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Newsletter of the Women's International Club

GENERAL MEETING

Women Prioritised



Professor Dr. Radha Kumar, an Indian academic and author will be speaking to us about Women's Rights and Feminism. Her main focus is on ethnic conflicts and peace processes from a strongly feminist perspective.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Radha Kumar has a Ph.D from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and an MA and BA from Cambridge University, UK. She has been a director at the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Milia Islamia, a reputed educational institution of Delhi. She is currently Director-General of the "Delhi Policy Group", a think-tank, of which she is also a co-founder.

In October 2010, Kumar was appointed by the Government of India as one of the three interlocutors for bringing about lasting peace and normalisation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Her published works include, "Divide and Fall?: Bosnia in the Annals of Partition", "Negotiating Peace in Deeply Divided Societies: A Set of Simulations", "Making Peace with Partition", "A History of Doing: Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1900-1990", "Bosnia-Herzegovina: Between War and Peace" (Co-editor). Her articles have been published in reviews such as Foreign Affairs, the Centre for European Policy Studies, the World Policy Journal, and the Brown Journal of World Affairs. She is a frequent Op Ed contributor to The Indian Express, DNA, and other Indian newspapers.

Date : Wednesday, April 8th, 2015

Time : 3.00 pm

Venue : Purple Hall, German Embassy, 6/50 G Shanti Path

Hostess : Eliese Steiner

RSVP: Hospitality Chairperson, Iris Vogel, Irisd.vogel@gmail.com, 8826144001

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Members One and All,

The WIC grand finale "An Enchanted Evening", with husbands, partners and guests is on the 10th of April. Details are in the pages ahead.

Each of us on the Executive thank the Nomination Committee for the diligent and very very sincere effort in bringing to your table the slate for the next year. Having been a part of a nomination committee many moons ago I know for sure the endless rounds of coffee and brain storming they must have had and done!! Thank you.

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Our very precious members Bapsy Nariman and Sohinder Nabha have struggled with health issues these past few months. We are delighted that they are doing well and are enjoying the club activities once again.

Kiran Anand
President

INDIAN HERITAGE

The Evolution of Nataraj

We are familiar with the iconography of the Dancing Lord Shiva, Nataraj, surrounded in an aureole of flames with his flowing locks, with coiled snakes as his ornaments, his left foot elegantly raised as his right foot rests on a prostrate figure! However, how many years did it take for this iconography to emerge and was he always known as Nataraj? These and several associated issues will be touched upon while understanding the philosophy of the iconography of Nataraj, the Cosmic dancer!

About Shovana Narayan

Charting new paths, Padmashri Shovana Narayan, is perhaps the only example of a person who has relentlessly pursued two parallel exacting professional careers, achieving distinction and great heights in both. Not only is she India's most the eminent and venerated Kathak Guru-performer-choreographer but has also served in the civil services, Indian Audit and Accounts (1976 batch) until her retirement. Since 1970, her performances have earned her the reputation of being a silent social activist and crusader, a path breaker and a role model. She is multi-hued with soliloquies, operas, films, author, researcher, and with several international collaborative and philosophical works. For her outstanding achievements and contribution in the field of dance, she has received over 28 awards including the President of India's awards of Padmashri in 1992 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi award for 1999-2000 in 2001, besides the Delhi Govt's Parishad Samman, and Japan's OISCA award. She has been conferred D.Litt (HC) besides holding 2 (two) MPhil degrees (Defence & Strategic Studies and in Social Sciences), and a Master's degree in Physics, 1972. She was also shortlisted for the Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Delhi, 1997. She is married to Dr. Herbert Traxl, an Austrian diplomat who had served as his country's ambassador in several countries including India. The two have a son.

Date : Wednesday, April 29th, 2015

Time : 11:00 am

Venue : B-3 Defence Colony

Hostess : Mrs. Anita Dua

Limit : 30 / 35

RSVP: Hospitality Chairperson, Iris Vogel, Irisd.vogel@gmail.com, 8826144001

HIGH TEA, A CELEBRATION

A big surprise awaits your afternoon!

Date : Friday, April 17th, 2015

Time : 3.00 pm

Venue : 100 Jorbagh

Hostess: Kiran Anand, 9810122700

Limit : 30

RSVP: Hospitality Chairperson, Iris Vogel, Irisd.vogel@gmail.com, 8826144001

THE LIBRARY

In Conversation with Saad Bin Jung

Saad Bin Jung on his book *Matabele Dawn*.

"After thirty years in the field, I have come to define conservation as humanity's ceaseless ethical pursuit of allowing things to just be in nature, allowing nature to find its own balance without interference from any side."

Saad Bin Jung is a former Indian cricketer who played first-class cricket from 1978 to 1984. He is now a conservationist and author. A member of the Pataudi royal family whose grandfather captained the Indian Test team, Saad Jung grew up in Hyderabad and attended Hyderabad Public School and Nizam College in Hyderabad.

Saad and his wife Sangeeta now run eco-resorts on the Kabini River in Karnataka, and on the Cauvery River and at Bandipur National Park in Kerala. They aim to reconcile the needs of the local people with the needs of conservation. They have also been taking safari tours to Africa since 1995.

He has written three books: *Wild Tales from the Wild*, about the people and wildlife of the Mangala valley in Karnataka; *Subhan and I, My Adventure with the Angling Legend of India*, about angling for mahseer in the Cauvery River; and a novel, *Matabele Dawn*, a thriller set in Africa and India.

Some books will be available for signing by the author.

Date : Monday, April 20th, 2015

Time : 11:15 am

Venue : 20, Amrita Sher Gill Marg

Hostess: Mrs. Rupa Sahni (Former Member)

Limit : 30

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Arts and Museums

Seema Bhalla 9316120551
Radhika Birla 9811222402
Sunaina Suneja 9811059724

Healing Touch

Shakuntala Dawesar
9811440101
Janie Haskell 9717422055
Surrinder Sarna 9811701071

High Tea, a Celebration

Shawn Runacres
9811300610
Gugu Singh 9811007710
Bindu Talwar 9818077882

Indian Heritage

Sunaina Aggarwal
9810400482
Josien Bansema - Cost
8586930950
Leena Singh 9810032426
Suneeta Trivedi 9910335938

International Cuisine, a Pot of Cultures

Zahra Echarif 9560694953
Trhas Gutsche 8800409933
Christine Samandari
9910400276
Joana Daniel Wrabetz
8588829652

The Library

Lakshmi Chandra
9910000254
Marjan Franzen 9650118773
Gita Devi Kapurthala
9810149150

Travel Desk

Emma Horne 9810579143
Parbeen Kaur 9810625869
Devika Anand Puri
9810010547

Wonderful World

Nayana Goradia
9873441744
Ala Madhu 9999986573
Elena Petrov 8375824750
Jeannie Tien 9810669647
Iris Vogel 8826144001
Josefina Young 9810009634

Women of Substance

Kusum Ansal 9810016006
Sunita Kohli 9811101080
Antje Lux 9717773100
Neena Malhotra 9811031436
Eliese Steiner 882688666
Sandra Walker 9560682956

Special Events

Natalie Maria Daalder
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Lise Fredriksen 011 24617980
Ike Indrakesuma
Sunita Kohli 9811101080
Anita Meattle 9811199111

ARTS AND MUSEUMS

Talk By Mr. Manav Gupta

Eminent artist, Manav Gupta, is known for his mastery over light and colour. He has been acknowledged as one of India's most erudite and versatile contemporary artists and a "maverick genius" by art writers and critics.

With works sold by Christies, Bonham's, Philip de Pury and in several private, corporate and public collections, he is listed by The Financial Times as one of the ten contemporary artists from India whose works are well received and sought after.

Manav has executed, perhaps, the two biggest solo commissioned artworks in recent years; the five floor 10,000 sq. ft. Mega Mural at Airtel Centre (world record) and the Indo Bhutan Friendship Mural in Bhutan. He is the only artist especially invited by the Ministry of Environment, Govt. of India, to create one-minute films on Climate Change as Public Service Messages.

Manav was invited to stay by the former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, at the Family Wing of the Rashtrapati Bhavan as the first artist in residence ever. He exhibited his paintings there at the request of the President.

The artist's concern for the environment has been evident in his works right from the very beginning of his art journey. Currently on display at the Plaza Steps, India Habitat Centre, is his Public Art Installation, "Rain, the Ganga Waterfront along Time Machine" (shown below), a suite of Environmental Art Installations on the Ganga as the river flows along the passage of time.

Manav will talk about this installation and also show us, and talk about, some of his other works. We look forward to an interesting morning with him. As they say, "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life".....

Date : Tuesday, April 7th, 2015

Time : 11:00 am

Venue : 40, Golf Links

Hostess : Mrs. Komal Dhindsa

Limit : 25



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HEALING TOUCH

Traditional health tips and remedies

Women around the world are known for their traditional knowledge and wisdom. Come and share your health tips and remedies with us. We will have a short panel discussion followed by an interactive session with our members.

Date : Thursday, 23rd April, 2015

Time : 11:00 am

Venue : 9/1 Ground Floor Shanti Niketan, New Delhi - 110021

Hostess : Janie Haskell, 9717422055

Limit : 35

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An Enchanted Evening

Spring is a nature's way of saying "Let's Party".

Metaphorically it is a time of growth, renewal and celebration. Let's come together and celebrate, "*An Enchanted Evening*" full of fun, frolic, food, music, specially put together by our team.

As the evening begins to cast a spell and weaves its magical charm, witness an entertainment; "international flavours" at its best.

Dress up in your ceremonial national costumes, wear your dancing shoes and be prepared to dance the night away. Enjoy multi cuisine by the poolside specially prepared for us, followed by a lucky draw with exciting prizes.

Invites are available now and may be pre booked through an email, message or directly collected from Anita Dua or the Membership Chairperson / executive committee member, at the 11th March General Meeting, the 17th March Holi celebration or later.

Date : Friday, 10th April, 2015

Time : 7.30 pm onwards

Venue : The Metropolitan Hotel, Bangla Sahib Marg,
(Near Connaught Place), New Delhi, 110001

RSVP: Hospitality Chairperson, Iris Vogel, irisd.vogel@gmail.com, 8826144001

APRIL FESTIVALS

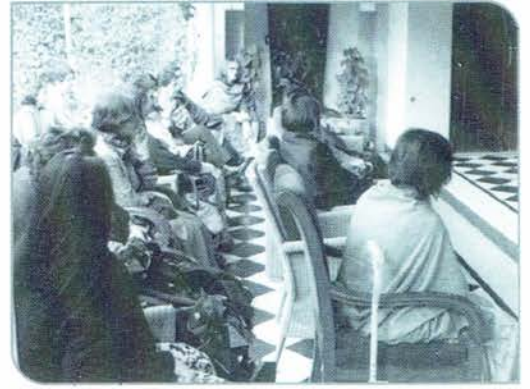
Good Friday to Easter Monday, April 3-6. Easter is a festival and holiday celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus by the Romans at Cavalry. Easter Sunday is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year because of the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the events upon which Christianity is based. Easter is preceded by Lent, a 40 day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. Easter Monday is the day after Easter Sunday and is celebrated as a holiday in largely Christian cultures.

Hanuman Jayanti, April 4th. Celebrated to commemorate the birth of Hanuman, the Vanara god, it is widely venerated throughout India. Hanuman, an ardent devotee of Lord Rama, is worshipped for his unflinching devotion to the god. An important festival of Hindus, Hanuman is the symbol of strength and energy. He is said to be able to assume any form at will, wield rocks, move mountains, dart through the air, seize the clouds and rival Garuda in swiftness of flight. He is worshipped in folk tradition as a deity with magical powers and the ability to conquer evil spirits

Baisakhi, April 14th. A festival celebrated in the Punjab region. It coincides with other festivals celebrated on the first day of Baisakh, in some regions of India.

Baisakhi is especially important for the Sikh community as it marks the establishment of the Khalsa. More recently, this festival is also celebrated around the world by the Sikh diaspora. It is also celebrated by Hindus and Buddhists for different reasons including the start of a new year. People in the Punjab Region regard Baisakhi as a harvest festival and the Punjabi New Year.

PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

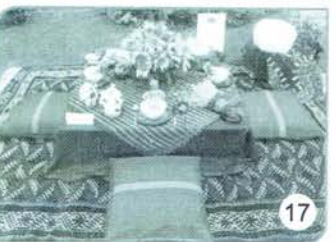


PICTURES FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS
DELIGHTS OF OLD DELHI STREET FOOD




TABLE SETTINGS OF THE WORLD

A selection of photos



1. Germany
2. Japan
3. South India
4. Pakistan
5. Australia
6. Brazil
7. South India
8. Thailand
9. Egypt
10. Denmark
11. Ethiopia
12. Indonesia
13. Philippines
14. Austria
15. North India, Lucknow
16. South Africa
17. Turkmenistan
18. Austria
19. Speech by Mrs. Lise Fredriksen
20. North India, Lucknow
21. France
22. Denmark

WIC PROGRAMMES APRIL 2015

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VEDANTA

An Introductory Talk by Mother

on April 23rd at 11 am

at the residence of Janie Haskell - 9/1, Ground Floor, Shanti Niketan



There is a secret that India has nurtured for thousands of years: the secret of happiness. It is called Vedanta.

Vedanta is the most radical yet practical body of knowledge you will ever encounter. It is the most powerful means of Self-Knowledge that has ever existed. Without any conditioning, do you know who and what you are? Vedanta does — and it can set you free.

The efficacy of Vedanta has been proven for hundreds of thousands of people over thousands of years. Vedanta discourages blind faith; instead, it shows you the truth of everything. More than a clever technique or a temporary balm, it is a complete teaching. It is the science of the Self.

Mother will be giving an introductory talk on Vedanta. She has been teaching for over a decade, and brings the sophisticated and potent teachings of Vedanta to life in a straightforward, empathic and illuminating way. She teaches in English, in a manner that is easily understandable and highly relevant to all listeners. Her every word is imbued with the presence of the Self and holds the potential for *moksha*. Mother demystifies Self-Realization. She teaches a simple and clear way to freedom, which can be assimilated in this lifetime, even as a householder.