

**February 2010**  
**News letter**



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009- 2010  
MANAGING COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENTS**

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Elizabeth Aston	24328590	9094558566

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Mridula Srinivasan	24321028	9840931812
Sejal Wasani	24355290	9884052575

**SECRETARIES**

Ramani Reddy	28353608	9840086858
Manisha Singhee	24991482	9841035003

**TREASURERS**

Archana Meiyappan	28473932	9840998800
Jansi Kishore	28226395	9841589896

**ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS**

**ARTS & HANDICRAFTS**

Deepali Goyal	24313144	9840442260
Suzanne De Haes	24352346	9840933138

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Geeta Rajagopal	24453239	9840052899
Janet Haughton Quarshie	24512401	9884187719

**COOKING SWAPSHOP**

Asha Rammohan	28332006	9840039958
Jennifer Arun	28275032	9880399490

**CURRENT EVENTS**

Zainab Kachwalla	28292274	9840853652
Jennifer Moore	9940065292	9840892782

**HEALTH & ECOLOGY**

Nabila Avais	28264325	9840026665
Bess Simkin	24333565	9791172021

**HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS**

Maya Mathew	28281228	9841010080
Nalini Panday	24610944	9841048629

**MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**

Nita Reddy	24990717	9962530717
Sue Cook		9677020407

**PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**

Anuradha Uberoi	24329728	9841042520
Tineke Sysmans	45066148	9940135888

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**MONTH AT A GLANCE**

Mon. 1st Feb.	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	9.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Tue. 2nd Feb.	Arts & Handicrafts <i>South Indian Jewellery- An Ancient Art form</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu. 4th Feb.	Cooking Swapshop <i>Global Cuisine</i>	11.00 a.m.
6th Feb. to 13th Feb	History, Culture & Tours <i>IWA Trip to Maharashtra</i>	
Thu. 11th Feb.	Current Events <i>Financial Literacy</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue. 16th Feb.	Health & Ecology <i>Vision Care</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu. 18th Feb.	History, Culture & Tours <i>The Love Life of Warren Hastings</i>	10.15 a.m.
Mon. 22nd Feb.	Philosophy & Religion <i>Holi Hai !</i>	3.30 p.m.
Wed. 24th Feb.	Music and Performing Arts <i>A Trip down Memory Lane</i>	5.00 p.m.

IWA Blog Site : [www.iwachennai.blogspot.com](http://www.iwachennai.blogspot.com)

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We wish Bon Voyage to all those going on the tour to Maharashtra and hope you have a happy and safe trip.



It will soon be time to elect the 2010-2011 Managing and Executive Committees. The IWA Election Sub-Committee has been formed and the names of the members forming the Committee are given in this issue of the newsletter.

The IWA Grand Finale will be held on Saturday, March 27th at the GRT Ballroom. Details about the event will be given in next month's newsletter.

The Bye Laws Committee has almost completed its task of clearing all the grey areas in the IWA Bye Laws and we hope to present it to you very shortly.

Our Chairpersons have many exciting meetings lined up for you and we hope to see good turnouts at all meetings. Those who are lacking in attendance have been notified about it by our Membership Treasurer and we urge these members to make up their attendance

SHOBHA HEBBAR

ELIZABETH ASTON

### MANAGING COMMITTEE

Mon. 1st Feb. at 9.30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mon. 1st Feb. at 10.30 a.m.

Meetings hosted by  
Nabila Avais  
At her residence  
"Qasr-e-Naz"  
19, Kothari Road,  
Chennai - 600 035.

## FROM THE TREASURER

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1st April 2009 to 31st December 2009

Income	Amount
Membership Subscription	612000.00
New Membership	4500.00
Membership Contribution	65500.00
Hostess Contribution	51354.00
Deepmala Celebration	4500.00
Savings Bank Interest/Fixed Deposit Interest	51634.00
Guest Charges	11600.00
Sale of Telebook and Bylaws	13025.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>814113.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
AGM Expenses 2008-2009	70204.00
Accounting Charges	9000.00
Meetings	119844.00
Printing & Stationery	56683.00
Postage & Courier Charges	21327.00
Fellowship Morning	24861.00
Founder's Day Celebration	59061.00
Christmas Celebration	35851.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>396831.00</b>
<b>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>417282.00</b>
<b>Funds Position as on 31st December 2009</b>	
Opening Balance - 1st April 2009	
Bank - 2,85,002.83	
Cash - 19,169.24	304172.07
<b>Add: Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>417282.00</b>
<b>Less: Advance paid to Chairperson</b>	<b>24000.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance - 31st December 2009</b>	
Bank - 6,67,143.83	
Cash - 30,310.24	697454.07
<b>Fixed Deposits</b>	
1287306000014/1	100000.00
1287303000572/1	424354.00
1287303300637/1	5515.00
<b>Total Fixed Deposits with Canara Bank</b>	<b>529869.00</b>

ARCHANA MEIYAPPAN

## ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, 2nd February at 10.15 a. m.

At: Wallace Hall, Sheraton Park Hotel  
132, T.T. K. Road  
Chennai 600 018



### South Indian Jewellery – An Ancient Art form

Jewellery has formed an important and continuous part of adornment in India. Early Tamil Sangam Literature describes the jewels of that age, and we find that not much has changed since then. Men and women, Gods and Goddesses, wore jewellery. The motifs and designs were derived from nature. A jewel with a specific name and design adorned each part of a woman's body.

Dr. Nanditha Krishna, who will talk about South Indian jewellery, is a cultural historian and Honorary Director of the C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation. She is the author of several books, including "The Arts and Crafts of Tamilnadu". She delivered this special talk on "South Indian Jewellery" at the Seventh International Conference on "The Beginning of the Use of Metals and Alloys" (BUMA) in September 2009. There will also be an interesting display of replicas of South Indian jewellery of yesteryears.

DEEPALI GOYAL

SUZANNE DE HAES

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From the Membership Treasurer

You must be aware that you need to have a **minimum attendance of 10 meetings this IWA year, ie. till March 31st 2010 or you will not be able to renew your membership for 2010-2011.** Letters have been sent to those members who have attended only 5 and less meetings. Please keep track of your meetings and ensure that you will be able to make the required 10.

Kindly note that no attendance credit will be given to those members who come sign and leave within a few minutes of tea or the talk!

JANSI KISHORE

## COOKING SWAPSHOP

Thursday, 4th February at 11 a. m.

At: Seetha Muthiah's  
"Coromandel House"  
14, Boat Club Road  
Chennai - 600 028



### Global Cuisine – Taste of IWA Homes

Savour the global culinary delights, a potpurri of cross cultural delicacies; delight your taste buds with creations from our very own IWA members' homes; enjoy appetisers, entrees and desserts. Members will be showcasing food from the different regions of India and the world. There will be at least a dozen food stalls with diverse cuisines, something to satisfy every taste bud. Discover ethnic specialties and indulge in your favorite foods.

We thank Seetha Muthiah for graciously hosting this meeting at her home and allowing us the use of her sprawling lawns.

**MEMBERS ONLY, WARN IN MEETING, LIMIT 100.**

Please warn in at the earliest with Asha Rammohan at 98400 39958

ASHA RAMMOHAN

JENNIFER ARUN

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**ELECTION SUB – COMMITTEE**

The Managing Committee has appointed the following members to serve on the Election Sub – Committee for the election of the IWA Office Bearers for 2010 – 2011:

Chairperson:	Alagu Muthu
Members:	Kamala Prasad Sheela Shetty Meyyammai Murugappan Angelika Schwering

## HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

From February 6th to February 13th



### IWA Trip to Maharashtra

IWA members who are bitten by the travel bug are flying off to Aurangabad via Mumbai, for a whole new experience...

Our members are getting geared up for some archeological and spiritual experiences as they fly to Aurangabad and take in the amazing sights at Ajantha and Ellora, UNESCO World Heritage sites which represent the best in Indian rock cut architecture.

After visiting the important historical landmarks in Aurangabad, the members are off to Shirdi via Pithalkora and Pathan, the latter famous for its Paithani saris. From there we proceed to Nashik and after the city tour we relax at the Sula Winery to taste the wine and have lunch. The final destinations on the trip are Ali Baugh and Murad Janjira where members can relax at the beach resort by the tranquil waters.

We hope all the members on the trip have a great time and wish them Bon Voyage.

MAYA MATHEW

NALINI PANDAY

## CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday, 11th February at 10.15 a. m.

At: Madras Club  
Adyar Club Gate Road  
Chennai - 600 028



### Financial Literacy

Indrani Singh has three decades of experience in the formal as well as the non-formal financial sectors. Her forte is in the arena of Micro Finance. She is currently an independent consultant in the Development sector working for the cause of Women's empowerment, both social and economic, and is engaged in building capacities of the rural women. She has designed modules on Financial Literacy to suit various target audiences.

Indrani will speak to us on Financial Literacy that entails planning, understanding and managing one's finances to ensure a positive cash flow. She will cover aspects like saving, spending, investing; functioning of debit and credit cards - their advantages and disadvantages, and an insight to mutual funds

ZAINAB KACHWALLA

JENNIFER MOORE

## HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 16th February, 10.15 a. m.

At: Rajan Eye Care Hospital (P) Ltd.,  
No.5, Vidyodaya 2nd Street  
(Behind Vidyodaya School)  
T. Nagar, Chennai-600 017.



### Complete Care of your Valuable Vision

"Your eyes are the mirrors of your inner thoughts and ideas and often express your hidden feelings to the world without you expressing them in words". It is very essential to take great care of them.

Dr. Mohan Rajan, Chairman and Medical Director of Rajan Eye Care Hospital, has revolutionized Ophthalmology in a very positive and futuristic way by giving hope to the hopeless and relief to the despairing! From a fledging hospital in the mid-90s, his eye care institution has grown from strength to strength under his able and dynamic leadership, his drive, zeal and perseverance.

His clinical sixth sense combined with his surgical expertise makes him one of the leading and successful ophthalmologists in this part of the world. Community ophthalmology is his priority. He has received several accolades for his achievements.

He will be speaking to us on "complete care of your valuable vision and several innovative techniques and evolvments in the field of Ophthalmology.

NABILA AVAIS

BESS SIMKIN

## HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Thursday, 18th February at 10.15 a. m.

At: Madras Boat Club  
Boat Club Road,  
Chennai - 600 028



### The Love Life of Warren Hastings

Warren Hastings is best known for his impeachment before parliament in Britain but few know of his love life. His second marriage began as a shipboard romance with a married lady. There were rumours of several amorous encounters including one with Jane Austen's aunt. All will be revealed.

Jasper Utley worked for the British Council in eight countries over a period of 31 years before his final posting to Madras where his late wife, Megan, was a President of IWA. He is now deeply involved in writing, having had four books published in India as well as many plays in Madras. He is also heavily into dramas and acts and produces plays for his local drama group in Havant, Hampshire in UK. He still visits Madras every year.

MAYA MATHEW

NALINI PANDAY

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Monday, 22nd February at 3.30 p.m

At: Lady Andal Venkatasubba Rao School,  
7, Harrington Road  
Chennai-600 031



### HOLI HAI!

The celebration of Holi begins in *Phalgun Purnima* which occurs at the end of February or in early March. The festival has an ancient origin. It starts with the lighting up of a bonfire on Holi eve, also known as *Holika Dahan* (burning of Holika) or *Chhoti Holi* (little Holi). The bonfire is lit to commemorate the miraculous escape of young Prahlad when Demoness Holika, sister of Hiranyakashipu, carried him into the fire. Holika was burnt but Prahlad, a staunch devotee of Lord Vishnu, escaped without any injuries due to his unshakable devotion.

Numerous legends and stories associated with Holi makes the festival exuberant and vivid. People rub *gulal* and *abeer* on each others' faces. So infectious is the spirit of Holi, that during the festivities, even enemies become friends! Do join us as we assemble to celebrate Holi in its true spirit and splendour.

Dr Madhu Dhawan, Head of Department, Hindi, Stella Maris College, will talk about the rituals and significance of Holi. She is a writer of repute, having published over 100 books on various subjects.

The talk starts at 3.30 p. m. sharp.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p. m.

We request you to wear old clothes for this meeting as we will be playing holi with dry colours after the talk.

We thank Lily Malhan and Rajeshwari Sathyanarayana for very graciously hosting this meeting.

ANURADHA UBEROI

TINEKE SYSMANS

## MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Wednesday 24th February at 5:00 pm

At: Convention Centre  
C.P.R.E.E.C (C.P. Art Centre)  
No. 1 Eldams Road  
Chennai - 600018.



### A Trip down Memory Lane

Surojit Guha and Surekha Kothari will take us down memory lane by rendering some old hindi songs and also songs in regional languages and English.

Surojit Guha started singing from the age of 2 ½ . His first public performance on All India Radio, Chennai was at the age of 8. He performs in Hindi, Bangla, English, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Spanish and Italian. He has to his credit 450 stage concerts across India and abroad. He has performed with great singers like Manna Dey, Naushad Ali, Aarti Mukherji and Salil Chaudhury.

Surekha Kothari has had her Hindustani vocal classical training under Late Ustad Fayyaz Ahmed Khan Sahab and Late Ustad Miyaz Ahmed Khan Sahab of Kirana Gharana. She has had her ghazal and light music training under Late Shri Manas Mukherji and Late Shri Kuldeep Singh. Surekha has performed in India and abroad. She has sung with the Kalyanji Anandji troupe in Mumbai. She has also released several music CD's.

Let us sit back and enjoy the melodious songs of yesteryears interspersed with a QUIZ.

We thank Rani Das Gupta, Uma Ganesan, Anupama Pasari and Shobhana Reddy for hosting the tea and sponsoring the audio equipment.

NITA REDDY

SUE COOK

## ADDRESSES OF NEW NON INDIAN MEMBERS

Mrs. Juliet Meikle M-43  
No. 11, 3rd Drive  
Sea Cliff Conclave  
Akkarai  
ECR, Chennai 600 119  
Tel: 9566 260268

Mrs. Meena Rao R-6  
2A, Willow Crest  
29, 6th Main Road  
R.A.Puram, Chennai 600 028  
Tel: 2435 1836

Mrs. Amita Patel P-8  
9-C, The Lords,  
MRC Nagar, RA Puram  
Chennai 600 028  
Tel: 96000 03356

Mrs. Lena Pelletier P-10  
"Leela"  
3/152, Vallalar Street  
Natarajan Avenue  
Uthandi, Chennai 600 119  
Tel: 2453 0351

## ADDRESS OF TEMPORARY INDIAN MEMBER

Mrs. Chandan Singh  
Chola Sheraton  
Cathedral Road  
Chennai 600 086  
Tel: 2811 0101

## KEEP TABS ON YOUR ATTENDANCE

Every month jot down the meetings you have attended in the column below. This will help you keep track of whether you have completed your ten meetings.

MEETING	DATE
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