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Chennai

September 2007

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Mon. 3rd Sept.	Managing Committee Meeting	09.30 am
	Executive Committee Meeting	10.30 am
Tue. 4th Sept.	Arts and Handicrafts <i>South Indian Puppetry</i>	10.15 am
Thur. 6th Sept.	Cooking Swapshop <i>Interiors of China</i>	10.15 am
Tue. 11th Sept.	History, Culture and Tours <i>Tour departs to the Czech Republic and Hungary</i>	
Thur. 13th Sept.	Philosophy & Religion <i>"The Message" film</i>	09.45 am
Thur. 18th Sept.	Book Discussion <i>Multiple Facets of My Madurai</i>	10.15 am
Thur. 20th Sept.	Music & Performing Arts <i>Creating a Sahrdaya</i>	10.15 am
Tue. 25th Sept.	Health and Ecology <i>Ayurveda in a Woman's Life</i>	10.15 am
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Fri. 28th Sept.	Current Events <i>Governance & Politics</i>	10.15 am

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the Founders Day. It was exhilarating. We, the Management Committee and the Board wished to conduct it in a unique way and we are happy you all enjoyed it.

The Founders and the Past Presidents present gave us the extra motivation and support which showed that they are with us.

We thank you for the wonderful way you are supporting us. We take this opportunity to thank every member of the Management Committee and the Board and all the Participants who took part in the Skit and Dance. Special mention to Padmini Natarajan who in spite of her busy schedule helped us with the script as Director, Co-ordinator and Producer.

It is time for celebrations in the month of October. We will be celebrating **International Music Day** on 1st Oct 2007. Make sure to attend it.

Diwali will also be celebrated towards the end of the month. To avoid disappointment please buy your tickets early and enjoy the celebrations.

On behalf of the Committee and ourselves we wish **"BON VOYAGE"** to all members going on the trip to Europe.

KAMALA PRASASD

MANAGING COMMITTEE

Mon. 3rd Sept. 9.30 a.m.

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mon. 3rd Sept. 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings hosted by

Dr. Prithika Chary

At :Apollo Centre of Excellence for Women/Apollo Clinic
15/42, Gandhi Mandpam Road,
Opp. AMM School, Kotturpuram
Chennai 600 085.

FROM THE SECRETARIES

"Where is my IWA Newsletter???!!!"

That's a very good question! Where is your newsletter?

The August newsletters were available for collection on Founders Day at the GRT Conference Centre.

- 161 members attended the meeting but only 131 claimed their newsletter.....

- Of those 131 newsletters, 21 were left on chairs, under coffee cups or in the ladies cloakroom.....

- A few of the newsletters taken home were not with their rightful owners.....

POST FOUNDERS DAY

- 16 members phoned to say they had not received their newsletter – some of those members were present at the IWA Founders Day meeting.....

- All the remaining newsletters were hand delivered direct to home addresses.....

- 8 home addressees refused to sign for them because "Mam was out of station".....

- Those 8 have now been posted ready for "Mam's return to station".....

- 12 members have shifted – never to return. Not all of them remembered to give us a written word.....

- 1 brave soul confessed to us that she had received her newsletter - opened it, read it, inwardly digested it and then filed it in the bin.....

- So this is a heart felt plea from us to all of you – PLEASE ask the watchman, security guard, housemaid, gardener, who-ever "Where is my IWA newsletter"- because we the Secretaries would like to know....."Where is your newsletter???!!!"

- If you wish to enquire about your newsletter please phone or send a sms text to Lynne Connor on 9840975740 between 08.30 – 16.30hrs. Monday – Friday. Thank you.

LYNNE CONNOR

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, September 4th 2007 at 10.15am

At: Nabila Avals'

'Qasr-e-Naz'

No 19 Kothari Road

Nungambakkam

Chennai 600 034



South Indian Puppetry: An Illustrated Talk

Shadow puppet theatre of South India is a very vibrant tradition even today, although it has lost its audiences

M.D. Muthukumaraswamy holds a master's degree in English Language and Literature. With his work towards doctoral dissertation on "Semiotic analysis of Bharathakoothu: A study in theatrical communication", he taught in the post-graduate department of folklore, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, from 1987 to 1996 and guided students. He has been working as the Executive Trustee and Director of India's National Folklore Support Centre (NFSC), from its inception in the year 1997. National Folklore Support Centre has started functioning vigorously with a generous grant from the Ford Foundation from 1999 for advanced research. Mr.M.D.Muthukumaraswamy will discuss the artistry of the puppets, puppet making processes, performances, and their ritual contexts in relation to the changing patterns of patronage and sustenance for this art form. Illustrating the talk with field photographs and videos, he will also bring into focus the defining characteristics of Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam puppets and their shared vocabularies and heritage.

We thank Nabila Avals for hosting this meeting.

PRITHIKA CHARY

SANJITA SHAH

Humans are but puppets, whirling and twirling on a stage of folly, with the harsh, cruel world controlling us from above.

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Thursday, 6th September at 10-15 a.m

At: Taj Coromandel Hotel

Clive Duplex (lower lobby)

Nungambakkam High Rd

Chennai 600034



Interiors of China

No not the furniture, come join us for a cooking demo of the famous Chef Hardy of Golden Dragon fame.

Chef Hardy Cheung is back at Taj Coromandel wielding his brand of culinary magic. This time around he has put together a menu with the most authentic and popular Chinese delicacies that will both surprise and titillate the palate. Each of the items on the menu, has been carefully chosen to reflect the style of cooking relevant to a particular region in China. The menu is also not the common Chinese cuisine one finds mostly available.

We would like to thank **Chef Sundaramoorthy, K.C. Tharyan** and the **Residency Towers** for sponsoring our Lebanese cuisine meeting in August.

We would also like to thank **Shanti Verghese, Prema Veeraraghavan** and **Nabila Avals** for sponsoring the gifts.

RAJIRAMESH

MEENA NARU

"Please understand the reason why Chinese vegetables taste so good. It is simple. The Chinese do not cook them, they just threaten them!" Jeff Smith

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS



Eastern European Holiday

11th Sept 2007 to 19th Sept 2007

The IWA ladies are off to the Czech Republic and Hungary

..... visiting castles and old town squares

.....cruises with lunch, shopping and theatre

.....walking and wine tasting

Here's wishing the ladies Bon Voyage !

GEETA RAJAGOPAL

GOWRI VISVANATHAN

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PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Thursday, September 13th, at 9.45 am

At: **AVM a/c Theatre**
AVM Studios
38, Arcot Road,
Chennai 600026

"The Message" – an epic story of the birth of Islam

As the holy month of Ramzaan begins, it is appropriate for us to revisit an old classic film- The Message. It stars Anthony Quinn, Irene Pappas and other prominent actors in an epic telling of the beginning of Islam, the most recent religion in the world. This film is a true and authentic depiction of the historical events that gave birth to a new faith and the characters that we would get familiar with, are those who were deeply involved in this new coming. It is a rarely seen film and will be a special screening for all IWA members and their guests.

This is an epic – the film will run from 10 am to 12.45 pm

We thank Usha Saravanan and Radha Gopalakrishnan for sponsoring the event.

P.S: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME

SADIYA KHALEEL

UMA GANESAN

Directions : Cross the Kodambakkam Bridge. Continue on Kodambakkam High Road. Go past AVM Rajeswari movie theatre, then turn left into AVM Studios. The broad road leads towards temple. The A/c theatre is adjacent to temple.

*"I have left two things among you, and you will not stray aslong as you hold them fast;one is the Book of God, the other the Laws of His Messenger".
Prophet Muhammed -*

BOOK DISCUSSION



Tuesday, 18th September at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Anjana Sunil's**
15, Taylors Road,
Kilpauk,
Chennai 600010

***Multiple Facets of My Madurai* by Manohar Devadoss**

This book presents the city of Madurai in southern India, through a collection of intricately detailed pen-and-ink drawings with accompanying text. The book gives glimpses of the city's monuments and street houses, its temples and festivals, its surrounding countryside. Above all this is an expression of one individual's love for his boyhood town.

Manohar Devadoss needs no introduction to IWA. This is his fourth book. He will take us on a nostalgic trip to Madurai. **PC Ramakrishna**, a leading theatre personality of Chennai will read passages from the book.

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN

RUTH LAUGE

Multiple Facets of My Madurai — a book that he calls his magnum opus. "It is a very personal account, and will reveal Madurai to the world from an insider's point of view" *Manohar Devadoss*

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO

Vanitha Mudaliar on the passing away of her dear brother

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



Thursday, September 20th at 10.15am

At: **Maya Reddi's**
25, First Crescent Park Road,
(parallel road to Adyar river)
Gandhinagar, Adyar,
Chennai 600 020

CREATING A SAHRIDAYA- GANDHI'S COMMUNICATION METHODS

Mahatma Gandhi moved an entire nation through his unique mode of communication. He had an uncanny knack of disturbing and shocking his adversary and also his followers. To capture the imagination of a nation and make it follow in his steps, in days when modern communication methods did not exist, could only be achieved by this unique 'sahridaya'. VR Devika looks upon it as a 'performance' where the audience's heart feels the sentiment conveyed by the 'artist', in this case Gandhiji himself.

VR DEVIKA is Managing Trustee of The 'ASEEMA' Trust for arts, education and media. A multi-faceted personality she is researcher, presenter and promoter of folk performing arts of rural India and their links to education. She has done pioneering work in heritage education and cultural dissemination. A true Gandhian giving workshops in Charka spinning, peace education and communication skills for students and teachers, she is a Trustee of the Sarvodaya International (TN), Advisory council member Gandhi Peace Foundation (TN). She has a M.A. in Gandhian Thought and is currently registered for Phd on Gandhi and his communication with the Department of Philosophy, University of Madras.

We thank **Maya Reddi** for hosting the meeting.

GEETAVASUDEVAN

PIA OLANDER

"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history" *Mohandas Gandhi*

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY



Tuesday, 25th. September at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Alagu Muthu's**
'Beau Rivage'
97 Santhome High Road
Chennai 600 028

Ayurveda in a Woman's Life

Dr.Rajshri Parthasarathy from Dheerga Ayush Ayurveda Medical Centre will give us a presentation on Ayurveda which includes-an introduction to Ayurveda ,basic concepts of Ayurveda and how it helps in the unique journey of every woman's life.

In this presentation she will also address the specific health needs of a woman and management of health issues like backache, osteoarthritis, migraine, hair & skin problems etc.,and most importantly maintenance of good health and rejuvenation .

We thank **Latha Baratan** for arranging this meeting.

We also thank our gracious hostess **Alagu Muthu**.

ASHA HEMDEV

BILKIS MOOSA

"When diet is wrong medicine is of no use.When diet is correct medicine is of no need". Ayurvedic proverb

CURRENT EVENTS



Thursday, 27th September at 10.15am

At: **GRT Convention Hall**
Thiagaraja Road (Pondy Bazaar)
T.Nagar, Chennai – 600 017

Transgender:-Inclusion or Seclusion?

This meeting will be jointly sponsored by **IWA and FICCI Ladies Organization**. The key speaker on the subject of transgender will be **Nartaki Nataraj**, well-known Bharatanatyam dancer and a transgender. **Aasha Bharti** who runs a NGO will share her views relating to their role in society. Our own member **Dr.Prithika Chary**, consultant Neurologist, Apollo Hospital, will introduce the subject by presenting to us the neurobiology of sexual orientation. Eminent speakers from the corporate sectors as well as from the field of education will be focusing on the right to education and employment opportunities for transgender persons.

It is important for the society to give equal status, rights and opportunities to transgender persons and bring them into the main stream of society. This issue is definitely of great social relevance and should be addressed.

We like to thank **Mahin Rabi Khaleeli, Bela Mistry Khaleeli, Zainab Kachwalla, Era Kalra and Anita Koshy** for sponsoring the meeting.

Kindly Warn – In with :

Anuradha Sachdev	99401 03458	September 10th
Balveer Singh	99401 83839	September 20th
Kamala Prasad	99401 41177	September 26th

ANURADHA SACHDEV

BALVEER SINGH

"How does one deal with transpeople? Honor people who show you who they are, not who you expect them to be. See their heart, not just their body and /or history. Of course, that's how you should deal with everyone." Callan Williams

CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 28th September at 10.15 am

At: **Hotel Savera (Samavesh Hall)**
146, Dr.Radhakrishnan Road
Chennai – 600 004



Governance & Politics

Governance in its widest sense refers to how any organization including a nation is run. It includes all the processes, systems and controls that are used to safeguard and grow assets. Politics as an area of study, is concerned with developing a knowledge and understanding of government and society. The interaction of people, ideas and institutions provides the focus for understanding how values are allocated and resources distributed.

To talk on the above subjects we have **Karti P.Chidambaram** – an eloquent and articulate speaker. He has been politically and socially active in his home state of Tamil Nadu and has played a crucial role as a campaigner in all state and general elections since 1996. He is also a keen sportsman, entrepreneur and Co-founder of the social forum "Karuthu" (Means Opinion) which promotes freedom of expression.

We thank **Anita Kapoor** for sponsoring the meeting.

ANURADHA SACHDEV

BALVEER SINGH

Strong governance and a stable political milieu can go a long way towards developing a nation's prosperity

International Music Day



Monday, 1st October at 10.15 am

At: **Hotel Park Sheraton,**
132 T.T.K Road,
Chennai 600 018

1st October - A day to remember! We celebrate every year our founder **Nirmal Seshadri's** birthday on that day. As a fitting tribute to her every year, the Music Committee selects a young, talented musician and IWA honours him/her in the presence of Nirmal's family.

The young recipient will enthral us with a brief recital.

We thank **Vijaya Goel, Shashi Malhotra, Deepali Goel** for their continued support in Sponsoring the event.

"Every child is an artist, the problem is how to remain one after growing up". - Picasso

Deepavali Kondattam



End October we celebrate Diwali as a Deepavali Kondattam. Tickets will be sold from 1st October at IWA meetings with Board Members and Chairpersons. Please buy your tickets at the earliest.

As always, there will be stalls, the bookings for which will be on a first come first served basis. Each Stall is priced at Rs.1750/- . Tickets for lunch will be given to the stall owners at cost price, and to only those wishing to have lunch .

For booking of stalls please contact :

- Archana Meiyappan : 28473932 9840998800
- Asha Hemdev : 28278165 9840343528
- Mansha Bhatia : 28273251 9382138879
- Neena Sanghavi : 28362313

The popular Khazana will also be there. Members are requested to contribute gifts towards the same. Gifts will be collected at all meetins in September and early October or can be handed over to the following :

Asha Hemdev	28278165	Nungambakkam
Radha Gopalakrishnan	24918186	Thiruvanmiyur
Archana Meiyappan	28473932	Mylapore
Shobha Hebbar	26411248	Kilpauk

There is a spectacular entertainment programme planned followed by lunch. Look out for more details. We look forward to seeing you with family and friends.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

THE BOARD

Founders' Day

The Founders' Day went off well . Our thanks to the Founder Members and Past Presidents who graced the occasion and made it a success. The programmes were very well received.

Our thanks to the participants :

Invocation : Sushila Natraj, Padmini Subramaniam

Cast of the skit:

Nalini Acharya, Kala Bhashyam, Mansha Bhatia, Asha Harish, Shobha Hebbar, Premila Jacob, Maya Mathew, Mridula Narasimhan, Raji Ramesh, Leela Ratnam, Reena Verghese

Written and Directed by Padmini Natarajan,

The Bollywood Dancers:

Padma Ashok, Shalini Biswajit, Surekha Kothari, Aseel Mathur, Rashmi Mohindra, Princess Naik, Meena Naru, Vanitha Rajkumar, Nita Reddy, Ramani Reddy, Balveer Singh, Vidya Singh, Manisha Singhee, Usha Umapathi.

A big thank you to the Board and the Executive Committee for all their help

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

Founders Day



Happy Birthday IWA



Smiling faces of today



*An IWA Meeting
(Skit)*

Bollywood Dancing





SUNNY SIDE UP

Did you ever stop and wonder.....

- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- What do you call a sleeping bull?
A bulldozer!!

Teacher : What are some products of the West Indies?

Student : I don't know.

Teacher : Of course, you do. Where do you get sugar from?

Student : We borrow it from our neighbor.

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