WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB
DELHI

December, 1992

Dear Members,

There is already a nip in the air -- the Delhi winter is around the corner with its sunshine, the flowers and, of course, the rustling silks. With Diwali behind us, a short lull is ahead before the Christmas festivities engulf us. The Women's International Club is planning a very special Christmas get-together for its members -- a short play and music.

Although the Executive Committee is trying very hard to put up varied and interesting programmes, we find that some members are just keeping their memberships alive by attending the bare number of meetings, as required by the WIC Constitution. It is not that they lack enthusiasm; perhaps they find themselves overcommitted. Any club would like active members, members who can contribute and also enjoy the various activities offered. There is a long list of ladies, eager and full of fresh ideas, who have applied for membership and it seems unfair not to be able to take them in just because of "passive members." Could you, please, keep this in mind when you are ticking your reply card next time?

With warm wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Veena Dass.

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ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 3:00 p.m.
Residence of the Russian Embassy
Shanti Path

The WIC Chorus Group and Madame Drukova invite you to a musical Christmas play at the Russian Embassy Residence. Two bickering children learn the true meaning of Christmas through a story read to them by their dear grandmother; meanwhile an angel chorus entertains us with Christmas music from the past and present. After the play in the Auditorium, we will go downstairs and have tea and Christmas goodies from around the world. As a special treat, in lieu of a Gourmet and Garden meeting in December, recipes of the sweets will be included in your program for the day. We hope this lovely celebration conveys our warm wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to all.

CHORUS

Thursday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.
Finland Emb. Compound (E. Joutson)
Tuesday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.
Russian Embassy

The Chorus Group thanks Eva Joutson, Noni Singh, Frances Clift, and Jacqueline Blaser for hosting its November meetings. You will hear the fruits of the Chorus Group's labors at our general meeting.

FOCUS

Thursday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Jane Walker
Bungalow No. 2
British High Commission
Tel: 601-371 x. 496

Amita Malik, well-known columnist, author, broadcaster, telecaster, and interviewer specializing in culture, arts, and the media (including cinema), will speak to us on the "Indian Image Abroad."

An extremely witty and articulate speaker, Amita is sure to keep us all enthralled with her comments and observations on her experiences while abroad. She is one of the most widely travelled Indians -- her trips include one to the Arctic where she spent Christmas with the Eskimos.

BOOK CIRCLE

Friday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Tuli Mirchandani
B-114 Sarvodaya Enclave
Tel: 654-261

Renuka Singh, a researcher, writer, and sociologist who deals with women's issues, including bride burning, will talk about her contribution to the book May You Be the Mother of a Hundred Sons by Elisabeth Bumiller. Ms Singh will also talk about the Sita Model of Consciousness, which affects the behavior of modern Indian women. The book is available at Bhari Sons, Khan Market, for Rs. 85.

YOGA

Monday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Anita Meattle
26 Prithviraj Road
Tel: 301-2289

Join these women in their search for better health and peace of mind through this sensible exercise method.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
(FILM CIRCLE)

Thursday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.
Czech and Slovak Embassy
Auditorium
50-M Niti Marg
Tel: 688-5563

This month's presentation is the Czech film, "Oh, My Little Village" directed by Jiri Menzel. It is both very funny and very poetical, depicting everyday life in a village in the south of Bohemia. Menzel is a master at portraying his characters. He is witty, compassionat and very Czech.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
(ARTS & CRAFTS CIRCLE)

Wednesday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.
Centre for Contemporary Arts
E-2 Connaught Place, 1st Floor

Many of us begin our day with a smile or a frown after looking at Laxman's daily cartoon "You Said It" on the front page of the Times of India. The renowned cartoonist with a wicked sense of humor is also a serious artist. He will show his impressions of Calcutta at am exhibition of his sketches "City Scape" at the Centre for Contemporary Arts. He will speak to us about his work and will give us a short demonstration of his admirable cartooning skills.

The Centre for Contemporary Arts is located in the third block after the Palika Underground Shopping Complex. If the E block parking area is full, please use the Palika Underground Parking Garage.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL

Thursday, December 24, 3:00 p.m.
Chinese Embassy
50-D Shanti Path
Tel: 600-872

Madame Li Lu, wife of the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, has arranged for a special holiday treat for us. A troupe direct from China will present one of its spectacular, colorful, and breathtaking performances of acrobatic feats. Children are welcome. When ticking the Cultural box on your reply card, please indicate the number of children you will bring. Entrance is from the main gate on Shanti Path.

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B U L L E T I N B O A R D

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Please note the following telephone number changes in your WIC directory:

Taru Kanwal -- 687-6613, 687-3486
Chandra Khurana -- 618-716, 694-094
Usha Srivastava -- 647-1619

We apologize profusely to Man Mohini Sahgal for changing her last name to Singh in last month's newsletter.

Please welcome the following new members who joined us on October 12:

Fatimah Abdullah
E 1/22 Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057
Tel: 673-713
MALAYSIA

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A 10/1 Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057
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New Delhi 110017
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AUSTRALIA

Ghazala Malik
5/17 Shanti Niketan
New Delhi 110021
Tel: 687-6885
PAKISTAN

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Our good friend Halina Bialy has had to leave Delhi suddenly due to her husband's illness. We thank her for all her many contributions to the club and wish a speedy recovery to Ambassador Bialy.

We must also bid farewell to Eileen Bridge and Laila Sarwar who have also left the Club.

On a happier note our old friend Thelma Brown has sent "Seasons Greetings" to all in the Club.

Many of you have requested a map of the Chanakyapuri area to assist you and your drivers in locating the different embassies and high commissions. You will find this map in this newsletter. One less excuse for being late to a meeting.

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Don't forget about the Excursion of the Year coming up on January 16 through 19. You intrepid excursionists will explore Kerala, Kovalam Beach, Kanyakumari, and possibly Perriyar Game Sanctuary. The air fare is approximately Rs. 6000, so start saving yourpaises now. More details later.

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We haven't forgotten the promised journey through the craft of weaving and its creators. The program is being planned and is, as we often hear from the wallahs, soon coming.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, there have been several changes in programs during the last weeks of November. If you signed up for one or more of these programs and now cannot attend, or if you did not sign up and now wish to attend, please notify the Hospitality Chair, Raj Nanda, at 688-4833 or 688-2395.

N O V E M B E R C H A N G E S

GOURMET & GARDEN

Monday, November 16, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Zaleha Amir
Malaysian High Commission
50-M Satya Marg
Tel: 604-413

Sate! Sate! Sate! Originally this delicious demonstration was scheduled for Friday, November 27. Please note the change on your calendar.

YOGA

Tuesday, November 24, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Rupa Sahni
20 Amrita Shergill Marg
Tel: 611-977, 619-553

Information for this meeting was not available at the time the November newsletter was published. Inform Hospitality if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL PROGRAM II

Wednesday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.
Home of Dr. Vimla Rajan
L-21 Green Park
Tel: 665-813, 663-826

Chrysanthemums on the rocks. The time was incorrectly listed in the "at a glance" portion of the newsletter. Please note the correct time.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL

Friday, November 30, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Kusuma Rao
12 Padmini Enclave
Tel: 651-230

Axis Mundi -- the temple complex of Angkor Wat. As well as describing the various restoration efforts and techniques, Mr. Ramesh Chander Mishra will speak on the historical and architectural importance of this unique complex.

Originally, this program was scheduled for Friday, November 20.

NEW PROGRAM

Friday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.
Swedish Embassy
Nyaya Marg
Tel: 604-961

Gunilla Kettis and the Swedish Embassy have graciously arranged a recital of Nordic songs and arias from well-known operas to be sung by soprano Meenakshi Thamarapalli Bove. Our own Zohra Shaw will accompany her.

Born in India, Miss Thamarapalli has studied classical Indian and Western music both in India and abroad. Recently she has sung with the Washington Opera, the Northern Virginia Opera Theater, and the Wolf Trap Opera Company. Now she lives in the U.S. and is the only soprano from India known to have performed in the Washington Metropolitan area. Please inform the Hospitality Chair, Raj Nanda, if you will attend.

Miss Thamarapalli will also appear at the India International Center on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested may reserve tickets by contacting Mrs. Manju Menon at the Swedish Embassy.

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Many thanks to new member, Izumi Takahashi, for her contribution to "Women Who Made a Difference." We still have several months to go before our Club year is finished, so we need your stories now. Please put your thinking caps on and write a one-page sketch about a woman from your country.

WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

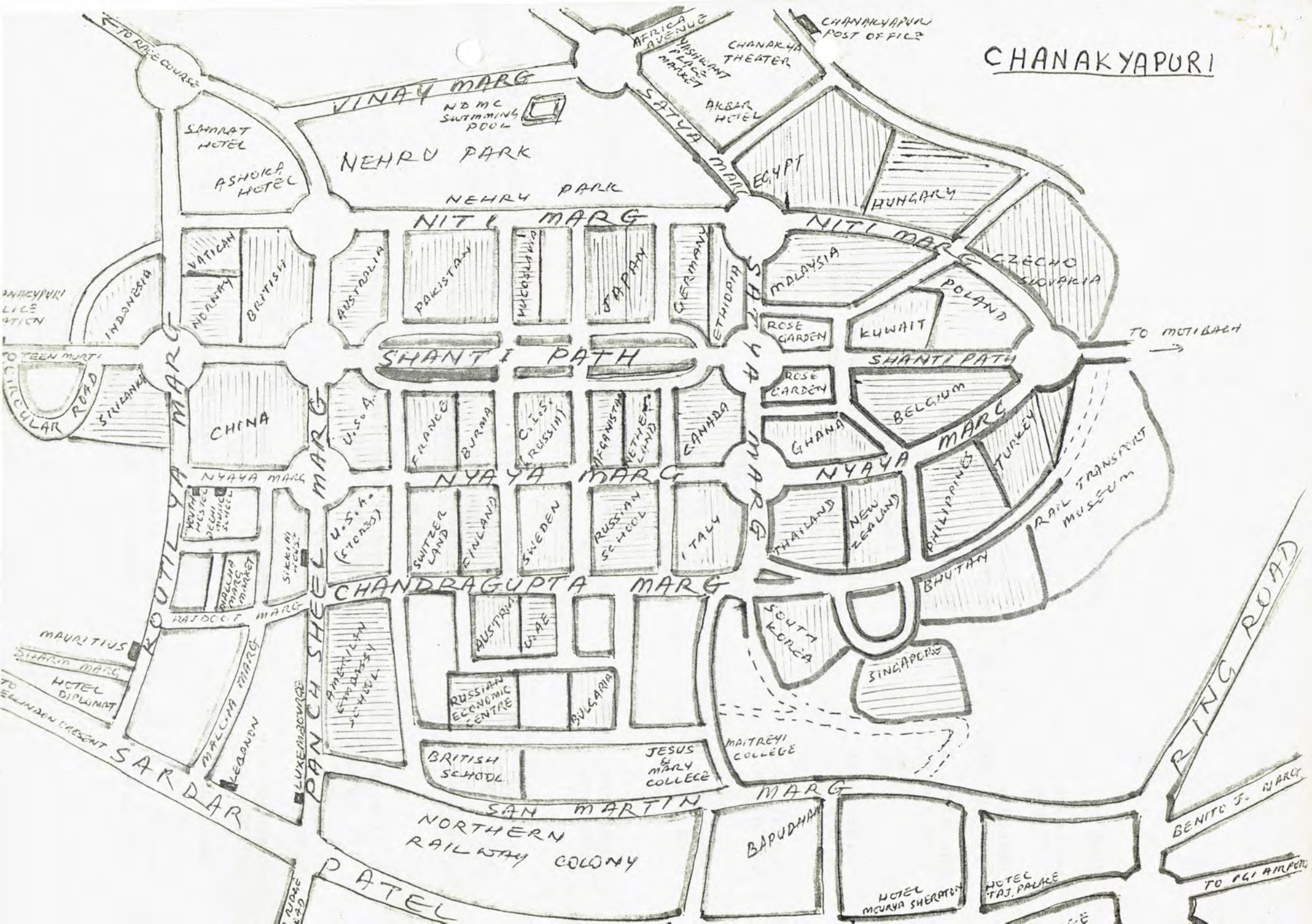
The roles of a man and a woman have been changing along with man's history. During the age of hunting, the man went out to hunt and the woman looked after the house. During the nomadic era, the man took the cattle out to graze and the woman took care of the household. As society advanced, war or politics or business was handled by men. So, in terms of society, men had greater power than women.

In Japan women used to stay behind the scenes and controlled or influenced their husbands and their sons, unnoticed by the public. However, gradually women's emancipation took place.

A little over 100 years ago there was a man named Yukichi Fukuzawa; he was a philosopher as well as an educator. In one of his books he drew a caricature. There were three couples. First were the Americans. They were on their way home from shopping. The wife, empty handed, walked in front of the husband. He was carrying a huge amount of goods. Second were the Japanese. The husband walked in front empty handed and the wife walked a meter behind -- with full hands. Third were the British couple who walked side by side, both carrying packages. Each may have been exaggerated, but he said that it is better to follow the British way, meaning each should take equal responsibility.

The history of women activists in Japan is not that old, but little by little we have had a few. One of them is Mumeo Oku. She was born in 1895 in Fukuishi. She studied hard and came to Tokyo to join the university, one of the few women's universities at that time. After graduation she became a factory worker to experience that life at first hand. Then in 1918, she first founded The New Woman's Association. In Tokyo and Osaka (two large cities in Japan), she opened houses for working women. At the same time she started to publish a monthly magazine called "Women's Activities" to influence women to open their eyes to the world. About the same time she organized the women's suffrage movement. Around 1920, she was encouraged to start the Consumer's Union and also a movement for the protection of the working woman. In order to put these activities into official practice, she became a member of the House of Councillors. Also she became a leader of the cut-the-price campaign. Now at the age of 93 she still goes out in her wheelchair.

Thus she has continued to raise women's consciousnesses and now Japanese women have changed greatly. Thanks to Mumeo Oku we are leading much happier and freer existences.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CHANAKYA THEATER
CHANAKYAPURI POST OFFICE
AKBAR HOTEL
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Wednesday, 9th 3:00 p.m.	Russian Embassy Residence Shanti Path	GENERAL MEETING Christmas Fete
Thursday, 3rd, 10 a.m. Tuesday, 8th, 2 p.m.	Finland Embassy Compound Russian Embassy	CHORUS
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Friday, 4th 3:00 p.m.	Home of Tuli Mirchandani B-114 Sarvodaya Enclave Tel: 654-261	BOOK CIRCLE Renuka Singh
Monday, 7th 10:30 a.m.	Home of Anita Meattle 26 Prithviraj Road Tel: 301-2289	YOGA
Thursday, 10th 3:00 p.m.	Czech & Slovak Embassy Auditorium 50-M Niti Marg Tel: 688-5563	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS FILM CIRCLE "Oh My Little Village"
Wednesday, 16th 3:00 p.m.	Center for Contemporary Arts E-2 Connaught Place 1st Floor	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS ARTS/CRAFTS CIRCLE "City Scape" -- Laxman
Thursday, 24th 3:00 p.m.	Chinese Embassy 50-D Shanti Path Tel: 600-872	INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL Chinese Acrobats

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Monday, Nov. 16 3:00 p.m.	Malaysian High Commission 50-M Satya Marg	Sate! Sate! Sate!
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Tuesday, Nov. 24 10:30 a.m.	Home of Rupa Sahni 20 Amrita Shergill Marg	Yoga
Wednesday, Nov. 25 11:00 a.m.	Home of Dr. Vimla Rajan L-21 Green Park	Mums on the Rocks
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