Executive Committee

2015 - 2016

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Cooking Swapshop	Asha Harish Murthi ChungmeeKim	28279115/9841020710 8754211435
Current Events	Lakshmi Menon Anjali Sacheti	26216213/9840441623 42069726/9884056000
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Former Presidents

1986 - 1988	Nirmal Seshadri	Nancy Dean
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1993 - 1994	Nanditha Krishna	Aruna Vijaykumar
1994 - 1995	Lily Madhok	Margaret Sekharan
1995 - 1996	Zubeida Asgarali	Khinthida Lwin
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2003 - 2004	Sushila Nataraj	Elaine Wood
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2005 - 2006	Princess Naik	Rathi Nilakantan
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2007 - 2008	Kamala Prasad	Raziyeh Sheerazie
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2009 - 2010	Shobha Hebbar	Elizabeth Aston
2010 - 2011	Mridula Srinivasan	Uma Ganesan
2011 - 2012	Nina Kothari	Cherry Venkatesan
2012 - 2013	Ramani Reddy	Vijaya Rangarajan
2013 - 2014	Nita Reddy	Priya Asokan
2014 - 2015	Asha Rammohan	Jo Frogbrook

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 $10.00 \, ^{\mathrm{AM}}$ Managing Committee $11.00 \, ^{\mathrm{AM}}$ Executive Committee

1 7 Wed

10.15 AM Fellowship Morning

23^{Tue}

10.15 AM Arts & Handicrafts

25Thu

10.15 AM History, Culture & Tours

30Tue

10.15 AM Cooking Swapshop

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From the Presidents

To all our members, a warm welcome to the 2015 – 2016 IWA year. We thank you for your faith and support in us and we welcome you to another exciting and fun filled year.

IWA women are connected by strong bonds of friendship and support, to highlight which, our theme for the year is "Together in Friendship". This theme is symbolized in our logo, by the representation of IWA ladies holding hands in a continuous and long lasting bond of friendship

Helen Keller had said "Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much". A lovely message which captures the very essence of IWA. The success of IWA each year, depends upon the enthusiasm of and support from its members, who are the backbone of the IWA family. We look forward to the active involvement of, and participation from, each and every one of you, to make this year a memorable one.

Our enthusiastic and efficient chairpersons are planning many interesting meetings for the year. Check your newsletters early so that you do not miss out on some excellent meetings, which are going to be enjoyable, informative and a great opportunity to catch up with each other.

The IWA website is a treasure trove of information about IWA, neatly presented and easily accessible. All meeting dates and details are displayed in the website, so that you are in touch with all the information required, even if the newsletter has not been received or has been misplaced. We must thank Rani Ananth for the meticulous manner in which she maintained the blog in the past and for agreeing to continue to maintain the blog during the coming year.

Looking forward to catching up with all of you during the coming year.

ACHU KURIAN

MALINI KRISHNA

From the Vice Presidents

A bright new IWA year beckons. The excitement and enthusiasm of the new team are quite palpable. These will blossom as meaningful meetings, and we as Vice Presidents deem it a great honour to be able to compile and bring them to you in the form of this Newsletter ... a canvas full of beautiful possibilities.

Please share with the "IWA family" important events in your lives, refreshing snippets, mind bending quotes etc. Kindly send an email to **nabilaiwablurbs@gmail.com** so we may publish it in the Newsletter. We will be delighted by your enthusiastic contributions and look forward to your active interaction.

Meetings at members' houses have always been an added attraction as members are the backbone of IWA. If you would like to host a meeting, or are willing to assist in any other way, you are most welcome to contact us.

Your support and participation are our driving force...we look forward to lively banter and regular rendezvous with all our friends in IWA. To nurture and network in the true spirit of friendship.

NABILA AVAIS JANSI KISHORE

3 Wed

10.00 ^{AM} Managing Committee 11.00 ^{AM} Executive Committee

Platinum Room, **Presidency Club** Ethiraj Salai, Egmore Chennai 600 008

Meetings are hosted by Asha Harish Murthi and Chungmee Kim

From the Secretaries

Engulfed with joy & zest we look forward to this new IWA year of 2015-2016. The baton being handed down to us as Secretaries we will endeavour to fulfil our responsibilities meticulously & diligently.

Foremost, please do not dither to contact us if you do not receive your newsletters as stipulated.

We would have to highlight the following clauses from the 'IWA Memorandum of Association & Bye-Laws' page 12 as a word of caution!

Q-Termination of Membership

a (vi) A member does not attend three consecutive meetings of the General Body without leave of absence in advance in writing.

Qb. Termination of membership due to delayed payments will not be a bar to future re-admission into the Society. A member who has been debarred on more than one occasion shall be eligible for re-admission.

We sincerely appreciate the faith you have vested in us & 'together in friendship' we will progress.

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

NALINI PANDAY

From the Treasurers

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to all of you.

Another new IWA year has begun and we are together again, in order to continue our joint efforts to give you yet another wonderful year.

We have received a total number of 210 renewal forms from members, in both cheques and cash for Rs. 2000/ in April. A gentle reminder to all the members who have not sent the renewal forms to do so on or before 30thJune 2015.Indian members may pay with a cheque to IWA Chennai, while the non-Indian members can pay by cheque or cash.

From the Treasurers

Please note:

- No cheque/cash will be accepted without the renewal form and vice-versa.
- Members are requested to print their name and code number on the reverse of their cheque.
- All IWA members must attend a minimum of ten meetings per year except senior members who are exempt from this rule.
- When attending meetings, for clarity, members are asked to print their name and code number on the attendance sheets in addition to their signature.
- To keep track of their attendance record, members will find an attendance chart at all activity meetings in the months of December and February. Please try and keep a record of the meetings you attend.
- A member may bring guests to IWA activities, except when stipulated otherwise. However each guest may attend only four IWA meetings in a financial year, subject to payment of the stipulated guest charge paid by the member. The charges are as follows:
- 1. Home meeting Rs.100 per guest
- 2. Club meeting Rs.100 per guest
- 3. Hotel meeting As per actuals

Please inform Mahvash Sait (msait04@yahoo.com or 9840624875) in case of any change in address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, or if new badges or IWA Bye-Law books are required.

Looking forward to your active participation.

If you...

E-mail/Call

Nalini Panday on:-

Do not receive your newsletter by the 5th of each month

98410 48629

nalini.panday@gmail.com

Badrunnisa Mahadevan on:-

Need to change your membership category (Outstation, Senior) or need to inform us that you will be unable to attend

98843 48463

meetings for a length of time

buddy mahadevan @gmail.com

Need a new badge or a copy of the IWA Bye-Laws book Mahvash Sait on:-98406 24875 msait04@yahoo.com

Have a change of address, telephone or email and need to inform us

Mahvash Sait on:-98406 24875

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Would like to check on your attendance

Mahvash Sait on:-98406 24875

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Would like to make an announcement in the newsletter. Please email, do not SMS

Nabila Avais on:-99625 25558

nabilaiwablurbs@gmail.com

Have ideas for a meeting or would like to sponsor a meeting

Concerned Activity
Chairpersons / Presidents

Would like to offer your home or help for meetings or be a Day Facilitator

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Arts & Handicrafts

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10.15 AM Madras Club 8, Adyar Club Gate Road Chennai 600 028



"Great relationships are like vitamins to the soul. They help us connect, laugh, dream and grow. Make time for friendship and fellowship."

We welcome you to the beginning of a fun filled and exciting IWA year.

Join us for a morning filled with laughter and fun, meeting old friends and welcoming new members.

Do come dressed in the colour **Pink**, the first colour in our logo. The colour Pink is feminine, affectionate, thoughtful and caring.

This is a **members only** meeting.

ACHU KURIAN

MALINI KRISHNA

THE MANAGING AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

23Tue

10.15 AM Amethyst, Whites Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai-600 014



Art of the Biennale

Inida's first ever Biennale - The Kochi Muziris Biennale (KMB) - completed its second edition on the 31st March 2015. This once-every-two-years art event which showcases the best of Indian and International art was this time seen by 5,00,000 visitors and has already become a paradigm shifter within the contemporary art scene in India.

What is Biennale?

What does a Biennale do for the arts community? How does an artist create a site specific work for the Biennale?

Chennai based visual artist **Parvathy Nayar** will talk to us about some of these issues. Parvathy Nayar was invited by KMB to present an Installation of Drawings and Sound at the KMB 2014-15.

Following the presentation, **Thejo Menon**, our own member and a reputed artist herself will be in conversation with Parvathy.

We thank **Brahada Kameswaran** for being our day facilitator.

USHA B. MOORTHY

SANYUKTA GILL

Cooking Swapshop

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25^{Thu}

10.15 AM
Amethyst,
Whites Road,
Next to Corporation Bank
Royapettah, Chennai-600 014

Dramatic, Breath Taking South Africa

South Africa's panoramic terrain allows one to experience the beauty of the thundering Victoria Falls, the roaring of the lions at the Kruger National Park, the arrival of the Jackass penguins, the lazy seals of Haut Bay and the majestic view of cosmopolitan Capetown from the top of Table Mountain. For the more adventurous, a bungee jump from Broukrans Bridge or a swim with the great white sharks can be a thrilling experience.

A visit to this extreme land is a must for every traveller wanting to experience or explore this part of the world.

Lets hear more about this enchanting land from **Badri Vijayaraghavan**, a business executive in one of the leading automotive component companies in Chennai, who enjoys playing Rock and Roll music, climbing mountains, riding his 1000 cc Yamaha motorcycle on weekends and wildlife watching in Kabini.

USHA JAWAHAR VICKI TIPPET

30Tue

10.15 AM Amethyst, Whites Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai- 600 014



The Magic of Fondants

UshBakeISTAN, a place always filled with aromas of some delicious baking, from chocolates to bakes. **Usha Seetharam's**, love for baking started with her mother's old electric oven, which used to be big round ones with a thermostat that never worked and a detachable cord that was quite dangerous and worked more on prayer than science.

Her Morphy Richards which was a gift from her husband five years ago has been her closest friend ever since! Her love for baking has carved a niche for herself and her clients revisit Ushbakeistan again and again!

Usha will be talking about the magic of fondant icing, how it can totally transform your cake into any theme on the planet. She will be sharing some simple techniques on decorating cakes with fondant accents like flowers and bows.

We thank **Kashmira Daruwala** for being our day facilitator.

ASHA MURTHI

CHUNGMEE KIM

TIPS

- Weather will affect your fondant icing. Humidity will make the icing stick, very cold weather will make it hard as rock.
- When you are not using your icing (even for a minute) remember to put it in a plastic bag.

Membership Sub Committee 2015 – 2016

We thank **Shobha Hebbar** for her valuable contribution to the Membership Committee.

We welcome **Vidya Singh** as the new General Body member.

The committee is as follows:

Presidents

Achu Kurian Malini Krishna

Immediate Past Presidents

Asha Rammohan Jo Frogbrook

Vice Presidents

Nabila Avais Jansi Kishore

Secretaries

Buddy Mahadevan Nalini Panday

Immediate Past Membership Secretary

Usha Jawahar

General Membership

Padma Ashok Vidya Singh



Achu Kurian



Vice-Presidents

Secretaries

Treasurers

Malini Krishna



Nabila Avais



Jansi Kishore



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Amulya Rao

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Asha Murthi



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Anjali Sacheti

Health & Ecology



Banu Singh



Sushi Goklaney

History, Culture & Tours



Usha Jawahar



Vicki Tippet

Music & Performing Arts



Padmavathy Gunashekar



Sylvie Wright



Malika Venkataramani



Sharon Lles

Notes

We are happy to welcome our new members!

New Indian Members

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Change of Address

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Nidhi Thadani - T4

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History, Culture & Tours

Stunning South Africa

South Africa is one of the most exciting tourist destinations in the world. It's exotic combination of landscapes, people, history and culture, offer the traveller a unique and inspiring experience.

A fascinating tour awaits IWA members covering **Cape town**, **Johannesburg**, the famous **Kruger National Park** and a visit to 7 imbabwe to view the **Victoria Falls**.

Experience Cape town, driving through the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, one of South Africa's most scenic routes, passing Hout Bay, a cruise to Seal Island to view seals, Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach ,the new light house, the most powerful in the world, Stellenbosch, the heart of South Africa's wine industry and lunch at a wine estate.

At Johannesburg, travelling via Kowyns pass to the Panorama route, view Blyde River Canyon, a gigantic gorge, one of the natural wonders of South Africa, Bourkes Luck Potholes, which are cylindrical cavities formed by river erosions.

Kruger National Park, offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. View Victoria Falls, a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River and go on a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River.

Date : 17th to 27th Sept. 2015.
Approximate cost : Around Rs 2,65,000.

For details of the Itinerary and for warning in please call:

USHAJAWAHAR : 9841025166 ACHUKURIAN : 9841144072

We want to limit the group size to 30. Please warn in before June 28th with an advance of Rs 60, 000.

USHA JAWAHAR

VIKKI TIPPET