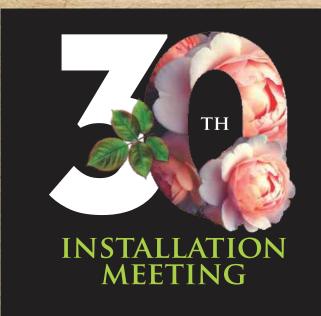


### INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CENTRAL CALCUTTA DISTRICT 329

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY 2018

AT RADISSON KOLKATA BALLYGUNGE (PARK PLAZA)

### **EMPOWER & EVOLVE**



Meghna Lohia, President, 2018-19



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उच्छल-जलधि-तरंग,

तव शुभ नामे जागे,
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गाहे तव जय गाथा,
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#### INNER WHEEL PRAYER

Instill in us O Lord, the true meaning of friendship
Never let us forget that we are all thy children
Notwithstanding the differences in our culture and creeds
Endow us with a desire to serve our fellow men
Remembering that we too often need help
Whenever or wherever the need for service arises
Help us to be ready to serve
Endeavouring to make our badge of Inner Wheel worthwhile
Ensuring that we have not
Lived in vain

# Our President MEGHNA LOHIA

Born and brought up in Amravati, Maharashtra ,Meghna Lohia did her schooling from Holy Cross Convent and graduated with a Commerce degree.

Meghna is inclined towards music, spiritualism and is a nature lover. She is also passionate about exercising and likes to hit the gym regularly.

She has a special place for underprivileged and she finds immense satisfaction in teaching this group of children at **Disha Foundation**. She joined Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta in 2002, inspired and motivated by her Mother-inlaw, Charter Secretary, **Ms. Praveena Lohia**. There she found a platform for doing genuine work towards society. Since then

there has been no turning back. She has actively participated in all club events and served as Chairman of the Mega fund raiser Temptations Trinity for last 5 years. She has also served as Editor, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President of the Club.

Married to **PP Rtn. Prasan Lohia**, a successful businessman, they are blessed with two children son Abhiroop, recently graduated with honours from Cornell University (USA) as a mechanical engineer and now working in Boston, daughter Anuja who has completed her schooling from Modern High School and is going for Computer Science in U.C. Berkley (USA).



Meghna's mantra in life is:

What we have is a gift
from Him,
What we do with what
we have is our gift to Him.



## From the Desk of MEGHNA LOHIA President, 2018-19



Dear friends,

It fills me with pride and joy to be given the opportunity of being the President of Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta. This empowered group of ladies work effortlessly to help our society evolve. Witnessing the commendable work of the Past Presidents over the years has given me the confidence and conviction to steer this club to new heights.

'Empower and Evolve' are powerful words which will outline my year. Women's empowerment for me means to make women capable of standing up for themselves in every walk of life like education, self-defence to knowing their rights, women should be adept because after all, "Women are the real architects of society."

I am privileged to have participated in and watched the evolution of our flagship project 'Apnalay'- a home for senior citizens- over the years. It gives us a sense of fulfillment and makes all our efforts worthwhile when we are able to bring smiles to their faces.

I would especially like to applaud our IPP Riju Chamaria who has left a lasting impression on the club through her determination and hard work. I would also like to express my gratitude for the unparalleled help of my seniors and Past Presidents who have always been a guiding light. I want to commend the hardwork of this year's editor Mridu Somani who has put together this special installation issue of Echo.

I conclude with a quote that has deeply inspired me in the hope that it inspires you too.

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."
-Michelle Obama.

Maghina Lohia



CHARTER PRESIDENT MAMTA AGARWAL
CHARTER SECRETARY PRAVEENA LOHIA
CHARTER PRESENTED BY:
THEN DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DR LALITA SETH

A story of our growth

30 GLORIOUS YEARS

OF MEMORABLE MOMENTS & MEMORIES





## Presidents & their Projects



**Mamta Agarwal, Charter President, 1988-89 & 1989-90** Sharing dais with Maneka Gandhi



**Praveena Lohia, President, 1990-91** Encouraging children at Sports Meet



**Pushpa Agarwal, President, 1992-93**Working towards Go Green



Meeta Lakhotia, President, 1994-95 Prize distribution on Sports Day, at RSK



**Sarla Badhani, President, 1998-99**Donating Aqua Guard water filter to ABWA



**Renu Dalmia, President, 2000-01** Distributing stationary



**Renu Bagrodia, President, 2001-02** Inaugurating Sonography Room



Ruchika Rajgarhia, President, 2002-03 Artificial limb implantation



**Dipti Khaitan, President, 2003-04**Constructed 2 classrooms at Ramkrishna Nimpith



Smita Murarka, President, 2004-05

Donating Ambulance



Anjana Bhuwania, President, 2005-06 Kolkata Kite Karnival



Mamta Gupta, President, 2006-07
Laying the Foundation Stone for Apnalay
with IIW Vice President Kamala Ramakrishnan



Kamini Mehta, President, 2007-08 Distributing blankets at Apnalay in the presence of AP Gomathi Vishwanathan



**Geetika Khaitan, President, 2008-09** 6 Low Vision Lens given to children of Light House for the Blind



**Sudha Choudhury, President, 2009-10** Commences the construction at Apnalay



**Aruna Murarka, President, 2010-11**Unveiling of two model rooms at Apnalay by **Mayor Sovan Chatterjee** 

# Life is about creating yourself







Renu Lakhotia, President, 2011-12



Distributing lunch to adults & children on roadside Inaugurating Apnalay Building by IIW President Carole Young (2012-13), with then AP Savita Lunani



Shashi Khandelwal, President, 2013-14 'Do Your Bit'- A Swachh Bharat Abhyaan



Shashi Khandelwal, President, 2014-15 Rocking Husband's Nite on barge



Sunita Jalan, President, 2015-16 '300 & ONE', historical meet with the IIW President Charlotte de Vos, Association President Mamta Agarwal, Dist. Chairman Mamta Gupta

### The journey of a lifetime, starts with a single step.



Kavita Shah, President, 2016-17 5 Paramonitors donated to Marwari Relief Society



Riju Chamaria, President, 2017-18 Sewing machine donated at Parivarikee, in the presence of PIIWP Pallavi Shah



Meghna Lohia, President, 2018-19 An awareness programme on cleanliness and hygiene at Neev Gyan Bharti



First Temptations, 1989 from a 'drawing room'

#### **TEMPTATIONS**

Major Fund Raiser for IWC Central Calcutta

Started in 1989



First Temptations Plus at Ice Skating Rink



Usha Uthup singing at Temptations Plus



Inauguration, First Temptations Plus, 2003



Suvaprasanna & Agnimitra Paul Inaugurating Temptations in its SILVER JUBILEE YEAR



Temptations Trinity, a successful beginning



Inauguration in 2006, with Shri Amar Singhji, MP



Actor June Malya at Temptations, SILVER JUBILEE YEAR



Actor Rituparna Sengupta inaugurating Fashion Quotient

#### FASHION Quotient

Started in 2006



OUR SILVER CELEBRATIONS



Rupahle Pal

President Shashi with Alokananda



ONE STEP UP: A programme by members at GD Birla Sabhaghar



Contented senior citizens



Charter Day: Ek Shaam Mastani



Asha Kiran: A star club, sponsoring one child per member



IWCCC sends 231 children back to school



Convention at Istanbul, with IIW President Catherine Rofabert





Convention at Denmark Triennial brochure released by IIW President (2015-16) Charlotte De Vos



Installation of Mamta Agarwal as Association President



Charter President Mamta Agarwal assuming the prestigious post of Association Vice President



Triennial in Oneness



Members at the installation



Installation of Mamta Gupta as Dist. Chairman



