

July at a Glance

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Meetings are hosted by **Nalini Acharya** and **Deborah Thiagarajan**

To learn more, visit the IWA web site: www.iwachennai.com

From the Presidents

Dear Friends,
Shubh Arambh!

Thank you for the profusion of **Purple!** Ladies, your enthusiasm, energy and elegance added the perfect **zing** to our first IWA Morning.

We thank the Managing and Executive Committees without whose unstinting efforts the Fellowship meeting could not have been such a wonderfully enjoyable morning.

The trip to Myanmar has been planned from the 19th to the 28th of September, 2012. We are overwhelmed by the tremendous interest expressed by those of you who have endorsed our choice of destination for this year's sojourn.

The Music Committee this year is chaired by **Uma Ganesan** and will be ably supported by **Vijaya Balasubramaniam, Pushpa Lakshman** and **Marina Mathias**. We wish them all the very best in their endeavour to select the most promising talent for this year's **Music Day** felicitation.

Founders Day, which falls on the 25th of July, is our most prestigious event this month and we want you all to share our pride in celebrating the pioneering spirit of our wonderful Founders as well as our past Presidents who have ensured that IWA sustains and thrives!

Ladies, we have an exciting line up of meetings for you this month. As a courtesy to the speakers, please do not get up and leave while the meeting is still in progress. Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Yours in IWA,

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

4 Wed

10.15 ^{AM}

Amethyst Café
239, White's Road, Next to Corporation Bank
Royapettah, Chennai 600 014

The World through the eyes of an Artist

Parvathi Nayar is a well known artist who has exhibited worldwide. She set up her art studio in Chennai about four years ago when she moved here from Singapore. Conceptually, her work is rooted in exploring relationships with the world, in ways that encourage viewers to see the world they thought they knew, in new ways.

Using her own art as a jump off point, Ms. Nayar will talk about aspects of being a "contemporary, Indian, woman artist", the nature of contemporary art practices and its appreciation, her relocation to India and her experience engaging with the art scene here and whether gender plays a role in art historically and in the present.

The artist will be in conversation with **Deborah Thiagarajan**.

We thank **Sulochana Alexander, Fakhira Ayer** and **Gita Chandrasekaran** for hosting the meeting.

We thank **Zainab Kachwalla** for being our day facilitator.

NALINI ACHARYA

DEBORAH THIAGARAJAN

Congratulations to **Rani Ananth** and family.
Her son-in-law, Viswanathan Anand, won his 5th World Chess Championship title.

6^{Fri}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Fresca Pizza by Sandys Platinum Building Khader Nawaz Khan Road Chennai 600 006</p>
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A Different Slice

Engineer turned owner, **Chef Sandesh Reddy's** latest venture is very unlike a Domino's or a Pizza Hut. Italian flavours with strong traditional roots incorporating local ingredients and taste, testifies that Fresca thrives on surprise. Serving only thin crust pizza and paying attention to detail, be it a "Veg. Gathering" with makhani, pickled vegetables, baby corn and mozzarella or their special "Tandoori Chicken Pizza" demonstrates their eagerness to be different. Learn the art of handmade pizza at Fresca.

We have to limit this meeting to **40** members. Please **warn in** with **Chris Bomstad** at 9840084158 from July 2nd to July 5th between 11am and 5pm.

We thank **Sucharita Prasad** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Minnie Mathan** for being our day facilitator.

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

CHRIS BOMSTAD

Our deepest condolences to **Sharada Rajamani** on the loss of her husband.

Our heartfelt condolences to **Vijaya Balasubramaniam** on the loss of her brother.

10^{Tue}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Senator Hall, Lower Lobby The Residency Towers Hotel Sir Thyagaraya Road Chennai 600 017</p>
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Why this Kolaveri Di?

This iconic song which was composed by **Anirudh Ravichander** in 20 minutes and released on the internet became a viral rage. Kolaveri won the YouTube Golden Award for the most viewed song ever.

Our member, **Rekha Rangaraj**, will interview this young composer which will be followed by a question and answer session.

Kindly note this is a **Members only** meeting.

We thank **Rani Chada** for being our day facilitator.

CHANDRA SEONI

ANJALI SACHETI

International Music Day

How appropriate that October 1st happens to be the birthday of our dear Founder Nirmal Seshadri. She loved music and with this objective her family has set up an endowment fund to recognize a deserving candidate annually. The Music Committee, carefully chosen every year, selects a young and promising musician towards this end.

The Music Committee for the year 2012-2013 is as follows:

Chairperson	Uma Ganesan
Member	Vijaya Balasubramaniam
Member	Pushpa Lakshman
Member	Marina Mathias

The selected candidate should preferably be under 18 years of age and should have certifications, awards and citations to his or her credit.

Members can send in their suggestions and recommend prospective candidates to (a) **Uma Ganesan** at balaumaganesan@gmail.com Ph: **24472682/9940652588** or (b) **Vijaya Balasubramaniam** at vijaya_balu13@gmail.com, Ph: **25643588/9840603182** by **10th August, 2012**, supported with appropriate write ups.

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

12^{Thu}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Amethyst Café 239, White's Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai 600 014</p>
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Exploring Georgetown

Mr V. Sriram, is one of the most sought after speakers on the historical background of Chennai due to his in depth knowledge, sense of humour and ability to bring alive stories, cultures and traditions of the past. He is a well known historian, entrepreneur and writer. He has authored and co-authored many books. He is deeply interested and knowledgeable in Carnatic music. He also conducts heritage walks at various historical locations in the city bringing to life the customs and traditions of the past. He is on the board of "Madras Musings" and is a regular writer for India Today, Indian Express, Sruti (a classical dance and music magazine), apart from various other publications.

Mr Sriram will take us on historical journey and open our eyes to some fascinating insights into the background and development of Georgetown, the oldest part of Chennai.

We thank **Usha Jawahar** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Anuradha Sachdev** for being our day facilitator.

ACHU KURIAN

RATHI NILAKANTAN

17^{Tue}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Pearl Room, Presidency Club Ethiraj Salai Egmore, Chennai 600 008</p>
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Wealth from Waste

Reduce, reuse and recycle today for a better tomorrow. Composting is an easy cost effective way to convert trash into a resource.

The Daily Dump, an organization started by 3 women from Bangalore has evolved into a movement to manage household waste and convert it into high quality compost. By composting, you will be doing a huge service to your planet and your descendants by helping keep tons of garbage out of landfills and toxic poisons out of water, air and soil.

Ms. Navneeth Raghavan a clone (i.e. she has used the open source designs of Daily Dump to manufacture and sell the terracotta pots at her store) of the Daily Dump will speak to us on this subject and will also demonstrate how trash is converted into compost.

We thank **Maureen Murari** and **Kamala Muthiah** for graciously hosting the meeting.

We thank **Bilkis Moosa** for being our day facilitator.

ASHA HEMDEV

JENNIFER MEDDICK

19^{Thu}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Maple Hall Savera Hotel 146, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road Chennai 600 004</p>
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Corruption & Black Money – National and Global Scenario

A KPMG survey indicated that “51 per cent respondents expressed apprehension that rising corruption will make India less attractive for foreign investments” and a whopping “90% believe corruption in India will keep markets volatile.” For every 1% rise in corruption, there is a 11% per capita reduction in FDI flow.

Black money and Corruption are physically interlinked. They are presently an integral part of several economies world over. In India they have much more influence and are deeply rooted in all spheres of life.

Swaminathan Gurumurthy, popularly known as a writer and journalist in India, is a chartered accountant by profession and a corporate advisor of high standing. Highly rated for his investigative writing, he has ceaselessly campaigned against corruption at high places.

The meeting is sponsored by **Sudha Shivkumar**.

We thank **Shirley Verghese** for being our day facilitator.

SUDHA SHIVKUMAR

KIMBERLY OWENS

24^{Tue}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences (From Kasturi Rangan Road go past Ente Keralam and turn left) 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden, Chennai 600 086</p>
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The Lesser Known Gods of the Hindu Pantheon

The Hindu pantheon has Gods for vegetation, Gods for weather, Gods for nature, Gods for geographical areas, Gods for villages, Gods for the house, Gods in the temples, Gods in running water, Gods in the deepest forest and on icy mountain heights. There is no situation, environment and place that do not have a God. Gods inspire, Gods infuse art and creativity and Gods provoke destruction too. There is indeed an order and structure behind this apparent endless profusion of divinity.

Dr. Chitra Madhavan, author and eminent research scholar in the fields of history and archeology, will focus on the lesser known aspects, the more intriguing aspects and the spiritually valuable aspects of some of these manifestations of the divine.

We thank our sponsors **Saranya Jayakumar, Rajni Sabherwal, Neena Sanghavi, Daksha Sheth** and **Rukku Seshasayee**.

We thank **Rani Chandani** for being our day facilitator.

SHARMILA RAMJI

CECY KURUVILLA

25 Wed	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Mowbrays Hall Sheraton Park Hotel Chennai 600 018</p>
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Founders Day

Year after year and hopefully for many eons to follow, we fondly remember in warmth and gratitude, our **Founders**. We marvel at their vision, tenacity and pioneering spirit in founding this wonderful entity which continues to remain the most coveted women’s organization in Chennai.

Let us come together to express our gratitude once again to these wonderful women and pledge ourselves to work in the direction that ensures that IWA grows even stronger!

Celebrate with us as we remember and thank our **Founders** and all our **past Presidents**.

This is a **Members only** meeting.

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

THE BOARD



Hearty congratulations to **Asha Harish Murthi** on the wedding of her daughter Sonya

Hearty congratulations to **Anita Bhatia** on the wedding of her daughter Priyanka

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Burnt Shadows: A Saga of Interwoven Lives

Kamila Shamsie is a Pakistani American novelist who has won several international awards for her novels. Her fifth novel **Burnt Shadows** was the winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and was short listed for the Orange Prize for Fiction.

Burnt Shadows is the story of Hiroko Tanaka whose life is destroyed by the Hiroshima bombing of 1945. Moving and mesmerizing, it traces the shared histories of two families, from the final days of the Second World War in Japan and India on the brink of partition in 1947, to Pakistan in the early 1980s, New York in the aftermath of 11 September and Afghanistan in the wake of the ensuing U.S. bombing. Sweeping in its scope, Burnt Shadows is an epic narrative with an astonishing climax.

Radhika Mohan, content writer, freelance writer and developer of websites will lead the discussion.

We thank **Cherry Venkatesan** for graciously hosting the meeting.

We thank **Lakshmi Menon** for being our day facilitator.

LEENA SURYAPRAKASH

JANSI KISHORE