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NEW HORIZON

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Chennai

December 2007

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members

Deepavali Kondatam went of very well and was a Grand Success in every aspect.

Those present enjoyed the fashion Show, presented jointly by Vani Polavaram and Khwaahish The dances of India by Narendran and Mahalakshmi of Avigna were superb.

The people were happy to shop in a leisurely manner at the 44 stalls put up for the occasion.

It was disappointing that only 82 of our members participated in this programme. However we would like to thank all the members who put in an effort to make the event an enjoyable and unforgettable morning.

Christmas will be celebrated on 13th December at Madras Club.

We wish all the Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

MANAGING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thur. 6th December 9.30a.m

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Both Meetings hosted by
Balveer Singh
At : No:9, Poes Garden,
Binny Road,
Chennai 600 086.

Summary of Diwali Kondattam - 2007

INCOME	Amount	
	Rs.	P.
Sale of Tickets 408		
Tickets @ Rs.400		163200.00
Stalls - 44 Stalls @ Rs.1750/-each		77000.00
Sponsorship		45000.00
Khazana Stall		17565.00
Net Receipts		302765.00
EXPENSES		
ITC Park Sheraton Hotel& Towers		130159.84
G Narendra- AVIGNA		25000.00
Flower Decoration&Gift		3885.00
Photography		1750.00
Net Payments		160794.84
Excess Income Over Expenditure		141970.16

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Members are requested to give in their change of addresses, corrections and change in telephone numbers to Radha Gopalakrishnan before 10th December. This will help us in bringing out the new telephone book.

RANI ANANTH

RADHA GOPALAKRISHNAN

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS



Tuesday December 4th 2007 at 10.15am

At : **Alagammai Alagappan**
10 (Old 17), Chittaranjan Road
Teynampet
Chennai 600 018

FOLK TOYS OF SOUTH INDIA

With the advent of metal and plastic toys, the eco-friendly folk toy has lost its market and visibility. Yet most people grew up with these toys which were creative and colourful and very child-friendly. They were handed down over generations and displayed at the annual kolu festival. Today they are struggling to survive.

Dr. Nanditha Krishna, historian and environmentalist and the author of several books on Indian culture and the environment, has just written a book on Folk Toys of South India which documents traditional toys before they disappear forever. She will present an illustrated talk about the rich tradition of folk toys in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamilnadu.

SANJITA SHAH

PRITHIKA CHARY

Toys are the greatest inspiration for me. People never really grow up. They just get bigger adult bodies. And they really want to continue to play. My inspiration comes from the work of many, many anonymous folk artists. Doug Taylor

Philosophy & Religion

Our thanks to **Badrunnisa Mahadevan** for being one of the hostesses for the the Eid Milan lunch, our apologies for, inadvertently, leaving out her name from the October newsletter.

SADIYA KHALEEL

UMA GANESAN

CURRENT EVENTS



Wednesday, 5th December at 10.15 a.m.

At : **The Madras Club**,
7, Adyar Club Gate road,
Chennai 600 028.

Investigative Journalism - sensationalism or activism?

Is the hidden camera an invasion of privacy? Can sting operations be allowed in public interest? What are the safeguards and journalistic ethics?

Sanjay Pinto, the Bureau Chief of NDTV in Tamilnadu, has been with NDTV for the last 10 years covering political, legal, crime, human interest, disaster, sports and entertainment stories. But his tryst with journalism began when he was in class 9 in Don Bosco, Egmore. He graduated in History & Politics from Loyola College in '94 with a programme in Creative Writing through Cornell University, USA and Law from the Madras Law College in '97. A national debating champion, he will be giving us a candid talk followed by a discussion on the topical subject: 'Investigative Journalism' - Sensationalism or activism?

When should the hidden camera be used, journalistic ethics et al.

We would like to thank **Brahada Kameshwaran, Gayatri Krishnaswami, Malini Krishnan, Rupa Kadhiresan** and **Susan Koshy** for hosting the meeting.

We would like to thank **Dr Prithika Chary** for her contribution for the meeting in September on Transgender.

ANURADHA SACHDEV

BALVEER SINGH

"Investigative Journalism is all about the story behind the story, about digging out the dirt on something that someone, somewhere wants to keep buried.

The investigative journalist is the one who digs, finds the dirt and goes public with the story".

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Friday, 7th December at 10.15 a.m.



At : **The Presidency Club**
27, Commander-In-Chief Road (Ethiraj Road)
Egmore,
Chennai - 600008

SILENCE DOES NOT HEAL

Talking about child sexual abuse with your child or grand child may seem difficult, but the possible consequences of not talking with your child are even worse - that they may be abused and not know where to turn for help.

Vidya Reddy of Tullir - Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse addresses this sensitive topic. She will also talk about issues relating to adult survivors.

Tullir is committed to working against child sexual abuse in India. Vidya Reddy has conducted many workshops in schools where concepts like body integrity and personal safety are taught so that children can protect themselves.

ASHA HEMDEV

BILKIS MOOSA

Book Discussion

We thank **Kashmira Daruwala, Kusum Chadda, Rani Chadda, Chandra Lulla** and **Sushi Natraj** for hosting the November Meeting.

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN

RUTH LAUGE

Tis X'Mas

Thursday, December 13th at 10.15 a.m.



At : **Madras Club**
7, Adyar Club Gate Road,
Chennai 600 028

The Gift of Christmas

Feted throughout the World, in art and music, in song and dance, in prose and poetry, the festival of Christmas transcends faith, nationality, political ideology. For a few days in late December love and fellowship prevail; neighbours become friends, enemies become allies and friends and family get together in a spirit of warm generosity and goodwill. Who can fail to be moved by that universally beloved symbol of a Mother and her Child?

IWA invite you to share the joy of our Christian sisters and help them celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child. As in all parties there will be music, song and games to entertain you and a traditional Christmas feast at the table. Come dressed in the colours of Christmas-Red & Green and enjoy the spirit of the festival.

We welcome gifts that can be placed under the tree, which will later be donated to a charitable organisation.

IWA members who would like to donate cakes and cookies could bring them to the Madras Club.

They will be auctioned and the proceeds donated to charity.

MEMBERS ONLY

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

THE BOARD

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."
W. T. Ellis

**PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION,
HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS AND
ARTS & HANDICRAFTS**



A trip to Vellore fort and the Jalakanteswara temple is planned for February 5th & 6th/ The group will depart on 5th afternoon and return 6th afternoon. Art historian **Chitra Madhavan** will accompany the group. On 5th evening, at the hotel in Vellore, Chitra will give us a talk on the fort and temple. Those of us who had the privilege of listening to her last year, found her articulate knowledgeable and passionate about art and architecture- a great communicator.

We are looking to travel in a 30 seater bus. So obviously, the limit is 30 persons. The hotel rooms are on a twin sharing basis. The rate includes breakfast. We would like to have IWA members interested in this trip, calling in to confirm their participation. We are looking at costing it out but we first need to know how many we will be. Please call and let us know.

SADIYA KHALEEL

**Geetha Rajagopal
Gowri Viswanathan**

UMA GANESAN

**Prithika Chari
Sanjita Shah**

Coorg meet held on 13.11.07

We would like to thank **Sherien Ryan, Preeya Reddy, Nita Reddy and Anita Reddi** for sponsoring the meet.

**RAJI RAMESH
GEETA RAJAGOPAL
SADIYA KHALEEL
PRITHIKA CHARY**

**MEENANARU
GOWRI VISVANATHAN
UMA GANESAN
SANJITA SHAH**

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Gita Chandrasekar on the birth of a grand daughter and Lily Swami on the birth of a great grand daughter.
- Geeta Rajagopal on the birth of a grand daughter
- Rama Rajagopalan on the birth of a great grandson.
- Surekha Kothari on the birth of a grand daughter.

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DEEPAVALI KONDATTAM

We appreciate and thank all the Members who helped to make a Grand Success of Deepavali Kondattam.

We thank our Member Ms Indira Dutt who promptly responded to our request and Sponsored the Dances of India programme.

Our thanks to M/s. Malson de Gourmet for their Donation through Nina Kothari and we thank her for the same.

We thank Ms Vani Polavaram and Mr. Pankaj of Khwaahish for presenting the Fashion show and Narendra and Mahalakshmi of Avigna for the Dances.

We thank Asha Hemdev for introducing Vani, and Uma Ganesan for introducing the Dancers.

We thank Mansha Bhatia , Nina Sanghavi and Archana Meyappan for their Excellent Coordination of the 44 stalls.

We thank Rani Ananth for the presence of Actor Gowthami who was the Chief Guest.

Our thanks to Radha , Aruna and Maureen Thadani for their great help in running the Khazana Stall very successfully.

Our thanks to Susan Hopper for conducting the Draw of Door Prizes and Lynne Connor for being the MC.

Our Special thanks to Mridula and Shoba for all their help and Cooperation .

Last if not the least we thank Mr.Bharat Goyal and the Management and Staff of the Adyar Park Sheraton Hotel, for all their co-operation and excellent arrangements done.

We thank all .

KAMALA PRASAD

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

DEEPAVALI KONDATTAM





SUNNY SIDE UP

- How do you keep a moron busy for hours?
A: Give him a piece of paper with "Please turn over" written on both sides.
- Sam: Would you punish me for some thing I didn't do?
Teacher: no, of course not.
Sam: good, because i didn't do my homework.
- A blonde girl enters a store that sells curtains.
She tells the salesman, "I would like to buy a pink curtain in the size of my computer screen."
The surprised salesman replies, "But, madam, computers do not have curtains."
And the blonde said, "Hellooooo.... I've got Windows!"

The amazing golf ball

A golfer, playing a round by himself, is about to tee off, and a greasy little salesman runs up to him, and yells, "Wait! Before you tee off, I have something really amazing to show you!"

The golfer, annoyed, says, "What is it?"

"It's a special golf ball," says the salesman. "You can never lose it!"

"Whattaya mean," scoffs the golfer, "you can never lose it? What if you hit it into the water?"

"No problem," says the salesman. "It floats, and it detects where the shore is, and spins towards it."

"Well, what if you hit it into the woods?"

"Easy," says the salesman. "It emits a beeping sound, and you can find it with your eyes closed."

"Okay," says the golfer, impressed. "But what if your round goes late and it gets dark?"

"No problem, sir, this golf ball glows in the dark! I'm telling you, you can never lose this golf ball!"

The golfer buys it at once. "Just one question," he says to the salesman. "Where did you get it?"

"I found it."

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The term of a member of the Advisory Committee is three years. This year Eira Doshi completes her term. With her quiet efficiency and years of experience in IWA, We thank Eira for guiding us in an excellent manner.

We welcome Chandrika Chidambaram on the Advisory Committee. With her charming and pragmatic approach Chandrika will begin her term this month.

The Advisory Committee members:

Nanditha Krishna Lily Madhok Chandrika Chidambaram

IWA WISHES

MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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