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		Executive Meeting	10.30 am
Friday	2 nd August	Current Events	10.15 am
		Why CEOs Lie	
Tuesday	6 th August	Cooking Swapshop	10.15 am
		For the oriental palate	
Friday	9 th August	Arts & Handicrafts	10.15 am
		Decorating gift boxes	
Thursday	15 th August	Health and Ecology	7.15 pm
		Trip to Coonoor	
Friday	23 rd August	Music & Performing Arts	10.15 am
		Thyagaraja's 'Utsava Sampradaya' Kritis	
Monday	26 th August	Book Discussion	10.15 am
Tuesday	27 th August	History, Culture & Tours	10.15 am
		Sri Lanka-yesterday and today	
Thursday	29 th August	Philosophy & Religion	5.30 pm
		The Gayatri Mantra	

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

After the sweaty thrilling foot ball world cup it's nice that the rains have kick started, bringing the temperature down.

Cooling us further is our health and ecology trip to Coonoor. We wish all our members going to Coonoor a great time. The tamil month of aadi is here, traditionally one expects floods (aadiperruku), lets hope that at least these showers last.

By the time you get this newsletter Founders Day will be over, we take this opportunity to thank all those who participated and those who helped us put it all together.

KUSUM CHADDA **MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN**

The years teach much
Which the days never know.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

A big thankyou to all who have voluntered to be a part of the IWA telephone tree

Urmilla Agarwal, Rani Chandani, Thayabae Kakar, Raji Ramesh, Amulya Mandava Rao, Linda Raymond, Radha Seshadri, Indira Srinagesh.

We welcome more members to come forward & help.

VIJAYA BALU **PADMA ASHOK**

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 1st August 2002 at
9.30 am

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, 1st August 2002 at
10.30 am

Both Meetings at:
Madras Cricket Club
Chepauk
Chennai

CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 2nd August 2002, 10.15 am

At: Madras Boat Club
Boat Club Road
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600028



WHY CEO'S LIE

A spate of large American Corporations have just disintegrated without warning and left thousands jobless. How can such a thing happen today especially with current management practices and information being so easily available. Many a times the CEOs become rich and richer while the companies suffer. Do CEOs lie about the state of their company till the last minute and if so why?

Our speaker Mr. Pratipto Kumar Mohapatra, President, IT & Telecom Sector, RPG Enterprises and Chairman, Southern Chapter of CII will speak to us on this recent phenomenon and its implications.

SEEMA BHARGAVA

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 6th August 2002, 10.15 am.

At GRT Grand Days
120 Sir Thyagaraya Road
Pondy Bazar
T Nagar
Chennai 600017



Tel: 8150500

FOR THE ORIENTAL PALATE

The Chef at GRT Grand Days – Mr Sitaraman, also a television personality, will demonstrate a few quick and easy soups and deserts. Every effort has been made to standardize the recipes so that anyone can prepare them without much ado.

NO GUESTS PLEASE

BINA MATHEW

ISABELLE BADRINATH

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Friday, 9th August 2002, 10.15 a.m.

At Mowbray's Room
Madras Club
8 Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600028



Demonstration by Mrs. Rita Killa,

Mrs. Rita Killa has been involved for the past 4 years in creating beautiful packagings for weddings/birthdays/diwali and various other occasions. Each product is customized so as not to have any repetition.

Today she is going to demonstrate decorating gift boxes and baskets.

SHANTHI THOMAS

MALINI KRISHNA

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday, 15th August to 18th August 2002

YOGA & FRESH AIR IN THE NILGRIS



We will meet at the Madras Central Station on the 15th of August at 7.15 p.m. near A/c Coach No.AC/2 Nilgiris Express. Train leaves at 8.15 p.m. and reaches Mettupalayam at 6.00 a.m.

We return on 19th August 6.00 a.m. by the Nilgiris Express.

All payments to be made to Cherry Venkatesan on or before 31st July 2002. Rs,3500/- per head.

BEENA RAM MOHAN

CHERRY VENKATESAN

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MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 23rd August 2002, 10.15 a.m.

At: Saroja Ramamrutham
'Beach Court' Penthouse,
47/35, Arundale Beach Road,
Kalakshetra Colony,
CHENNAI 600 090.



THYAGARAJA'S 'UTSAVA SAMPRADAYA' KRITIS

Thyagaraja lived in Thiruvayyaru in Tanjore District at a time when the 'Bhajana Sampradaya' was at its peak. He composed songs to celebrate the theme of festivals on Rama and Krishna, and these were known as "Utsava Sampradaya" Kritis.

Sumathi Krishnan, a disciple of Sangita Kalanidhi Smt. R. Vedavalli, will present some of these kritis along with a brief explanation.

All are welcome.

RAMANI REDDY

SUSHI GOKLANEY

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, 26th August 2002, 10.15 a.m.

At: Vidya Singh
10, Satyanarayana Avenue
Off Boat Club Road
Chennai 600028



The Book : River Dog : A Journey Down The Brahmaputra by Mark Shand.

Speaker : Dr. Nirmala Lakshman, Director & Joint Editor, The Hindu.

Mark Shand is the celebrated travel writer who has risen to fame for his book, The Travels On My Elephant, and has been the favorite child of the Media ever since the success of the River Dog.

River Dog is the extraordinary journey through the geographical, political, religious background of the people, whose lives are touched by the Brahmaputra. Dr. Nirmala Lakshman is a top ranking, multifaceted and much sought jouranlist in the country and is well known for her high literary knowledge and immaculate articulations and we are indeed thankful to her for taking time off her busy schedule to take us through this interesting journey.

PRINCESS NAIK

SHEELA K SHARATH

BOOK DISCUSSION

Book for September : "Wings of Butterflies"
by Kaveri Nambisan.

Ladies, we are planning to invite authors of books for this year's Book Discussions, so if any of you have contacts/suggestions, kindly inform us

Books will be available with Sharanya Jayakumar, Princess Naik & Sheela K Sharath

PRINCESS NAIK

SHEELA K SHARATH

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Tuesday, 27th August 2002, 10.15 a.m.

At: Russian Cultural Centre
74 Kasturi Ranga Road
Chennai 600018
Tel: 499 00 50



CURTAINRAISER FOR IWA TRIP TO SRI LANKA SRI LANKA – YESTERDAY AND TODAY

S. MUTHIAH, renowned historian and chronicler will speak on Sri Lanka – past and present. Its trading contacts with the Portuguese, the Dutch and the English. The present day problems and triumphs. He will also tell us why the islanders retain their own distinct identity even though they have so much in common with the mainland.

The talk will be preceded by a film show on the cultural history and natural beauty of Sri Lanka – Courtesy: Sri Lanka Tourist Board and Air Lanka.

This will surely whet your appetite to visit The EMERALD ISLE-also known as SERENDIPITY!

GEETA VASUDEVAN

IWA TRIP TO SRI LANKA

Oct 21 2002 to Oct 27 2002

PROGRAMME

We have planned an excellent itinerary for 7 days and 6 nights packing in the best of Sri Lanka just for you!

The beautiful capital of Colombo-with its colonial buildings!
The endearing elephant orphanage at Pinnawala!
The lion rock and frescoes of Sigiriya!
The ancient capital of Polonnaruwa!
The cave temples of Dambulla!
The sacred tooth relic temple and bazaars of Kandy!
The heart of Sri Lanka's tea country-Nuwara Eliya!
The golden sandy beaches of Bentota with its gems market!

Excited? Then sign on soon to avoid disappointment! Limited to 20 participants. The cost of the trip will be approximately Rupees Twney-five thousand only. (Rs.25,000/-)

Cost inclusive of airfare, hotel (on twin sharing), breakfast, coach tours, guide, cultural show, entry fees.

IWA members and their families (adults) and friends who are interested in joining the trip should contact GEETA VASUDEVAN for further information and to sign up. The last date for booking and payment of non-refundable deposit of Rs.5000/- is August 30, 2002.

GEETA VASUDEVAN – Tel. 491 5913

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Thursday, 29th August, 2002, 5.30 p.m.

At: The Prayer Hall
Arya Samaj Central
D.A.V. Girls Senior Secondary School
182, Avvai Shanmugam Salai (Lloyds Road) .
CHENNAI 600086



GAYATRI MANTRA

All of us have heard or recited the Gayatri Mantra at sometime or the other but how many of us are aware of the meaning of those beautiful words.

Mr. Jai Devji will enlighten us by explaining in length what the Gayatri Mantra says and means. Mr. Jai Dev, is a Sanskrit scholar of the vedas and vedic philosophy and an authority on Arya Samaj rituals.

So, ladies please be there.

PRITIKA CHARY

ANITA KAPOOR

Congratulations to Kamala Prasad who has been elected as President-elect of SOROPTIMIST International of India.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW IWA MEMBERS

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Mylapore,
CHENNAI 600004.

Tel. 498 2330/498 2320

ANITA DUDHANE - U.S.A.
.6C, Nithyashree Apartments,
57, Chamiers Road,
CHENNAI 600028.

Tel. 435 3675

PUSHPA LAXMAN - Indian
17, Croisant Street,
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CHENNAI 600028.

Tel.436 2888

GINA ALY KHAN - Temporary Member
6, 1st Avenue, Indian
Boat Club Road,
CHENNAI - 600 028.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR AUGUST:

Fakhira Ayer, Jatinder Bahl, Kala Bhashyam, Sarah Chanda, Chandrika Chidambaram, Rani Das Gupta, Irene Pruller Dass, Mahema Devadoss, Ritika Dhingra, Zainab Kachwalla, Era Kalra, Anita Kapoor, Surekha Kothari, Sandra Lecoq, Sucharita Prasad, Urmilla Reddy, Devyani Shah, Sabita Shetty, Dolly Simon, Debbie Thiagrajan, Shobana Thomas, Radha Vasudevan.

We thank our 'Active Participating Members' for the month of June 2002

- Hostess & Speaker : Nandita Krishna
- Special Meeting help : Gita Chandrasekaran

Congratulations to Sunita Shahaney on the birth of her two grandsons in February & June.

Congratulations to Rani Das Gupta on the occasion of her daughter's wedding

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CURRENT EVENTS

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