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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, January 2nd	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS Join us for a morning with Hema Malini	10-00 a.m.
Monday, January 6th	COOKING SWAPSHOP Naina Shah demonstrates low calorie recipes	10-00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 22nd	ARTS & HANDICRAFTS Dr. Debbie Thyagarajan reports on the Handicrafts of Japan and Thailand	10-00 a.m.
Thursday, January 23rd	HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS Commissioner Rajagopal regales us with a talk & slides on Lake Manasarovar	10-00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 28th	BOOK DISCUSSION Raisa Gorbachev's "I Hope"	10-00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 29th	CURRENT EVENTS Ambassador Thomas Abraham discusses the issues of power politics between India and Sri Lanka	10-00 a.m.
Friday, January 31st	HEALTH AND ECOLOGY Dr. J. V. Sanghavi helps dispel the myths of Homeopathy	10-00 a.m.

The Rt. Hon. Baroness Tessa Blackstone will be leading a seminar on the Role of Women in Higher Education. This programme is organized by the British Council in collaboration with the University Women's Association on Tuesday, 7th January at 3-00 p.m.

Tessa Blackstone is Master of Birkbeck College and a Labour Life Peer, besides being Chairman of the BBC's General Advisory Council, the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Public Policy Research and on the Board of Thames Television. She is also the author of many articles and books on social and education policy.

IWA members have been invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

Welcome to 1992 and to an action-packed wonderful IWA year.

Our super Activity Chairpersons are at it again — open the pages and you will see a lovely New Year Gift — a month full of mental enrichment.

Let us also make an IWA New Year Resolution — "to attend more IWA meetings this year".

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**NIRMAL MIRZA
STINA VASU**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 3rd January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: Alagu Muthu
97, Santhome High Road
Madras-600 028
Tel.: 838683/837050



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday, 2nd January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At : The Mandapam
Hotel Chola Sheraton
10, Cathedral Road
Madras-600 086



January 2nd, 10-00 a.m. have a date with a personality who zoomed her way to the top and shone as the brightest star in the filmy firmament, a dream — girl who made the cash boxes jingle for the Dream merchants — Yes, you've guessed right — tis "HEMA MALINI" !! She will be with us for a very informal morning and will share her experiences and answer questions on her successful career as a Dancer, Actress and now a Director in her own right (ON PERSONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE).

The hostess for the morning is Ms. Rini Kumar.

All are welcome.

MARINA AROUTHIUNIAN
RANI ANANTH

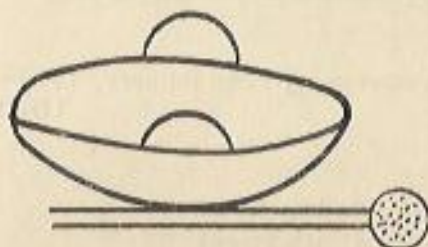
CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Lee & Menaka on organising a great Christmas Party. Many thanks.

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Monday, 6th January, 1992— 10-00 a.m.

At : Naina H. Shah
25, College Road
Madras-600 006
Tel. : 471500/864212



Naina Shah will demonstrate low calorie recipes, some without onions and without garlic too.

A welcome change after feasting on high calorie rich, Christmas goodies.

Limit - 50

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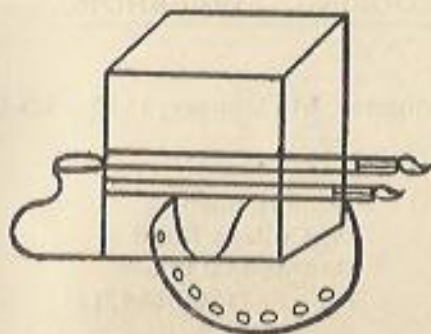
Shobana Thomas	—	477088
Naina Shah	—	471500 / 864212

HELEN CARR
SHOBANA THOMAS

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Wednesday, 22nd January, 1992 —
10-00 a.m.

At : Padma Ashok
4, 4th Street
Rutland Gate
Madras-600 006



THE HANDICRAFT EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN AND THAILAND

Dr. Deborah Thyagarajan, President of the Madras Craft Foundation and Convenor for INTACH in Tamil Nadu has recently been in Japan with the Crafts Council of India. She will talk to us about the state of crafts in Japan and Thailand, their future and how they are promoted with some parallels from the Indian scene.

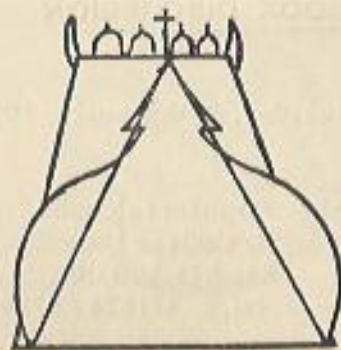
Dr. Thyagarajan has a doctorate in Ancient Indian History and Culture and is actively connected with arts, crafts and environment. She is a regular contributor to leading journals such as the 'Marg' Magazine and other art publications in India and abroad. Her talk will be illustrated with slides.

PADMA ASHOK
SUJAYA MENON

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Thursday, 23rd January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: KADAMBARI Preview Theatre
40, Kasturi Ranga Road
Madras-600 018



Commissioner of Police Mr. R. Rajagopal will speak to us on his visit to Lake Manasarovar in Tibet. He trekked for 26 days to scale Mt. Kailash a height of 19,500 ft., to reach Lake Manasarovar. According to him it is an experience of a life time and he has kindly agreed to share this wonderful experience together with a video projection.

Lake Manasarovar, has been interpreted as the Lake that comes from the mind of Bramah. It also is the abode of Lord Shiva. 'Manas' means mind and 'Sarovar' means Lake.

Please do come to hear and watch the film on this magnificent location bordering India.

Limit 50

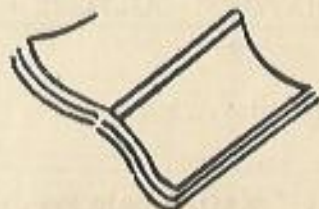
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BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 28th January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.



At: Poonam Lalchand
3, College Lane
Madras-600 006
Tel.: 471624 / 472947

Raisa Gorbachev's "I Hope" published by Harper & Collins and translated by David Floyd is our book for January. This is not a memoir but a personal and spontaneous response to her life with President Gorbachev and what was the Soviet Union.

Copies available through Margaret and Rita.

MARGARET SEKHRAN
RITA SALDANHA

The new IWA Address Books are available for Rs. 20/- each.
Please contact Vanitha Mudaliar for copies.

CURRENT EVENTS AND CAREERS

Wednesday, 29th January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At : Sunita Shahaney
"Ashley House"
2nd Avenue
Boat Club Road
Madras-600 028
Tel. : 450759



INDIA AND SRI LANKA : 'THE THIRD FACTOR'

A crucial factor in Sri Lankan power politics is the plantation labour from Tamil Nadu. Ambassador Thomas Abraham, who was High Commissioner of India in Colombo from 1978 to 1982, will place the key issues in evolving a settlement to the problem. He will give us the background and project the various aspects of this "Third Factor" of Indian Tamils as separate from Sri Lankan Tamils and the Sinhala people.

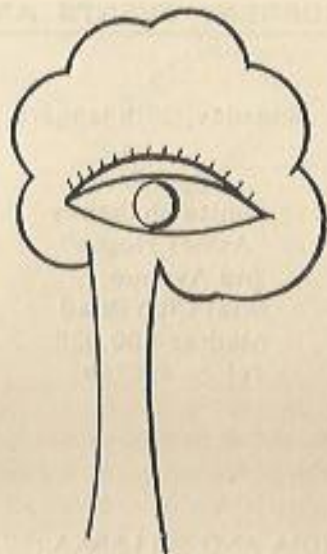
ALAGU MUTHU
ANGELA AGGELER

Vijaya Rangarajan's Telephone No. changed to 884334 / 881126

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Friday, 31st January, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: Binu Mullick
2, Crescent Gardens
Boat Club Road
3rd Avenue
Madras-600 028
Tel.: 450699



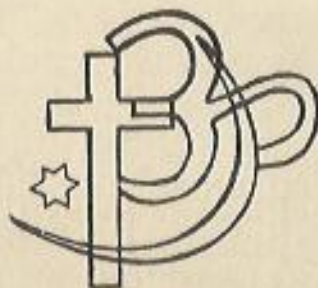
HOMEOPATHY : ITS FACTS AND FALLACIES

As Homeopathy emerges from its obscurity, gaining wider global acceptance as an alternative and scientific system of medicine, we find it shrouded in a veil of mystery, misconception and fallacies. To help dispel these myths, we bring you a talk cum-discussion by the well-known Homeopathic physician, Dr. J. V. Sanghavi, who specialises in the treatment of all types of chronic-mental and physical disorders.

**LILY MADHOK
POONAM LALCHAND**

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION



OVERNIGHT TRIP TO PONDICHERRY

Saturday and Sunday, February 8th & 9th - 1992

The trip will include guided tours of the "Kakkeyan Thoppu" Indo-Roman ruins (originally called Arikamedu), of the city of Pondicherry, and a half-day visit of the Auroville Ashram.

Our schedule is tentatively as follows :

Saturday, 8th February

- 8-00 a.m. departure by AC bus or AC mini-vans (depending on our number)
- 12-00 p.m. arrive at the Arikamedu ruins ; picnic lunch (packed lunches will be provided) ; guided tour of the ruins.
- 2-00 p.m. check into hotel
- 3-30 p.m. guided tour of Pondicherry
- Evening : dinner at hotel or restaurant

Sunday, 9th February

- 8-00 a.m. breakfast at hotel
- 9-00 a.m. visit Auroville
- 1-00 p.m. lunch at Auroville or in restaurant
- 2-30 p.m. leave for Madras by coach or van

The cost of the trip, inclusive of all transportation, accommodation, food and tips, will be approximately Rs. 1000/-. This is open to members only and is limited to 30. Please sign up and pay a deposit of Rs. 500/- with any of the following IWA members by latest January 25th.

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