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# NEW HORIZON

IWA  
Chennai

June 2007

Newsletter



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# IWA NEWS LETTER

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Mon. 4th June	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	09.30 am 10.30 am
Thu. 14th June	Fellowship Morning	10.15 am
Tue. 19th June	Current Events <i>Water, Water Everywhere</i>	10.15 am
Thu. 21st June	Health & Ecology <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	10.00 am
Tue. 26th June	Music & Performing Arts <i>Have Feet Will Dance</i>	10.15 am
Thu. 28th June	Philosophy & Religion <i>The Mystery Behind Mysticism</i>	10.15 am

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hi Dear Friends

Welcome back to yet another exciting IWA year. A warm welcome to our new members. We hope that you will enjoy IWA in all aspects.

The theme for the year - **"New Horizons"** offers new beginnings of friendship filled with 'energy and zest' and a positive approach with one another, sharing experiences and wisdom at the beginning of the New Year.

Our enthusiastic and vibrant Chairpersons are planning a variety of creative and interesting activities. Do attend the programmes and enjoy their efforts.

We welcome you to the first meeting of the year, a fulfilled fellowship morning. Dress in the "new horizons" colours - shades of blue. Please do attend and enjoy.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

MANAGING COMMITTEE  
Monday, June 4th 9.30 am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Monday, June 4th 10.30 am

Both Meetings hosted by  
**Lynne Connor** at  
Cottingley, B.D.H.C.  
20, Anderson Road,  
Chennai 600 006.

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends

Yet another IWA year begins. We welcome you back from your holidays. The Board is all set to present some exciting meetings.

We hope you enjoy the issues of the Newsletters. Do send us any announcements, change of address / telephone numbers, congratulatory / condolence messages. Ensure it reaches us before the 10th of the month either by snail mail or e-mail: rani\_ananth@hotmail.com, radhagkrishnan@dataone.in

This is your Newsletter and we are looking forward to your involvement with it, through anecdotes, quotations, poems or anything of interest you would like to share with your IWA friends.

Together let's share some exciting times ahead.

RANI ANANTH

RADHA GOPALAKRISHNAN

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*"We are not saving our earth from conflict,  
we are not looking at a cure for cancer. Let's  
Lighten up, make friends and Learn something  
new at each meeting we attend"*

IWA Member

## FROM THE SECRETARIES

Welcome to the new IWA year. As our 21st birthday approaches, we find that adulthood has caught up with us. We have become a truly mature organization, thriving on responsibility and the accountability that comes with it.

To our new members, please observe the following guidelines. If you are an existing member please view them as a gentle reminder.

- If you do not receive your newsletter by the 5th of each month contact Lynne Connor on 98409 75740 or Shobha Hebbar on 044 26411248 or 98403 38258.
- If you change your address or telephone number please inform either of us or the Membership Treasurer on 98412 21201.
- Please be punctual for meetings. The Chennai traffic is not getting any easier ! Leave enough time to get to meetings.
- Do ensure that your mobile phones are switched to silent or vibrating mode during meetings. We ask that you do not leave meetings early unless, it is an emergency.
- Our Activity Chairpersons work hard to produce topical, interesting meetings. Their success depends upon your support.

Do join us at as many meetings as you can during the coming year - we look forward to meeting you all and helping in any way we can.

SHOBHA HEBBAR

LYNNE CONNOR

## FROM THE TREASURERS

Welcome to the new horizons of a new year for IWA !

Renewal forms and cheques (for Rs.1100 in the name of IWA Chennai) may kindly be sent in on or before 30th June 2007

- No Cheques will be accepted without the forms and vice-versa.
- Those who do not wish to renew membership or wish to change it to outstation/senior should inform Membership Treasurer in writing at the earliest.

MRIDULA SRINIVASAN

SUSAN HOPPER

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*May all Sentient Beings have Happiness and its causes  
May all Sentient Beings be Free of Suffering and its causes.  
May all Sentient Beings never be Separated from Sonowless Bliss  
May all Sentient Beings abide in Equanimity  
Free from Bias, Attachment and Anger"*

Tibetan Prayer

## GUIDELINES FROM MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

The Membership Sub-committee is ready to start another exciting year of IWA. We welcome Lalitha Krishnan, from the General Body as well as our two Vice Presidents, as members of the Membership Sub-Committee. The following are the guidelines for attendance at meetings.

1. The IWA Calendar is from April 2007 to March 31, 2008.
2. All IWA members must attend a minimum of 10 meetings during this period, seven of which must be completed by December 31, 2008.
3. All activity meetings will begin at 10.15 am. unless otherwise stated. Attendance sheets will be placed at the entrance for members to sign in. Attendance will close at 10.45 am, at which time the meeting will start.
4. Members are requested to PRINT their names and code numbers on the attendance sheet provided, to ensure a clear record of their attendance. Membership codes are printed on the address label of each Newsletter.
5. All members can track their attendance record twice during the IWA calendar. All activity meetings held in the months of October and February will have an attendance chart of members listed by code numbers only.
6. Guest attendance is restricted to four meetings per year for each guest. Members are asked to please sign in their guests on the Guest Register sheet. The charges are as follows:

Home Meeting -	Rs. 50/- guest
Club Meeting -	Rs. 100/- guest
Hotel Meeting -	As per actuals

Please feel free to telephone me Monday to Friday before 6.00 pm or e-mail me at [chennaicgr@gmail.com](mailto:chennaicgr@gmail.com) for further information relating to attendance. My Membership Sub-Committee and I look forward to your active participation during the year.

**SUSAN HOPPER**

## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS

If you ...	Write to / Call
... do not receive your newsletter until the 5th of a month	Shobha Hebbar Lynne Connor
change your telephone number or address	Shobha Hebbar Lynne Connor Susan Hopper
wish to announce a happening in the newsletter	Rani Ananth Radha Gopalakrishnan
are unable to attend meetings for some length of time	Susan Hopper
would like information about a particular meeting	Concerned Chairperson
have ideas for a meeting	Kamala Prasad Raziyeh Sheerazie Any Chairperson
have suggestions for the functioning of the association	Kamala Prasad Raziyeh Sheerazie
would like to sponsor or host a meeting	Radha Gopalakrishnan Presidents
need badges	Susan Hopper

## MANAGING COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENTS



Kamala Prasad



Raziya Sheerazie

### VICE - PRESIDENTS



Rani Ananth



Radha  
Gopalakrishnan

### SECRETARIES



Shobha Hebbar



Lynne Connor

### TREASURERS



Mridula Srinivasan



Susan Hopper

## ACTIVITY CHAIR PERSONS

### ARTS & HANDICRAFTS



Pritika Chary



Sarjita Shan

### BOOK DISCUSSION



Archana Mayyappan



Ruth Lauge

### COOKING SWAPSHOP



Raji Ramesh

### CURRENT EVENTS



Anuradha Sachdev



Balveer Singh

### HEALTH & ECOLOGY



Asha Hemdev



Bilkis Moosa

### HISTORY CULTURE & TOURS



Geetha Rajagopal



Gowri Visvanathan

### MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



Geeta Vasudevan



Pia Olander

### PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Sadiya Kahleel



Uma Ganesan

## FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Thursday, 14th June at 10.15 am

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At: MADRAS CLUB

Adyar Club Gate Road

R.A. Puram,

Chennai 600 028

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Discover "New Horizons" at the fellowship morning.

Make new friends, renew old friendships with an introductory game of fun, which starts from 10.15 am onwards and win prizes at the end of the game. This will be followed by more games and more surprises.

Our new members will be introduced and welcomed into the IWA family, so please do not forget to wear your badges.

Please do come dressed in shades of blue, the colours of "new horizons".

For members only.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

Management Committee

Executive Committee

*Embrace unknowables, forgive them, don't let them scare you though scare you they will. There is no place where open eyes and head high, will deny you, no single place in life will stay beside you, but the horizon will never leave.*

C.L.B. Callender

## CURRENT EVENTS



Tuesday, 19th June at 10.15 am

At: MADRAS CLUB

Adyar Club Gate Road

R.A. Puram,

Chennai 600 028

Water ... water everywhere

Water ... water everywhere and yet it has become an issue for mankind. Water plays a central and critical role in all aspects of life-in the national environment, in our economies, in food security, in production, in politics and even for most religious practices the element of water has a special significance. How do we as mankind help to sustain its' existence .....

As an environmentalist and a great advocate for the preservation of one of the most essential elements for the survival of all living creatures, Indra R.L. Iswaran, a Singaporean working here in Chennai, will whet your appetite when she speaks on the subject. Her talk will be supported by an AV presentation followed by Q & A session.

ANURADHA SACHDEV

BALVEER SINGH

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO



- Anuradha Bhasker on the birth of her grandson
- Kausalya Jaganmohan on the birth of her grandson
- Rani DasGupta on the birth of her grandson & grand daughter.
- Nanditha Krishna on her son's wedding
- Gayatri Bewoor on her son's wedding

## HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday, 21st June at 10.00 am



At: **The British Council**  
737, Anna Salai  
Chennai 600 002

### "An Inconvenient Truth"

We are proud to present as our first meeting of the year, the 2006 Oscar winning critically acclaimed documentary "An Inconvenient Truth", Al Gore's call to action on global warming.

He presents a compelling case for urgent and immediate action to turn back global warming. This film is a powerful 80 mins exploration of what he clearly believes is the most critical issue in human history.

Within the next fifty years, all of India's precious natural resources will vanish or degrade. Think about this, within our grand children's lifetime!

Guests welcome  
P.S. Note change in timing

ASHA HEMDEV

BILKIS MOOSA

## MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Tuesday, 26th June at 10.15 am



At: **Madras Club**  
Ball Room  
Adyar Club Gate Road  
Chennai 600 028

### "HAVE FEET, WILL DANCE!" - SHIAMAK DAVAR STYLE

Shiamak Davar, talented actor, singer, choreographer and dancer has created an enviable niche for himself in Bollywood and beyond and is a household name, with his style of work recognized and lauded the world over.

Shiamak formed the Victory Arts Foundation in 2005 to reach out to the underprivileged, street children, specially challenged children, the visually impaired and HIV/AIDS affected etc. Apart from Chennai, Victory Arts Foundation classes are conducted in other cities like Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune and Mumbai.

Shiamak Davar's instructors will demonstrate Bollywood jazz and conduct a workshop for IWA members.

Ladies, this is a fun, interactive session. So be sure to be there in good numbers to have a swinging time!

Please come in your exercise clothes

GEETHA VASUDEVAN

PIA OLANDER



## PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Thursday, 28th June at 10.15 am

At: Madras Boat Club  
Boat Club Road  
Chennai 600 028



### The "Mystery" Behind Mysticism

Mysticism has fascinated people around the world for centuries. India abounds with mystics and Vijji Raghavan will give us an overview and take IWA members on a fascinating journey of discovery through the "haze" of mysticism!

Dr. Vijji Raghavan, after her MBA, decided to pursue her passion and earned a doctorate in Philosophy. Her topic for the thesis was the "Mysticism of Nammalwar". She loves dance and music, has represented her college in Table Tennis and she was also a member of the renowned ladies theatre group in Bombay - Mahalakshmi Ladies drama group. Perhaps multi-faceted is an understatement!

She will have an interactive session with IWA members. So ladies, come prepared with your questions as Vijji will be delighted to answer them for you.

SADIYA KHALEEL

UMA GANESAN

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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO

- Gita Chandrasekaran on the death of her Mother-in-law
- Geetha Iyengar on the death of her husband.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Usha Jawahar** 98410 25166  
4, Subbaraya Avenue  
Abhiramapuram  
Chennai 600 018

**Badrunnisa Mahadevan** 2626 2885  
24, Park Road West 98843 48463  
Shenoy Nagar  
Chennai 600 030

**Asha Murthi** 2827 9115  
10, Krishnama Road  
Nungambakkam  
Chennai 600 034

**Usha Saravanan** 2847 3737  
'Rajeswari' 2847 3344  
2, AVM Avenue  
Dr.Radhakrishnan Road  
Mylapore  
Chennai 600 004

*The article - The Punjab trip, in the April 2007 newsletter, was written by Sushil Natraj. Her name was inadvertently omitted.*



## SUNNY SIDE UP

- Father's day is just like Mother's day only you don't have to spend as much!!!!
- Where do they go dancing in California?

San Francisco

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

'I pray for a new bicycle... I pray for a new gameboy...I pray for a new DVD...

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, 'Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf.'

The little brother replied, 'No, but Grandma is!'

## AMENDMENT TO THE IWA BYE-LAWS

The following amendment to the IWA Bye-laws was passed as a Special Resolution at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday, 26th April, 2007 at 10.45 a.m. at Hotel GRT Grand, 120, Sir Thyagaraya Road, Chennai 600 017.

Resolved that the two Vice-Presidents also from a part of the Membership Sub Committee.

Please incorporate the changes in your copy of the IWA Bye-laws. Referece - Page 16, 11 K(i) A

## FOR PURPOSES OF RECORD GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

The following guidelines for Membership Sub Committee regarding admission of Non-Indian Members were passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday, 26th April, 2007 at 10.45 a.m. at Hotel GRT Grand, 120, Sir Thyagaraya Road, Chennai 600 017.

In view of numerous multinational companies and Consulates setting up bases in Chennai and many expatriates coming here, it is felt that the Membership Sub Committee needs to make more informed choice while admitting Non-Indian Members.

Preference should be given to applicants from Consulates and those who are here on temporary basis. Minimum 35 out of 75 seats should be reserved for Non-Indians who are for short duration so that IWA retains its international identity and provides exchange of culture.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007-2008

## MANAGING COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENTS

Kamala Prasad	26283809	99401 41177
Raziyeh Sheerazie	28363687	99400 85532

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Rani Ananth	24490854	98407 61624
Radha Gopalakrishnan	24918186	

### SECRETARIES

Shobha Hebbar	26411248	98403 38258
Lynne Connor	98409 75740	

### TREASURERS

Mridula Srinivasan	24321028	98412 21201
Susan Hopper	24333565	

## ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

### ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Pritika Chary	24997878	
Sanjita Shah	42105503	

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Archana Meyyappan	28473932	
Ruth Lauge	24495100	

### COOKING SWAPSHOP

Raji Ramesh	24935947	
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### CURRENT EVENTS

Anuradha Sachdev	28341349	
Balveer Singh	24984989	

### HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Asha Hemdev	2878165	
Bilkis Moosa	24349934	

### HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Geetha Rajagopal	24987138	
Gowri Visvanathan	24332627	

### PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Sadiya Kahleel	55291015	
Uma Ganesan	24529276	

### MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Geeta Vasudevan	24915913	
Pia Olander	98404 58630	