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October 2007

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Mon. 1st Oct.	International Music Day	10.15 a.m.
Wed. 3rd Oct.	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	09.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Tue. 9th Oct.	Philosophy & Religion <i>Thirukkural : Ringing true after 2000 years !</i>	10.15 a.m.
Fri. 12th Oct.	Book Discussion Cooking Swapshop <i>Flavours of Chettinad</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 16th Oct.	History, Culture and Tours <i>1857: The First War of Independence</i>	10.15a.m.
Thur. 18th Oct.	Health and Ecology <i>The Magic of your Smile</i>	10.15 a.m.
Mon. 22nd Oct.	Diwali Kondattam	10.15 a.m.
Thur. 25th Oct.	Philosophy & Religion <i>Eid Milan</i>	11.30 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

The festival season is on. Let us share the joys and celebrate together in true IWA spirit.

The International Music Day is being celebrated on October 1st, 2007, in remembrance of our Founder member, **Nirmal Seshadri** and to commemorate her birthday.

This year's awardee, a young talent in violin, **K.P. Nandini**, will entertain us on this special day. May God bless her with many more recognitions.

Monday 22nd October, 2007, is a special day, as IWA celebrates Deepavali. The highlights are a Fashion show of clothes and jewellery, and a variety of dances put together for us to enjoy. Please do come with family and friends. Do not forget to shop at the fabulous stalls put up for your benefit, and try your luck at the Khazana Stall.

Looking forward to a wonderful **Deepavali Kondattam** with all of you.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

MANAGING COMMITTEE

Wed. 3rd October 9.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wed. 3rd October 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings hosted by
Shobha Hebbar
At : **The Presidency Club**
Platinum Point
No.51, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore,
Chennai - 600 008.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

GUIDELINES FOR IWA MEMBERSHIP

Indian Members:

1. Applicants must have two sponsors and submit a brief biography of her background, interests and hobbies. Two passport sized photographs should be attached.
2. Applications cannot be carried over to the following year and must be re-submitted each year.
3. Decisions regarding membership are made by the Membership Sub-Committee by majority vote. The new members will be ratified by the Managing Committee.
4. Applicants should be made aware of the need to attend as many meetings as possible and be encouraged to serve on the Executive Committee.

Non-Indian Members:

1. Non-Indian applicants should send a letter to the Membership Sub-Committee and attach a biography of her background, interests and hobbies. Two passport sized photographs should also be attached. Sponsors are not required.
2. Applications will be accepted throughout the year depending on vacancies available. Preference will be given to those in the consular community and who are in Chennai temporarily.
3. Applicants should be made aware of the need to attend as many meetings as possible and be encouraged to serve on the Executive Committee.

SUSAN HOPPER

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

IWA REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

c/o Vanitha Mudaliar

"Avanti"

857, Poonamallee High Road

Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010

Now that all the renewal forms have been received, we are in a position to invite applications for new Indian members who reside within the postal zones of Chennai, including Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur districts. The procedure for sponsoring applicants is given below. Please read the instructions carefully and follow the same. **Incomplete applications will not be entertained.**

1. A new applicant will have to be sponsored and co-sponsored by two active members of IWA who have been members for over two years.
2. The sponsor and co-sponsor may not have sponsored any candidate who has been accepted into IWA in the last three years.
3. Members of the Managing Committee and the Membership Sub-Committee may not sponsor or co-sponsor a candidate.
4. The sponsor and/or co-sponsor must come in person to the IWA Registered Office (address given above) on **Saturday, October 13, 2007 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** with the new member's application. Applications for new members will be accepted **only on this date and at the place and time given.**
5. The sponsor must bring a letter from the candidate giving her bio data including her name, address, interests, passport

size photograph and other relevant details. In addition to this, the sponsor should write a covering letter introducing the candidate and giving reasons why she thinks her candidate would be suitable for IWA. This letter should be signed by both the sponsor and co-sponsor. Both of these letters are a **MUST** for an applicant to be considered for membership.

6. The Membership Sub-Committee will review all the applications received and will inform the sponsors of the procedure to be followed thereafter.

Note: Clarification of the above can be obtained from the IWA Bye-Laws, Pg. 7, Item F.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Sub-Committee has been receiving inquiries about senior membership. For the information of members, the Bye-Laws state, "An Active Member of IWA who has been an active member and upon reaching the age of 65 or thereafter, will have the option of applying for senior membership. A senior member will continue to pay the Annual Subscription fee of the Society, but is not subject to the rules governing attendance."

WELCOME ABOARD

Reena Nirula	British	Alexandra Thompson	British
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R.A. Puram		Chennai 600 030	
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International Music Day

Monday, 1st October at 10.15 am
At: Hotel Park Sheraton,
132 T.T.K Road,
Chennai 600 018



1st October - We celebrate International Music day, every year, in memory of our founder **Nirmal Seshadri**, whose birthday falls on this day.

The Music Committee has selected a young, talented violinist, **K.P. Nandini** this year. Nandini is a 9th Std. student of Sivaswami Kalalaya. She is a recipient of several awards. We are extremely happy to welcome her and delighted to have the young recipient enthral us with a brief recital on this special day.

We thank the Music Committee :

Mano Bakthavatsalam	Chair person
Jyothi Ganesh	Member
Vijaya Balasubramaniam	Member
Angelika Mandaiker	Member

We thank **Vijay Goyal, Shashi Malhotra, Deepali Goyal and Chandra Seoni** for hosting this meeting and their continued support year after year.

MEMBERS ONLY

KAMALA PRASAD	RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE
THE BOARD	

"There's music in the sighing of the reed; There's music in the gushing of the rill; There's music in all things, if men had ears; The earth is but an echo of spheres".

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Tuesday, October 9th at 10.15 am

At: C.P. Art Centre
No. 1 Eldams Road,
Alwarpet, Chennai 600018

Thirukkural : Ringing true after 2000 years!

Thiruvalluvar can be considered India's Confucius. Known as the "Sage of Mylapore," he is the author of the **Thirukkural**, a compilation of verses that exemplify the manner in which life ought to be lived and the path to civilized living. Its relevance even today can hardly be questioned.

Reverend Father Jegath Gasper Raj, is arguably one of the finest exponents of this wonderful literary work. An articulate, engaging and very popular speaker, he will lead IWA members on a 'highlights' tour of the **Thirukkural** and will recite some of the pertinent verses from this master work. Fr. Jegath is a multi faceted individual with interests ranging from the spiritual to the arts to the well being of humanity. He is Managing Director of Goodwill Communications as well as the founder trustee of Tamil Maiyyam, a philanthropic organization which has raised funds to help the less privileged, as well as support events such as the recent **Chennai Sangamam** and the very recent **Jugalbandhi** concert of **Bombay Jayashri** and **Shubha Mudgal** in aid of education for underprivileged children.

The centre accommodates approximately 60 persons. Hence this is a **Members Only** meeting.

We thank **Nanditha Krishna** for hosting this meeting.

SADIYA KHALEEL	UMA GANESAN
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"There hardly exists in the literature of the world a collection of maxims in which we find such lofty wisdom as in Thirukkural" - Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Laureate

BOOK DISCUSSION COOKING SWAPSHOP

Friday , October 12th at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Seetha Muthiah's**
"Coromandel House"
14 Boat Club Road
Chennai 600028 ,

'Flavours of Chettinad'

Seetha Muthiah is a multi faceted person who is a social activist involved with the Spastic Society of Tamil Nadu, Family Planning Association of India, Blue Cross and many more organizations. She is also a fantastic cook.

"**Flavours of Chettinad**", is compiled and published by Seetha Muthiah. It takes you into the world of delicious ,mouth watering Chettinad cuisine. Food has played an important role in preserving the 200-year-old history of the Chettiars. This book is a slice of that heritage.

She will demonstrate a few simple and easy to make recipes.

We thank **Seetha Muthiah** for graciously hosting this meeting.

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN
RAJI RAMESH

RUTH LAUGE
MEENA NARU

" You don't have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces - just good food from fresh ingredients" Julia Child

We thank **Anjana Sunil** for hosting the Septemeber Book Discussion meeting.

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN

RUTH LAUGE

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Tuesday, October 16, at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Shanta Narayan's**
29 (Old No. 12 A)
4th Main Road,
Gandhinagar, Adyar,
Chennai 600020

1857: The First War Of Independence? AND The South Indian Wars of Rebellion

India celebrates 2007 as the Sesqui Centenary (150 years) of the First War of Independence. History however shows that many wars were fought in the South of India much before 1857, with Madurai and Vellore being witnesses to some of these battles.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan taught at Loyola College and was also Professor of History in Venkateswara College, Tirupati. He was selected by the Indian Govt. to teach in developing countries and was also a visiting professor at the State University of New York. He will be speaking to us about the Revolt of 1857 with special reference to the anti-British rebellion that preceded it in South India, highlighting what happened from 1763 onwards and what impact 1857 had on the South.

We thank **Shanta Narayan** for hosting this meeting.

GEETA RAJAGOPAL

GOWRI VISVANATHAN

"The power of India will one day shake London if the glory of self-respect remains undimmed in the hearts of the rebels".Bahadur Shah

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday, 18th.October at 10.15 a.m.



At: **The Madras Club**
8 Adyar Club Gate Road,
Chennai 600 018

The Magic Of Your Smile

Dr. Vijailakshmi Acharya will give us an insight into the Science that helps create and make the best use of your most **Powerful Weapon- the Art of the Smile.**

Dr. Vijailakshmi Acharya runs a Multispeciality Dental Clinic in Chennai which has a state of the art Dental Laboratory. She has trained extensively in Implantology, which she has been practising for the past 12 years. Her special area of interest is in Cosmetic Dentistry, for which she has undergone training both in India and abroad

We thank **Cibi Mammen** and **Nirmal Mirza** for hosting this meeting
We thank **Darley Mathew** for sponsoring the L C D equipment for our September meeting.

ASHA HEMDEV

BILKIS MOOSA

"Smile - It's the second best thing you can do with your lips."

Change of address

Anupama Pasani
51 (Old 23), Bishops Garden
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600 028
Tel : 24616801, 24617063
Mob : 9381364512.

Deepabali Kondattam



Monday, 22nd October, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

On October 22nd we celebrate **Deepavali Kondattam.**

We bring you:

- "Magic of the Loom" a scintillating Fashion Show ,
(but with a difference) by **Vani Polavaram**
- Fabulous jewellery display by **Khwaihash**
- The ever popular **Khazana Stall**
- Fun-filled Festive shopping.

Win exciting prizes.

A scrumptious lunch awaits you.

Tickets priced at Rs.400, will be sold from 1st October at IWA meetings with Board Members and Activity Chairpersons. Please buy your ticket at the earliest.

Members are requested to contribute gifts for the popular **Khazana stall.** Gifts will be collected at all meetings or handedover to the following members.

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

Cash too is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you with family and friends.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

THE BOARD

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Thursday, October 25th at 11.30 a.m

At: Y.W.C.A. International Guest House
1086 Poonamalee High road
Chennai 600 084

EID MILAN

As the Deepavali Kondattam ends, Eid-UI-Fitr follows, marking the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting for Muslims all over the world.

Eid ul-Fitr is a joyous occasion, celebrating of the achievement of enhanced piety. The festival begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky. Everyone wears new clothes, and decorate their homes. There are special services out of doors and in Mosques, processions through the streets, and of course, a special celebratory meal - eaten during daytime, the first daytime meal Muslims will have had in a month.

Eid is also a time of forgiveness, fellowship, brotherhood unity, making amends and thanking God for the strength he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practice self-control. It is a time of giving and sharing.,

IWA members are invited to partake in the special **Eid lunch**, hosted by our muslim members

Members Only

We thank Saleeha Amza, Zubeida Asgar Ali, Nabila Avals, Fakhira Ayer, Bilquis Chida, Rehane Yavar Dhala, Mahmooda Haja Shareef, Sufia Hussain, Zainab Kachwalla, Thayabae Kakar, Sadiya Khaleel, Bela Mistry Khaleeli, Mahin Rabi Khaleeli, Malek Begum Lalji, Farida Majid, Bilkis Moosa, Fazeela Nurdeen, Seema Saif, Sabine Erhlich Salam, Raziye Sheerazie, Naaz Tyebbhoy.

SADIYA KHALEEL

UMA GANESAN

"Those who believed and led a righteous life are the best creatures".
The Holy Koran

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS



'Chennai as I see it'

We would like to thank our sponsors for the photography competition and prizes - Susan Abraham, Sulochana Alexander, Fakhira Ayer, Usha Bail, Pronoti Bannerjea, Anuradha Bhasker and Kiran Rao.

The prize winners for competition were :-

- 1st Prize - **'Straight but Corny'** by Bharati Nair-Gopinath
- 2nd Prize - **'Water, Colour and Misery'** by Naina Shah
- 3rd Prize - **'Better be early than in a Jam'**
by Raziye Sheerazie



'Straight but Corny'



'Water, Colour and Misery'

We thank all the entrants in the 'Chennai as I see It' IWA photography competition.

PRITHIKA CHARY

SANJITA SHAH

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Rani Ananth on the birth of a grandson.
- Mano Bhakthavatsalam on being awarded the "Mahatma Gandhi Sahayogi Puraskar" by the Gandhian Integrated Forum Trust

STRAIGHT BUT CORNY



On hearing the theme for the IWA photo contest, my first instinct was to grab my no-frills digital camera and rush to the beach. The beach is central to my life in Chennai, as my daily evening walks along the shore replenish me body and soul. So on looking around for likely topics my eye fell upon this corn vendor selling his humble wares set against the vastness of the sky and the dancing waves. The people sitting nearby gazing at the ocean completed the composition.

I knew at once that this was the picture I wanted to take. This shot captures both the common place and the sublime. This juxtaposition seems to me to be the essence of Chennai.

BHARATI NAIR GOPINATH

We thank **Sujaya Menon** for helping us organize the **Current Event** meetings for the month of June (Bollywoodisation of our culture) and **Dr. Prithika Chary** for the month of September (Trans Gender; Inclusion or Seclusion)

ANURADHA SACHDEV

BALVEER SINGH

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO

Princess Naik on the passing away of her mother-in-law.



SUNNY SIDE UP

An Arab was admitted in the Lilavati Hospital at Mumbai for a heart transplant, but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to store his blood in case need arises. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally. So the call went out to the neighbouring states.

Finally a Gujarati was located who had a similar type of blood. The Gujarati willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Gujarati as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds, lapis lazuli jewellery, and half a million US dollars.

Once again the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Gujarati who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Gujarati a thank you card and a box of almond halwa sweets. The Gujarati was shocked to see that the Arab this time did not reciprocate the Gujarati's kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He phoned the Arab and asked him "This time also I thought that you would give me Toyota Prado, Diamonds and Jewellery. But you gave only a card and a box of almond sweets.

To this the Arab replied "Can't help it, Babu..... Now I have Guju blood in my veins!!

Signs and Notices

- Airline ticket office, Copenhagen: "We take your bags and send them in all directions."
- At auto repair service: "Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once; you'll never go anywhere again."
- Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
- Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

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