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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Wednesday	5th November	BOARD MEETING	10.15 am
Wednesday	5th November	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10.45 am
Thursday	6th November	ARTS & CRAFTS Talk & Workshop	10.15 am
Friday	7th November	PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION Sikh Philosophy	10.15 am
Saturday	8th November	IWA ENDOWMENT LECTURE	10.30 am
11th to 26th November		HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS Tour of Rajasthan	
Tuesday	11th November	COOKING SWAPSHOP	10.15 am
Thursday	13th November	CURRENT EVENTS Immigrants to the UK	10.15 am
Thursday	20th November	HEALTH & ECOLOGY Cosmetic Surgery	10.15 am
Friday	21st November	MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS Face to face	10.15 am
Tuesday	25th November	FELLOWSHIP MORNING	10.15 am

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

The first lecture under the Endowment Fund established with the Madras Government Museum will be held on the 8th of this month. It is open to the public, but let us not forget that this has been instituted by IWA and therefore, it will be nice if as many members as possible can make it convenient to attend. Dr. William Skelton will speak on Music in India and the West.

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting - It was disappointing that so few members attended such an important meeting. Redrafting the Constitution ought to be the concern of every member. Those of us who were present had a sense of involvement and pride in being a part of this exercise. If today IWA has a strong and clearly defined Constitution, it is because of the unstinted co-operation and effort of the Adhoc Committee and the support of the members present at the EGM.

Fellowship Morning - Many of you have been looking forward to another Fellowship Morning and so we have organised one for you on the 25th of this month. Do come and join in the fun, and please remember to wear your badges.

**RUPA KADHIRESAN
ANNELIESE HAZARI**

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday Nov. 5th - 10.15 am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday Nov. 5th - 10.45 am

Activity Chairpersons -
Please bring your blurbs

Both meetings at:

Rini Kumar's
3B, Powhattan, 2nd Avenue,
11, Boat Club Road,
Chennai - 28

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDUS INTERNATIONAL

IWA members will be interested to know that INDUS INTERNATIONAL, the parent body of IWA, on which organisation IWA was patterned by Nirmal Seshadri, is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this month, ending three decades of international fellowship.

Former Indus members who moved to Madras, Fakhira, Lakshmi, Nirmal, Saroja and Shakunthala had been very active in Indus - Fakhira, a pillar for Indus charities, the others as Activity Chairpersons (Saroja for a record 8 years!), Lakshmi also as Vice-President and Nirmal and Shakunthala also as Presidents.

We are sure IWA members would like us to convey the greetings of IWA to INDUS on this great occasion.

Nirmal, even a year back, was planning to attend the festivities. She will be sorely missed in Bombay.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Seeing the good attendance at meetings, this reminder may not be necessary, but for the few who may have slipped up, may we remind them that **attendance at seven meetings** is necessary by end December. Those who have been otherwise busy this year have still got time to make up their attendance at meetings in November and December.

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN
MEGAN UTLEY**

"Women live their day-to-day life more deliberately. They do not fight wars, but win day-to-day battles. The impact of their victory is far more sustained than of those wars"

ELA BHATT
(Winner of the RAMON MAGSASAY Award)

(The above quotation from PROF. R.K. BARATAN'S speech at our Current Events meeting on September 18, is reproduced at the request of several of our members.)

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:-

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 1997-1998

IWA's "Woman of the year" Award and its presentation has become a highlight of every IWA year. While the recipients are pleased to be recognised, we at IWA are proud to honour these women who have contributed so much to society in their chosen fields.

For the benefit of our new members, we would like to mention here that the "Woman of the Year" Award was instituted during the year 1988-89 by NIRMAL MIRZA, our member and a Past President, to honour the most deserving woman in a chosen field. Nirmal continues to sponsor this Award year after year. The categories chosen have been varied - Social work, Performing Arts, Mental Health, Education etc. and the recipients, to name a few, were M.S. Subbulakshmi, Dr. Sharada Menon, Gita Ram, Tara Satyanarayana, Dr. Elizabeth Vomstein and others.

This year we wish to honour a "Special Mother of a Special Child" - a mother who thought of her handicapped child as God's precious gift to her - who unable to get help for her child from an educational institution, started one of her own thereby helping not only her child but other children with similar problems; a mother who opened up new avenues for such children making it possible for them to lead more meaningful lives - some of them even becoming outstanding individuals. The efforts of such mothers have resulted in institutions like the Spastic Society, schools for the Deaf and Dumb and the Downs Syndrome children.

Please send your nominations with the complete bio-data of your candidate to reach us by the 10th of December 1997. As in the previous years, a Committee consisting of Nirmal Mirza and the members of the Board will select the recipient of the Award.

GIRL-CHILD OF THE YEAR AWARD 1997-1998

This will be the first year that this Award instituted by Dr. PRITHIKA CHARY in April this year will be presented. While conveying the details in our August newsletter, it was mentioned that the field chosen for this year's Award is Ecology. It has become extremely difficult to identify a suitable candidate who has achieved success in this field. Therefore, Prithika Chary now wishes to help and encourage a girl-child in the age group of 12 to 18 years who in spite of illness and disability continues to achieve success in any sphere. This will be the

criterion to qualify for this Award year after year. Please send your nominations with the complete bio-data of your candidate to reach us by the 10th of December, 1997. A Committee consisting of Prithika Chary and the members of the Board will select the recipient of the Award.

Both the awards will be presented on the same day. Time, date and the venue will be notified later.

**RUPA KADHIRESAN
ANNELIESE HAZARI**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Thursday 6th November - 10.15 am

At: The Forum Art Gallery
'Plaza Center' (Overlooking Anna Flyover)
129, G.N. Chetty Road, Chennai - 6.



PERCEPTIONS AND THE CREATIVE MIND

Professor of Mathematics and a freelance artist - verily an interesting combination - Shri. A.V. Ilango is the recipient of Tamil Nadu State Lalith Kala Academy award - 1997. Orient Longman have used his illustrations for the great Tamil Classics, Silappathikaram and Manimekalai. He has also held many one-man shows and taken part in group shows.

Mr. Ilango will give a general introduction to art, and the various art trends prevalent today. He will stress on the opening of the "inner eye" in order to see clearly and understand the various elements of artwork like form, colour, composition, line, balance and harmony. He will also elaborate on how to view art in order to appreciate it.

WORKSHOP

The talk will be followed by a Workshop where the participants will be able to see and draw and get a feel of the chosen medium like pencil, charcoal, pastels & water colours. The theme will be still-life composition.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

Timing - 11.45 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

**RADHA PARTHASARATHY
MARTINA KLUTH**

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Friday 7th November - 10.15 am



At: The Gurdwara
(Sikh Temple)
127/A, G.N. Chetty Road
T. Nagar,
Chennai - 17

SIKH PHILOSOPHY AND SIKH HISTORY

SANGEET CHOPRA will talk to us on Sikhism - a religion followed by about 14 million Sikhs in India. Experience the solemn rituals in the Gurdwara, where you will witness a Sikh service, Keerthan singing and recitation of shlokas from the "Adi Granth" - the Sikh holy book.

Sangeet will explain the main tenets of the religion that was founded by Guru Nanak in 1469. The teachings of Guru Nanak are so relevant in today's times when the world is endeavouring to come together under the banner of love.

The meeting will conclude with the serving of a traditional Sikh temple meal.

Members and guests of every faith are welcome.

THOSE ATTENDING THE SERVICE IN THE GURDWARA MUST COVER THEIR HEADS WITH THEIR SAREES OR SCARVES.

We thank NIRMAL MIRZA for hosting this meeting.

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IWA'S ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Saturday November 8, - 10.30 am.

At: The Madras Government Museum
Pantheon Road, Egmore

SPEAKER: PROF. WILLIAM SKELTON, COLGATE UNIVERSITY, U.S.A.

on

PERFORMING MUSIC IN TWO WORLDS - INDIA AND THE WEST

As a part of IWA's tenth year Anniversary Celebrations and as IWA's contribution to the cultural heritage of Madras, an Endowment Fund was established with the Madras Government Museum, to hold a Public Lecture every year. The first Lecture will be held this month.

All arrangements are being made by the Museum, and formal invitations are also being sent out by them to all IWA members.

Our thanks to NANDITHA KRISHNA, our member and Past President, for co-ordinating with the Museum and arranging this lecture.

**RUPA KADHIRESAN
ANNELIESE HAZARI**

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

TOUR OF RAJASTHAN - NOVEMBER 11TH TO 26TH

We are planning a tour of colourful Rajasthan this month visiting Jaipur, Ajmer, Ranakpur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Mount Abu, etc.

For details contact KAMALA (6262035).



**KAMALA PRASAD
RITA NORDENGREN**

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JAYASHREE PRABHAKAR and POCHIE KANWAR on the birth of a grandson.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO:

LILY SWAMI on the loss of her husband and to GITA CHANDRASEKHARAN on the loss of her father.

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday 11th November - 10.15 am

At: Alaap
The Trident Hotel
Chennai - 27



"Dessert" (di'-zrt) is a course of sweet food, fruit or cheese served at the close of a meal.

For most of us, dessert has a more profound meaning. The grand finale we anticipate with twinkling eyes, moans and sighs. It is the ultimate indulgence which we all look forward to. Going without it can be a brutal punishment for some, sheer torture for dieters!

Come join us as CHEF VENUGOPAL and his team demonstrate a variety of desserts.

We thank GEETA JETLEY for hosting this meeting.

**NILISHA MEHTA
MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN**

CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday 13th November - 10.15 am

At: Meenakshi Meyyappan's
"Sabrina"
106, Santhome High Road,
Chennai - 28



IS THE GRASS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE?

MS. ILDIKO FOLNAGY, our speaker for the morning compares the lifestyles of women who left the shores of India more than 25 years ago, for greener pastures in the U.K. than of those who remained behind.

In what way has the life of these women changed? Have they had to make difficult compromises? What problems do the second generation Indian children face?

These are just a few of the questions MS. FOLNAGY (armed with a Masters from the University of North London), will discuss this morning.

**GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
MADELEINE LEONE**

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Thursday 20th November - 10.15 am

At: Max Mueller Bhavan
13, Khader Nawaz Khan Road
Chennai - 6



COSMETIC TRANSFORMATION IN A BEAUTY CONSCIOUS WORLD

In a beauty conscious world, demand for cosmetic surgery is on the increase globally. Cosmetic surgery improves breasts, stomach and also cases of trauma of the face due to accidents.

Pediatric plastic surgery is the only solution when babies born deformed due to congenital anomalies of face and hands have to face the future.

DR. MRS. JYOTSNA MOORTHY, specialist in plastic and cosmetic surgery, presently attached to Ramachandra Medical Research Institute, will present an audio visual on problems faced due to physical defects and how they can be rectified.

**RINI KUMAR
JANIK BAKSHI**

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

India has a time-honoured connection with Surgery. Sushruta, the great surgeon of ancient India (going back to the Upanishadic period) mentions 120 surgical instruments in use at that time. Plastic surgery was a well-developed science, especially the art of setting right deformed parts of the body, particularly the ears, nose and lips. This skill was taken from India to the West by the surgeons of the British East India Company as late as in the 18th century.

SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO :

RANI CHADA for winning The J. Thomas Handicap Trophy. She created history of sorts by becoming the first lady to win this prestigious Golf Tournament. The Tournament was played over two days with a field of about 160 golfers.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Friday November 21st - 10.15 am

At: The Connemara Hotel
Binny Road



FACE TO FACE WITH ARVIND SWAMY - FILM STAR

Indian Cinema boasts of many an actor and actress who have left their stamp on the celluloid. The 60's saw Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand, Sivaji Ganesan etc, and the 70's Kamal Hassan, Rajnikanth and others.

In the 80's and 90's new faces have burst upon the scene, and Arvind Swamy is one of them. Hero of "Roja", "Bombay", "Sapne" and "Indira", Arvind is a quiet achiever who has earned a niche for himself.

In today's interview we shall ask many questions of Arvind, his career and experiences and we want our members to elicit some good answers from this educated star personality.

So ladies, come along and join in the Face - to - Face.

**SUJAYA MENON
SABINE SALAAM**

FELLOWSHIP MORNING

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Tuesday, 25th November, 1997 - 10-15 A.M.

At: The Madras Club,
Chamiers Road,
Chennai - 28.

Another Fellowship Morning? Yes - because several members have been asking us to have another one just like the one we had in June. So let us meet in fun and fellowship and get to make a few more friends.

This is also an opportunity for us to welcome the members who have joined us this year.

NO GUESTS PLEASE.

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