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WEConnect Celebrates india day In Vaughan & North York



August 15, 2018

WEConnect organized 4th annual India Independence Day at Vaughan City Hall. Hundreds of Indians & Friends of India join to sing India's National Anthem as Honourable Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, unfurls India's Tiranga at the Vaughan City Hall. Present among the dignitaries were, Deb Schulte, MP, King-Vaughan, Francesco Sorbara, MP for Vaughan-Woodbridge, Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Regional Councillor Sunder Singh, and Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca.. The event began with a minute of silence, paying homage to India's former Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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August 15, 2018 was a historical day for the community members in Parkway Forest- as the families celebrated for the first time in North York, India Independence Day. It was an event that intended to bring the three generations of families together as they joined to celebrate India Independence day in the centre of the Parkway Forest Community. The participants of WEConnect Intergenerational Project at Parkway Forest took active part in organizing the event with the residents of the area. The Festivities began

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kicked off with the arrival of Shelley Carroll, ward 17 councillor, who served as area councillor for the past 15 years. She was welcomed by WEConnect President and the residents. She addressed the crowd, appreciated WEConnect work in the area and joined the parade lead by young children who held the tri-colour Tiranga and Canadian Flag proudly as their parents and grand parents followed them in the parade.

Most of the young men and women present at the event had taken two hours off from their office to make sure that they participate with their young kids and parents (three generations) in this event. People enjoyed the patriotic songs sung by the new talents kids and



youth, seniors spoke about the sacrifices made by our leaders and countrymen during the freedom struggle. All young and old enjoyed refreshments specially tiranga berfi and samosas. At the end Jayashree thanked Councillor Shelley Carroll who made it a point to join the families at the celebrations and applauded the hard work of Weconnect volunteers. Senior participants were encouraged to click pictures at the event and share them via social media they were using. She also encouraged. To join our seniors and youth programs at 121 Parkway Forest Dr. in North York or avail services please contact 416-301-1291 or in-



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This was followed by classical patriotic performance by WEConnect talent Shreya S. The tri-colour was unfurled by Honorable Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, with dignitaries present.

The gathering of 300 people joined Shreya as seniors. Sejal Gajjar and Shiv thanked Mayor Bevilacqua and other dignitaries for their continued support to the organization and their presence at the India Day Celebrations. People enjoyed heavy snacks and great cultural performance by kids, youth and



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Young women who were observing fast this day, explaining to councillor Shelley, the tradition of breaking the fast



Annual Diwali@PKY—Festival of Lights,

WEConnect Community Services Annual Diwali@PKY-Festival of Lights, 2018 Celebrated with much fanfare. WEConnect Board and staff along with the whole community were delighted to welcome and congratulate Councillor Elect from ward 17, Shelley Carroll and Mr. Sandy Carroll. The couple thoroughly enjoyed being with the area residents at this festive occasion in which the community celebrated not only Diwali but Karwa Chauth as well which happened to fall on October 27th as well.

The program began with a warm welcome by Sejal and Shiv as WEConnect board members received the chief guest

Councillor Shelley Carroll. The audience present, joined in to express their heartfelt congratulations and joy on her return as area councillor. This was followed by eloquent classical dance performance by kids. The wonderfully talented community members of different age groups presented classical and Bollywood dances and fashion show presenting traditional attire from different states of India. Councillor Carroll also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Volunteers at WEConnect “We witness at this event, grandparents perform (Kala Chashma Jachda Hai) with their grandchildren, mother-in-laws perform with their



daughter-in-laws and men of their families click pictures to treasure these memorable moments. The full families are involved



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after viewing the moon and husbands face through a sieve. Shelley trying her hand at it while her husband looks on.



2018 brings in a large crowd at Parkway



in this one event organised by WEConnect” said Jayashree who coordinates programs and services at this location. The dances were awesome. Highlight of the program was to

see people from different cultures/countries enjoying these festivities in unison. Women were overjoyed to take part in the grand finale festive dance called Garba and danced with their councillor Shelley to the tunes of “Mai to Bhool Chali Babul Ka Des, Piya Ka Ghar Pyara Lage”. Women in their glittering attire, most of them observing Karwa Chauth fast yet excited over this community celebration made Rangoli, a traditional art form of India, decorated the hall and served dinner to the guests. They agreed that this celebration of Karwa Chauth & Diwali has brought a renewed energy and stronger bond not only within the family

but also with the senior and younger population in the community. It indeed depicted a glowing season of happiness at Parkway this Diwali. Kudos to WEConnect volunteers and management for presenting a successful Social platform to bring people together to allow the process of integration seep in. Encouraging people to embrace and respect the diversity of cultures and especially become a part of the cultural festivities is what WEConnect strives for. Our projects display an exemplary way to showcase multi-culturism in the City.

Glimpses of Shab-e Yalda



It is high time to think out loud 'Each one of us have a role to play, it is our community, it is

Yalda Celebrations in 2018



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Cultural Diversity & Exchange, Creatively WEConnect Community Celebrated Shab-e Yalda with families and friends at Parkway



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Attendees were touched by the dedication of the young and old generation Canadians of Indo-Iranian origin who actively participated in this 5000-year-old Iranian traditional celebration.

Shivang, Youth Coordinator, introduced the agenda for the evening and invited the audience to participate in an ice-breaking activity based on Iranian music and dance movements.

Dr. Shokrulla, our Iranian member then spoke on the history of Shab-e Yalda and why we celebrate it, followed by its interpretation by Mr. Hariharan who also highlighted the similarities between this celebration to Diwali celebrations as both symbolized the triumph of (LIGHT) the Sun God over the powers of darkness.

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