

CUAA Working Committee Meeting

Highlights of Annual Meeting

November 15, 2008

Annual reunion at Potomac Community Center, MD on November 15, 2008
The reunion was a great success in terms of attendance (more than 100 people), highest so far in the history of this association. The attendees enjoyed a wonderful cultural program co-ordinated by Pramita Chatterjee with Rabindra Nath Tagore's Dance Drama, opening songs by Sambrita Basu, dance by Radha Dutta's daughter, Devi, recitations by Nandita Das Gupta and melodious songs by Mrs. Bidisha Ghosh accompanied at tabla by Asish Choudhury. People before the meeting enjoyed snacks and a great dinner after the meeting.

In the welcome address, Tapas Pradhan presented a summary of the present status of the association and appealed to the audience to renew the membership fees and some extra donations to help for the contributions to some worthy organizations in Calcutta. He also paid tributes to several well-known past alumni and Nobel Laureates from the University of Calcutta.

Dilip Som reported the present financial status and the bank balance for the association. Ranjan Gupta talked about his recent site-visit to some charitable organizations in Calcutta and asked the audience for their generous help.

There were some discussions on the floor how the Association can help towards some good cause in the name of this Association- although the opinion was not unanimous. Tarak Bhar and Bidhan Bandyopadhyay talked to revive the scholarship and award program for the incoming meritorious students to study at Calcutta University. Bidhan wanted to pursue the matter how to implement the program. Sankar Basu and other alumni opposed the scholarship program because the Association had to stop this few years ago due to some technical difficulties and logistic problems. Some people also remarked that the Association is now Calcutta University Alumni Association and not Science College only. However, the most significant message from the alumni at the meeting was that the Association should contribute to some worthy cause. Tapas Pradhan remarked that until the Association implement the scholarship program, they may donate some money from the membership fee and extra donations to some needy and worthy charitable organisations in Calcutta for this year.

The meeting ended after vote of thanks to all attendees and ♦ volunteers.

Tapas Pradhan
on behalf of Calcutta University Alumni Association-DC Chapter