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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Friday	2nd February	Board Meeting Executive Meeting	9.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday	6th February	Cooking Swapshop The Art of Chocolate Making	10.15 a.m.
Friday	9th February	Music & Performing Arts Brazilian Odyssey	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	13th February	Current Events Is there a plan to Chennai's Master Plan	10.15 a.m.
Tuesday	27th February	Extra-ordinary General Meeting	10.15 a.m.
Wednesday	28th February	Book Discussion " The Alchemist " by Paulo Coelho	10.15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

February is the time of the IWA calendar when we start planning for the next year. The Nominating Committee has been formed and a Nomination Form is provided at the end of the Newsletter. We request all members to involve themselves in nominating the office bearers. This would be of immense help to the Nominating Committee in selecting the Board of 2001 - 2.

We are also convening an EGM this month to resolve issues regarding membership and look forward to the support and participation of the members. The meeting Notice and Agenda will be posted to you in time.

As we have just two more months of meetings and activities, the Activity Chairpersons have been trying to reach those members who have not hosted either individually, or in a group. Owing to their busy schedules some members are hard to reach. We are certain that all members would want to play host for the meetings they attend and enjoy so much.

We request all members who have not yet sponsored a meeting to get in touch with any member of the Board or Committee and either pay the group sponsorship of Rs.300/- or offer their home.

After the tremendous success of the tour of Hampi and its surroundings Aruna and Visalakshi have planned one closer to home including Pondicherry, Thanjavur and Chettinad and we wish all members participating in it a happy time.

The proceeds of the Bring N' Buy Stall at the Christmas Brunch amounted to Rs.4,000/-. As announced the money has been handed over to a charitable organisation, The Little Flower Convent School for the Blind & Deaf. The money was used to provide lunch for the inmates on January 18, 2001.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

BOARD MEETING

Friday, 2nd February, 2001, 9.45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, 2nd February, 2001, 11 a.m.

Both meetings hosted by Kamala Prasad and Angelika Mandaiker at:

Y.W.C.A., Kilpauk
1086, Poonamallee High Road
Chennai 600 084

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board at their meeting held on Friday, 5th January, 2001, have appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee for this year.

ALAGU MUTHU

CHAIRPERSON

ANNELIESE HAZARI

SHANTHI KARUNAKARAN

SUREKHA KOTHARI

MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN

We invite recommendations from the members for the various posts on the Board. As you are aware, according to the revised Constitution it is now not necessary to obtain the consent of the concerned member while recommending her to a post on the Board. The Nominating Committee will obtain her consent before selecting her. Your recommendations are valuable and will help the Nominating Committee in the selection of a Board consisting of members who are efficient and have a sense of commitment.

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◆ Nominees for Presidents should have served on at least one earlier Board. This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians.
- ◆ Nominees for other members on the Board, should have served as Activity Chairpersons for at least two years. This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians.
- ◆ This Newsletter carries the Nomination Form. Please fill up the form and send it to Alagu Muthu, the Chairperson, so as to reach her by 25th February, 2001.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN

EIRA DOSHI

OWC invites IWA Members to their annual garden tea and a fashion show at Cottingley, 24, Anderson Road, Chennai 600 006, on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 from 3 pm - 5 pm. Tickets - Rs.200/-.

For further information, contact Aruna Vijaykumar at 827 1284 or Meena Naru at 824 0467.

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 6th February, 2001 - 10.15 a.m.



At: Beena Ram Mohan's
"Ragam"
Y- 216, 2nd Avenue
Annanagar
Chennai 600 040

THE ART OF CHOCOLATE MAKING

The versatile Cherry Venkatesh whose interests are as varied as cake decorating, aroma therapy, yoga and aerobics, will show us how to make sinfully divine moulded chocolates. IWA members are invited to come and share this sweet experience with Cherry.

FAZEELA NURDEEN
SUSHI GOKLANEY

We thank Thayabae Kakkar, Leelamani John and Premila Jacob for co-hosting our January meeting.

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Stina Vasu is taking a few friends for a nine-day tour of Norway in the 3rd week of June 2001. Anyone interested can contact Stina or Rashmi at 811 2232.

VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY
ARUNA VIJAYKUMAR



CONDOLENCES TO

Meera Jayakar on the demise of her husband. Members will remember how involved Mr. Jayakar was with IWA and the many occasions their home was thrown open to us for our functions.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

9th February, 2001, at 10.15 a.m.

At: The Adyar Boat Club
Boat Club Road
3rd Avenue
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600 028



BRAZILIAN ODYSSEY

Dance and Music transcend all political and geographical barriers. Indian Dance styles have today captured global attention, sensitising the 'Indianess' in all the cultural arenas of the world.

Our artist for this month Sonia Galvao has traversed three continents and several dance forms to be where she is to-day. Her early training in classical ballet was in Brazil, after which she danced with modern dance companies in the United States and finally came under the spell of Bharatanatyam and Odissi.

A student of Madhvi Mudgal, Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Leela Sampson, this morning Ms. Galvao will give us a lecture-demonstration of Odissi and share with us her experiences in the various dance forms.

**GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
ANN MORADIAN**

We would like to thank Chandrika Chidambaram for hosting this meeting and Brenda Tunnel, Mahema Devadoss, Umayal Chettiyappan, Kashmiri Daruwalla and Eleanor Daruwalla-Nitzche for sponsoring our programmes.

And a special thanks to Sujaya Menon for helping us organise this programme.

We would also like to thank Ann Moradian for sponsoring the December meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

- 1) Usha Chandrakumar on her son Arvind's wedding with Malavika.
- 2) Sarah Chanda on her daughter Shakuntala's wedding to Rajendra.
- 3) Kamala Prasad who, in honour of Volunteerism, was awarded YWCA of India Millennium Roll of Honour in recognition of her outstanding public service and dedication to the ideals of volunteerism

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, 13th February, 2001, at 10.15 a.m.

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



IS THERE A PLAN TO CHENNAI'S MASTER PLAN

Traffic congestion, noise pollution, haphazard growth – what has happened to our garden city? Chennai has a master plan, is it being followed? How does the plan address environmental issues, heritage preservation, public transport and informal sector housing? And what's the link between the master plan and each of us who share the city space?

Tara Murali, who is a leading architect with over 30 years of experience at Bharat Associates, a Trustee of Chennai Heritage and the Consumer Action Group, and INTACH's "hey you" person, will offer her perspective on what needs to be done NOW to improve our quality of life and restore our garden city.

**KUSUM CHADDA
PAT ALTER**

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 27th February, 2001 at 10.15 a.m.

At: The House of Russian Culture
Kasturi Ranga Road
Chennai 600 018

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the International Women's Association will be held at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at the House of Russian Culture, Kasturi Ranga Road, Chennai 600 018, to consider and if thought fit, to pass the special Resolutions.

The Notice along with the Resolutions will be circulated twenty-one days before the EGM as required by the Constitution.

For the purpose of record, the Resolutions will appear in the March Newsletter.

**JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI**



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the International Women's Association will be held at the House of Russian Culture, Kasturi Rangan Road, Chennai 600 018 on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 10.15 a.m..

Agenda

- To consider and if thought fit to pass the following Special Resolutions
 1. "RESOLVED to increase the membership of IWA from 275 to 300".
 2. "RESOLVED to exclude Outstation and Senior Members from the total count of members".
 3. "RESOLVED to create a category of Temporary Members".
 4. "RESOLVED to increase the annual subscription from Rs.500/- to Rs.800/-".
- To suitably amend the following clauses of the Constitution relevant to the above Special Resolutions
 1. Page 4 of the Constitution.
Article III- Rules and Regulations,
Clause No. 8

At present states

The membership of IWA shall not exceed 275. As far as possible, the membership of IWA will include three Indian members for every Non-Indian member. However, the Board may on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, establish any other necessary composition, taking into consideration the aims and objectives of IWA. The said limit on membership shall cover Active, Outstation and Senior members. At no time shall the number of Outstation members exceed 5 percent of the total membership.

To be amended as

The membership of IWA shall not exceed 300. As far as possible, the membership of IWA will include three Indian members for every Non-Indian member. However, the Board may on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, establish any other necessary composition, taking into consideration the aims and objectives of IWA. The said limit on membership shall cover only Active and Temporary members and not include Outstation and Senior Members.

2. Page 6 of the Constitution
Article III - Rules and Regulations,
Clause No. 14

At present states

Outstation Members

An active member of IWA who has been an active member for at least five years and who, thereafter, lives outside Chennai, may be classified as an Outstation Member, at her request to the Membership Sub-Committee, who will take the decision to forward the application to the Board. She may retain her outstation category for not more than three years, after which her membership will automatically cease.

If she returns to Chennai at any time after three years and reapplies for membership, she may be given preference. If she does not return to Chennai but wishes to continue to receive the IWA newsletter, she may do so on payment of a special subscription amount to be determined by the Board. Outstation Members may attend any IWA activity.

To be amended as

Outstation Members

An active member of IWA who has been an active member for at least five years and who, thereafter, lives outside Chennai, may be classified as an Outstation Member, at her request to the Membership Sub-Committee, who will take the decision to forward the application to the Board.

If she returns to Chennai at any time and reapplies for membership, she may be given preference. Outstation Members may attend any IWA activity.

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3. Page 6 of the IWA Constitution
Article III - Rules and Regulations
Clause No. 16

At present states

An Outstation Member cannot vote or stand for office.

To be amended as

An Outstation Member cannot vote or stand for office or attend an EGM or AGM.

4. Page 6 of the Constitution
Article III - Rules and Regulations,
Clause No. 17

At present states

An outstation member can become an active member within three years by informing the Board

To be deleted and instead read as

Temporary Members

Creation of a special category of Temporary Members for Indians who are in transferable jobs or whose husbands are in transferable jobs. The duration of the membership will be for a period of 3 years only and cannot be renewed. The number of Temporary Members shall not exceed 2% of the membership as given in Article 111, Clause 8. At the end of 3 years a Temporary Member may apply for regular membership and wait her turn.

Temporary members cannot vote, hold office or attend an EGM or AGM.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

Note:

Members are requested to bring this Notice with them to the meeting.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, 28th. February 2001 at 10.15 a.m.

At : Vidya Srinivasan's
2, Satyanarayana Avenue
Boat Club
Chennai 600 028



" THE ALCHEMIST " BY PAULO COELHO

An international best seller, this delightful book is about listening to our hearts and following our dreams. It is the story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who one night dreams of a distant treasure in the Pyramids of Egypt. He leaves his home in Spain, journeys to the markets of Tangiers and into the Egyptian desert, in search of his dream. Along the way he meets many spiritual messengers and encounters several difficult obstacles. He eventually meets the Alchemist, whose lessons and words of wisdom are ones that even we can apply to our lives.

This month's discussion will be led by Ms. Maria Couto, well known economist, writer and journalist.

We hope you will join us for an enjoyable discussion.

**VIDYA SINGH
MARGARET THORPE**

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

We thank Surekha Kothari for her very interesting and enjoyable talk on the "I" Eye Topic at our November meeting. Surekha has been involved with topics such as these for a few years. She is prepared to have periodical get-togethers and exchange views with other members.



Interested members may contact Surekha directly.

**LALITHA KRISHNAN
SEEMA SAIT**

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