

International
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Association

JANUARY 1990

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday	Jan 2nd	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10 a.m
Tuesday	Jan 9th	HEALTH AND ECOLOGY: RABI RAJARATHNAM gives you an insight into the gardens tomorrow.	10 a.m
Thursday	Jan 11th	PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION: A video film on Shri Aurobindo, the Mother and the ashram at Pondicherry.	10 a.m
Thursday	Jan 18th	CURRENT EVENTS: Mr. RITTMULLER speaks to us on the crumbling of the "Berlin wall".	<u>5 p.m</u>
Friday	Jan 19th	COOKING SWAPSHOP: The delights of Malaysian Cuisine by ASIMAH ZACKARIAH.	10 a.m
Tuesday	Jan 23rd	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS: An evening of song and dance with international participation.	<u>6.30 p.m</u>
Friday	Jan 30th	BOOK DISCUSSION: MEERA ABRAHAM will review " SOLSTICE " by Joyce Carol Dates.	10 a.m

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS:

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At the outset we would like to wish you all a very happy new year.

Now that we are into 1990, it is time for us to make plans for the new I.W.A. year - April 1990 to March 1991. But, well before our A.G.M. which is scheduled to take place in March, we will have our ambitious "Supper Theatre" on 3rd March at Taj Coromandel. In order to organise this gala evening, we have appointed a sub-committee which will be chaired jointly by Sunita Shahaney and Maureen Hudson Murari. Please mark 3rd March 1990 in your diary.

Now to hark back to our AGM, as you are well aware the I.W.A. is based broadly on the basic format of Indus International of Bombay. Since we have generously borrowed their format we might even call it our parent body. We have requested Nirmal Seshadri who co-founded the organisation, along with Nancy Stemple, to give an explanatory note detailing what constitutes the Nominating Committee and its functions.

**VANITHA MUDALIAR
BARBARA CLARKSON**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 2nd Jan '90, 10 a.m

At: Aruna Vijayakumar
24, Sivaganga Road
Madras - 600 034
Tel: 472732



SUPPER THEATRE SUB COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has appointed a Sub Committee to organise the dinner dance evening of 3rd March 1990 at the Taj Coromandel. The following are the members of the SUPPER THEATRE COMMITTEE:

CO-CHAIR PERSONS - Sunita Shahaney
Maureen Hudson Murari

COORDINATORS - Maureen Hudson Murari

Performing Arts - Nirmal Seshadri
Rita Saldanah
Surekha Kothari
Dagmar Thomsen
Sherna Danani

COORDINATORS - Sunita Shahaney

Catering - Aruna Vijayakumar
Sujaya Menon
Eira Doshi
Janet De Penning
Poonam Lalchand

COORDINATING SECRETARIES - Nirmal Mirza
Seema Sait

COORDINATING TREASURES - Lakshmi Padmanabhan
Vijaya Balu

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A Nominating Committee comprising of 5 members has been appointed by the Executive Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

LEELA RATHNAM (Chairperson)
MARGARET SEKHRAN
VIMAL SHIVDASANI
VALERIE FAHEEM &
NALINI TANDON

We invite the general membership to suggest nominees for each office. All such suggestions should reach the chairperson of the Nominating Committee before 31st of January 1990.

The Nominating Committee will select only the office bearers i.e. the two Presidents, the two Vice Presidents, the two Secretaries and the two Treasurers

FROM THE DESK OF OUR FOUNDER

There have been so many misconceptions regarding the functions of the Nominating Committee - that on the request of our President as a co-founder of I.W.A, I would like to clarify certain points. As Vanitha succinctly put it - the I.W.A is based on the same format and working ideas of Indus International of Bombay. Indus International has for the past two decades and more been forging ahead as a dynamic organisation, building friendships between many nationalities and cultures. What has been so successful in Bombay should prove to be equally successful here in Madras, if we follow the same pattern in all its norms. Hence it is that I have come forward to explain about the Nominating Committee.

- (1) The Nominating Committee will have the privilege and responsibility to present atleast one slate of one Indian and one non-Indian nominee for each office. The office bearers are the two Presidents, the two Vice-Presidents, the two Secretaries and the two Treasurers. No member of the Nominating Committee shall stand for elected office.
- (2) Suggestions from the General Membership for each office shall be invited through the January newsletter. Please note that these are only suggestions. The Nominating Committee will in consultation with each other choose a suitable nominee for each office.
- (3) All nominees for elected office shall be active members in good standing and have previously given consent to serve in the office, for which their nomination is suggested. All such nominations must reach the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee by the end of January.
- (4) The members shall be informed of the slate of officers atleast 15 days prior to the Annual General meeting.
- (5) Nominations may also be made at the A.G.M from the floor of members in good standing who are present and who have given their consent previously.

- (6) Here, I would like to add, that never in the annals of our parent body. Indus - have we have had a contest. We also would like to avoid a contest which is undesirable. We would like to respect the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and would like to abide by it.

Our accent is on mutual friendships. I appeal to you, dear member, to desist from lobbying and canvassing for your nominee. This in the long run may prejudice their case.

- (7) Regarding the Activity Chairpersons - the current Presidents will request the outgoing Activity Chairpersons to peruse the attendance list of their own activity - and select four names out of the list (2 Indian + 2 non-Indian) whom they consider would be competent to do their jobs. From the list furnished by all the outgoing Activity Chairpersons the out going Presidents in consultation with the incoming Presidents - will select two people (one Indian and one non-Indian) to jointly chair the activities next year.
- (8) Please keep in mind that a certain amount of discretion is invaluable.

So, dear friends - let us leave it to your Nominating Committee and your Presidents to give you a dynamic Committee for the I.W.A year to come

NIRMAL SESHADRI
(Co-founder of I.W.A)

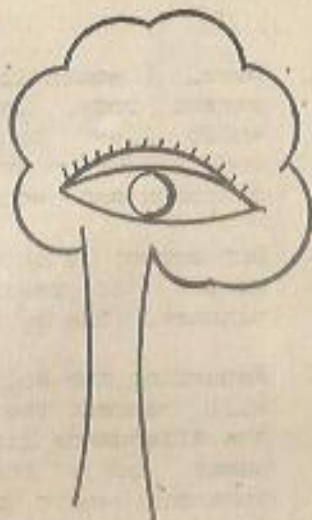
HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 9th Jan '90, 10 a.m.

At : Dr. (Mrs) Shiela Rajaratnam
150, Poonamallee High Road
(Opp. Dr. Rama Rao Nursing Home)
Madras - 600 010. Tel: 663100

GARDENS OF TOMORROW

Mr. Rabi Rajaratnam will give us a talk on gardening but with an emphasis on portable gardens. We will be able to see his fascinating collection of full grown trees trained in pots!



VIJAYA BALU
EIRA DOSHI

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Thursday 11th Jan '90, 10 a.m.

At: SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY
5 Smith Road
Madras - 600 002.



"Man's road to spiritual super manhood will be open when he declares boldly that all he has yet developed, including the intellect of which he is so rightly and yet so vainly proud, are now no longer sufficient for him, and that to uncase, discover, set free this greater light within shall be hence forward his pervading preoccupation" SRI-AUROBINDO.

There will be a video movie on the life of Sri Aurobindo, the mother, and the Ashram and its activities at Pondicherry. Mr. Sankar Narayan will talk about the same with special reference to the importance of the role of women in a family as emphasized by the mother and also the spiritual meaning of flowers.

"Life must blossom like a flower offering itself to the divine Flowers teach us the charm of silence and thus the self giving which demands nothing in return" THE MOTHER

SANGEET CHOPRA
POONAM LALCHANI

CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday 18th Jan '90, 5 p.m.

At: The Connemara Hotel
Commander-in-Chief Road
Madras.



Mr Rittmuller, Consul for Federal Republic of Germany, and a senior diplomat, will speak to us on the events that lead to and the repercussions that followed the crackdown of the "Berlin wall".

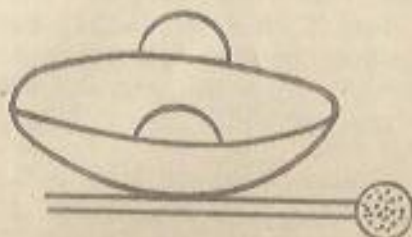
Spouses and guests are also welcome.

SUJAYA MENON
KATHLEEN MASON

COOKING SHAPSHOP

Friday 19th Jan '90, 10 a.m

At: Anneliese Marwah
16, Malaviya Avenue
Thiruvanniyur
Madras - 600 041.
Tel: 417549.



I.W.A member ASHIMAH ZAKARIAH will demonstrate the delights of Malaysian Cuisine.

(a) KUEH LAPIS (Sweet)-veg

(b) PAU (Savoury)-non-veg

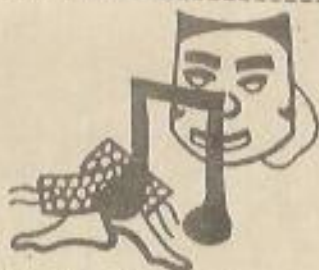
Limit: Only 40 people. RS.VP-Call Roma 453128 between 9 to 10 a.m

RUPA SOOD
ROMA ALBERTS

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Tuesday 23rd Jan '90, 6 p.m

At: Soviet Culture Centre (auditorium)
27, Kasturi Ranga Road
Madras - 600 018.



As the world shrinks further and further, the inter-dependence of human beings becomes more and more evident. The very representation of various countries in other countries illustrates this as effectively as perhaps the runaway success of I.W.A. Therefore, as we celebrate the Republic Day (26th January) this month, we go international with "AN INTERNATIONAL EVENING WITH I.W.A." for I.W.A. members, their husbands, children, family and friends. An hour of pure entertainment comprising of items from different countries will leave you feeling very, very international. So, come one, come all! ... and, most important, please be in your seats by 5.55 p.m.

SUREKHA KOTHARI
DAGMAR THOMSEN

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday 30th Jan '90, 10 a.m.

At: Meenakshi Meyyappan
"Sabrina"
106, Santhome High Road
Madras 600 028
Tel: 72985



Our book for January is "SOLSTICE" by American author Joyce Carol Oates. She explores the relationship of two women thrown together after various crises in their lives. MEERA ABRAHAM will review the book for us.

Please contact Sarah and Maureen for book availability.

SARAH CHANDA
MAUREEN HUDSON - MURARI

GO HAWAIIAN

Amidst Pine Apples + Coconuts, Swaying Palms + Breeze,
Mai-Tai, Cokes, Beer + Leis

AT

"River House" (Residence of the U.S. Consul General)
1 Turnbulls Road, Nandanam

ON

Sunday January 21st 1990
From 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Donation: Rs.100/-

Dress - Casual

Rs. 50/- child

In aid of the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu

ATTENTION, MUSIC LOVERS!

Santhoor exponent R. VISHWESHWARAN who regaled I.W.A. members last month with his brief scintillating recital, will be performing in the city on 31st January 1990 under the auspices of the Nungambakkam Cultural Academy. Members who wish to attend this concert can collect cards from NIRMAL SESHADRI at the I.W.A. Christmas party on the 20th December 1989.

Violin maestro L. SANKAR (of the Shakthi album fame) will be making one of his rare appearances in the city on January 6th 1990 at the Music Academy. He is scheduled to give a benefit recital in aid of S.C.A.R.F (Schizophrenia - Care and Research Foundation). SCARF deals mainly with the mentally ill. SANKAR, renowned for the east-west fusion music, will be accompanied by USTAD ZAKHIR HUSSAIN on the tabla and VIDWAN VINAYAKRAM on the ghatam.

Tickets - Rs.500/-, Rs.150/-, Rs.100/-, Rs.50/- & Rs.25/-
For enquiries contact: SCARF, Tel. 617971.

Here is a marvellous opportunity to listen to the three great artistes while helping a deserving cause!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENTS	:	Vanitha Mudaliar	662626 666604
		Barbara Clarkson	456355
VICE PRESIDENTS	:	Nirmal Seshadri	413820
		Aruna Vijayakumar	472732
SECRETARIES	:	Nirmal Mirza	415672(Res) 455834(Off)
		Seema Sait	612800
TREASURERS	:	Lakshmi Padmanabhan	864334
		Anneliese Marwah	417549

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS	:	Sherna Danani	837536
		Sigrun Neumann	413294
BOOK DISCUSSION	:	Sarah Chanda	454265
		Maureen Hudson Murari	662627
COOKING SWAPSHOP	:	Rupa Sood	450034 451419
		Roma Alberts	453128
CURRENT EVENTS	:	Sujaya Menon	417464 410717
		Kathleen Mason	418902
HEALTH & ECOLOGY	:	Vijaya Balu	72589
		Eira Doshi	419347
HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS	:	Nanditha Krishna	451850
		Janet de Penning	475980
MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS	:	Surekha Kothari	472690
		Dagmar Thomsen	452656
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION	:	Sangeet Chopra	410759
		Poonam Lalchand	472947 171524

HAPPY

NEW

YEAR

Dear I.W.A. Members,

The Inner Wheel Dist.323 are having a Seminar on the topic "Multifaceted Woman" on the 19th January, 1990 at 11.00 a.m. Eminent speakers are addressing on the following subdivided topics:

1. Woman-Homemaking & Social Service - Ms Sivasankari
2. Woman in Politics - Ms Jayanthi Natarajan
M P
3. Woman in a Man's World - Ms Kiran Bedi, I P S
4. Woman the Educator - Dr Ms M D Bengalee
Vice Chancellor
University of Bombay
5. Woman the Culture Preserver - Ms Prema Pandurangan
Sanskrit Scholar
6. Woman, Preserver of
Oral Literature - Dr Ms David
Mother Theresa
University
Kodaikanal

It will be an enriching experience to participate in the Seminar and listen to this galaxy of speakers. Do come and stay on for lunch.

Goodwill Donation Rs.50/-

Wish you a Happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

LEELA RATNAM
I W Dist.323 Chairman
I W A Member - Tel: 452123

Seminar Venue: Hotel Srilekha Intercontinental,
Madras:18