



APRIL 2009

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 8th April 2009, 3.00pm

Alliance Francaise Auditorium
72 Lodhi Estate
New Delhi

EMPOWERMENT TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES

For our April General Meeting we are delighted to bring together two social activists, who are energising the craft sector and the rural poor, respectively. Ritu Sethi, our first speaker, will speak on empowerment through the access and exchange of information. Nivedita Narain will then speak to us about empowerment through the provision of technical and efficiency inputs to traditional livelihoods.

The Craft Revival Trust (CRT), established in 1999, is a non-profit organisation which is endeavoring to build an information and knowledge infrastructure on the Folk Arts, Crafts and Textiles of India and the larger South Asian region. It works towards documenting oral traditions, analyzing and disseminating information and transmitting knowledge. Ritu Sethi, Managing Trustee and Founder, Craft Revival Trust is one of India's leading scholars and authorities on our craft tradition. She will speak to us about the goals of the Craft Revival Trust and as an example, introduce us to Sanjhi, the traditional hand-cutting of paper stencils and how, with design input, it can be put to contemporary use. She will have with her a leading master craftsman from Mathura who will demonstrate the cutting of the template and the making of the Sanjhi.

PR ADAN is one of the leading NGO's of India whose focus of work is to promote and strengthen livelihoods for the rural poor. It is a non-profit organisation that currently works with over 200,000 poor families (1 million people) in 3,500 villages across 38 of India's poorest districts in the States of Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal. Nivedita Narain is on the board and in the senior manager of Pradan. She will present a short movie about Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN). This will be followed by discussions around issues that are some of the hallmarks of Pradan's work such as Tasar Yarn Production, cooperatives for poultry rearing etc. Ms. Narain will be bringing us examples of the Tasar silk that is being woven by the weaver families that they work with. These two dynamic NGO's can be visited on the net at www.Pradan.net and at www.craftrevival.org

WE REQUEST THAT YOU BE SEATED BY 3PM AND THAT SIGNING IN IS DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AS OUR SPEAKERS ARE TAKING TIME OFF FROM THEIR WORKING DAY.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

March means spring and romance in the air, flowers in bloom & butterflies and sunbirds on the blossoms. Syeda, Sunita and Rashid transported us to a world of romance with a rendering of lyrics by Shakespeare and Byron, John Dunne and Elizabeth Barrett Browning and so many more. It became an afternoon to be cherished.

Muzaffar Ali continued with the romance by taking us to the Avadh of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah and his poems. Vidya Rao's rendering of Wajid Ali's two thumris, especially " Babul mora.....", part of all classical singers repertoires, was poignant and moving. Shirin's multi-coloured garden gave a perfect backdrop.

As usual, all circle leaders are giving varied and interesting choices to our members, be it the Delhi Discoverers trip to the Surajkund Mela or Mama Mia for Movie Buffs or the introduction to different varieties of Indian silks. Or for that matter living-in relationships - basically we are young at heart.

Friends, I am sure ALL of you are joining us on 14th March at Bubbles Suneja's for our annual Gala. One more fun-filled evening with scrumptious food, lip-tickling wines, enchanting music - live - and dancing galore. Come one and all with your spouse, partner, friends. We will all be there to receive you warmly and with love.

With regards,

Smita

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Trips and Travel - National and International

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Executive Committee; Slate for 2009 - 2010

Always remembering the goals and aspirations of this Club, but after spending numerous hours sifting through suggestions, consulting members, friends and potential nominees, and weighing alternatives, the members of the Committee on Nomination, under the Chairpersonship of Prama Bhandari, have selected the following members for the Slate of Nominees for the Executive Committee 2009 - 2010.

President:	Vaneeta Podewils
1st Vice-President:	Zakia Zaheer
2nd Vice-President:	Sudarshana Singh
Secretary:	Shree Devi Singh
Treasurer:	Sunandini Kapur
Membership Chairperson:	Alice Gough
Hospitality Chairperson:	Tatiana Rabin
Newsletter Chairperson:	Anushree Mahajan

As required by our Constitution this Slate is being circulated with the April Newsletter. It will be presented verbally at the April General Meeting when nominations for a particular post may be made from the floor provided written permission for a floor nomination has been obtained from the nominee, who is present at the time the nomination is made.

As per our Constitution, the membership endorses/ elects the proposed slate at the AGM in May.

The following New Members have been accepted into the Club.
We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better.

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OBITUARY

We send our Condolences to our Senior Member Mrs.Amarjit Singh on the demise of her husband Mr.Bhagwant Singh.

ART & CULTURE

The journey of the Kashmir shawl

Speaker: Aditi Desai

Wednesday, 1st April, 3.00 pm

Aditi became fascinated by shawls as a young girl growing up in old Delhi where vendors came to her mother's house to sell their wares. She has travelled extensively in Europe and the USA, researching the shawl in various private and museum collections. An acknowledged expert, she has spent years collecting and documenting Kashmir shawls. She will give us a talk on the making and history of the *jamawar kani* and paisley shawls. She has kindly agreed to bring some rare and unusual shawls from her personal collection.

At the residence of:

Mechtild Van der Lugt
House Gate No. 2
Royal Netherlands Embassy
6/50F, Shantipath
Chanakyapuri

Limit - 25

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Thursday, 2nd April, 3.00 pm

This is a second attempt to hold the Close Encounters programme which had to be cancelled in February due to a rally blocking the streets!

The topic for discussion will be: What gives you a buzz - or what lifts your spirits - which may or may not cost a penny! So come and let's enjoy a happy afternoon!

At the residence of:

Annie Howard
Flat 3 C
White House
Bhagwan Dass Road

Limit - 30

CUISINE CIRCLE

Monday, 6th April at 11.00 am

This month's cuisine will be on **Burmese food**, demonstrated by Ms. Vivika Dass.

Ms. Dass had her initial training at THE OBEROI, New Delhi. She has recently started the Burmese Kitchen in Gurgaon which specialises in Burmese & Vietnamese Cuisines.

At the residence of:

Taru Kanwar

3/3 Shanti Niketan

Limit - 25



HEALTH AND FITNESS CIRCLE

Alzheimer's disease

Tuesday, 7th April, 3.00 pm

By popular demand, our member Dr. Shakuntala Dawesar will repeat her talk on Alzheimer's disease for all those who were unable to attend first time around.

At the residence of:

Deepak Chopra

E-2 Defence Colony

Limit - 25



MOVIES

Changeling

Thursday 16th April, 2.30 pm

This film, starring Angelina Jolie and directed by Clint Eastwood, is an American period thriller set in 1928 in Los Angeles. It was premiered at Cannes in May 2008.

Based on a true story, it is a testament to the strength of a mother's hope and love and her persistent belief that goodness can overcome evil and make a difference.

At the Residence of:

Bindu Talwar

B-370 New friends Colony

Limit - 25



FOCUS

An interaction with fashion and beauty experts on the trends for summer 2009

Wednesday, 15th April, 3.00pm

Clothes are critical in forming first impressions about us. But we can add accessories and beauty to the list to complete the expression of fashion in our everyday lives. Though beauty comes from within, for external appearances one must include a proper skincare routine as per ones skin type.

We are very fortunate to have Professor Shalini Sud, a senior faculty from NIFT, to speak to us this afternoon. She completed her Masters from London College of Fashion and is currently heading the Post Graduate Design Space Department at NIFT. Prof. Sud has requested Archana Nigam, Double Diamond Director Oriflame, to join her for the talk. Archana, has been associated with Oriflame at a senior level for 13 years. An MBA with a specialisation in marketing from Sydenhams, Mumbai University, Archana brings 16 years of experience of the beauty industry with her.

At the residence of:
Hemant Pasrich
212, Jorbagh
Limit - 30



DANCE AWAY

Thursday, 23rd April, 11.00 am

Calling all budding Bollywood dancers! Come and enjoy a fun-filled and action-packed hour with our dancing instructor, Vikram Samson. Fee will be Rs 200, as usual.

At the residence of:
Vaneeta Podewils
136 Golf Links
Limit - 15



HINDI BOLO

As usual, ladies interested in learning some Hindi (and having some fun along the way) should call Sylvia Kaelin (9811376569) or Bina Deogun (9810136589) to check on the date and venue.

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DINING OUT

The Gonie Restaurant at the Ashok Hotel

Friday, 24th April, 8.00 pm

Authentic Korean food in Delhi? Yes, for lovers of the exotic, this restaurant grows on you once you get the hang of the food here. Run by our own member Mi-Ran Lee, this newly renovated restaurant has been awarded "The Best Korean Restaurant" for many years. Do come and try different varieties of kimchis, sushis and the exotic barbeque on the table....each is a triumph in subtlety. All in all *The Gonie* epitomises the spirit of conviviality that makes eating out a joy! Guests welcome.

We will meet at the restaurant itself for welcome drinks courtesy of Mi-Ran Lee. Thank you Mi-Ran!

Venue:

The Gonie Restaurant,
The Ashok Hotel,
Chanakyapuri



Cost: Approx. Rs 950 + tax per person (as usual, we'll go dutch)

APRIL 2009 CALENDAR

Month : **Chaitra, / Vaisakh , SAKA 1931,**
Season-**Grisham** (summer from 21st)

Fri 3rd: **Ramnavmi**

Sun 5th: **Palm Sunday**

Tue 7th: **Mahavira Jayanti** (Jain)

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Thur 9th: **1st Day of Passover** (Jewish)

Fri 10th: **Good Friday**

Sun 12th: **Easter Sunday**

Mon 13th: **Vaisakhi**

Mon 27th: **Jamadu'l awwal (29)--Muslim**

Wed 29th: **Sri Shankaracharya Jayanti**

Full Moon: 9th

Compiled by Bina Deogun

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			Art & Culture 3.00 pm	Close Encounters 3.00 pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	 Cuisine 11.00 am	 Health And Fitness Circle 3.00 pm	 General Meeting 3.00 pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			 Focus 03.00 pm	 Movies 02.30 pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				 Dance Away 11.00 am	 Dining Out 8.00 pm	
26	27	28	29	30		