



International  
Women's  
Association

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MARCH 1989

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## MARCH

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday	2nd	Executive Committee Meeting	10 a.m.
Friday	3rd	Current Events: "Don Juan" - a Video film.	10 a.m.
Monday	6th	History, Culture & Tours: Shakunthala Jagannathan will speak on "The cave temples of India".	10 a.m.
Thursday	16th	Art & Handicrafts: "Lighting for the home" - a Philips presentation.	10 a.m.
Monday to Friday	20th to 24th	Art & Handicrafts: An Ikebana workshop.	$\frac{2}{4}$ p.m. to $\frac{4}{4}$ p.m.
Thursday	23rd	Music & Performing Arts: "Zubin Mehta in Moscow" a video film on classical western music.	10 a.m.
Tuesday	28th	Book Discussion: on "Daughter of the east".	10 a.m.
Friday	31st	Philosophy & Religion: Sangeet Chopra will explain the basic concepts of Sikhism.	10 a.m.

Firstly we would like to thank everyone who attended the special general meeting on February 2nd. The IWA is your organisation and we need your support.

So it was good to see so many of you there. For those of you not able to attend, the cost of membership was raised from Rs 100 per year to Rs 200. This may look a big increase but it was generally agreed that the IWA is very good value for money. We are not a profit making concern and with the exception of last year's "Lore and Lure" Show, we are not a charitable fund raising organisation either. We are a group established to promote understanding and friendship between our members through cross cultural exchange. Therefore, the money is used solely for those necessary expenses - eg., printing costs, and although nearly all our guest speakers and performers gave their services free, we must meet any expenses incurred by them on our behalf. We are fortunate, indeed, to receive so much generosity and goodwill from members and non-members alike.

This increase in subscription fees means that we will cease making a charge for "Music and Performing Arts" and "Cooking Swapshop". Don't worry about your coupons though, we shall still be collecting them for special events like Diwali Mela when we cannot cover all the expenses from our budget alone. We shall also be introducing (From June) a Rs 5/= charge for guests - be they husbands/mothers/daughters or houseguests.

Remember that your subscription becomes better value the more active you are, and the more meetings you attend.

We, the Committee, hope that we are giving you the best possible service and value for money but we do rely upon you to give us ideas and, if you have any constructive criticisms, then we need to know these also. Please write and tell us because if you don't, then we don't know about them.

Finally we have arranged the AGM for Monday 10th April at the Music Academy mini hall so we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

That's it for this month.

VANITHA NUDALIAR

BARBARA CLARKSON

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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Thursday 2nd March, 10.00 a.m.

At: Aruna Vijay Kumar  
24. Sivaganga road  
Madras - 600 034.  
Tel: 472732.



(May we urge all the Activity Chairpersons to bring their April blurbs to this meeting).

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**Change of address**  
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| (1) Barbara Clarkson<br>6 Boat club Road,<br>(upstairs flat)<br>Madras - 600 028<br>Tel: 456355 | (3) Sigrun Neumann<br>Beach Road No.3<br>Kalakshetra Colony<br>Madras - 600 090<br>Tel: 413294    |
| (2) Keikho Okhado<br>1. Bishops Garden Extn.<br>Madras - 600 028<br>Tel: 837168                 | (4) Mohinee Sudarsanam<br>No.2.14th Harrington Ave.<br>Chetput<br>Madras - 600 031<br>Tel: 863892 |

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the International Women's Association on Monday the 10th of April 1989 from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Kasturi Srinivasan Hall (the mini hall of the Music Academy) 306, T.T.K. Road, Madras - 600 014. Coffee will be served until 10.30 a.m. The business side of the meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

### AGENDA

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- (1) Minutes of last year's report A.G.M.
- (2) Secretary's annual report.
- (3) Treasurer's annual report.
- (4) Membership treasurer's annual report.
- (5) Appointment of an auditor.
- (6) Remarks by the outgoing Presidents.
- (7) Chairman of the Nominating Committee presents the state of officers for 1989-90.
- (8) Election of officers for 1989-90.
- (9) Introduction of newly elected Executive Committee.
- (10) Address by the Co-presidents for 1989-90.
- (11) Introduction of any other business.
- (12) Vote of thanks.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

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TO Shakunthala Jagannathan (I.W.A.'s inactive member from Bombay) who is the President elect of Indus-International - Bombay for the coming year.

I.W.A. is established on the same basic concepts of Indus. Our goodwishes to Shakunthala, who will make a dynamic President. Incidentally Shakunthala is the mother of I.W.A. member Nanditha Krishna.

## CURRENT EVENTS

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Friday, 3rd March 1989 at 10.30 a.m.

At: Natalia Cherapova  
14, Santhome High Road  
Entrance: Seashore Side  
(turn at the Lighthouse)



Puppet Show "Don Juan" (Video) - a hilarious narration of Don Juan's encounter with women of various nationalities. This film is in commemoration of International Women's Day, traditionally celebrated in the first week of March.

Duration of the Programme: 1 Hr & 30 mts. approx.

LIMIT: 40. Call Sujaya Menon (417464) (between 8.00 and 9.00 a.m. only) if you plan to come

SUJAYA MENON

KATHLEEN MASON

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## FELICITATIONS

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To (founder inactive member from Bombay) Seroj Ramamrutham who is the current President of the Dhara School of Ikebana (Bombay Chapter)

By a happy co-incidence both Shakunthala & Seroj are giving I.W.A. their valuable time and knowledge. It is to be appreciated that despite being "inactive" - they are more active than some of us.

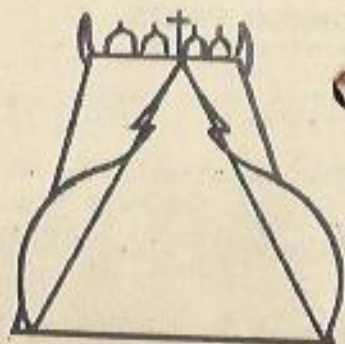
# HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

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Monday, 6th March, 10 a.m.

At: Radha Parthasarathy  
17. Sathyanarayana Avenue  
Madras - 600 028.

A talk cum slide presentation on "The Cave Temples of India" by Shakunthala Jagannathan, I.W.A.'s inactive member from Bombay. Early Indian art is to be seen in the cave temples of the Buddhists and Hindus located on the ancient Indian trade routes. It was here that the early chaityas and viharas were situated, which became the location for exquisite sculpture, architecture and painting.



Shakunthala Jagannathan retired as the Regional Director of Tourism, Government of India after spending over thirty years in tourism. She is also the author of two books, "Hinduism" and "India - Plan Your Own Holiday" besides a number of articles and a column on culture in "Flair" magazine.

All are welcome.

R.S.V.P. Call 450958 (only between 3 & 4 pm)

JENNIFER RAMACHANDRAN.

JANET DE PENNING

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## CONDOLENCES

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Our hearts go out to Zainab Kachwala who lost her husband recently.

A REPORT:

Good news - the consumer protection Act is taking shape in Tamil Nadu. Six District Forums (for redressal of complaints upto the value of Rs. 1 lakh) have been set up. The State Commission consisting of Justice Shanmukham, Chairman, Smt. Soundara Kailasem and Sri A. Palaniappan as members of the Bench will handle complaints of the value of Rs. 1-10 lakhs. We will soon give you information on the addressess of the above bodies and how to make a complaint.

VIJAYA BALU

EIRA DOSHI

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We welcome the following New members

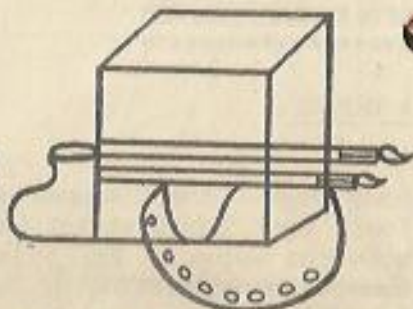
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| (1) Agni Campbell Morey-British<br>"Cottingley"<br>24. Anderson Road<br>Madras - 600 006<br>Tel: 475523                               | (2) Shobhana Reddy<br>4. 4th street<br>Rutland Gate<br>Madras - 600 006         |
| (3) Lisa Shortland - American<br>2 B. Lake view road<br>I. I. T. Madras - 600 036<br>Contact Tel: 414309<br>(I.I.T. Humanities Dept.) | (4) Vidya Srinivasan<br>2.Sathyararayana Ave<br>Madras - 600 028<br>Tel: 452496 |



**ART & HANDICRAFTS**  
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Thursday 16th March, 10 a.m.

At: Philips Show Shop (next to  
the Govt. of India Tourist  
office)  
154, Anna Salai,  
Madras - 600 002.



PHILIPS INDIA will lead us from an area of darkness to an enlightened world in the true sense of the word "light". A talk with a film presentation of "An insight into consumer lighting" will not only educate us on the concept of energy saving but will also guide us in ideal lighting for the home - an invaluable help to housewives.

This meeting has been arranged through kind courtesy of I.W. A. member Mohinee Sudarsanam. All are welcome; but an R.S.V.P. will be appreciated to enable Philips India to make adequate arrangements. Please call Shantha, at the C.P. art centre office 451249 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and give your names.

**NANDITHA KRISHNA**

**MAUREEN HEMINGWAY**

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**ART & HANDICRAFTS**  
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Monday 20th March to Friday 24th  
March, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At: Lalitha Natarajan  
"Lavanya", 5 Turnballs road extn.  
Nandanam, Madras - 600 035.

Founder inactive IWA member SAROJ RAMAMRUTHAM from Bombay will conduct a refresher course in Ikebana as a follow up of her classes last year. Saroj is the current President of the Ohara school of Ikebana - (Bombay). She will be assisted by Jyothana Tanna.

Charges for the 5 classes will be Rs. 250/- which will be inclusive of the cost of flowers. Limit 12 only. Saroj is willing to teach beginners as well. Please call Shantha at the C.P. art centre 451249 and register for the class with cash.

**NANDITHA KRISHNA**

**MAUREEN HEMINGWAY**

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**MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS**

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Thursday, 23rd March 1989 at 10.00 a.m.

At: Natalia Cherapova  
14 Santhome High Road  
Entrance: Seashore Side  
(Turn at the Light House)



On June 8, 1988 a joint concert of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra (Conductor: Zubin Mehta) and State Symphony Orchestra of the USSR Ministry of Culture (Conductor: G. Rojdestvensky) was held in Moscow. The programme of the concert included Symphony No.5 of D. Shostakovich and Fantastic Symphony by G. Berlioz. Video recording of this concert "The chronicle of one concert" is presented to the attention of I.W.A. Members through kind courtesy of Natalia Cherepova.

Duration of this programme: 2 Hrs & 30 mts. approx.

This programme should delight true lovers of western classical music. Since it is a video film, the limit will be 30 for comfortable viewing. Please Call Surekha Kothari (472690 or 471262) between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon only) if you wish to come.

**SUREKHA KOTHARI**

**MARGARET SEKHRAN**

**FROM THE TREASURERS**

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At the special general meeting held on 2nd February 1989 at the residence on Mrs. Vimala Reddy the following resolutions were passed unanimously by those present, which included the executive committee members and others numbering 77 in all.

1. There will be an entrance fee of Rs. 50/- for new members joining in the year starting April 1989 to March 1990.
2. Annual subscription fees have been raised from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 200/- with effect from the new IWA year beginning April 1989.

Members can pay their dues before March 20, 1989 to:-  
Anneliese Marwah, Lakshmi Padmanabhan or Vanitha Mudaliar.  
No money will be taken without the renewal form.

ANNELIESE MARWAH

LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN

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**BOOK DISCUSSION**

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Tuesday, 28th March, 10 a.m.

At: Dorothy Saldanha  
462. Kilpauk Garden Road  
Kilpauk, Madras - 600 010  
Tel: 611926



For more than one reason we have decided to break an I.W.A Book Discussion tradition, March 8th being International Women's Day, it was felt that we should discuss "The daughter of the east" an autobiography by Benazir Bhutto this month.

It will really give us a shot in the arm.

SARAH CHANDA

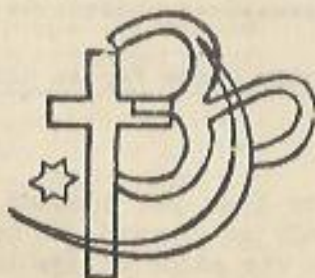
NANCY SINGH

**PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

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Friday, 31st March 1989 at 10 a.m.

At: Leela Ratnam  
"Sri Raj, 20 Cenotoph Road II lane  
Madras - 600 018.



In the words of Khuswant Singh,  
"The Sikh Religion as enunciated  
in the scriptures is a wholesome  
mixture of Muslim Doctrine and Hindu Mystic philosophy. It  
inculcates belief in the unit of God and equates God with  
Truth".

A talk by Sangeet Chopra (IWA Member), whose father is a  
direct decendant of Guru Nanak - the Founder of the Sikh  
Faith. She will enlighten us about the Sikh Religious  
beliefs and their culture. There will be a demonstration of  
the Shlokas, from the Sri Guru Granth (the Sikh Holy book)  
Sung in Raga with musical accompaniments by the Gurdwara  
(Sikh Temple Priests).

Limit: 50 only. Please call Leela Ratnam 452123 between  
12.00 non and 4.00 p.m. after 22nd Feb. 1989.

**LEELA RATNAM**

**CHRISTINA ENGVALL**

Guide Lines for an Active Member.

Now that yet another eventful I.W.A. year is coming to an end, we thought it is time to clear certain misconceptions in the minds of few of our members and also to acquaint the new members of the basic norms we follow in I.W.A. As our President Barbara Clarkson succinctly put it - "The I W A is your organisation and it upto us members to keep it dynamic and that can only be done if there is active participation of our members". The eleven months of the I.W.A year is normally packed with meetings barring December and January which are lean months with a reason. Roughly speaking the other nine months, we do have nearly eight meetings per month which brings the total to 72 meetings through the year. To answer the oft repeated query, who is an active member?

- (1) An active member is one who can attend 10 meetings in a year. That should not be difficult for out of 72 meetings surely you can attend 10!
  
- (2) An active member is one who can host a meeting. Here, we would like to remind members of the decision taken on 2nd February at the extraordinary general meeting when it was decided that a hostess should serve only one item (be it a cookie or a sandwich) along with coffee and tea. The stress should be on the meeting and not the eating. If in her enthusiasm the hostess provides a second item - we will have to send it back to her kitchen. So we appeal to our hostesses to just stick to one item only and help us to keep the discipline.

(3) An active member is one who can share her talents with us. There is no doubt that there is a wealth of untapped talent among the members. Please do not be bashful. Do come forward and offer us programmes which you can present. There may be amongst you a good speaker; a melodious singer or accomplished musician who can play an instrument or one who is a gifted dancer, or one of you may excel in gourmet cooking. Whatever you can do that we are not aware of - please contact any of the activity chairpersons who can take advantage of your special skills. That is active participation.

(4) An active member is one who can help us organise meetings either by suggesting a speaker or getting him or her to speak to us; or also helping us find a venue.

We are very happy to note that two of our inactive members are coming all the way from Bombay to give us two special meetings in March which is most laudable indeed.

We would also like to enumerate a few norms to follow when coming to meetings.

We have come to the conclusion that an R.S.V.P. is a must more especially to help the hostess. She needs to know whether she would have to get 20 chairs or 40 chairs. She needs also to know while catering for coffee. If you have given your name and cannot make it in the last minute, please call up and cancel your name. This is a basic courtesy which we owe to our hostess. If you have not given your name previously but would like to go in the last minute - please do not

hesitate to call the hostess and go along. The I.W.A is an organisation to promote mutual friendships, so we welcome you to all meetings - only do let us know to ensure comfortable seating.

If you come to a meeting and find that you have to leave early - do find a seat near the exit, so that your exit can be unobtrusive.

If you have questions to ask please wait till the end of the talk and then fire away your questions. A speaker will not appreciate his line of thought being disturbed by a barrage of questions.

If you have your pet charity and wish to seek the help of our members - please request the Activity chairperson concerned to make an announcement on your behalf. Those who wish to help the said charity can approach you to buy the cards. Please do not foist cards on unsuspecting members and lose your goodwill in the process.

Whatever criticism you may have be it constructive or destructive - you have two of the most approachable members as your presidents in Barbara and Vanitha. Please write to them for genuine grievances or clarifications. The two vice presidents are also there at your service and one of them is the Founder Past President of I.W.A.

And now to the most perennial and recurring complaint - you have not get your newsletter. Believe us - we have streamlined the system thoroughly and names and address are checked and double checked. If you still are not getting it - blame it on your own postal division, so please take it up with the postal authorities. Do not blame us! Meanwhile - if you need a news letter please go to Nirmal Mirza's office "Wooltop Weaves", 44, C.P.

Ramaswamy Road, Madras - 600 018 and ask for Miss Vijayalakshmi. She will give you a newsletter. Please do not badger Nirmal - but ask for her office assistant Vijayalakshmi who will be able to give you an extra newsletter.

- (5) One last point which we would like to stress is the fact that you have a team of hardworking Activity chairpersons who are spending all their time and energy in planning interesting meetings. We would like to see more people at meetings.

Speaking on a personal note, we also are trying to give you a compact newsletter. It is disheartening for a member to say that they do not have time to read the newsletter so they consequently miss out on good meetings. Please spare a thought for the hardwork which goes into the successful working of I.W.A. There is no offence meant - but we do appreciate a couple of bouquets and not brick bats. We are always here to help you, so call any one of us if you need clarification.

Thank You!

ARUNA VIJAY KUMAR

NIRMAL SESHADRI



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**OFFICERS**

PRESIDENTS	:	Vanitha Mudaliar	:	662626
		Barbara Clarkson		456355
VICE PRESIDENTS	:	Nirmal Seshadri	:	413820
		Aruna Vijayakumar		472732
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		Marianne Kelly		(res)415672
				451162
TREASURERS	:	Lakshmi Padmanabhan	:	864334
		Anneliese Marwah		478749

**ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS**

ART & HANDICRAFTS	:	Nanditha Krishna	:	451850
		Maureen Hemingway		452273
BOOK DISCUSSION	:	Sarah Chanda	:	454265
		Nancy Singh		666429
COOKING SWAPSHOP	:	Leelamani John	:	453169
		Kazuko Uchida		472826
CURRENT EVENTS	:	Sujaya Menon	:	417464
		Kathleen Mason		418902
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		Eira Doshi		419347
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		Janet de Penning		475980
MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS	:	Surekha Kothari	:	472690
		Margaret Sekharen		611095
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION	:	Leela Rathnam	:	452123
		Christina Engvall		454419