



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DELHI

FEBRUARY, 1993

Dear Members,

Time flies and before we know it we are well into the New Year. Each year brings forth its tide of joys, its ups and downs. What will 1993 unfold? Peace, we hope, and happiness to all.

Delhi -- a kaleidoscope of colours -- portrays its best face at this time of the year. Amidst this enchanting array of flowers and greens, one can forget for a while, the trivialities of everyday life. But time moves on, and let not this enticing ensemble of colour make us forget to send in our suggestions to the Nominating Committee before January 20, 1993. Gail Cornaro, with Pushpa Vadera, Supriya Gupta, Komal Dhindsa, Sudharshana Singh, Margrit Heydemann, and Su-Yhen de Rijk-Quan, is trying to give us a super Executive Committee for 1993-94.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Veena Dass.

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J A N U A R Y N O T E S

CULTURAL

Friday, January 22, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Sudarshana Singh
63 Friends Colony East
Tel: 684-4204

This lovely Japanese dance and musical, performed by Mrs. Mitsue Kitsue and Mrs. Kyoko Morinaga, was originally scheduled for January 14. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the presentation has been changed to FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 at the same venue and time. Change your calendars so you don't miss this charming glimpse of Japanese culture.

YOGA

Wednesday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Rupa Sahni
20 Amrita Shergill Marg
Tel: 611-977, 619-553

This month our health enthusiasts will begin a series of head to toe exercises. What better way to get into condition for the coming days of summer fun?

A C T I V I T I E S F O R F E B R U A R Y

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 3:00 p.m.
Vice Presidential Residence
6 Maulana Azad Road

For our February meeting we are fortunate to have with us Her Excellency, Mrs. Usha Narayanan, the wife of the recently elected Vice President of India.

Mrs. Narayanan will share with us her experiences as the wife of a diplomat and politician. Her husband, His Excellency K.R. Narayanan, had a distinguished career with the Indian Foreign Service before he chose to enter the political arena. His professional competence and political acumen has culminated in his present august position. Mrs. Narayanan, ably and smilingly, has accompanied him on his travels and his travails. No doubt she will have much to tell us amid the beautiful surroundings of the Vice Presidential residence.

For security reasons no guests may attend this program and no cameras or extra hand baggage will be permitted. Please return your reply cards early as a list of attendees must be given to their security personnel. No one whose name is not on the list will be permitted to enter.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS
(MUSIC CIRCLE)

Thursday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.
Swiss Embassy
Nyaya Marg

The noted Indian singer, Situ Singh Buehler, presently in India, will sing arias and lieder by Mozart, Brahms, Puccini, and others. She will be accompanied on the piano by Mr. Gerhard Deiss.

Mrs. Buehler studied western classical music in Munich. She has given concerts and performed on radio and television in Germany and Korea as well as in India. This is a musical treat to lift us from those post-holiday doldrums.

CHORUS

Thursday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
10:30 a.m.

The Chorus group is back to its musical tricks -- working up treats for us. Newcomers are welcome. For meeting locations contact Francis Clift (655-981) or Usha Srivastava (647-1619).

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS
(ART CIRCLE)

Friday, February 5, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Brigitte McKenzie
B 1/4 Vasant Vihar
Tel: 676-034

Ms Chandrakanta Das, the renowned art restorer, will show a selection of slides to demonstrate her art restoration techniques and abilities. She will also give us tips on the care and preservation of our own artworks. Ms Das studied and has worked at the National Museum. Currently, she mainly works out of her own studio and specializes in Tanjores, glass paintings and old etchings and lithographs. An artist herself, she is keenly interested in saving artworks from unnecessary damage.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS
(FILM CIRCLE)

Friday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.
Hungarian Information and
Cultural Centre
1-A Jan Path

Sweet Emma. Dear Bobe is a 1992 Hungarian production that tells the very up-to-date story of two country girls who want to better themselves. Both taught Russian at a primary school, but must struggle to learn English when the regime changes and Russian is no longer required. Since their small salaries prohibit the rental of a flat, they share a room at a teachers' hostel. To alleviate their dull and unhappy lives, one girl has a hopeless affair with a married man and the other turns to picking up foreigners in bars. Although this is not a happy story, it is well-acted and well-directed.

GARDEN AND GOURMET

Wednesday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.
Home of Barbara Broadhurst
A 10/1 Vasant Vihar
Tel: 672-639

Winter is a time for stick-to-the-ribs soups and starters to pique the appetite. Barbara Broadhurst will skillfully demonstrate these food items from different parts of the world. Get your reply cards in early as there is a limit of twenty.

BOOK CIRCLE

Friday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Marie-Jeanne Presthus
4/7 Shanti Niketan
Tel: 688-6063

Vikram Seth, the well-known writer, was educated at Oxford, Stanford, and Nanjing (China) Universities. He has written many books, including a novel in verse and books of poetry, including his delightful The Beastly Tales. Of the ten tales told in this book, two each come from India, China, Greece, the Ukraine, and his own "Land of Gup." They range from the impish to the brilliantly comic and can be enjoyed by old and young alike. Mr. Seth has just finished another epic novel, set in India, A Suitable Boy. He will read some of his poems from The Beastly Tales and talk to us about his books.

FOCUS

Monday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Mona Aggarwal
2 Church Road
Delhi Cantonment
Tel: 329-4482

Kiran Bedi, the sometimes controversial Deputy Inspector General of the Indian Police Service, has graciously agreed to speak with us about her experiences while protecting us. She says she hopes for a lively "open interaction" with her audience, so have your questions ready.

YOGA

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

Our yoga ladies continue their quest for a beautiful body and peaceful mind with more of those head to toe exercises. They urge us all to join them.

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

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Our deepest sympathies to Krishna Jhalani on the recent loss of her husband. Our thoughts are with her during this sad time.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who joined us on December 12, 1992:

Sadia Akram
C 2/3 Safdarjung Dev. Area
New Delhi 110016
Tel: 653-857
PAKISTAN

Myriam Guye di Gioia
11 Padmini Enclave
New Delhi 110016
Tel: 665-660
SWITZERLAND

Malak Hasa
C 6/5 Safdarjung Dev. Area
New Delhi 110016
Tel: 667-560
JORDAN

Penelope Holmes
British High Commission, Bung. 4
Shanti Path
New Delhi 110021
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UNITED KINGDOM

Brigitte McKenzie
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Embassy of Thailand
56-N Nyaya Marg
New Delhi 110021
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THAILAND

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3/50 F Nyaya Marg
New Delhi 110021
Tel: 602-272, 604-686
MYANMAR (Burma)

Irina Petliakova
Embassy of Russia
Shanti Path
New Delhi 110021
Tel: 606-026, 605-0875
RUSSIA

Aysa Sungar
22 Prithviraj Road
New Delhi 110011
Tel: 301-3512
TURKEY

Please make the following changes in your directories:

New address for PIERRETTE ALLETRU
1/28 Shanti Niketan
New Delhi 110021
Tel: 687-6650

Also KAVITA RATRA'S correct pin code is 122100.

Halina Bialy sends greetings to all her friends in WIC and would like to hear from everyone. Her new address:

Halina Bialy
Galezuskiego 3 m 3
00-362 Warsaw
POLAND

Our intrepid travellers of the Excursion Group have run afoul of the Indian Airline strikers. Hopefully that lovely trip south to the Kerala area can be rescheduled. We will keep you posted as events unfold.

Our glamorous Annual Gala (formerly known as Husbands' Night) is fast approaching -- in March. More details will be in next month's Newsletter. As always we welcome your donations of spirits to raise all our spirits that evening. Wine is especially needed. Your bottles may be given to any member of the Executive Committee, who will get them to the appropriate place.

Please remember that according to the By-laws of our Constitution, Article III, Section 6, (c), no commercial transaction whatsoever may take place during or on the premises of any WIC meeting or group activity. This includes selling raffle tickets, advertising benefits, or passing out invitations to sales and exhibits, etc.

Please do not propose or second the application of a prospective member unless you have some personal knowledge of that person. Also do not ask a friend or acquaintance to second someone she does not know. Both the proposer and the seconder may be contacted by the Membership Committee for further information about an applicant. Remember you are responsible for the membership of any applicant you propose or second.

WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

Not every "woman who makes a difference" is saintly or beloved by her people. Shulamit Aloni, the recently appointed Education Minister of Israel is one example. She has a habit of defending the unpopular and saying the unsayable. And she loves to fight the Establishment.

The religious establishment has labelled her "wicked" and "miserable." One Orthodox rabbi even compared her to Hitler. Even her natural allies on the left consider her to be obnoxious and think she should become more dignified and mend her ways.



However, Shulamit does not accept their advice but continues to affront people, particularly the military and the very religious. For instance she compared soldiers assigned to ferret out Palestinian fugitives with executioners. Then, when the teachers' union refused to accept an increased work load in return for a salary increase, she accused them of "moral slackness."

Controversy is not new to Shulamit. She has described herself as a radical liberal who started in politics in the Labor party 27 years ago. Then she went on to found the Citizens Rights Movement, which merged with two other groups last spring to form a bloc called Meretz, which she heads. After winning 12 Knesset seats in the last election, Meretz joined the Labor and, under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, helped create the most left-leaning Israeli government ever.

As an atheist, a lawyer, and the country's leading crusader for civil rights, she is a particular irritant to the Orthodox establishment because she actively defends secular Israelis against what she perceives as religious coercion and discrimination. Her appointment as Education Minister alone led two religious parties not to join Rabin's government.

Decidedly dovish, Shulamit believes the Palestinians should be allowed to decide their own future and establish an independent state if they wish. She also thinks the Israelis should negotiate directly with the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Of the harsh words said about her she says, "One can go home and cry or take it in a good humor. Anyway, to curry favor is not my way." Privately, however, she realizes she should try to control her tongue, but when aroused she "blows her cool."

F E B R U A R Y A T A G L A N C E

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
Wednesday, 10th 3:00 p.m.	Vice Presidential Res. 6 Maulana Azad Road	GENERAL MEETING H.E. Usha Narayanan <u>No guests, no cameras</u>
Thursday, 4th 3:00 p.m.	Swiss Embassy Nyaya Marg	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC CIRCLE) Western Classical Music
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