

March at a Glance

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Meetings hosted by **Sharmila Ramji, Vijaya Rangarajan & Ramani Reddy**

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From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

The penultimate month of our year brings us two 'not to miss' events – the **Women's Day** celebration at the Madras Club on the **8th of March** and the Grand Finale.

The trip to Uthukadu at 'Bhagavath Krupa' was hospitality redefined! Lalitha spoilt our ladies completely! The welcome, the food, the ambience and the entertainment were all superb! We will not be able to forget this experience for a long time.

Our enthusiastic travelers will have returned to us by the time this newsletter goes into circulation. Hope the stint in Ananda has relaxed and rejuvenated them!

The **Grand Finale** is on the **22nd of March** at ITC Grand Chola. We want you all to be a part of our celebrations.

The Nomination form for nominating office-bearers for Election to the Managing Committee 2013-2014, is attached in this newsletter.

Getting a proactive team with enough knowledge of IWA to constitute the Election Committee, especially after the Byelaws have been in effect for sometime, is a very responsible and onerous experience! We have an excellent team, under the guidance of Kusum Chadda, who are shouldering this responsibility in a thorough manner!

As per the Byelaws 11m (viii):

"The Election Committee shall present to the members, the names of Indian and non-Indian Candidates, who are eligible and willing to stand for election to the Managing Committee along with a photograph and posts held in IWA..."

From the Presidents

Please send your completed **nomination forms** to Kusum no later than **March 12th**.

The **AGM** will be held on Thursday, **April 25th**. The exact time and venue will be notified in the April Newsletter. Please be aware of Byelaw 10 Q(vi) on termination of membership being applicable to "A member who does not attend three consecutive meetings of the General Body without leave of absence in advance in writing".

We once again take this opportunity to thank every one of you for the support and endorsement of activities and events planned during the year. Our team indeed works very hard to plan well thought out meetings.

Yours in IWA,

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

In honour of Women's Day, here's a tribute to all of us:

It's in the reach of my arms
 The span of my hips,
 The stride of my step,
 The curl of my lips.
 I'm a woman
 Phenomenally.
 Phenomenal woman,
 That's me.

Phenomenal Woman, Maya Angelou

5 Tue	<p>10.15^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences (From Kasturi Rangan Road go past Ente Keralam and turn left) 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden, Chennai 600 086</p>
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Contemporary Puppetry

Puppetry is a performing art form in India with a rich cultural heritage. In the past, traditional puppet shows were used to convey religious messages in villages. Today, due to the influence of modern communication methods, traditional puppetry is at the cross roads in many states of India with most puppeteers taking to alternate source of livelihood. However, contemporary puppetry has a tremendous scope in the field of education, entertainment and awareness generation.

Pavai - Centre for Puppetry is a charitable trust dedicated to the art of puppetry and its usage in communication. It uses the art of puppetry and works towards its promotion and preservation with the help of children, youth and the teaching community.

Dr. R. Bhanumathi, Chairperson and managing trustee of Pavai is an environment educationist by profession. She has done her PhD on the status of traditional shadow puppetry and puppeteers of South India. Her presentation will take us through a journey to discover the power of puppets. There will be a demo of different puppet forms and their use.

NALINI ACHARYA

DEBORAH THIAGARAJAN

Our hearty congratulations to **Rani Chada** on the birth of her granddaughter!

Our hearty congratulations to **Shrikanta Jhaver** on the birth of her granddaughter!

8 Fri	<p>04.00^{PM} The Madras Club Adyar Club Gate Road, R.A. Puram Chennai 600 028</p>
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Life Is Truly FUN-TASTIC

Sing and dance through this adventure called LIFE!

"Taking joy in life is a women's best cosmetic" says Rosalind Russell.

Sqn. Ldr. Unni Nair will lead you through a joyous exercise to make life that much more interesting! Join in the fun, action and laughter with music, karaoke and dancing. Celebrate being YOU...A Woman of Value, a Woman who makes Life happen, a Woman whose many roles celebrate Living!

So bring a smile and let's embark on this exciting journey together, because life is truly Fun Tastic!

Please note this meeting is restricted to **members only** and starts at **4.30pm sharp**.

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

THE BOARD

Our congratulations to **Vijaya Rangarajan** on being conferred "The K. Venkatanarayana TANKER Foundation Awareness Award; an award instituted for a person creating awareness of disease mental and physical" by the TANKER FOUNDATION on January 25th, 2013.

12^{Tue}	<p>10.15^{AM} Park Hyatt Hotel 39 Velachery Road, Raj Bhavan Guindy, Chennai 600 032 Tel: 044 7177 1234</p>
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Keys to India

Anil Srinivasan is a pianist of exceptional talent and skill. Having trained in both Carnatic and Western classical music, his style is characterized by a strong leaning towards innovation, one which has made him the recipient of the prestigious Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar granted by the Sangeet Natak Akademi for his contribution towards creative and experimental music.

Today, through his prowess on the piano, we will be celebrating classical music from around the world. There will be a special emphasis on Indian Classical Music.

We would like to thank the **Park Hyatt** hotel for graciously hosting this meeting.

We would like to thank **Thayabae Kakar** for being day facilitator.

CHANDRA SEONI

ANJALI SACHETI

 Our heartfelt condolences to **Ann Mathew** on the loss of her father.

15^{Fri}	<p>10.15^{AM} The Madras Club Adyar Club Gate Road, R.A. Puram Chennai 600 028</p>
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Vikram Seth's Beastly Tales from Here and There

From the impish to the brilliantly comic, Vikram Seth's animal fables in verse, "Beastly Tales from Here and There" can, like Diwali sweets, be enjoyed by young and old alike. Better known as the author of such well known works as 'A Suitable Boy' and 'An Equal Music', Seth's poems, a collection of 10 stories are a joy to read. As the title suggests, they are stories about our animal friends written in verse with vivid imagery, brilliant verse and lots of humour.

IWA members will do a reading of two stories from this delightful anthology, "The Crocodile and the Monkey" and "The Hare and the Tortoise". The first is the story of Kuroop the crocodile who lives in the Ganges and his friend the monkey and the second is the age old story of the hare and the tortoise ingeniously retold. If you enjoy poetry that is easy to read, is full of fun and rhymes wonderfully, you will enjoy this morning of poetry reading by our members.

We thank **Usha Chandrakumar** for sponsoring the venue.

We thank **Zubeida Asgarali** for the audio equipment and the props.

Thanks to **Rani Chandani, Pushpa Chari, Rani Dasgupta, Kashmira Daruwala, Uma Ganesan, Sanyukta Gill, Kanta Gupta, Radha Gopalakrishnan, Monica Holly** and **Gayatri Krishnaswamy** for sponsoring the delicious tea and snacks.

LEENA SURYAPRAKASH

JANSI KISHORE

19 Tue	10.15 ^{AM} Vijaya Rangarajan's Residence New No. 3, Bazulla Road T. Nagar, Chennai 600 017 Tel: 2815 7758
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The Philosophy and Cultural practices of Zoroastrians in India

Zarathushtra's religion was prominent in Iran until the conquest by the Arabs, who converted Iran to Islam. In order to preserve this Zoroastrian faith and because of religious persecution by the Muslims, a band of the Zoroastrians sailed by boat to India about 1300 years ago and first settled in Gujarat. They formed their own community and were called the Parsis (from "Pars" ie. Iran).

Tehnaz Darius Bahardurji our very own IWA member will talk to us about the Philosophy behind the Zoroastrian religion and the distinctive cultural practices of the Parsi community in India.

The talk will be followed by a typical Sunday afternoon **Parsi lunch** which would include Dhansak – a caramelised rice accompanied with rich vegetable based Dal cooked with mutton (vegetarian version will also be served), Kebabs and Kachumber salad. For dessert we will get to sample Ravo – semolina pudding and Sev – sweet vermicelli.

Come enjoy this unique opportunity to partake of a sumptuous meal of an eclectic cuisine!

Thanks to **Tehnaz Bahardurji, Dhun Dalal, Kaety Dalal, Kashmira Daruwala, Sherna Irani** and **Bela Mistry Khaleeli** for so generously sponsoring the meeting and to **Vijaya Rangarajan** for graciously opening up her beautiful home.

ASHA HEMDEV

JENNIFER MEDDICK

22 Fri	04.30 ^{PM} ITC GRAND CHOLA 63, Mount Road, Guindy Chennai 600 032
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Grand Finale

For centuries, wise women have known that a bit of laughter and madness are good for the soul....

In keeping with this sound advice, we have planned an event of hilarity and fun. We hope **Neil Simon's, "Visitor from Philadelphia"** brought to us by the Madras Players will make for an afternoon of high spirited IWA bonding.

Neil Simon is the Master of situational comedy, and a recognised expert in pitting married couples against each other in hotel suites. Women characters in most of his plays are truly memorable, this one being no exception - A natural choice, therefore, for the IWA Finale!!!

A scrumptious English Tea will be served before the play to set the stage! The programme will be as follows:

4:30pm to 5:30pm : High Tea
5:45pm sharp : Visitors from Philadelphia

Do join us and enjoy the merriment!

Please note this is a **members only** meeting.

RAMANI REDDY

THE BOARD

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

27 Wed	10.15 ^{AM} Amethyst Cafe 239 Whites Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah Chennai 600 014
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Indian Cinema

100 years of romancing the Nation

Looking back at the hundred years of Indian cinema brings up several laudable achievements. The fact that India is the largest producer of fiction films in 16 different languages, with enormous inter-regional connections, will help us see how Indian cinema has helped weave a fabric bringing several regional threads onto the same loom called India. Indian cinema is ultimately a great tribute to her wonderful 'rasikas' providing a scrumptious new masala recipe that is enjoyed every Friday across 13000 cinema houses across the country!

Listen to Director **K. Hariharan** in conversation with **Shylaja Chetlur** on this topic in celebration of 100 years of Indian cinema. K. Hariharan is the Founder Director of L.V. Prasad Film & TV Academy, a premium film school in Chennai. Shylaja Chetlur, an upcoming film maker, actor and gallerist is earnestly committed to the development of fine arts.

We thank **Kiran Rao** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Asha Murthi** for being the day facilitator.

ACHU KURIAN

RATHI NILAKANTAN

We invite you to nominate persons for each office of the Managing Committee.

GUIDELINES:

1. **Nominees for President, Indian, shall have served on the Managing Committee for at least 2 years.** They should have been members of IWA for at least 7 years. This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians.
2. **Nominees for office bearers of the Managing Committee (i.e., Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) should have served as Activity Chairpersons for at least 2 years.** This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians who have been members of IWA for three years or less.
3. The Election Committee shall present to the members the names of Indian and Non-Indian nominees who are eligible and willing to stand for election on the Managing Committee, keeping in mind their proven ability to fulfill their responsibilities and work as a team. They shall inform the members of the time, place and venue of the election.

This newsletter carries the nomination form. Please fill out the form and forward it to Kusum Chadda, Chairperson of the Election Committee at the following address:

**5 (Old 19B), Tank Bund Road
Opp. Loyola College
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034**

Please ensure your nomination form reaches Kusum Chadda's residence before 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th March, 2013.

Chairperson : Kusum Chadda
Members : Elizabeth Aston
Usha Chandrakumar
Dhun Dalal
Raziyeh Sheerazie

From the Election Committee

Following in **alphabetical order** is the list of eligible members who have agreed to be nominated for the various posts on the Managing Committee for 2013-14 – Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

INDIANS



Nabila Avais

- 2008-09 Arts & Handicrafts (EC)
- 2009-10 Health & Ecology (EC)
- 2011-12 Cooking Swapshop (EC)
- 2012-13 Treasurer (MC)



Prithika Chary

- 2001-02 Health & Ecology (EC)
- 2002-03 Philosophy & Religion (EC)
- 2007-08 Arts & Handicrafts (EC)
- 2010-11 Vice President (MC)



Asha Hemdev

- 2006-07 Philosophy & Religion (EC)
- 2007-08 Health & Ecology (EC)
- 2008-09 Treasurer (MC)
- 2012-13 Health & Ecology (EC)



Zainab Kachwalla

- 2008-09 Health & Ecology (EC)
- 2009-10 Current Events (EC)
- 2010-11 Secretary (MC)

From the Election Committee



Achu Kurian

- 2008-09 Cooking Swapshop (EC)
- 2012-13 History, Culture & Tours (EC)



Surekha Kothari

- 1988-89 Music & Performing Arts (EC)
- 1991-92 History, Culture & Tours (EC)
- 1992-93 Vice President (MC)
- 1998-99 Music & Performing Arts (EC)
- 1999-00 Philosophy & Religion (EC)



Sharmila Ramji

- 1998-99 Health & Ecology (EC)
- 2000-01 Arts & Handicrafts (EC)
- 2004-05 Current Events (EC)
- 2012-13 Philosophy & Religion (EC)



Nita Reddy

- 2009-10 Music & Performing Arts (EC)
- 2010-11 Arts & Handicrafts (EC)
- 2011-12 Secretary (MC)
- 2012-13 Vice President (MC)

EC - Executive Committee (Activity Chairperson)

MC - Managing Committee

From the Election Committee

NON-INDIANS



Priya Asokan

2011-12 Secretary (MC)

2012-13 Vice President (MC)



Christine Bomstad

2012-13 Cooking Swapshop (EC)



Heather Charraudeau

2012-13 Treasurer (MC)



Meena Naru

2001-02 Health & Ecology (EC)

2007-08 Cooking Swapshop (EC)

EC - Executive Committee (Activity Chairperson)
MC - Managing Committee

From the Election Committee



Phyllis Stathis

2011-12 Cooking Swapshop (EC)



Tineke Sysmans

2008-09 Current Events (EC)

2009-10 Philosophy & Religion (EC)

Note: Non-Indians are all eligible. However, only the above mentioned members have agreed to be nominated.

Members may nominate for all posts or only those posts they wish to nominate for.

- Chairperson : Kusum Chadda
- Members : Elizabeth Aston
- Usha Chandrakumar
- Dhun Dalal
- Raziyeh Sheerazie

IWA

NOMINATION FORM – 2013 – 2014

I nominate		No.
	Indian	Non-Indian
Presidents	_____	_____
Vice Presidents	_____	_____
Secretaries	_____	_____
Treasurers	_____	_____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Name: _____

(Block letters)

Please ensure your nomination form reaches **Kusum Chadda** before 3 p.m. on Tuesday, **12th March, 2013.**

Kusum Chadda
 Chairperson, Election Committee
 5 (Old 19B), Tank Bund Road
 Opp. Loyola College
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 Chennai 600 034