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GENERAL MEETING

Special Guest Speaker followed by High Tea

September 14, 3:30 p.m.
Aman Hotel, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003
Dr. Isher Ahluwalia on Urban Development in India



For the first general meeting of the Women's International Club 2011-12 year, we will be joined by Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations Board of Governors, who will speak to us on the topic of Urban Development in India.

Dr. Ahluwalia is an out spoken and well recognized figure on development issues in India. Most recently she has focussed her efforts on urban development and improving quality of life for urban dwellers. In March of this year, a committee that she chaired provided a report to the government on Indian urban infrastructure investment requirements. Her committee is now putting together a roadmap to deliver on the report's recommendations.

Dr. Ahluwalia received her B.A. from Presidency College at Calcutta University, her M.A. from the Delhi School of Economics, and her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all in economics. She has received many awards for her work, and is on the board of many prestigious Indian and international organizations. Dr. Ahluwalia is the author/editor of several books and has published many articles in professional journals, news papers, magazines and electronic media

Dues are due!

Ladies, it's that time of year!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that this year's membership dues, of INR 2,500.00 per member, shall be collected at September's General Meeting. All dues must be given to the Treasurer by November 15, 2011.

Please put dues in a sealed envelope with your name, address and telephone number listed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Women's International Club 2011-12 year! It is my honor and privilege to serve as the 41st president of the Women's International Club of Delhi. In my new capacity, I look forward to our September general meeting with anxious anticipation.

For many of us, this first meeting punctuates a busy summer. It is always exciting to reconnect with our friends, to hear about their adventures, their expectations for the upcoming season, and to build new friendships and strengthen old ones. I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming year.

We WIC members come from the most diverse and broad backgrounds: we count doctors, lawyers, teachers, artists, writers, non-profit professionals, businesswomen, diplomats and more in our membership; we are mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts and daughters; we are Indians and expats from over 50 different countries.

We are brought together by our desire to learn and develop friendships and, not despite but, because of our differences, we are eager and engaged students of one another's cultures.



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This year, let us continue to learn – to endeavor to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zone. I hope you will attend a Circle meeting that is new to you, meet and introduce yourself to our newest members, and make new friends. The rewards are both personal - for learning fosters growth, and communal - for seeking out and welcoming new members refreshes the vitality of WIC.

I am honored to be among you women who give so much of yourselves day after day, year after year, and I am grateful to call many of you my lifelong friends. I personally thank each and every one of our Executive Committee, Circle Leaders and members for tireless commitment and support for one another.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Warmest Regards,
Kelly Jarvis

Serita Kakar who was earlier appointed Treasurer of the Women's International Club for the 2011/2012 year has had to resign due to health reasons. We all wish her well. Veena Dass has been elected Treasurer by the Executive Committee following the procedures outlined in the WIC constitution. We are extremely happy to say that Veena has agreed, and we welcome her to the Executive Committee of 2011/2012.

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Arranged Marriage Panel Discussion

Monday, September 19, 2011, 11:00 a.m.
Residence of Kelly Jarvis, A22, West End,
1st Floor, Tel : 9958870174, Limited to
25 participants

Parents in India consider it their duty and even prerogative to choose a partner for their son/daughter. How do arranged marriages work? What details of a prospective marriage do families discuss at length and negotiate? Do arrangements vary according to different parts of the country? Do arranged marriages take place in other countries as well?

Come for a lively discussion on this topic that will be moderated by a circle leader and initiated by a member panel that will share their experiences and views.

BOOK CIRCLE

Author Presentation/Book Discussion: In the Shadow of the Taj: A Portrait of Agra

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
Residence of Aruna Mehta, 4/7 Shantiniketan
Tel: 9811388803; Res: 011-41663800
Limited to 25 participants

Join us as we welcome Royina Grewal as she presents her extensively researched book, *In the Shadow of the Taj: A Portrait of Agra*.

Historical evidence suggests that Agra existed as a city 2,500 years ago and was referred to as Agravan in the days of the Mahabharata.

Royina's book provides a vivid account of Agra during the Moghul era. Apart from the iconic Taj Mahal, she describes other monuments in the city, including the Aram Bagh (the garden of leisure) also known as Gulafashan (flower scattering garden), a garden meticulously planned by Babar.

Ladies, please be kind enough to advise Silvia Jakhar, the Membership Chair, if you have any changes to your address, email or phone numbers. We are currently compiling a membership directory and would like to have the most updated information!

WIC Circle Leaders 2011-12

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Navaratri Special Programme -- Learn to Dance Garba/DandiyaRass

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 11:00 a.m.
Residence of Nayana Goradia, 145 Sunder Nagar
Tel: 9873441744; Res: 011-24357859
Limited to 40 participants

Navaratri, or nine nights, is a one of the most celebrated festivals of the Hindu calendar. The autumn festival marks the first day of the lunar month Ashvin and the end of the monsoons. This year, Navaratri begins on September 28, the day of our special *Let's Learn* program.

Navaratri is celebrated differently around India. In Gujarat, Navaratri is a nine-day carnival of light, food and especially dance. Garba and DandiyaRass are very popular folk dances traditionally performed during this festival or at marriages. It is believed that they began as fertility rites/dances performed at the end of the harvest season. The dance is a very lively, active and fast paced art. The dancers spin and move their feet and arms in a choreographed manner to music, with lots of drum beats.

Join us in colourful clothes to celebrate a Gujarati-style Navaratri with dancing, music and scrumptious food. Member Smita Divan has organized a special treat for us- a professional dance troupe will provide us with dance lessons.



Explore India and the World

Trip to Myanmar (waitlist still open) October 29 - November 6, 2011

Ladies, pack your bags and join us as we head for Myanmar (Burma). The latest, favourite destination is now open for tourists.

During this fabulous eight-day trip, we will visit the most fabulous pagoda city of Yangon, the World Heritage city of Bagan, the fascinating old capital of Mandalay, as well as enjoy a two-day stay at the beautiful Inle Lake where you can do all your sight seeing while reclining in a boat.

Five star all the way. Despite the fact that this falls during peak season, we have organized an excellent itinerary in the best hotels. And did we forget to mention the fantastic shopping like no where in the world?!!

Unfortunately, the trip is already waitlisted. (We started taking reservations in June. All of last year's members were notified by email and SMS.) If you are interested in joining a waitlist, please contact one of the circle leaders below.

Circle Leaders: Bubbles Suneja, Tel: 9810003354; Leena Singh, Tel: 9810032426; Zakia Zaheer, Tel: 9810067090.

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Fabulous Southwest China (Sichuan and Yunnan)

Submitted by member Janet Chawla

WIC Tour, Spring 2011

Having never travelled in a tour group, nor in China before, my husband and I were a little hesitant to join the WIC trip....but it turns out we couldn't have asked for a more wonderful trip —giant pandas nursing their young; the karst-lined Li River boat cruise; Buddhist pagodas, caves and shrines; captivating cultural spectacles; shopping for pearls, silk and jade; and so much of the traditional architecture blending seamlessly into natural settings. Not to mention congenial company, a marvelous guide (Quentin) and the cuisine—to die for!

They say pictures are worth a thousand words.



*Innumerable images in the
Dali Caves*

WIC sends out a special thanks to Sheila Ghatate for organizing this special trip to China for our members.

*Needless to say, a grand
time was had by all.*

Submissions are welcome to the Members' Page on a first-come, first-served, space-available basis. Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 15 to Newsletter Chair Kiran Jhangiani.

NOTICES

Member Birthdays September

1 st	Louann Mc Curdy
2 nd	Shovana Narayan
5 th	Hemant Pasrich
5 th	Devika Anand
9 th	Bapsi Nariman
11 th	Prem Gupta
12 th	Nima Malhotra
16 th	Shireen Khemchand
16 th	Prama Bhandari
17 th	Rosie Sahni
19 th	Sunita Judge
20 th	Niru (Prem) Kapur
20 th	Priya Khanna
20 th	Jania Shevchenko
21 st	Peggy Sood

Condolences: We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Member Darshan Inderjit who lost her husband on July 31.

R.S.V.P.: Please be kind enough to fill out your R.S.V.P. cards and drop in the mail no later than September 5th.

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: Silvia Jakhar, Membership.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

The Most Neglected Husband of WIC

Submitted by Member (and former Second Vice President) Anita Meattle

We often take our husbands for granted. We often take our Committee members for granted. The Committee starts working as soon as they are installed (maybe even earlier), and they work through the year. Even travel plans are curtailed as they need to be here.

Last year Fatehji (former WIC President Sohinder's husband) told us that he was the "most neglected husband," as Sohinder was always busy with WIC. It was either committee meetings, going to the bank, spending time with one or the other committee member solving their problems, the WIC meetings themselves, or in her office with WIC affairs.

Fatehji sportingly put up with all this, but kept telling us that he was "most neglected."

The climax, though, was his birthday. It was two days before our April General Meeting. The newsletters were not done, as our newsletter editor was out of town and this newsletter was our last one of the year. Photographs had to be chosen, thank yous said, and we had to make sure it was just right. Sohinder and our secretary went to the printers thinking it would take an hour or two, leaving Sohinder enough time to come home and then go out to dinner with Fatehji to celebrate his birthday.

Fatehji waited and waited and waited. Sohinder did not come back from the printers. In the end, he had the leftovers from lunch and retired for the night -- all alone on his birthday. Those are the sacrifices made for WIC.

A couple of weeks later we were at a dinner party at the Gymkhana Club. Some of us WIC members were there as well. Sohinder as usual was going around meeting friends and doing her rounds. During dinner, a friend asked Fatehji if she could bring something for him from the buffet table, his answer was, "Just get me Sohinder!"

Thank you Fatehji for letting us have Sohinder this last year. Good luck, Jon.

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