



Women's International Club



Newsletter
December 2012

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Dear Members,

October will be the first complete month of programming of the Club Year 2012 – 13. The good news is that the General Meeting, the Special Programme and the Spotlight event – all Delhi-centric programmes were very well-attended and very well-received. The General Meeting had the usual General Meeting numbers, where expert and knowledgeable panelists spoke on 'New Delhi @ 100', in the verdant lawns of the LBZ residence of our hostess, Shallu Jindal. She helped with all the excellent arrangements, served us delicious vegetarian Delhi street food and gave us "return presents" of books.

The surprises were the Special Programme at Shirin Paul's beautiful residence which was a talk on 'Delhi Before New Delhi' – on Shahjahanabad by the Hon' Salman Khurshid and Amb. Pavan K. Varma, that the numbers went from 80 plus to 130! Similarly, for Spotlight at Nayana Goradia's residence, for the exquisite classical recital by Dr. Shanno Khurana, the numbers went from 40 to 70! All full houses and over-subscribed! Thank you Members for your enthusiastic attendance and responses to all the three Delhi-centric Programmes. We like the spirit!

Now for the dismal news...I attended two Circle Meetings in September and have attended one Circle Meeting in October so far. At the date this goes to print, am yet to attend the Book Circle Meeting on October 31st. As an example, the meeting 'Celebrating Bapu.....', was an exhibition with live performances, inspired by the life of Mahatma Gandhi. It was very ably organized by Sunaina Suneja. Twenty members had accepted and only five showed up, not counting the Circle Leaders!! Is this not extremely hurtful and inconsiderate to fellow members? What can one say that has not been said before, repeatedly, by several past Presidents and former Committee Members? We add our appeal to theirs..... Please do attend when you have accepted. When you do not, it shows you up as somewhat uncivilized and without the Club's interests at heart. Of course, one can understand if there is a last minute emergency/contingency at home or at work.

The responses to the three Trips have been excellent. The Think Fest in Goa, in early November, will have approximately 15 – 16 WIC members attending – albeit independently. Louann McCurdy and Maya Caroli have only provided logistical information. This works out quite well. The Pakistan Trip, at the end of November, and the Morocco Trip in end-March 2013, very efficiently managed by Gugu Anup Singh and the even more efficient Parbeen Kaur, who just happens to be her daughter, are all fully booked - with long waiting lists.

In January 2013, is the excellent boutique-sized Apeejay Lit Fest in Kolkata. One attended last year and one intends to go again this year. It was superb, different and also an enjoyable experience of Kolkata and its culture – sailing down the Hooghly in a private boat (owned by Shirin's son), visiting Ramakrishna Mission and the Mothers of Charity, sight-seeing, looking at great textiles and gorging at Flury's..... This year, the Apeejay Lit Fest will open at the historic Victoria Memorial. Shirin also hosts a great annual Lit Fest dinner party in her lovely home.

The Trip Leader for Kolkata is Jyoti Wazir. She will be giving all logistic information, together with a synopsis of the Apeejay Lit Fest events.

At WIC, we have initiated documentation of our main programmes, such as the three in October, so that we may have a record of what is ephemeral and intangible. Otherwise, our Club will only have fading memories and nothing to show to future members. We want volunteers for our website. Please do come forward - as the Club seems to be constantly dependant on the creativity, generosity and hospitality of the same committed lot of members.

This Newsletter carries longer reading lists because of the forthcoming holidays – choose whatever! Many books are related to Trips, Programmes and General Meetings.

Sunita Koh

T H A N K S

My grateful thanks to

Dr. Shanno Khurana for the beautiful classical recital of Khayal, Thumri, Tappa and Chaiti. Shannoji is the recipient of several high awards, including the Padmabhushan. She has been recorded by UNESCO in Paris, as part of their documentation of the intangible heritage of the world.

Our Generous Hostesses – Shallu Jindal, Shirin Paul and Nayana Goradia.

Our Articulate and Informative Speakers – Nayana Goradia, Madhu Jain, Pradip Krishen, Prof. Menon and Ratish Nanda for 'New Delhi @ 100'; and the Honorable Mr. Salman Khurshid and Ambassador Pavan K. Varma for 'Delhi before New Delhi'.

Our Principal Organizers – Brigitte Wuethrich for the Special Programme and Sunandini Kapur for Spotlight.

Our Circle Leaders, most importantly. They work hard to give Club Members excellent programming: **Book Circle** by Gita Abhyankar, Janet Chawla, Marina Marangos, Shirin Paul; **Culinary Arts** by Tracey Flannery, Niru Kapur, Sudershana Singh, Reva Singh; **Cultural Kaleidoscope** by Patricia Dhar, Arun Mehta, Surrinder Sarna; **MMC MMS** by Shree Devi Singh, Sigrun Srivastava, Rita Gharekhan; **Let's Learn** by Salonika Aggarwal, Radhika Birla, Indu Sahni, Anushree Mahajan; **Discover Delhi** by Anita Meattle and Sunandini Kapur; and **Photography** by Melinda Ruck, Francesca Del Soldato, Katerina Svitilova.

In the past month and a half, the Circle Leaders have collectively show-cased the cultural bedrock of this Club. That some meetings are not well-attended is not their fault. Some Club Members have missed out on some excellent and rewarding programmes.

"The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, but in ourselves." William Shakespeare

Did you know.....

that the Jewish Encyclopedia says: "that the Earth is a spherical and it rotates on its own axis was known to Varahamihira and other Indian scientists much before Copernicus published his theory"



SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT : Shakuntala Dawesar

Date : Wednesday, 12th December, 2012 **Time :** 3:00pm
Venue : Residence of Brenda Beck, 7/8 Shantipath, Chanakyapuri
 (Canadian High Commission)
RSVP : mari.wichospitality@gmail.com

The Cook Book Group The Cook Book Group had invited entries of original recipes by WIC members, only by email to sunitakohli.wicpresident@gmail.com / marina.marangos@gmail.com / russifrenni@yahoo.co.in, preferably copied to all. The WIC Cookbook Editorial Board, comprising of Bapsi Nariman, Frenny Billimoria, Marina Marangos and self, have been joined by Patty Dhar and Michelle Kalsi. Our thanks and welcome to our new Board Members! We are further extending the date to November 10th. After that no more entries. We want this WIC Cookbook in print by early 2013!

Sunita Kohli

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there." - Clement Clark Moore

Celebrate Christmas 2012 the WIC way - with Canadian flair and a Japanese choir singing Christmas carols! Bring your cheer, dress up in red or green, and find out how other WIC members celebrate Christmas in their country.

W I C INITIATIVES

FURTHER READING.....

- Nepal**
 - * Art of Nepal
 - More for November.....**
 - * Erotic Literature of Ancient India
 - Pakistan**
 - * History of Handicrafts (Pakistan – India)
 - Journey through Pakistan
 - Historical Images of Pakistan
 - * Lahore
 - Lahore Museum
 - A short history of Lahore and some of its Monuments
 - Old Lahore – Reminiscences of a Resident
 - Reminiscences of Old Lahore – Forty Years of Painting
 - Lahore Through Centuries
 - Calcutta/Kolkata**
 - The Victoria Memorial Hall Calcutta – Conception, Collections, Conservation
 - * Calcutta – City of Palaces
 - Calcutta - Changing Visions, Lasting Images through 300 years
 - A Collector's Dream – Indian Art in The Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Calcutta
 - Mother Teresa
 - Suggestions from Nayana Goradia:**
 - Calcutta
 - Calcutta The Living City (Part I & II)
 - Calcutta Repossessing the City
 - Flurys of Calcutta: The Cake that Walked
 - Calcutta – A City Remembered
 - Calcutta: An Artist's Impressions
 - * Something Beautiful for God - Life of Mother Teresa
 - * That Time - 'Or She Somoye'
 - * Calcutta Chromosome
 - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR JAN. & FEB. GM '13.....**
 - * The Silk Road: Art and History
 - Mapping the Silk Road and Beyond (2000 years of Exploring the East)
 - * Visual History of the World
 - * Historical Atlas of the World
 - * The Great Book of World Heritage Sites
 - * India Cookbook
 - Crafts Atlas of India
 - Handmade in India
 - Handcrafted Indian Textiles
 - * Highly recommended and totally subjective !
- Pratapaditya Pal
 - Sandhya Mulchandani
 - Akhtar Riazuddin
 - Mohamed Amin, Duncan Willetts & Graham Hancock
 - F.S. Aijazuddin
 - Samina Quraeshi
 - Dr. Liaquat Ali Khan Niazi
 - Nazir Ahmed Chaudhry
 - Colonel H.R. Goulding
 - Dr. Ajaz Anwar
 - M. Hanif Raza
 - Ed. by Philippa Vaughan
 - J.P. Losty
 - Ed. by Pratapaditya Pal
 - Karl Khandalavala and Saryu Doshi
 - Navin Chawla and Raghu Rai
 - Geoffrey Moorhouse
 - Ed. by Sukanta Chaudhuri
 - Leena Kejriwal
 - Jug Suraiya
 - Desmond Doig
 - Malcolm Muggerridge
 - Sunil Gangopadhyay
 - Amitav Ghosh
 - Jonathan Tucker
 - Kenneth Nebenzahi
 - Pub. by National Geographic
 - Pub. by Parragon
 - Marco Cattaneo & Jasmina Trifoni
 - Pushpesh Pant (Speaker: Jan. GM, The Silk Road)
 - Jaya Jaitly (Speaker: March GM, Crafts.....)
 - Editors: Aditi & M.P. Ranjan
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W I C - T R I P S

DATE	PLACE	LEADERS
Oct. 12 th to 14 th '12	Khushwant Singh Kasauli Lit Fest	Information only
Nov. 1 st to 5 th '12	Goa: Think Fest	Maya Caroli for information
Nov. 19 th to 20 th '12	New Delhi, 1 Safdarjung Rd: Craft & Cultural Prog - 'Unity in Diversity'	For Information only
Nov 29 th to Dec. 6 th '13	Pakistan: Lahore, Islamabad, Taxila, Punjasaheb (7 nights)	Gugu Anup Singh, Parbeen Kaur, Josefina Young
Jan. 9 th to 13 th '13	Kolkata: Apeejay Lit Fest & Vishnupur (?) (4 nights)	Jyoti Wazir
Jan. 24 th to 28 th '13	Jaipur Literature Festival	For information only
Jan. 31 st to Feb. 3 rd '13	India Art Fair – 5 th Edition	For information only
Feb. '13	New Delhi: Surajkund (1 day)	Shakuntala Dawesar
Feb. 15 th to 17 th '13	New Delhi: India Design Festival (1 day)	Lakshmi Chandra, Valerie Brandt
End - February '13	Varanasi & Sarnath (2/3 nights)	Bina Deogun, Sunita Kohli
March 13 th to 17 th '13	Sri Lanka: Galle Lit Fest	For Information only
March 23 rd to April 1 st '13	Morocco and Doha (8 nights)	Gugu Anup Singh, Parbeen Kaur and Josefina Young
End - May '13	Bhutan: 'Mountain Echoes', Lit Fest in Thimpu (6/7 nights)	Anita Meattle
June '13	Berlin & Germany (8 nights)	Gugu Anup Singh, Parbeen Kaur and Josefina Young & Eliese Steiner and Ulla Matussek for/in Berlin

Please Note: If any member wants to do a trip anywhere else in India, such as expressed for Hampi, etc., please be a Circle Leader for that trip. We will give as much logistical support as possible.

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W I C - G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

S. No.	GM/SP	DATE	WIC GENERAL MEETINGS	VENUES
I	G. Meeting	Sept. 12 th '12	'Universal Notes' : Anil Srinivasan	German Ambassador's Res.
II	G. Meeting	Oct. 10 th '12	'New Delhi @ 100'	Shallu Jindal's Residence
2A.	Sp. Prog	Oct. 17 th '12	Special Programme: 'Delhi before New Delhi' by the Hon ^l Mr. Salman Khurshid and Amb. Pavan Verma	Shirin Paul's Residence
2B.	Spotlight	Oct. 23 rd '12	'Baithak of Indian Classical Music' by Dr. Shanno Khurana	Nayana Goradia's Residence
III	G. Meeting	Nov. 14 th '12	Diwali Programme: 'Women, Mythology and Eroticism' by Sandhya Moolchandani	Kusum Ansal's Residence
3A.	Spotlight	Nov. 1 st '12	Karva Chauth by Bina Deogun and Group	Priya Irani's Residence
IV	G. Meeting	Dec. 12 th '12	Christmas Programme	Canadian Ambassador's Res.
4A.	Sp. Prog	Nov./Dec '12	'Women and Parliamentary Democracy' by Mrs. Meira Kumar, Hon ^l ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha	
V	G. Meeting	Jan. 9 th '13	'Silk Road': Illustrated talks on Art, Culture, Cuisine, and Inter-Influences – from Constantinople to Xian. Principal Speaker: Pushpesh Pant	International
VI	G. Meeting	Feb. 13 th '13	'World Heritage Sites in India': Amitabh Kant	Hotel Claridges
6A.	Sp. Prog	Feb. '13	Special Programme: Himalayas by Deb Mukharji & Nagma Karim	Bangladesh Ambassador's Res.
VII	G. Meeting	March 13 th '13	'An Overview of Indian and Sub-continental Craft Traditions' : by Jaya Jaitly	Craft Museum
7A.	Sp. Prog	March 8 th '13	Special Programme for Women's International Day: 'Women and the Environment' : Jayanthi Natrajan 'Women and Health' : Poonam Muthreja 'Women and Sustainable Banking' : Naina Lal Kidwai 'Women and the Media' : Shobhna Bhartia	International
VIII	G. Meeting	April 10 th '13	'100 years of Indian Cinema': Anuradha Shukla with Sharmila Tagore as the Special Invitee.	'The Park', Parliament Street
IX	AGM	May 8 th '13	Annual General Meeting	Slovak Ambassador's Res.

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