



# WIC News

## The President's Letter April 2001

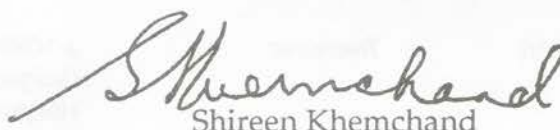
Dear Members,

By the time you read this, a very important day in the calendar of women, *March 8*, would have been celebrated as International Women's Day all over the world. It is a symbolic celebration of the continuing struggle of women to empower themselves at all levels to fight for justice in a situation where women are often victims of social and economic injustice, and are manipulated by socio-religious and political powers. Women have consistently demanded a change in structures that are hierarchical and patriarchal, thereby encouraging equal participation of women at all levels.

While we ponder on how far the world's women have succeeded in their laudable objectives, we look forward to an interesting series of programs in April. Featured are a collection of modern Indian art, a talk on the Millennium Book of New Delhi, a look into acupressure therapy, and a film about the Dalai Lama, *Kundun*. We will also focus on the beautiful chikan work of the women of Lucknow, which was recently visited by some of our members.

Our General Meeting is conceived and presented by two of our extremely gifted members and will focus on the six seasons in India, with music and flowers. It promises to be an enjoyable afternoon.

Sincerely,

  
Shireen Khemchand

### GENERAL MEETING APRIL - 2001

## Ritu Bahar

The Indian calendar year is broken into six seasons, each with its own distinct qualities, moods, and emotive power. Each season has also inspired poets and musicians for centuries.

For our General Meeting this month WIC members *Amrita Mankad* and renowned vocalist *Shanno Khurana* will collaborate to present a unique programme, *Ritu Bahar*, the beauty of seasons. Shanno will sing several compositions which showcase the moods of the seasons. Amrita will select the flowers of the respective seasons and arrange them to capture the appropriate theme. Together they will blend seasonal music and nature.



Wednesday, April 11 at 3:00 pm  
At the Crown Plaza Surya Hotel  
New Friends Colony • Tel: 683-5070



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# CIRCLE LEADERS

## 2000-2001

CELEBRATING  
**30th**  
YEAR

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<b>CULTURE &amp; MUSIC</b>	Shameem Varadarajan	33 E IFS CGHS Apts. Mayur Vihar Phase - 1 New Delhi 110091	249-2727 465-5441
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## WARNING!

### *An Appeal from your Executive Committee:*

Ladies, the incidence of "no-shows/no regrets" for the circle meetings continues to be disturbingly, unacceptably high. Stella Kirton recently received a letter pointing out how this lack of consideration is felt by the hostesses: ". . . *But the lunch had many absentees [12 showed of the 24 signed] and the lady was upset as the food had been prepared and she felt let down. . .*" The Executive Committee intends to recommend to the next Committee that the names of no-show /no-regret members be published each month in the newsletter. We will begin this procedure with the final newsletter of the 2000-2001 Committee, next month. **Be warned, ladies,** that the May newsletter will contain a new feature, the "*Naughty, Naughty!*" column, naming the women who sign up for circle programs in April but don't show up or regret.

### SLATE OF OFFICERS for 2001-2002:

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2001-2002 Executive Committee:

<i>President</i>	:	Noni Indrajeet Singh
<i>First Vice President</i>	:	Maki Mehta
<i>Second Vice President</i>	:	Sibylle von Welck
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	Sunaina Aggarwal
<i>Secretary</i>	:	Sunita Judge
<i>Membership</i>	:	Nathalie Trouveroy
<i>Hospitality</i>	:	Radhika Birla
<i>Newsletter</i>	:	(to be announced)

As Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee I would like to thank the committee, Harash Kapur, Shanno Khurana, Abidah Qazi, Monika Sharma, Moina Simcock, and Zakia Zaheer, for their diligence, cooperation, excellent advice, willingness, and constant good cheer. Each was a pleasure to work with. - Connie Gupta



### THE COLLECTION OF RENU Mody

**R**enu Mody has been painstakingly building a valuable collection of modern Indian art long before she created a professional gallery, the *Gallery Espace*. Renu has kindly agreed to show us the impressive collection which resides at her home.

Wednesday, April 4 at 3:00 pm  
At the home of Renu Mody  
15 Friends Colony West \* Tel: 683-7399/1119  
Limit: 40







# THE MILLENNIUM BOOK ON NEW DELHI

*"There are few cities in the world as ancient and as modern as Delhi."*

— Khushwant Singh

Lavishly illustrated, *The Millennium Book on New Delhi* takes the reader on a fascinating journey through New Delhi in its multifaceted moods and colours. When the foundation stone for New Delhi was laid in 1911, it was planned as a seat of colonial power. In the last fifty years, however, it has been transformed into a dynamic and cosmopolitan city. This book covers all the aspects of Delhi that make it a veritable microcosm of India, set against the unique backdrop of a history dating back more than two millennia.

*Pavan Varma*, diplomat and eminent writer, scholar, and indispensable co-editor of this book, will be the speaker. The book was launched at Rashtrapati Bhawan on January 24, 2001, and presented to the President of India. There will be a short audio-visual on the book.

Monday, April 23 at 3:00 pm  
At the home of Mona Madi  
Residence of the Egyptian Ambassador, 1/50 Niti Marg  
Tel: 611-4096, 611-4097 • Limit: 60



## Kundun

Join us for a very special treat, a screening of the Academy Award winning feature film, KUNDUN. This tells the moving and true story of Tibet's Dalai Lama and his struggle to rule a nation at one of the most challenging times in its history. The film is directed by award winning Martin Scorsese, the score is by renowned composer Philip Glass. We are privileged to have *Mr. Rajiv Mehrotra*, the Secretary of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, introduce the film.

Please note: as this is a full-length film the program begins at 2:30.

Tuesday, April 24 at 2:30 pm  
At the British Council  
17 Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
Tel: 371-1401



# FOCUS

## Chikan Embroidery of Lucknow

After a very interesting trip to Lucknow in February, when many Club members were enthralled with this beautiful art, we are very fortunate to have an expert on the subject talk to us and share with us her wealth of knowledge.

Mrs. Zohra Chatterji, Commissioner and Director of Industries, Uttar Pradesh, will be with us from Kanpur. She will speak on the handicrafts of U.P., with particular emphasis on the Chikan work of Lucknow. She will educate us on its origins, the different stitches used, and many other interesting aspects of this exquisite art form that today constitutes the livelihood of numerous households in Uttar Pradesh.



Monday, April 9 at 3:00 pm  
At the home of Diana Laurie  
Residence of the Australian High Commissioner  
1/50 G Shantipath \* Tel: 688-8223  
Limit 40



## HEALTH-WISE

## Recipe for Living : Acupressure & Acupuncture

Acupressure and Acupuncture are therapies initiated by India's renowned *Rishis* over 5000 years ago. These very effective treatments - drugless and harmless - for various illnesses had travelled long ago to China and beyond. Countries like the U.S.A., Japan, Germany, to name a few, use these therapies with increasing regularity and success.

Ajit Kumar, a qualified engineer-turned-acupressure therapist, will not only explain the theories and benefits of this therapy but will demonstrate its effectiveness on any willing member who has a pain or discomfort.



Friday, April 20 at 3:00 pm  
At the home of Greta Khanna  
B-35 Greater Kailash I \* Tel: 621-2678  
Limit: 40





## from the Editor's Desk...



We bid farewell to Margaret RIDLAND who is going back to the U.K.

Please note the following changes:

1. Narjis RIZVI's telephone number is 467-0618
2. Mako LUTYENS has moved to 138 Sunder Nagar; telephone remains the same

CORRECTION: Kavita RATRA's new phone numbers are : 95-1274-42244 and  
95-1274-42266

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Nandini Pattani and Shakuntala Mahesh Chandra for the sudden and tragic loss of your little son and grandson, Vinayak. Your WIC family offers its sincerest condolences to you and your family at this very sad and difficult time.

We also give our condolences to Kusuma Rao, whose husband M.J. Rao passed away on February 16. Our heartfelt sympathy to you, Kusuma, and your family.

### *A Reminder from the Membership Chairperson:*

Several times I have come across a proposer or a seconder who did not know the person she signed for when I asked why she thought this person should become a member of our Club. This is not in compliance with the Club rules, so please keep this in mind the next time you sign!

## STOP PRESS!



The ABOUT TOWN circle meeting scheduled for March 27 - the visit to the Lok Sabha - has been postponed. The new date will be TUESDAY, APRIL 10. Please phone Anita Meattle at 301-2289 or Rupa Sahni at 461-1977 for further details.

**DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 1  
(no fooling!)  
THANK YOU!**

# April - 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> ART CIRCLE Modern Indian Art 15 Friends Colony West 3:00 pm.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> FOCUS Lucknowi Chikan Work Australain High Comm. Res. 1/50-G, Shantipath 3:00 pm.	<b>10</b> ABOUT TOWN Lok Sabha T.B.A., Morning	<b>11</b> GENERAL MEETING Ritu Bahar Crown Plaza Surya Hotel 3:00 pm.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> HEALTH-WISE Acupressure B-35, Greater Kailash - I 3:00 pm.	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> BOOK MARK Millennium Book Egyptian Emb. Res. 1/50, Niti Marg, 3:00 pm.	<b>24</b> CULTURE & MUSIC Kundun British Council 17, Kasturba Gandhi Marg 2:30 pm.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					