



# WIC *News*

## The President's Letter December 1999

Dear Members,

I found the President's Letter for December 1999 a very difficult one to write. Having to write it at the end of October, I tried hard to focus on the fact that December effectively brings the 20th Century to an end! (Although there's a raging debate still going on about whether the 21st Century actually starts on January 1st 2000 or 2001!) Nonetheless, it is a very special time of the year -- a time for reflection about the past, speculation about the future, and certainly, gratitude for the present.

The Millennium is on everyone's mind -- excitement, fear, anticipation, uncertainty and nostalgia are emotions that I'm sure most of us are feeling as we prepare to welcome the year 2000. As this year comes to an end, I think we will all take time out from our constantly busy schedules to count our blessings and pray for our and our loved ones' good health, peace of mind, happiness and success. We are indeed all blessed to be living as we are -- to be able to discover new places, meet new people, make new friends, learn new things and experience life with all that it has to offer.

The 20th century has witnessed so many developments and events -- good and bad. There have been victorious as well as shameful moments for humankind. There have been wars and epidemics, refugees and natural disasters. Man has gone to the moon and travelled faster than the speed of sound. While automation has drastically changed our lives, it has also cost people their jobs and health. People are living longer (in some parts of the world) but suffer from more stress and environment-related diseases. The world truly is becoming a global village; with communications and information technology we are all "closer" to one another but increasing poverty and suffering continue to divide us. All in all, the technological advances that have been made during just the last 50 years have far surpassed those in previous centuries. Yet more and more people are looking back to the past, to ancient civilizations and religions for answers that modern technology cannot provide. So, make what you will of the jumbled confusion and paradoxes that mark this century, but let us celebrate the miracle of life by contributing, each in our small and different way, to make this a better world for our children and our children's children.

On a personal note, I wish each and every one of you a very happy new year, and a wonderful beginning of the new millennium. As December this year brings Ramadan and Christmas, I wish our Moslem and Christian friends Ramadan Karim and Merry Christmas.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to say a special thank you to the founding members of the Women's International Club in New Delhi, who had the insight and vision to create a club based on shared friendships, camaraderie, cultural interaction and fun activities. As WIC prepares to welcome the new year by embracing its new members and honouring its old, let's all work together towards preserving and building upon the original vision and raison d'etre of this club.

In October, WIC members had the chance to see Shekhar Kapur's unforgettable film "Elizabeth". We're proud to inform you that Mr. Kapur's mother has been a long-time member of WIC. During the same month, a few of us also went on a decidedly hectic but exciting trip to Bhopal where we were fascinated by the prehistoric cave paintings of Bhimbekta, a very modern and impressive multi-media art gallery in the city of Bhopal, an open air tribal habitat museum, 3rd century Buddhist stone carvings (that almost moved!) at Sanchi, and one of India's largest mosques, Taj-ul-Masajid. We excitedly caught more than a glimpse of a rare white striped tiger at Bhopal's wildlife park, and enjoyed the calm oasis-like ambiance of a deserted Moghul-Hindu style ruined palace at Islamnagar. We thank our trips and tours circle leaders for arranging such an enjoyable trip (were you also responsible for the mosquito attacks?!) We also extend our sincere appreciation to Lieutenant-General Kapur and his lovely wife Gunmala for their lovely hospitality; Gunmala's historian training, infectious enthusiasm and beautiful picnics made this trip truly special.

And finally, the Executive Committee and I want to thank Sharon Graefe, last year's Membership Chairperson, for giving so generously of her time and effort to help us out with the membership portfolio. She graciously agreed to prepare all the paperwork for the September, October and November General Meetings, in addition to briefing the new Membership Sub-Committee. Thank you, Sharon, for your courtesy and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Mona Madi  
President

MERRY XMAS

GENERAL PROGRAMME  
DECEMBER

We are taking the opportunity offered by a visit to Delhi by Sir David Goodall, British High Commissioner to India from 1987-91, of inviting him to talk to us about his love of painting and wide knowledge of the Indian scene.

The title of his talk, which will be accompanied by slides, is "The Indian Landscape Through The Eyes of British Painters". A gifted amateur painter himself, who has followed the footsteps of great British water-colourists of earlier centuries, he never left Delhi on duty without his palette and brushes.

Sir David will be accompanied by his wife Morwenna, who is a noted bookbinder.

Monday 6th of December at 3.00 pm  
hosted by Catherine Young at 2 Rajaji Marg, New Delhi  
home of the British High Commissioner Sir Rob Young,  
Catherine promises us an early whiff of Christmas



*Due to security regulations, your name and those of your guests has to be on the list at the gate for entry. No last minute requests will be entertained. To get on the list, please ensure that your reply cards reach Hospitality Chairperson before Wednesday 24th November. Car parking may be restricted to the adjacent side streets - follow instructions given on the day.*



## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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# CIRCLE LEADERS

1999-2000



## BOOK MARK *Formerly Books*

<b>Mrs. Maya Carolli</b>	129 Sainik Farm, New Delhi - 110062	Tel. : 685 9153
<b>Mrs. Nina Dey Gupta</b>	Bulbul House 5 Mahatma Gandhi Marg, New Delhi - 110024	Tel. : 643 4836
<b>Mrs. Nicky Gablin</b>	B-31 Soami Nagar South New Delhi - 110017	Tel. : 628 8877

## CULTURE PANORAMA *Formerly Culture & Performing Arts*

<b>Mrs. Veena Dass</b>	27 Aurangzeb Road New Delhi - 110011	Tel. : 301 2713 Fax : 301 0128
<b>Mrs. Mona Aggarwal</b>	2 Church Road, Delhi Cantonment New Delhi - 110010	Tel. : 569 3824 569 4552 Fax : 335 4712
<b>Mrs. Ruth Max</b>	134 Golf Links New Delhi - 110003	Tel. : 463 6846 Fax : 463 6594

## FOOD & FLOWERS *Formerly International Cuisine & Gardens*

<b>Mrs. Aruna Varma</b>	A123 New Friends Colony New Delhi - 110065	Tel. : 684 8925 692 6743
<b>Mrs. Parbeen Kaur</b>	16 A, Palaam Marg, Vasant Vihar New Delhi - 110057	Tel. : 611 5425 688 0064 Fax : 611 3705
<b>Mrs. Frenny Billimoria</b>	A2/2 Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 110029	Tel. : 618 2520 618 2444

## HEALTHWISE *Formerly Recipe for living*

<b>Mrs. Tess Herzog</b>	35, Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110057	Tel. : 614 0187 Fax : 614 0187
<b>Mrs. Neena Malhotra</b>	E-51, 2nd Floor Greater Kailash - II New Delhi - 110048	Tel. : 628 3677 Fax : 622 8039

## SPOTLIGHT *Formerly Focus*

<b>Mrs. Priscilla Confiado</b>	J-1204/A, Palam Vihar Gurgaon, Haryana	Tel. : 91-36 5420
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<b>Mrs. Indra Rani Jerath</b>	74 Anand Lok, New Delhi - 110049	Tel. : 625 0560

## TRIPS & TOURS *Formerly Excursions*

<b>Mrs. Harash Kapur</b>	3-B Mathura Road Jangpura Ext. B New Delhi - 110014	Tel. : 432 1012 431 4016 431 5048
<b>Mrs. Rupa Sahni</b>	20 Amrita Shergill Marg New Delhi 110003	Tel. : 461 1977 461 9553
<b>Mrs. Helga Sarna</b>	31 Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110057	Tel. : 615 1297 615 1298

## CIRCLE PROGRAMMES



### TRIPS & TOURS

## Millennium Visit to Egypt

**T**here will be no Trips and Tours programme this month, but looking ahead T&T is pleased to give advance notice of a trip to Egypt courtesy of our President Mona Madi. It is scheduled for the period 1st to 10th March, and comprises a 4 night, 5 day full board cruise on the Nile, from Luxor to Aswan, with visits to the Valley of the Kings and the Temple at Luxor etc.

In Cairo we get two nights at the Mena House hotel and 3 nights at The Nile Hilton, both 5 star, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Lunch is provided on the two days in Cairo when sight-seeing tours will be arranged to the Pyramids and the Sphinx.

#### Approximate cost for four night cruise and five nights in Cairo

- per single room per person - US\$ 1055
- per double room per person - US\$ 765
- per triple room per person - US\$ 735
- domestic flights per person - US\$ 300 (Cairo - Luxor - Aswan - Cairo)
- airport transfer costs are included in hotel costs.
- tips and beverages are not included
- air fare Delhi-Cairo-Delhi return per person - approx Rs. 21,000

*Please sign up speedily with Helga Sarna, Rupa Sahni or Harash Kapur, with an advance of Rs. 10,000 per head. Bookings will be on a first come first served basis and will close when our limit of 30 is reached. If by the 1 Jan. 2000, we have not reached our limit of 30, option will be extended to non-members in order to meet our commitments to the airlines and hotels.*

### Food & Flowers *The Kerala Experience*

**M**s Jayanthi Pai will host, and Mrs. Alka Shankar will compere a presentation on the beauty, elegance and richness of Kerala. The programme will start with a short talk by Praveena Rai on A Kerala Experience. Then, to regional music Deepti Bhalla will dance "Mohini Attam" - a dance of the celestial temptress. This dance blends the technical features of Bharatanatyam and Kathikali abhinaya. Its mode is lyrical and has a predominantly sensuous element in its rendering. The recital will be followed by a lunch of Kerala cuisine.

**Friday 17th December at 11-30 am. at Dolphins**  
**D-5/31, DLF Qutab Enclave, Phase - I, Gurgaon • Tel : 91-353 246**  
**Limit 40 persons**

*Advice on how to get there*

- Travelling from central Delhi take Aurobindo Marg towards Qutab Minar and then continue on the Gurgaon road into Haryana. When you get Sikandarpur village (just short of the Bristol Hotel) ask locally for directions to D-5/31.

• or ask Aruna Varma for a map (Tel : 684 8925, 692 6743)

# CIRCLE PROGRAMMES


## Spotlight

### The Girl Child

**A** child does not grow up in a vacuum. Its personality and ability to cope with the world, ultimately embrace many more qualities than those it is born with. As it grows, its character and personality develops and grows as a result of interactions experiences.

The foundations of a girl's happy life, her position in the family and society, the vision and values she embraces, shapes the woman, wife and mother she will become. Come and share with us an afternoon of introspection into the position and experiences of the girls child in their families and societies, presented by a panel of speakers from around the world.

**Tuesday 7th December, at 3 pm.**  
**at Mona Madi's home at 1/50 - M Niti Marg, Chanakyapuri**  
**Limit 60 persons**



## Book Mark

### Realms of Gold

A Presentation of the Poetry of John Keats

**T**ravelling in India at present are David and Judy Hunt, and some members will remember David's theatrical recitation of The Ancient Mariner, at one of last year's Book Circle meetings. We are delighted to welcome him back; and this time he has offered to present to us the poetry of John Keats, including recitations of The Eve of St Agnes and the Nightingale Ode, to Piano accompaniment.

**Thursday 2nd December, at 3 pm. Mako Lutyens'**  
**home at 88 Sunder Nagar, New Delhi 110 003**  
**Tel : 464 9556 • Limit : 40 person**

#### **Final Notice - WARNING on UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS**

*As per the constitution,*  
**Article IV - Dues - Section 1**  
Annual Dues are payable from 1st May onwards,  
but not later than 15 Nov. of each year. Any  
member whose dues are not paid by 15 Nov  
**CEASES TO BE A MEMBER.**

#### **Apologies - November Bookmark**

The Editor apologises for getting Rehka Kripalani's address for the November Bookmark programme on 24th Nov. wrong. It will be at 90 Sundernagar and not 20!

# Women's Club International News

## WCI Conference

Turkey  
June 2000

**W**e have received the information packet announcing the bi-annual conference of Welcome Clubs, International. The conference itself will be held in Ankara from June 12 to 14. Five additional days of touring in Turkey are planned to conclude on June 20.

The conference package rates are as under PLUS international airfare.

### CONFERENCE PACKAGE PRICE

	Hotel Hilton, Ankara	Hotel Sheraton, Ankara
In Double occupancy / per person	US\$ 1350	US\$ 1400
Single Supplement	US\$ 300	US\$ 375

### SERVICES INCLUDED

- Registration fee for the conference
- One congress bag "HEYBE" including the name badge, notepad and a pencil
- All necessary conference printings
- Mailing of the packages and itineraries to the Welcome Clubs International member countries
- Health insurance coverage between 11-30 June 2000
- Transportation by air-conditioned deluxe coaches
- Professional English - speaking guide assistance throughout the program
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips and portorage at the airports, hotels and restaurants
- Domestic flight Kayseri/Istanbul
- Tips to the driver and guide
- All taxes

### SERVICES EXCLUDED

- International Flights

*Registration begins in October on a first come - first served basis.*

*Only 250 attendees can be accommodated. Registration closes on March 1, 2000.*

*If you wish more information, please call Peggy Sood after 7 pm.  
at 680-7670 or 98100 77663.*

## From the Editor's Desk



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

### 1. Return of Priscilla

We are delighted and most grateful to Priscilla Confiado for taking up the reins of Membership and agreeing to come back on the Executive committee at short notice. Thank you Priscilla. Her contact details are :

J-1204 A, Palam Vihar,  
Gurgaon, Haryana  
Tel : 91-365 420

### 2. Josefina Young's new address

35, Friends Colony East  
New Delhi - 110 065  
Tel : 632 1037 • Fax : 632 1038

### 3. Congratulations

Congratulations go to Jyotsna Govil and Indu Sahni on the arrival of their new grandsons.

### 4. Get Well Soon

The Executive Committee and all the members of WIC wish Christine Shahini, who is currently receiving treatment abroad, a very speedy and complete recovery and a safe return to her home and family.

### 5. Farewells

We say farewell to Anna Gerlach and wish her a happy homecoming in wintery Warsaw. We shall also miss Usha Venkateswaran, who has resigned due to her commitments in Bangalore. We wish her good luck and welcome her at WIC's activities when she returns to Delhi.

### 6. Membership Directory

Work is in hand on the latest directory - please check your entry in the current one and let us know of any errors or omissions.

### 7. New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members to the club.

i) Lynn BAYMAN - *U.S.A.*

Panchsheel Marg  
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 021  
Tel : 687 6913, 687 7489 • Fax : 611 1567  
Husband's Name : Scott

ii) Winnie BEDI - *Indian*

C-523, Defence Colony, First Floor  
New Delhi - 110 024 • Tel : 462 1563  
Husband's Name : Amb. Gurdia

iii) Roselyne De TRICORNOT - *French*

E-6/7 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110 057  
Tel : 615 2751 • Fax : 615 2750  
Husband's Name : Henry

iv) Leena HUSSO - HANEVOLD - *Norwegian*

50 C Shantipath Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi - 110 021 • Tel : 688 5508  
Husband's Name : Amb. Truls

v) Maire LEE - *U.K.*

1/31, Shanti Niketan  
New Delhi - 110 021 • Tel/Fax : 611 0484  
Husband's Name : Mervyn

vi) Christine MUELLER - *German*

C-5/2 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110 057  
Tel : 615 1371 • Fax : 615 1972  
Husband's Name : Christoph

vii) Seita VAIDIALINGHAM - *Indian*

8 Nizammudin East  
New Delhi - 110 013 • Tel : 461 6227

viii) Sibylle Von WELCK - *German*

43 Paschimi Marg (Rear)  
New Delhi - 110 057 • Tel/Fax : 615 1901  
Husband's Name : Hubertus



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> BOOKMARK Realms of Gold - 3 pm 88 Sunder Nagar	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> GENERAL MEETING The Indian Landscape - Sir David Goodall - 3 pm 2 Rajaji Marg	<b>7</b> SPOTLIGHT The Girl-Child - 3 pm 1/50-M, Niti Marg Chanakyapuri	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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