

October 2013-January 2014

Reflections



Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Bayview

District 314

Triprabar

President's Message

We are perched on the ledge. Albeit not precariously, but not entirely comfortable either.

We have traversed the uneven and shaky foothills covering gravel strewn steep terrain. Today we are at the center of the mammoth mountain. Our experiences of the journey this far have strengthened our resolve. Determined we are, together, we will arrive victorious. For it is not the will of one alone, but the might of the courageous sixty-nine.

This quarter might go down as our acid test – one that the club withstood grandly and ceremoniously. This edition of the bulletin will explain how we managed this.

-Nimisha Mirani

Prayaas

Our annual Fund-Raiser was well attended. The District as well as members turned up in large numbers to support us. Dist Chairman Mrudula Dand inaugurated the event in the presence of Dist Treasurer Falguni Mehta, PDC Indiraben Kotak and club members. Later, Dist Secretary Sandhya Bhatt joined the celebrations along with PDC Sunita Deodhar and Zonal Coordinators Pranoti Kapadia and Trupti Shah. Rural Project Coordinator Mrs. Asha Singh came with her family. Many Co-Presidents and Past Presidents of Zone 1 came by to support Bayview's endeavor. We released the second edition of our Bulletin Dwitiya at the event.



Prayaas
Ek Aas, Kuch Khaas



Attended Zonal Fellowships by Zones II, III, V and V



Meethe Pal - ISO Meet



Attended by
Club ISO Smeeta
Jhunjhunwala

PINKATHON

A marathon run for women to develop the awareness of Breast Cancer in Women. We sent in 32 registrations for the event.



The District

Chalo Ramvaji

We attended the
District Dandiya Celebrations
held on 14th October at Juhu



Manthan- District Conference

At the District Conference Manthan, Bayview participated in the Flag March organized by the District.



Winners at Bayview

Dipa Kapadia won 3rd place in the Inter District Go Green Environment E Quiz Competition held by Dist 323.

Sejal Sheth won the Mixed Doubles of the Rotary District Tournament – Badminton

Rupali Samant ran the 10km Pinkathon and came in 12th.



RCBB OCV

President Nimisha Mirani and Club Secretary Hemal Maskai represented our club at the OCV of Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview. District Governor Lata Subraidu was happy with our activities and progress.

4th GBM

Introduction of Incoming Team and a Member's Speak Special where members Dipa Kapadia and Minu Sanghvi shared their experiences.



5th GBM

Dhoom 3 Family Fellowship with spouses, children and friends at Inox, Nariman Point.



6th GBM

We conducted our 6th GBM at the Amphitheatre of Kamala Nehru Park, Malabar Hill, Mumbai. The highlight of the event was the annual art competition that we conduct for the students of various NGO's on Republic Day. We were happy to welcome exchange students from Netherlands who were hosted by our member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 st Feb	The Paintbox – Manohar Joshi Vidyalaya
12 th Feb	Zonal Fellowship
26 th Feb	7 th General Body Meeting
7 th Mar	Dist Rural Project-Wakadi
8 th -9 th Mar	South Asia Rally
End Mar	GBM And Fellowship
31 st Mar	IWCBB Charter Day
18 th Apr	The Paintbox



In-togetherness Club

ISO Meetings

In this quarter, we have strengthened ties with a number of clubs outside our District. We hosted the ISO's of IWC of Akola and Delhi South. For this meet we had also invited the ISOs of Zone 1 Clubs. We visited the ISO's of IWC of Amritsar and Amritsar Rising Sun.

Club Correspondent Event II – Festival

We celebrated Diwali with 35 children of Shraddha Center for Street Children.



Club Correspondent Event III – Entertainment

We watched movie Dhoom 3 with 55 young adults from Shraddha Center for Autism, Mahalaxmi.



Club Correspondent Event IV – Competition

We conducted the event Indradhanush, an Art Competition for 125 children from Shivabhakt Adivasi Ashramsala, Bal Anand and Shraddha Center for Street Children. It was held at the Amphitheatre at Hanging Gardens, Malabar Hill and was attended by members and their spouses. A clown show and a dance performance by the Shraddha students added the glamour quotient. Rotary President Rajesh Sheth was the Chief Guest of the event. Judges awarded many prizes to the children encouraging their talent and adding to the excitement.



In-togetherness Club

We meet once a month at Malabar Hill Club or similar. For details on our meetings & events please contact Club Secretary Hemal Maskai 98205 01970

In-togetherness Community



Celebrating Diwali, we enjoyed the parties in Geetanagar, Umerkhadi and with the physically challenged at Saksham. We sent the students of Naunihal, Kharghar to the Sion Mela for the evening and distributed **Diwali Gift Hampers** to the patients of V Care Cancer Foundation. Going a step further, we also funded the **Angioplasty surgery** of the caretaker at Geetanagar and aided the tuition fees for another teacher's child.

Medical CAMP

This quarter we conducted a General Health and Cancer Detection Camp for a 100+ at Geetanagar. Next, to celebrate the 90th Inner Wheel Day, we conducted an Orthopedic, Ayurvedic and De-worming Camp for 150 odd patients in Vangani, Badlapur.

District THRUST Projects

We conducted a **Good Touch Bad Touch Seminar** for the young students of Shivabhakt Adivasi Ashramsala, Badlapaur. They performed the **Self Defense** techniques that they learnt from the

instructor we provided. They also displayed their **Yoga** skills to us. For the **Special Children** at SPJ Sadhana School, we provided them with **CD Players** and a **Sealant Gun**. The players will be used to learn Math via Music and the sealant helps them with their crafts.

DIGITAL Techwhizzes

After having completed their computer courses, we awarded **26 students with their certificates** at **Softpro Computer Center**. A few of us also arranged for counseling sessions for the girls of Naunihal, Kharghar. We took them to the necessity of having objectives in life and how to plan and achieve their goals.





*Aaj main upar, aasman neeche
Aaj mein aage, zamaana hai peeche..*

Udaan. How positive that sounds? Taking flight. The first thought that crosses many a mind is that of a bird aviating beyond reach. True in its literal sense.

We at IW interpret Udaan in various ways. As literally as a female captain navigating her ship in the high seas. Or as significantly as our not so little ones graduating from being dependents of ours to becoming independent individuals and decision makers. The annotations are many, but the crux is one. To leave, to depart.

So then, is it always such a positive action? If you run through the many

interpretations, you will notice the following : - there is an element of excitement in the Udaan and just as much of uncertainty. There is often safety that you leave behind and with no confirmed destination in front of you. Neither does the kite know its fate in the sky, nor does the qualified pilot know of the perils of the deceptive winds.

But yes, we wish to fly. Away from the cocoons we call home, leaving behind the love and warmth of the women who have at some point in time fed us water with the scoop of their palms. Reason being, our confidence in our morals, our upbringing and in ourselves. That wealth that we call Indian culture and tradition where it is an unwritten

knowledge – however high you fly, you will always remain lower than one; however far you leap your feet will point to the ground.

Saluting these values and wishing that we all rise higher than we are, reach out farther than we ever imagined and at the same time hold on to our roots that bind us to nature and reality.

- President *Nimisha Mirani*



Maa Tujhe Salaam !!

Motherhood – an eternal high. **MOTHER**

We learnt our first lessons in motherhood with our dolls. We used to pamper, groom, feed them and even talk to them endlessly.

Then we mothered our fathers. Like they didn't have enough women (their mothers, their sisters, our mothers) to take care of them already. But no, we had to remind them to take their pills.

God bless those who helped their mums raise their younger siblings. The extra ice cream bowl was always hidden for the baby brother who was unnecessarily punished by mum.

Ah yes, now comes the biggest baby of them all. The Husband. Suddenly on the day you get married you realize that, overnight; your husband has forgotten where he kept his wallet, his watch and his belt. He forgot the ability to shop on his own, order his own meals and most importantly what he has to wear daily. The ultimate lessons in motherhood before you are ready for the one who deserves your attention the most.

Our children, the apples, the pears and the sparkle of our eyes. We raise them with renewed fervor. All the years of motherhood and we still find ourselves at a loss when it comes to our own. In spite of that, we give it all that we have and more. Just so, our babies get the best of everything.

When they leave our nests, like in Udaan, the vacuum is deep and dark. Suddenly there is no one who needs looking after. All those emotions inside, pent up, shriveled and dying.

When the nurse comes out of the theatre, we hold the newest recipient of our love and attention and holler as loud as possible "Whooooa, I'm a grandmother now" And there the cycle beings again.

I would sum it up as 'once a mother, always a mother. actually not, once a woman always a mother'.

- President *Nimisha Mirani*

Season & Human Relationships Tujhe sab hai paata, meri maa...

Makar Sankranti -

I am a mother to a child who is born in the 21st century. Rightly guessed!!

Surrounded by gadgets, electronics, technologies... Moving in great pace in the future but forgetting our glorious culture - drifting away in the reality but forgetting to take a dip in our 'sanskaras'. On 14th January, we went to fly kites and after the breathtaking views of the colored sky I just happened to ask my daughter "Do you know why we celebrate Makar Sankranti and what is its significance?" Her nod was enough for me to 'enlighten' her and introduce her to our own beautiful culture and the festivals.

"Tilgud ghya ani gudgud bola". Makar Sankranti is an occasion of spreading sweetness around you through expression and thought. The colorful kite flying festival or 'Uttarayan' which falls on January 14 each year marks the end of a long winter and the return of the sun to the northern hemisphere. The sun moves from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn or from Dakshinayan to Uttarayan. We rejoice because the chilly cold winter comes to a close, and healthy sunny days are about to begin.

Besides its correlation with harvest, Makar Sankranti also signifies the inception of a sacred phase in India that is called as 'a holy phase of conversion'. It determines the end of unfavorable time and offers the sacred period to begin any religious task among the Hindus.

The Sun is considered the most important and undisputed lord in our planetary system. It is the storehouse



and source of light and energy. The festival gives us a lesson that we should give up our bad habits that are called as negative power or darkness and start living a glowing life and grow higher with brightness. Children should start learning the Surya Namaskar and appreciating the sun and its importance for a healthy body and mind.

With the hope that our next generation too will be able to inherit our culture and the importance of our festivals in the forthcoming generation.

- *Smita Parekh*

Lohri - A festival of bonfire dance and happiness. It is celebrated on January 13th by the Punjabi community particularly of Hindu and Sikh faith with grand pomp and show. It is believed to mark winter solstice day, the shortest day and the longest night. The earth, farthest from the sun at this point of time, starts its journey towards the sun, thus ending the coldest month of the year Paush and announcing the start of the month Magh. According to the Bhagawad Gita, Lord Krishna manifests himself in his full magnificence during this time.

A bonfire is a true symbol of Lohri. Ritually take a circle around it and put authentic dry fruits like Rewri, Rice Puffs and Popcorns while chanting the Guru's name and seeking his blessings. The bonfire is said to take our wrong doings with it and purifies the soul. Its a celebration followed by the Bhangra and Gidda. It's a festival of joy...

- *Meena Mehra*

