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IWC Ipoh organised their yearly Deepavali fellowship night and a farewell party at one of their old and very active member Mrs Vasantha Sethuraman on 7th December 2012, at the residence of Mrs Vasantha Sethuraman, Jelapang, Ipoh.

The invitation was extended to all the Inner Wheel Clubs in District 330 and also to other clubs, societies in Ipoh and to friends. About 75 guests who attended the programme that night were entertained with games, dance, music and a sumptuous dinner.

The programme started with the welcome speech by the Organising Chairman, Mrs Vijaya Varun. She conveyed Swami Chinmayananda's message about Deepavali as the Hindu Festival of Lights, a day of prayer and expression of love, a day dedicated to inner purity and noble character, a day of victory over one's impulses and a day when all misgivings are forgotten and all grievances forgiven. On this sacred day, at dusk, all homes are illuminated with tiny mud lamps. Everyone comes out and embraces every individual in the society, not because they are Hindus but because each one of us is but a small flame of the SAME light divine!

With that spirit of Deepavali in all our hearts, President Ms Anu Supra, oldest member Datin Gnana and our good friend Vasantha were requested to light a beautiful brass lamp, the Kuththu Vilakku as is called in Tamil. As they lit the Kuththu Vilakku, the lamps placed on the dinner tables were lit by the guests.

The programme for the day started with an invocation Bharatanatyam dance by Vanya Verma, daughter of Mrs Vijaya Varun.

A game was then played. Few lamps were given and the game was to light as many lamps as possible with just one match stick. The winners were Varun Jha, children's

category, Mr Edwin (among men) and Mdm Alamelu (IWC Ipoh East) among women. Prizes were given away by President Anu.

With the whole place now decorated with small lamps spreading the light of friendship and fellowship, the evening moved on to the second part of the programme, farewell to Mrs Vasantha Sethuraman.

The impressive biodata of Vasantha Sethuraman, describing and emphasising her life in India, education, marriage to Dr Sethuraman a Malaysian, life in various parts of Malaysia, her struggles to adjust and accept a new country and culture, her service to the country that she has adopted through the various clubs and societies, her interest in cooking and hence selflessly imparting the knowledge to her friends through series of classes, was read by OC Mrs Vijaya.

A bouquet of flowers and a memento was presented by President Anu on behalf of IWC Ipoh and all the guests who attended the programme. A cake was cut by Vasantha, who was also accompanied by her husband, son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. All sang Auld Lang Syne, bidding her farewell and wishing her all the best for a bright future.

A feet tapping Bollywood dance item was then presented for our enjoyment by Miss Prateesha, daughter of our member, Mrs Shanita.

A vote of thanks was given by the OC, thanking her team – Anu, Vasantha, Shanthi Ken, Catherine, Vasugi,

Shanitha and all the guests present for supporting the event. Thanks to Anu, Vijaya, Vasantha and her family, it was possible to quickly manage the havoc created, just a few hours before the programme by the sudden thunderstorm which destroyed the tent and the whole seating arrangement. Hence special thanks was also extended to the Rain God for the downpour before the programme and later for the pleasant and cool ambience and hence an enjoyable outdoor gathering!

The guests' then adjourned to enjoy the much awaited dinner. There was a sumptuous spread of non-vegetarian food and a variety of vegetarian food. Vegetarian food was cooked with love and care was taken to make a balanced and equally delicious dinner by IWC Ipoh members Mrs Anu, Vasantha and Shanthi Ken.

As all enjoyed the dinner, friends of Vasantha, Dr Nalini set the ball rolling for the evening's entertainment by dedicating a song to Vasantha which she herself sung in her beautiful voice. It was then followed by other members, notable among them was Mrs Anne Edwin who sang many songs on popular request by many present on that day.

All the guests enjoyed the fellowship dinner till late in the night.

Such programmes, elucidates the true spirit of the IWC, Service with Fellowship. We set a platform for people from different walks of life to get together and appreciate the variegated culture and hence exuberating harmony and peace.



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