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District 320

Be A Friend
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President speaks...

Dear Friends

"The best love is the kind that awakens the soul; that makes us reach for more, that plants the fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds."

We had the chance to show our love and appreciation to our better-halves on 'Husband's Nite'. Chairman **Geetika Khaitan** and Co-Chairman **Monika Kejriwal** did a wonderful job of entertaining and making our guests feel special. We were extremely happy that they were amongst us and having a good time too. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Rotarians of RCCC in today's Meeting. We are also pleased to have guest speakers Dr Shashi Jindel and Dr Rajesh Jindel with us.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

To help us progress further on our journey of service, we welcome our fund- raiser, our next exhibition '**Temptations Plus**'. Let us all pitch in so that our exhibitions continue to reign in the hearts of the shoppers of Kolkata.

I congratulate 25th Team of our club and wish **Incoming President Shashi Khandelwal** a very successful and meaningful tenure.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of our club Editor **PDC Mamta Agarwal** whose creative touch to the bulletins is making **ECHO** earn rave reviews in the District as well as in the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs.

I wish all the members a very happy and **COLOURFUL HOLI!!!!**

Yours-in-friendship,

– Deepa Banka

**TODAY'S
Programme**

Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Central Calcutta

Guest Speakers **Dr Shashi Jindel & Dr Rajesh Jindel** will deliberate on **gynaecology & oncology** respectively.

Congratulations 25th Team Central!

President: **Shashi Khandelwal**

Vice-President: **Seema Gupta** • *Immediate Past President:* **Deepa Banka**

Secretary: **Geeta Jhawar** • *Jt Secretary:* **Sangeeta Maroo**

Treasurer: **PP Meeta Lakhotia** • *Editor:* **Monika Kejriwal** • *ISO:* **Yogita Ganeriwala**

Executive Committee members

PP Aruna Murarka • **PP Kamini Mehta** • **PP Sarla Bhadani**

PP Smita Murarka • **Seema Kothari** • **Sunita Jalan**

Reminiscing the beginning of IWCCC on 17th March 1989...

THE 1ST TEAM CENTRAL

President:: **Mamta Agarwal**

Vice President: **Anita Tibrewal** • *Secretary:* **Praveena Lohia** • *Joint Secretary:* **Sarla Bhadani**

Treasurer: **Rashi Mehta** • *ISO:* **Bela Rustagi** • *Editor:* **Pushpa Agarwal**

Executive Committee members:

Kusum Goenka, Seema Somani, Shabnam Jalan

Sudha Chiripal, Suman Rajgaria, Sunita Lihala

Other Members

Amita Dokania, Anita Jain, Anita Shroff, Annu Bhatia, Anushree Kajaria, Archana Salarpuria, Aruna Fatehpuria, Chitra Goenka, Laxmi Ganeriwal, Rashi Mehta, Renu Dalmia, Sanjukta Agarwal, Saroj Ajitsaria, Saroj Kanoria, Smita Murarka, Uma Baheti, Uma Modi.

The club was formed with these 30 members by RC Central Calcutta under the leadership of then President Rtn Raju Rajgaria, and Dr Mrs Lalita Seth, then Chairman, District 329. Six more members joined the club later on the charter day, i.e. 14th June, taking the count to 36 members in total.

(from the club's archives)

Congratulations Team IW District 329!

Chairman: **Chandrika Banerjee**

Vice Chairman: **Saswati Dutta** • *A C Member:* **Rupa Mukherjee**

Secretary: **Mamta Gupta** • *Treasurer:* **Jayshree Paul Chowdhury**

ESO: **Sarmila Bose** • *ISO:* **Indrani Chatterjee**

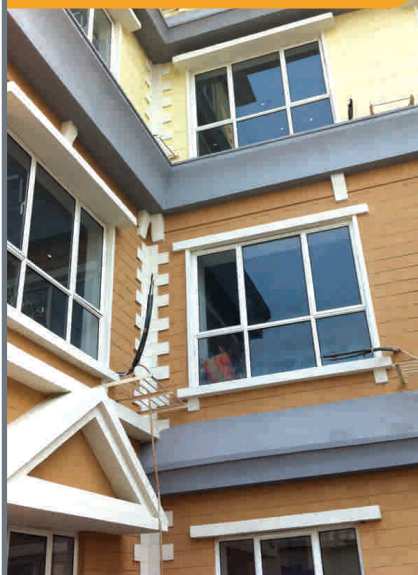
Editor: **Vinny Khandhari**

A friend in need i.e Central Calcutta



5th Mar: The club donated ₹ 10,000 for the dialysis of patients at **Kolkata Swasthya Sangh**. (From Left) **Shashi, IPP Renu, President Deepa Banka** and **Namrata Manot** of KSS are seen here with a patient.

APNALAY – a home for the aged



Thank you Donors!!!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to
Anuja Tantia Foundation – ₹ 11,000
President Deepa Banka – ₹ 51,000
 for their contribution towards **APNALAY**.

Support Extended

- ₹ 500 to **IWC Calcutta North East** for benches, tables and chairs at **Ambedkar Vidyalaya**.
- ₹ 1,000 to **IWC Calcutta Old City** for a joint project at **Thalassemia Society of India**.
- ₹ 2,000 for the treatment and medication of a 12 year old polio patient, **Parijat Guha Mallick**.
- 50 kgs rice and ₹ 1,000 to immigrants from **Kashmir** who have lost their homes.

Forthcoming Programmes

- 16th Mar: **2nd Inter-City Meet**
- 19-21st Mar: **Temptations Plus**
- 24th Mar: **Eye Camp**
- 24th Mar: **'Phoolon ki Holi'**
organised by **RCCC** at **Haldiram Banquets**
at 6.00pm

CHILLIN & GRILLIN – THE BAR-B-Q NITE



Chilling with each other

9th Feb: Husband's Nite our annual program for our better halves was held on Saturday, at the roof top of Rainey Court Residency. The party began at 7.00pm with the first walk-in being **Rtn Manoj Dalmia**. There was a surprise gift for the 10th husband to walk-in, which went to **RCCC President Chandu Ganeriwala**.

The husbands walking in were each prompted to write a slogan for the occasion. They penned down beautiful and catchy slogans, praising the evening and our efforts. **PDC Mamta Agarwal** had a tough time judging the winner and finally the slogan *"In come the cowboys to enjoy the sizzling Bar-B-Q with their spicy wives."* written by **Rtn Ajay Kejriwal**, won the prize.

It was an exciting evening of games for the men. In *"Catwalk"*, the winners were **Rtns Nirmal Bajaj, Madhu Saraf & Prasan Lohia**. In *"Rapid Fire"*, where 10 husbands were quizzed, **Rtn Pushparaj Maheshwari** won the prize. **PP Meeta & Brij Lakhota** grabbed the prize in *"Balloon burst"*, which was a couple game. There were 10 spot games also with 10 winners: persons with

maximum rings, maximum colours, maximum keys etc.

The show stopper of the evening was the **Malinga Instant Photography** session. All members and their spouses were eager for their turn to be photographed in the Malinga hair and *Ek Main* and *Ek Tu* chasma. In the end they received the photograph on a paper frame with **"Forever**



Rtn Nirmal Bajaj participating in the game 'Catwalk'



Rtn Pushparaj ji receiving the prize!



President Deepa, PP Meeta Lakhota & President Chandu



Bonding together & Bonding well!



PP Geetika and Monika conducting the games

With Each Other” etched on it.

The evening was attended by 80 of us with the piping hot Bar-B-Q food, enjoyed and appreciated by all.

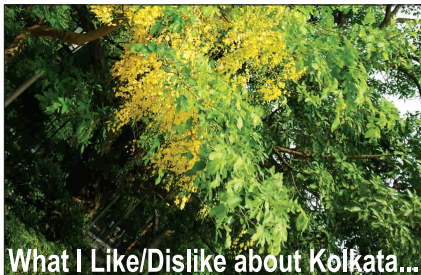
I worked as the Co-Chairman and it was fun learning with **PP Geetika Khaitan**, the Chairman of this evening. We are thankful for the valuable contribution of our **President Deepa, Mala, Shashi, Meeta, Riju, Meghna, Renu Lakhota & Seema Gupta**. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to **Chaitanya**, son of **PP Geetika Khaitan**, for designing the card and the paper photo frames.

– **Monika Kejriwal**



Members having fun!

MY CITY KOLKATA



What I Like/Dislike about Kolkata...

I dislike the lack of relative global influence as well as the reluctance of major international brands to enter our city.

On the flip side, I like the absence of the same global influence, the simplicity of the people living here and the relative safety as compared to other metros, which makes Kolkata endearing to me.

Vineet Banka, son of Deepa Banka

Well Done!

Oh! what a pleasure receiving ECHO every month. It is indeed informative, smart, stylish, colourful & error free. – PP Renu Bagrodia

KOLKATA KALIEDOSCOPE



Amusing Kolkata... A poster warning shoplifters

From editors' own collection, clicked on Samsung Wave by PDC Mamta Agarwal

GREETINGS FOR THE MONTH

Wedding Anniversaries

Ruchika & Sanjay Rajgharia - 6th

Mala & Vishnu Ganeriwalla - 10th

Kavita & Sandeep Shah - 12th

Neeru & Narendra Jain - 30th

Birthdays

Deepa Banka: 4th

Vinita Poddar: 9th

Manju Devi Prahladka: 21st

Meghna Lohia: 28th

Monica Kejriwal: 28th

Seema Kothari: 31st



Next meeting will be on Friday, 5th April, 2013 at Golden Parkk at 4.00pm.

THE WORLD DIARY

Deplaned: \$ 50m diamonds

Feb 19, Brussels: 8 heavily armed robbers disguised as cops made off with \$ 50m (270 crores) worth of diamonds in a spectacular heist on the tarmac at Brussels international airport. The raid saw them as hooded thieves pull up on the runway in two black vehicles with blue police like marking. This robbery is one of the biggest ever as reported by Antwerp World Diamond Centre.

Remembered in Death: US honours Nirbhaya with bravery award

Mar 6, Washington: The US state department has decided to honour Delhi rape victim Nirbhaya with a posthumous bravery award, saying the courageous 23- year-old physiotherapy intern "has become the foundation of a popular movement to end violence against women in India". Nirbhaya's family will receive the award in Delhi, while a statement prepared by them will be read out at Friday's awards ceremony in the US. *Source: Times of India*

INDIA INDEX

**First Indian to sign up for Charity Pledge**

Feb 20, India: Azim Premji – the founder & Chairman of Wipro has become the first Indian to sign up for the Giving Pledge, an undertaking by large hearted billionaires to dedicate a majority of the wealth to philanthropy.

He has already committed nearly ₹ 9,000 crore to the cause of education. He is deeply influenced by Gandhiji's notion of holding one's wealth in trusteeship, to be used for the betterment of society.

KOLKATA KONNECT

TWIN PRE-DAWN CURSE IN KOLKATA**Fire Curse again in Tinderbox city**

Feb 27: A pre-dawn fire in a Surya Sen market complex near Sealdah killed at least 20 people. The victims were either porters or shop hands who had taken shelter at night.

**Free-fall: 28 feet gash on "Marvel" Flyover**

Mar 3: A 156 tonne slab was "sliced off like a cake" from a two year old flyover and came crashing down along with a marble-laden truck near Salt Lake at dawn. The VIP Road flyover was touted as an architectural "marvel" soon after its opening in 2011.



I, Me aur Main...The Power of One!

*I*t is a great pleasure for me to present to you the **25th 'Team Central'** for the year 2013-14 in this issue. The club is about to reach an important

milestone in its journey, of which each day has been truly rewarding. This team has six Past Presidents (a first ever for our club), besides other talented members. I am very happy and confident that the members led by **Shashi** will accomplish a lot and take the club in the right direction.

Why this heading for my write up, you may wonder? Friends, there is a recent Bollywood release, titled **"I, ME AUR MAIN"**, which intrigued me. Neither have I seen this movie nor do I know its subject and the storyline, but I thought of deciphering this title in my own way.

An individual comes in this world alone and leaves alone as well. One's sorrows and joys are specifically their own; nobody can mitigate or enhance it. An individual's knowledge and privileges cannot be stolen; those are typically his/her assets. Every person has immense potential and unique abilities and their talents are very distinct and personal. In conclusion, an entity is complete in itself; it need not depend on others for its own gratification, joy and accomplishment.

The power of one is such!

In the context of our club, if all of us bring our unique qualities to the table, the result of our hard work would be beyond anyone's expectations. The uniqueness of every member shall complement the other's capabilities. We must function in a way that our club is more than the sum of its parts.

Friends, from now on let us take **I & ME** a bit more seriously and put our best foot forward for a better tomorrow.

Wish you a sprightly spring full of lots of **colours & charm!**

– **PDC Mamta Agarwal, Editor**

DEEP CONDOLENCES

We deeply mourn the sad demise of **Shri Shyam Sundar Mundhra** father-in-law of **Anushree Mundhra**

● Beauty catches the **ATTENTION**
but character catches the **HEART** ●

Temptations^{plus} 2013
a reason to indulge

an enchanting ensemble of the choicest exhibits.

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