



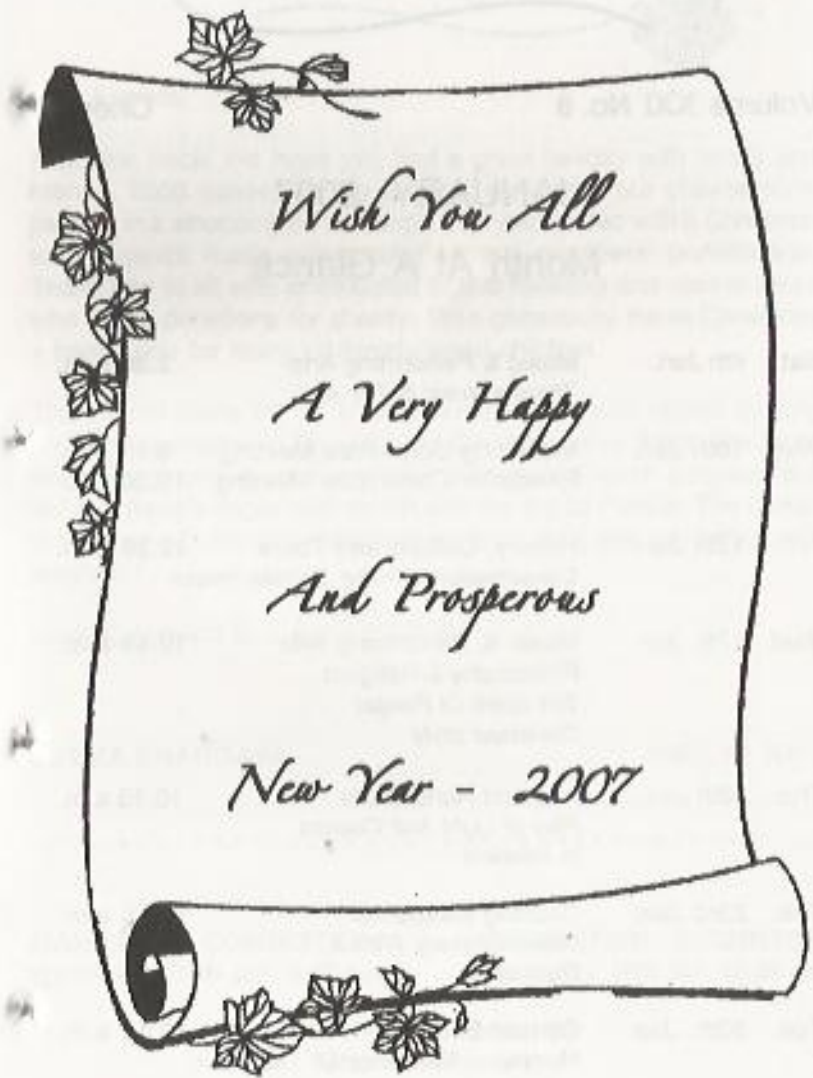
*Celebrating
20 years*

IWA
Chennai

January 2007

Newsletter

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JANUARY 2007 Month At A Glance

Sat. 6th Jan.	Music & Performing Arts <i>There's Music In The Air!</i>	2.30 p.m.
Wed. 10th Jan.	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	9.45 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Fri. 12th Jan.	History, Culture and Tours <i>Conservation Of The Senate House</i>	10.30 a.m.
Wed. 17th Jan.	Music & Performing Arts Philosophy & Religion <i>The Spirit Of Pongal Chettinad Style</i>	10.45 a.m.
Thu. 18th Jan.	Arts and Handicrafts <i>Play of Light And Colours In Interiors</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 23rd Jan.	Cooking Swapshop <i>French Bakery With A Distinction</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 30th Jan.	Current Events <i>Humour - The Need Of The Hour</i>	10.15 a.m.



Dear Friends,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great holiday with family and friends. 2006 passed by so quickly, what with our chairpersons packing in a whopping 54 meetings! The year ended with a Christmas extravaganza made spectacular by our members' participation. Thank you to all who contributed to that meeting and also to those who made donations for charity. Your generosity made Christmas a happy one for many underprivileged children.

This month starts off on an auspicious note with violins playing and the celebration of Pongal in the Chettinad way. From Chettinad we travel to provincial France for a taste of French pastries. But our real travels begin next month with the trip to Punjab. The month is rounded off with a meeting that we hope will have you rolling with laughter!

Looking forward to a great 2007 !!!

SEEMA BHARGAVA

AMULYA RAO

MANAGING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 10th Jan. 9.45 am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 10th Jan. 10.30 am

Both Meetings hosted by
Shanthi Thomas
47 (24) Vijayaraghava Road
T.Nagar, Chennai 600 017.

From the Membership Treasurer

All applications for new Indian members were received on October 14, 2006 and reviewed by the Membership Sub Committee. Subsequently the Membership Sub Committee held meetings in October, November and December 2006 to review the applications. Each application was analysed diligently by all persons of the Membership Sub Committee. For this, I would like to personally thank each and every one of the Membership Sub Committee for the time spent and care taken in the selection process. Due to the limited number of vacancies in the Indian Member category the Membership Sub Committee has selected the following 4 candidates for membership in IWA in the year 2007-2008.

1. Usha Jawahar
2. Badrunnisa Mahadevan
3. Asha Murthy
4. Usha Sarvanan

The sponsors of these 4 candidates have been informed of the selection and notified that their candidate should attend as many IWA meetings as possible during the period Jan - April 2007 as special guests and pay guest charges. At the end of this period the candidates will be sent their formal acceptance.

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

Music @ Performing Arts



Saturday, 6th January at 2.30 p.m.

At : **DAKSHINACHITRA**
Muttukadu
East Coast Road
Chennai 603 118

THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR!

We usher in the new year with a special performance by youth in the sylvan surroundings of DakshinaChitra as it celebrates 10 years. There will be **Konnakole** by the students of **Thiruporur Higher Secondary School**, directed by **V.Uma Shankar** followed by **Oyilattam** and **Devarattam** by **Kannan Kumar** and troupe. The finale will be **Carva** - a violin recital by 40 students of Carnatic Music.

We thank **Debbie Thiagarajan** for sponsoring this meeting.

SHOBHA MAHTANI

SUBHASHREE SENGUPTA

History, Culture & Tours



Friday, 12th January at 10.30 a.m.

At: **SENATE HOUSE**
Madras University
Chennai 600 005

CONSERVATION OF THE SENATE HOUSE

The Senate House located within the Madras University campus was designed and completed by the British architect Robert Fellowes Chisholm in 1879. It is one of the finest examples of Indo-Saracenic construction. Though gigantic in scale and form, the Senate House is an exquisite model of detail, in the composition of its towers and arcades and the use of a variety of material judiciously combined to produce a synthetic whole.

In restoring the Senate House, care has been taken to follow international principles of conservation that advocate the use of traditional materials and techniques that match the original construction in all respects.

Restoration of stained glass involving the use of lead came and of painted canvas false ceilings using oil colours and specialized painting conservation techniques have been executed by specialists trained in the UK.

K.Kalpana will take us on a conducted tour of the premises and explain how the restoration of the Senate House was undertaken.

Ladies, this will be a nostalgic trip for many of you!!

Kindly warn in before 8th January, with Anita Kapoor at 98840 30566 / Seema Bhargava at 98400 82518.

We thank Valli Murugappan for providing the refreshments.

ANURADHA M. UBEROI

ANITA KAPOOR

Music & Performing Arts



Philosophy & Religion

Wednesday, 17th January at 10.45 a.m.

At : **MEYYAMMAI MURUGAPPAN'S**
'THE LAURELS'
9(Old 4), Chitaranjan Road
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018

THE SPIRIT OF PONGAL - CHETTINAD STYLE

Let us take you to the Heart of Chettinad. Our IWA Acchis will share with you their celebrations and traditions. Brunch will be served at 12.00 Noon. Since only 70 persons can be accommodated please warn-in with ASHA HEMDEV at 28278165 / 28265722 (8.00 A.M. TO 10.00 A.M.)

We are grateful to Alagamai Alagappan, Meenakshi Arunachalam, Umayal Chettyappan, Meenakshi Meyyappan, Meyyammai Murugappan, Valli Murugappan, Meena Muthiah, Seetha Muthiah, Alagu Muthu & Visalakshi Ramaswamy for contributing towards the brunch.

SHOBHA G. MAHTANI
ANNETTE MOLLEBRO

ASHA HEMDEV
SUBHASHREE SENGUPTA

Arts @ Handicrafts



Thursday, 18th January at 10.15 a.m.

At : **SUNITA SHAHANEY'S**
"Oakland House"
7 Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600 028

PLAY OF LIGHT AND COLOURS IN INTERIORS

Vikram Phadke is an interior and landscape design consultant who has been practicing design of interiors and landscapes in the country for the past 21 years. He is the co-founder of "Evoluzione", a chain of high-end furniture and lighting stores in Madras, Bangalore, and New Delhi. Vikram will share with us his ideas on the use of light and colors in contemporary interiors. Exciting ideas to hear and see and also to try in our homes!

We thank **Sunita Shahaney** for graciously hosting this meeting.

This meeting was previously scheduled for 12th October but due to unavoidable circumstances it had to be postponed. We hope you will join us this month!

SANGEET CHOPRA

LISA FELDMANN

Cooking Swapshop



Tuesday, 23rd January at 10.15 a.m.

At : **Lakshmi Venkatachalam's**
10, Valliammai Achi Street
Kotturpuram
Chennai 600 085

FRENCH BAKERY WITH A DISTINCTION

La Boulangerie is an organization that equips underprivileged youth with education and training in high class French baking and catering. The aim is to help the trainees successfully establish a career in the baking industry.

French **Chef Antoine**, who was trained at the Piazza Hotel in Paris and has worked with renowned chef Alain Ducasse will demonstrate three French specialties on this day.

We thank **Lakshmi Venkatachalam** for hosting this meeting.

SHANTHI THOMAS

MALINI KRISHNA

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Current Events



Tuesday, 30th January at 10.15 a.m.

At : **The Madras Club**
Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600 028

HUMOUR - THE NEED OF THE HOUR

There is a common saying that an apple a day keeps the doctor away but in the modern world, perhaps, we can modify the saying as 'a joke a day keeps the doctor away'. A good joke acts as a tonic for appetites jaded by an unending and unsavoury diet of politics, corruption, religious and social problems.

Kalyana Krishnan and **Lalitha Kalyan** will take us through a morning session of humorous anecdotes and narrations on professions, political scenario etc. Laugh and have a hilarious morning.

Kalyana Krishnan retired as the Chief Engineer from the Department of Telecom. He and his wife are active members of the Humour Club International Chennai.

We thank **Jyothi Ganesh** for hosting this meeting.

MRIDULA SRINIVASAN

JYOTI SOMANI

We thank **Jyothi Somani** for sponsoring the LCD equipment for the November meeting of Current Events

IWA Christmas



IWA Christmas celebrations brought in the spirit of joy, warmth and sharing. The IWA choir, tableau and play reading were appreciated by all present as was the game and the eats. We thank all who participated in the programme and helped in making it a success.

The Choir, Tableau and Play Reading of 'The Gentle Giant'.

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| Play adaptation | - | Padmini Natarajan |
| Direction | - | Rita Saldanha |
| Music - Keyboard | - | Marina Mathias |
| Participants | - | Mansha Bhatia, Sarah Chanda,
Suma Eapen, Premila Jacob, Anita Koshy,
Nina Kothari, Prema Kumar,
Angelika Mandaiker, Darley Mathew,
Maya Mathew, Meena Naru, Sushi Natraj,
Linda Raymond, Ramani Reddy,
Rita Saldanha, Raziyyeh Sheerazie,
Anjana Sunil and Reena Verghese |

We thank the following members for contributing towards the meeting expenses:-

Susan Abraham, Urmilla Agarwal, Sulu Alexander, Seema Bhargava, Mansha Bhatia, Lynne Connor, Leila Diraviam, Meenakshi Dhamija, Anneliese Hazari, Asha Hemdev, Susan Hopper, Renuka Ishwariah, Molly Jacob, Susan Koshy, Shanthi Karunakaran, Poonam Lalchand, Shobha Mahtani, Mina Malhotra, Ambika Mammen, Cibi Mammen, Ann Mathew, Marina Mathias, Shyla K. Rau, Sunita Shahaney, Cherry Venkatesan and Shanthi Verghese.

A very special thank you to:

- Lita Srinivasan for organizing the game and sponsoring the prize.
- Sulu Alexander for coordinating the programme.
- Special guest Chiara Gonsalves for taking part in our celebrations.
- Sangeet Chopra, Jo Frogbrook, Asha Hemdev and Susan Hopper for judging the competition and members for participating in them.
- Lynne Connor for opening up her beautiful home for this meeting, for the Dessert spread and all arrangements at Cottingley.

Our grateful thanks to all members who contributed towards charity for under privileged children. We received a few gifts and collected Rs.7000/- Seema Bhargava, Bernadette Mcewen and Dorothy Saldanha handed the same to Mercy Home, Kilpauk for the under privileged.

SEEMA BHARGAVA

AMULYA RAO

BOARD

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Congratulations to

- ☞ **Mano Bakhavatsalam** on her appointment by the State Government as a member in the working group on Women Empowerment for the formulation of the 11th Five Year Plan - 2007 - 2012.
- ☞ **Surekha Kothari** on the birth of her grandson.
- ☞ **Marina Mathias** on the birth of her two grandsons, Torun Shahani and Ian D'Silva.

IWA Christmas Celebration



The Choir & The Nativity Scene Tableau



A Scene From The Gentle Giant



Members Enjoying The Festivities



A Scene From The Gentle Giant

Executive Committee 2006 - 2007

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