



IWA
Chennai

Newsletter
February 2005

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FEBRUARY 2005

MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Tuesday | 1 st Feb | Managing Comm. Meeting Executive Comm. Meeting | 9.45 a.m. 10.30 a.m. | ✓ |
| Wednesday | 2 nd Feb | Memorial Service for Megan Utley | 4.00 p.m. | ✓ |
| Friday | 4 th Feb | Music & Performing Arts <i>Hindustani Music at its Best</i> | 5.15 p.m. | ✓ |
| Tuesday | 8 th Feb | Current Events <i>The BPO Boom</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Thursday | 10 th Feb | Arts & Handicrafts <i>Through the lens of Sharad Haksar</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Friday | 11 th Feb | Cooking Swapshop <i>Just Desserts</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Tuesday | 15 th Feb | Health and Ecology <i>Organic Cotton Industry</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Thursday | 17 th Feb | Music & Performing Arts <i>Face to Face - Vijayanthimala Bali</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Monday | 21 st Feb | History, Culture & Tours Arts & Handicrafts <i>Celebrating a Japanese Tradition - Hinamatsuri</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Tuesday | 22 nd Feb | Philosophy & Religion <i>J Krishnamurti</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |
| Wednesday | 23 rd Feb | History, Culture & Tours <i>Departure to Cambodia & Thailand</i> | | |
| Friday | 25 th Feb | Book Discussion <i>Kodaikanal : A Forest of Creepers</i> | 10.15 a.m. | ✓ |

From the Presidents

Friends,

We gave you five great programmes in January and we hope that you have been able to catch all of them. We are now into the last three months of the IWA year and we cannot believe that the year has gone by as fast as it has. The trip to Cambodia and Thailand has been scheduled for February and we are sure our ladies will have a wonderful time and return with some great photographs for us.

The IWA year end finale has been scheduled for the 18th of March and the tickets will soon be available with all the chairpersons and committee members. Do mark the date into your calendar and join us that evening.

February has some great programmes as well, we encourage you to mark them into your schedules. We look forward to seeing you at them.

Vidya Singh

Padma Ashok

MANAGING COMMITTEE
MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING

Tuesday, 1st Feb., 9.45 a.m.

Tuesday, 1st Feb., 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings at:

Amulya Mandava Rao
18, Kasturi Ranga Road
Alwarpet
Chennai 600 018

From the Treasurers

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 1st April 04 to December 2004

| | Rs. |
|---|------------------|
| Income | |
| Membership Subscription | 337710.00 |
| New Membership | 7750.00 |
| Membership Contribution | 17700.00 |
| Telephone Books, Directory, Byelaws & Photographs | 12360.00 |
| Guest Contribution | 9250.00 |
| Hostess Contribution | 68268.00 |
| SB A/c Half Yearly Interest & FD Interest | 10750.00 |
| Diwali Mela Collections | 121700.00 |
| Bank Charges Recovered from Members | 30.00 |
| Total Income | 585518.00 |
| Expenditure | |
| AGM Expenses 2003-2004 | 18368.00 |
| Meetings | 166365.91 |
| Gifts | 24190.00 |
| Printing & Stationery | 41130.00 |
| Postage & Courier Charges | 19316.90 |
| Cheques Return & Bank Charges | 2230.00 |
| Accounting Charges | 4000.00 |
| Diwali Mela | 81009.50 |
| Travelling & Conveyance | 280.00 |
| Total Expenditure | 356890.31 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | 228627.69 |
| Funds Position as on 31st December 2004 | |
| Opening Balance - 1st April 2004 | 40212.69 |
| Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure | 228627.69 |
| Less: Advance paid to Chairpersons | 24000.00 |
| Closing Balance | |
| Bank | 239117.79 |
| Cash | 5722.59 |
| Fixed Deposits | 244840.38 |
| Special Fixed Deposit KD/01/4776 | 100000.00 |
| Corpus Fund KD/01/008064 | 303977.00 |
| Entrance Fee KD/01/008066 | 79692.00 |
| Entrance Fee KD/01/008355 | 2534.00 |
| Entrance Fee KD/01/009312 | 2399.00 |
| Total Fixed Deposits | 488602.00 |

Election Sub-Committee

Members for the Election Sub-Committee for the year 2004-2005 were appointed by the Managing Committee in January 2005 and are :

- ◆ Kamala Muthiah - Chairperson
- ◆ Vijaya Balu
- ◆ Gayathri Bewoor
- ◆ Anneliese Hazari
- ◆ Meyammai Murugappan

We wish to thank Bina Ram Mohan for gifting the cake for the Xmas Raffle and Rupa Kadhiresan for singing in the choir.

Congratulations to

- ◆ Jennifer Ann Ramachandran on the birth of her grand daughter Ariana.
- ◆ Geeta Vasudevan on the wedding of her son Prashanth with Jyoti.



MEGAN UTLEY

Co-President of IWA - 1998 to 1999

It is with deep regret that IWA informs its members about the sad demise of Megan Utley, in her home in the UK, amidst her loving family.

The Memorial Service will be held on

Wednesday, 2nd February, 4.00 p.m.

at Y.W.C.A., Poonamallee High Road, Chennai.

Vidya Singh

Padma Ashok

She was extremely active in IWA and served in various capacities. Her zest for life, passion for golf and talent for the theatre had won her many friends.

A life is meaningful when it is filled with love, happiness and generosity of spirit. This was Megan's life.

May her soul rest in peace.

Shyla K. Rau

A Tribute

When I heard about Megan I was very sad - having to say good-bye to a good friend - and memories came flooding in

...Megan with her ready smile and laughter;

...Megan radiant in a salwar or a beautifully draped saree;

...Megan eager to know more about our culture and traditions so that she could truly be a part of the life of this city.

During the years she was with IWA - as activity chairperson, two years as Vice President and a year as President, her commitment to IWA was total. We, who worked with her, will always remember her vibrant personality, her friendliness, her boundless energy and her readiness to be involved in everything - taking charge of the mike at meetings (IWA's mike worked for no one else other than Megan!!), redrafting the constitution - I see her now with a copy of the existing one and a draft of the new one asking for endless clarifications.

The Maypole dance, for which she had the music sent out from England, which she learnt and taught our talented members, was her most beautiful contribution to that years' Deepavali celebrations.

At Christmas, year after year, she took charge of the decorations and her husband Jasper (who was equally involved with IWA) delighted the children as Santa Claus. Megan's "Peacock on a Mango Tree" will always be remembered.

Christmas at the Utleys' was special... the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, the open house and singing of carols.

Megan had her presence felt elsewhere too outside IWA - at the British Council, on the golf course; delighting adults and children alike at the annual pantomime for which the costumes were made by her and others under her supervision.

We who knew her and who worked with her will always remember her with affection and cherish our memories of her.

Rupa Kadhiresan



at 5.15 p.m.
on Friday, 4th February

at Shrikanta Jhavers', 21, Santhome High Road,
Chennai 600 004.

Hindustani Music at its Best

Kala Ramesh, renowned vocal singer, who trained under the late Chitti Babu - the renowned Veena Vidwan, the late Pandit Krishnanand, of the Kirana Gharana at Chennai and lastly the famed Subhada Chirmulay, of the Gwalior Gharana is a keen follower of Pandit Kumar Gandharva.

Kala's strength lies in her clear voice culture and in her music you will find the 'aaghaath' or "the vertical throw of the voice" and the effective use of pauses and silences.

She has performed widely in India and has received excellent reviews in the Hindu and other national papers. She will be accompanied by Anjali Singde Rao on Violin and Sanjay Fagare on the Tabla.

We thank Shrikanta Jhaver for hosting this meeting.

Urmilla Agarwal

Anita Kapoor



at 10.15 a.m.
on Tuesday, 8th February

at The C.P. Art Foundation, 1, Eldams Road,
Chennai 600 018.

The BPO Boom

The word Business Process Outsourcing is in the press virtually every day. Since the advent of the IT wave this is seen as the biggest employment industry. Animation, web design and development, engineering design and knowledge services all come under its perview.

Vijaylakshmi Rao, Director and Chief Operating Officer, Scope Center Pvt. Ltd., a leading global service firm will give an exposé on this burgeoning industry and explain how women are playing and can continue to play a key role in the global market.

We thank Nanditha Krishna for hosting this meeting and Padma Ashok for sponsoring the A.V. equipment.

Rekha R Rangaraj

Nalini Panday



at 10.15 a.m.
on Thursday, 10th February

at Meenakshi Meyyappans', "Sabrina"
118, Santhome High Road, Chennai 600 028.

Through the lens of Sharad Haksar

Sharad is well-known for his striking conceptual photography. He has done classy work for the country's best known advertising agencies to create leading brands. The young and dynamic Sharad Haksar is the recipient of a long list of impressive International Photography Awards.

How does one reconcile creative chaos with rational strategy?

How does one project the energy, creativity & excitement that is a critical part of the adrenaline rush of cracking new clients and delighting existing ones?

Sharad Haskar will share his experience in the world of advertising. This will be an audio-visual presentation followed by an interactive session.

Our sincere thanks to Meenakshi Meyyappan for hosting this meeting.

Nina Kothari

Peggy Dwyer



Cooking Swapshop

at 10.15 a.m.
on Friday, 11th February

at Boat Club, Boat Club Road, Chennai 600 028

Just Desserts - Ending a Meal with Grace and Flavour

All good food affords pleasure; desserts are devised for pleasure alone. At the end of the meal, when appetites are largely satisfied, the dessert restores the palate and hints at sensuous luxury.

It is said that "If there be any poetry at all in meals, or the process of feeding, there is poetry in the desserts." How to compose such "poetry" will be demonstrated by Priya Thomas whose exotic dessert puddings are a sinful pleasure. Come indulge yourself!

We thank Rani Chandani and Javanthi Prabhakaran for hosting this meeting.

Sharmila Ramji

Malini Krishna

We thank, Gita Rajgopal for hosting last month's Cooking Swapshop meeting.



Health and Ecology

at 10.15 a.m.
on Tuesday, 15th February

at Madras Cricket Club, Babu Jagjivan Ram Road,
Chepauk, Chennai.

Organic Cotton Industry: An overview

In India there is a huge cotton industry. To get higher yield and more income, both farmers and the factories making the end products, use a lot of chemicals during the whole production process - from the time the seeds are put in the soil until we get our hands on those beautifully coloured fabrics and garments.

In the short term this way of production seems to be efficient. But in the long term there are huge social and environmental impacts.

Prabha Nagarajan, a Management and Law professional, moved to working with sustainable textiles for the past five years, runs "Prana" a concept store in Chennai. She has a special interest in the Organic Cotton Industry and will give us an overview of the Organic Cotton Movement in India and globally as it is today.

We are thankful to Daksha Sheth, Anuradha Uberoi and Geeta Vasudevan for hosting this meeting and Mridula Srinivasan for the A.V. equipment.

Anjana Sunil

Jorun Hafsmo



at 10.15 a.m.
on Thursday, 17th February

at Surekha Kothari, Kothari House, 28, Kothari Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.

Face to Face with Dr. Vijayanthimala Bali

Talented actress, versatile dancer and media person turned politician; Member of Parliament, Vijayanthimala Bali has lead a meaningful and interesting life.

Surekha Kothari will do a one on one with her and explore all the fascinating facets of this multi-talented woman.

We thank Surekha Kothari for hosting this event.

Urmilla Agarwal

Anita Kapoor

Condolences to:

- ◆ Geeta Vasudevan on the loss of her father and Jayanti Rajaram on the loss of her father-in-law.



at 10.15 a.m.
on Monday, 21st February

at Miyako Kikuchi, 5-B, Chittaranjan Road,
Teynampet, Chennai 600 028.

Celebrating a Japanese Tradition- Hinamatsuri

The Doll Festival, Hinamatsuri is a celebration of life. It coincides with the blooming of the "Peach Blossom." It is also known as Girls' Day and is celebrated on March 3rd in Japan, a day of hope for the growth and future happiness of young girls.

IWA Members will get a preview of the elaborately decorated dolls. A short history of the origin and significance of the festival will be discussed. Our grateful thanks to Miyako Kikuchi, the wife of the Consul General of Japan, for graciously hosting this meeting.

Nina Kothari

Peggy Dwyer

PHILOSOPHY &
RELIGION

at 10.15 a.m.
on Tuesday, 22nd February

at Krishnamurti Foundation of India,
Vasanta Vihar, Greenways Road, Chennai 600 028.

*J Krishnamurti : the 20th Century
Philosopher*

Arguably one of the 20th century's greatest philosophers and thinkers, J Krishnamurti died in 1986. His ideas continue to influence many fields; in particular, society, education, relationships, the environment and the human condition.

Our meeting this month will be held in the beautiful grounds of the Krishnamurti Foundation, Vasanta Vihar. There will be a half-hour video of Krishnaji, followed by a brief session of questions, to be answered by a staff member of the KFI. You are invited to walk around the grounds and visit the library, book-shop and Study Centre. Many of our members would have heard Krishnamurti speak during his annual retreat at Vasanta Vihar... for those who have not had this privilege, we are sure you will find this an interesting morning.

Please warn in by 15th February... call the following numbers
Shalini Biswajit ... The Forum... 5211 5597

Radha Gopalakrishnan ... Residence... 2491 8186.

Shalini Biswajit Radha Gopalakrishnan



24471057
98410 95710

Book Discussion

at 10.15 a.m.
on Friday, 25th February
at Bilkis Moosa, 16, Cenotaph 2nd Lane,
Teynampet, Chennai 600 018.

Kodaikanal : A Forest of Creepers

Badri Vijayaraghavan, the author of *Kodaikanal : A Forest of Creepers* has spent his early childhood and has been a regular visitor to Kodaikanal.

The author is a trekking enthusiast, musician, motorcyclist and a photographer and apart from all these pursuits, a marketing executive.

Kodaikanal as seen through his eyes is a meadow, in the vale of darkness where lilies grow and bisons stray and where eyes can meet in the darkness and communicate. This is Kodaikanal.

Badri Vijayaraghavan will talk to us and give us a glimpse into the beauty of Kodaikanal.

We thank Bilkis Moosa for hosting this meeting.

Bharathi Suresh Bharati Nair Gopinath

Special Guests

In accordance with Rule 10G of the byelaws, the following are recommended as special guests until the end of this IWA year.

- ◆ Suma Eapen
- ◆ Tina Malhotra
- ◆ Rashmi Mohindra
- ◆ Asha Ram Mohan
- ◆ Asha Reddy
- ◆ Usha Umaphathy

To be considered for temporary membership

- ◆ Sonia Chadha
- ◆ Vandana Ghadiali

Overseas Women's Club : Annual Event

Garden Tea at Cottingley
Wednesday, February 16th at 10 a.m.

Tickets are Rs. 250 per adult. Children are free.

Tickets are available with all OWC Members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004 - 2005

MANAGING COMMITTEE

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