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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Friday	5th January	Board Meeting Executive Meeting	9.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday	10th January	Book Discussion "The Eyes of the Thar" by Satish Gupta	10.15 a.m.
Thursday	18th January	Arts and Handicrafts Indian Tribal Painting	10.15 a.m.
Monday	22nd January	Health & Ecology Healing through Quran	10.15 a.m.
Wednesday	24th January	Cooking Swapshop Sabita Radhakrishna discusses and demonstrates recipes from her very first cookbook "Aharam"	10.15 a.m.
Monday	29th January	Philosophy & Religion Id Milan Lunch and Fellowship Morning	11.30 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We wish you all a very happy 2001! Our Activity Chairpersons have been working very hard and have some very exciting programmes lined up for the new millenium. So watch this space!! Along with pleasure we must have business and we propose to hold an EGM next month to discuss membership issues, so we hope you will take the interest and time to familiarize yourself with the proposals put forward.

We would like to thank all the ladies who took part in the Christmas celebrations. It was a very jolly morning with everybody in good cheer. There was good response for our "Bring and Buy" stall and we were able to donate the proceeds to bring smiles to some less fortunate children this Christmas.

We say goodbye to Ingrid Charlton Briggs and thank her for all the work she has done and would like to welcome Margaret Thorpe as the new Activity Chairperson for Book Discussion. Margaret is a very new member to IWA but has quickly settled in and we wish her well.

This month we say a fond farewell to Megan Utley. Megan has been such an active member and ex-president. Whether it's behind the camera or penning a story, Megan has always been ready to give a helping hand and get involved. We will miss her. Megan's contribution to IWA during the last five years will be remembered. We wish Megan and Jaspar a happy retirement.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

BOARD MEETING

Friday, 5th January, 2001 , 9.45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, 5th January, 2001 , 11 a.m.

Both meetings hosted by Lalitha Krishnan at:

Madras Cricket Club
No.1, Bells Road, Chepauk
Chennai 600 005

BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, 10th January 2001 at 10.15 a.m.

At: The Park Sheraton Hotel
Chamiers Road
Chennai 600 028



"THE EYES OF THE THAR" BY SATISH GUPTA

We are privileged to have Satish Gupta in person. This multi talented artist has produced a book of poetry and drawings from his extensive travels in the Thar Desert in Western Rajasthan. He has lived with the nomads and experienced the desert in all its intensity. This is reflected in his words and images that weave an intricate web of repose and intimacy as they meld thought and feeling and compel one to pause and wonder. We are also fortunate to have Anita Ratnam reading poetry from the book.

Please warn in by 12.00 am on Monday, January 8th to Vidya Singh at 433 8782 or Margaret Thorpe at 499 7021. No guests please.

This months' meeting is very kindly hosted by Shalini Virmani.

From Book Discussion several copies of Cold Mountain and Disgrace are missing. We should like them returned as there are still members waiting to read them.

**VIDYA SINGH
MARGARET THORPE
INGRID CHARLTON BRIGGS**

Thanks to Nandini Srikanth for co-sponsoring the December meeting.

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Thursday, January 18, 2001 - 10.15 a.m.

At : House of Soviet Culture
Kasturi Rangan Road
Chennai 600 018



INDIAN TRIBAL PAINTING

Of all branches of knowledge, the discipline of study of tribal painting successfully challenges chauvinism of class, race, culture and religion. Tribal painting – whether it is Warli of Maharashtra or Gond of Orissa and MP, or Toda (ritual painting on Pottery) of Nilgiri Hills of Tamilnadu – are intimately related to the rituals, life cycle ceremonies, belief, myth (that are different from Pan – Indian Mythology), social and world views of the tribes concerned. So Aesthetic appreciation of tribal pictorial tradition lead us to perceive yet another harmony that exists in India. Such studies also perpetuate the obliteration of artificial categorization of subjects of this nation into tribals and non-tribals.

A talk by Mr.M.D. Muthukumarasamy – NATIONAL FOLKLORE SUPPORT CENTRE, CHENNAI.

**SHARMILA RAMJI
KYOKO KASHIMA**

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS – The Three Wise Women

We would like to thank JASPER UTLEY for creating this play especially for IWA and Megan Utley, Rani Chada, Alagu Muthu & Gayatri Krishnaswamy for their thoroughly entertaining performance.

We would also like to thank Kala Bhasyam, Leila Diraviam, Joyce Gopalan & Ann Moradian for sponsoring the November programme.

**GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
ANN MORADIAN**

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Monday, 22nd January 2001 at 10.15 a.m.,

At: The Adyar Boat Club
Boat Club Road
3rd Avenue
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600 028



"HEALING THROUGH QURAN"

Dr Siddig Jamal is a postgraduate in Medicine. His conviction that modern medicine is not scientific, and unfit to practice on humans, led him to learn alternative medicines, viz – homeopathy, acupuncture and naturopathy.

Today he has been successfully doing miraculous treatment for all kinds of ailments and diseases by way of healing through Quran. Dr Siddig does not believe in any internal medicine, or any kinds of investigation or test or giving any name to any disease or ailment. He believes in that word power which heals through Quran. He will share this magic behind this miracle treatment which he has been practicing for the last two years.

**NAINA SHAH
SUSANNE PLANTENER**

We would like to thank Le Royal Meridien for hosting our November meeting.

List of new members

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|----|--|------|--------|
| 1) | Kanakowan Sandhu
5/315, Old Mahabalipuram Road
Radha/K. Balaji Gardens
Okkiyampet
Chennai 600 096
Ph: 496 1061 / 496 5556 | S-42 | Thai |
| 2) | Hanne Mikkelsen
2-D, Ceebros Apartments
45, M.G. Road
Shastri Nagar
Chennai 600 020
PH: 446 5692 | M-45 | Danish |

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Wednesday, 24th January, 2001 - 10.15 a.m.

At: The Chola Sheraton
Shanghai Club
10 Cathedral Road
Chennai - 600086



SABITA RADHAKRISHNA DISCUSSES AND DEMONSTRATES RECIPES FROM HER VERY FIRST COOKBOOK "AHARAM"

One has always associated Sabita Radhakrishna with textile designing, journalism and the world of fashion. Anyone who has been in Madras long enough would remember her for bringing to conservative Chennai its first boutique, Amrapali. But contrary to expectations, the multi-faceted Sabita has pleasantly surprised us by bringing out a brilliant cookbook. The book is essentially on traditional non-vegetarian, south-Indian cooking, an almost unexplored field of cuisine for the rest of India. It also suggests various vegetable substitutes for the meats used. Sabita has graciously consented to demonstrate some of her favourite dishes from the book. Later the Chef at Chola Sheraton will serve us lunch based on recipes from Sabita's book 'Aharam'.

**FAZEELA NURDEEN
SUSHI GOKLANEY**

NOTE: A nominal charge of Rs.50 will be collected at the venue from the members towards lunch, which will be served after the meeting. The meeting is limited to 60 members, so please warn in by calling Sushi Goklaney or Fazeela Nurdeen between the 10th and 17th of January.

Fazeela Tel : 6260674 Time: Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sushi Tel : 4353714 Time: Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Monday, January 29, 2001 - 11.30 a.m.

At: YWCA
1086, Poonamallee High Road
Chennai 600 086



ID MILAN LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Id-ul-Fitr marks the ending of the holy month of Ramadan. During Ramadan Muslims all over the world fast, give alms to the poor and do as many good deeds as possible.

On this festive occasion the Muslim members of our Association invite you to join us for a morning of fellowship followed by a sumptuous lunch.

Please note this meeting is at 11.30 am. No guests please.

**LALITHA KRISHNAN
SEEMA SAIT**

Our thanks to the following members for hosting this meeting:

Zubeida Asgarali, Bilquis Chida, Rehane Yavar Dhala, Sufia Hussain, Fakira Iyer, Mahmooda Haja Shareef, Zainab Kachwalla, Thayabae Kakar, Sadiya Khaleel, Mahin Rabi Khaleeli, Malek Begum Lalji, Farida Majid, Bilkis Moosa, Fazeela Nurdeen, Shamim Padamsee, Seema Sait, Sabine Erlich Salam.

We thank Dolly Simon, Leila Diraviam, Maya Reddi, Marina Mathias for sponsoring our meetings on the 30th August and 28th November for Philosophy and Religion.

Please note change of address and telephone number of the following members:

- 1) Sundari Mani
89 (Old No.51) Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai
Chennai 600 004
Ph: 811 0645
- 2) Indira Satyamurthi
3-F, No.1, Apoorva Apartments
No.3, Maharani Chinamma Road
Alwarpet
Chennai 600 018
Ph: 433 4679



PONDICHERRY, TANJORE, CHETTINAD TOUR

18TH FEBRUARY - 23RD FEBRUARY

APPROXIMATE COST : RS.6,000/-

We are planning to leave for Pondicherry to visit the heritage homes on the 18th of February by a luxury coach, after which we proceed to Chidambaram, Tanjore, Chettinad and to Trichy to board the Rockfort Express for Chennai on the 22nd. En-route we are planning to stop at Gangaikontachollapuram and Darasuram. Stay will be organised at Swamimalai, Tanjore's ideal river resort and at the home of friends in Chettinad.

Please warn in with a non-refundable deposit of Rs.500/- before the 15th of January to enable us to book out stay and return journey tickets.

Many thanks to Nalini Acharya, Sulochana Alexander and Usha Chandrakumar for co-hosting our November meeting at Kalpa Druma.

Thank you also to Anna Abraham, Susan Abraham, Mansha Bhatia, Amrita Bhalla and Seema Bhargava for co-hosting the movie 'Kundan' at the Russian Cultural Centre.

VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY
ARUNA VIJAYKUMAR

Friends,

The jumble sale in aid of the V.H.S. Hospital was a grand success – a collection of Rs.40,000/- was made – thanks to the generous support of all the IWA members who contributed. A big 'Thank You' to you all. I know I can count on your continued support. So friends, please put away your jumble for our next year's sale in December 2001.

ALAGU MUTHU
HOSPITAL HELPERS

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

We thank the following members for the enjoyable music, games, gift stalls and organization at the Christmas Brunch.

- Tickets and reception** : Kusum Chadda, Lalitha Krishnan, Kamala Muthiah, Kamala Prasad
- Decoration and Christmas tree** : Seema Sait, Megan Utley
- Bring & buy stall** : Pat Alter, Sushi Goklancy, Fazeela Nurdeen, Aruna Vijaykumar
- Message** : Eileen Thompson
- Christmas Carols** : Susan Abraham, Premila Jacob, Preettha Jayaraman, Anita Koshy, Shanti Karunakaran, Darley Mathew, Princess Naik, Litta Srinivasan, Shobana Thomas. Accompanied by Rukma Jayaraman on the keyboard.
- 12 days of Christmas** :
- Singers** : Corrie Hak, Anneliese Hazare, Rupa Kadhiresan, Sushila Natraj, Jennifer Ramachandran
- Players** : Ingrid Briggs, Gita Chandrasekaran, Eira Doshi, Javanthi Prabhakaran, Priya Reddy, Vidya Singh, Seema Sait, Maureen Thadani, Margaret Thorpe, Megan Utley, Aruna Vijaykumar.
- Games** : Gita Chandrasekaran, Ann Moradian, Sushila Natraj, Seema Sait
- Compere** : Gita Chandrasekaran

We thank all the stall holders and members for their willing participation and generous donation of cakes and cookies to the Bring & Buy stall.



Congratulations to:

- 1) Radha Seshadri on the birth of her son.
 - 2) Latha Barathan on the birth of her grand daughter.
 - 3) Sunita Shahaney on her becoming Consulado Honorario De Chile (Honorary Consul of Chile).
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WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2000-2001

GIRL CHILD OF THE YEAR AWARD 2000-2001

This is to remind the Members that if they wish to nominate anyone for the awards, they should submit their nomination forms before January 15, 2001.

SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!
Keep the smile going by sending this on to a friend.
Everyone needs a smile!!!

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We welcome Rupa Kadhiresan as the new member to our Advisory Committee. She succeeds Lakshmi Padmanabhan, who retired by rotation on December 1st, 2000. The Members of the Advisory Committee now are (by order of seniority)

- ◆ Stina Vasu
- ◆ Vanitha Mudaliar
- ◆ Rupa Kadhiresan

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

FIRST INTER-LADIES CLUB EVENT IN CHENNAI

Date : 23rd January 2001

Venue : Hotel Park Sheraton

Time : 10 a.m.

- ◆ Gifts and prizes are in store for those who attend the morning.
 - ◆ There will be a quiz in which an IWA team will participate.
 - ◆ The event will be followed by a subsidized lunch at the cost of Rs.200/-
 - ◆ This is the first time an inter-ladies club event is being organized and members are requested to participate in a morning of pure fun and fellowship.
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To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint
All things are friendly and sacred all events profitable,
all days holy and all men divine.

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