



# WIC *News*

## The President's Letter - February, 1999

Dear Members,

Brrrr! Has it been COLD ! I sometimes forget where my feet are !

But with the onset of February the bitter chill of winter should begin to thaw. The labour of love invested in planting (and re-planting-thanks to unseasonal rains) must surely reap its just reward, for February is known to be the loveliest month for gardens, now in full bloom and at their freshest.

With what fleet feet has Time sped by! In a flash of an eye, we have almost come full circle .... The moment has arrived to put in motion plans for a new Executive. The Nominations Committee selected to help with this endeavour will accept your choice of candidates, sent to the Chairperson in writing, by the 28th February, no later.

Members of the Nominations Committee for 1999 are :

*Chairperson* : Noni Singh (Indonesia)

*Indian Members* : Mona Aggarwal, Frenny Billimoria, Anita Meattle

*International Members* : Connie Gupta (USA), Sudarshan Singh (Uganda) Saiqa Sami (Bangladesh)

I thank each of them warmly for accepting to take on this responsibility so willingly.

I have received a letter from the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Sponsorships and Endorsements, forwarding the conclusions of their deliberations. Please read the letter, printed in this Newsletter, very, very, carefully. If you would like to offer your suggestions, these will be gladly received, **but in writing only, by the 3rd of February, no later.** The Sub-Committee will consider all proposals received in writing before they formulate their final Guidelines. **There will be no debate on this issue.**

And finally, do put a big red circle round Saturday the 6th of March, on your calendars, for we are planning a snappy Gala-Nite-With-a-Difference! Please keep the evening free to enjoy with spouse/escort, family and, if there are invitations to spare, friends !

Wishing you all the best that February has to offer, picnics and outings and heady excursions.

All good wishes,

President

# General Meeting

## Contemporary Sculpture

10th February 1999

Australian High Commission 1/50 G, Shanti Path, 3 : 00 p.m.

For the February Meeting, we have for you an ART EYE OPENER-an exposition on sculpture by **Frenny Billimoria**. We are all familiar with the sensuous sculpture of ancient India temples and caves. Now come and view the disciplined mastery of contemporary Indian sculptors. Our venue is the beautiful garden of the Australian High Commissioner's home, which should be at the peak of perfection for us.

[Please remember to give names of any guests in good time. No one whose name is not on the list will be allowed entry.]

## Gala Nite 6th March 1999, 7:30 p.m.



Gala Nite this year takes the form of an elegant Theater Supper. It will be held in the gardens of the Hungarian Embassy on 6th March 1999. There will also be a live band in attendance, so come prepared to shake a leg!

Tickets will be available with members of the Executive Committee from 15th January 1999 at the following rates :

Members and Partner	Rs. 600/- each
Guests	Rs. 800/- each

Tables for 8 are available for booking. Should you wish to book one exclusively for your guests and self, you will be required to pay for the balance of the seats at the table.

Any contribution of "the hard stuff" will be gladly accepted. Please send your bottles (cases?) to Etelka Dallos at the Hungarian Embassy.

Please indicate your preference for vegetarian/non-vegetarian when you make your booking.

*From The Editor :*

## Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom I

When people ask me, "when would be good time to come and visit Delhi?" I always reply, "come in February for Delhi is at its best, the weather is just right and all the flowers are blooming!"

After the cold winter months, hiding inside the bulky winter clothes, cocooning in bed for hours till the sun truly comes out, after all the getting lost in the scary fog, bursts forth nice, cool but sunny weather. And with it a new beginning.

They say winter is a good time for mother earth to heal itself, and in a way, people too become introspective because you know, that after winter is a new year, a new beginning and February is the best time to renew one's self and one's spirit. Take a leap of faith, knowing that after renewal is a rebirth! And embrace the year with all the goodness in your heart, the love for one's soul and remember, this is but another spring !

*Priscila R. Confiado*



## Circle Programmes



### BOOKS

### Recipe for Living

**A**NEES JUNG – Will talk to us about her book “Breaking the Silence”-voices of women from around the world. By listening to women’s lives in their own words, she honours the female half of the world. Anees was born in Hyderabad and was educated there and in the USA. She was editor of Youth Times for 7 years and has been one of India’s most celebrated columnist for the last 25 years. She has written several books. In 1989, she received the Harmony Award. At present, she is the Advisor to the Director – General of UNESCO on women, development and culture, Asia.

**Monday, 8th February 1999 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**At the residence of Amele Bereksi,**  
**23 Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri,**  
**Tel. 379-2558, 379-2347**  
**Limited to 40 persons.**



**A**radhna Seth is a film maker of repute. She made a mark with “Lutyen’s Delhi in Stones” of the Raj Series, a six part documentary on colonial heritage of the Raj. Then came a personal chronicle on her brother Vikram Seth. Both showed her sensitivity to the subjects she handled. She has also worked with Deepa Mehta as an Art Director in her feature films FIRE and EARTH.

Recently, she has been a part of an international project on women’s issues as a Consulting Producer. She is going to share her experiences in making “Woman Place” which covers areas of inheritance, women’s abuse and divorce in South Africa, USA and India respectively. It is a very topical, timely and thought provoking subject. So come and let’s all share our thoughts with her.

**Wednesday, 24th February 1999 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**At the residence of Leena Singh**  
**63 Friends Colony East**  
**Tel. 691-1402, 684-4204**  
**Limited to 45 persons**

### DANCE YOUR SENSES

**B**ody movements, gestures, facial expressions are all means of communication and often a carefully guarded mask, an armor we carry for protection or self-defense. Yet underneath this armor lies our true self, that contradicting formal and stylized movements has a language of its own. Come and rediscover the dancer within you with Tai Chi Master Rashid Ansari, find your own rhythm, your own movements, your very own dance. This spirit in motion relaxes, expands-heals. It seems to be the perfect antidote to day-to-day stresses and strains.

Rashid Ansari is a well known practitioner and instructor of Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Jui Jitsu, Ti Chi Chuan and may other self-healing exercises. He has studied and worked in India, Australia, Iran and Bahrain.

Members interested in participating need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

**Wednesday, 3rd February at 3:00 p.m.**  
**At the residence of Titli Sahni**  
**67 Friends Colony West, New Delhi**  
**Tel. No. 631-1962**  
**Limited to 35 persons**



### CULTURE/ PERFORMING ARTS

**T**he Culture and Performing Arts Circle is proud to present Ashok Dilwali. Ashok Dilwali comes from a firm of professional photographers and is one of India’s best known nature photographers. His real passion is the mountains. Ashok Dilwali’s Himalayan photographs have been featured in most leading newspapers and magazines and he has several wonderful photographic books to his credit. We will have the pleasure of seeing some of his best slides from his over 20 treks to the Garhwal and the confluence and upper courses of the River Ganga.

**Thursday 4th February, at 3:00 pm**  
**at the residence of Rashmi Kapur**  
**3 Aurangzeb Lane, Tel : 301 3193/1879**  
**Limited to 35 persons.**

# Circle Programmes

## Excursion



## INTERNATIONAL CUISINE & GARDENS

### Bangladesh!

Come and enjoy the wonderful food of Bangladesh. Our very own Saiqa Sami has kindly agreed to give our Circle a programme on Bangladeshi cuisine in her beautiful home.

Once again a visit to the Mehrauli area. The excursion in December was so very interesting that we ran out of time and there were still some unfinished sites to visit. The two (2) step-wells: (i) *Gandak ki baoli* and (ii) *Rajaon ki Bain* and the excavated wall in Mehrauli area.

We finally end up at the *Jamali-Kamali* tomb.

**Wednesday, 17th February 1999**  
Meeting Point at the carpark of  
Qutab Minar  
at 10:00 a.m. sharp

**Thursday, 25th February 1999, 10:30 a.m.**  
At the residence of Mrs. Saiqa Sami  
536 Patel Farm, Sainik Farms  
Tel. No. 685 4742, 656 5167  
Limited to 30 persons.

### WIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1999

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	Josefina Young	Tel. 6141683
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<b>Excursions</b>	Gugu Anup Singh	Tel. 5563788; 9134 0365 Fax 6i49445 981011529
	Bina Deogun	Tel. 6832736

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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	Nandita Lahiri	Tel. 91-360539
<b>Rhythm of Life</b>	Zohra Shaw	Tel. 686-7976
	Usha Venkateswaran	Tel. 2250730; 225-6804

# Specials

## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SPONSORSHIPS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Dear Friends :

I write to you on behalf of the Sub-Committee on Sponsorships and Endorsements which had been given the mandate of re-examining this problem. The Sub-Committee has met twice, and I would like to share with you some of our conclusions.

To remind members of Article III, Section 6, clause C of our constitution :

**“No commercial transactions whatsoever shall take place during any meeting or Group Activity or at the premises where such Meetings & Activities are being held.”**

We would like to also add that no prices of items of items/exhibits on display at the Meeting be allowed to be discussed.

*To reinforce this, we suggest :*

- a) The Newsletter carries an announcement to this effect at the beginning of the year.
- b) The Executive Committee and Circle Leader explain this clause to the Participants when organizing the programme.
- c) This clause be made explicit to new members when they join the club.

Such measures would not merely jog our memory but also save embarrassment all around.

Gala Nite should revert to its original aim of being a get-together for members and their spouses (and perhaps house-guests). It can be elaborate, even grand, if so desired, provided it is self-financing and does not have to depend on an outside agency to sponsor the event.

*We have two suggestions to meet the costs for the Gala Nite.*

- a) We draw a fixed proportion of money every year from the Club's savings. The auditor can be requested to work out a percentage which we can safely drawn upon every year and at the same time ensure that we always have sufficient money in the kitty.
- b) We could consider the idea of a Sunday lunch during the winter months as an alternative, to the customary dinner. If imaginatively planned, it could prove to be a memorable affairs, besides saving on shamianas and liquor.

It has also been suggested to us that there should be an international Member on the Gala Nite Committee wholly devoted to involving international members.

There are some of our suggestions. Now we invite you to send us yours. But only in writing please, by the 3rd of February no later. To reach me by the next General Meeting.

With regards,

*Nayana Goradia*  
Chairperson

Members :

Frenny Billimoria  
Dorothea Metten

Helga Sarna  
Noni Singh

Bapsy Nariman



# NOTICE BOARD

CELEBRATING  
28th  
YEAR

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Martin and Annie Howard will move on 10th January 1999 to 3, Central Lane, Babar Road, New Delhi - 110 001 with Tel/fax No. 332-2742.

## FAREWELL

We say goodbye to Josie G. Foster, a member of WIC for two years. She and her family will be returning to London in early January 1999. She sends her thanks to all the members of WIC for helping to make her stay in India a happy and memorable one.

## Errata - Directory

**Neena Malhotra**  
E-51, Greater Kailash II  
New Delhi - 110 048  
Tel : 628-3677 Fax : 622-8039

**Nima Malhotra**  
B-30, Maharani Bagh  
New Delhi  
Tel : 683-1080

## Congratulations

Felicitations to Taru and Onkar Singh Kanwar on the arrival of bonny Grandsons Aryaan and Jai Karan



Congratulations to Monica Sharma on the happy occasion of the wedding of her son Sanjay to Sheena Sharma on Christmas Day.

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE 1999

**Chairperson** - Noni Singh (Indonesia)

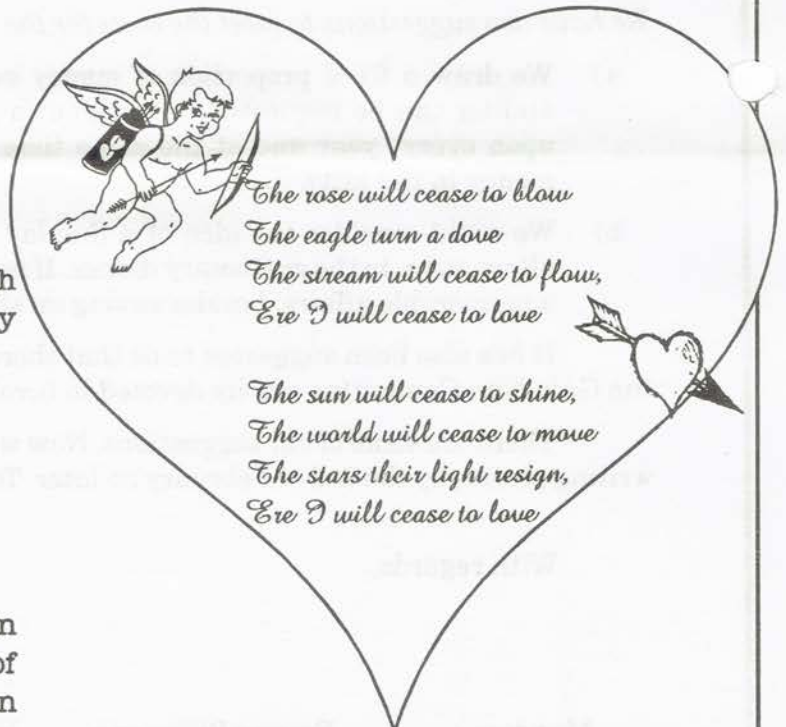
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## IMPORTANT

Submit all **resignations** in writing to Sharon Graefe. Likewise **apologies** for General Meetings should also be submitted in writing to her.

**Apologies** for Circle Programme should be forwarded to Shireen Khemchand and if too close to the date then to the hostess herself!



The rose will cease to blow  
The eagle turn a dove  
The stream will cease to flow,  
Ere I will cease to love

The sun will cease to shine,  
The world will cease to move  
The stars their light resign,  
Ere I will cease to love

(From a mid-nineteenth century Valentine)

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 RECIPE Dance Your Senses 3:00 p.m. 67 Friends Colony West	4 CULTURE Ashok Dilwali 3:00 p.m. 3, Aurangzeb Lane	5	6
7	8 BOOKS Anees Jung 3:00 p.m. 23 Kautilya Marg	9	10 GENERAL MEETING 3:00 p.m. 1/50-G, Shantipath	11	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17 EXCURSION Mehrauli 10:00 a.m. Qutab Minar Car Park	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 FOCUS Aradhana Seth 3:00 p.m. 63, Friends Colony East	25	26	27
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