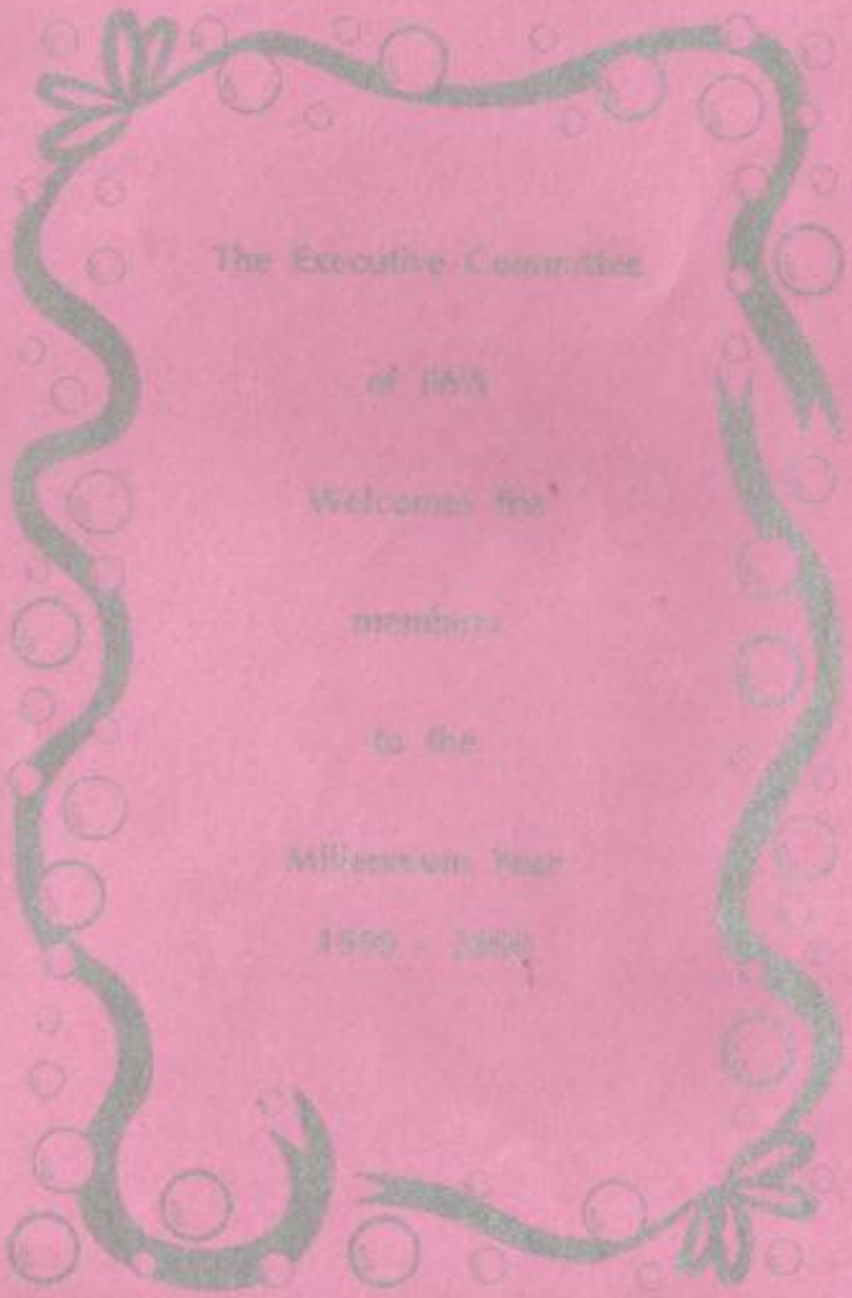




International  
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The Executive Committee

of IMA

Welcomes its

members

to the

Millennium Year

1999 - 2000

# IWA NEWSLETTER

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday	8th June	<b>Board Meeting</b> Executive Meeting	9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Friday	18th June	<b>Fellowship Morning</b>	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	22nd June	<b>Cooking Swapshop</b> Nestle's Cook - n - Serve	10.15 a.m.
Friday	25th June	<b>Current Events</b> Urban Crime - No more the monopoly of the poor!	10.15 a.m.
Monday	28th June	<b>History, Culture and Tours</b> "Posori" - a Buddhist Festival	5.00 p.m.

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

A warm welcome after the summer holidays to the new year.

In 1999-2000, we have several new and dynamic Activity Chairpersons who are brimming with ideas and are planning interesting and varied events. A special welcome to our new members. We look forward to meeting them and others on 18th June at the Madras Club for the IWA Fellowship Morning.

To initiate the new era and epitomize the rising sun, let us celebrate this day. The occasion can be made more memorable if all of us come dressed in the varied hues of Pink! The colour that glows and symbolizes all that is wonderful in a woman. The coming 12 months are dedicated to the Millennium Women. Through this theme, we will honour those amongst us who have dedicated themselves to a noble cause or a worthy effort. It is possible that recognition to such women has been slow in coming. IWA can therefore take the initiative and convey to these individuals that their work is appreciated and acknowledged.

We want to get reactions from our members to identify such Women and determine how best to convey to them to continue their good efforts.

Our Founder's Day on 26th July promises to be another great get-together, so please ensure that all of us are present to mark that important day!

IWA is an organisation that belongs to all of us. Your ideas and observations are invaluable. We look forward to a happy and exciting year when together we can further enlarge and enrich IWA's contribution to members and to Society at large.

**GAYATRI BEWOOR  
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

## FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

FROM THE RECORDS

As we stand on the threshold of the Millennium Year we are full of expectation and hope. As your Vice-Presidents we will endeavour to give you Newsletters of the standard you are accustomed to. In keeping with the theme of Millennium Women, we want to introduce to our members the achievements of women in unusual areas who have not enjoyed fame like some others. Catherine Brunet introduces us to one such personality in the field of sailing. We request our Non-Indian Members to contribute to this feature so that we may learn about women from around the globe.

We would like to remind Members that announcements regarding congratulations, condolences, change of address / telephone number or charitable events have to be sent to us in writing.

We also invite contributions of quotations, limericks, poems and puzzles by members.

**JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN  
CATHERINE BRUNET**

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### **BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, 8th June - 9.30 am

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Tuesday, 8th June - 11.00 am

Both Meetings at:  
Mowbrays Room  
Madras Club  
Adyar Club Gate Road  
Chennai 28



*Kindness is a language, which the deaf can hear and the blind can see*

**Mark Twain**

*A woman is like a teabag - only in hot water do you realise how strong she is*

**Nancy Reagan**



## FROM THE SECRETARIES

We would request all members to send in any change of address or telephone number to the Secretaries. We would require three typed copies, so that the same can be passed on to the Membership Treasurer for inclusion in the register and to the Vice-Presidents for the Newsletter. If there is any discrepancy in your address, we would request you to bring it to our notice immediately.

**Please wait until the 5th of every month before informing us about non receipt of the newsletter.**

Members please contact the following for getting / giving information:

<u>For</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Intimating change of address or telephone number	Kamala Muthiah / Sue Williams Javanthi Prabhakaran Rathi Nilakantan
Not received newsletter	Kamala Muthiah / Sue Williams
Contributing articles/poems/quotes for the newsletter	Javanthi Prabhakaran / Catherine Brunet
Announcements to be included in the newsletter	Javanthi Prabhakaran / Catherine Brunet
Information regarding attendance	Rathi Nilakantan
Hosting a meeting	Rathi Nilakantan
Warning in for a meeting	concerned chairpersons.

**KAMALA MUTHIAH  
SUE WILLIAMS**

## FROM THE TREASURERS

WARM GREETINGS TO ALL IWA MEMBERS! We are looking forward to your cooperation and active participation to make this year too a successful one.

Here are some important points to remember:

1. Last date for submission of renewal forms along with subscription is 15/7/1999.
2. **Attendance** : Out of the compulsory requirement of ten meetings during the IWA year (1st April to 31st March 2000), a minimum of seven meetings should be attended by every member before the end of December '99. This applies to members of all nationalities.

Any member who is unable to attend meetings for two consecutive months or longer, must intimate the Membership Treasurer in writing and thereafter make up for lost attendance.

New members please note that 10 meetings have to be attended before 31st March 2000, irrespective of date of joining IWA.

3. If name badges are required, please let the Membership Treasurer know before 15th July '99.
4. Members are requested to remember and write their code number clearly and print their name in block letters next to it.
5. Members are to send their fax numbers and e-mail address to the Membership Treasurer in triplicate. This information will be included in the telephone directory.
6. Members are advised to call Kamala Prasad for matters regarding finance and Rathi Nilakantan for membership details.

**KAMALA PRASAD  
RATHI NILAKANTAN**

## MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1999-2000

SHYLA K. RAU  
MEGAN UTLEY

Immediate Past President

KAMALA PRASAD  
RATHI NILAKANTAN

Current Treasurers

DOROTHY SALDHANA  
ZUBEIDA ASGARALI

Two Members not on the  
Executive Committee

CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

Immediate Past Membership Treasurer

GAYATRI BEWOOR  
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

Presidents



*The world is a book and those who do not travel read only the first page*

*St. Augustine*

*When some people talk about their family tree, they trim off a branch here and there*

*Lark Bragg*



### CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ◆ Amrita Bhalla and Megan Utley on the birth of a grand-daughter.
- ◆ Kamala Prasad on being elected as Founder and Charter President of Soroptomist International, Chennai 9. She has also become the President of Altrusa International Madras - Mithri Club for 1999 - 2001 and the Vice-President of the Women's Wing of the World Telugu Federation.
- ◆ Dr. Shiela Rajaratnam for delivering the Rukmini Lakshmiipathy Endowment Lecture on Women's Welfare and Female Foeticide at the University of Madras, Chennai.



## FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Friday, 18th June, 10.15 a.m.

At: The Madras Club  
Adyar Club Gate Road  
Chennai 28

The year begins with fellowship and exchange of news after the summer break. New members are welcomed to the IWA fraternity and there will be fun and games for all.

Please dress in shades of pink to celebrate this morning devoted to women and femininity.

### FOR MEMBERS ONLY

### BOARD & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### MILLENNIUM WOMEN - FLORENCE ARTHAUD WHO MADE SAILING HISTORY

It was the evening of 18th November, 1990. The sun had set in Pointe - a - Pitre, a port in Gaudeloupe. Thousands had gathered on the docks to applaud a ship coming into the harbour. This was no ordinary vessel, but the winner of the *Route du Rhum*, a transatlantic solo race for men and women, started in 1978 and held every four years since. The solitary figure at the helm waved back at the crowd. For Florence Arthaud it had been a tiring 14 days 10 hours 8 minutes and 28 seconds with a happy end. She was the first woman to win the race and the first Gaudeloupean to claim the honour.

CATHERINE BRUNET

## COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 22nd June, 10.15 a.m.

At: Bina Mathew's  
18, Bishops Garden  
Raja Annamalaipuram  
Chennai 28



## **NESTLE'S COOK - N - SERVE**

In keeping with the changing times, cooking has become more innovative and convenient. Nestle, the manufacturer of condensed milk and chocolate products will share with us ways of preparing tastier dishes with the help of their range of products.

**NAINA SHAH  
FRANCOISE DROWN**

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## CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 25th June, 10.15 a.m.

At: Sheela K.Sarath's  
"Sharan"  
29, Bishops Garden  
Off Greenways Road  
Chennai 28



## **URBAN CRIME - NO MORE THE MONOPOLY OF THE POOR!!**

Until recently, most urban crime was committed by the deprived and poor classes. This has since changed and Urban Middle Class Youth are more and more involved in violent and sensational crimes.

We are very fortunate that Mrs. Letika Saran, Inspector General of Police, Vigilance and Anti Corruption Special Investigation Cell II has agreed to elaborate on this disturbing new phenomenon.

**RANI CHADA  
BERNADETTE MACDONALD RAGGETT**

## HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Monday, 28th June, 5.00 p.m.

At: Breeze Hotel  
850, Poonamallee High Road  
Chennai 10



### **POSON: CELEBRATION OF THE ADVENT OF BUDDHISM TO SRI LANKA FROM INDIA, 2302 YEARS AGO.**

Against a backdrop of coloured lanterns specially designed for the occasion, coconut - leaf decorations and white-scented flowers, listen to a brief narration of the significance of *Poson*, celebrated in June each year, to commemorate the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka by Mahindra, son of Emperor Ashoka of India.

A spread of traditional sweets and savouries will later be yours to enjoy amidst a background of softly chanted "pirith" - a form of religious poetry whose words evoke a feeling of piety among Buddhists all over the world.

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF Rs.50.00**

**RADHA SESHADRI  
LALINI GAUTAMADASA**



### CONDOLENCES TO

- ◆ Mahmooda Haja Shareef on the demise of her husband
- ◆ Shobha Mahtani on the demise of her father-in-law
- ◆ Padmini Natarajan on the demise of her mother and mother-in-law
- ◆ Usha Chandrakumar on the demise of her mother-in-law



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