed to prove her purity. Will any of the males agree to prove themselves this way?

Women have struggled for ages and continued to do so. It is time to recognize their talent and encourage them at all levels of life so that their true ability and talent is shown and we get a whole army of women with their unmatched brilliance contributing to the welfare of the entire humunity and the world.

Friends, time is not far away when we will have more of **Kiran Bedis, Saina Nahiwals, Chanda Kochars, Lata Mangeshkars, Mother Teressas**. It is just opportunity knocking at our doors and we women need to grab them. Yes we can do every and anything, if only we realize what we are worth!!!

Congratulations to PP Sarla & Prakash Bhadani to be blessed with a grand son to their daughter Nikita (Cherry)



Yearly 100% Attendance

AVP Mamta Agarwal
PP Meeta Lakhota
Mamta Saraf
Seema kothari
Monika Kejriwal
President Shashi khandelwal



We congratulate Master Atisay Agarwal son of AVP Mamta And Rtn Ajay Agarwal for getting engaged to Nidhi Kanoi

Congratulations & very well done!!!



SAUMYA KHAITAN
daughter of Dipti
95% in class 12 (ISC)

CHIRAG JAIN
son of Rashmi jain securing
9.2 CGPA in Class 10 (CBSE)

SHRADHA KOTHARI
daughter of seema kothari
95% in class 12 (CBSE)

Editor's Column...

Twenty Five years and ready for the next 25. The journey which began in the year 1989 goes on, racing through all weathers- thanks to the sincere and dedicated effort of all our hard working, selfless members working together as a coherent team. When I took over as editor of **Echo** in its **25th year** there were lot of apprehensions in my mind as to how I would justify my position and would be able to delegate the responsibilities given to me. But believe me, with the support of all the members I really enjoyed my tenure as Editor and I feel the time to pass on the baton has come too soon.



In all my issues I tried to bring out the truth about the power of women through my article we, for women. The aim behind it was to establish that women are truly a living embodiment of service and sacrifice who do every thing with all the dedication.

I am really **thankful** to **AVP Mamta Agarwal, PP Aruna Murarka, President Shashi Khandelwal, PP Ruchika Rajgarhia, PP Renu Lakhotia, PP Anjana Bhuwania, Riju Chamaria Mona Saraf** and all others whom I would have missed ignorantly in helping me to compile issues of Echo one after the other. Without their support and guidance nothing would have been possible. I would also like to thank all the members who contributed with their write ups.

I wish **Meghna Lohia** who would be the Editor of Echo for 2014-15 all the best for an enjoyable and memorable tenure.

I bid goodbye with the words:

**"GoodByes are not forever,
GoodByes are not the end,
They are the beginning to a new mission."**

So the journey goes on...

Yours women-in-Wheel

Monika Kejriwal



Happy Birthday

Rekha Saraogi – 28th June

Happy Anniversary

Sarita & Mahendra Jain – 1st June

Rashmi & Manoj Jain -2nd June

Sarla & Pushpraj Maheshwari – 4th June

Sarla & Prakash Bhadani -18th June

Saroj & Dr. Kailash Kedia – 19th June

Kalpna & Prakash Mallya – 23rd June

Nisha & Sunjay Ganeriwala – 24th June

Meghna & Prasan Lohia – 28th June

Kiran & Lalit Ganeriwala -29th June

CELEBRATING
YEARS
Temptations
an attitude...

15th - 17th July 2014

at Ice Skating Rink