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Tue. 1st Aug	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	09.45 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thur. 3rd Aug	History Culture & Tours <i>A Wife of Bangalore</i> <i>Habba in Chennai</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thur. 10th Aug	Philosophy and Religion <i>Harmony in Life</i>	10.15 a.m.
Fri. 18th Aug	Music & Performing Arts <i>Krishna Mahima</i>	10.15 a.m.
Sat. 19th Aug	Book Discussion <i>Face to Face with Amitav Ghosh</i>	10.15 a.m.
Mon. 21st Aug	Cooking Swapshop <i>Taste of Thailand</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thur. 24th Aug	Health & Ecology <i>Professional Accountability and Patient's Rights</i>	10.15 a.m.
Fri. 25th Aug	Current Events <i>The Great Indian Media Bazaar</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 29th Aug	Book Discussion <i>Kite Runner - An epic tale of Friendship and Betrayal</i>	10.15 a.m.
Wed. 30th Aug	Arts and Handicrafts <i>Art in Living - Beautiful Bathrooms and Kitchens</i>	10.15 a.m.

From the Presidents



Dear Friends,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Founders Day will be over. We thank the Founders, Past Presidents, Board, Executive Committee and all other members who participated and joined in the celebrations. Thank you all.

August too is packed with excellent meetings which the Chairpersons have worked hard to put together. Make sure to mark them on your calendar so that you do not miss any.

The trip to Greece and Turkey is all set to leave on September 1st. There are a few openings left. If anybody is interested do let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you at many meetings and in the Mediterranean too.

SEEMA BHARGAVA

AMULYA RAO

MANAGING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 1st August 9.45 am

Tuesday, 1st August 10.30 am

Both Meetings hosted by
Susan Hopper at

River House, 12, Turnbills Road Extn., Chennai 600 035.

From the Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1st April '06 to 30th June '06

INCOME	Amount Rs.
Membership Subscription	308000.00
New Membership	2500.00
Membership Contribution	12300.00
Telephone Books, Byelaws & Photographs	2410.00
Guest Contribution	3880.00
Grand Finale	21675.00
Savings Bank Interest / Fixed Deposit Interest	6178.00
Total Income	356943.00
EXPENDITURE	
AGM Expenses 2005-2006	32631.00
Meetings	56810.00
Gifts	2700.00
Printing of Telephone Books	15300.00
Printing & Stationery	34348.00
Postage & Courier Charges	6293.00
Accounting Charges	1500.00
Total Expenditure	149582.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	207361.00
Funds Position as on 30th June 2006	
Opening Balance - 1st April 2006	123246.24
Add : Excess of Income Over Expenditure	207361.00
Less : Advance paid to Chairpersons	24000.00
Closing Balance - 30th June 2006	
Bank	296774.64
Cash	9832.60
	306607.24
Fixed Deposits	
Special Fixed Deposit KD/01/4776	100000.00
Corpus & Entrance Fee FD/01/007158	424354.00
Entrance Fee-FD/01/007178	5419.00
Total Fixed Deposits	529773.00

History, Culture & Tours



Thursday, 3rd August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **ACCORD METROPOLITAN**
35, G.N. Chetty Road
T. Nagar
Chennai 600 017

A WIFF OF BANGALORE HABBA IN CHENNAI

Bangalore Habba, an AFFA initiative, was a spectacular week-long event held in Bangalore city in the December months of 3 years 2003 to 2005. The awe inspiring cultural event involved performances by national and state artistes. A record number of 2500 artists participated in the event covering drama, cinema, music, dance, folk arts, traditional arts, painting and crafts.

Nandini Alva, the chief organiser of the Bangalore Habba is the Founder and Executive Trustee of the Artistes Foundation for the Arts (AFFA), an organization committed to promote arts and culture. She is a multifaceted personality who has trained in Bharatnatyam under eminent Guru Dr. Padma Subramanyam. She has performed in 12 countries around the world with her troupe, Gandharva Vidya Niketan.

Today, she will talk to us about what exactly is the Bangalore Habba?

What does it entail to organise an event of that magnitude?
Is Chennai ready for a Habba?

We thank **Shobana Reddy** for hosting this meeting.

This is a joint meeting with FLO.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

ANURADHA MAJITHIA UBEROI

ANITA KAPOOR

Philosophy & Religion



Thursday, 10th August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **THE MADRAS CRICKET CLUB**
1, Babu Jagjivanram Salai
Chennai 600 005

HARMONY IN LIFE

The ever increasing demands of work, family and society cause tremendous pressure on one's mind. This ultimately disrupts the rhythm and harmony in life.

Sri Sudarshanji is an expert in self-management, a complete science of living. He has done his post graduation in Business Management. He is a faculty of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry). His seminars are backed by over 15 years of study and research on Vedanta. He conducts workshops for Individuals, Corporate Houses and Educational Institutes on various subjects.


His talk will help us to handle the inevitable fluctuations in life.

We thank **Sharda Khemka** and **Sheela Sharath** for sponsoring this meeting.

ASHA HEMDEV

ANNETTE MOLLEBRO

Music @ Performing Arts



Friday, 18th August at 10.15 a.m.

At: **SAROJA RAMAMRUTHAM'S**
Beach Court Penthouse
#47/35, Arundale Beach Road
Kalakshetra Colony
Chennai 600 090

KRISHNA MAHIMA

Krishna Janmashtami is the celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna. This festival will be showcased through a garland of songs woven to show a glimpse of Krishna in His different facets - as a baby boy, young cowherd, friend, a lover and above all lord and protector. Please join in this celebration and bring your own little Krishna to be displayed with all the other baby Krishnas.

We thank **Saroja Ramamrutham** for hosting and organizing this exceptional audiovisual meeting.

SHOBHA MAHTANI

JOANNE BUREMA

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We thank **Seema Bhargava** for sponsoring the 9th July meeting of Music & Performing Arts

SHOBHA MAHTANI

JOANNE BUREMA

Book Discussion



Saturday, 19th August at 10.15 a.m.

At: **TAJ CONNEMARA**
Binny Road
Chennai 600 002

FACE TO FACE WITH AMITAV GHOSH

IWA has the rare privilege of meeting **Amitav Ghosh**, one of India's most well known contemporary writers in English. His novels include "The Circle of Reason", "The Glass Palace", "The Shadow Lines" and "The Hungry Tide". He has won innumerable national and international awards including the Sahitya Akademi Award, the Arthur C. Clarke award and the French Prix Medici Estranger among several others.

Amitav Ghosh is on a fleeting visit to Chennai from New York where he teaches at Columbia University. He will address us jointly with the Madras Book Club.

We thank **Kamala Muthiah** and **Nalini Ramakrishna** for hosting the meeting.

Our sincere thanks to **Chandra Padmanabhan** for her help in arranging this meeting.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

SHOBHA HEBBAR

BILKIS MOOSA

Cooking Swapshop



Monday, 21st August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **RUAN THAI**
Citi Centre
Dr. R.K. Salai
Chennai 600 004

TASTE OF THAILAND

Chef Regi Mathew of Benjarong restaurant has recently unveiled a Thai restaurant at the Citi Centre called Ruan Thai. Chef Regi has studied at the Suan Dusit School of Cooking in Thailand and trained at the Shangrila Hotel in Bangkok. He will demonstrate how to prepare a delectable Thai lunch by the subtle mixing of herbs and spices with market fresh vegetables and ingredients. The restaurant can accommodate a maximum of 40 people, so be sure to warn-in before 14th August 2006.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

SHANTHI THOMAS
98410 76541

MALINI KRISHNA
98408 21460

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Heartfelt condolences to

◆ **Amulya Rao** on the loss of her grand father-in-law.

Health @ Ecology



Thursday, 24th August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **MADRAS BOAT CLUB**
Boat Club Road
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600 028

PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND PATIENT'S RIGHTS

Have you at some time or the other come back frustrated from the doctor's office or hospital not knowing what to do? This topic is of special interest as the medical fraternity is being forced to become more accountable and as patients, we are becoming more aware of our rights.

Dr. Prema is a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and Medical Legal Consultant who will make us aware about the litigation issues that a common man needs to know.

SHIRLEY VERGHESE

LYNNE CONNOR

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Change of address

Kanika Parekh
30, Anderson Road
Chennai 600 006
☎ 28212751

Current Events



Friday, 25th August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **THE MADRAS CLUB**
Mowbray's Room
Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600 028

THE GREAT INDIAN MEDIA BAZAAR

Across the developed world, in virtually all 'Mature Media Markets', the circulation and readership of newspapers is declining. Here in India we are reading newspapers more than ever! While broadcast television in most developed countries is under pressure from narrowcast technologies and the Internet, it is boom time for satellite television in India. But what is this Great Indian Media Bazaar and is it good for us? How do the newspapers and the television channels influence our perceptions of current events? Can we trust the media?

Come join us for what is sure to be an intriguing and insightful discussion featuring **Mr. N. Ram**, Editor of The Hindu, as he discusses the Great Indian Media Bazaar and its role in shaping current events.

We thank **Aasha Reddy** for hosting this event.

MRIDULA SRINIVASAN

JYOTI SOMANI

Congratulations to

🎉 **Mehmooda Haja Shareef** on the birth of her great grand daughter.

🎉 **Padmini Natarajan** on the birth of her grand daughter

Book Discussion



Tuesday, 29th August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **SOMNA SACHDEV'S**
20, (old 10), 4th Lane,
Nungambakkam High Road
Next to M.O.P. Vaishnav Collge
Chennai 600 034

KITE RUNNER - AN EPIC TALE OF FRIENDSHIP AND BETRAYAL

Khaled Hosseini's stunning debut novel, "**Kite Runner**" follows a young boy, Amir, into manhood as he discovers friendship, betrays that friendship and searches for redemption for his tortured soul. The book takes us from the final days of the Afghan monarchy to the atrocities of the Taliban regime.

Dr. Vijay Nagaswami, one of Chennai's leading psychiatrists is eminently suited to lead the discussion as the novel delves into the troubled mind of Amir, the protagonist of the book.

We thank **Somna Sachdev** for hosting the meeting.

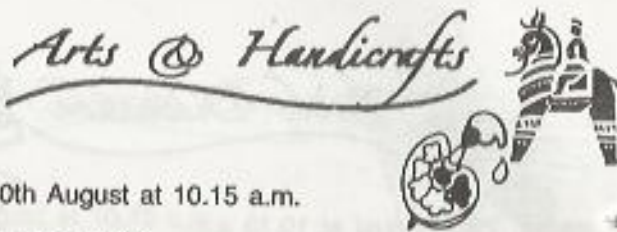
SHOBHA HEBBAR

BILKIS MOOSA

We thank **Farida Majid & Fazeela Nurdeen** for sponsoring the LCD Projector for the July meeting of History, Culture and Tours.

ANURADHA MAJITHIA UBEROI

ANITA KAPOOR



Wednesday, 30th August at 10.15 a.m.

At : **THE PARK HOTEL**
Near Gemini Flyover
601, Anna Salai
Chennai 600 006

ART IN LIVING - BEAUTIFUL BATHROOMS AND KITCHENS

Traditionally, the Bathroom and the Kitchen serve as functional rooms. Today, they are designed as much for delight as for function.

V.J. Bharath and **Jayashree Bharath** will map this trend and put us in the loop vis-a-vis new trends in design, colour and products for these two most frequented rooms. Slides of the state of the art designs of these rooms will be presented along with poetry.

Mr. Shaji, a consultant in this field will answer questions relating to a wide range of world-class products available today to furnish bathrooms and kitchens at every budget.

A well designed and tastefully appointed home - everybody's dream!

SANGEET CHOPRA

LISA FELDMANN

Executive Committee 2006 - 2007

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CURRENT EVENTS

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