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MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Tuesday	21 November	BOOK DISCUSSION "The Strange Pilgrims" by Gabriel García Marquez	10-15 am
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

CONGRATULATIONS and many thanks to the performers and organizers of the delightful and enjoyable Diwali evening of International music and dances. Thanks also to the Activity Chairpersons for the interesting October events, as well as to all the members for your attendance and support.

October festivities are over but there is so much more to look forward to and plan for. It is hard to believe that Christmas and New Year are just around the corner, promising happy occasions for family get-togethers.

Before fun and games, however, there is important work to be done. Remember the December 15 deadline for our nominations for the "Woman of the Year"; this year in the field of Education. The Nominating Committee has a formidable task and needs our assistance in selecting the best candidate from amongst so many great women educators. Let's give serious consideration towards this goal.

We look forward to seeing every member at the upcoming November programmes.

ZUBEIDA ASGARALI
KHINTHIDA LWIN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 7 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Poonam Lalchand's
No 3 College Lane
Madras



Activity Chairpersons please bring your blurbs **TYPED**.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

The last two months have shown up problems with the distribution of Newsletters. Unfortunately as much as we would like to have control over the Post Office the fact is we don't. Members who don't receive their Newsletters by the first few days of the month should call either of the secretaries to ask about activities at the beginning of the month to ensure you don't miss out on any of our wonderful programmes. However, please remember we hold only a small number of extra Newsletters in our files.

In the same vein and to prevent confusion from now on any changes to the telephone tree or address records can only be made in writing to the secretaries. They will also be very happy to give information on how to obtain the telephone directory.

However, on a lighter note we keep hearing rumours from people who would like to contribute to the Newsletter. We're waiting, willing and able to give voice to any member who has something to say, so come on and say it!

SHYLA K RAU
TERESA KING

IMPORTANT

A special sub-committee has been formed to choose the **Woman of the Year** with Nirmal Mirza, who instigated the award as Chairperson. Other members of the sub-committee include the eight board members and Nirmal Seshadri (Founder President).

The category in which the award will be given will be in the field of education.

Members are invited to give their nominations only to the sub-committee members. The cut off date for nominations will be 15 December 1995.

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday, 9 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Padma Ashok's
No 4 4th Street
Rutland Gate
Madras-600 006



THE IMPACT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH CARE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Dr Kunthala jairaman, Director at the Institute of Biotechnology, Madras University, Taramani will talk to us about the various applications of Biotechnology used in our lives.

Dr Kunthala was trained at the Harvard Medical School, USA. She is also a full bright professor visiting the States on a regular basis.

BELA KHALEELI
PADMA ASHOK

And the night shall be filled with music
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs
and as silently go away.

— LONGFELLOW - The Day is Done

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 10 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : The C P Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation
1 Eldams Road
Madras-600 018



TAPPATTAM – The dance of the drums

TAPPATTAM is a rhythmic and vigorous dance. The name Tappattam is derived from the percussion instrument that the artistes beat on as they sing and dance. The tappu is a shallow drum held by the dancers as they dance and strike the drum with thin sticks. The dancing can reach very high levels of speed. Tappattam is the herald at the entrance of temples and processions in Tamil Nadu.

This performance comes to us through the kind courtesy of DAKSHINACHITRA - a centre for crafts and folk performing arts. Our special thanks to V R DEVIKA for arranging this for us.

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
SONIA CARTER**

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, 14 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Kamala Muthiah's
"Bedford House"
5 Raja Annamalai Road
Madras-600 084



WOMEN AND LAW

Eminent advocate Mrs Ramani Natarajan will talk to us about various aspects of Law relating to Women in our society including family courts and their relevance.

PADMINI NATARAJAN
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

On leaving an IWA meeting on 4 September a member found her black European styled sandals (size 37½) had gone and had been replaced by a white pair (size 39½).

I am happy to act as go between here. If both parties return the shoes to me with forwarding details I will affect the exchange, (in confidence), of course.

TERESA KING
3B Sathyanarayana Avenue
(off Boat Club Road)

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Thursday, 16 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Meena Arunachalam's
"Chaumundeswari Baugh"
1 Bishops Garden
Off Greenways Road
Madras-600 028



GREAT THINKERS AND THEIR THOUGHTS — A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY AND THOUGHT THROUGH THE AGES.

Philosophy as the 'LOVE OF WISDOM' has given rise to various systems of thought developed by great thinkers. From the ancient Greeks — SOCRATES, PLATO and ARISTOTLE, through the medieval times of ST AUGUSTINE and on to the modern period of BACON, DESCARTE, HUME, KANT AND KIERKEGAARD — these great minds, through their penetrative imagination brought forward ideas on science, mathematics, education, law, art, music and religion. They put together the results of human enquiry to form a consistent view of the world.

Today, Ms EMMA DHEEN a young and scholarly Lecturer in Philosophy from the Madras Christian College, will take us through this very interesting passage of enriching human thought through the ages.

**ALAGU MUTHU
IRENE PRULLER DAS**

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

17 to 20 November 1995



TOUR OF MYSORE – RANGANATHITTOO – SRIRANGAPATNA – SOMNATHPUR – SIVASAMUDRAM

The 3-day tour planned earlier had, unfortunately, to be postponed.

This new tour will cover visits to the Imperial City of Mysore, Ranganathittoo Bird Sanctuary, Srirangapatna (Tippu Sultan's Capital), Somnathpur (13 c. Hoysala temple) and Sivasamudram (Gaganachukki and Barachukki waterfalls).

Husbands and friends are also welcome. Please contact Poonam or Shakunthala and give in your names by 6 November 1995.

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN
POONAM LALCHAND**

NEWS NEWS NEWS

We welcome back from Beijing Nandita Krishna (Past President) and Meena Muthiah.

Another warm welcome back goes to Seetha Muthiah who has recovered from surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

KANTA GUPTA and **STINA VASU** who have just joined the ranks of glamorous grandmother. Their children **ADITHI GUPTA VASU** and **ARVIND VASU** have presented them with a bundle of joy – a bonny baby girl!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 21 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Bela Khaleeli's
Dearborne
3 First Cross Street
Indira Nagar
Madras-600 020



THE STRANGE PILGRIMS - GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ

A South American Nobel Prize winning author does what he's best at - he tells a story. In fact, he tells many stories. This collection of short stories is as easy to read as it is thought provoking. While the tales were not recounted on the way to or from Canterbury, they would certainly make any journey easier to take !

Javanthi Prabhakaran will lead the discussion - a promise of a good morning !

**SUSHI NATARAJ
SEEMA SAIT**

P. S. : Some of our books are missing. One copy of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' and one copy of Ananthanarayanan's 'A Silver Pilgrimage'. Members who have overlooked returning them should please do so now. It would make our accounting exercise easier !

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Monday, 27 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : The Goodluck Preview Theatre
18 Fifth Cross Street
(Near Padma Seshadri School)
Lake Area, Nungambakkam
Madras-600 034
Tel : 8279409



✓ **"BOMBAY"** — a film of our times !

MANIRATHNAM's much acclaimed film BOMBAY has been making waves all over the world. We are privileged to have a special show of "Bombay" — a moving sensitive tale of two young lovers tormented by the communal riots which affected the city of Bombay. Fanatical elements sought to make political issue of the unfortunate circumstances which further brought anguish to the hapless young couple.

We salute Manirathnam's courage, vision and his brilliant direction of this movie. The incredible music of A R Rahman is an added bonus. Our special thanks to Sushasini and Manirathnam for arranging this special show.

Please be punctual. Film will commence at 10-30 am

Directions to the theatre

Take the first right after Valluvar Kottam
Then take the second left
No 18 is the last house on the right

NIRMAL SESHADRI
SONIA CARTER

Thanks to the following for hosting the film

Javanthi Prabhakar
Shobha Hebbar
Sheila Shetty
Kusum Chadda
Shashi Ravichandran
Koshu Lalchand
Rita Lal
Radha Vasudev
Zainab Kachwala
Neena Sanghavi

Daksha Sheth
Nalini Ramakrishna
Prem Batra
Jaya Naidu
Sharada Rajamani
Chandra Padmanabhan
Kamala Prasad
Susan Abraham
Meena Malhotra

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS - CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday, 30th November, 1995 - 3.30 p.m.

At : Sunita Shahaney's
"Ashley House",
6, 2nd Avenue,
Boat Club Road,
Madras 600 028.

CULTURAL BONANZA ! A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH JILL CRAIGIE

An acclaimed film maker and photographer - JILL CRAIGIE's most recent documentary is on the war in Yugoslavia and its effect on Dubrovnik, a city she knows well because she and her renowned husband Michael Foot (former British Labour Leader) have been going there every year for their summer holidays, for more than a decade. Jill is also a journalist who writes on political and women's issues. She is currently engaged in writing a history of the women's movement beginning with the slave trade and ending with World War I.

Jill will be sharing her work and her ideas with the members of IWA.

All are welcome.

NIRMAL SESHADRI
NALINI GAUTAMADASA

PADMINI NATARAJAN
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, 28 November 1995 — 10-15 am

At : Alliance Francaise
40 College Road
Madras-600 034



"NINE YEARS OF SILENCE" — by Hans Kaushik

This is an exhibition which includes sculptures, drawings and an installation, which are being shown as a solo show after nine years.

Mr Hans Kaushik the artist will present a special talk to the IWA ladies about his inspiration, how he relates to the world around him and how "Consciously" or "Unconsciously" these thoughts are translated into contemporary art and captured in various mediums.

**SANGEETA THAPA
NANDITA CHAUDHARI**

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Please help us keep all our records up to date by notifying any changes, **IN WRITING**, to the secretaries.

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