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From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

The Grand Finale on March 26th brought the curtain down on our year of the butterfly. Entertainment was provided by the ever popular Madras Players, and also by our own members who showed us that once again the IWA woman is versatile, creative and inspiring! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us and for making the morning a fun event.

The year has raced by, and like the butterfly who has 'not months but moments', we hope we've had 'time enough' to complete the goals we set ourselves last April.

One of these was the introduction of our four workshops where we covered a range of interesting and diverse subjects. These interactive and informative sessions proved to be popular and we'd like to thank all those who organised these events and helped make them a success.

Our year was busy, fun and full of camaraderie and we leave it with lots of wonderful memories. We couldn't have done it without the incredible support and commitment of all the ladies on our committees. We would like to extend to you all a heartfelt thanks for your hard work, your unfailing good humour and your words of encouragement.

Our Managing Committee, **Achu Kurian, Malini Krishna, Usha Jawahar, Farah Bangera, Somna Sachdev** and **Phyllis Stathis** have been our chief 'butterflies'. They have all spread their wings this year and given us their colourful best. Thank you ladies!

Our Activity Chairpersons have been no less colourful or supportive; **Jeyasree Ravi & Anjali Sacheti** (Arts & Handicrafts), **Anita Koshy & Masako Maruyama** (Book Discussion), **Anjana Sunil &**

Mahvesh Sait (Cooking Swapshop), **Asha Murthi & Dawn Williamson** (Current Events), **Buddy Mahadevan & Tineke Sysmens** (Health & Ecology), **Sheetal Shah & Chris Bomstad** (History, Culture & Tours), **Deepali Goyal & Catherine Reddy** (Music & Performing Arts) and **Banu Singh & Sylvie Wright** (Philosophy & Religion). We sincerely thank you all for your hard work and dedication and for bringing us some truly inspiring meetings. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your efforts in helping make this a memorable year.

We'd also like to thank the Advisory, Election, Membership and Music committees for their invaluable help during our year. We'd like to give a special thanks to **Srikanta Jhaver** for offering her premises to IWA for its registered office and for receiving our mail. Also a big thank you to **Rani Ananth** for maintaining the IWA blog every month. Thanks also to **Prema Kumar** for providing us with a venue for our elections.

We look forward to seeing you at the **AGM on Monday, April 27th**. We kindly request those of you who cannot attend the AGM to write in advance to the Membership Secretary seeking a leave of absence.

Last but not least, we'd like to wish all the very best to the incoming committees for what is sure to be another engaging and exciting IWA year.

ASHA RAMMOHAN

JO FROGBROOK

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Meetings are hosted by **Asha Rammohan & Jo Frogbrook**

From the Vice Presidents

Yet another enjoyable IWA year has flown by; a year of interesting meetings and great friendships. The IWA newsletters are always much looked forward to by each member, to plan their IWA activities each month. Our thanks must go out to each of the Activity Chairpersons for sending us the blurbs on time and thus helping us to ensure that the publication deadlines were met.

Special thanks to the Presidents Asha and Jo, whose support and encouragement were instrumental in helping us to not only carry out all our duties but also to enjoy the same.

We would also like to thank the Managing Committee and the Activity Chairpersons whose enthusiasm made it a pleasure to plan the activities each month.

Finally our heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the IWA family for their support and faith in us

ACHU KURIAN

MALINI KRISHNA

From the Secretaries

It's been a wonderful IWA year that is coming to a close. We worked hard to make sure that the newsletters reached everyone on time, as well as providing up to date information to our members regarding meetings. We've had a great time working with our efficient Presidents, Asha and Jo, the Managing Committee and the Executive Committee.

We would also like to thank the Advisory Committee for their assistance and the Membership Committee for all their hard work in choosing new members. As the year closes, we look forward to giving our support to the new committee and invite all of you to do the same. Our best wishes for another exciting and fun filled year.

USHA JAWAHAR

FARAH BANGERA

From the Membership Secretary

Please return your renewal forms together with your cheque for the annual membership fee of Rs. 2000 made out to "IWA Chennai". Non Indians can pay cash. This can be done at the AGM, by post, or hand delivered to the Secretaries. The closing date for returning completed renewal forms is June 30th, 2015.

To ensure our records are up to date, please complete all sections of the renewal form accurately.

Please tick the appropriate box for sponsorship in the renewal form and do oblige when approached by the chair persons with the same amount.

In the case of Non- Indians who are leaving Chennai, please send a letter or e-mail informing us that you will not be renewing your membership. This will enable us to fill your slot with another interested applicant.

All members are reminded that they should inform us in writing or by email if:

- a) They will be absent for the AGM, prior to the AGM
- b) If they are likely to be absent for a month or more from IWA. This should be done prior to or at the beginning of each long absence.

USHAJAWAHAR

From the Treasurers

The Treasurers post has been a wonderful learning experience for us. We now understand the " behind the scenes working of IWA". We truly appreciate the time and commitment of all the members towards making the meetings successful. A big thank you to all of you. And a bigger thank you to all the hosts, co hosts and sponsors.

A special mention of the members of the Managing committee and the Executive committee for their tireless efforts and dedication in making this IWA year an enjoyable one.

We wish the incoming team the very best.

SOMNA SACHDEV

PHYLLIS STATHIS

Elections

The Election Committee has submitted its report for election of IWA's office bearers for the year 2015 – 2016. The voting will be at the following address:

The Madras Seva Sadan
 (Lady Andal School)
 7 Harrington Road
 Chetpet, Chennai 600 031

ASHA RAMMOHAN

JO FROGBROOK

From the Election Committee

Based on the nominations received, we are happy to announce that the following members have been elected unopposed to the posts mentioned against each:

	Indian	Non-Indian
President	Achu Kurian	Malini Krishna
Vice President		Jansi Kishore
Secretary		Nalini Panday
Treasurer		Mahvesh Sait

Our congratulations and very best wishes to them for a successful term.

From the Election Committee

Elections will be held for the following posts:

Post	Candidates (Names in alphabetical order)
Vice-President – Indian	Nabila Avais Usha Jawahar
Treasurer - Indian	Anita Koshy Jeyasree Ravi
Membership Secretary - Indian	Sureka Kothari Badrunnisa Mahadevan

Voting shall take place on Saturday, **April 4th, 2015 between 11am and 3pm** at:

The Madras Seva Sadan
(Lady Andal School)
7 Harrington Road
Chetpet, Chennai 600 031

On completion of counting of votes, successful candidates for the above three posts shall be announced.

- Chairperson : Seema Sait
- Members : Premila Jacob
Prema Kumar
Amulya Rao
Vidya Singh

***Please note Election day attendance is given for the up-coming year**

	10.15 ^{AM} Amethyst Whites Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah Chennai 600 014
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A Tryst with Jewellery

The love affair between women and jewellery is not a recent phenomenon. The famous Marilyn Monroe song “Diamonds are a girl’s best friend,” did not describe a passing phase. Women have always been drawn to adornments, whether they are sparkly ones with glittery stones or more discreet ones like rudraksh beads. Jewellery is not only a style statement, but also a unique heirloom.

How do these gems come to life? How are the colours picked? How do intricate patterns set in the lovely glitter of yellow, stay together for what seems forever? What exactly is involved in the making charges?

Manika Anand Thilakan is only 24, but she has been designing and manufacturing celebration jewellery and custom clothing for over 5 years. Starting off from her studio in Delhi she has continued to sell under her brand name, Paaro Oye, since moving to Chennai following her marriage. Join us, as she takes us through her journey as an entrepreneur and helps demystify the wonders in our wardrobe.

We thank **Bimla Batla** and **Amita Bhatia** for graciously hosting this meeting

We thank **Bharathi Suresh** for being our day facilitator.

JEYASREE RAVI _____ ANJALI SACHETI

Our heartfelt condolences to **Umayal Chettyappan** on the demise of her brother.

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Bridging Contemporary with Classic: Fusion Violin Concert

Violinist **Karthick Iyer** fearlessly integrates a range of styles to create an eclectic, soulful sound that merges classic Carnatic music with contemporary sounds. Mr. Iyer began his music career over 20 years ago playing throughout the city's concert halls as a classical musician. In college he honed his talents in the fields of music composition and recording, working with greats like A.R. Rahman, Imman, and Vijay Antony. During this time he expanded his sound to include jazz, funk rock, and even Afro-Cuban rhythms. Upon studying these seemingly disparate styles, he has since learned to weave them together into beautiful, original compositions.

To date, Mr. Iyer's performance count is well over a thousand—he has graced famous venues across the world including the Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts and has starred on the BBC show, "Later with Jools Holland," to name a few.

Join Karthick Iyer as he walks us through his personal journey and performs original songs that bridge multiethnic sounds from all over the world.

DEEPALI GOYAL

CATHERINE REDDY

Our heartfelt condolences to **Nina Kothari** on the demise of her husband

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Chilika – Jewel of Odisha

Shekar Dattatri is an award-winning film maker and conservationist based in Chennai. Many of his films have aired around the world on channels such as National Geographic and Discovery. He is the co-founder of 'www.conservationindia.org'.

Chilika Lake on India's East Coast is the largest brackish water lagoon in Asia. It is also the wintering ground for waterfowl in the Indian subcontinent, attracting migrants from Europe, Central Asia and Siberia. It is home to the highly endangered Irrawaddy dolphin. By the late 1990's it had become a weed-infested dying lake but today, thanks to the ecological restoration by the Chilika Development Authority, it is once again a reliable source of livelihood for local communities and a vibrant refuge of wildlife. This film, produced, photographed and written by Shekar Dattatri, is a journey through the lake, its beauty, biodiversity and conservation challenges.

We thank **Urmilla Agarwal, Mridula Narasimhan** and **Kanika Parekh** for graciously sponsoring this meeting.

We thank **Darley Mathew** for being our day facilitator.

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

TINEKE SYSMANS

Our heartfelt condolences to **Marina Mathias** on the demise of her father.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the IWA Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, **April 27th, 2015** at the following address:

**Samavesh
Savera Hotel
146 , Dr.Radhakrishnan Road
Chennai 600 004**

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS:	10.00 a.m.
AGM commences:	10.45 a.m.
The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:	
Welcome Address	Jo Frogbrook
Reading of 2014 AGM Minutes	Farah Bangera
Secretary's Report	Farah Bangera
Membership Secretary's Report	Usha Jawahar
Treasurer's Report	Somna Sachdev
Adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year 2014- 2015	
Appointment of Auditors for 2015- 2016	
Remarks by the Outgoing President	Asha Rammohan
Any Other Business	
Introduction of the Election Committee	Seema Sait
Presentation of the New Managing Committee 2015- 2016	
Address by the incoming Presidents	Achu Kurian & Malini Krishna
Introduction of the New Executive Committee	
Vote of Thanks	Seema Bhargava

Note: Copies of the accounts and reports of the various activities will be available for members.

Change in Address

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Mobile – 94453 70302

Kausalya Jaganmohan (J-10)
3rd Floor,
Ceebros Krishna Raj Apartments
12/14, Crescent Street
Off ABM Avenue
Boat Club Area
Chennai – 600 028
Mobile - 98400 90201

Hearty congratulations to **Prema Kumar** on receiving the Jeppiar Engineering College ICON AWARD for Education