

Guest Editor Speaks

Hi friends,

I hope this issue will interest you as much as it had my interest in compiling it. It was a great learning experience as there was a lot of agenda and being the festive season a lot of distractions too. I have tried to carry all the vital news of our club activities in the past 2 months and forthcoming projects in this issue. I, as the club Secretary thank all of you for making Fashion Quotient a big success.

I express my gratitude to Mamta and Aruna for their guidance in compiling this issue which is a first for me.

Happy reading!

Meghna Lohia.

Vocational Help

This year we gave a stall to PARIVARIKEE School, in our District Rally Ullhas held at Thyagaraj Hall on 25th September, 2010, where they sold hand made carry bags and cross stitch napkins made by girls coming from slums.



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Belated Birthday wishes

Praveena Lohia – 8th Oct
Ruchi Bhagat – 13th Oct
Kamini Mehta – 16th Oct
Anita Shroff – 21st Oct
Vaishali Tekriwal – 27th Oct

Happy Birthday

PP Smita Murarka – 3rd Nov
Neeru Jain – 5th Nov
Sarla Maheshwari – 8th Nov
Sangeeta Maroo – 17th Nov
PP Anjana Bhuwania – 19th Nov



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

PDC Mamta &
PP Rtn Ajay Agarwal
Yogita & Rtn C P Ganeriwala
9th Oct

Ruchi & Rtn Sanjay
Bhagat – 19th Nov

Deepa & Dinesh Banka – 23rd Nov
Sangeeta & Baldev K
Daga – 24th Nov
Seema & Akhilesh
Gupta – 26th Nov



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WARM WELCOME

to

District Chairman Sumita Roy and
District Secretary Rupa Mukherjee
to our club!



Dear Friends,

Warm Diwali greetings to all of you!
The sound of Dhaks, the colour of
Sindoor, the light of the Diyas, and the
blessing of Maa Durga, Kali and Lakshmi
have filled our hearts with joy and enthusiasm!

To add to this festive joy we have with us today our District
Chairman Sumita Roy and District Secretary Rupa Mukherjee.

We did not realize but four months full of events and projects have past by giving us immense
joy and satisfaction while serving.

Fashion Quotient went off with flying colours! My sincere thanks to our club members
especially TEAM FQ for all their effort and hard work to make the event successful and
participants happy.

As the saying goes "If we keep our heart and head in the right direction, we will never have
to worry about our feet. They are bound to move in the right direction". It is with this attitude
that we move closer towards the completion of our project Apnalay.

Friends, 14th November is Children's Day. Let us make this day special for the street
children of Alipore Angle Care and bring a smile on their lips.

Yours - in - friendship

Aruna Murarka, President

"If love for humanity is your greatest weakness, then you are the strongest
person in the world" - Abraham Lincoln.

Heartiest congratulations
for bringing out beautifully
compiled and colourful
ECHO. I enjoyed reading
it. Thank you!
Dr Veena Vyas
Association Vice President



UDAY: INTER-DISTRICT ISO MEET

This year **Inter District ISO** meet was held in our district welcoming the 27 delegates from 6 Inner Wheel districts.

On **24th September**, a cruise to Belur was organized. From our club **President Aruna Murarka, PP Kamini Mehta, District Editor Mamta Gupta and myself** assembled at the **Princep Ghat** at 8 o'clock sharp.

It was a sunny and pleasant morning we were greeted with warmth. We took our seats and the launch left the jetty at 9:00 am. Soon the breakfast was served and **District Chairman Sumita Roy** welcomed all. On the way we passed by several ghats, and mills along the bank of river **Hooghly**. All this could not be without music, so soon we were dancing on the live band belting out melodious numbers. The time flew by and rather suddenly, we found ourselves docked at **Belur**.

The calmness, tranquility and peace could

be felt by each as we entered the temples of **Sri Ramkrishna Paramhansa** and **Maa Sarada**. At the holy Ghat, we also sprinkled water and seemingly purified ourselves. On our return lunch was served on board. **From our club we gave a memoir, MY GOLDEN MOMENTS, containing the experiences of Past District Chairmen from all over India, to all the delegates as a token of remembrance. This memoir was published by our club in the year 2006-07.** Same day a debate was held in **Rotary Sadan**, followed by a cultural program and dinner. Unfortunately we could not be present for both the programs. Being a rather new entrant in Inner Wheel I confess that this cruise was a wonderful experience for me, I am sure it must have been a memorable one for our delegates too.

Report by Sunita Jalan

UPCOMING DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- **Bijoya Diwali Meet Utsav** on Saturday, 20th November, 2010 at 3 pm, at Amarendra Bhawan, 4/1 Roy Bahadur Road, Behala, Kolkata 700034. Registration time: 2.30 – 3.00 pm. Registration charge: ₹ 50
- **District Conference "UDBHASHITO"** on Saturday, 4th December, 2010, at Rangmanch, Swabhum, Kolkata, Host Club IWC of Behala. Registration fees: ₹ 320. Last date of registration: 12th November, 2010. *Note: There will be no spot registration*

India at large

LAND DIVIDED, INDIA UNITED

30th Sep: Ending 60 years of torturous litigation, claims and counter claims, hope and despair, **Allahabad High Court** rules in favor of make shift **Ram Temple** on disputed site, rest of the land to be divided between Hindus and Muslims. **Justice S. U. Khan, Justice S Agarwal and Justice D. V. Sharma**, all three judges contended in favor of faith. Most political parties said there were no winner, no losers. It is a victory for everyone.

CONDOLENCE

We express deepest regret on the demise of the mother in law of **PP Sarla Bhadani**. May her soul rest in peace.

Making people happy makes us happy!

Diwali Cleaning!! The first thought came to my mind was - "oh! I'll have so many things for the **JUMBLE SALE!**" I had taken out 4 big packets of clothes and didn't know what to do with them. I spoke to Aruna "Aruna Jubmle Sale kab karenge?" The quick reply was "Tum hi initiative lekar kar lo na." I felt that the best time would be a few days before Diwali.

Sri Gandhi Vidyalaya was the chosen venue, (where we have been working for the last number of years and also providing scholarships to the students of the same) with all the co-ordination done by **PP Kamini**. On **28th October** at 3 pm we, **President Aruna, PDC Mamta, PP Ruchika, PP Kamini, Shashi, & myself** reached there to

be greeted with tilak and a petal shower. We had a load of stuff to sell, price ranging from ₹1 to 25. From the moment the sale was opened it became difficult to stop the people from thronging to the counters. Though the students and staff of the school were in full force to help us, we were having trouble in maintaining a balance while standing as the crowd was huge. In the end we could not sell all the stuff which we had and had to leave but with a kitty of ₹ 5600.

I would like to thank **Vinita Poddar, PP Sudha, Meghna, Kiran Ganerwal, Riju Shashi** for storage and helping with the sorting. This helped us to convert material things into **HAPPINESS!!**

– *Report by Babita Moody*

India at large

OBAMA-NIA

Barack H Obama, along with the **First Lady Michelle Obama** landed in **Mumbai** on **Saturday, 6th November 2010**. He is the 44th US president and the 6th to visit India, after **Dwight D Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W Bush**. His 3 days visit to India culminated with his onward journey to Jakarta.

CLUB CORNER

■ **11th Sep:** We extended a help of ₹ 2000 to **Kolkata Swasthya Sangha** for the dialysis of 4 patients.

■ **25th Sep:** **President Aruna, PDC Mamta Agarwal, District Editor Mamta Gupta and Mona Saraf** attended the **District Rally ULLHAS**.

■ **30th Sep:** A cleft lip and palate check up camp was organized at Midnapore, where 36 patients have been identified for surgery.

The next camp will be held in November in Hooghly District.

■ **Anna-Daan:** under project anna daan we provide food to the street school children every month. For the month of September and October **Renu Lakhota and Meghna Lohia** sponsored the cost of the same respectively.

■ **7th Oct:** 30 sarees were donated to old women on the occasion of Mahalaya.

"Well done! Well organized! Foot fall was as promised."
- Tulika Agarwal

Pictures do talk....

Fashion Quotient – A Picture Pro file

"It was a very good show! Keep it up!"
- Devhuti Oza



The unputdownables!



Here we come!

"Great Footfall! Great selection of stalls!"
- Vinita & Madhulika



The cumulative strength



The crowd...

"It was first time for us, and it was a nice experience"
- Geeta Ahuja



And more crowd....

"Very well organized! A pleasant experience!"
- Manju & Shradha Hada



Our old friends, parla Dalal & Sunil Sethia

"I had a very good response. Footfall was also good!"
- Shruti Mohta



"It was a pleasure to be part of the event. Thanks" - Zubair Kirmani



"I loved them all!"
- Agnimitra Paul

Differently ABLE



Mentaid works towards making a better tomorrow for people who are mentally handicapped. On **2nd October**, **President Aruna, Mona, Riju** and I visited the said institution. Our club member **Suman Mohta** who is a dedicated worker there, showed us around.

We distributed among children **light snacks, sweets and chocolates**. We met the Principle **Mrs Deepa Banerjee** who is highly accomplished in this field.

The children here are being prepared for the

future by being exposed to various tasks and identifying their own competence in embroidery, making masalas, packaging, newspapers packets, cooking etc. Most of these children come from poor families but the care and love in the centre binds them all equally. Later at New Alipore Center, we saw the older lot were efficiently doing all the chores and we bought their products. It was an eye opener for me, realizing the hardship of the parents and the efforts of differently able children.

— Report by **Renu Lakhotia**

Q. What is your contribution to Inner Wheel till today and what will it be tomorrow?

A. I joined Inner Wheel twelve years back and since then I have put in my little effort in whatever projects the club undertakes. I am always available for any work the club gives me.

Q. What is your favorite quote and motto in life?

A. "The richest person in the world is not one who has everything but one who needs the least" - is my favorite quote and my motto in life is to have 'peace of mind'.

Q. What are you passionate about?

A. Singing, particularly rabindrasangeet.

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

A. False ego irritates me and simplicity makes me happy.

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

A. My advice to members is to enjoy Inner Wheel and grab every opportunity to serve.

A chit-chat with

Mona Saraf, our treasurer



President comes to town, FQ opens!!!

President of India, Smt Pratibha Patil came to Kolkata the day our esteemed exhibition **Fashion Quotient** was scheduled to open. The buzz was that all the roads might get blocked due to VIPs visit. But nothing, absolutely nothing stopped visitors coming to **The Taj** to experience the delight of this event.



Vinita Poddar, Team FQ

Inaugurated by none other than **Ms Agnimitra Paul** on **Wednesday, 22nd September, 2010**, the show experienced the footfall of more than 3,000 people. This year the timing was increased and a day was decreased. It was one day affair with the timing stretched till 9pm. Our brand ambassador **Mr Abhishek Dutta** (though he could not be present) exhibited the line of various noted designers under his boutique, **Monopoly**. The distinguished designer **Mr Zubair Kirmani** specially came and participated besides **Agnimitra Paul** and participants from **Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur** etc. Led by the **President Aruna Murarka** from the front and a nudge from the back too, the **Team FQ** excelled in all spheres. Kudos to all!!!

— Report by **Mamta Agarwal, Team FQ**

My first major plunge in any big event since I came in to this club is FQ. I have seen it grow from strength to strength since it started. This exhibition was successful because of the hard work of the core team, where we got to learn a lot from each other. We enjoyed the fellowship equally along with the hard work.

Riju Chamaria, Team FQ
The first thing which comes to my mind when I go back to FQ is the dining table of Mamta Agarwal.

Having so many rectangular table meeting (not round table) at her residence for some serious work and lot of fun for our exhibition. I had to work diligently as this was not a small show, and I did. I feel the team has come out with flying colors and should continue to work as a team in future too.

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WE DECLARE THE GAMES OPEN

The **19th Common Wealth Games** opened on **Sunday, 3rd October** by **Prince Charles** in the presence of **President Mrs Pratibha Patil** and **Prime Minister Mr Manmohan Singh** amidst spectacular opening ceremony. **Some statistics of the game:** Disciplines: 17, Events: 260, Venues: 6 clusters, Stand Alone: 5, Participating Countries: 71, Athletes participating: 7000+, Indian Contingent: 619 (players 409, officials 210)

Congratulations!!!!

We congratulate **Ms Tulika Dalmia**, daughter of **PP Renu and Rtn Sunil Dalmia** for getting engaged to **Mr Anubhav Agarwal**