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WIC NEWS

# GENERAL MEETING

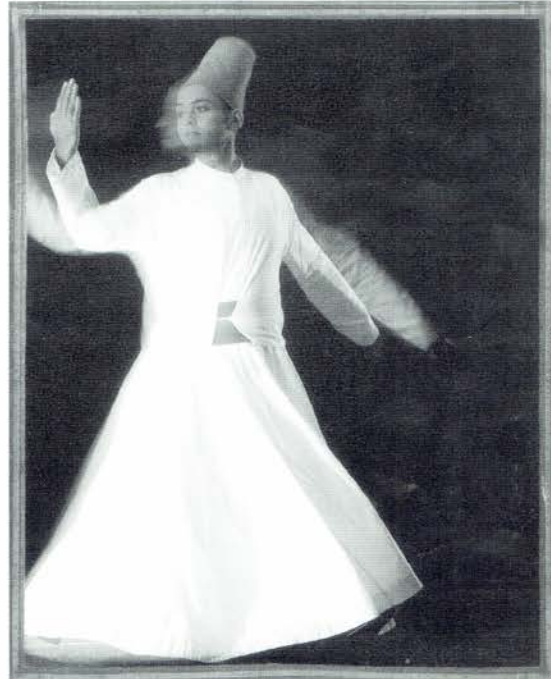
## SUFI EVENING

5:00 p.m., Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Residence of Turkish Ambassador

Barbara Bilman

22, Prithviraj Road



"MUN TU SHUDAM TU MUN SHUDI,  
MUN JAAN SHUDAM TU TUN SHUDI  
TAKAY NA GOYED DIGRI  
MUN DEEGRUM TU DEEGRI"

I have become You and You have become me  
In Your body is my soul  
May none say here after  
You are separate and I am some one else

So writes Amir Khusro, the renowned Sufi poet, about his union with God.

We will have an evening of Sufi music and dance and an in depth talk about Sufism by Dr. Syeda Hameed, who is also a member of Rumi Foundation, in the lovely gardens of the Turkish embassy, which is where it should be, since Rumi was from Turkey.

Husbands are welcome.

Food for the soul first and Kebabs and Romali for the body afterwards.

"If you are the one who knows the Truth, come in.  
Share a moment of Divine Secrets.  
If you know not what I say  
Then the path that brought you here, will take you away."

Hazrat Nizamuddin Chishti

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies and Friends,

As I write this letter the "Winter Olympic Games" are having the opening ceremony in Vancouver, my home town. Carnival has ended all over Europe, which is my second home. It has been a long winter, be it in Europe, North America or India. Now the festival of Holi marks the arrival of spring, the season of rejuvenation and rebirth. The spirit of Holi is the riot of colours, bonhomie and a time to abandon all our cares!

Here comes Easter, in April and the parents can now sit back and relax as the exams are over. We can start painting Easter eggs and wait and see if the "Easter Bunny" will bring the kids some chocolate eggs.

Major highlights in the month of February were the dance and drama with more than 70 children by "Arpana" and directed by Sushma Seth for our General Meeting. What a great show! We had some anxious moments as rain threatened, but let us thank the sun god for being kind to us. Thanks to Anita Meattle also for opening her home to all of us. The 'Tapas' demonstration at the Aman Hotel was very popular and a great experience! Thank you to Rosy and Sylvia. Seita Vaidialingam's enlightening session on the importance of making a Will was extremely useful –it seems it is not as easy as one thinks. It was great to have her knowledge and insight. Since it concerns every one, many members asked questions and it was suggested that Seita might give us another session. Sohinder Nabha, thank you for having us all in your lovely home. "Written Word," introduced Neelima Dalmia Adhar in a very eloquent way by our elegant and graceful member Gita Devi. The synopsis made us all very inquisitive. Was this book really a true story? "Father Dearest" is a book that holds the reader's interest and shows the unfairness of life from the author's perspective. Thank you, Neelima, Gita and Reva, and also to our hostess, Myrtha Welti, for the perfect setting. The film "Pane e Tulipani" (Bread and Tulips) shown at the Italian Cultural Center was fun, laughter and a joy. From so much laughing we had cramps in our belly! Thank you, Francesca for the selection of the film which we all enjoyed. To add to that there were mouth-watering Italian Pizzas as well. Thanks also to the Cultural Attaché Angela Trezza Cabrales, for opening the center for us. Naturally, to Gugu and Josefina a big thank you.

The slate for the new committee will be announced in this Newsletter. Before we hand over, I would genuinely like to thank one and all for making this year so friendly productive and successful.

We are sorry for any inconvenience regarding the changes of any programs. Ladies, please make a note of these two events, as we are looking forward to seeing you at our General Meeting, in April for a Sufi Evening at Barbara Bilman's Residence. A Special Program with Shannoji will be held at the Slovak Embassy also in April.

We would like to see you all at our Gala Arabian Evening, in the lovely gardens of the Portuguese Ambassador's Residence.

Best wishes

Vaneeta Podewils  
President

## CIRCLE LEADERS

### The Written Word

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#### Museum Tours

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### Burning Issues

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### Performing Arts

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Ariane Gray	41756516

### Relaxed Moments

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Leena Singh	9810032426

### Secret of Good Health: Yoga

Anita Dua	9810989433
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### Fun and More

Nima Malhotra	9810128029
Meera Juneja	9810347333
Kelly Jarvis	9958870714

### Tete a Tete over a meal

Bindu Talwar	9818077882
Vibhuti Sharma	9811061461

### Shake a Leg

Vibhuti Sharma

### Speak in Delhi like a Delhiite

Bina Deogun	9810136589
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# ATTENTION

**1. The Women's International Day programme venue on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March has changed from the Russian Cultural Centre to Kusum Ansal's home at 26, Ferozshah Road.**

**2. The General Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, Thursday due to Baisakhi holiday, and is at 5 p.m. Husbands are invited and welcome.**

## THE ARABIAN GALA NIGHT

Please mark your calendar for **20<sup>th</sup> March** for an enchanting evening of fun swinging to the Arabic music and tasting delicacies like Shwarma and Moussaka in the lovely ambience of the garden at the Portuguese Ambassador's Residence. We hope to see you all in Arabic attire!!

## TETE Á TETE OVER DINNER

### The Great Kebab Factory

With a name so scintillating, the Great Kebab Factory (a branch of the popular one at Hotel Radisson) is a winner in many ways. The concept is novel and makes for a truly unusual experience. Basically, you can have your fill of kebabs cooked at a live station and served sizzling hot to you. Its eat all you can here! There will be six varieties of non-vegetarian kebabs and six veggie ones along with two varieties of Dal and vegetables followed by biryani (non vegetarian and vegetarian). A final round up to the meal is a dessert and lots of sweet thoughts.

**Date** : Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010

**Time** : 8.30 p.m.

**Venue** : The DLF Place, Saket. Entry next to Hotel Sheraton, Saket

**Tel.** : Vibhuti, 9811061461

**Cost** : 950/- per head for food (incl. 20%). Drinks are extra

## RELAXED MOMENTS

### Panchavati

The movie Panchavati is based on the novel Ek aur Panchavati written by our very own member **Dr.Kusum Ansal**. She is recipient of prestigious awards like Punjabi Academy award (1987), Hindu Sansthan Namut Puruskar of Uttar Pradesh (2004) and Hindi Academy Sahityakar Sammaan (2005)'Sahitya Bhushan' (2006-2007). The dialogues & screenplay for the movie are written by her. The film was directed by late Basu Bhattacharya and stars **Deepti Naval, Suresh Oberoi** and **Akbar Khan**. **Panchavati was selected for the film festival in 1990 was exhibited in film festivals held at Tokyo, Toronto and Tashkent.**

**Date** : Monday, April 5th, 2010

**Time** : 2.30 p.m.

**Venue** : 23, Canning Lane (Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Marg)

**Tel** : Leena Singh, 9810032426

**Limit** : 25

# FUN AND MORE

Welcome to an entertaining and lively play- "PARTY-TIME" which resolves round a group of women at a party; chatting, laughing, gossiping, they are their usual catty, charming selves! The plot emerges during the party and ends in a shattering climax.

The play is written & directed by Nima Malhotra.

The cast features our own members, so please be there to applaud their talent!

**Date** : Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**Time** : 3.00 p.m.

**Venue** : Slovak Embassy Auditorium  
50-MNiti Marg, Chanakyapuri

**Tel** : Slovak Embassy (24101015)  
Nima (9810128029)

**Limit** : 80

Look forward to seeing you all...!

## THE PERFORMING ARTS



Our Speaker today, Sohaila Kapur, is a reputed writer, playwright, actress and director. She has published over a hundred articles and has authored a book on Indian esoteric rites, called '*Witchcraft in Western India*'.

As a playwright, her maiden venture, a musical called '*Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan*', was premiered at the prestigious Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh in 2002. The play won the 'Herald Devil Award' and had favorable reviews in all well-known newspapers. It premiered in India in December 2008 as '*Mahim Junction*' and has had several houseful shows since then in Delhi, Hyderabad and Dubai. Thereafter, she wrote several plays which have been performed in the Capital. She is in the process of writing a theatre script for film maker Shekhar Kapur.

Sohaila is also an actress and has worked with some of Television and Bollywood's top talents. She has acted in many television serials, theatrical productions as also in an award-winning feature film.

She has directed 15 plays, one of them being 'Rumi: Unveil the Sun', which got critical and popular acclaim and was invited to perform in the U.K. Sohaila has also, recently, completed a short telefilm, 'Parinday'.

**We look forward to an enjoyable and stimulating afternoon with our very eminent and talented Speaker.**

**Date** : Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time** : 3.00 p.m.

**Venue** : Residence of Mrs. Prama Bhandari  
8 Padmini Enclave, Hauz Khas  
New Delhi – 110016

**Tel** : Prama, 98106 45467

**Limit** : 40

## WRITTEN WORD



### 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' - John Boyne

"Successful fiction captures the imagination, it allows us to live lives that are extraordinary to us..... a book that deserves to be read, to be discussed, to be held close to the heart."

Please do read this slim volume which will 'linger in the mind for quite some time.'

**Date** : Monday, 12th April 2010

**Time** : 3.00 p.m.

**Venue** : The Residence of Aruna Mehta  
4/7 Shanti Niketan,  
New Delhi 11002

**Tel.** : Aruna Mehta, 41663800

**Limit** : 25

## GOURMET DELIGHTS



Our own **Mi-Ran Lee** has once again opened the doors of her exquisite restaurant for demonstrating Japanese cuisine. It will be very interesting to learn various dishes such as sushi and **satay**. In addition we will learn some great napkin folding techniques and table centre floral arrangement by our very own **Veena Dass**.

**Date** : Friday, 16th April 2010

**Time** : 11.00 am

**Venue** : Gonie, Ashok Hotel

**Tel.** : Rosy (9899117527)

**Limit** : 30

## SPECIAL PROGRAMME

### ZARI (LAMENT OF A WOMAN)

Inspired by **Zakia Zaheer's** poem which she read in one of the WIC programmes two years ago, "**Mein kay ek Aurat Hoon**" ( I am a woman, just a woman) about the riots in Surat, our **Dr Shanno Khurana** has set the poem to music and directed it. Shannoji needs no introduction as she is one of the most eminent musicians of today. Her students and friends will present this poignant poem in voices depicting the different 'rasas' of our music, thus merging the creativity of our own two members. A translation in verse in English will also be given.

Please join us to honour Shannoji and you can bring a friend with you so that we can have a full house / good audience

**Date** : Tuesday, 20th April, 2010

**Time** : 3.00 p.m.

**Venue** : Slovak Embassy Auditorium  
50-M, Niti Marg, Chanakyapuri

**Tel.** : Tatiana Rabin, 9871329302

**Limit** : 70

# TETE À TETE OVER LUNCH

## 'Mama Gato'

'Mama Gato' is the find of the season – a pleasant restaurant in the crowded precincts of Khan Market. The interiors are hardly earth-shattering but the food certainly is. It is South-East Asian yet done so skillfully that it is tempting to claim that it is one of the best of its kind inside five star hotels and outside!

Do come and try this very new restaurant as it is one place you would wanna go.

**Date** : Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010

**Time** : 1.00 p.m.

**Venue** : 'Mama Gato'

53 Khan Market (Middle Lane from 'Side Wok' side)

**Tel.** : Bindu, 9818077882

**Cost** : Approx.800/- per head

## WIC-NEW COMMITTEE

The following is the nominated slate for WIC's 2010-2011. With much consideration and with proposals from many of the ladies we have come to the final conclusion:

<b>President</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Sohinder Nabha</b>
<b>First Vice President</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Alexandra Tomasikova</b>
<b>Second Vice President</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Anita Meattle</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Anita Dua</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Ala Madhu</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Maxine Williams</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Renu Mehra</b>
<b>News Letter</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Maeve O'Connor</b>

# NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following ladies as new WIC members and I would kindly ask you to amend your directories accordingly:

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**Alice Gough (Membership Chairperson)**

# APRIL 2010

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	Relaxed Moments 2.30 p.m.			Fun & More 3.00 p.m.	 The Performing Arts 3: 00 pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	 Written Word 3:00 pm			 General Meeting 5.00 p.m.	 Gourmet Delights 11:00 am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Special Programme 3:00 pm		Tete Á Tete Over Lunch 1.00 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	