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- Tuesday 2nd Nov Managing Comm. Meeting 9.45 a.m. ✓
Executive Comm. Meeting 10.30 a.m. ✓
- Wednesday 3rd Nov Arts & Handicrafts 10.15 a.m. ✓
Korean Cultural Morning
- Saturday 6th Nov Diwali Event 10.30 a.m.-3 p.m. ✓
- Monday 8th Nov Cooking Swapshop 10.00 a.m.
A taste of China at Wangs
- Wednesday 17th Nov Health & Ecology 10.15 a.m. ✓
"Personal Health"
- Friday 19th Nov History Culture & Tours 10.15 p.m.
Drugs and Trafficking
- Monday 22nd Nov Music & Performing Arts 10.15 a.m.
Insight to Flamenco Dance
- Wednesday 24th Nov Philosophy & Religion 10.15 a.m.
Korean Choir
- Monday 29th Nov Book Discussion 10.15 a.m.
*Book : "The Curious Incident Of
The Dog In The Night Time"*
- Tuesday 30th Nov Current Events 10.15 a.m.
The IWA Extempore Debate

From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

We seem to have entered the festive mood with Dassera just gone by and Diwali soon to come.

Our IWA Diwali event is just round the corner on the 6th of November - it will be an event to remember - so make sure you organize your tickets for family and friends - be there!

International Music Day was a huge success. Those of us there were amazed at the talent of the very young Awardee chosen by our very able Music committee.

Our Activity Chairpersons have yet again done us proud with the varied interesting meetings they have put together. We do so enjoy seeing you all there in large numbers and expect this to continue in November too !

Vidya Singh

Padma Ashok

MANAGING COMMITTEE
MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING

Tuesday, 2nd Nov., 9.45 a.m. Tuesday, 2nd Nov., 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings at:

Bharathi Suresh's
No.11, T.T.K. Road, I cross Street,
(opp. to Casablanca restaurant) Alwarpet,
Chennai 600 018.

From the Membership Sub-Committee

IWA Registered Office Address:

C/o. Vanitha Mudaliar

'Avanti'

857, Poonamallee High Road,

Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.

We are in a position to invite a few new members into IWA. The procedure for introducing a member is listed clearly below. Please follow the instructions carefully.

1. A new member will have to be sponsored and co-sponsored by two active members of IWA, who have been members for over two years, and who have not sponsored any candidate who has been accepted into IWA in the last 3 years. Members of the Managing Committee and the Membership Sub-Committee may not sponsor or Co-sponsor a candidate.
2. The Sponsor or Co-sponsor must come in person to the IWA Registered Office on Thursday 18th November, 2004 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME ONLY.
3. The sponsor must bring a letter which includes the name and address of the candidate, the name and address of the co-sponsor and some details about the candidate, with a PASS-PORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH.
4. The Membership sub-Committee will review all the letters received, and will inform the sponsors of the procedure to be followed thereafter.

From the Membership Treasurer

Ladies to quote page 8 Bye Law "H", from the IWA memorandum of Association & By laws - Active members must attend a minimum of ten Activities in a year. Members who have not attended the required no. of meetings please make up your attendance.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1st APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2004

INCOME	Rs.
Membership Subscription	3,24,510.00
New Membership	4,750.00
Member Contribution	15,000.00
Telephone Book, Directory, Byelaws & Photographs	12,010.00
Guest Contribution	4,100.00
Hostess Contribution	31,268.00
SB A/c Half yearly Interest	3,036.00
Bank Charges	30.00
Total Income	3,94,704.00
Expenditure	
AGM Expenses 2003-2004	18,368.00
Meetings	89,047.91
Gifts	11,980.00
Printing and Stationery	29,630.00
Postage & Courier Charges	12,884.00
Cheques Return & Bank Charges	2,230.00
Accounting Charges	2,500.00
Travelling & Conveyance	280.00
Total Expenditure	1,66,919.91
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,27,784.09
Funds Position as on 30th September, 2004	
Opening Balance - 1st April 2004	40,212.69
Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,27,784.09
Less : Advance Paid to Chairpersons	24,000.00
Closing Balance - Cash	2,23,734.79
Bank	20,261.99
	2,43,996.78
Fixed Deposits	
Special Fixed Deposit KD/01/4776	1,00,000.00
Corpus Fund KD/01/008064	3,03,977.00
Entrance Fee KD/01/008066	79,692.00
Entrance Fee KD/01/008355	2,534.00
Entrance Fee KD/01/009312	2,399.00
Total Fixed Deposits	4,88,602.00



at 10.15 a.m.
on Wednesday, 3rd November
at American International School Chennai,
Black Box Theatre, 100ft. Road,
Taramani, Chennai 600 113.

Korean Cultural Morning

Korean musician, Myung Hee Lee, will play the national Korean instrument, the Kayagum. Mrs. Lee is part of the Kim Hae City Kayagum performers in her hometown in Korea. Our own member, Mrs. Suk Hee Lee, will also share with us some of her Korean instruments and she and other members of the Korean community will display traditional Korean clothes, Ceramics, paintings, and artifacts.

A Korean video will also be shown, so please come, enjoy a culturally enriching morning of the sounds and sights of Korea!

IWA members will be cleared by AISC security, so please wear your nametags. If you plan to bring a guest, for security purposes please notify Peggy Dwyer of the guest's name no later than November 1st.

Nina Kothari

Peggy Dwyer

Diwali - "Let there be light"

The IWA Diwali Event will be held on Saturday 6th November 2004, at the M.R.C. Centre Santhome High Road, from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A novel sit down Indian Lunch will be served with a mela and a theme fashion show. Tickets are available with all Committee members.



Cooking Swapshop

at 10.00 a.m.
on Monday, 8th November

at Wangs Kitchen, Adyar, Below Pizza Hut,
Kasturibai Nagar.

A taste of China at Wangs

In recent years Chinese food has gained increasing popularity in India. Infact Chinese cooking is no longer the preserve of the ethnic Chinese, and a sizeable number of Indians have now become highly competent and experts in preparing Chinese dishes.

Wangs Kitchen, one of Chennai's most popular Chinese restaurants will throw open its doors and allow us to take a peek at some of their delectable recipes.

★ Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Thanks to Nita Reddy for hosting the meeting.

Sharmila Ramji

Teresa Parry

Congratulations to

- Rani Chada for being Runner-up, Gross in the Bronze Division in the Madras Ladies Golf Championship, a categorized All India Ladies Golf Tournament, held in Kodaikanal recently. She also won the prize for 'nearest to the pin' on a par 3 hole.



Health and Ecology



at 10.15 a.m.

on Wednesday, 17th November

at Concord Textiles No.3, 8th Street,
Dr. Radhakrishnan Road,
(Lane next to Domino's Pizza) Chenani 600 004.

"Personal Health : a woman's priority"

Being a woman in todays world, like most women, you probably spend a good deal of your time caring for others. As a result, you probably do not spend enough time taking care of yourself.

Dr. Gita Arjun will talk about maintaining physical and emotional health and empowering oneself by taking control of one's own health.

Dr. Gita Arjun is a Chennai based obstetrician and gynaecologist who has a special interest in women's health issues.

We thank Jayanthi Rajaram for being one of the sponsors for the October meeting.

Anjana Sunil

Jorun Hatsmo

The IWA Christmas event is coming up on December 8th, 2004. Members who would like to contribute towards it, can contact any Committee member.

&

Come and be a part of the IWA choir and sing for our X-mas program.

Please give your names to :

Princess Naik - 2441 8448, Cherry Venkatesan - 2829 3436





History Culture & Tours

at 10.15 a.m.
on Friday, 19th November

at Kausalya Jaganmohan's, No.16, Kasturi Ranga Road,
(2nd lane on the road next to Chola Sheraton)
Chennai 600 018.

Drugs and Trafficking in drugs and other illegal activities.

People are unaware of the nefarious activities that go on
everyday around us. They unwittingly get into difficult
situations as a result of this.

Mr. Ramachandra Sundaralingam is a retired INTERPOL DRUGS
SPECIALIST and INTERNATIONAL DRUGS EXPERT. He has worked
for the INTERPOL at the INTERPOL HEAD QUARTERS at Lyon,
in FRANCE.

Mr. Sundaralingam will enlighten us on the trafficking going
on in drugs and other related illegal activities, with relevant
insights into the working of INTERPOL worldwide. He thus
hopes to create awareness in people which will help them
from getting involved unknowingly in to this nexus from
falling into traps set by some unscrupulous individuals.

Kausalya Apparao Jaganmohan Sandra Le Coz

Congratulations to

- Rehane Yavar Dhala on the birth of her daughter &
Zubeida Asgarali on the birth of her granddaughter.
- Gayatri Bewoor on the birth of her grand daughter.



Music & Performing Arts

at 10.15 a.m.
on Monday, 22nd November

at The Madras Club, Boat Club Road,
Chennai 600 028.

An Insight into Flamenco Dance

Flamenco originated in Andaluzian Southern Spain and is more
than just a music and dance style, it is the way of life for
the Andaluzians.

The Flamenco Art primarily has been passed through
generations by the Spanish gypsy patriarchal way of life.

The Baile Flamenco (dance form) expresses through movement
all the emotions found in its Cantes (songs). The gestures in
traditional Flamenco are not symbolic or storytelling by nature
but seek to review the architecture of feelings.

The Flamenco dancer is a musician, a percussionist that makes
music with the feet through graceful movements of the
whole body.

A presentation of the Flamenco will be by Adriana di Cillo -
La Pimienta, 30, The Director, Writer and Choreographer for
the Movimiento Mudanza.

She began her dance steps at the age of four. Her education
has included, Classical Ballet, Modern Dance, Flamenco, Belly
Dance, Argentinean Tango, Afro-Brazilian Dances, Acting and
Martial Arts.

We thank Archana Meyyappan for Co-hosting this meeting.

Urmilla Agarwal

Anita Kapoor

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

at 10.15 a.m.
on Wednesday, 24th November
at St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George
(Inside the Secretariat)

Korean choir at St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church, the old Anglican Church east of the Suez will be celebrating its 325th Anniversary. As part of the celebration for this year the church invites IWA members to a program of Praise by the choir of Korean women and a local choir lead by WOW (Women of Worth). A short history of the church will be shared and during the fellowship, there will be organ music played to soothe the senses.....

Shalini Biswajit Radha Gopalakrishnan

IWA's Tour Abroad

We plan to take our members to THAILAND AND CAMBODIA in Feb-Mar 2005. Those interested please call 24990201 and give your names. The tour cost and itinerary are being worked out with four different travel agents. The tour of 12 days is expected to cost around Rs.75,000 (approximately)

Details of tour itinerary and exact cost will be intimated as soon as they are finalised. Those registering for the tour will pay a non-refundable advance of Rs.5000 in the first week of December 2004.

Padma Ashok Kausalya Apparao Jagannathan
Vidya Singh Sandra Le Coz



Book Discussion

at 10.15 a.m.
on Monday, 29th November
at Vidya Singh's, Old No.10, Satyanarayana Avenue,
Off. Boat Club Road, Chennai 600 028.

Book : The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time - by Mark Haddon

15 year old Christopher has a photographic memory.

He understands Maths. He understands Science. What he cannot understand are other human beings.

When he finds his neighbour's dog lying dead on the lawn, he decides to track down the killer and write a murder mystery about it.

But what other mysteries will he end up uncovering?

This book is the winner of the Whitbread Book of the year.

Nirmala Lakshmanan, Joint Editor, The Hindu, will review this book.

We thank Vidya Singh for hosting this meeting

Bharathi Suresh Bharati Nair Gopinath

Change of Telephone Number

Brahada Kameshwaran - 2811 1255



Current Events

at 10.15 a.m.
on Tuesday 30th, November

at Amethyst, Sundar Mahal, Jeypore Colony,
Chennai 600 086.

The IWA Extempore Debate

This is definitely one event all you IWA ladies will undoubtedly enjoy. So come in large numbers to cheer our sporting, enterprising and eloquent members, show case their talent as they pick their topics out of a hat! And express themselves for 3 minutes each!

Our two judges will be P C Ramakrishna, Theatre personality and Chithra Mahesh, Journalist.

We are proud to present our speakers; Sarah Chanda, Peggy Dwyer, Thayabae Kakar, Sushma Kanwar, Padmini Natarajan, Sushila Natraj, Irene Pruller Dass, Gita Rajagopal, Saroja Ramamrutham, Kiran Rao and Vasanthi Sankaranarayanan.

We would like to thank Vidya Srinivasan and Linda Raymond for sponsoring the current events meeting in September.

Rekha R Rangaraj *Nalini Panday*

Heartfelt Condolences to

- Lily Madhok on the demise of her mother-in-law.

IWA TRIP September 19th - 25th



We were the proverbial "dirty dozen" when we started from Chennai, but it was Urmilla Reddy who returned totally cleansed as she was the only one that braved a dip in the Ganges!!!

Our first stop was Benares, a city that assaults your senses and overwhelms you in every way. Our first evening was definitely the highlight of the entire trip as we went down to the river for our first look at the Ganges, and the boat ride up and down the river at sunset to view the Ghats. The many-tiered burning Ghat with about seven funeral pyres burning at one time was an incredible sight. The magical experience of the evening "aarthi" at the Dasha Ashwamedha Ghat was a spiritual experience that touched all of us. Sunrise on the river was beautiful and I was especially thrilled to see the Viziaganaram Ghat and palace that had been built by my ancestors.

Temples, food, noise, smells, crowds and history all combined to totally overwhelm you. The Kasi Vishwanath Temple, Bharath Matha Temple, Durga Temple, the Bharath Kala Bhavan

Museum and the Benares Hindu University made up all the sight seeing. We also spent a couple of very happy hours bargaining and shopping for sarees, thanks to Kanika Parekh's sister.

Sarnath, where Buddha preached his first sermon was our next stop. The museum was filled with 5th and 6th century sculptures. A Sri Lankan monk conducted a special prayer for us and tied a thread on our wrists.

Allahabad, a city that is famous for being the home of the Nehru family, the Anand Bhawan and Swaraj Bhawan are filled with extremely evocative symbols of India's freedom struggle. The imposing Allahabad fort sits on the banks of the river, with the Patal Puri and Hanuman Temples that we visited. There was a boat ride to see the confluence of the rivers the "Sangam" and we were fortunate to witness the spectacular sunset. Sushi's friend arranged for a wonderful dinner and fellowship with the ladies of Allahabad.

Lucknow a city that signifies the gracious heritage of the Moghul culture had the most amazing number of parks everywhere. the visit to the Barra Imambarra, The Rumi Darwaza, the ruins of the British Residency where the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny happened and the spectacular La Martinere School all left us convinced that this is truly one of India's beautiful cities. Shopping at Hazrat Ganj and at the Chowk was most satisfying and rather fun.

Cherry and I managed to find places to do our morning walks at each city that we visited and this definitely was one of the highlights of our experience !!! IWA trips are always fun-filled and totally enjoyable and one returns enriched, and not just with all that we have seen and experienced but with the bonding and friendship of all those of us who travel together.

Vidya Singh

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004 - 2005

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