

<b>1</b> Tue	10.15 <sup>AM</sup> <b>International Music Day</b> 12.00 <sup>PM</sup> Committee Meeting
<b>3</b> Thu	<b>04.00</b> <sup>PM</sup> Philosophy & Religion
<b>8</b> Tue	10.15 <sup>AM</sup> Current Events
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<b>15</b> Tue	10.15 <sup>AM</sup> Music & Performing Arts
<b>22</b> Tue	10.15 <sup>AM</sup> Health & Ecology
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<b>31</b> Thu	10.15 <sup>AM</sup> Book Discussion

To learn more, visit the IWA web site: [www.iwachennai.com](http://www.iwachennai.com)

**From the Presidents**

We fondly remember our Founder President, Nirmal Seshadri as we celebrate **International Music Day** and her birthday on Tuesday, **October 1st**. We thank the **Music Committee** comprising of **Geeta Vasudevan** (Chairperson), **Kala Bhashyam**, **Prema Kumar** and **Maya Mathew** for identifying the talented young awardee. We are happy to have the presence of Mr Seshadri to give away the award.

**Ujwala**, the **IWA Deepavali** celebration is on Thursday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you with family and friends for this event and wish you much happiness and prosperity in the festive season.

The **Khazana stall** is ever popular due to your generous contributions. Please hand over your contributions in cash or kind to any member of the Board or Activity Chairpersons before October 15<sup>th</sup>.

NITA REDDY

PRIYA ASOKAN

<b>1</b> Tue	12.00 <sup>PM</sup> Committee Meeting My Fortune Hotel ( formerly Chola Sheraton) Cathedral Road Chennai 600 086
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Change of Address:

**Shanti Karunakaran**  
No 1, Ground Floor  
Raymond Court  
33, Pycroft Garden Road  
Nungambakkam  
Chennai 600 006

**Usha B. Moorthy**  
Shreshta Panchajanya  
25/51, Arundale Beach Road  
Kalakshetra Colony  
Besant Nagar  
Chennai 600 090

**From the Membership Secretary**

**Guidelines for IWA Membership  
Indian Members**

1. An applicant must have 2 sponsors (who are well acquainted with her) and submit a brief resume of her background, interests and hobbies. The applicant should attach one passport sized photo to her resume and should have no objection to this photo being published in the IWA Newsletter. Any written and duly signed objections regarding applicants should be intimated to the Membership Secretary:  
**Sharmila Ramji**  
Pushpak, Flat AG, New 14, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Jagadambal Colony, Royapettah, Chennai 600 014  
(Tel: 98403 60735), by **10 November, 2013**.
2. In addition, the applicant in her letter should specify whether she has a relative who is an IWA member. If so, provide the name and relationship of the member/members.
3. Applications cannot be carried over to the following year and must be re-submitted each year.
4. The membership sub-committee makes decisions regarding membership by majority vote. The Managing Committee will ratify the new members.
5. Applicants should be made aware that a member must attend at least 10 meetings in the IWA year. A new member is expected to be a Day Facilitator at an IWA Activity meeting, and contribute her time, energy and expertise. The applicant is expected to serve on the Executive Committee once she is eligible to do so.

**Non-Indian Members**

1. Non-Indians interested in joining IWA should contact the Membership Secretary. Applicants will be invited to attend an IWA meeting to meet with a Board representative. The Membership Secretary will provide the applicant with an application form once this formality is completed. Sponsors are not required for this category of membership.
2. Applicants will be admitted throughout the year depending on vacancies available. Preference will be given to those in the consular community and to those who are in Chennai on short term basis.
3. Applicants should be made aware that a member must attend at least 10 meetings in the IWA year. A new member is expected to be a Day Facilitator at an IWA Activity meeting, contribute her time, energy and expertise and serve on the Executive Committee.

SHARMILA RAMJI

**From the Membership Sub-Committee**

IWA REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

Traders & Traders, RA Building Annexe, First Floor, 74 Marshalls Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008

We 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.

- a. A new applicant will have to be sponsored and co-sponsored by two active members of IWA who have been members for at least 7 years.
- b. The sponsor and co-sponsor may not have sponsored any candidate who has been accepted into IWA in the last three years.
- c. The applicant should include the following details in her bio-data:
  - Name
  - Date of birth
  - Profession
  - Designation
  - Address (residence and office)
  - Telephone Number (residence, office and mobile)
  - Email ID
  - Husband's name, profession and designation.
  - In addition, her letter should specify whether she has a relative who is an IWA member. If so, the name and relationship of the member/s.
- d. The sponsor and co-sponsor should write a covering letter introducing the candidate and giving adequate reasons why they think their candidate would be suitable for IWA. This letter should be signed by both the sponsor and co-sponsor. This letter and the bio-data of the applicant are a MUST for an applicant to be considered for membership.
- e. Both the sponsor and co-sponsor should personally be well acquainted with the candidate.
- f. Members of the Managing Committee, Membership Committee and Advisory Committee may not sponsor or co-sponsor a candidate.
- g. The sponsor and/or co-sponsor must come in person to the **Madras Boat Club, Boat club Road, Chennai 600 028** on Wednesday, **October 9, 2013** between **10 am and 12 noon**. Applications for new members will be accepted only on this date and at the place and time specified.
- h. The Membership Sub-Committee will scrutinize all the applications received and will inform the sponsor of the procedure to be followed thereafter.

SHARMILA RAMJI

<b>1 Tue</b>	<p>10.15 <sup>AM</sup>                  Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan                  No 4, Rutland Gate 5th Street                  Chennai 600 006  <b>Valet Parking Provided</b></p> 
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## International Music Day

We fondly remember our Founder President, **Nirmal Seshadri** as we celebrate **International Music Day** and her birthday on October 1st. Her family has instituted an award to be given to a young talented musician in her memory.

Our Music Committee this year comprising of **Geeta Vasudevan** (Chairperson), **Kala Bhashyam**, **Prema Kumar** and **Maya Mathew** received applications from students of different genres of music. They have unanimously chosen sixteen year old Western Classical Pianist **John Pettigrew** as this year's awardee.

The talented young artist will be honoured by IWA and he will give a brief performance for the pleasure of our members.

We invite you to join in the celebrations and encourage the young awardee.

We thank **Nabila Avais** for generously sponsoring this meeting.

We thank **Kala Bhashyam** for sponsoring the trophy for the awardee.

### **This is a member's only meeting.**

**Directions:** Enter Khader Nawas Khan Rd., from NH Road and follow it until it curves to the right after the Auroville store, then take first right.

NITA REDDY

PRIYA ASOKAN

THE BOARD

Our hearty congratulations to **Heather Charraudeau** on the arrival of her second grandson.

<b>3 Thu</b>	<p><b>4.00 PM</b>                  "Sai Villa" Plot 500                  4<sup>th</sup> South Main Road                  Kapaleeshwara Nagar                  Neelankarai, Chennai 600 041</p> 
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## Bhakti for Baby Krishna (Ladoo Gopal) and celebration of Navaratri with Kolu (Dolls)

**Dressing up of Baby Lord Krishna** – One of the many ways that we use to express bhakti towards the almighty, is to decorate him. He inspires us, and his makeover is possible only with his grace. Our own IWA member **Kalpna Sonthalia** will demonstrate the decorating of Krishna which has been her passion and fascination; from buying the jewellery and his clothing to personally dressing him up.

**Navaratri and Kolu** - it is that part of the year when it is time to celebrate the unified form of Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi representing Shakti. Yes, it is Navaratri! Time to bring out the Kolu dolls and mouth watering sundals. Our own IWA member **Rani Ananth** opens her house to view her 'Bomma Kolu', her dolls are nearly 100 years old. She will also talk about the festival and its significance.

Let us all get together and be a part of these beautiful traditions.

### **Members please note this is an evening meeting.**

### **Guests Welcome**

We thank our hostess **Rani Ananth** for offering her lovely home. We would also like to thank our gracious sponsors **Urmilla Agarwal**, **Mansha Bhatia**, **Dhun Dalal** and **Kashmira Daruwala**.

Our thanks to **Jaya Patwardhan** for being the day facilitator.

**Please warn in before 1<sup>st</sup> October with Sheetal(98400 87186) or Cecile(89396 30992) between 10 am and 1pm only.**

SHEETAL SHAH

CECILE EZVAN DUFEU

<b>8<sup>Tue</sup></b>	<p>10.15 AM                  Park Hyatt Chennai                  39, Velachery Road                  Near Raj Bhavan                  Chennai 600032</p>	
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## Women and Politics

- A dialogue with Pratibha Advani

We are delighted to have **Pratibha Advani** come and address us at IWA. Ms. Advani needs no introduction. She is an Indian talk show host, anchor and a successful producer. She was the producer of two famous shows on Doordarshan, Yaadein and Take Care. She is the daughter of Smt. Kamla and Shri L. K. Advani, former deputy Prime Minister of India.

Given the unique perspective that she brings and her ringside view of the lead up to the upcoming elections, she is the perfect person to have a dialogue with us on the subject of 'Women and Politics'.

We thank **Amulya Rao** for being our day facilitator.

**Please note that this meeting is open to spouses and guests.**

USHAJAWAHAR

DOMINIQUE RASTOIN

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We thank **Meera Raghavendra Rao, Geeta Rajagopal, Bala Rao** and **Sharada Reddy** for sponsoring the audio visual equipment for the cooking swapshop meeting - Flavors of India - Kerala Cuisine.

<b>10<sup>Thu</sup></b>	<p><b>04.00 PM</b>                  E Hotel *                  Express Avenue Mall, Gate No.1                  Pattulos Road                  Chennai 600 002</p>	
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## IWA's French Connection

- la belle vie (the good life)

On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alliance Française in Chennai, we are happy to present to you, an IWA special French event – an opportunity for the French community of IWA to share their culture with all of us.

On the menu for this very special day:

The Appetizer - **Kausalyajaganmohan**, the Honorary French Consul in Chennai, will give us a talk on Alliance Française and highlight the links existing between French and Indian cultures.

The Main Course - **Marie Hélène Bertau** - a French classical singer, will sing some famous pieces from her lyrical repertoire for us.

The Dessert - **Cécile Ezvan, Julie Madre, Dominique Rastoin and Michèle Ségala**- members of IWA's French contingent - will present snapshots of French heritage and also current practices prevailing in France. These snapshots will encompass culture, ecology, philosophy, sightseeing and...of course, wine!

The Finale - We will conclude this exciting meeting with a traditional French wine & cheese tasting session!

**Please come dressed in French colors - blue, white & red...Please note this is an evening meeting.** Do come and enjoy this special evening!

We thank our kind sponsors, **Heather Charraudeau, Cecile Ezvan Dufeu, Julie Madre, Dominique Rastoin** and **Michele Segala**.

\* Enter Mall Gate No.1 and stay to the right for the hotel.

THAYABAE KAKAR  
 USHAJAWAHAR  
 FHARZANA SIRAJ  
 SHEETAL SHAH

MICHELE SEGALA  
 DOMINIQUE RASTOIN  
 JULIE MADRE  
 CECILE EZVAN DUFEU

<h1>15<sup>Tue</sup></h1>	<p>10.15<sup>AM</sup>  <b>Presidency CLUB</b>                  Ethiraj Salai                  Egmore                  Chennai 600 008</p>	
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## U-ra-mi-li

- The song of our people

What do you get when **Anushka Meenakshi** and **Iswar Srikumar** decide to travel on a two year journey around India? You get the u-ra-mi-li project (the song of our people). It is a cinematic performance, built from everyday moments that have a strong musical, rhythmic or performative quality to them.

Anushka and Iswar provide us with their personal anecdotes and a glimpse into a film in the making. The focus of their talk will be on work songs and work rhythms. From the sounds emanating from the weaving looms to the songs women sing as they work in the fields, come and listen to different forms of work music in remote regions all over India.

We thank **Jayashree Manradiar** for graciously sponsoring this meeting.

We thank **Kaety Dalal** for being our day facilitator.

JEYASREE RAVI

RIGMOR EKSTRAND

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*A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable,  
 but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.*

**George Bernard Shaw**

<h1>22<sup>Tue</sup></h1>	<p>10.15<sup>AM</sup>                  Hanu Reddy Residences                  39/18, Binny Road                  Poes Garden                  Chennai 600 086</p>	
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## Plant Ideas

Our cities and towns are loaded with bricks and mortar. Though essential for our habitation, it pollutes Mother Earth. We can't avoid it altogether, but can definitely lessen its negative impact by providing a green shield, this shield of plants, is in technical terms called an envelope.

To educate us on the concept of living roofs and walls, we have with us **Mr. Thomas Demelle**, who holds the title of Compagnon du devour which in India, is equivalent to Master of building design, engineering and execution. Currently, he is based in Pondicherry where he works for OVOID.

We thank **Nalini Acharya, Prithika Chary** and **Meera Jayakar** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Badrunnisa Mahadevan** for being our day facilitator.

FHARZANA SIRAJ

JULIE MADRE

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*Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.  
 Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.  
 Just walk beside me and be my friend.*

**Albert Camus**

<b>24<sup>Thu</sup></b>	<p><b>04.00 PM</b>                  Mayor Sri Ramanathan                  Chettiar Centre                  75/2, Santhome High Road                  M.R.C. Nagar, Chennai 600 028</p>	
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## Ujwala

- A Celebration of Light

Do dress in your festive best and join us in celebrating IWA's Deepavali!

On this festive occasion, we are delighted to have **Revathy Sankkaran** regale us with her forte, Harikatha. To quote The Hindu, "If you had a melodious voice and a fantastic memory, could dance gracefully, write jingles on the spot, speak extempore with wit, act with sophistication and had a stage presence that demanded attention, who would you be? You could be a dozen different people or one Revathy Sankkaran." So ladies, get ready to be entertained...

Speaking of ever popular, the **Khazana stall** will be open to all except for a short break for the entertainment. We will have other stalls as well for you to indulge in some festive shopping.

Revathy's performance will be preceded by a sumptuous **high tea** served between **4:30 pm** and **6:00 pm**. We would appreciate it if everyone could be in their seats by **6.00 pm**.

Tickets for members and guests are Rs. 400 and will be available for sale at all meetings. We look forward to having you there with your friends and family.

Our heartfelt thanks to **Visalakshi Ramaswamy** for graciously sponsoring the hall.

**Please note this is an evening meeting.**

NITA REDDY

PRIYA ASOKAN

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<b>31<sup>Thu</sup></b>	<p>10.15 AM                  Hanu Reddy Residences                  39/18, Binny Road                  Poes Garden                  Chennai 600 086</p>	
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## Blog!! – Let your voice be heard!!

Blog, short for web log, is an online journal open to public discourse. In the nineties they were merely online personal diaries, but now they have mushroomed into one of the most powerful means of communication. Bloggers have helped in dethroning a politician (Trent Lott), caused resignations (including powerful NY Times editor Howell Raines), and have acted as threats to various governments.

About 250 million blogs exist today and they are as varied as the people writing them. Blogs cover any and every topic ranging from politics to how to get red wine out of your carpet.

So what exactly is a blog? And how can you start your own?

Chennai's pre-eminent blogger, **Kiruba Shankar**, will help us understand the world known as the Blogosphere. Not only will he walk us through how to start our own blogs, but he will also discuss the influence that blogs have on the world today.

Kiruba's blog, which has a following of over ten thousand people, is a diverse site covering whatever catches his fancy. He is an entrepreneur, social media consultant, podcaster, speaker, an author of 4 books, and also a farmer.

We thank **Leena Suryaprakash** for being our sponsor.

We thank **Shobha Hebbar** for being our day facilitator.

LAKSHMI MENON

ANJALI SACHETI