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MONTH AT A GLANCE

- Wednesday 2nd Apr Managing Committee Meeting 10.30 a.m.
- Thursday 3rd Apr Executive Meeting 12.00 noon

- Wednesday 2nd Apr Book Discussion 5.30 p.m.
Poetry Reading
- Thursday 3rd Apr Current Events 10.15 a.m.
Talk on Prisoners
Rehabilitation
- Monday 7th Apr Election Day 10.30 a.m.
- Thursday 10th Apr Cooking Swapshop 10.15 a.m.
Table setting
- Wednesday 23rd Apr Annual General Meeting 10 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends

Another eventful IWA year has passed - and in passing left us with a host of beautiful memories of joyful and interesting events, fully supported and made all the more so by the full participation of our members. For us leading a marvelous, supportive and talented board and the committee who gave the best of themselves to make the year such a memorable one, we cannot be grateful enough.

Our Managing Committee were exemplary in carrying out their duties, besides being a tremendous support to us in all our IWA activities. Thank you.

VIJAYABALU AND PADMA - we appreciate you for being so efficient and publishing the newsletter on time, every time. We knew we could always count on your help and support.

VIDYA AND KANOKWAN - for sending the minutes and the newsletter and mails promptly. Ensuring that all the members got their newsletter on time. And helping at all the special meetings.

NAINA AND FRANCOISE - thank you for maintaining accurate accounts and membership records.

A big thank you goes out also to all our activity chairpersons for the many varied meetings they organised giving every member something to look forward to each month.

SHANTHI AND MALINI of arts and handicrafts - The Raza show was almost magical and the interesting trip to Pondicherry was great fun walking through all the heritage homes.

PRINCESS AND SHEELA for the privilege they gave us in organizing face to face meetings with so many authors - and discussing their works with them - DAVID DAVIDAR and his HOUSE OF BLUE MANGOES, WILLIAM DALRYMPLE and the WHITE MUGHAL, KAVERI NAMBISAN and THE WINGS OF BUTTERFLIES.

BINA AND ISABELLE for the exciting cooking demonstrations, especially at the KOREAN restaurant and GRT GRAND DAYS. The salad competition was really cool.

BEENA AND CHERRY for keeping us truly fit in a holistic manner. The trip to COONOOR and the HEALTH EXPOSITION at the PARK SHERATON did much for body and mind.

GEETHA AND PHYLISS for taking us to SRILANKA and MADHYAPRADESH and not to forget the fabulous day we spent at the coach factory as it celebrated 150 years.

SEEMA and ELAINE for keeping us abreast of the worlds happenings and burning issues like the one woman army MANGALAM BALASUBRAMANIAM and what she has done for Pammal. RITU NANDA held all the members rapt attention for the entire meeting.

PRITHIKA and ANITA for uplifting our thoughts through their soul searching meetings be it JAGGI VASUDEV or the Buddhist monk GASHE DAMBUL NAMGYAL.

RAMANI and SUSHI for keeping us entertained throughout the year, with artists of varying talents JIGYASA GIRI and her KATHAK DANCE, REVATHY SHANKARAN in her Harikatha Kalakshepam, SASHANK on his flute and ASTAD DEBOO.

Our finale for the year was the viewing of THE LIVING TREE a wonderful dance drama. And the ecstatic performance by MALAVIKA SARUKKAI which would not have been possible without Sunita Shahaney. Thank you Sunita.

This year has been an important one for IWA. We thank our membership for their co-operation in passing the necessary amendments at the EGM and are truly grateful for the tremendous guidance and support we have had from our Founder members, our Advisory committee and Past President Nanditha. They have truly been our pillars of strength and the foundation that IWA rests upon.

We congratulate the Election Committee for the meticulous presentation of the slate of nominees for Election to the Managing Committee of IWA for the coming year. Please give us your full support in coming to the election on 7th April 2003 at our registered office and exercising your vote. **Remember that IWA is your organisation and you must do the best for it.**

KUSUM CHADDA MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

MANAGING COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd April 2003
at 10.30 a.m.

At: Kusum Chadda

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, 3rd April 2003
at 12.00 noon

At: Meyyammai Murugappan

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

• We have put our best efforts together in bringing out the newsletter for the past year. We do hope that you have enjoyed reading them.

Our special thanks to Lakshmi Padmanabhan for helping us with the proof reading. Our thanks also to all the activity chairpersons for giving their blurbs on time every month.

VIJAYA BALU

PADMA ASHOK

Heart felt condolences to Janet De Penning on the loss of her husband.

Heart felt condolences to Rupa Sood on the loss of her mother.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, 2nd April, 2003, 5.15 p.m.

At : Hotel Chola Sheraton
10, Cathedral Road
Chennai 600 086



POETRY READING

"...It is sometimes pleasant to contemplate the image of a greater and better world in the mind as if in a picture, lest the mind, accustomed to the trivia of modern life, should shrink excessively and sink completely into petty musings..."

The Culture Cafe Poetry Circle captures the romantic splendour and passion of S.T. Coleridge's fascinating lyrics in a Poetry Reading for our IWA members. To lead ones imagination, the Culture Cafe Design Circle is going to set the mood and the ambience for the reading, with symbolic visuals at the same time.

Participants : Kaveri Lalchand, Yog Japee, V Balakrishnan

Concept and Director : Renuka Rajaratnam

We hope our members would be delighted by the reading and be visually treated with the graphic representations.

Please Note : This is an Evening meeting.

PRINCESS NAIK

SHEELA K SHARATH

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JENNIFER ANN
A-4, Oakwood Apts,
25, Anderson Road
Chennai 600 006

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CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday, 3rd April, 2003, 10.15 a.m.

At : Meenakshi Arunachalam
"Chamundeswari Baugh"
3 (Old 1), Bishop's Garden
Off Greenways Road
Chennai 600 028



FROM PRISONERS TO PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS

"There is much stigma attached to prisoners in our society. Once out of their cells they are considered as social outcasts. This often results in their returning to a life of crime." People can easily end up as criminals through chance and circumstance. V. Vaikunth, former DG of Police, Tamil Nadu and IG of prisons believes that they should be given the opportunity to make a fresh start.

Vaikunth, waging a one-man crusade, has initiated a successful rehabilitation programme in which ex-convicts are trained in the leather industry. This is just one of his dynamic contributions to social betterment. Come and hear his fascinating account of his work to transform former prisoners into productive members of society.

SEEMA BHARGAVA

ELAINE WOOD

Members Please note that guest charges in a hotel will be Rs.150- Rs.200/-

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Election committee opened the nomination forms on 12th March, 2003 and recorded the nominations received from the General Body.

- Based on the guidelines established, the Election Committee wrote to the members nominated and eligible for election and sought their consent. Before the list was finalised the Election Committee held several meetings and unanimously concluded the slate on 24th March, 2003.

The Election Committee is pleased to present the following slate of:

Nominees for election to the Managing Committee of IWA for 2003-2004.

POST	INDIAN	NON-INDIAN
President	Sushila Natraj	Elaine Wood Rathi Nilakantan
Vice-President	Vidya Singh Kamala Prasad	Sheela Sharath
Secretary	Seema Bhargava Princess Naik	Sook Hee Lee Sushila Goklaney
Treasurer	Gita Chandrasekaran Visalakshi Ramaswamy	Isabelle Badrinath Malini Krishna Anita Kapoor

VANITHA MUDALIAR(Chair person)
MALATHI RAMACHANDRAN
LILY MADHOK

BARBARA HANEL
ARUNA VIJAYAKUMAR

ELECTION DAY

Monday, 7th April 2003, 10.30 a.m.

At : The IWA Registered Office
857, Poonamallee High Road
Kilpauk
Chennai 600 010.

DIRECTIONS - After Breeze Hotel (Enter NIIT Gate)

10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Voting
Counting of votes thereafter
Followed by announcement of the new slate of office bearers on
the Managing Committee 2003-2004.

Some guideliness for voting

- Be an active member and cast your vote.
- Please note the timing 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- Make a tick in the window against the name.
- DO NOT tick more than one name in each category.
- MORE than ONE tick in any category will result in the vote being INVALID.
- Voting will be only on the day, date and time specified.

KUSUM CHADDA MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 10th April 2003, 10.15 a.m.

At : Taj Coromandel
37, Mahatma Gandhi Road
Chennai 600 034
Tel. : 28272827



ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINING

Entertaining is a little extra work. The main chef at the Taj will demonstrate different ways to set an attractive table - complete with the right choice of table linen, crockery and cutlery and ending with a visit to the patio.

NO GUESTS PLEASE.

BINA MATHEW

ISABELLE BADRINATH

Our heart felt condolences to Gina Ali Khan on the loss of her husband.

Condolences to Sheetal Shah who has lost her father

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

TRIP TO MADHYA PRADESH



Its "Off the beaten track", said Geetha Vasudevan, our enthusiastic organiser as she led the group of 22 veterans onto the Meenambakkam tarmac, for the trip to Madhya Pradesh and let me tell you ladies, at some places there wasn't even a track! The flight to Indore via Mumbai was uneventful, but the arrival with garlands, gifts and traditional Indian welcome, certainly was, and a leisurely night was spent at the Taj Residency.

With political mayhem at Dhar, trips to Oon & Bawangaja were cancelled, so there was added fervour for Omkareshwar. The setting of this temple, on layers of volcanic rock, rising in neat slabs above the river, is arresting. The trip across being fraught with danger, slippery rocks, overloaded boat, etc, it needed stern words from the lady at the helm before 2 trips were considered! We jostled our way up with pilgrims, goats, calves, urchins and beggars, and the pious felt the thrill of accomplishment at the sight of the Jyotirlingam. The view was also magnificent. The dhaba lunch that followed, was a first for several members, who had a first hand glimpse of the speed and courtesy of village hospitality.

We went off to Maheshwar of Rani Ahilyabai Holkar, set exquisitely on the banks of the Narmada, with delicately sculpted arches, domes and turrets in its temples and fort. At Ujjain the soaring Mahakaleshwar temple evoked awe and reverence. We had a good darshan and marvelled at the cleanliness in spite of the crowds.

The drive to Mandu was trying for even the hardy, and to arrive at a blacked out town was disappointing, but the sunrise next morning changed everything. With the Ship Palaces, the Swing Palace, the Jami Masjid, Roopmati's Pavilion, each more glorious than the last, romance was in the air. Baz Bahadur and Roopmati were lovers of music and each other, and centuries later the calm serenity underscores this.

Sanchi was a haven of peace and beauty, and young or old we climbed in and out of monuments with no thought of life or limb. We saw the ancient Khamb Baba pillar of 2 B.C., and the caves of Udaigiri of later vintage.

Bhopal was the final stop, and lived up to its reputation of State capital - the electricity never failed, the lakes had water, the roads were good; and the ladies had a wonderful chance to shop!

We left by train for Pench, and revelled in the quiet of a forest resort, flowing with Nagpur orange juice, wild honey, and the palas flower, brilliant orange against the dry earth. No; we didn't see a tiger or a bear, but driving through teak forest with sambar, spotted deer, bison, jackal, black-faced langur and innumerable birds, who cares? The trip was the high light.

RITA SALDANHA

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE

PADMA ASHOK	28331591, 28332801, 28330235
KATY MADAN	28331942, 28330283
MAHIN KHALEELI	28331918

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

23rd February - 3rd March, 2003,
8 days 8 nights



Places covered Indore, Omkareshwar,
Maheshwar, Mandu, Ujjain, Bhopal, Sanchi,
Vidisha, Udayagiri, Bhojpur, Pench.

Total Tour Cost : Rs.23,150/- approx.
(slight variations in cost for senior citizens etc.)

Includes foll :

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| a) Air fare Chennai - Mumbai - Indore | Rs. 5,959 |
| b) Land arrangements by AC Deluxe coach
from Indore - Bhopal and
Nagpur - Pench - Nagpur | Rs. 11,200 |
| c) Entrances to monuments and jungle
Tips to porters, guides etc. | Rs. 590 |
| d) AC train fares Bhopal - Nagpur,
Nagpur - Chennai | Rs. 874
Rs. 2,429 |
| e) 2 Jeep safaris into jungle,
Pench accommodation | Rs. 2,000 |
| Total | Rs.23,052 |
- f) Accommodation on twin sharing and half board basis at following hotels :
2 nights at Indore Taj Residency; 1 night at Bhopal Noor us Sabha with an additional dinner; 2 nights at Mandu MPTDC lodges; 1 night at Pench MPTDC lodges with additional breakfast and lunch.

GEETA VASUDEVAN

PHYLLIS BERGIN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 23rd April, 2003, 10.15 a.m.

At : The Taj Coromandel Hotel
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034

Registrations : 10.00 a.m.
Tea : 10.15 a.m.
AGM : 10.45 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of IWA will be held at 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2003 at the Taj Coromandel Hotel, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows :

- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Tea
- ◆ Welcome Address – Meyyammai Murugappan
- ◆ Secretary's Report – Vidya Singh
- ◆ Treasurer's Report – Naina Shah
- ◆ Membership Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Appointment of Auditors for the year 2003-2004
- ◆ Remarks by the outgoing President
- ◆ Any other Business
- ◆ Introduction of the Election Committee
- ◆ Presentation of the New Managing Committee
- ◆ Introduction of the New Executive Committee
- ◆ Address by the New President –
- ◆ Vote of Thanks –

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

KUSUM CHADDA MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

REMEMBER !!!

Please bring/send your Renewal Form and Annual subscription to the meeting.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR APRIL

Alagammai Alagappan, Latha Baratan, Amrita Bhalla, Seema Bhargava, Shalini Biswajit, Usha Chandrakumar, Leila Diraviam, Françoise Drown, Gina Ali Khan, Malini Krishna, Rini Kumar, Shoba G. Mahtani, Marina Mathias, Bilkis Moosa, Valli Murugappan, Rathi Nilakantan, Nalini Panday, Javanthi Prabhakaran, Rekha Rangaraj, Maya Reddy, Sabine Erlich Salam, Indira Satyamurthi, Sunita Shahaney, Anjana Sunil, Elaine Wood.

We thank our 'Active Participating Members' for the month of March 2003.

- Hostess for
February : Bilkis Moosa, Visalakshi Ramaswamy,
Kiran Rao, Sunita Shahaney.
- March : Gayatri Bewoor, Shalini Biswajit, May Chung,
Elizabeth Herridge, Nina Kothari,
Jaysree Prabhakar, Maya Reddi,
Sunitha Shahaney, Sheela Sharath,
Vidya Srinivasan.
- April : Meena Arunachalam, Poonam Lalchand.
- Group Hostess for : Pronoti Bannerjea, Gita Chandrasekaran,
February, March & Dhun Dalal, Kashmira Daruwala,
April Irene Dass, Mahema Devadoss,
Rehane Yavar Dhala, Ritika Dhingra,
Amala Emmanuel, Sushi Goklaney,
Asha Hemdev, Renuka Ishwariah,
Renu Jalan, Era Kalra,
Sharada Khemka, Prema Kumar,
Pushpa Laxman, Angelika Mandaiker,
Meena Muthiah, Alagu Muthu,
Chandra Padmanabhan, Ramani Reddy,
Lila Shahaney, Sabitha Shetty,
Indira Srinagesh, Aruna Vijay Kumar
- Help with : Gayatri Bewoor, Gina Ali Khan,
programmes : Nanditha Krishna, Chandra Padmanabhan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2002 - 2003 MANAGING COMMITTEE

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