



DECEMBER 2006

WIC NEWS

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER at 12 noon

at the residence of Mrs Emma Horne

H-14 Pushpanjali Farmhouses

Bijwasan

New Delhi

(Map enclosed)

Christmas Lunch & Celebrations

We continue the Festive Season with a relaxed and spontaneous celebration. Our international members will provide a pot luck lunch which will offer a flavour of some of the Christmas food eaten at this time of the year. More roast chicken than chicken masala!

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon, with some musical entertainment.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

I would like to start this Newsletter with special thanks to all our Circle Leaders. Their choice of programmes has been thought provoking and enjoyable. Thank you to our Hostesses for their unparalleled hospitality and kindness.

The last two Circle Meetings in September featured Dr. Kusum Ansal, member of our Club, speaking on her book 'The Widows of Vrindavan'. If you haven't read the book, please do. The Khadi Historical Context was held at Prama Bhandari's home with our members modeling the ware. What was particularly endearing was the chocolate cake specially baked by Prama's grand-daughter Nayantara.

Special thanks should go to our Hospitality Chairperson, Nandini Pattani who has ensured that the Circle Meetings are attended in requisite numbers. The effort she has made along with the circle leaders is truly appreciated.

Our 2nd Vice-President Smita Divan brought us Geeta Chandran who fascinated the audience with her talk, and the spirit of 'Deepavali'. It was heartening to hear the Indian members saying they had also learnt a lot from what she had to say. It was lovely to welcome a few of our new members on this auspicious day. The spirit of goodwill and cheer was there for all of us to enjoy. The décor, both here at Anita Meattles and at the Diwali mini mela at Nayana Goradia, had all the right touches: Frenny had craftsmen to display their skills, innovative decoration by Kavita Ratra and other helpers and at both of the events special savories and sweets.

Urmila Sahay, after her recent trip to England, organised the Book Circle at Niti Judge. Those of us who recited Rudyard Kipling's poems thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, I hope those who listened to us did too!. There were photographs of his herb garden and home in England, and a lot of chitchat over the lavish and sumptuous tea. The International Circle at the home of Norma Acevedo de Heine had a special surprise: Ambassador Jorge Acevedo de Heine was our guest speaker. A short movie on Chile and a talk followed by lots of questions and answers. Our members were fascinated by his charm and the information he imparted. Norma's generosity with sumptuous Chilean wine, aperitif and the table 'groaning' with special eats was vastly appreciated by one and all.

The last meeting for October was on music and mantra at the home of Veena Dass, gentle Rhadika officiating as a perfect hostess. The session with Shruti on the Science of Sound was very inspiring. Due to unforeseeable circumstances 'Just Kebabs' had to be cancelled. A personal apology from the owner to all those who had signed up for this session.

With best wishes,
Vinu Baig
(President)



DIRECTORY 2006-2007

The Directory is now ready and will be available at the General Meetings. If you are unable to attend the General Meeting and would like your copy of the Directory then please contact the Membership Secretary, Lynne Beauregard.

WIC NOTICE BOARD

We welcome the following New Member to our Club:

Sheyla de PINZON
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Panama

AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE DIRECTORY:

Change of Address:

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ART AND FILM



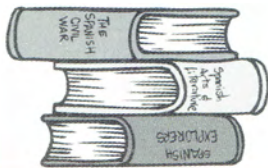
Picasso

This month the Art & Film Circle invites you to join them for a morning of discussion. Come, hear and see the works of the 'greatest artist' of the 20th Century Picasso.

Friday, 1st December at 10.30am

At the residence of Taru Kanwar
3/3 Shanti Niketan

Limit - 30



BOOK CLUB

The Great Indian Family

By Gitanjali Prasad

The Great Indian Family attempts to document and analyse the changes the contemporary Indian Family is undergoing. It makes use of mythology, history, autobiographies, newspaper reports and sociological research to add to impressions garnered through in-depth interviews to show how work has changed values, relationships and lifestyles in the middle class Indian family.

Gitanjali Prasad is a journalist and writer. She has written on the family for over 20 years. In 1999 she researched the family as a Press Fellow at Wolfson College, Cambridge, England and then went on to do another study supported by the Dorabji Tata Trust. Gitanjali has written children's books, comic scripts and newspapers for young people and a variety of programmes for radio.

This book has received unusual media attention. It reached the best seller list in its first month and the first edition sold out in three months. We are delighted to have Gitanjali join us to discuss her book.

Friday, 8th December 10.30am

At the residence of Raj Nanda
4/23 Shanti Niketan

Limit - 30



CUISINE

Italian Cuisine

This month the Cuisine Circle will meet at the Award winning La Piazza Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency. Italian Chef Mitele Sbardellini invites you to join him in an Italian Cooking class. The class will be a demonstration in the art of authentic Italian cooking and will be interactive for our members. Be prepared to cook!

During the class you will enjoy a tasting of all meals created.

Wednesday, 6th December 9.30am 11.30am

at the La Piazza Restaurant
Hyatt Regency Hotel

Limit - 30



PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE

This month there will be no Philosophy & Culture Circle. We wish you a happy holiday season and will meet again in January.



INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE

There will be no International Circle Meeting in December due to the holiday season, but we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



EXCURSIONS AND TOURS

AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE

A visit to the famous Akshardham Temple has been arranged for the month of December.

We will meet in the IIC Parking at 10.00am or you can join us at the Temple at 10.30am.

The entrance is free and the boat ride and movie costs rs 125. The full tour takes 4 hours and the boat ride and movie takes 2 hours. It is possible to leave the tour at any time.

Thursday, 7th December

**Meet at IIC parking lot 10.00am
Or meet at Akshardham Temple 10.30 am**



FRENCH COFFEE MORNING

Diane Banz-Derez will be hosting an informal coffee for all our French speaking members.

Monday, 11th December at 10.00am

4/24 Shanti Niketan

New Delhi 110 021

Tel: 516 63903



GERMAN COFFEE MORNING

For further information and details of the next coffee please contact:

Maya Caroli: 2955153, 989 9490088



DECEMBER CALENDAR

With thanks to our member Bina Deogun we are able to give you details of dates of Religious and Cultural importance this month.

December Pausa

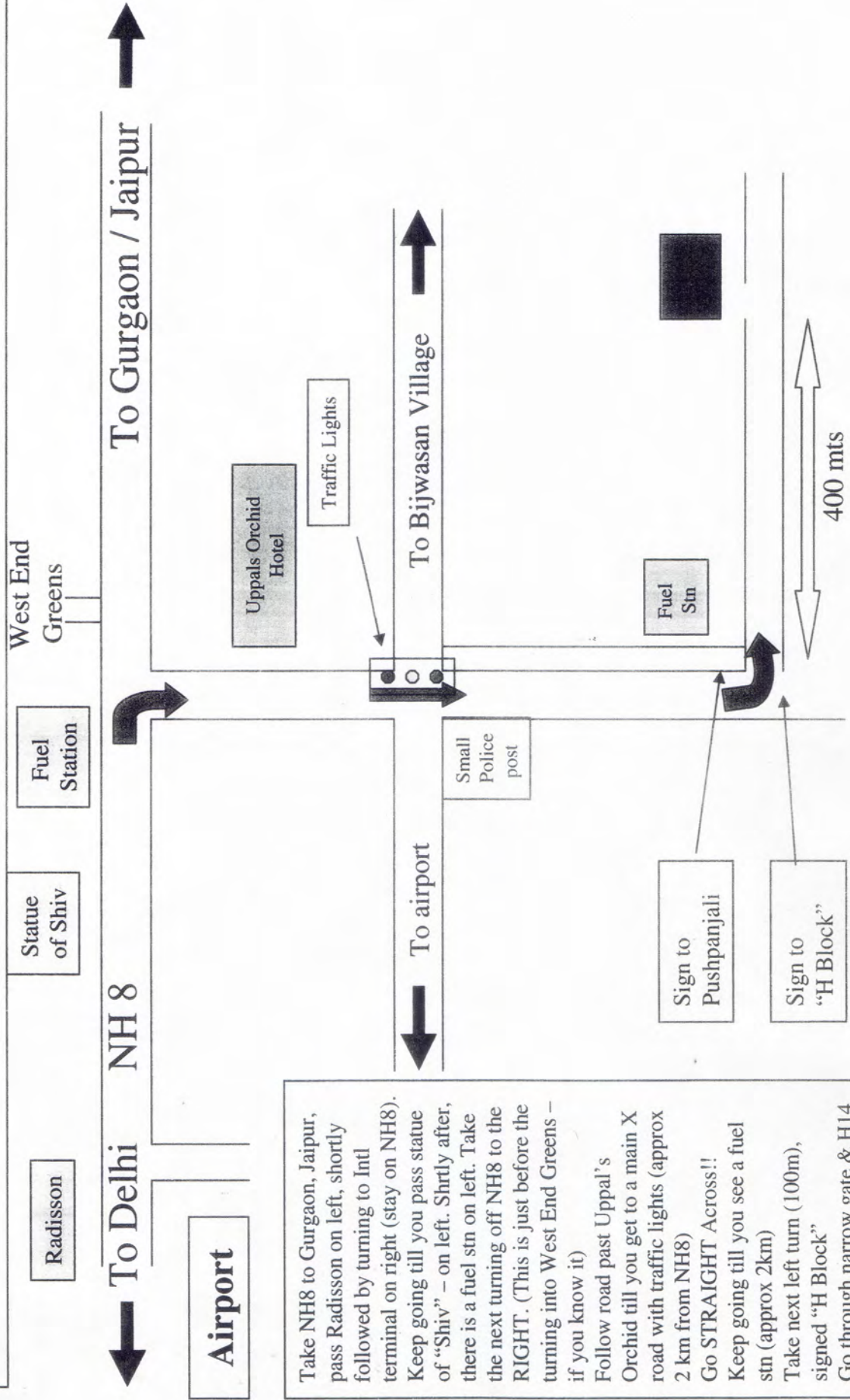
3rd December	International Day for the Disabled
10th December	Human Rights Day
15th December	Birthday of Parsavnath (Jain)
16th December	Hanukah (Jewish)
23rd December	Zulhijja (29) (Muslim)
25th December	Christmas (Christian)

Full Moon 5th December

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1 Art & Film 10.00 am 	2
3	4	5	6 Cuisine 9.30am -11.30pm 	7 Excursions and Tours 10.00 am	8 Book Club 10.30 am 	9
10	11 French Coffee 10.00 am 	12	13 General Meeting 12.00 noon 	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Directions to H14 Pushpanjali Farms, Bijwasan (Tel 011 280 63535)



Take NH8 to Gurgaon, Jaipur, pass Radisson on left, shortly followed by turning to Intl terminal on right (stay on NH8). Keep going till you pass statue of "Shiv" - on left. Shrtly after, there is a fuel stn on left. Take the next turning off NH8 to the RIGHT. (This is just before the turning into West End Greens - if you know it) Follow road past Uppal's Orchid till you get to a main X road with traffic lights (approx 2 km from NH8) Go STRAIGHT Across!! Keep going till you see a fuel stn (approx 2km) Take next left turn (100m), signed "H Block" Go through narrow gate & H14 is approx 400m on left