



International
Women's
Association

APRIL 1991

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

- Wednesday Apr 3rd HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS AND ART AND HANDICRAFTS: "GANESHA" "The origin, symbolism and legends" A talk by renowned expert SHAKUNTALA JAGANNATHAN. 10 a.m.
- Thursday Apr 4th BOOK DISCUSSION: Bapsi Sidhwa's hilarious novel "The Crow Eaters" reviewed by NOSHIR RATNAGAR. 10 a.m.
- Friday Apr 5th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 10 a.m.
- Saturday Apr 13th PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION: "BAISAKHI KA MELA" A family gathering. A 90 Minute Programme presented by renowned actress SUSHMA AHUJA to herald the New Year in the Punjabi tradition. Then! dancing and food to revel in this gay atmosphere. 6.30 p.m.
- Thursday Apr 18th CAREERS: A panel of Eminent speakers, Dr. VIJAY NAGASWAMI, Mr. SHARMA, Mrs. SHARMA and M/s. V. GEETHA on "Education with regard to Careers". 10 a.m.
- Thursday Apr 25th MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS: The Screening of AMADEUS! A film on "Mozart" followed by a very special audio tape of Mozart's music. 10 a.m.

From the Presidents:

Our term as Presidents is now over and in this final News letter we would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and have made many friends.

The strength of IWA is its members and its meetings. We are sure that you will join us in thanking the Activity Chairpersons and the Board once again for all their hard work.

The Executive Committee for 1991-92 is already busy planning the coming years activities and we wish them every success and happiness. In particular, we do wish NIRMAL MIRZA and STINA VASU, our successors, a good term of office. We are sure that they will do well and know that IWA will continue to grow and flourish under their guidance.

Thank you all for helping to make IWA such a success.

SUNITA SHAHANEY

JANET PICKEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 5th April at 10.00 a.m.

At: Stina Vasu
6 Cathedral Road
MADRAS - 600 006.
Tel: 478900



A gathering of 1990 - 1991 Executive Committee as well as the 1991 - 1992 Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

As on March there are 217 members on our Mailing list. 42 Non Indians and 175 Indians. Inactive 4. Ratio of Non Indian : to Indian 1:4. 122 Renewal forms have been sent along with March Newsletter as these members had adequate attendance by Feb. 1991.

The second batch of renewal forms will be sent along with the April News letter. The membership Renewal form is not transferable. The names have been typed. Please write down your Mailing address and contact telephone numbers. Please notify your areas of interest and please sign your name. May I have a small picture of yours too! This will greatly help us remember you as a person along with your beautiful name!

VIJAYA BALU

Membership Treasurer

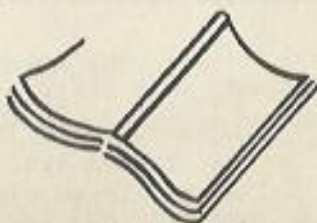
We welcome our new member :

Artounian Marina,
27, Kasturi Ranga Road,
Madras - 600 018.
Tel: 454050

BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, 4th April 1991 - 10.00 a.m.

At : Meera Jayakar,
17, Shafee Mohd. Road,
Madras - 600 006.

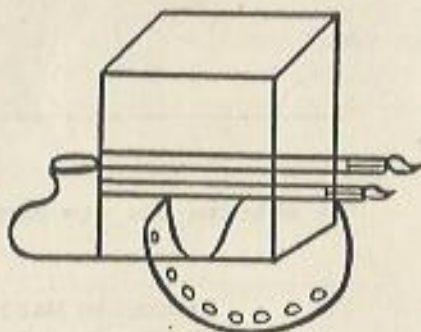
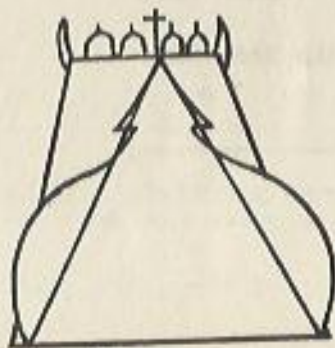


Well known theatre - personality of Madras, Noshir Ratnagar, will introduce to us, Bapsi Sidhwa's amusing novel, "The Crow Eaters". Two copies of the book are in circulation. This is the last meeting of the year.

ANNA ABRAHAM

MAUREEN MURARI

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS & ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS



**History,
culture &
Tours**

Wednesday, 3rd April 1991 - 10.00 a.m.

At: Devaki Muthiah,
'Adyar Villa',
4, Kotturpuram, Madras - 85.
Tel: 414364 & 414944

G A N E S H A

" O Ganesha ! The Elephant-headed Lord with a broken tusk! Your enormous form is as lustrous as a million suns. Remove all the obstacles in our way and shower us with blessings ".

Many of us begin our New Year with a prayer to the elephant headed Ganesha. The wealthy and impoverished bow at his feet at the beginning of any venture. Was Ganesha always as important as he is today? When was the worship of Ganesha introduced to Hinduism?

Shakuntala Jagannathan will speak to us about the origin and workship of Ganesha and the symbolism and legends relating to him.

Shakuntala is a member of IWA and the Past President of Indus International, Bombay. She was a Regional Director in the Department of Tourism of the Government of India.

She is the author of two best sellers 'Hinduism - an Introduction' and 'India - Plan your own Holiday'. She is currently working on a book on Ganesha.

We hope to have a display of Ganesha figures during the meeting.

All are welcome.

SUJAYA MENON

MALINI VIJAYARAGHAVAN

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

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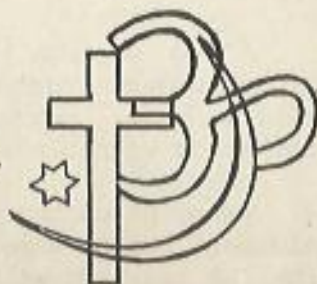
KATHLEEN MASON : New Tel. No.: 2351502

KANTA GUPTA : New Tel. No.: 4911711

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Saturday, 13th April 1991 - 6.30 p.m.

At: Nalini Tanden *Ambassador Pallava.*
Adyar Lodge
5 Boat Club Road, 3rd Avenue
Tel: 450110



BAISAKHI

POILA BAISAKH in Bengal, VISHU in Kerala, BAISAKHI in Punjab or VARSHA - PORAPU in Tamilnadu - all mean the same. The start of a New Year heralding in spring. All over India the change of seasons is related to the sowing, or harvesting of crops which is celebrated in traditional style evoking divine grace followed by Fun-Merry making + Good food. A 90 minute programme is presented under the able guidance of SUSHMA AHUJA, a leading actress of Delhi stage. Her talent excels in staging plays, script writing, and directing TV serials films. Mrs. Ahuja came to Madras in 1977 and started "ABHUDAY" - a theatre group. Please join us with your family to bring in the year 2048 BIKRAMI. Enjoy the entertainment and thereafter dance to the beat of the Drums and Bhangara Music and eat at the "BAISAKHI KA MELA".

Last date to check in is 7th April.

SANGEET CHOPRA Tel: 410759

CATRINE BROWN Tel: 456355

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Please check in with Rs.35/- per head

Name :

Amount :

CAREERS

Thursday, 18th April 1991 - 10.00 a.m.

At : Seshu Rao,
1, Luz Avenue,
Mylapore,
Madras - 600 004.



Education with regard to Careers :

As a finishing touch to "The choice of Careers", we are focusing on the educational angle at this meeting. We are constantly besieged with thoughts of what combination of subjects to choose at the 10th and the plus 2 levels, as well as in college with the final thought of a career for both boys and girls.

We have an eminent panel of four speakers Dr. VIJAY NAGASWAMI Psychiatrist, Mr. SHARMA Principal of Sishya School and Mrs. SHARMA Senior teacher and M/s. V. GEETHA lecturer at Stella Maris.

Dr. VIJAY NAGASWAMI is currently involved in the organisation of a 2 day exhibition of careers to be held in April by the Rotary Club 'Temple City' Madras.

Mr. SHARMA and Mrs. SHARMA will enlighten from the point of view of students at the school and the problems they face and how they are guided.

M/s. V. GEETHA will present us with the other side viz a viz the college angle.

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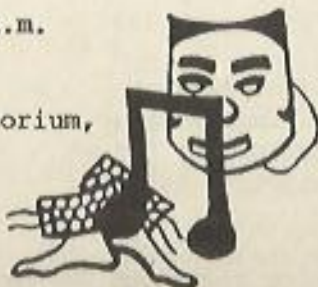
VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday, 25th April 1991 - 10.00 a.m.

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

Tel: 473040



AMADEUS

Our last programme for the IWA year is planned as a tribute to WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART. 1991 is the bicentenary year of Mozart's death, and hence will be commemorated all over the world with special concerts to his immortal memory. "AMADEUS", a film on the life, achievements and his all time great creations and musical gifts to posterity - will be screened. For your listening pleasure, we will also play for you an audio tape of the renowned Paul Badura - Skoda playing on Mozart's own piano housed in the Mozart Museum at Salzburg.

Film (2 Hrs. duration). Please be in your seats by 10.15 a.m. Film will commence at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

All are welcome.

NIRMAL SESHADRI

CHRISTINA ENGVALL

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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We are privileged and honoured to
present this year's award to
Dr. Sarada Menon - the founder of
SCARF - a nationwide organisation
for the Mentally Handicapped.

Our previous year's awardee Mrs. Uma
Karthik Narayanan will present the
award at our AGM on 28th March, '91.

Chair Person
Woman of the year
Sub committee

NIRMAL MIRZA

We are glad to announce the state of our Activity Chairpersons for 1991 - 1992.

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| BOOK DISCUSSION | : | Celina Costa-Pinto Margaret Sekharan (U.K) |
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| COOKING SWAPSHOP | : | Naina Shah Helen Carr - Australian |
| HEALTH & ECOLOGY | : | Lily Madhok Poonam Lalchand (Sri Lanka) |
| HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS | : | Surekha Kothari Isabel Sifuentes (U.S.A) |
| MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS | : | Rani Ananth Marina Artounian (U.S.S.R) |
| PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION | : | Menaka Prabhakar Lee Lawrence (U.S.A) |

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