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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, 8th June	WELCOME BACK — IWA FELLOWSHIP MORNING	10-15 a.m.
Thursday, 9th June	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10-15 a.m.
Friday, 17th June	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS 'Antakshari' — Word Game in Music	10-00 a.m.
Monday, 20th June	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS Film, 'Schindler's List'	2-00 p.m.
Thursday, 23rd June	PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION Talk based on the Bhagavad Gita by Ms. Thoyajakshi Devendra	10-15 a.m.
Tuesday, 28th June	BOOK DISCUSSION 'The Bridges of Madison County' by Robert James Waller	10-15 a.m.



FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

We welcome you all to the IWA Year of 1994-95, and hope that you will enjoy 'contributing', 'sharing' and 'participating' along with 'the Woman of To-day' in our programmes.

Our first meeting in June is to be a Fellowship Meeting at the "Amir Mahal", when we hope that you will meet at least one member that you have not met before, and make a new friend.

This meeting, which is on the 8th June, means that we have an earlier start to our year than last year. This enables Zubeida to share with us the beginning of our year before she goes to the United States for her major surgery. Our good wishes go with her.

In July we shall be celebrating Founders' Day on Monday 25th July, the 25th July 1986 being the day on which IWA was founded. Please underline this date in your diary, as it is a very special date and share it with all our members.

Our special thought to you for the year 1994-95 is "Who do think is the Woman of To-day?" One definition by Judith Krantz is "Dynamic, Adventurous and has her own Pay-Packet". This may not be the only criterion for being "a Woman of To-day". What do you think?

LILY MADHOK
MARGARET SEKHRAN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 9th June, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Joanne Grady Huskey's
2, Turnbolls Road
Madras-600 028



Activity Chairpersons, this is the last day to give in your July blurbs, neatly typed.

FROM THE TREASURERS

A Hearty Welcome to all our members for a new year of IWA activities.

To refresh your memories and for the benefit of new members we repeat the following :-

1. Wear your name badges to all meetings.
2. Write your name in BLOCK LETTERS first and then sign alongside on the attendance sheet when you enter. Attendance sheets will be taken away as soon as the meeting begins.
3. Fulfil the requirement of at least TEN attendances a year.
4. Please inform the Membership Committee IN WRITING, if you are away from Madras for a long period. Try to make up your attendance on return.

The last date for receipt of membership dues for 1994-95 is June 1st. Please mail your cheque to Zubeida Asgarali.

Those who want name badges please call Zubeida who will order them.

Have a happy, rewarding and interesting year full of fellowship and enjoyment.

**ZUBEIDA ASGARALI
ANGELIKA MANDAIKER**

MEMBERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

NANDITHA KRISHNA	}	Immediate Past Presidents
ARUNA VIJAYKUMAR		
ANGELIKA MANDAIKER	—	Current Membership Treasurer
VANITHA MUDALIAR	}	Two Members not on the Executive Committee
JANNET dePENNING		
LILY MADHOK	}	Ex-officio
MARGARET SEKHRAN		

THE TELEPHONE TREE 1994 - 95

The IWA Telephone Tree is a quick and efficient method of passing on important messages urgently. Sudden cancellations or calling of meetings need to be communicated to the entire membership. We use the Telephone Tree for this.

The Telephone Tree Volunteers this year are :

Susan Abraham	---	825 22 11
Urmilla Aggarwal	---	826 42 55
Jatinder Bahl	---	826 79 13
Gita Banker	---	827 57 90
Amrita Bhalla	---	491 92 30
Mansha Bhatia	---	827 32 51
Gayatri Bewoor	---	826 40 35
Soma Mathew Cherian	---	487 11 55
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Kanta Gupta	---	492 62 11
Shoba Hebbar	---	641 12 48
Renuka Ishwariah	---	826 51 12
Zainab Kachwalla	---	827 22 74
Bela Khaleeli	---	827 79 11
Rini Kumar	---	45 28 45
Shweta Mohapatra	---	45 14 04
Fazeela Nurdeen	---	626 06 74
Gargi Prabhu	---	827 40 26
Meena Rawlley	---	41 05 74
Neena Sanghavi	---	828 13 23
Lakshmi Varadarajan	---	493 70 18

How you can help :

- ★ Find out the name and the number of your Telephone Tree Volunteer
- ★ Tell her when you are normally at home
- ★ Teach your family and servants to recognise her name
- ★ **Call her back** when she leaves a message
- ★ We need your co-operation to make the Telephone Tree a success

MALINI VIJAYARAGHAVAN

THE WOMAN OF TODAY

Who is she? Archaeologist, architect, aviator, banker, broadcaster, business woman, chess champion, computer wizard, consul, corporate executive, deep-sea diver, dietitian, engineer, entrepreneur, fashion model, film producer, gynaecologist, historian, impresario, jewel designer, judge, karate expert, lawyer, mayor, minister, mountain-climber, neurologist, nuclear scientist, obstetrician, photographer, pathologist, quiz master, radiologist, sculptress, trekker, umpire, veterinarian, weaver, xylographer, yachtswoman, zoologist. Well, these are but a few of endless, exciting possibilities. SHE could fit any or many of these definitions.

Today's woman has a vista of multiple choices open before her to pick and choose what suits her best. This is quite apart from juggling the various roles of mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, wife, housewife, sister, sister-in-law etc. within the family circle, meeting everyone's expectations and satisfying them. Seems like tightrope walking or treading on eggshells, doesn't it? Whatever it is, she copes magnificently — managing a well-run house, having a career and being a gracious hostess too. How? If you look around you just might find many examples of such women among our own members.

LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN
BARBARA CORTEZ GREIG

Pardon our slips !

Page 1 — Antakshari is Anthakshari

Page 3 — Jannet dePenning is Janet dePenning

FROM THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

We have some ambitious plans this year which involve active member participation and we do hope this will be forthcoming. In September we hope to present a "Play Reading in Costume" directed by Issy Sanderson. 1994 has been declared by the United Nations as the year of the family. This year would be an ideal occasion for I.W.A. to pool the talents of all our members and come together like one big global family in an evening of "International folk dances and folk songs". We do have a wealth of talent among our large membership. This would be a great opportunity for our non-Indian members to learn the exotic dances of the Orient, and an equally marvellous chance for the Indian members to master the vibrant folk dances of the West.

Those of you who wish to take part in either the Play Reading, or Folk dances or Folk Songs or even better participate in all the events, please call Nirmal Seshadri (Tel: 413820 before 9-00 A.M. or after 9-00 P.M.) and give your name. Auditions for the play will commence in the first week of August. We would be delighted if husbands and teen-aged children of members join in our efforts.

The International evening will be interesting, innovative and above all truly international.

NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON

Men have sight ; Women insight

— VICTOR HUGO

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Those whose numbers have changed since the issue of our last telephone directory please inform Lakshmi Padmanabhan (826 4334) any day between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. A fresh list of such numbers will then be prepared.

Please remember, our telephone book is for the private use of our own members. Do not lend it for any other purpose.

Binu Mullick has left Madras for Bangalore

Urmila Krishnamurthy, Radha Parthasarathy, Raji Rangachary & Madhuri Shah have left IWA.

Speedy Recovery to :

Rosa Maria Sridharan, recently hospitalised for a back injury

Congratulations to :

Madhuri Shah, whose son Rahul wed Meena in April

Condolences to :

Nirmal Seshadri who lost a dear aunt

Change of Address :

JATINDER BAHL
10, Dr. T. V. Road, 1st Floor
Off Spur Tank Road
Madras-600 031
Phone : 826 79 13

WELCOME BACK - IWA FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Wednesday, 8th June, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At: Amir Mahal
Pycrofts Road
Madras-600 014

The Executive Committee for the year 1994-95 extends a warm welcome to all the IWA Members. We are organizing a Fellowship Morning for you at the Amir Mahal, palatial residence of the Prince of Arcot.

This is an opportunity to meet each other, share your thoughts and experiences and get to know each other.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To get to Amir Mahal

Go down Whites Road straight past the Royapettah Clock Tower ; go straight into Pycrofts Road until you see two red pillars — The Gate of Amir Mahal.

FOND FAREWELL

To Christina Engvall who left in March 1994. One of our earliest members, Christina endeared herself to all by her affable disposition, equanimity and composure at all times. She worked on the Committee in several capacities : first, as co-chairperson for Philosophy and Religion ; then Music and Performing Arts and also on the Membership Committee. She was last Treasurer from 1991-93, a post she held with dignity and competence. Our very best wishes to you, Christina.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 17th June, 1994 – 10-00 a.m.

At : The C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation Hall
1 Eldams Road
Madras-600 018



ANTHAKSHARI — Word game in Music.

ANTHAKSHARI literally means the last word. This word game in music has captured the interest of audiences in concert halls. Media attention has also gained with Television featuring this in their popular programmes. We thought it apt to start the year with this melodic game, and perhaps lure our members to go musical.

Interested participants will be divided into groups. When the first song ends, watch out for the last syllable and the next group should immediately start a song on that syllable, and so the game flows on. The song could be in any Indian language or in English. It could be a film song, a folk song, a pop song or even a classical song.

Join us in a morning of music, mirth and perhaps mayhem too !

NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON

Anthakshari will start sharply at 10-20 A.M.

Our grateful thanks to Valli Murugappan and Murugappa Electronics for donating Meltrack Audio Cassettes as prizes for the winners of this game.

NEWS LETTERS

If you do not receive your news letter before the 1st of each month please contact Lakshmi Padmanabhan.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Monday, 20th June, 1994 — 2-00 p.m.

At: The British Council Auditorium
British Council
737, Anna Salai
Madras-600 002



SCHINDLER'S LIST — The much acclaimed film of Steven Spielberg.

At the 1993 Academy Awards function Spielberg's film SCHINDLER'S LIST walked away with no less than seven Oscars. Based on the novel by Thomas Kenneally the film tells the story of how Oscar Schindler, at the height of the Holocaust risked his life and rescued more than 1100 Jews from certain death. Spielberg, the outstanding film maker with a string of Hollywood's most successful films ever, was at last honoured with the coveted Academy Awards.

Spielberg — a Jew himself, did this film as an act of faith and has this to say, 'I do not care if the film does not break even. The real goal is to get people to see it, to think of what is happening right now in other parts of the world. We can never rewrite the past, but stories like Schindler's List is a constant reminder to us that we should never let the past repeat itself'.

All are welcome. We strongly urge husbands to take the afternoon off to see this film.

NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON

Film will commence at 2-15 p.m.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Thursday, 23rd June, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Raji Manian's
2, Venus Colony 2nd Street
Alwarpet
Madras-600 018



"YOU ARE THE ARCHITECT OF YOUR OWN FUTURE"

Ms. THOYAJAKSHI DEVENDRA, a star pupil of Swami Paramarthananda, will give us a talk based on the Bhagawad Gita.

A former lecturer at Stella Maris College and closely associated with the Chinmaya Mission, she is a lucid talker and a clear thinker. It promises to be a morning where we could pick up some pointers for Life!

**RANJINI MANIAN
JOANNE GRADY-HUSKEY**

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 28th June, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Jaya Menon's
Arjay Apex Centre
24, College Road
Madras-600 006



'THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY' by Robert James Waller

A tender and sensitive narration of love between a middle-aged man and woman. 'Painful, beautiful, unputdownable. Read it and weep', says Woman's Journal. The book is also available under the title, 'Love in Black and White'.

Those wanting to read the book please call Sulochana, to include your name in the circulation list.

**SULOCHANA ALEXANDER
ROSA MARIA SRIDHARAN**

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