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NEW HORIZON

IWA
Chennai

February 2008

Newsletter

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IWA NEWS LETTER

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FEBRUARY 2008

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Mon. 4th Feb.	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	09.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Tue. 5th-6th Feb.	Arts & Handicrafts History Culture & Tours Philosophy & Religion <i>Trip to Vellore</i>	
Thu. 7th Feb.	Cooking Swapshop <i>Gourmet Food?</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 12th Feb.	Health & Ecology Petroleum Scenario	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 19th Feb	Music & Performing Arts <i>Down Memory Lane</i>	10.15 a.m.
Wed. 20th Feb.	Current Events Philosophy & Religion <i>Concept of Dharma</i>	10.15 a.m.
Wed. 20th-28th Feb.	History Culture & Tours <i>Trip to Sikkim</i>	
Fri. 22nd Feb.	Book Discussion <i>Othello, A Shakespearean Tragic Hero</i>	10.15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

We are into the second month of the new year. How time flies!! Soon the IWA year will come to an end. The year was packed with interesting, informative and fun-filled meetings; thanks to the activity chair-persons and the managing committee.

It is once again election time and the process to choose the new team has started. The managing committee has selected the election sub-committee. We welcome them and thank them for accepting the responsibility. You will be hearing from them shortly regarding election procedures.

From 20th to the 28th February some of our members will be visiting Sikkim, Darjeeling and Calcutta, we wish them "bon voyage".

Our grand finale is planned for March, we hope to surprise and please you with something special.

Warm regards.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

MANAGING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mon. 4th February 9.30a.m

Mon. 4th February 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings hosted by
Susan Hopper
At : River House,
12, Tumbulls Road Extn.
Chennai - 600 035

IWA-CHENNAI INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1st April '07 TO 31st December '2007	Amount
INCOME	Rs. ps
Membership Subscription	344300.00
Hostess Contribution	82900.00
Telephone Books, Byelaws & Photographs	14160.00
Guest Contribution	24730.00
Savings Bank Interest / Fixed Deposit Interest	31953.00
New Membership	5250.00
Photographs and Badges	2440.00
Membership Contribution	900.00
X'mas Celebration	14508.00
Divali Kondattam	302765.00
Total Income	823904.00
EXPENDITURE	
AGM Expenses 2006-2007	33890.00
Fellowship Morning	16449.00
Printing & Stationery	34145.50
Postage & Courier Charges	13009.00
Legal and Professional Fees	2245.00
Meetings	76190.15
Founder's Day Celebration	50936.00
Divali Kondattam	160794.84
X'mas Celebration	48991.10
Accounting Charges	8000.00
Bank Charges	82.00
Total Expenditure	444732.59
Excess of Income over Expenditure	379171.41
Funds Position as on 31st December '2007	
Opening Balance - 1st April 2007	171572.64
Add : Excess of Income Over Expenditure	379171.41
Less: Advance paid to Chairpersons	24000.00
Closing Balance - 31st December '2007	
Bank	512309.35
Cash	14434.70
Fixed Deposits	526744.05
Special Fixed Deposit KD/01/4776	100000.00
Corpus & Entrance Fee FD/01/007158	424354.00
Entrance Fee-FD/01/007178	5419.00
Total Fixed Deposits	529773.00

**Philosophy & Religion
History Culture Tours
Arts & Handicrafts**



February 5th – 6th 2008

Trip to Vellore

IWA members depart for an overnight trip to Vellore.

They will be visiting the historic Vellore Fort and the now ASI restored Jalakanteswara Temple.

They will also be visiting the recently built Golden temple – an added bonus for the travellers!

The IWA ladies and friends will be accompanied by **Chitra Madhavan**, an archeologist and art historian, who has a wealth of knowledge to share with them.

It promises to be a most enjoyable trip!

**SADIYA KHALEEL
GEETA RAJAGOPAL
PRITHIKA CHARY**

**UMA GANESAN
GOWRI VISVANATHAN
SANJITA SHAH**

Arts and Handicrafts

We thank **Nanditha Krishna** for the wonderful talk on Folk Toys of South India and **Alagammai Alagappan** for graciously hosting the December meeting on Folk Toys of South India.

PRITHIKA CHARY

SANJITA SHAH

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Thursday, 7th February at 10:15 am

At: **Kausalya Jaganmohan**
Shri Vaishnav, 33 (old 16)
Kasturi Ranga Road
Chennai 600018



Gourmet Food?

What exactly is "gourmet" food? Is it exotic food? Is it unusual food? Is it expensive food?

By the book, gourmet food is characterized by high quality, accurate preparation, and artistic presentation. Some are prone to be conceptualized as "gourmet" because of their limited accessibility and foreign origins. Yet in their native lands, they may be a simple and unexalted food.

J.K. Madan, of Maisson de Gourmet has kindly consented to "demystify" this topic for us. Not only will he educate us, but will also tantalize our tastebuds with a few gourmet snacks.

J.K. defines gourmet food as "An expensive, seasonal, non-native food, perceived as superior, that under the best of circumstances is also of high quality, accurately prepared and presented with artistic flair". How's that for a gourmet definition?

We would like to thank **Kausalya Jaganmohan** for opening her home to us and **Sushi Goklaney** for sponsoring the gifts.

This is a warn-in meeting, limited to 45 members. No guests please.

Please call one of the following numbers between 4th – 6th February
Meena Naru 9840081678
Radha Gopalakrishnan 24918186

RAJI RAMESH

MEENA NARU

"A Bearnaise sauce is simply an egg yolk, a shallot, a little tarragon vinegar, and butter, but it takes years of practice for the result to be perfect." ~ Fernand Point

HEALTH & ECOLOGY



Tuesday, 12th. February at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Madras Club**

7, Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600 028

Petroleum Scenario with Reference to Women and Environment

Mr. Khaleel Rahim associate Vice President, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. Group Company ONGC will give us a presentation on -

- The initiatives taken by the petroleum industry to combat environmental depredation.
- What women can do in conservation of energy?
- Alternate energy sources to augment demand for fossil fuels.

Mr. Khaleel Rahim has been in the petroleum industry for about 20 years. He is currently heading the Marketing and Business Development functions of MRPL. He is a rank holder in Mechanical Engineering from the College of Engineering Guindy, University of Madras, and a Post graduate Diploma holder in Management from IIM Ahmedabad.

We thank our gracious hostess Tina Malhotra for hosting this meeting.

ASHA HEMDEV

BILKIS MOOSA

"Energy Policy will be and should be driven by environmental policy in the future." - Timothy Wirth

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS



Tuesday, 19th February at 10.15 a.m.

At: **TAG CENTRE** (opposite Sankara Hall)
36, (new no. 69) TTK Road, Alwarpet
Chennai-600 004

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Song Sequences of the Fifties and Sixties

Music is an integral part of our movies- there is a song for every event, be it sad or joyous. Music from movies of the fifties and sixties takes us on a nostalgic trip, when 'melody' was king and we were glued to the radio (Radio Ceylon) to listen to our favourite songs on the hit parades! The singers of these immortal creations are adored and imitated by millions even to this day. Can we resist singing along with these evergreen melodies, "Pyar hua ikar hua hai"; "Ankhon hi ankhon me"; 'Aththaan enaththaan"; "Do re mi" and many others?

"DOWN MEMORY LANE" is a labour of love for R.T.Chari whose love of music-both classical and light- is well known. He has delved deep into his formidable collection of DVDs in Tamil, Hindi and English to create this unique listening and viewing experience of well loved song scenes.

We thank him for organising and hosting this programme for IWA members.

Come and enjoy yourself for an hour and half of sheer melodious nostalgia. This will be preceded by a late hearty breakfast..

Please note that the programme will be from 10.45 to 12.30.

GEETA VASUDEVAN

PIA OLANDER

"If music be the food of love, play on." Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

We thank Rajni Sabherwal, Dorothy Saldanha, Vasanthi Sankaranarayanan and Shobha Seshasayee for sponsoring the refreshments on 25th January at the Museum Theatre

GEETA VASUDEVAN

PIA OLANDER

CURRENT EVENTS. PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Wednesday, 20th February 08, at 10.15 a.m.

At: **Urmilla Agarwal**

7 (Old 3A), Giri Road, II Floor
T.Nagar
Chennai – 600 017.

Revolutionizing the concept of DHARMA : Creating a new world order !

In any day and age , history has documented turbulent and peaceful times as two inevitable sides of a coin , though, in various proportions and degrees. Within this scenario, attempts have been made to successively curb separatism and propagating unification. Hence, the establishment of world representative organizations such as The United Nations , The International Court of Justice etc.

What prevents these bodies from achieving the goals that they had set out to achieve ? Can a new , unified world order ever become a reality ? Are there any solutions to overcome the limitations inherent within us ?

At the root of all civilizations and societies is the human being. Can we, therefore, examine the possibility of a universal concept of dharma beyond its existing connotation and expand our vision to dimensions of global peace and prosperity through each individual ? Utopia, you think ? Maybe not !

To talk about the above concept we have our very own member **Surekha Kothari**, an articulate and interesting speaker, who has enthralled us with her presentations on many occasions in the past.

We would like to thank **Urmilla Agarwal** for hosting the meeting.

ANURADHA SACHDEV
SADIYA KHALEEL

BALVEER SINGH
UMA GANESAN

HISTORY CULTURE & TOURS



February 20th – 28th

IWA trip to Sikkim

A group of intrepid IWA ladies are off this month on a trip to Kolkata, Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Sikkim, the land of Mystic Splendor nestled in the mighty Himalayas, a land of gushing rivers, towering mountains and breath-taking scenery.

Their first stop will be Sikkim where they will visit the capital, Gangtok with its monasteries and Buddhist learning centres. They drive to the beautiful lake Tsomgo and right up to the Nathu La pass to the Indo-Chinese border. Their journey will take them to Kalimpong and Darjeeling, to a tea estate and a zoological park. Their final stop will be Kolkata taking in the important landmarks of that vibrant city.

We wish them 'bon voyage'.

GEETA RAJAGOPAL

GOWRI VISVANATHAN

WELCOME ABOARD

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UK
Julie Rothwell
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58 MGR Road
Kalakshetra Colony
Besant Nagar, Chennai 600 090
Tel: 2446 3661

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO



- Maureen Thadhani on the birth of her new grandson
- Kala Bashyam on the marriage of her grand son

BOOK DISCUSSION

Friday, February 22nd at 10.15 a.m.

At: **American International School Chennai,**
100 Feet Road, Taramani,
Chennai 600 113



Othello, A Shakespearean Tragic Hero

William Shakespeare is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. His surviving works consist of 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems and several other poems. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more than those of any other playwright.

The Tragedy of Othello, The Moor of Venice, was written around 1603. The work revolves around four main characters: Othello, his wife Desdemona, his lieutenant Cassio, and his ensign Lago. Because of its varied themes - racism, love, jealousy and betrayal - the play remains relevant to the present day, and is still quite popular.

To take us on a journey through these themes we have **Stephen Kraus**, a teacher at the American International School, and a great lover of Shakespeare's works. We will attend a class together with grade 8, thereby giving us a unique opportunity to hear young people's views and opinions on the play.

Kindly warn in from 5 to 20 January with
Archana Meiyappan : 98409 98800, or
Ruth Lauge : 98402 35222,
Only 30 people can be accommodated.

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN

RUTH LAUGE

"When I read Shakespeare I am struck with wonder, that such trivial people should muse and thunder, in such lovely language".

D. H. Lawrence

Election Sub - Committee

The Managing Committee has appointed the following members to serve on the election sub-committee for the election of IWA Office Bearers for 2008-2009.

Chairperson:

Rani Chada

Members:

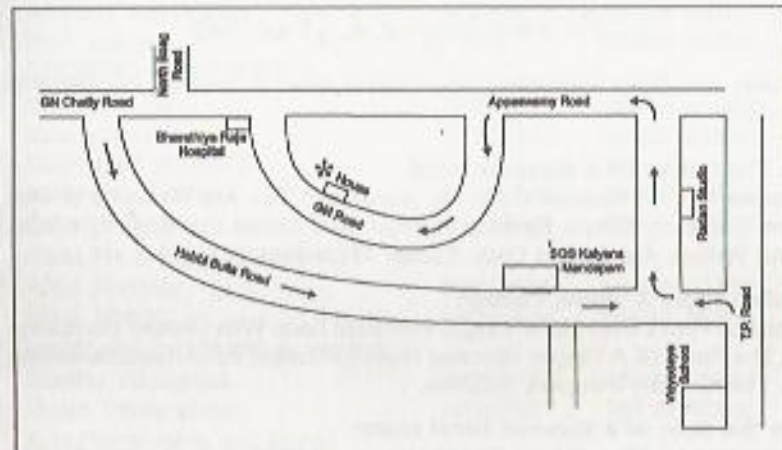
Hemalatha Santhavadanan

Maureen H. Murari.

Nalini S. Acharya

Sushi Goklaney

Route Map of Urmilla Agarwal's Residence





SUNNY SIDE UP

- A man walks into a bar one day and asks, "Does anyone here own that rottweiler outside?" "Yeah, I do!" a biker says, standing up. "What about it?" "Well, I think my chihuahua just killed him..." "What are you talkin' about?!" the biker says, disbelievingly. "How could your little dog kill my rottweiler?" "Well, it seems he got stuck in your dog's throat".
- Three elderly men are at the doctor's office for a memory test. The doctor asks the first man, "What is three times three?" "274," came the reply. The doctor rolls his eyes and looks up at the ceiling, and says to the second man, "It's your turn. What is three times three?" "Tuesday," replies the second man. The doctor shakes his head sadly, then asks the third man, "Okay, your turn. What's three times three?" "Nine," says the third man. "That's great!" says the doctor. "How did you get that?" "Simple," he says, "just subtract 274 from Tuesday.!"

Funny Signs & Notices

These are Signs translated into English seen in various international locales:

In The Lobby Of a Moscow Hotel

Across From A Russian Orthodox Monastery: You Are Welcome to Visit The Cemetery Where Famous Russian And Soviet Composers, Artists, And Writers Are Buried Daily Except Thursday.

Taken From A Menu, Poland:

Salad A Firm's Own Make; Limpid Red Beet Soup With Cheesy Dumplings In The Form Of A Finger; Roasted Duck Let loose; Beef Rashers Beaten In The Country People's Fashion.

On the door of a Moscow hotel room:

If this is your first visit to Russia, you are welcome to it.

In the window of a Swedish furrier:

Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007- 2008

MANAGING COMMITTEE

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