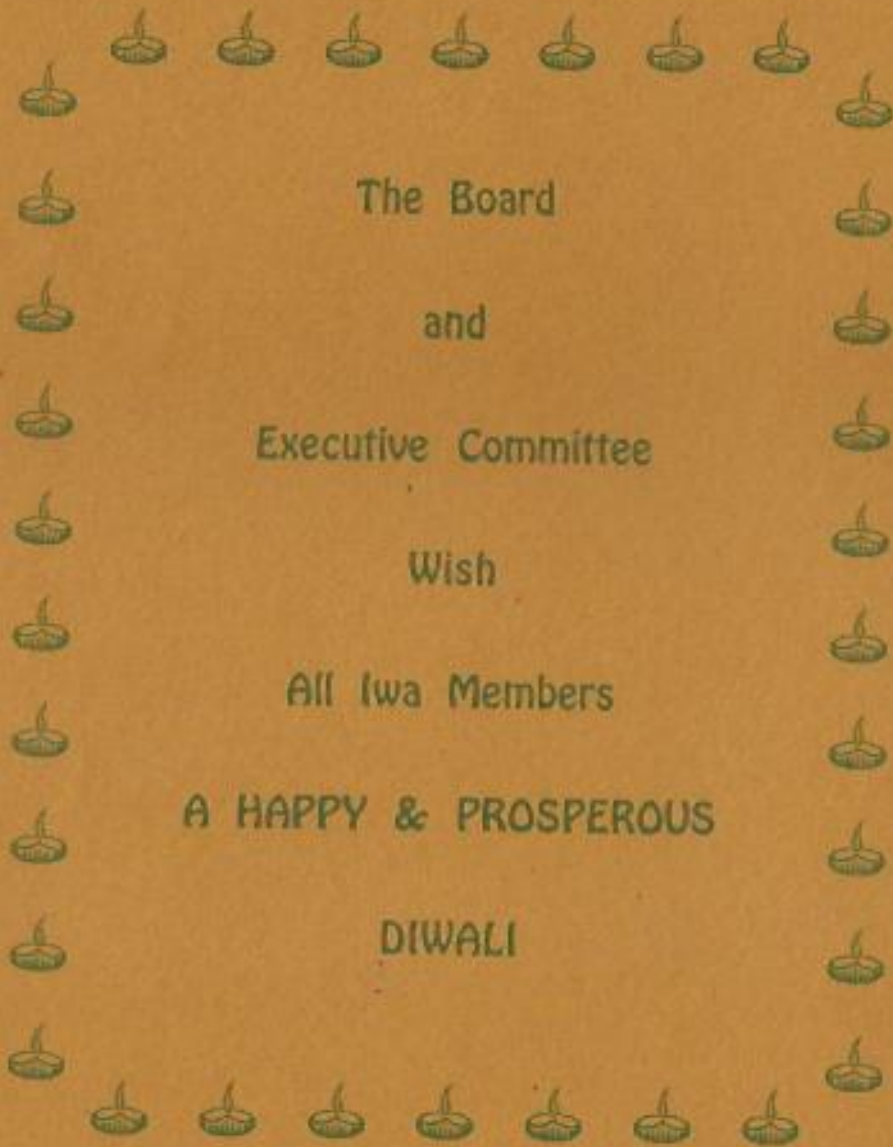




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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Friday	29th September	Board Meeting Executive Meeting	9.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday	3rd October	Arts and Handicrafts Confluence of Cultures	10.15 a.m.
Wednesday	4th October	Music & Performing Arts International Music Day	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	10th October	Cooking Swapshop Italian cooking with Chef Chandrasekhar	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	17th October	Health and Ecology UNICEF - Health programs	10.15 a.m.
Wednesday	18th October	Philosophy & Religion History, Culture & Tours Music & Performing Arts Diwali Mela	11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Friday	20th October	Current Events Highway to Hell	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	24th October	Book Discussion Sharing our old favourites	10.15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

The festive season has begun. First Navaratri and then Diwali are going to keep us all busy. It is going to be an eventful month for us also at IWA. We are going to visit two different doll festivals, a South Indian and a Japanese one – uniquely different and yet with their quaint similarities as well.

We go to a new venue this year for our Diwali Celebrations. We are looking forward to seeing our members showcase their talents and products at the Diwali Mela. We have, however, had to change the original date announced for Diwali Celebrations owing to the non-availability of the venue.

International Music Day which we dedicate to the memory of Founder Member and President, Nirmal Seshadri is being observed on October 4th due to intervening holidays and the Navaratri season which is keeping the musicians busy.

A trip to Hampi is also planned for late October to round off the festive season and we hope many members will make use of the opportunity.

We wish to thank our Members who have been hosting our meetings both in their homes and at other venues this year. It is their continued support and hospitality that make so many of our meetings possible.

We must also recognize the initiative of our Activity Chairpersons who are challenged every month to come up with a unique and interesting programme.

HAPPY DIWALI.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

BOARD MEETING

Friday, 29th September, 9.45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, 29th September, 11.00 a.m.

Both meetings at:
Visalakshi Ramaswamy's
1, South Beach Road
M.R.C. Nagar
Raja Annamalai Puram
Chennai 600 028

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, 3rd October, 2000 - 10.15 a.m.

At: Manasthala
12, Cenotaph Road
Teynampet
Chennai 600 018



CONFLUENCE OF CULTURES

In keeping with the spirit of Navaratri, the Japanese Consulate is joining hands with Manasthala in celebrating Hina Matsuri or the Japanese Festival of Dolls. There will be a simultaneous display of Navaratri Kollu and Hina Matsuri - with Japanese dolls specially flown in for the occasion.

Mrs.Suniti Narayan will enlighten us on the incredible similarities between the two festivals.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to witness the mingling of two great and timeless traditions, so different and yet so alike.

**SHARMILA RAMJI
KYOKO KASHIMA**

We thank our President Javanthi Prabhakaran for sponsoring the meeting on Origami in September.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Wednesday, 4th October, 2000 – 10.15 a.m.

At: Park Sheraton Hotel
Chamiers Road
Chennai 600 028



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY

One of the most ancient of stringed instruments of India, the Veena is considered almost divine. Many Hindu Gods and Goddesses are often depicted as playing this melodious instrument.

To celebrate International Music Day, we are fortunate to have with us Smt.E. GAAYATHRI, who was hailed as a child prodigy, when she started to play Veena at the tender age of three, and gave her maiden performance at ten.

Internationally renowned, Smt.Gaayathri has performed in more than 5000 concerts all over India, the U.K., and elsewhere.

Today Smt.Gaayathri will enchant us with her rendition of Hindustani Ghazals, Bhajans, Old Tamil film songs, and of course, a few classical pieces.

We dedicate this morning to Nirmal Seshadri, our Founder President, whose birthday falls on October 1st.

**GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
ANN MORADIAN**

Out thanks to:

- 1) Aruna Goyal, Vijay Goyal and Shashi Malhotra for hosting this meeting.
- 2) Sharada Khemka for sponsoring the "Anthakshari" program in September and Rehane Yavar Dhala for hosting the meeting.
- 3) Kausalya Jaganmohan for hosting the meeting in August.

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 10th October, 2000 – 10.15 a.m.

At: The Connemara Hotel
Binny Room
Binny Road
Chennai 600 002



ITALIAN COOKING WITH CHEF CHANDRASEKHAR

Mama mia – it's pasta time for IWA members at the Connemara.

Chef Chandrasekhar will part with some closely guarded secrets of how to make perfect pasta. Spaghetti bolognese, lasagne or cannelloni couldn't be bad guesses. Come and take part in learning one of the most popular and well-enjoyed style of western cooking.

**FAZEELA NURDEEN
SUSHI GOKLANEY**

Our thanks to Anneliese Hazari for providing the ingredients for the recipe demonstration at the Cooking Swapshop Meeting held on 8th September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 1) Gita Chandrasekaran, Sushi Natraj and their team on being placed 1st in the All Women's Category and 4th overall in the recently held CAR RALLY FOR THE BLIND.
- 2) Sheela K Sharath for becoming President, Rotary Club of Madras Temple City and for the release of her book of poems "IMAGERY : IN MY MIND'S EYE".
- 3) Rathi & Neelu (Neelakanthan) on the arrival of their daughter, Gayathri, aged 3 ½ years.
- 4) Neena Sanghvi on the birth of her son.
- 5) Overseas Women's Club for the release of their book, "At Home in Madras – A Hand book of Chennai" . The book is available for sale.

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 17th October, 2000 - 10.15 a.m.



At: Adyar Boat Club
No.1, Boat Club Road
3rd Avenue
Chennai 600 028

UNICEF, HEALTH PROGRAMS

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the agency of the United Nations (UN) devoted to the welfare of children. The organization was established by the UN General Assembly in 1946 to help children in post-World War II Europe and China. UNICEF currently focuses on establishing programmes that give long-term benefits to children everywhere, particularly those in developing countries who are in the greatest need.

UNICEF State Representative, Isabelle Austin has kindly accepted our invitation to inform us about UNICEF in general and also tell us about their programs in India.

NAINA SHAH
SUZANNE PLANTENER

CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 20th October 2000 - 10.15 a.m.

At: Russian Cultural Centre
27, Kasturi Ranga Road
Chennai 600 018



HIGHWAY TO HELL

Award winning documentary film-maker, Meera Dewan, has focused her lens on the growing problem of human trafficking across the Nepal-India border. Her latest film, "Highway to Hell", is hard-hitting expose of the plight of Nepali women and children who are lured by the promise of jobs in Mumbai, but once they get there, find themselves sold to sweatshops and brothels. If they manage to escape or are rescued by the police or an NGO, they are usually physically or emotionally damaged and often are not accepted back by their families.

Although Meera Dewan is not able to join us, there will be a guest speaker on hand to answer questions following the 38-minute film. Because of the nature of this film and its subject matter, IWA members should plan to arrive for this meeting on time, so that the impact of the film is not lost.

**KUSUM CHADDA
PAT ALTER**


Belated thanks to Meera Naru for co-hosting our July Current Events program.






**PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS
MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**



Wednesday, October 18th 2000, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At: Le Royal Meridien Hotel
1, GST Road, St.Thomas Mount
Kathipara Junction
Chennai 600 016

 **DIWALI MELA**

 A fun filled day of shopping for crafts and artifacts, folk dances and gifts
 have been planned. The spectacular Royal Meridian has been chosen as
 a backdrop for our celebration this year. There will be something for
 everybody and a number of our own members will be exhibiting their
 products. Children will enjoy the lucky dip and folk theatre.

Tickets: Rs.250/- for adults and Rs.150/- for children below 10 years.
Tickets will be available on sale from October 1st at all meetings.

Stalls: Rs.500/- for one table or Rs.1,000/- for 2 tables

Attractions: Khazana, lucky dip for children, folk dances, folk crafts like killi
josiya, leather puppet show, palm reading, mehendi, glass blowing
and stalls selling a variety of crafts and other offerings.

Buffet: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Entertainment: Folk dances of Tamilnadu and Gujarat

People to contact for

Booking stalls: Rani Chada or Rathi Nilakantan
Last day October 10th

Tickets: Activity Chairpersons from October 1st

Gifts for Khazana: Aruna Vijayakumar or Ingrid Charlton Briggs

Entertainment: Gita Chandrasekaran or Ann Moradian

Friends and relatives of Members are welcome to rent stalls.
Members please donate new and unused items of any kind to the Khazana stall.

COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

**LALITHA KRISHNAN VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
SEEMA SAIT ARUNA VIJAYAKUMAR ANN MORADIAN**

BOOK DISCUSSION



Tuesday, October 24th 2000, 10.15 a.m.

At Ingrid Charlton-Briggs
Apt.G/E Cambrae Hall
72, Dr.P.V. Cherian Crescent
Egmore, Chennai 600 105.

SHARING OUR OLD FAVOURITES

This month, for a change we should like you to bring along a copy of a book that you have loved. Share with others and hopefully read a passage or just recount what it is that this book means to you.

VIDYA SINGH
INGRID CHARLTON-BRIGGS



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS TRIP TO HAMPI



The trip starts on the 29th of October. We leave for Bangalore by the Brindavan Express and reach Bangalore at 2 p.m. We leave for Hoskote by train at 10 p.m. and spend the next three days i.e., the 30th, 31st and 1st at the ruins of Hampi, Badami, Pattadakal and Aihole. We return to Madras on the 2nd of November. There will be a meeting at Visalakshi's house on the 29th of September when more details will be given. Those who have signed up for the trip are requested to attend the meeting and pay for the tour in full. The cost of the trip will be approximately Rs.5,000/- to Rs.7,000/-.

VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY
ARUNA VIJAYAKUMAR

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.

- Charles Eliot

A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged. It is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, *Towne Vs. Eisner*,
245 U.S. 425 (1918)

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