

PLANTERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(An Association of Mutual Benefits)

Registered office: D-247 (G.F.) DEFENCE COLONY, New Delhi-110024

Executive Committee

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Members' Meetings (Socials) Sub – Committee

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PREVIEW

We are pleased to publish our Second Newsletter for the year 2014. In this newsletter we have covered the following heads, which will be of interest to our members:

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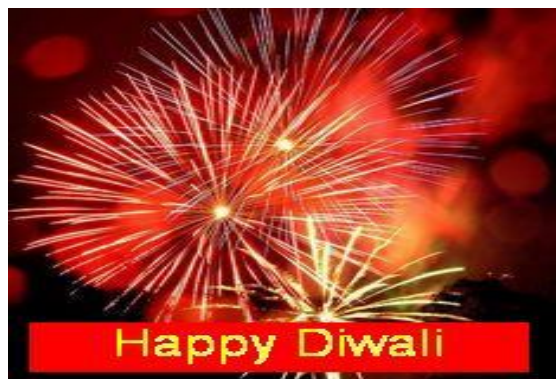
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my great pleasure to convey to our dear members and their families greetings from me and from my colleagues on the PWA Executive Committee.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT- Continued:

I am pleased to inform you that our Members' Meetings for the period April 2013- March 2014 commenced from the month of April, 2013. So far we have had two very well attended Members Meetings both courtesy Captain Vijay Mehra and both held at the DSOI, Dhaulakuan in the months of May and August of this year. We look forward to good turnouts in the forthcoming Members' Meeting. The tentative dates are given under the heading Members' Meetings.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Annual subscription for the year 2014 (From 01-01-14 to 31- 12-14) is **overdue** now and all those members who have not paid so far are requested to forward the same ASAP to our registered office by A/c payee cheque payable to Planters Welfare Association, to enable us to maintain proper updated accounts. *Annual Subscription List is attached to enable members to verify and make payments. For your information Annual Subscription of NCR members is @ Rs.500/- per annum and for Out Station members it is @ Rs.200/- per annum. No subscription is payable by members who have attained the age of 80 years.

IMPORTANT: Members are requested **NOT** to forward their subscription by MONEY ORDER to avoid any possibility of error.

All members who are approaching the age of 80 years are requested to inform us, as Subscription is not payable by a member when he / she attains the age of 80 years. This will facilitate us to update our records.

The mail to our Registered office address may be addressed to Planters Welfare Association, D – 247 Defence Colony (GF) , New – Delhi – 110024. Kindly **DO NOT insert any name** on the address as it is private residence of Mr. B. Chhabra.

*Attached. Annual Subscription list.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The tentative dates for the Members Meetings from October 2014 to March 2015 are as under -

S. No.	Date	Venue	Host
1.	Sunday, 05 th October, 2014	Patio Club, South City, Gurgaon (Lunch)	Mr. Deepak Agha
2.	Sunday, 23 rd November, 2014	Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi (Lunch)	W/c Gullu Kapur
3.	Sunday, 14 th December, 2014	Annual General Meeting (Lunch) Golf Links Community Centre., New - Delhi	Mr. V.Lall
4.	Sunday, 18 th January 2015	Lagoon Club, Gurgaon (Lunch)	Mr. A.K.Saxena
5.	Friday, 13 th February, 2015	PWA Golf 2014 followed by lunch at the Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi	W/c Gullu Kapur
6.	<i>Sunday, 08th March, 2015</i>	<i>Residence of Mr. P.S.Tibb ,Gurgaon (Lunch) (Sponsored By Mr. & Mrs. P.S.Tibb)</i>	<i>Mr. P.S Tibb</i>

The circulars will be forwarded at the appropriate time by email and SMS will also be posted at our website.

WEBSITE & EMAIL

The website is updated regularly to make it more informative and have a new look.

We wish to thank Mr. Lall & Mr. Patney for handling the website and Emails so efficiently.

COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL & SMS:

We firmly believe in and very strongly support the initiative : “ Go Green, Think Green, Act Green, Save paper, Save trees, Save Environment & Save Planet Earth.”

To this end we have been requesting our members to give their consent for correspondence by Email.

Therefore we are happy to report that around 163 NCR & Out Station members have very kindly extended their consent by e mail messages to receive all our Association mailers by Email. Thus we will be saving paper, photostat and envelope expenses, postal and courier expenses which are increasing day by day. Moreover, it saves lot of time and office work required for mailing.

We earnestly request those members who have not sent their e mail ID to send the same. It is our fervent hope that more and more members will opt for communication by e mail.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Patney for undertaking this tedious and time consuming exercise which is bearing fruit.

IMPORTANT: MEMBERS MEETING CIRCULARS BY SMS TO THOSE NOT ON EMAIL: Kindly note that intimation henceforth, i.e., from November, 2014 Members' Meeting circulars will be sent by SMS instead of by courier/post.

This is being done not only to save cost of paper work, courier/post but also to further the cause of "Go Green -----".

However those who require the circular to be sent to them as being done as at present are requested to kindly intimate the Hon. Secretary accordingly, though **we earnestly hope that intimation by SMS will be acceptable to ALL non-Email members."**

We are thankful to Mr. Vishnu Lall who has agreed to come forward to take charge of this task with commendable alacrity.

OBITUARY: We regret to inform the passing away of :

- a) Member: Nothing to report
- b) Friends: Mr. Ajay Mehra, Mr. N.N Buragohain (Poly), Mr. Tapan Baruah
Mr. Alok Mukerjee, Mr. Ravi Srinagesh, Mrs. Shama Mohla W/o Mr. Mahesh Mohla

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

NEW MEMBERS: We warmly welcome the following:

- 1- Mrs. Taarah Mundy (D/o Mr. H.S.Chimni, 10 Colonial DR West Chester PA 19382, USA
Tel: 610 726 1185, 503 860 3284, Email: tarrahmundy@gmail.com
- 2 – Mr. Karanjit Singh Chimni (S/o Mr. H. S. Chimni), Tata Coffee Ltd, 57, Railway Parallel Road (West), Bangalore. 560020, Tel: 0888 4389444, Email: chimni.ks@tatacoffee.com
- 3 – Mr. Ranjit Chimni (S/o Mr. H. S. Chimni), Apartment 2C, Amarsolo East, Rockwell Makati 1200, Philippines. Email: ranjitchimni@gmail.com
- 4 – Mr. Abhimanyu Shaunik, E-1(FF), Defence Colony New Delhi. 110024,
Mobile: 09811322052, Tel: 011 24334227, Email: katomatix@gmail.com
- 5 – Mr. Pratap Dube, W-53, Greater Kailash, New Delhi. 110048,
Mobile: 09810005757, Email: pratapdube@gmail.com

Change of Address / Mobile/ Email:

- 1 – Mr. G.S.Sodhi, Dhoedaam T.E, PO Barahapjan, Distt: Tinsukia, Assam. 786150
Mobile: 09435183153 , Email: giri.sodhi@gmail.com
- 2 – Mr. Sudhir Prakash, M/s Darshanlal Anand Prakash & Sons Pvt Ltd, Kanak Building, Chowringee Road, Kolkata. 700071, Tel: 033 22883970/72/1805,
Email:spteaplanter@gmail.com
- 3 – Mr. Pavan Kaul, Mobile: 08860327477
- 4 – Mrs. Dipika Nanjappa, Email: dipikagogo@gmail.com

CHAMPAGNE & ROSES

BIRTHS:

Mr. & Mrs Anirudh Goswami were blessed with a son.

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

WEDDINGS:

Nothing to report

Members are once again requested to inform us by email or by post regarding Births & Marriages. This helps us to include the in the NewsLetter.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Nothing to report

ARTICLES & ANECDOTES

We are pleased to give below interesting anecdotes sent by our member Mr. Y N Chaturvedi:

DISTANT DRUMS

Corramore T.E, belonging to WM, is one of the most picturesque gardens one can see. It is situated on the foothills where Bhutan and Arunachal Hills merge.

During my visit in search of water, I saw some labour houses in one corner of the garden almost 1 ¼ mile from the factory and other labour houses. It was also located at a higher elevation at about 200 ft from the factory. The total number of pucca houses were about 12 (twin type). I found children smartly dressed in red tie, grey half pant and white shirt walking the distance to attend to school.

On my enquiry as to why these workers had been sent back of beyond, I was told about the following story.

These group of workers have a custom of beating drums, singing at odd hours which created disturbance to the other workers who repeatedly complained about these to the management. Finally, the management provided them with pucca houses and the line was named as Shangrilla line. Wells were dug which provided them with adequate water. Except for electrical lines they had all amenities and I found them to have kitchen gardens also.

But unfortunately the drums, which were the main bone of contention, have fallen silent, for a reason which is quite amusing. After being shifted to the new houses, the workers were extremely happy to play the drums.

The sound of drums invited wild elephants who felt disturbed and even in some cases damaged the houses.

THIS RESULTED IN THE DRUMS FALLING SILENT.

Once I was standing in front of the exotic grocery shop in Loudon street owned and run by Mrs Kapur, wife of late Mr. M. M. Kapur. I met Mr. Kapur, who had just retired from Goodricke Group as Managing Director, and asked him to narrate some interesting story involving Tea Planters. He narrated the following story but was not sure about exact date, which I later established from the Tombstone of Richard Gary Simpson at Pannery TE.

On 22nd October 1968, one Mr. Dick Simpson, Deputy Manager of Orangajulie TE was returning to the garden with his wife and just born son. The car in which they were traveling met with head on collision which resulted in the instant death of the child and profuse bleeding from both husband and wife. The situation was so critical that the local doctors insisted that they be shifted to Calcutta immediately, if their lives were to be saved. In those days there were no flight to or from Assam after sunset and the nearest airport at Guwahati was a good 5 hours away.

The garden management contacted HO at Duncan House Calcutta and Mr. Kapur who was leading the HR had to rush to Jamair to request them to help in the rescue operations. Jamair agreed to take up the job provided a football field of a certain size, rows of lanterns to light runway and the ATC clearance to fly to Assam after sunset were arranged.

These were arranged the plane landed at about 6.30 PM and the couple were air lifted to Calcutta and saved.

The Tombstone of Richard Gary Simpson at Pannery bears testimony to the events.


R. K. GHOSH