

Guest Editor Speaks

Hello friends!

A new edition with a new editor inspires mixed emotions. There is the business of welcoming and farewell in the same issue. I think its wonderful to get this opportunity.

We have tried to cover all the major events of our clubs. There is another one waiting around the corner i.e. Temptations Plus. A big pat on the back to Meghna and PDC Mamta for the phenomenal success of 'The Good Life'.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mona who was a big help in compiling all the materials.

Renu Lakhotia, Guest Editor



Mamta Gupta – 16th Feb

Kiran Jhunjhunwala – 16th Feb

Kiran Ganeriwala – 26th Feb

Anniversary Greetings

Anushree &

Pramod Mundhara – 7th Feb

Riju & Rajiv Chamaria – 7th Feb

Uma &

Srivardhan Modi -11th Feb

Archana &

Rakesh Salarpuria - 12th Feb

Sharmila &

Sunil Sethia – 12th Feb

Renu &

Rajendra Bagrodia -19th Feb

Renuka &

Saroj Agrawal – 20 th Feb

Vinita &

Subir Poddar – 21st Feb

Geetika &

R P Khaitan - 21st Feb

Mamta &

Sanjay Gupta – 27th Feb

Meeta &

Brij Mohan Lakhotia -27th Feb



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Presidentspeak



Dear Friends,

The year 2011 began with high spirits!

It was loads of fun at **Vedic village** – our 1st regular meet of the year and **PP Ruchika's** birthday added to the joy!

The spirits continued with the **musical quizzical husband's nite**. **PP Anjana, Deepa and Riju** – excelled in organizing it and it was fellowship all the way!

Friends, with the start of a new decade, we need to once again commit with determination for what we all in Innerwheel believe in – Service above self!

“Vision is not enough. It must be combined with venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs.”

To feel sorry for the needy is not the true mark of a human being. **To help them is.** If we each one of us could spare some time, it would go a long way in benefiting the needy. Personal involvement is the crux.

“Without your involvement you cannot succeed, with your involvement you cannot fail.” – Dr Kalam.

Yours-in-friendship

Aruna Murarka

Heartiest congratulations for bringing out a beautifully printed, extremely well presented and full of information news letter **ECHO**. I appreciate the wonderful work carried out by all of you.

Dr Bina Oyas, Association President Elect, 2011-12

Today's guest speakers



Samani Vinay Pragya was born in Birpur, Bihar. She was initiated on 10th November 2002 in Ahmedabad. She is a disciple of His

Holiness Acharya Mahashran. She has a degree in B.Sc. (Banasthali Vidhyapith), M.A. in Jain Philosophy and Comparative religion, M. Phil. in Jainology, NET, French Diploma Course. She is a lecturer in JVBU, Ladnun. She can speak in Hindi, Sanskrit, English and Rajasthani. She has participated in National and international, conferences and seminars, PWR, conducted camps and workshops on non-violence and **Preksha Dhyani**. She has written dissertation and some research articles too and translated the book **ABHAMANDAL** in English. She has travelled extensively to USA, UK, Australia, Dubai, Nepal and many states of India.

Samani Shukla Pragya was born in Chennai, Tamilnadu. She was initiated in 1999 in New Delhi under the auspicious guidance of **Acharya Mahapragyaji**. She is a disciple of **His Holiness Acharya Mahashramanji**. She has a degree in M.A. in Jainology and Comparative Religion & Philosophy. She is a teacher in Brahmi Vidyapeeth in one of the schools in the campus of JVB, Ladnun. Prakrit, Sanskrit, Hindi, Tamil and English are languages she can speak in. She has conducted **Preksha Meditation** camps and workshops for **Stress release, Anger Management, Memory management**, and attended many national and international conferences. She has travelled throughout India to propagate Jainism, Preksha Meditation and Non-violence. She has participated and attended in "Parliament of world religion 2009" held in Melbourne, Australia. She has been to U.S.A, London, Tokyo, Dubai, Australia and many places of India.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ipshita Bhuvania (d/o Anjana Bhuvania) for winning an individual cheque of ₹10,000 as part of the team of three, from **Modern High School** which participated & came first in the **Eastern India Spelling and Vocabulary Contest**. More than 200 schools from in and around Kolkata took part in the tournament organised by **Linc Pens** on January 22 at **Kala Mandir**.

DEEP CONDOLENCE

Our Past IIW Representative **Mrs Meher N Framjee** (1972-74) left for heavenly abode on 1st February, 2011. We deeply mourn her death. It is a heavy loss for Inner Wheel. May the departed soul rest in peace and give the bereaved family strength to overcome the loss.

MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP AT VEDIC VILLAGE



"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" This exact thought must have been running through our President Aruna Murarka's mind when she decided upon Vedic Village as the venue for our 1st meeting in the new decade.

The chairman's task was handed to me. The plan finally agreed upon was that of a picnic which would have games and entertainment preceded by our formal meeting.

We reached around 1 p.m. The meeting was conducted half hour post arrival and we proceeded with our agenda. Special prizes for half-yearly attendance were awarded to over 10 recipients. Then Mona spoke a few words about Vipassana, a guided meditation course which lets one release oneself from the restraints of cravings, prejudices, preferences and aversions. Then it was time for the "fun" to begin! Games like housie and various paper games were played in which everyone participated and thoroughly enjoyed. A lavish lunch was served with hot jalebis for desert. Geetika Khaitan, owner of the cottage we went to, took the initiative of organizing hot, fresh and sumptuous food for our little party. On the whole, the experience was one to look back upon with fond memories. Indeed, "clubbing" the club meeting with fun and frolic was a truly marvellous idea and everyone had a great time!

– Sunita Jalan, ISO



Know your IPP, Sudha

Q: What is your contribution in Inner Wheel till today and what will be tomorrow?

A: Members would know better of my contribution to the club, not me. I am always there for the benefit of the club and ultimately for the good of the society.

Q: What is your favourite quote and your motto in life?

A: My favorite quote is:

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन ।

मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूर्मा ते सङ्गोऽस्त्वकर्मणि ॥
Duty for duty's sake is my motto in life

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: Urge for knowledge



Q: What irritates you the most and what makes you happy?

A: Hypocrisy irritates me and I am happy when I make others happy.

Q: What would you like to convey to your club members?

A: Our club is the best platform for personality development, friendship and social service. Members come forward, be active, never miss the opportunity to do good to yourself and to others

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Husbands' Nite

Husbands' Nite, over the years has become arguably the most interesting stopover in our Inner Wheel calendar. Somehow, it invokes a fresh zeal year after year. It was not surprising, therefore, that as we planned this year's 'Quizzical Musical Evening' for our menfolk, we were overcome by, almost, childlike glee! The 'we' of our team comprised **Deepa Banka, Riju Chamaria and myself**, aided by **President Aruna Murarka**. Sometimes, we would wonder, will our husbands match our enthusiasm in equal measure? Well, friends, let me report, that they did! On 21st January the elegantly decorated, starlit lawns of President Aruna's Residence Complex, was witness to some spirited participation by all those men who took time out to attend the event, some of them despite hectic personal engagements. The 4 teams - Alpha, Beta, Gamma & Delta fought a friendly contest of 6 rounds, where each round, visually supplemented by an interactive Power-Point presentation, was patterned on a famous TV show. We thus had the very well-known 'KBC' round with a twist, testing the men on their Hollywood knowhow as in 'Know Billionaire Couple', the 'Masterchef' round, which tested their taste-buds, the much-heard 'Antaakshari' rounds with an audio and a visual tribute thrown in, to test the men's Romance Quotient; and then, there was a round each of 'Whose Line is it?' and 'Just a Minute', which tested the men's improvisational prowess.

The 4 duos who participated in the dramatisation of 'Whose Line is It?', literally brought the house down, with the seemingly sedate Rotarians warming to the spirit of the occasion. We were privileged to see the likes

of **Ajay Agarwal** playing a crooked policeman combining with **Raj Bagri** – an errant motorist; **Madhav Mohta** playing a wayward employee in combo with **Manoj Mehta** – the irate boss; **Pramod Mundhra**, a harassed film director teaming with **Madhu Saraf** – an aspiring film hero; and **Ananda Basu** – a no-nonsense reporter interviewing **Vivek Phumra** who played, believe it or not, Rakhi Sawant! By all accounts, the cake was taken by Vivek Phumra who played the coquettish Rakhi Sawant with such aplomb that the lady herself would have pinched herself in disbelief, had she been there! We were very satisfied to note that as planned, the contest at all times remained pleasantly engaging, stopping just short of stumping them! The **Audience Poll** at the end sealed the **winners for the evening – team Delta** led by Ananda Basu and Vivek Phumra. However, the overwhelming fact is that all the participants were winners in the category of gamesmanship, proving once again that – indeed, our husbands are the very BEST! It was in the fitness of things, that the dinner that followed was hot, freshly prepared & truly delicious with no efforts spared for either the appetisers or the desserts. Finally, a last word of thanks to **Rtn Jaideep Chakraborty** who created the visually delightful Power-Point presentation and last, but not the least, to some of our children who provided invaluable inputs at different junctures to make this a Husbands' Nite with a difference: **Shruti Chowdhury d/o PP Sudha, Priyal Loyalka d/o President Aruna, Shraddha Murarka d.i.l./o President Aruna, Ipshita Bhuwania d/o PP Anjana, Ayushi Chamaria d/o Riju** – PP Anjana Bhuwania

Origin of the word POLITICS is quite funny! Its Latin and made up of two words 'POLI' means many and 'TICS' means 'blood sucking creatures'. Amazing but true!!



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day may be the most important day for those in love. In today's world where wars, terrorism, fear, murders, and every other destruction can disturb a peaceful life, what does one look forward to? It probably is "let us try to live peacefully today". With so much destruction going around, let's welcome a day, when love reigns supreme. A day, when hatred and destruction takes back seat and one only thinks of love. Let's start by sending love messages to our enemies. Let's begin talking of love and peace and try something that can reduce our conflicts with others. Let's keep the day confined to romantic love. Take a step forward and make it a day to make every human being love another, irrespective of race, nation, religion, etc. Break all the outer barriers and try to touch the heart of all we can. Can this be done? Let us at least think of Valentine's Day as a day, when all the hatred and enmity is forgotten and it is the song of love that is played around. Is that not a big contribution of this day? That is why it is so important.

Projects Undertaken

- **13th Jan:** Distributed lunch for 120 children at Mentaid at the cost of ₹ 5,600. **Usha Bajaj**, sister-in-law of **President Aruna** sponsored the project.
- **President Aruna** donated ₹ 25,000 towards chemotherapy treatment for **Sandipan Ghosh**, a 12 years old suffering from cancer at Vellore.

Joint Projects

- Sponsored ₹ 1,000 for medicines for a thalassaemia patient to IWC Calcutta Old City.
- Sponsored ₹ 1,000 for treatment for a cancer patient to IWC Calcutta.

Oops! Sorry for the omission 
Shashi Khandelwal and **Suman Mohta** also get the half-yearly attendance award.

**SIT AND DRAW COMPETITION HELD ON
6TH FEBRUARY, 2011.**

CLUB SPONSORED KITS FOR 150 CHILDREN.

Congratulations! Team Central!!

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IPP: **Aruna Murarka**

Joint Secretary: **Babita Moody**

ISO: **Shashi Khandelwal**

Vice President: **Kiran Sanganeria**

Secretary: **Mona Saraf**

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**PP Pushpa Agarwal, PP Dipti Khaitan, Shanti Shah,
Monica Kejriwal, Sunita Jalan and Vaishali Tekriwal**