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Association

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Wishing the Board,
Executive Committee
and
the IWA membership of
1999-2000
a very successful year.

IWA NEWSLETTER

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Monday	5th April	ARTS & HANDICRAFTS Talk & Demonstration - 'Carpet Weaving'	10.15 am
Tuesday	6th April	BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE MEETING	9.30 am 11.00 am
Thursday	8th April	PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION Talk-Jainism	10.45 am
Tuesday	13th April	HEALTH & ECOLOGY 'Tai Chi Chuan' - Soft Martial Art -	10.15 am
Friday	23rd April	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	10.15 am

PRESIDENTS' PAGE

It is time that we as Presidents bid you farewell. Getting to know all of you has been a great pleasure and rich experience. Your encouragement, appreciation and support has made this a very special year for us.

It was a pleasure also working with our members of the Board. We worked as a team and made decisions together.

We always say that our Board is the heartbeat of IWA.

Gayatri Bewoor: Thank you ever so much for bringing out our Newsletters on time and also being there any time that we needed you and above all to have taken an active part in helping out in all our IWA activities.

Lalini Gautamadasa: You have consistently helped out at the Newsletter and many times you have met the deadline and you have always been there to help out at all our IWA activities. Thank you very much.

Javanthi Prabhakaran: Thank you for being so efficient in getting our minutes on time; helping us in various activities and seeing to it our Newsletters went on time.

Meyyammai Murugappan: Thank you very much for getting out the minutes and sending out the newsletters on time.

Lalitha Krishnan: It is ever such a peaceful thought to know that you have kept accurate accounts of our books. We appreciate it very much and thank you for updating it.

Chandrika Chidambaram: Being a Membership Chairperson is a long and tedious job. You have mastered and streamlined it. Thank you so much for keeping accurate records.

When we say the Board is our heartbeat, our Activity Chairpersons are our pulse beat. They have constantly kept in touch with the members' tastes and have brought out fabulous, very high quality programmes for this year.

Visalakshi and Eira: Arts and Crafts can be repetitive but you both have brought out programmes, very diverse and interesting. Thank you very much.

Kamala and Gale: Book Discussion may not be very interesting at times, but your choice of books, and the personality keen to discuss it, has made this programme a very popular one this year. Your choice of movies were excellent too. Thank you very much.

Rani and Sheela: Cooking Swapshop has been a popular programme but you both have turned it into a mega occasion for IWA. Every programme has been so popular that there has been a beeline for signing in. Thank you so much.

Kanta and Anjana: Current Events has always been a bit tricky, but you have mastered the shortcomings and seen to it that the programmes were of good quality and this was very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Sharmila and Catherine: Health and Ecology has been made a very fine blend by both of you by bringing about top quality and good programmes. One or two very rare health programmes were very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sujaya and Rita: You both have made History, Culture and Tours very interesting with unusual programmes. Members appreciated your choice of tours. Thank you both very much.

Surekha and Regina: Surekha, you being a fine artiste yourself, you both have brought out top quality, par excellence programmes and very famous artistes for IWA. Thank you very much.

Mridula and Henny: Philosophy and Religion has been very well covered this year with your diverse programmes. Every programme was appreciated by the members. Thank you very much.

We appreciate and thank each and everyone of you for your total focus and dedication.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Membership Committee, the Advisory Committee, the Nominating Committee and all the Past Presidents for their valuable contribution this year.

The **new slate of office bearers** for the year 1999-2000 has been announced. Our hearty congratulations to the new Presidents, **Gayatri Bewoor** and **Chandrika Chidambaram** and the Board. We wish them all success in guiding IWA through yet another year.

SHYLA K. RAU
MEGAN UTLEY

VICE-PRESIDENTS' PAGE

Dear Members,

Many of you would be heading off to cooler climes in the near future. For the non-Indian members who would be spending their vacations in their own countries, we have a suggestion for you.

You may recall that our National Dress Parade held on Founders' Day, attracted very few Non-Indian members, merely because rustling up an appropriate costume was difficult in Chennai; many expressed the view that had they known earlier, they would have brought their outfits with them when returning after their vacations.

Here then is a good opportunity for you to bring back:

- a) your National Dress,
- b) art and craft typical of your country,
- c) a video-film portraying an interesting aspect of your country's history or culture, and
- d) anything else you may think would come handy for, perhaps, an **International Display** that could well be organised in the next IWA year - **thank you.**

Let us take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' too to each one of you for your wonderful support - and above all, your friendship.

We look forward to seeing you in the new IWA year.

**GAYATRI BEWOOR
LALINI GAUTAMADASA**

FROM THE SECRETARIES

It must be puzzling the members as to why the Endowment Lecture at the Government Museum has not been held this year. We have been communicating with the Museum since September 1998 to get one organised. However, the Museum has been delaying us saying the money has not been transferred to the Endowment Fund and until this happens, they cannot conduct the lecture. Luckily the money has been traced and efforts are under way to get a letter from the Department of Tamil Development and Culture instructing the Museum to go ahead with the lecture. With luck we may still be able to persuade them to hold the lecture in April.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

TREASURERS' PAGE

Dear members,

IWA has a considerable bank balance exceeding Rupees one lakh. It is the opinion of our Auditor that it is in the interest of IWA to voluntarily file an Income Tax Return. Thank you for your support through the IWA year.

LALITHA KRISHNAN

Dear Members,

May we please remind all of you that your daughters and daughters-in-law possess unlimited guest privileges at meetings, barring those which specifically state "no guests please" in the Newsletter for that month.

Thank you, and, wish you all a happy summer vacation.

CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM
MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 6th April - 9.30 am

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, 6th April - 11.00 am

Both meetings at:
Catherine Brunet's,
33/1, Poes Garden,
Chennai - 86

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Monday, 5th April, 10.15 am

At: SAGA
251, TTK Road,
Alwarpet,
Chennai-18



CARPET WEAVING DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Manzoor Kaachroo will give a talk and demonstration on how Kashmir carpets are made and the time involved in making them. Also he will show us how to select the many different types of Carpets available and how to maintain them.

VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY
EIRA DOSHI

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

FAKHIRA AYER	4490145 / 4491179
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● Members, please make these changes in your own IWA Directories

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We thank the following members for helping with refreshments at the **BOOK DISCUSSION** meeting held at Brunhilde Farrell's home in February:

HENNY DE GROOTE - PAAUWE
PAM BATES

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Thursday, 8th April - 10.45 am

At: Jain Temple (near Residency Hotel,
opposite Apollo Pharmacy),
33, G.N.Chetty Road,
T.Nagar,
Chennai - 17



JAINISM

Jainism has contributed to the world, the sublime doctrine of 'Ahimsa'. No other religion has emphasised the importance of '**Ahimsa**' and carried its practice to the extent Jainism has done. True Jains practise these tenets even in this nuclear age.

Come and listen to a talk on the Philosophy of Jainism; tour the temple later to learn about various '**Tirthankaras**'; see how a 'puja' is performed, and finally enjoy a typical vegetarian Jain lunch laid out by Jain members of IWA.

Please Note: ● Change in time

- **All rules** that apply to entry into a Hindu temple are **strictly adhered to** in the Jain temple too.

Tel: **Mridula** 8269630 / 8261674

Henny 4970884

if you need clarification.

MRIDULA NARASIMHAN
HENNY DE GROOTE - PAAUWE

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 13th April, 10.15 am

At: YWCA International Guest House,
1086, Poonamallee High Road,
Chennai - 84.



T'AI CHI CHUAN - THE POWER OF 'QI'

The brilliant Master, **CHANG SEN FENG**, (who some honour as the founder of T'ai Chi Chuan) over 700 years ago, believed that muscular strength was not in harmony with Nature and the theories of meditation. He thus developed a school of soft martial art and meditation.

GEORGE T. KURIYAN will show us the importance of the equilibrium between the body and the spirit; he will explain how we could use our energy more productively and efficiently; and how T'ai Chi Chuan develops the whole person in mind, body and spirit.

**SHARMILA RAMJI
CATHERINE BRUNET**

We learn only when it is too late that the marvel is the passing moment.

Francois Mitterand

Our thanks to the following members who hosted the **Music & Performing Arts** meeting held on 10th March at Hotel Chola Sheraton:

**Vidya Singh
Seema Sait
Padma Ashok
Aruna Prasad
Shanta Prasad
Rupa Kadiresan**

**Kausalya Jaganmohan
Jaya Menon
Zainab Kachwalla
Gayatri Bewoor
Padmini Natarajan
Radha Parthasarathy**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- **Members, please make these changes in your own IWA Directories:**

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Tel. No. 8252499

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

April - A trip to enchanting Bali. Bali is in **Indonesia** and a tourist destination by itself, as it has wonderful beaches, temples inspired by Hindu Art, exquisite artefacts and the beautiful colourful Balinese Dances. Our trip of 5-6 days will cover the museum, the Ubud area and markets in the downtown centre. A Flier is being sent with details such as airfare and hotel costs. **Spouses & kids are welcome** as there will be a stop over at Singapore. Please call us early. More later!

SUJAYA MENON - 4917464
RITA NORDENGREN - 8231412

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Awards function, held on March 12 was a success. For the first time since its inception ten years ago, we had the good fortune to have with us, many of the previous IWA 'Woman of the Year' winners. We had a good turnout of members and it was a happy moment for everyone when Nirmal Mirza who instituted the Award, presented this year's winner, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, her silver plaque and citation. This was followed by Dr.Prithika Chary's presentation of IWA's 'Girl Child of the Year' award to P.Sindhuja, an award instituted two years ago by Dr.Chary. Sindhuja, deservedly the winner, touched our hearts for her courage in adversity.

We would like to thank the Executive Committee, members and everyone else who helped make this a memorable occasion.

SHYLA K. RAU
MEGAN UTLEY

THE IWA BOARD

1999 - 2000

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE is pleased to present the following slate of Office - Bearers for the Board of IWA for the year 1999 - 2000.

	<u>INDIAN</u>	<u>NON-INDIAN</u>
President	GAYATRI BEWOOR	CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM
Vice-President	JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN	CATHERINE BRUNET
Secretary	KAMALA MUTHIAH	SUE WILLIAMS
Treasurer	KAMALA PRASAD	RATHI NILAKANTAN

We wish the new Board all the best

Dr. Nanditha C. Krishna - Chairperson
Dolly Simon
Franca George
Jaya Menon
Irene Pruller-Dass

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Women's Association will be held at 10.15 AM. on Friday, April 23rd, 1999, at the Connemara Hotel, Binny Road, Chennai - 600 002.

Agenda for the Meeting will be as follows:

1. Tea
2. Welcome Address - SHYLA K. RAU
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st April 1998.
4. Secretary's Report - JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
5. Treasurer's Report - LALITHA KRISHNAN
6. Membership Treasurer's Report - CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM
7. Appointment of Auditors for the year 1999-2000
8. Remarks by the outgoing Presidents - SHYLA K. RAU and MEGAN UTLEY
9. Any other business
10. Introduction of the Nominating Committee
11. Presentation of the new Board
12. Introduction of the new Executive Committee
13. Address by the new President - GAYATRI BEWOOR
14. Vote of Thanks

Note: Copies of the Accounts and Reports of the various Activities will be tabled for the perusal of the members.

SHYLA K. RAU
MEGAN UTLEY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE BOARD

1998-99

PRESIDENTS	: Shyla K. Rau	(R) 8594578
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