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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Friday	3rd Dec	Board Meeting Executive Meeting	9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday	7th Dec	Arts and Handicrafts The Art of Printmaking	10.15 a.m.
Saturday	11th Dec	The Millennium Extravaganza Back to the Future	7.30 p.m.
Monday	13th Dec	Cooking Swapshop A Cruise around the Mediterranean	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	14th Dec	Book Discussion Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Goldman	10.15 a.m.

*Life isn't a destination - it's a journey
We all come upon unexpected curves
and turning points, mountaintops and valleys
Everything that happens to us shapes
who we are becoming
And in the adventure of each day,
we discover the best in ourselves*

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

Our Diwali evening last month certainly heralded in the spirit of joy of the festive season. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship for the IWA family and their friends. Congratulations and many thanks to the performers and organizers of this delightful evening of folk dances.

Thanks to the Activity Chairpersons for their support and help.

Diwali is over and we look forward to our Millennium-cum-Christmas Dinner at the Taj Coromandel Hotel on Saturday, December 11th.

We have a very interesting and special evening - Back to the Future - involving members and their families. Don't miss this extravaganza of IWA, which is a countdown to the millennium.

Christmas all over the world is a time of sharing and caring and thinking of the less fortunate among us. In this spirit let us fill the IWA Christmas tree with gifts for the orphan children of Madras, adding a little love and cheer to their lives.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

**GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM**

BOARD MEETING

Friday, 3rd December, 9.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, 3rd December, 11.00 a.m.

Both Meetings at :
Javanthi Prabhakaran's
"Ajmer"
811, Poonamallee High Road
Kilpauk
Chennai 10

REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

Members are requested to send their suggestions regarding Membership and waiting list for Members by 31st December, 1999 to any one of the following.

RATHI NILAKANTAN
KAMALA PRASAD

GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

WOMEN OF THE MILLENNIUM - MAUREEN CONNOLLY, THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN THE GRAND SLAM

Maureen Connolly (1934-1969), was the first woman to win the grand slam of tennis-the Australian, the French, Wimbledon and the United States singles championships in one calendar year. She was born in San Diego, California. Known as Little Mo, she won the U.S. Women's Singles Championship in 1951, 1952 and 1953. In 1953 Connolly won all four major tournaments, becoming the first woman and the second player to earn the grand slam. The grand slam was accomplished again only in 1970 by Australian player Margaret Smith Court and later in 1988 by West German Steffi Graf. Connolly lost only four singles matches in her career, which was tragically cut short when she broke her leg in a riding accident in 1954. She retired in 1955 and became a coach in 1956. Connolly was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1968.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We welcome Vanitha Mudaliar as the new member to our Advisory Committee. She succeeds Aruna Vijaykumar, who retires by rotation on December 1st, 1999. The Members of the Advisory Committee now are (by order of seniority)

- ◆ Lakshmi Padmanabhan
- ◆ Stina Vasu
- ◆ Vanitha Mudaliar

GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

Our special thanks to the following people who participated or helped to make the Diwali De'light a grand success. Many of them are the daughters / friends of our members.

LAKSHMI POOJA

Co-ordinator : Kusum Chadda

Participants

Kusum Chadda
Renu Jalan
Brahada Kameswaran
Sushila Natraj
Saroja Ramamrutham
Shalini Virmani

CHUNARI

Choreography and Costumes: Vibhuti

Co-ordinator: Usha Chandrakumar

Dancers :

Rohini Chandrakumar
Kirthi Hemdev
Priya Kant
Radhika Pasari
Poorvi Shah
Ammi Shah
Divya Spandane

OPANA

Co-ordinator: Fazela Nurdeen

Dancers :

Nafisa Ashraf
Neha Chohan
Vandana Chohan
Amina Harris
Ayesha Nurdeen
Nadia Nurdeen
Sharmila Sriram
Malavika Thirukode
Minakshi Thirukode

FISHERFOLK DANCE

Direction: Sujaya Menon

Music: Brahada Kameswaran, Saroja Ramamrutham

Dancers:

Ananth
Amrita Bhalla
Gita Chandrasekhar
Sujaya Menon
Shobana Reddy
Radha Seshadri
Vidya Singh
Lakshmi Subramaniam

SRI LANKAN DANCE

Co-ordinator: Lalini Gautamadasa

Dancers:

Lalithambikai Chellayya
Anasuya Jagadeesan
Josita Peter
Anjana Rajapaksha
Samanthi Tilakratna
Jayanthi Tirthaway

MODERN DANCE

Co-ordinator: Ann Moradian

Dancers :

Davey Belerose
Joan Mullen
Deirdre Smith

DHOLNA

Choreography and Costumes : Vibhuti

Co-ordinator: Usha Chandrakumar

Dancers :

Rohini Chandrakumar

Kirithi Hemdev

Priya Kant

Radhika Pasari

Poorvi Shah

Ammi Shah

KHAZANA

Catherine Brunet

Eira Doshi

Aruna Vijaykumar

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rathi Nilakantan

COMPERE

Javanthi Prabhakaran

The Board also thanks the activity Chairpersons of Music and Performing Arts, Philosophy and Religion and History, Culture and Tours.

Saroja Ramamrutham

Eleanor Daruwalla-Nitzche

Surekha Kothari

Meyyammai Murugappan

Radha Seshadri

Lalini Gautamadasa

THANKS TO

- ◆ Latha Chohan, Rukku Seshasayee and Lakshmi Varadarajan for hosting the Health and Ecology meeting held in October.
- ◆ Francoise Drown and Sophie Petot for their help in preparing the French Cuisine at the History, Culture and Tours meeting in October.
- ◆ Our members for their generous donation of clothes for the victims of the Orissa cyclone.



CONDOLENCES TO

- ◆ Rani Chada on the demise of her father.

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, 7th December, 10.15 a.m.

At : Artworld
The Fine Art Gallery
12, Ganeshpuram 3rd Street
Off Cenotaph Road
Chennai 600 018



THE ART OF PRINTMAKING

Many of the best known works by some of the world's great artists are prints, yet little is generally known about printmaking.

It was only in the 20th century that printmaking began to be considered as an art. After Ravi Verma, Gajendra Nath Tagore took prints as a serious medium for creative expression and worked on lithographic stone.

We are privileged to have **Asma Menon**, a well known artist to talk to us on the art of printmaking by the various techniques.

KUSUM CHADDA
ELIZABETH HERRIDGE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Spastic Society's Planner for the year 2000 is now available with

Naina Shah	Phone : 4320706 / 4320564
Poonam Lachand	Phone : 8257157 / 8272947



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lakshmi Viswanathan who has been selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

IWA members are invited for a special programme of dances by Lakshmi Viswanathan and her group on December 3rd, 1999 at 6.30 p.m. at The Music Academy, under the auspices of Brahma Gana Sabha. On this occasion, Lakshmi will be felicitated for receiving the Award.

THE MILLENNIUM EXTRAVAGANZA

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Saturday, 11th December, 7.30 p.m.

At : Taj Coromandel Hotel
Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai

BACK TO THE FUTURE

IWA is celebrating the millennium and Christmas on Saturday, 11th December. It is our special event of the year. A very beautiful evening has been planned for you, involving members, their children and grand children.

We hope there will be full membership participation for this IWA Extravaganza, which is followed by dinner and dancing for those inclined to shake a leg.

The spirit of Christmas will be celebrated in the gathering of old and new IWA members, their families and friends.

Donation cards at Rs.500/- per head will be available with the following members.

Gayatri Bewoor
Chandrika Chidambaram
Kamala Prasad
Meyammai Murugappan
Rani Chada
Shalini Virmani

SUREKHA KOTHARI
MEYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

GAYATRI BEWOOR
CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Monday 13th December, 10.15 a.m.

At : Whistle Stop Cafe
38/39, North Boag Road (Next to Kasi Arcade)
T. Nagar, Chennai 17



A CRUISE AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN

The "Whistle Stop", an ancient concept of the Mediterranean train station, is where the steam train stops for just a few moments and speeds off to the next destination. Here they have not only tried to integrate a variety of Mediterranean flavours, but also introduce a vast array of artists from different spectrums of the form itself.

The ambience of the cafe is rustic to some, Bohemian to others, and home to some others. So don't pass by, instead sit, relax and above all take a break at the Whistle Stop Cafe.

**NAINA SHAH
FRANCOISE DROWN**

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 14th December, 10.15 a.m.

At : Nalini Panday's
6D, Ramaniyam Towers
20b, Greenways Road,
(Enter through Govt. Music College Arch)
Chennai



MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA by Arthur Goldman

A fascinating biography of the life of a Geisha. Nitta Suyuri decided to tell her story to a friend - Arthur Goldman - who swore to publish it only after her death in 1997.

Malini Seshadri who is well known to IWA has agreed to review this wonderful novel that unlocked this hidden world of complex rituals and machinations.

**SHALINI VIRMANI
NALINI PANDAY**



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