

## Guest Editor Speaks

My dear friends,

A very new happy decade to all of you. I have tried to compile the highlights of our club and India at large viz-a-viz the last decade. I thank PDC Mamta for her inputs.

Hope you enjoy reading it.

Dipti Khaitan

## Around The Corner



**Temptations**  
A reason to indulge

8/9/10  
March 2011

Ice Skating Dink  
kolkata



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**ISO 9002 Company**  
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and plywood

## Happy Birthday

Ruchika Rajg – 6th Jan

Saroj Kedia – 21st Jan

Shriti Jhawar – 21st Jan

Renu Bagrodia – 22nd Jan

Yogita Ganeriwala – 27th Jan



## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Shriti & Sri Ratan Jhawar  
21st Jan

Sunita & Lalit Jalan  
21st Jan

Beena & Anil Verma  
26th Jan

Kiran & Amar Sangneria  
27th Jan

Vaishali & Amit Tekriwal  
27th Jan

Smita & Pradeep Murarka  
30th Jan

## Test your fun quotient

at *Husbands' Nite*  
on Friday, 21st January 2011, on  
the lawns of Ashray Apartments,  
12 Sunny Park, Kolkata 700019

# ECHO



Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta  
District 329

Commit with  
conviction compassion consistency  
IIW Theme 2010-11



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Meghna Lohia  
Secretary

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## Welcome 2011 & lets' Go Green!!

The United Nations has declared 2011 the International year of Forests to raise awareness and strengthen forest management, conservation and development

Dear Friends,

At the advent of 2011 I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and positive time in your life.

Charlie Chaplin said "The most wasted day in life, is the day, in which we have not laughed!" So let us laugh and bring laughter in the life of others as well!

Our last regular meeting of the decade was a joint meet with **Rotary Club of Central Calcutta** and what an eye opener it was! We learnt about



the various projects undertaken by RCCC especially adopting the **Lily pool at Rabindra Srobar** for cleaning and maintenance. The mammoth task of cleaning the area beneath the - flyover of **Lake Gardens** and turning it into a cyclist path and an accident free zone for children - and all this was done in a record time of just a few days. **Kudos Rotarians!** The power point presentation by **Rtn Mudar**

Pathreya said it all.

It was an unusual experience to have **40 Rotarians** in one of our meetings and it was a pleasure to conduct the meeting with our **President Subir Poddar**.

It was a rare honor to have **Mrs Jennifer Sommerville - District Chairman, IW District 1 (UK)** and **Rtn Robert Sommerville** as our guest speakers. It was a lesson to learn from them that even after a long flight they were full of energy and visited **Apnalay** within a few hours of their arrival! They thought highly of the project and said that this is the need of today's time. She believes that "**Rotary and Inner wheel as organization are complementary and not mutually exclusive!**" I thank **Rtn Subir Poddar, President RCCC** for donating ₹ 50,000 for **Apnalay**.



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Friends, let us all commit to keep the good work going in the year ahead as well! "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. Its about learning how to dance in the rain".  
"This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness

that multiplies health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays! "  
DM Dellinger

Yours-in-wheel  
Aruna Murarka, President



## Master Class: Incomparable Ton-Dulkar

Sachin Tendulkar's feat of scoring 50 test centuries has again underlined his status as the world's premier batsman. He has an unmatched record in Tests and ODIs.

175 Tests • 11, 513 Runs • 50 Centuries • 56.91 Average.

He is closing in on 50 ODI centuries.

442 ODIs • 17, 598 Runs • 46 Centuries  
45.12 Average • 86.26 Strike Rate

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51ST  
CENTURY  
4th January, 2011

## At 12 on 12.12

This was the time and the date when a high profile delegation was present at APNALAY site to oversee the progress of the construction work there.

On Sunday, 12th December, Mr J P Agrawal, MD, Agrawal & Agrawal, Rtn Prem Lihala, Rtn G D Poddar, Rtn. Pankaj Shroff and Rtn. J N Dargar reached APNALAY in four different cars at around noon and were seen deeply engrossed with the persons in charge discussing the work being done there. Mamta Gupta, Dipti and PDC Mamta Agarwal accompanied them too.

Despite being extremely busy J P Agarwal extended some of his experienced inputs regarding the home for the senior citizens while G D took him around. Prem, in charge of the construction was taking accounts of the finer details and Pankaj was seen dealing with some land related issues. J N Dargar spent a lot of time guiding us about the plumbing issues at APNALAY and promised that he will be always available for any help. We appreciate their guidance and applaud their support.

CLUB CORNER

## Congratulations! TEAM CENTRAL

President: Renu Lakhota

Vice President: Kiran Sangneria

IPP: Aruna Murarka

Secretary: Vinita Poddar

Joint Secretary: Mona Saraf

Treasurer: Meghna Lohia

ISO: Shashi Khandelwal

Editor: Riju Chamaria

PP Pushpa Agarwal, PP Dipti Khaitan, Shanti Shah,  
Babita Moody, Sunita Jalan and Vaishali Tekriwal

## Projects Undertaken

■ Donated ₹ 2000 to Ramakrishan Mission Boy's Home.

■ Donated 72 sweaters and sweets to school children at RCC Benapur. 10 sweaters were donated by Minu, 10 by Riju, 4 by Babita, 2 by Kavita and 46 by Aruna. Anita, Suman, Mona & Aruna attended the project and the total cost of the project was ₹10,800.

■ Cataract surgery camp was held at Eye



Pavilion by Dr Rajani Rampuria. 10 patients were sponsored by us, attended by President Aruna and PP Kamini.

■ Under Project ANNADAN: Monthly food to street children of Alipore Angel Care was sponsored by Sunita Jalan for December.

■ A Photocopy machine was donated to Mentaidd, a school for differently able children. This machine was sponsored by Rtn Sushil Murarka costing ₹ 29380



## DEEP CONDOLENCE

- We deeply mourn the demise of Manju Jhunjunwala's mother in law.
- Rtn PP Santosh Arora, RC Victoria, left us on Sunday, 2nd January. We had special ties with her as she is on the cover page of Apnalay brochure. She will always be a great inspiration to all of us and to our project Apnalay. We pray to god to give strength to their families to bear the loss.



The decade gone by in IWCCC was super satisfying journey. It was an ever improving extravaganza in terms of friendship, fellowship, fund raising and community service. We pledge to continue spreading smiles and happiness.....

— PP Dipti Khaitan

■ **2004-2005:** An excellent year in terms of fellowship of the club- a delegation of about **500 members** from our district and all over India, attended the "**Golden Jubilee Celebration of Inner Wheel in India**" organized by our club solely on behalf of the **District 329**. The whole day program had two segments- the meet **EK KHOJ** in the day and the **FLASH BACK**- a fashion show in the evening in Hyatt. **President Smita Murarka** was the winner in the end as she is quietest person in the club. We learnt once again the old saying "**that a quieter person works the best**"!!

■ **2005-2006:** An ex **Rotarian Anjana Bhuwania** took over as the President. She thought it to be a very challenging job and indeed it had become so, by now. **Kolkata Kite Karnival**- unique event was held during her term and it did help in rejuvenating the game which was being long forgotten. For the first time the Rotarians of **RCCC** danced to our tunes, literally, in our **Husbands' Nite**. Only an ex Rotarian could do this!!

■ **2006-2007:** **President Mamta Gupta** was well prepared to prove herself and she did! During her term the club added another

feather in its cap by launching one more exhibition and that too a high profile one i.e. **FASHION QUOTIENT** at **Taj Bengal**. This year the club became the owner of **13 kattahs** of land and **Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta Trust** came into being, **Koffee with Kamala**- a tete with Kamala Ramakrishnan, then **IIW Vice President**, was hosted on the occasion of **200th meeting** of our club.

■ **2007- 2008:** By this time it had become the tradition of the club to achieve more than the year gone by. Excellence had become the part and parcel of our programs and the projects. **President Kamini Mehta** proceeded on the work undertaken by the club so far. **FQ** was repeated and after the formal stone laying ceremony of **APNALAY** the year before, the first brochure of **Apnalay** was printed introducing the objectives of the home. **Ms Gomathi Vishwanathan**, the **Assn. President** visited **APNALAY**.

■ **2008- 2009:** It was the first time for our **Installation meeting** was held in **August** and



"Leadership of Inner Wheel is a booster, gives immense confidence and also a platform to project talent. Maximum efforts are taken in the club to activate and create enthusiasm among members to participate in the club's activities".

— PP Smita Murarka



We the flowers of IWCCC, with all the hustle and bustle of installation, temptations, Charter day, FQ and above all have spread our fragrance all around us by our pure thoughts and hard work.....keeping our vision elevated has made us keep our chins up automatically. Kudooos!! — PP Geetika Khaitan



"IWCCC and ME: An unshakeable bond which has bound me forever and yet freed me from my own limitations!! 3 cheers for embracing me or was it the other way around??"

— PP Anjana Bhuwania

it was held with much splendor by **President Geetika Khaitan**. The high point of the year was the participation of six noted designers who flew to **Kolkata** to participate in **FQ**. The pre event fashion show was an instant hit and noted English daily carried the news of the same. The construction of the home **APNALAY** commenced with the members digging the ground themselves. The club became one of the largest clubs in the district by membership touching number **64**.

■ **2009-2010:** This year the construction of **APNALAY** progressed in leaps and bounds. The pro active **President Sudha Choudhury** seemed to enjoy the responsibility of the club and collected a large sum of amount for the club. The year ended up with ₹ **60 lacs** spent for the construction.

Soon it became a routine to visit **APNALAY** on every Sunday morning. A diligent person she chose to tied the loose ends and concentrated on the larger scheme of programs and projects. The club felt its presence in this year by **Mamta Gupta** being elected as the **District Editor**.



"My Inner Wheel Ten! Changed my life, I dunno when? My extended family oh Boy! Served the society with joy. My Inner Wheel Ten!!!"

— PP Kamini Mehta

The decade has taken a full circle and **2010-2011** has given us once again a **President** who did not serve the club at any other post and **Aruna Murarka** has proved once again that it does not take much to lead. Nothing more should be written about this year as good six months are still to go by. Over the last decade many small and big events took place and everything can not be put on paper. Besides the above mentioned highlights of our activities we constantly grew as a person normally would. We became intelligent, stayed young, enthusiastic and maintained strong bonds of friendship. We have been able to retain and inculcate the values of **IWCCC** along with the values of **INNER WHEEL** in each one of us.

We have nobody to thank for all this but ourselves!! Cheers to us!!!!

Cheers to the Presidents of this Decade!!



Thankyou for being a good support!

— PP Mamta Gupta



"The family of IWCCC has grown three fold and so has the level of charity. All this has been possible by the constant fulfillment of the need of the society."

— PP Sudha Choudhury

Cricket Galore!!!

## Kings at Kingsmead

India drub **South Africa** by **87 runs** in the **second test match** at the **Sahara Stadium Kingsmead, Durban** on **Wednesday, 29th December 2010**. With this decisive win, felicitated by a shining fight back by the "underdogs", India gave the message "**Do not write us off, we are the number one**"!



## 2000- 2010...the decade of India

■ **2000:** Buddhadev sworn in as West Bengal Chief Minister/ **Priyanka** wins Miss World, **Lara** wins Miss Universe, **Diya Mirza** wins Miss Asia Pacific.

■ **2001:** Calcutta becomes **Kolkata**

■ **2002:** **Delhi Metro** begins operations

■ **2003:** **A B Vajpayee** announces peace initiative with Pakistan.

■ **2004:** **Manmohan Singh** sworn in as Prime Minister.

■ **2005:** **Narain Karthikeyan** became the first Indian Formula 1 Driver / **Sania Mirza**, the first Indian woman wins a WTA Singles title.

■ **2006:** **George W. Bush** and **Manmohan**

**Singh** sign landmark nuclear deal, pending approval from parliament and us congress

■ **2007:** **Pratibha Patil** becomes India's first woman president/**Sensex** at all time high of **20,000 pts**.

■ **2008:** **Abhinav Bindra** Olympic Gold Medal/ Launch of **Nano/ India** sign **nuclear cooperation** act with **USA**

■ **2009:** **A R Rahman & Resul** Win **Oscars/ Chandrayan 1** was India's first unmanned lunar probe.

■ **2010:** Staging of **19th Commonwealth Games** in **India**, the biggest sporting event ever held.

### Future Promise

■ Construction of a computer room in **Sri Gandhi Vidyalay, Entally**

**Thank you** so much for the wonderful gift to Mentaid! God Bless You!  
— **Mrs Iona Kundu, Director**

### Our ISO Sunita Jalan

*A rather new member Sunita was interviewed by our guest speaker and this is what she had to share with us.*

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

A: I am and shall remain an active member of Today and Tomorrow because I strongly believe that there is no "I" in "TEAMWORK".

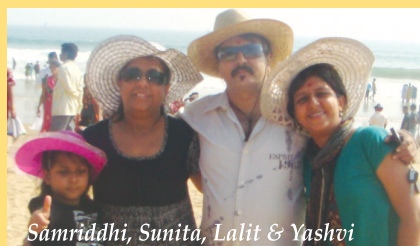
Q: What is your favourite quote and your motto in life?

A: Quote: "To do to others as I would that they should do to me"

Motto: To work diligently and passionately in whatever I do.

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: My children



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

A: Hypocrisy and pseudo people irritate me. My children's little pleasures and successes make me happy.

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

A: **TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More**  
**TEAMWORK** - Simply stated, it is less 'Me' and more 'We'.

## 2000-2010: THE STORY OF A DECADE

BY PDC MAMTA AGARWAL – THE DRIVING FORCE OF IWCCC

Many changes have swept through projects and events in the life of **IWCCC** over the past **10 years**. Some were pervasive, some simply pass you by. In their own ways they marked the end of an era or the start of a new vista. This is the story on how they influenced the way we live, work and play in **IWCCC**.

The club has seen many a times good, better, best and also bad, worse and the worst. We choose to remember the best time of the decade just gone by and believe that only good times last. Just to inform you this club is 21 years old now.



For me **IWCCC** is a family where there is a tremendous amount of effort from every member without any expectations!!  
— **PP Renu Dalmia**

■ **2000-2001: President Renu Dalmia**, a naive member took over the lead and did perform extremely well enforcing the idea that one needs not be experienced to be at the helm. The **ECHO** was presented in a form of a souvenir to the members for the first time. **The Husbands' Nite** made an impact on husbands.

■ **2001-2002: President Renu Bagrodia** took over and she charmed everyone. Personal phone calls to the members and the Rotarians by her were the highlight of the year. This showed it does not take much to be in touch, though the use of mobile phone was yet to be picked up. The club Souvenir **ECHO** became fatter and resourceful. **The Husbands' Nite** was very charming as our President was.

■ **2002-2003:** We turned a new leaf this year and the idea of an extension of **TEMPTATIONS** came into being. **TEMPTATIONS PLUS** was born and it was very well accepted by one and all. **President Ruchika Rajgharia** also started the **IIW** theme presentation program by the school children and the **ROTA WHEEL**- the treasure hunt. **2003-2004:** The year was marked with mutual dependence and respect between **President and IPP**. At the end of the year **President Dipti Khaitan** announced that she enjoyed her year thoroughly without any pressure of the so called work. **Lay the table**- a contest of decorating the dining table for your guest- was held for the first time with much fanfare and went on to become a regular affair in the years to come. The club made a portion of a school in **Neempeeth** at the cost of ₹ 5 lacs. **The Cookery show** began in this year.



"The wheels of goodness at **IWCCC** keep rotating and touching lives continuously. At one such juncture we met and since then, walked the miles together! Every single step and each milestone has contributed in making the journey memorable and one to be cherished!" — **PP Renu Bagrodia**



"The club has grown from strength to strength in these ten years and has seen significant changes under the dynamic leadership of the Presidents in the decade."  
— **PP Ruchika Rajgharia**