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Wishing the New Board,
Executive Committee
and the members
a successful 2000 - 2001

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Monday	April 3	Board and Executive Meeting	11.00 a.m.
Thursday	April 6	Book Discussion Speedpost by Shobha De	10.15 a.m.
Friday	April 7	Cooking Swapshop Peshawri Palate Ticklers	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	April 11	Cooking Swapshop Bangla Bonanza	10.15 a.m.
Monday	April 17	Arts and Handicrafts History, Culture and Tours A Glimpse into Japanese Culture	4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 19	Annual General Meeting	10.15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We are on the threshold of a new IWA year, having concluded an eventful one filled with memorable experiences and pleasurable accomplishments. We could not have achieved anything, dear members, but for the friendly support and encouragement of you all, not to mention the hospitality of those who opened their beautiful homes to host our meetings. The team spirit and cooperation of the Executive Committee made it possible for us to bring to you various interesting programmes all through the year.

A special and warm thank you to the IWA Board Members for their sound guidance and wise advice.

Javanthi and Catherine - we appreciate you for being so efficient and for publishing the newsletters on time, everytime; for taking active interest in the meetings and always being there to help whenever we needed assistance.

Kamala and Sue - for preparing the Executive Committee minutes, posting the Newsletter, helping at all the special meetings and carrying out the tough job of updating the address and telephone numbers of our members.

Kamala and Rathi - for ensuring the financial health of IWA and for maintaining accurate records of our membership, including keeping track of member attendance at meetings, which portfolios were very ably handled by you both.

Kusum and Elizabeth - the artistic talents exhibited by you through all your exquisite programmes were very well received. We must mention the Interior Design Workshop which was your brainchild.

Shalini and Nalini - you brought us interesting and diverse programmes, your enthusiasm and undaunted spirit carried you through thick and thin, and you emerged very successful in the end.

Naina and Françoise - your exotic demonstrations, involving not only Indian delicacies but also international cuisine, gave us all a sort of kaleidoscopic experience which was well appreciated.

Rani and Bernedette - your audiences were totally gripped by the top class programmes you organised for Current Events. This is particularly noteworthy Rani, seeing that you had to carry the torch yourself due to Bernedette's departure after a brief spell.

Fazeela and Sushi - you gave a new dimension to Health and Ecology and your monthly meetings were always well attended. We are sure members would have become

more health-conscious and eco-friendly due to the knowledge gained from your programmes.

Radha and Lalini - you did a great job by giving equal importance to each aspect of your activity, thereby covering History, Culture and Tours by way of film shows, meetings and trips - which made it very interesting and enlightening.

Saroj and Eleanor - by virtue of you both having inherited the gift of good musical knowledge and having been exposed to the performing arts, it is no wonder that you kept your audiences spellbound by your music and dance programmes.

Surekha and Meyyammai - though Philosophy and Religion are abstract and deep subjects, you both presented the programmes in such a manner that everyone was able to follow them and derive their benefits.

We congratulate and thank everyone of you for your superb contributions.

We would also like to thank the Membership Committee, the Advisory Committee, the Nominating Committee, Founder Members and Past Presidents for their guidance and valuable suggestions.

The new slate of office bearers for the year 2000-2001 has been announced in this issue of the Newsletter. We congratulate the next Presidents, Javanthi Prabhakaran and Eira Doshi, and the Board. We are confident that the new Board will take IWA to greater heights of success in the ensuing year.

**GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 3rd April, 11.00 a.m.

**At: Chandrika Chidambaram's
'Bedford Villa'
9, Leith Castle North Street
Santhome, Chennai 28**

SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN

IWA is deeply saddened by the demise of Shakunthala Jagannathan on March 12, 2000. She was one of the earliest members of IWA, joining as soon as it was founded. Earlier she had served as the President of INDUS, an organization similar to IWA in Bombay. Shakunthala Jagannathan served as the Vice-President of IWA for two years from 1996 to 1998. She had served as Activity Chairperson of History, Culture and Tours, delighting the members with her wonderfully well planned tours and meetings and the perfect Newsletters. Being well known and liked by all, she will be missed by IWA.

QUALITY

Quality is never an accident;
It is always the result of high intention,
Sincere effort, intelligent direction
And skillful execution;
It represents the wise choice of
Many alternatives.
The cost is long forgotten,
But quality is remembered forever.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO

- Nanditha Krishna on the demise of her mother, Shakunthala Jagannathan.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, 6th April, 10.15 a.m.

At: Park Sheraton Hotel
TTK Road
Chennai



SPEEDPOST BY SHOBHA DE

For our last meeting of the year, we bring to you *Speedpost*, Shoba De's millennium gift to her kids. Released at the end of the last millennium, this book, which is actually a series of letters to her six children, addresses key concerns of every mother and child.

Loving, compassionate, witty and wise, these letters on diverse subjects range from family values and tradition to late nights and internet chats to adolescent anxieties about love, sex and friendship to religion and God.

Come, hear the author herself read out to you excerpts from *Speedpost* and the challenge of being a responsible parent in today's day and age.

**SHALINI VIRMANI
NALINI PANDAY**



CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Nisha Sood	8295921
Sue Williams	4919646

OUR THANKS TO

Zubeida Asgarali, Poonam Lalchand, Lily Swami and Maureen Thadani for hosting the much-appreciated film HANUMAN in March. Our grateful thanks too, to Sujaya Menon for getting us the film as well as the Suprageet Cinema at very short notice.

- Kannamma Ranga Rao for Sponsoring the transport to Dakshinachitra on March 30.
- Princess Naik, Krishnambika Nambiar, Jayanthi Rajaram and Shilu Ranganathan for co-hosting the Tamil *Virundhu* on January 2.
- Shashi Ravichandran for co-hosting the music recital by Jyoti Belliappa on January 25.
- The following members for co-hosting the music concert of Sudha Raghunathan on International Women's Day, March 8

Padma Ashok
Fakhira Ayer
Seema Bhargava
Carol Briggs
Latha Chohan
Meenakshi Dhamija
Asha Hemdev
Premila Jacob
Saranya Jayakumar
Era Kalra
Ponchi Kanwar

Merete Kristensen
Rita Lal
Sonia Lalvani
Janet de Penning
Susanne Plantener
Anita Reddi
Parvathi Reddy
Sabitha Shetty
Nandini Srikanth
Padmini Subramaniam



OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Nalini Acharya on the birth of a grandson

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Friday, 7th April, 10.00 a.m.

At: Peshawri
Chola Sheraton
10 Cathedral Road
Chennai 86



PESHAWRI PALATE

Peshawri, redolent with the rugged flavours of the North-West frontier served in a rustic ambience. An epitome of the Pathan style, Peshawri, with its rough hewn stone walls, rustic wooden tables, the gleam of burnished copper and the rugged cuisine of erstwhile North-West Frontier provinces of India, creates an infallible combination at the Welcomegroup Chola Sheraton, perfectly balancing simplicity of thought with the elegance of execution.

Come and taste the flavours of the Pathan way of dining.

Limit : 40 members only.

Warn in by April 4 to

- Naina Shah 4320706 / 564
- Francoise Drown 8230412
- Rathi Nilakantan 8260744 / 8265250

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMING*

**NAINA SHAH
FRANCOISE DROWN**

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 11th April, 10.15 a.m.

At: Meera Jayakar
2/1, 6th Avenue
Harrington Road
Chennai 31



BANGLA BONANZA

A normal Bengali meal consists of *chor-chori*, *channadal*, fish, *luchi* and *sandesh*. Bengali cuisine is unique to other cuisines of India.

Come taste the difference.

**NAINA SHAH
FRANCOISE DROWN**



OUR CONDOLENCES TO

- Alagammai Alagappan on the demise of her father
- Meyyammai Murugappan and Visalakshi Ramaswami on the demise of their brother

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS
HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Monday, 17th April, 4.30 p.m.

At: Sumiko Ishii's
287, TTK Road
Alwarpet
Chennai 18



A GLIMPSE INTO JAPANESE CULTURE

April is Cherry Blossom time in faraway Japan. In keeping with the joys of springtime, Sumiko and her kimono - clad colleagues invite us to a Japanese drawing room where, amidst finely crafted decorations and artistic displays of Ikebana and Bonsai, and dressed in summery florals (please take the hint ladies and come dressed in florals or with flowers in your hair), they will perform their traditional Tea Ceremony - a semi-religious social custom in earlier times and now regarded as one of the essential social graces of a Japanese woman.

A traditional Dolls Ceremony - an important festivity for young girls - along with video-tapes and pictures of Cherry Blossom time in the countryside, will help enhance the spirit of springtime that Sumiko and her ladies are so graciously wishing to convey to us.

Sipping freshly brewed green tea and listening to soft music, we could imbibe the flavour of a culture that is gentle, beautiful and truly Japanese.

As evening closes in on us, we would be saying SAYONARA to an IWA year that is swiftly passing by.

KUSUM CHADDA
ELIZABETH HERRIDGE

RADHA SESHADRI
LALINI GAUTAMADASA

Our thanks in advance to Sumiko Ishii, Kyoko Kashima and the Japanese ladies in Chennai for hosting what is certainly going to be a delightful evening.

Our thanks also go out to Pronoti Bannerjea, Gayatri Bewoor, Rani Chada and Meenakshi Dhamija for contributing to the refreshments to be served on the same day.

IWA BOARD 2000 - 2001

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of Office Bearers of the Board of the International Women's Association for the year June 2000 - April 2001.

	INDIAN	NON-INDIAN
PRESIDENTS	JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN	EIRA DOSHI
VICE PRESIDENTS	KAMALA MUTHIAH	ANGELIKA MANDAİKAR
SECRETARIES	RANI CHADA	RATHI NILAKANTAN
TREASURERS	KAMALA PRASAD	MAUREEN THADANI

We wish them all the best.

RUPA KADHIRESAN - CHAIRPERSON

JANET DE PENNING

USHA CHANDRAKUMAR

VALERIE FAHEEM

BELA KHALEELI

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 19th April, 10.15 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the International Women's Association will be held at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at the Park Sheraton Hotel, TTK Road, Chennai - 600 018.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Tea
2. Welcome Address - CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM
3. To approve the Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 23rd April, 1999.
4. Secretary's Report - KAMALA MUTHIAH
5. Treasurer's Report - KAMALA PRASAD
6. Membership Treasurer's Report - RATHI NILAKANTAN
7. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2000 - 2001
8. Remarks by the outgoing President - GAYATRI BEWOOR
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 - JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
14. Vote of Thanks

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

**GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE BOARD

1999-2000

PRESIDENTS	:	Gayatri Bewoor	(R) 8264035
	:	Chandrika Chidambaram	(R) 4611253
VICE - PRESIDENTS	:	Javanthi Prabhakaran	(R) 6411579
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	:	Sue Williams	(R) 4341595
TREASURERS	:	Kamala Prasad	(R) 6262035
	:	Rathi Nilakantan	(R) 8260744/8265250

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS	:	Kusum Chadda	(R) 8254217/8233751
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BOOK DISCUSSION	:	Shalini Virmani	(R) 4341047
	:	Nalini Panday	(R) 4933773/4935338
COOKING SWAPSHOP	:	Naina Shah	(R) 4320706/4320564
	:	Francoise Drown	(R) 8230412
CURRENT EVENTS	:	Rani Chada	(R) 2344233
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HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS	:	Radha Seshadri	(R) 4913820
	:	Lalini Gautamadasa	(R) 6412868/6411654
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