

## Inner Wheel Club of Singapore (District 331) Activities for July to October 2012

The 66th President Smita Gadgil was installed on 6th July at Tanglin Club in the presence of Guest Of Honor and Member of Parliament Ms. Indranee Rajah and 65 members and distinguished guests.



Ms Rajah motivated the members and guests by sharing her various experience of community service. Her enigmatic presence set the mood upbeat for the President and committee of 2012-13.



President Smita announced IIW Theme “Be a Friend” by IIW President Carol Young. She also announced that her Major Project during 2012-13 would be to extend support to Singapore Association of Visually Handicapped (SAVH). IPP Prabha Rao thanked her committee for their hard work and dedication.



The Installation Lunch was very enjoyable as Mr Daniel Ng, who is visually handicapped entertained the guests with old melodies. Radio Jockey Himani of 96.3 FM shared her experiences. Members enjoyed fellowship time and a lucky draw.

On 15th August President Smita hosted a President lunch at Mughal Mahal restaurant. This event was well attended and included District Vice Chairman Nany Gotze of Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West, PIIW Board Director Shirin Ghadiali and 25 members of the club. The food and fellowship set the right mood for the afternoon. The guest speaker for that afternoon was Ms.Cassandra Chiu, a visually challenged psychotherapist and counselor and recipient of Singapore Women’s Award 2012. Ms. Chiu gave a very interesting talk on how to manage the stress in our day to day life and showed us some simple techniques of how effectively to manage stress by changing our perspective and thought patterns. Members greatly benefitted from the inspiring talk by Ms.Chiu. PP Rekha Sharma organized Quiz and the questions were based on Singapore and India as both the countries were celebrating its national days in the month of August.



International Peace day was celebrated jointly by the 3 Inner Wheel Clubs at SAVH on Friday 21st Sept 2012. There was a very good turnout of members from all the 3 clubs. The highlight of the function was the Official Visit of District Chairman Rokiah Staun.



The conference room at SAVH was nicely decorated by members of our club. IPP Prabha had provided a beautiful handmade origami dove (a Symbol of Peace), with our logo for each member to commemorate International Peace Day. District Chairman Rokiah Staun was given the honors to light a candle for Peace.



A song for Peace to the World was sung by PP Wendy Louis and everyone joined in the chorus. PP Wendy gave a very moving and inspiring talk on what the true meaning of "Peace" was and what was going on in our world and how each one could contribute in one way or another to create Peace and Harmony.



The Club donated funds for SAVH project.

3rd October was a very special celebration for all members of the club. They gathered at Lighthouse School to celebrate Children's Day with 44 children who are partially visually impaired, some partially hearing impaired and mildly autistic.



President Smita raised funds for a memorable Lunch Party for the Children. Goodie bags were distributed to all the children. They were given I love Singapore T-shirts, soft toys, Pringles, 2 packets of biscuits, gello, chocolates and Milo. Each child was treated to doughnuts, Pizza and drinks. All participants played the Parachute games and after a cake-cutting ceremony, the children sang for us a beautiful "Thank You" song.



The celebration was inline with International President Carole Young's theme "Happier Futures Helping Children Around The World"

In November, the Club will be celebrating its 66th birthday and Deepavali & Id festivals.