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A DECADE OF FRIENDSHIP

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday	6th June	BOARD MEETING	10-15 am
Friday	7th June	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10-15 am
Friday	14th June to 28th June	HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS Tour of Scandinavia	
Monday	17th June	ARTS & HANDICRAFTS South Indian Bronzes	10-15 am
Wednesday	19th June	IWA FELLOWSHIP MORNING	10-15 am
Monday	24th June	PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION Jain Philosophy	10-15 am
Tuesday	25th June	HEALTH & ECOLOGY Gender differences between Men & Women	10-15 am
Thursday	27th June	MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS Anthakshari – Word Game in Music	10-15 am

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the start of a new IWA year - a year which completes a decade of achievements, success and friendship, putting IWA on a pedestal that it so richly deserves.

To salute this success, your new and dynamic Board and Activity Chairpersons are busy planning a most interesting year of varied events. Our Founder President, Nirmal Seshadri, together with all our past Presidents, is working on a programme of music, song and dance to celebrate the completion of our 10 years. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them for all their efforts. Founder's Day is on the 25th July, so keep the dates 25th, 26th and 27th July free in your diaries.

We would like to thank and congratulate our outgoing Presidents and the Board for a very successful year, 1995-96.

We would also like to extend a very special welcome to all our new members. Our fellowship morning on 20th June at the Chettinad House will give you a chance of meeting and getting to know your fellow IWA members. Don't miss it. We do look forward to seeing you all there.

Friends, IWA is your organisation. Your ideas and suggestions are invaluable. Please feel free to make them known to us. IWA is yours to enjoy, to entertain and to enlighten you. Do make the most of it.

Best wishes,

**ALAGU MUTHU
POONAM LALCHAND**

FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

1. IWA Members may contact the Presidents if they need any clarification about IWA and its policies.
2. Members who have doubts about the venue of meetings, timings, etc., please contact one of the Chairpersons of the Activity concerned, as they will be able to help you.

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

We look forward to a year of joy and camaraderie in this the tenth year since the inception of IWA.

New Members may like to know that IWA provides opportunities for Indian and non-Indian women to participate jointly in activities of mutual interest and promotes fellowship between people of different nationalities.

It also holds lectures and demonstrations on the arts and handicrafts, history and culture, philosophy and religion. It organises tours in India and abroad and creates an awareness of the importance of health and ecology, current events and careers. It attempts to deepen interest in different types of music, dance and the performing arts and to tingle your palate with international cuisine. It holds book discussions and organises Quiz sessions and cultural programmes. IWA also issues a Monthly Newsletter.

The aim of our manifold activities is to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation, to build friendships, and to increase one's understanding of the cultures of various parts of the world.

If you have ideas on any interesting programmes, please contact the Activity Chairpersons concerned. They will welcome your suggestions.

Either due to postal delays or loss in the mail, there is a possibility of Newsletters not reaching a few members before the first or second of the month. In such cases, please contact either Shakunthala, Megan, Sujaya or Eira for a copy.

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN
MEGAN UTLEY**

FROM THE TREASURER

I would like to remind members, old and new, that the cut-off date for payment of fees is **June 30th, 1996**. So please do hurry up!

The cheques and forms may be sent to my address by post.

ANNALIESE HAZARI

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1996-97

Zubeida Asgar Ali	- Immediate Past President
Nirmal Seshadri	- Founder President
Alagu Muthu	} - Presidents
Poonam Lalchand	
Vanitha Mudaliar	
Lakshmi Padmanabhan	
Aruna Vijaykumar	
Chandrika Chidambaram	
Annaliese Hazari	- Treasurer
Sushila Natraj	- Membership Treasurer

BOARD MEETING

Thursday 6th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Alagu Muthu's
"Beau Rivage"
97, Santhome High Road
Madras - 600 028

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 7th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Stina Vasu's
6, Cathedral Road
Madras - 600 086

Activity Chairpersons -
please bring your blurbs

In the CANADA DRY TREASURE HUNT CAR RALLY of March 31st, 1996,
the First Prize Winning Team was the All Women's Team of
DARLEY MATHEW, PREMILA JACOB and REENA VERGHESE,
all three being IWA members.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS !

FROM THE FOUNDER PRESIDENT

IWA completes a decade of friendship and fellowship on 25th July 1996. To commemorate the occasion, a 10th year Celebration Committee has been formed consisting of the five resident Founder Members, all the Past Presidents and the two current Presidents. The last week of July 1996 is going to be a spectacular week with melody and rhythm.

25th The traditional Founder's Day is on 25th July. There will be a coffee morning followed by Anita Ratnam's new dance creation based on "Global Unity", this being the theme chosen for this year by our Presidents.

26th We are planning a colourful multi-media presentation on Madras as a tribute to the City of Festivals, and the colourful people who have helped to make Madras the cultural capital of India. This ambitious gala will be held at the Taj Coromandel hotel on 26th July. The show will be followed by dinner.

27th Malavika Sarukkai will be presenting a special dance recital on the evening of 27th July at the residence of Sunita Shahaney.

These celebrations are going to be rather special events which you should be sure not to miss.

Any celebration calls for a lot of expense and more so for the three events outlined above. We are deeply indebted to our sponsors, Ashok Mirza and APCOM and Arun Bewoor and Bush Boake Allen for sponsoring the events on the 25th and 27th respectively. Our thanks go to Sunita for lending her beautiful home for Malavika's dance.

However, the crucial event on the evening of the 26th July will need a lot of support and involvement from members. We do appeal to you to come forward and help us in whatever way you can. A few good sponsors will strengthen our hands. Please call me (4913820) with your offers of help.

We are delighted that Nancy Dean Stempel (Founder President of IWA) and Barbara Clarkson (Past President) will be joining us for the celebrations.

Let us make this year a very special one for us. Thank you friends for your involvement, which has made IWA such a vibrant organisation.

NIRMAL SESHADRI

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS



SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

(14th to 28th June 1996)

The IWA bus tour through Scandinavia takes us from Copenhagen through Denmark with a stop at Legoland and Odense, the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. We ferry to Gothenburg where we hope to meet our IWA member Christina Engvall, and continue through Sweden along Lake Vattern (where we see a glass factory), to Stockholm, the Venice of the North and the birthtown of Stina.

After a day in Stockholm we drive across Sweden through the famed natural beauty of Varmland and cross into Norway which awaits us with the most spectacular scenery of mountains and fjords.

Midsummer day we spend in Bergen, the birthplace of Edvard Grieg, and then continue through Norway to Oslo, the home of the Kon tiki raft. We end up by taking an overnight ferry back to Copenhagen.

**KAMALA PRASAD
STINA VASU**

MADRAS AND ITS AFFINITY TO THE PEACOCK

The ancient port city of Mylapore was noted for its groves of beautiful trees and dancing peacocks. Thiruvalluvar, the great Tamil Poet, lived here around 200 B.C. and wrote the *Kural*, an anthology of wisdom.

In the 7th century, Saint Thirugnana Sambandar visited Mylapore and described it as the place where :

Honey trees grow in beautiful gardens on the seashore

Where Devi appeared in the form of a pea-hen and Kapaleeswara took her in marriage

They lived in the city of peacocks, Mylapore.

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Monday 17th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : The Madras Museum
Pantheon Road
Madras - 600 008

(Meeting Point : Children's Museum, Basement Lecture Hall)



SOUTH INDIAN BRONZES

The Madras Museum possesses the finest collection of South Indian Bronzes - unrivalled anywhere in the world - right at our doorstep !

We now have the opportunity to explore and appreciate this treasure with Dr. Michael Lockwood, Professor of Philosophy at MCC College.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME !

**RINI KUMAR
IRENE PRULLER DAS**

IWA FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Wednesday 19th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Meena Muthiah's
Chettinad House
R.A.Puram, Madras - 600 028

WELCOME BACK, IWA MEMBERS, AFTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Board and the Activity Chairpersons have pleasure in welcoming our old and new members. Since there are several new members, please wear your name badges which will help you break barriers, introduce yourselves and get to know each other.

This year we have planned an interesting way of getting to know each other's names by a novel game of Housey - Housey with names instead of numbers.

So do join the fun !

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Monday 24th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Meena Rawley's
3 Arunachalam Road
Kotturpuram
Madras - 600 085



JAIN PHILOSOPHY

This talk will focus on a comparison of Jain philosophy with other religious concepts, particularly those originating in India.

Mr. S. Sripal, retired Director General of Police, is an authority on Jainism. His talk should be very stimulating and should not be missed.

**JAYASHREE PRABHAKAR
MARIKO IBARA**

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Tuesday 25th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : Shobana Reddy's
"Sree Latha"
4 IV Street, Rutland Gate
Madras - 600 006



GENDER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Men and Women might as well be from different planets as depicted in the book, "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus". Psychologically, most of us have no problem in accepting the physical differences between male and female.

Dr. Prithika Chary will enlighten us on the brain gender differences and how the sexes are complementary psychologically.

**BINA MATHEW
SEEMA SAIT**

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday 27th June 1996 - 10-15 am

At : The C P Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation
1 Eldams Road, Alwarpet
Madras - 600 018



ANTHAKSHARI – WORD GAME IN MUSIC

The musical game, "Anthakshari", has always been very popular with IWA members. We thought that we will follow tradition and start our year with this programme.

May the year be a melodious one with your support !

NO GUESTS PLEASE !

**GAYATRI BEWOOR
LALINI GAUTAMADASA**

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LOST AND FOUND

A pair of Bifocal glasses were found in Shakunthala's home after the last Book Discussion meeting. Will the owner please collect them.

WE GIVE BELOW THE LIST OF NEW MEMBERS —

A HEARTY WELCOME TO THEM !

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| 1. | GWEN M. AMES
25 Ranjith Road
Kotturpuram, Madras - 600 085 | British | 4917152 | |
| 2. | UMAYAL CHETTYAPPAN
9 Adyar Club Gate Road
Madras - 600 028 | Indian | 451227
459371 | |
| 3. | Dr. MEENAKSHI DHAMIJA
Kothi Apartments
46 College Road, Madras - 600 006 | Indian | 8278053 (R)
8257815 (O) | |
| 4. | RITHIKA DHINGRA
29 MGR Road
Kalakshetra Colony, Madras - 600 090 | Indian | 4913598 | |
| 5. | PAMELA FABIAN
'Lincoln House'
13 Bishops Garden
R.A. Puram, Madras - 600 028 | American | 4937684 (R)
8273040 (O)
Extn.277 | |
| 6. | BODIL PORSBY FREDERIKSEN
Plot No.20 Raja Street
Kalyani Nagar
Kottivakkam, Madras - 600 041 | Danish | 412161 (R)
8275803 (O) | |
| 7. | UMA GANESAN
33 Ranjith Road
Kotturpuram, Madras - 600 085 | American | 410924 | |
| 8. | MARIKO IBARA
1 Leemere Park
1B College Road, Madras - 600 006 | Japanese | 8275755 | |
| 9. | SHAHLA VINITA KARIM
7 ICL River View Flats
9 Boat Club Road, 3rd Avenue
Madras - 600 028 | Swedish | 456844 | |

10.	MALINI KRISHNA 19/B Valliammai Achi Road Kotturpuram, Madras - 600 085	American	415180 8241235 8241236	(R) (O)
11.	MADELEINE LEONE 5 River View Apts. 9 3rd Avenue, Boat Club Road Madras - 600 028	American	4343528	
12.	JUDITH MEIJER 'Century Habitat', 4, 4th Main Road Gandhi Nagar, Madras - 600 020	Dutch	4919788	
13.	JENNIFER MARY MITRA 21/2 3rd Street Abiramapuram, Madras - 600 018	British	4998284	
14.	LATA MURUGAN 32/2 Landons Road Kilpauk, Madras - 600 010	Singapore	6428215	
15.	RADHA PARTHASARATHY 17 Sathyanarayana Avenue Madras - 600 028	Indian	4340448	
16.	MIREILLE RASMUSSEN 8 Crescent Street Off ABM Avenue, Madras - 600 028	French	458745	
17.	EVE DOMINIQUE RILEY 20 Wallace Garden, 2nd Street Madras - 600 006	British	8233328	
18.	PATRICIA TANNER 1 3rd Street, Kasturi Ranga Road Alwarpet, Madras - 600 018	American	4990928 8273040 Extn.208	(R) (O)
19.	SUZANNE VANDERLUIS 'Cottingley', 24 Anderson Road Madras - 600 006	Australian	8261124	
20.	PRIYA VENKATESAN 12 East Spurtank Road Madras - 600 031	Indian	8265798	

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