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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday	4 April	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10-15 am
Tuesday	9 April	HISTORY CULTURE AND TOURS MAURITIUS, LAND OF THE EXTINCT DODO, PEARL OF THE INDIAN OCEAN	10-15 am
Friday	12 April	CURRENT EVENTS ELECTIONS AND THE MEDIA	10-15 am
Friday	19 April	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS A QUIZ MORNING I	10-15 am

Glory lies in the attempt to reach one's goal and not in reaching it.

- Gandhi, 1942

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

It is time for us, your out-going Presidents and Executive Board to bid a fond farewell to you, dear members, at the end of the 1995-96 year. The formal handing-over to the incoming Presidents and their Board will take place at the AGM; but please allow us to bow out, informally, in our last letter to you. So here it goes.....

Zubeida and Khinthida would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to each and every member for your generous support and cooperation, and most of all your warm friendship. We have had a most enjoyable and fulfilling year all because of IWA and the exceptionally close fellowship. Getting to know you and working with you has enriched our lives and we shall, indeed, treasure the wonderful times we have shared together.

May we add our special thanks to the Executive Committee : the Vice Presidents for spending much time and effort in bringing out a superb monthly Newsletter; the Treasurers for keeping us in line; the Secretaries for thorough records; and the Activity Chairpersons for the variety and creativity in programming. The perfect understanding achieved among us was truly remarkable making us into such a closely-knit committee.

It is regrettable that one of us will have to move on to other climes; however, "the Other Half" will remain to lend assistance and counsel should the need arise.

Lastly, here's wishing the very best to the Incoming Presidents and Executive Committee and an outstandingly successful year ahead for IWA.

**ZUBEIDA ASGARALI
KHINTHIDA LWIN**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 4 April 1996 - 10-15 am

At : The Madras Club
8 Adayar Club Gate Road
Madras - 600 028



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW.... This is our last Newsletter and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did in putting them together. We also appreciated members participation in this endeavour by their contributions in the form of news tit-bits, appreciations, criticisms, joys and achievements.

Shyla and Teresa thank the Presidents, the Board, the Executive Committee and the Members for their whole cooperation. Thus we come to a satisfying year end.

We wish the in-coming Vice Presidents all the very best for the year 1996-97.

**SHYLA K RAU
TERESA KING**

P.S. The Next Newsletter will be in June.

THE IWA BOARD 1996-97

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of Office-Bearers for the Executive Board of IWA, 1996-97.

	INDIAN	NON - INDIAN
Presidents	<i>Alagu Muthu</i>	<i>Poonam Lalchand</i>
Vice Presidents	<i>Shakunthala Jagannathan</i>	<i>Megan Utley</i>
Secretaries	<i>Sujaya Menon</i>	<i>Eira Doshi</i>
Treasurers	<i>Sushila Natraj</i>	<i>Anneliese Hazari</i>

We wish the new Board all the best.

Lily Madhok (Chairperson)

*Kusum Chadda
Malathi Ramachandran*

*Janet De Penning
Sandra Rowland*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the **International Women's Association** to be held on Monday, 15th April 1996 at 10-15 am at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Madras, to which all members are invited.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows :

1. Tea [10-15 - 10-30 am]
2. Welcome Address by the Vice President – *Teresa Mary King*
3. To approve the Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 11th April, 1995
4. Secretary's Report – *Sujaya Menon*
5. Treasurer's Report – *Rupa Kadhiresan*
6. Membership Treasurer's Report – *Angelika Mandaiker*
7. Appointment of Auditors for 1996-97
8. Remarks by outgoing President – *Zubeida Asgarali*
9. To consider and if thought fit to pass the following resolutions :
 - a. Resolved that the following Sub-Clause in Clause 21 under Article III of the Constitution reading :
"Ensure that all payments over Rs.100 are authorised by the Executive Committee" be and is hereby amended as :
"Ensure that all payments over Rs.500 are authorised by the Executive Committee".
 - b. Resolved to appoint an Apex body consisting of three founder members or senior members if the founder members are not available, to guide and advise the Presidents in policy matters so as to ensure that the Charter and aims & objectives of the International Women's Association are fulfilled".
10. Any other business with the permission of the Chair
11. Introduction of the Nominating Committee
12. Presentation of the new Board Members
13. Introduction of the new Executive Committee
14. Address by the new President – *Alagu Muthu*
15. Vote of Thanks – *Nalini Ramakrishna*

CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 12 April 1996 - 10-15 am

At : The Madras Club
8 Adayar Club Gate Road
Madras - 600 028



ELECTIONS AND THE MEDIA

Rabi Bernard, TV Personality and famous Media person, has successfully grilled many a personality on his famous chat shows. He is also a Professor in the Loyola College, teaching Mass Communications. With the National Elections around the corner he is interested in talking to us about the issues at stake in the coming elections.

This is also a great opportunity for you to grill the anchor person for "NERUKKU NER" from SUN TV, face to face.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

**PADMINI NATARAJAN
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

Thursday, 11 April 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Sandra Rowland's
River House
1 Turnbolls Road
Madras - 600 035

TOUR OF REDECORATED RIVER HOUSE

All IWA members are welcome to come and see the final results of the work of Jenny Howery-Ford, the professional designer from the US Foreign Buildings Office who gave a talk to IWA about her work on River House in September of 1994. The work was done in four stages beginning in November 1993 and ending in February 1996!

NO GUESTS PLEASE

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Tuesday, 9 April 1996 - 10-15 am

At : The CPRA Foundation
1st Floor Lecture Hall
'The Grove' 1 Eldams Road
Madras - 600 018



MAURITIUS, LAND OF THE EXTINCT DODO, PEARL OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

To most of us, Mauritius is a popular sea resort with sandy beaches, bright sunshine and blue waters.

It is also where many Indian films are shot as there are enough trees for romancing couples to run around!

However how few know that it is a melting pot of many races and religions and an experiment in multi-racial evolution.

Padmini Natarajan, who lived in Mauritius for over 10 years, will speak to us on Mauritius, its culture and festivals, dresses and dances. Colour slides and photographs will accompany her talk.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN
POONAM LALCHAND**

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

STINA VASU is arranging the tour. Interested members please come for a meeting on 10th April 1996 at 10-15 am at 6 Cathedral Road, Madras.

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and help you reach it faster.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 19 April 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Lalini Gautamadasa's
4/2 Dr Alagappa Road
Off Poonamallee High Road
Madras - 600 084



A QUIZ MORNING !

Delving deep into the world of Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Theatre and Films both Indian and Western), this Quiz Programme will round off the year's activities. This special quiz will be presented by SHARANYA JAYKUMAR, who is often described as the "QUIZ QUEEN" of Madras.

Ideally we would like all our members to participate in the quiz, but practically speaking we have to settle for five groups only. Each group should comprise of five members (i.e. two North Indians, two South Indians and one Non-Indian).

Please call NIRMAL, if you wish to take part.

NO GUESTS !

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
LALINI GAUTAMADASA**

A good companion shortens the longest road.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE BOARD

Presidents	:	Zubeida Asgarali Khinthida Lwin	8271614 4347961
Vice Presidents	:	Shyla K Rau Teresa Mary King	8276893 4341066
Secretaries	:	Sujaya Menon Ellen Sorensen	4917464/4910044 4919291
Treasurers	:	Rupa Kadhiresan Angelika Mandaikar	4992847 611265

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

Arts & Handicrafts	:	Nandita Chaudhuri Sangeetha Thapa	452720/4347871 4913078
Book Discussion	:	Sushila Nataraj Seema Sait	4911015 8261018
Current Events & Careers	:	Padmini Natarajan Chandrika Chidambaram	8282305 4917609
Cooking Swapshop	:	Lalitha Krishnan Helga Hombach	4991853/4992341 4938874
Health & Ecology	:	Bela Khaleeli Padma Ashok	418653 8276591
History, Culture & Tours	:	Shakunthala Jagannathan Poonam Lalchand	459199 8272947
Music & Performing Arts	:	Nirmal Seshadri Lalini Gautamadasa	4913820 6412868
Philosophy & Religion	:	Alagu Muthu Irene Pruller Dass	4937050 4990865