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GENERAL MEETING

"Caste: From System to Identity"
A Talk by Dipankar Gupta

Date: Wednesday, 11th April Time: 3:00 p.m.
Residence of: Mona Kamal Mansour
Address: Embassy of Egypt 1/50 M, Niti Marg
Mobile: 7838666322

High Tea will be served



We are pleased to have Professor Dipankar Gupta speak about the evolution and current state of the caste system in India. Over the past few decades, the Indian caste system has not operated in the same way as it used to primarily because land relations have changed and agriculture no longer retains its overwhelming presence in the Indian economy. Consequently, the once dominant rural castes are unable to exercise the kind of power they could in the past. This has weakened caste as a system because the village is neither a closed economic entity nor ruled unequivocally from above. Because of this, caste in contemporary India has become more a matter of identity where each group faces the other on ideologically equal terms.

Dr. Gupta was a professor at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, at Jawaharlal Nehru University for nearly 30 years before voluntarily retiring in 2009. He worked on a number of themes from ethnicity to caste and rural mobilizations. The overall theme of his research has been the relationship between traditional and modern society. He has taught at several universities in India and abroad, including the University of Delhi, London School of Economics, University of Massachusetts, University of Toronto, among many other esteemed institutions.

Professor Gupta has also authored and edited 16 books, including *The Caged Phoenix: Can India Fly?* (2009) and *Justice Before Reconciliation: Towards a New Normal in Post-Riot Mumbai and Ahmedabad* (2011).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies,

I know the weather is telling us that April is here but I still cannot believe how this year has flown by.

I am in awe of the Executive Committee and how they managed to arrange a wonderful Gala attempting to include all of our members at no cost. It is very important for us to remember that we are a club that wants all of our members to be included in everything we do. It is also important to try new things, without new ideas we become stale. Sometimes the new ideas work out and sometimes they don't but we must always look for ways to make small, and sometimes big changes.

Happily, we had a huge turnout for the Gala this year. I know, I had a wonderful time with all of the WIC gals and had a great time meeting their spouses and guests.

Most excitedly, in this issue of our April Newsletter we get to see the New Executive Committee for WIC! I really have to give a huge thank you to Brenda Beck, who Chaired the Committee, along with her team, Frenny Billimoria, Valerie Brandt, Lakshmi Chandra, Nandita Lahiri, Maeve O'Connor and Jyoti Wazir. I can only imagine that they have put together a fantastic team to lead WIC into the 2012-2013 year!

Let's all take advantage of our last two months to join in as many meetings as we can and spend some time with our friends.



Fondly,
Kelly

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

WIC Executive Committee 2011-12

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Executive Committee 2012-13 Slate

The nominating committee is pleased to present the slate of candidates for your 2012-13 Executive Committee. As per the bylaws, these women will be presented at the April General Meeting and a vote will be held at the May Annual General Meeting.

President : Sunita Kohli
1st VP : Louann McCurdy
2nd VP : Shakuntala Dawesar
Secretary : Brigitte Wuethrich
Treasurer : Atsuko Watanabe-Jakhar
Hospitality : Mari Titus-Jenefsky
Membership : Bina Deogun
Newsletter : Ashima Singh

Thank you to all the nominees and members who provided nominations. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations to the new slate, and thank you for agreeing to step up to lead our organization!

BOOK CIRCLE

Date: Monday, 9th April Time: 3:00 p.m.
Residence of: Sohinder Nabha
Address: 10-A, Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Mobile: 9810091469
Limited to: 25 participants

"Bollywood's Top twenty superstars of India

Bhaichand Patel will speak on his latest book *Bollywood's Top Twenty Superstars of Indian Cinema*. This spectacular collection of essays celebrates Bollywood's most endearing superstars. Each piece is unique and gives us insights into the life of a Bollywood legend, including triumphs, downfalls and scandals.

Mr. Patel served most of his career at the United Nations in New York. He is the author of *Chasing the Good Life* and *Happy Hours: The Penguin Book of Cocktails*.

He says he has seen films on every continent. He has served on a number of film juries including at the Venice Film Festival. He writes articles regularly on cinema and is presently working on a novel.

WIC Circle Leaders 2011-12

The Arts
Devika Anand Puri 9810010547
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Gita Abhyankar 9958629912
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Salonika Aggarwal 9811064701
Tracy Flannery 8800523131
Kyu Na Kim 8860372549
Hong Li 9811097350
Atsuko Watanabe 9871780190

Meet My Country
Silvia Jakhar 9971090987
Rita Gharekhan 01124339740

Museum Tours
Bina Deogun 9810136589

Tours – Explore India and the World
Leena Singh 9810032426
Bubbles Suneja 9810003354
Zakia Zaheer 9810067090

Yoga and Health
Anita Dua 9810989433
Dr. Divya Malhotra 9871727402

LET'S LEARN

Date: Tuesday, 17th April Time: 10:45 a.m.
Residence of: Tracy Flannery Address: 104, Sunder Nagar
Mobile: 8800523131 Limited to: 30 participants

Have Great Skin

Dr. Hema Pant (MBBS, MD) is the regional medical head and age control specialist at the Kaya Skin Clinic, North. She has been practicing aesthetic dermatology for the past eight years with special interests in facial contouring and anti-ageing.

After the age of 30, the skin may look healthy but collagen fibers have begun breaking down and cell production becomes slower. Environmental damage from sunlight, pollution and smoke get into the dermis, the skin layer between the outermost and innermost layers. Your first wrinkles and sun damage start to appear. "IN THIS LET'S LEARN" programme, Dr. Hema Pant will demonstrate basic skin care regimen, give tips on having great skin and talk about the various anti-ageing solutions available.

Date: Friday, 20th April Time: 10:45 a.m.
Address: National Museum, Janpath
Mobile: 9810136589 - Bina Deogun
Friends are most welcome

Indian Miniature Paintings : A Real Treat

Dr. Mathur will personally give us a lecture and a conducted tour on the different schools of miniature paintings. Rajasthani, Pahari, Moghul and Deccan. Friends (male, female), non-members, students, family and all are invited – we want as many as possible to avail of this opportunity as he is an authority on the subject. If need be he will give us the auditorium (at no extra charge!). Inform us about the number of guests you are bringing, but please do not sign unless you really plan to come.

If this meeting is a success, then we may have a full series of art lectures next year.

YOGA
& HEALTH

Date: Wednesday, 25th April Time: 3:00 p.m.
Residence of: Katrina Svitlova Address: F-144, Malcha Marg
Mobile: 9560632228 Limited to: 25 participants

Bariatric surgery: Weight Loss Surgery

Obesity is a worldwide epidemic. In urban India there is a 20% incidence of obesity and 8% incidence of morbid obesity. About 30% of school students in the NCR are obese. The time has come to recognize obesity as a disease and take firm steps to prevent it and treat it.

Dr. Sandeep Malhotra is bariatric (weight loss) surgeon who is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He did his surgical training at New York University Medical Center and fellowships at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Staten Island University Hospital. He is currently the Director of Bariatric Surgery at Medanta - The Medicity in Gurgaon.

Dr. Malhotra is a Laparoscopic Surgeon who performs both basic and advanced procedures like hernia, gallbladder, appendix, adrenal, spleen and other surgeries. However his area of special interest and passion is bariatric surgery. He has performed over 1000 of these surgeries and has had great success in helping patients shed a lot of weight and simultaneously treat their diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and other obesity related diseases. Dr. Malhotra will give a brief overview of the surgery, how it works, who is a candidate, and what are the pros and cons.

Date: Friday, 27th April Time: 12:00 p.m.
Residence of: Niti Judge
Address: 2-B, Tata Apartments, 23, Prithviraj Road
Mobile: 9810564346 Limited to: 25 participants

Chef's Table

Payal Vaswani will bring us the experience of foods created with all five senses in mind. When food is cooked this way, you can taste the rich flavors of every single ingredient, but the balance of all the tastes is perfect.

Ms. Vaswani is a Cordon Bleu chef by training.

Join us for a taste experience of a lifetime.

WIC GALA NIGHT

Lots more to come!



WIC Ladies do not only, work and rest, they also PLAY!

Thanks to all of you for making it a success.

For those who were not, your names were also put into special Lucky Dip.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners!

Happy Birthday to the following members in April :

- 5th Mohini Bazaz
- 8th Harash Kapur
- 9th Amrita Mankad
- 12th Birgit Denecke
- 13th Sole Thompson
- 14th Aia Madhu
- 14th Maki Mehta
- 15th Rita Gharekhan
- 17th Seita Vaidialingam
- 17th Ana-Maria Ferrer
- 18th Renu Gupta
- 23rd Li Hong
- 25th Ariane Gray-Hubert
- 28th Komal Dhindsa
- 29th Gita Abhyankar



NOTICES

- We apologize to anyone whose birthday we have missed. Please help the Club by ensuring that we have your latest details, including the date of your special day. Attn: Shawn Runacres, Chairperson of Membership.

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