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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, 13th June	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10-15 a.m.
Friday, 16th June	WELCOME BACK-FELLOWSHIP MORNING	10-15 a.m.
	EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING	11-00 a.m.
Monday, 19th June	CURRENT EVENTS Vision 2000 an Audio Visual Talk by an Australian Team	10-15 a.m.
Wednesday, 28th June	PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION Film — "Little Buddha"	2-15 p.m.
Friday, 30th June	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS "ANTHAKSHARI" — Word Game in Music	10-15 a.m.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

A very warm welcome to one and all of you! Thank you all very much for giving us the opportunity to serve as Presidents of IWA this year. We are both touched and we do hope that we live up to your expectations. Please pray for us!

We are indeed fortunate in having a group of enthusiastic activity chairpersons—some old hands and some new and fresh. Nevertheless, they are all full of wonderful ideas for various activity groups and are determined to make this a memorable year for IWA, with your active participation and support. We are also lucky in our board members who will give you all their co-operation. We are always open to new ideas and we do hope you will come forward with your suggestions.

We hope to see all of you on Friday, 16th June at the Connemara Hotel for a Fellowship Coffee Morning to renew friendships and make new friends too.

You are all aware that at our last AGM — our outgoing Presidents brought forth the question of a membership fee raise from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/-. Out of the 129 members present — 89 voted for the raise by a show of hands. This needs to be regularised at a formal Extraordinary General Meeting. Hence — the EGM will follow the Fellowship morning when we will ratify formally the increase in membership fees from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/-.

IWA is your organisation. Please do join us for this fellowship and fun morning. Help us make this year — a year to remember!

Thank you for your ever willing support.

**ZUBEIDA ASGARALI
KHIN THI DA LWIN**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 13th June, 1995 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Zubeida Asgarali
19, Sivaganga Road
Madras-600 034



Activity Chairpersons please bring your blurbs.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Welcome back !

Life is full of joy and sorrow, sharing and caring. If you would like to share any of your own experiences with your IWA Friends you can certainly do so in your Newsletter. All you have to do is write to us. We also keep a few spare copies of the monthly IWA Newsletter so any member who does not receive a copy for whatever reason please get in touch with us.

SHYLA K. RAU
TERESA MARY KING

SECRETARY'S SHARE

A warm welcome to one and all.

We will be mailing your Newsletters every third week of the month. They should reach you a few days later, well in advance for you to attend your first meeting of the month. In case you don't receive your copy, please verify if your address is correct by getting in touch with us.

SUJAYA MENON
ELLEN SORENSEN

FROM THE TREASURERS

A hearty welcome to our sparkling membership. A special welcome to those of you who have joined us this year.

IWA is a great piece of jewellery made up of precious gems put together each year in a new and artistically designed beautiful setting. Let all your varied and excellent qualities and talents come to light in another year of memorable IWA activities.

Coming down to business — many of you have already sent your renewal forms along with the subscription. After the Extraordinary General Meeting proposed to be held after the Fellowship morning on June 16th, 1995, receipts will be sent to you. This is to save on the cost of revenue stamps and postage.

Badges-It is nice for all of us to know each other by name. So, please wear your badges at every meeting. Those of you who require badges, please give your names in writing to Angelika.

Meetings-A lot of thought and effort goes into arranging quality programmes. It would be a gesture of appreciation to the Speaker as well as the Chairperson if you stayed on for the entire meeting.

**RUPA KADHIRESAN
ANGELIKA MANDAIKAR**

WELCOME BACK IWA FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Friday, 16th June, 1995 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Connemara Hotel
Binny Road
Madras-600 002

The Board and the Executive Committee for the year 1995 - 1996 have great pleasure in inviting you for the Fellowship Morning followed by the EGM. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Do come one and all and please wear your badges. We specially welcome our new members.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, 19th June, 1995 — 10-15 a.m.

At: Vidya Srinivasan
2, Sathyanarayana Avenue
Off Boat Club Road
Madras-600 028



VISION 2000 — AN AUDIO VISUAL TALK BY THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM ON THEIR PROJECT AND WORK

A group of Australians have been in Madras since 1990. They have been active in basic sanitation programmes and are running a Community Centre in T Nagar. They have completely reconstructed and rehabilitated a section of the Mambalam Canal which has created a lot of controversy in the Corporation and government.

A group of these workers will talk to us about their project, the methods and aids used in their teaching and in the rehabilitation of the slum children in basic hygiene, constructive use of leisure time and in the running of their dispensary.

**PADMINI NATARAJAN
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

Congratulations :

Shamim M. Padamsee, on your appointment as the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Indonesia in Tamilnadu and Pondicherry.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Wednesday, 28th June, 1995 — 2-15 p.m.
(Movie commences exactly at 2-30 p.m.
with a 10 minute Coffee Break)



At : The British Council
737, Anna Salai
Madras-600 002

FILM: BERNARDO BERTOLUCCI'S "LITTLE BUDDHA"

As we start a new IWA year, it is with pleasure we present to you BERNARDO BERTOLUCCI'S "LITTLE BUDDHA". Following the success of 'THE LAST EMPEROR', "LITTLE BUDDHA" has a lovely 'Out-of-the-Deep-Earth Majesty' in its telling of the Primary Myth of Buddhism. The Director, famed for his storytelling instincts brings alive, rapturously, a both exotic and fundamental story. The story of PRINCE SIDDHARTHA, played by KEANU REEVES, who renounces worldly pleasures and religious extremism to find the middle path of Buddhist Truth.

A movie not to be missed !

**ALAGU MUTHU
IRENE PRULLER DAS**

With love from ISSY

The four years in Madras have been for me the best overseas posting ever. Both my husband Arthur and I have enjoyed our time here tremendously.

I have been particularly touched by the warmth and friendship of IWA, you have all helped to make my stay here enriching and fulfilling. It was through IWA that I took up the challenge of working at the Institute of Mental Health, through IWA that I learnt so much about Indian culture, and through IWA that I have met so many wonderful friends.

Thank you for your kind support and friendship. May God bless you till we meet again.

With love from
ISSY

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 30th June, 1995 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Era Kalra's
2, Gee Gee Castle
186, Lloyds Road
Madras-600 086



ANTHAKSHARI — WORD GAME IN MUSIC

We begin the year with "ANTHAKSHARI" the word game in music. It was such a success last year that by popular request from members, we would like to repeat it. The rules of the game (which you already know) will be explained at the meeting by Padmini Natarajan who has kindly agreed to conduct it. She will be assisted by Javanthi Prabhakaran.

Please join us for a morning of fun and melody.

No guests please !

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
SONIA CARTER**

CHANGE IN ARTS AND CRAFTS CHAIRPERSON

We are sorry to say that Saroj Ramamrutham will no longer chair the Arts and Craft activity section due to personal commitment.

We heartily welcome Nandita Chaudhuri as the new chairperson of Arts and Crafts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE BOARD

			When to call A.M. P.M.
Presidents	: Zubeida Asgarali Khin-Thi-Da-Lwin (Dawn)	8271614	9 - 10/After 7
Vice-Presidents	: Shyla K. Rau Teresa Mary King	8276893 4341066	9 - 10/4 - 5 7 - 9/After 7
Secretaries	: Sujaya Menon Ellen Sorensen	4917464 4910044 4919291	8 - 10 7 - 9
Treasurers	: Rupa Kadhiresan Angelika Mandaikar	4992847 8261314	6-30 - 9-30/After 7

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

Arts & Handicrafts	: Nandita Chaudhuri Sangeetha Thapa	452720 434761 4913078	
Book Discussion	: Sushila Nataraj Seema Sait	4911015 8261018	9 - 10/4 - 6 8 - 9-30/4 - 6
Current Events & Careers	: Padmini Natarajan Chandrika Chidambaram	8280844 4917609	8 - 10 8 - 10
Cooking Swapshop	: Lalitha Krishnan	4991853 4992341	7 - 8-30
Health & Ecology	: Bela Khaleeli Padma Ashok	418653 8276591	8 - 9/After 7
History, Culture & Tours	: Shakunthala Jagannathan Poonam Lalchand	459199 8272947	
Music & Performing Arts	: Nirmal Seshadri Sonia Carter	4913820 4345995	6-30 - 8-30/3 - 4
Philosophy & Religion	: Alagu Muthu Irene Pruller Dass	4937050 4990865	9-30 - 10-30/3 - 5