



International  
Women's  
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FEBRUARY 1989

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Thursday  | 2nd  | Special Extra-ordinary<br>General Meeting  | <u>10.00 a.m.</u><br>sharp |
| Thursday  | 2nd  | Health & Ecology .<br>Panel Discussion on consumer's<br>rights and responsibilities                        | 11.00 a.m.                 |
| Friday    | 3rd  | Executive Committee Meeting  | 10.00 a.m.                 |
| Monday    | 6th  | Music and Performing Arts :<br>Western Classical music cordert   | <u>4.00 p.m.</u>           |
| Thursday  | 9th  | Art & Handicrafts :<br>Arputharani Sengupta will<br>present contemporary art                               | <u>3.00 p.m.</u>           |
| Tuesday   | 14th | History, Culture & Tours :<br>A film on fabulous Florida.  | 10.30 a.m.                 |
| Thursday  | 16th | Cooking Swapshop :<br>Vijaya Balu will teach you<br>innumerable varieties of "Dosa"                        | 11.00 a.m.                 |
| Wednesday | 22nd | Corrent Events :<br>V.G. Cherepov, Consul General<br>of the U.S.S.R. will enlighten<br>us on "Perestroika" | <u>6.00 p.m.</u>           |
| Monday    | 27th | History, Culture & Tours :<br>Japanese Dolls' Festival   | 10.00 a.m.                 |
| Tuesday   | 28th | Book Discussion :<br>on "The shadow lines" by<br>Amitav Ghosh  | 10.00 a.m.                 |

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS**

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This month we are occupied with the IWA New Year and such things as membership renewal and new office bearers. As we said last month, the renewal forms will be posted with the February Newsletter. Please, please return these forms to Anneliese or Lakshmi as soon as possible with your subscription fee (which as you know is currently under review and we will advise you as soon as possible). This year's nominating committee will consist of the following IWA Members :-

Sunitha Shahaney - Chairwoman  
Stina Vasu  
Maureen Hemmingway  
Urmila Reddy  
Meera Jayakar

If you are interested in, either standing for office, or if you wish to nominate someone else, please contact, in writing, Sunitha Shahaney as soon as possible. As usual, the A.G.M. will be held in April 1989 but full details will be give in the March Newsletter.

The Christmas party went off extremely well, thanks to all the people involved in organising it. The children certainly enjoyed themselves and it appeared to be a great success. Please remember that the party was organised by those who came to the meetings with ideas. So, in organising future events, if you have any ideas we would be delighted if you would share them with us. This will hopefully contribute to a better time had by all.

**VANITHA & BARBARA**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY : a report.**

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Our Christmas Party was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the magic show, delicious snacks and carol singing around the xmas tree. Thanks must go to the committee who organized everything so well, also to the Sindoori Hotel for their delightful xmas decorations. Special thanks to Tony Clarkson, our Father xmas for the day, who managed to convince almost all the children that Father xmas really does exist. A good time was had by all, putting everyone in the mood to begin their festive season.

**KATHLEEN MASON**

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING :**

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Thursday 2nd February, 10.00 a.m.

Venue : Vimsala P. Reddy  
8, Tarpore Avenue  
Harrington Road  
Chetpet, Madras.

Taking into consideration the rising cost of printing and the attendant necessary expenses we have to incur in running our activities successfully, the Executive Committee would like to advise the general membership that we need to raise our membership fees. This meeting is convened to pass a resolution to raise the fees after obtaining the majority approval. So you are urged to attend this meeting.

**VANITHA MUDALIAR**

**BARBARA CLARKSON**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

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The Health & Ecology meeting will follow the special extraordinary general meeting.

**HEALTH AND ECOLOGY**

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Thursday February 2nd 11.00 a.m.

At : Vimla P. Reddy  
8, Tharapore Avenue,  
Harrington Road, Chetpet,  
Madras - 600 031.  
Tel : 866805



There will be a panel discussion on 'The consumer his rights and responsibilities', led by Sriram Pauchu. The other speakers on this panel are Anuradha Vasudev and R. Desikan.

The principal purpose of this discussion is to enlighten and educate the consumer on the provision of some of the acts enacted to protect the interests of the consumer.

We are planning this as an active, participatory discussion, rather than a lecture. So please come with your questions and be prepared to ask them.

Please come in large numbers to make the meeting a big success. We will all emerge more knowledgeable to say "Seller Beware instead of Buyer Beware".

**VIJAYA BALU**

**EIRA DOSHI**

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**IWA VIGILANCE CELL REPORTS. . . .**

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On Dec. 17th as a representative of IWA, I met Mr.L.M. Menezes as well as Mr. Varadarajan and other officials to discuss the decentralisation of the new and improved corporation works.

We are now armed with a list of exactly whom to approach for quick redressal of public grievances.

**CORPORATION OF MADRAS**

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From 21.11.88 onwards representatives of the following City Departments connected to civic amenities will be available at the circle office of Corporation once a week at 4.00 p.m. to receive and discuss public grievances, on the days mentioned below :

Public, Representatives of Civic Welfare and Residents Association are requested to avail of this facility for redressal of their grievances.

| Number, Name & Address of Circle Offices  | : Division in the circle                   | : Meeting Day             |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Circle III - Kilpauk<br>183, Poonamallee High Rd.<br>Madras - 600 010.            | : 33, 36 to 40<br>: 67 to 75<br>:          | : Tuesday<br>:<br>:       |
| Circle VI - Nungambakkam,<br>62, Nungambakkam,<br>Madras - 600 034                | : 81 to 89,91,92<br>: 106 to 108, 121<br>: | : Wednesday<br>:<br>:     |
| Circle VII - Kodambakkam,<br>64, Arcot Road,<br>Kodambakkam,<br>Madras - 600 006. | : 76 to 80<br>: 109 to 118<br>:<br>:       | : Thursday<br>:<br>:<br>: |
| Circle - IX - Mylapore<br>82, Royapetta High Road,<br>Madras - 600 014.           | : 99 to 101<br>: 125 to 136<br>:           | : Friday<br>:<br>:        |
| Circle X - Saidapet<br>Richarda Parle<br>Madras - 600 015.                        | : 119, 137 to 150<br>:<br>:                | : Friday<br>:<br>:        |

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Friday 3rd February, 10.00 a.m.

At : Nanditha Krishna  
221, Mowbrays Road,  
Madras - 600 018.  
Tel : 451850 / 450397



**MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**

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Monday 6th February, 4.00 p.m.

At : Natalia Cherepov,  
14, Santhome High Road,  
Madras - 600 004.



Entrance : Seashore Side  
(turn at the Light House)

International Women's Association's members and their guests present a concert of classical music to pay tribute in a spirit of compassion and sympathy which united humanity at the difficult hour of the Armenian tragedy.

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| Participants              | : | Geeta Menon<br>Natalia Cherepov<br>Angela Thomsen<br>Meera Menon<br>Gualina Balyuta<br>Junior Choirs |
| The Time                  | : | concert - 4.00 p.m.<br>tea - after the concert   |
| Duration of the Programme | : | approximately 1 hour   |

**SUREKHA KOTHARI**

**MARGARET SEKHRAN**

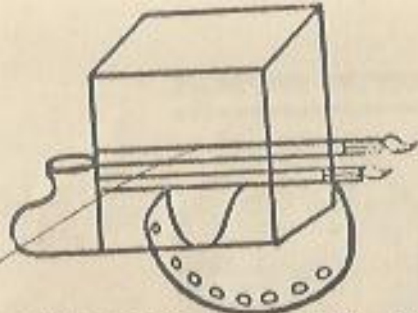
We would appreciate an R.S.V.P. to help our hostess. Please call Surekha Kothari (472690 or 471262) between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon only, if you plan to attend.

**ART AND HANDICRAFTS**

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Thursday, 9th February, 3.00 p.m.

At : Mani Rangaraj,  
76, Poes Gardens,  
Madras - 600 086.



Arputharani Sengupta, an artist and a teacher of art at Stella Maris College, will demonstrate the various forms of contemporary art. She has studied art in Madras and Washington and has held several exhibitions all over the country.

She will also be exhibiting her work as will Mani Rangaraj, whose paintings many of you may have noticed hanging on the walls of her beautiful home.

**NANDITHA KRISHNA**

**MAUREEN HEMINGWAY**

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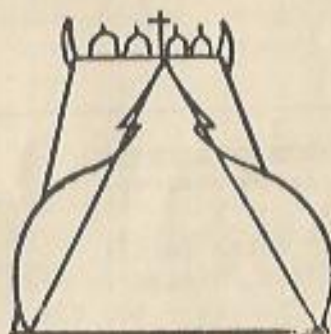
**HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS**

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Tuesday, 14th February, 10.30 a.m.

At : American Center, Auditorium,  
Gemini Circle, Madras-600 006.

This month we have available a film in the series of videos about States of America. This month's selection is 'FLORIDA' by kind courtesy of Mr. John Finn.



Please bring your coupons.

All are welcome !

**JENNIFER RAMACHANDRAN**

**JANET DE PENNING**

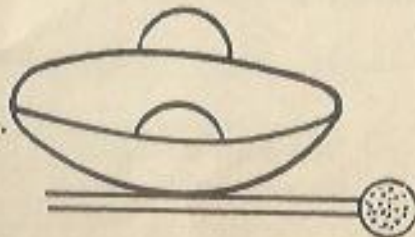




**COOKING SWAPSHOPS**

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Thursday 16th February, 11.00 a.m.



At : Vijaya Balu  
"Shrinidhi"  
12, Sullivan Street,  
Santhome,  
Madras - 600 004.

Vijaya Balu will demonstrate to you the very many varieties of Dosa. This will be a very interesting demonstration.

Limit : 35 only.

Please call Vijaya (72589) between 8.00 a.m. & 9.00 a.m. in the morning, if you wish to come. There will be a nominal charge to cover expenses.

LEELAMANI JOHN

KAZUKO UCHIDA

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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1. Rekha Narula, 863700  
24, Sivaganga Road,  
Madras - 600 034.
2. Nancy Singh, (Res) 665920  
9A, 4th Cross Street, (Off) 662744  
Sylran Lodge Colony,  
Kilpauk,  
Madras - 600 010.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

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Wednesday 22nd February, 6.00 p.m.

At : The House of Soviet Science & Culture  
27, Kasturi Ranga Road,  
Madras - 600 018.



An Evening of Questions & Answers.  
Subject : Perestroika in progress

A meeting with V.G. CHEREPOV, Consul General of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Madras.

All are welcome !

SUJAYA MENON

KATHLEEN MASON

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURERS :**

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Renewal forms have been sent with February newsletter. Please return them with the annual subscription fee of----- by cash or cheque payable to, 'Internatioanl Women's Association, either to Anneliese Marwah or Lakshmi Padmanabhan at any meeting during February or before March, 1989. They can also be mailed to us or sent by bearer.

**Our addresses are :**

Anneliese Marwah,  
22, Khader Nawaz Khan Road,  
Madras - 600 006.

Lakshmi Padmanabhan,  
6, Sripuram, 1st Street,  
Royapettah, Madras - 14.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting, it will be determined whether the annual for subscription is Rs.100/- or more. So please send your money as per the passing of the resolution.

Please do not send money without the form. We bank on your co-operation.

**ANNELIESE MARWAH**

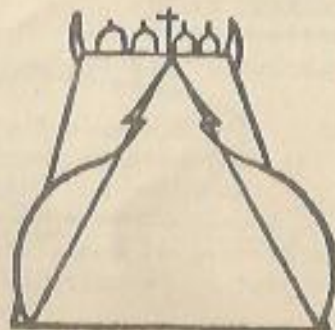
**LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN**

**HISTORY CULTURE & TOURS**

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Monday 27th February, 10.00 a.m.

At : Fumi Tanaka  
5-B, Chittaranjan Road,  
Teynampet,  
Madras - 600 018.



The HINAMATSURI DOLL FESTIVAL is a festival for girls held on 3rd March of every year in Japan. The "HINA NINGYO" (Hina dolls) traditionally displayed on tiered platforms is a set of dolls representing the emperor, his empress and their attendants and musicians in ancient court dress.

One set of Hina Dolls will be on display and Mary Yoshi will give a historic account of the festival. All are welcome to come and share this great experience. We are most grateful to Fumi Tanaka for presenting this ancient Japanese Cultural event.

JENNIFER RAMACHANDRAN

JANET DE PENNING

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**CONDOLENCES**

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Our heartfelt condolence to Meera Jayakar and Malini Vijayaraghavan in their breavment. Both of them lost a well loved father.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

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Tuesday 28th February, 10.00 a.m.

At : Shanti Verghese  
"Syedenhem" 8, 15th Avenue,  
Harrington Road, Madras - 600 031.  
Tel : 865437



ANITAV GHOSH's Second novel - The Shadow Lines.  
As A.K. Ramanujam says, "It weaves together personal lives and public events, an Indian in England, and an English Woman in India, war-time London and the riots of Dhaka, ...- with an art that is rare".

The brilliant piece of contemporary writing deserves a full house, and I hope many will attend. Anna Abraham has enjoyed reading the book, and will share her thoughts on the same.

**SARAH CHANDA**

**NANCY SINGH**

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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The executive committee has appointed the following members to constitute the nominating committee for the year 1989-90.

Sunitha Shahaney - Chairperson  
Stina Vasu  
Urmila Reddy  
Meera Jayakar  
Maureen Hemingway

Nominations are invited for the board with a proposer and a seconder to be forwarded in writing to Sunitha Shahaney, on or before 1st of March 1989. Please remember that your candidates should be active members and ensure that they have given their consent to stand for office.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**OFFICERS**

|                 |   |                     |   |             |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|---|-------------|
| PRESIDENTS      | : | Vanitha Mudalier    | : | 662626      |
|                 |   | Barbara Clarkson    |   | 863129      |
| VICE PRESIDENTS | : | Nirmal Seshadri     | : | 413820      |
|                 |   | Aruna Vijayakumar   |   | 472732      |
| SECRETARIES     | : | Nirmal Mirza        | : | (off)455834 |
|                 |   |                     |   | (res)415672 |
|                 |   | Marianne Kelly      |   | 451162      |
| TREASURERS      | : | Lakshmi Padmanabhan | : | 864334      |
|                 |   | Anneliese Marwah    |   | 478749      |

**ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS**

|                             |   |                       |   |        |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------|
| ART & HANDICRAFTS           | : | Nanditha Krishna      | : | 451850 |
|                             |   | Maureen Hemingway     |   | 452273 |
| BOOK DISCUSSION             | : | Sarah Chanda          | : | 454265 |
|                             |   | Nancy Singh           |   | 666429 |
| COOKING SWAPSHOP            | : | Leelamani John        | : | 453169 |
|                             |   | Kazuko Uchida         |   | 472826 |
| CURRENT EVENTS              | : | Sujaya Menon          | : | 417464 |
|                             |   | Kathleen Mason        |   | 418902 |
| HEALTH & ECOLOGY            | : | Vijaya Balu           | : | 72589  |
|                             |   | Eira Doshi            |   | 419347 |
| HISTORY, CULTURE<br>& TOURS | : | Jennifer Ramachandran | : | 615884 |
|                             |   | Janet de Penning      |   | 475980 |
| MUSIC & PERFORMING<br>ARTS  | : | Surekha Kothari       | : | 472690 |
|                             |   | Margaret Sekharan     |   | 611095 |
| PHILOSOPHY &<br>RELIGION    | : | Leela Rathnam         | : | 452123 |
|                             |   | Christina Engvall     |   | 454419 |