



**International  
Women's  
Association**

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The  
Executive Committee

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Wishes all IWA members

An

Eventful IWA Year

# IWA NEWSLETTER

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday	9th June	<b>BOARD &amp; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	10.15 am
Thursday	18th June	<b>FELLOWSHIP MORNING</b>	10.45 am
Tuesday	23rd June	<b>BOOK DISCUSSION TV Film-Emma</b>	10.15 am
Thursday	25th June	<b>HEALTH &amp; ECOLOGY DANIDA Health Care Project - Talk</b>	10.15 am
Monday	29th June	<b>ARTS &amp; HANDICRAFTS, A Meeting with Thota Tharani</b>	4.00 pm

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

**Dear Friends,**

Welcome back to Chennai. We hope you had a lovely holiday this Summer. We would be delighted to meet you all at the Fellowship meeting on 18th June 1998 at the Madras Club.

The Board and the Activity Chairpersons have been working very hard to put together all aspects of IWA so that you can come and enjoy.

The Activity Chairpersons have also been planning very interesting programmes. Their efforts, enthusiasm, ideas and ability to organise these programmes certainly calls for praise and appreciation.

We would certainly welcome any new suggestions and ideas from you.

### **NEWSLETTER**

As you will know, this is one link of communication among all of us, so please go through it carefully.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

We put out about 70 programmes a year including Fellowship Morning, Founders' Day, Deepavali Celebration, Christmas Party, Woman of the Year Award, Child of the Year Award and AGM.

Hence it can be assumed that one can comfortably attend 10 of these meetings in the IWA year.

The minimum requirement of IWA membership is to attend 10 meetings, 7 meetings by December 1998 and 3 meetings between January and March 1999. All meetings start normally around 10:45 AM, after which the attendance register will be removed. Please do not leave before the meetings conclude as it is very embarrassing to everyone in the room.

#### **GROUP HOSTESSES:**

Most of you have written in your membership renewal form that you would like to be a group hostess. The Activity Chairpersons would contact you. They would normally get in touch with you alphabetically for a contribution between Rs.200 - 300 once a year. This will not include those members who host meetings at home or other venues. Thank you ladies, for your co-operation and participation.

#### **COOK BOOK:**

Alagu Muthu has kindly agreed to be in charge of the Cook Book this year. Please contact her for your requirements. Thank you, Alagu.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Lakshmi Padmanabhan has very kindly agreed to take care of the IWA photographs. Please contact her for your copies. Thank you, Lakshmi.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fellowship Morning.

**SHYLA K. RAU**

**MEGAN UTLEY**

## FROM THE VICE - PRESIDENTS

To serve you as Vice - Presidents of IWA for the coming year 1998-99 is indeed a happy thought - a thought which brings to our minds not only the many duties and responsibilities that arise out of holding office but also the opportunities we would have of working together and getting to know each other better. The holiday season has given us time to ponder over and plan for our busy schedule ahead.

It is our hope that through our monthly newsletters to you which with your support, will make for excellent reading, this year will truly be a 'sunshine' year for all of us. We will surely work towards making it so.

We welcome contributions to the newsletter which may please be sent to us typewritten, on or before the 10th of each month. This would provide an ideal opportunity of exchanging ideas of mutual interest.

**GAYATRI BEWOOR**

**LALINI GAUTAMADASA**

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### **BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday June 9th - 10.15 am

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday June 9th - 10.45 am.

Both Meetings at

Madras Club

Main Hall

Adyar Gate Club Road

Chennai - 28.

## FROM THE TREASURERS

We welcome all members, old and new, to a 'sunny' and joyous IWA year. Your active participation and support are vital to make this year's theme a reality.

Here are some important points to take note of:

- (1) Last date for submission of renewal forms, along with subscription is 15th July.
- (2) (a) ATTENDANCE: Out of the compulsory requirement of ten meetings during the IWA year (1st April to 31st March), a minimum of seven meetings should be attended by every member before the end of December. THIS APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.  
  
(b) Any member who is unable to attend meetings for two consecutive months or longer must intimate the Membership Treasurer by a letter and thereafter, make up for lost attendance.
- (3) If name badges are required, please let us know before 15th July.
- (4) Members are advised to call Lalitha Krishnan for anything concerning finance; and to call Chandrika Chidambaram for all other membership matters.

LALITHA KRISHNAN

CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM

## FROM THE SECRETARIES

Members are requested to send intimation regarding change of address or phone number to the Secretaries. Please send three typed copies so that the same can also be passed on to the Vice-Presidents for inclusion in the next Register. We also request you to bring to our attention any discrepancy in your address.

**Please wait until the 5th of every month before informing us about non-receipt of Newsletter.**

Members, please contact the following for getting / giving information.

<b>For</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Intimating change of address or telephone number	Javanthi Prabhakaran Meyyammai Murugappan
Not receiving the Newsletter	Javanthi Prabhakaran Meyyammai Murugappan
Contributing articles/poems/quotes for the Newsletter	Gayatri Bewoor Lalini Gautamadasa
Announcements to be included in the Newsletter	Gayatri Bewoor Lalini Gautamadasa
Information regarding attendance	Chandrika Chidambaram
Hosting a meeting	Chandrika Chidambaram
Warning-in for a meeting	Concerned Activity Chairpersons

**JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN  
MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN**



## MEMBERSHIP SUB - COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1998 - 1999

RUPA KADHIRESAN ANNELIESE HAZARI	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENTS
LALITHA KRISHNAN CHANDRIKA CHIDAMBARAM	CURRENT TREASURERS
LILY MADHOK DOROTHY SALDANHA	TWO MEMBERS NOT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ANGELIKA MANDAIAKER	IMMEDIATE PAST MEMBERSHIP TREASURER
SHYLA K. RAU MEGAN UTLEY	PRESIDENTS

## FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

In the 3rd Century B.C. on a Poya (full moon) day in June, Emperor Asoka's son Mahinda, journeyed to Sri Lanka from North India, introducing Buddhism to the island nation. Posa, as this auspicious day is known, is a day spent in prayer and meditation, by Buddhists in Sri Lanka.

We welcome members to send us items of interest on festivals in your own state or country for inclusion in our newsletters.

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### **CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Mahmooda Haja Shareef Ph : 8276522

**FELLOWSHIP MORNING**

**MEMBERS ONLY**

Thursday, 18th June 1998 - 10:45 am

At: The Madras Club  
Adyar Club Gate Road  
Chennai - 28

This will be the first meeting of IWA after the summer holidays. It is the time when old friends meet and new friends are made. We will have great pleasure in welcoming our new IWA members who have joined us last year.

This will be an enjoyable morning with Fellowship, Fun and Friendship.

The BOARD

No guests please

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

SANGEET CHOPRA who wishes to share her happiness with IWA friends on the engagement of her son Tejpreet to Itiva.

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God gives us our relatives; thank

God we can choose our friends,

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ETHEL WATTS MUMFORD

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, June 23 - 10.15 a.m.

At : British Council  
737 Anna Salai  
Chennai - 6



### **EMMA - TV FILM - 107 MINUTES**

We start this year with an old favourite - a classic, which has been made into a TV film. This is 'EMMA' by Jane Austen, an author who never travelled far from her home, but who seemed to have an insight into, and a grasp of the quirks of character of so many different kinds of people, especially women. 'EMMA' is one of her more lovable yet infuriating heroines.

This month we have the film - but ladies get out your own copies of the book and dust them up and go through it again. I am sure most of you have it, and have read it. We shall have a discussion of the book for our July meeting.

This year we (**GALE AND KAMALA**) would like to continue with the system, whereby we each keep a copy of the book to be discussed. All those interested in reading the book should contact one of us.

Readers living in Gale's area - 2 Bay View Drive, Kottivakkam  
Chennai - 41  
Phone No. 4901613  
could get in touch with her and

Kamala's area - 5 Raja Annamalai Road,  
Chennai - 84  
Phone 8553821 / 8553861 between  
11.30 am and 1.30 p.m.

We shall keep a track of the books, which means we should be told when you pass the book on to someone else.

**EMMA**, however, should be available in all the libraries, and many of you will have it at home. One copy, however, is available with Kamala for circulation.

**KAMALA MUTHIAH**  
**GALE MADSEN**

## HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday, 25th June - 10.15 am

At: Mahmooda Haja Shareef's  
77, Haddows Road  
1st Street, Nungambakkam  
Chennai - 34



### **DANIDA HEALTHCARE PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU**

Our speaker M. Dr. Per Blicher - Hansen will tell us about his job as Chief Coordinator of the Support Unit to DANIDA Health Care project in Tamil Nadu.

DANIDA stands for Danish International Development Assistance.

The DANIDA Project is a five - year project with all the work done by the Government of Tamil Nadu. One of the more important projects DANIDA has undertaken is the setting up of about 400 Health Care Units in Tamil Nadu.

**SHARMILA RAMJI**  
**BODIL FREDERIKSEN**

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### **HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

RAMA RAJAGOPALAN on her election as District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 323 for the year 1998-99.

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### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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## ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Monday, 29th JUNE - 4.00 p.m.

AT: AVM STUDIOS - Kodambakkam High Road,  
Chennai - 24



### **A MEETING WITH THOTA THARANI**

THOTA THARANI, the name, the person, truly needs no introduction. A man of many gifts and talents, he has earned national repute in each. An eminent painter, his works grace many a residential and public wall space. As an Art Director, his movies have not only been box office hits, but his insights into the subject have made his treatment of cinema set a new genre in themselves. To mention a few of his films - 'Nayagan', 'Anjali', 'Bombay', 'Sapne' etc.

Today, Tharani will share with us his views on the contribution of craft to set designs and Cinema Art Direction in general.

**VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY**

**EIRA DOSHI**

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There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun.

**PICASSO**

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Talent is that which is in man's power; genius is that in whose power a man is.

**JAMES LOWELL**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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1998-99

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