



WIC *News*

The President's Letter February 2001

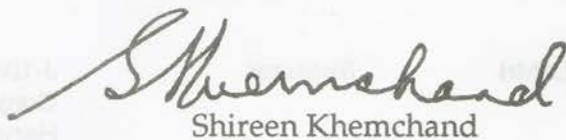
Dear Members,

As I write this, winter in Delhi is at its coldest and foggiest, the flowers are yet to bloom, and many of us have been laid low by the common cold and respiratory ailments. But do not despair. February is round the corner and promises to be pleasant, with clean skies and beautiful gardens on display.

In tune with the promise of spring we visit Lucknow, the ancient capital of Awadh, where nawabi culture was, and still is, seen at its best. For art lovers, there is a talk and display on pottery. For a complete change of scene we enter cyberspace and discover that crimes take place even on the Internet. We swing back to the "real world" with a "trialogue" on cultural diplomacy that promises to be very interesting.

Most of us love jewellery, and this month's General Meeting will feature antique jewellery, with genuine pieces on display.

Sincerely,


Shireen Khemchand



**GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY - 2001**

ANTIQUE JEWELLERY
A Feast for the Eyes



For our February General Meeting we will savor a delectable display of old jewellery from the collections of the royal houses of the Hindu and Moghul periods. *Mr. Aggarwal*, of the Indian Handicrafts Emporium, will give us a talk to explain the techniques and skills that go into the making of these beautiful pieces of art.

Wednesday, February 14, at 3:00 pm
At the Park Hotel, Parliament Street
Tel: 373-2477



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Lodhi Garden

Join us for a fantastic guided tour of the beautiful Lodhi Garden, in Lutyen's Delhi, which contains tombs dating back to the 15th century. There exist several monuments of the Sayyid and Lodhi periods in the old Lady Willingdon Park, now popularly known as Lodhi Garden. We shall have a noted historian with us who will guide us through the monuments.

After the tour we will go on to Hauz Khas for an optional cooking demonstration plus a Thai lunch at the cost of Rs 225/ per head.

Monday, February 26, at 10:30 am

Meet at the Lodhi Garden entrance through the I.I.C. parking lot

Garden Tour - no limit; Lunch - limit 30

Tel: Anita Meattle at 301-2289



POTTERY

with ANITA LAL



Anita Lal has been a potter for the last 25 years. She started working with traditional terracotta potters and has evolved a contemporary style. Ms. Lal still specializes in terracotta, though she also works in other kinds of pottery. She will talk to us about the art of the potter. We will also see at her studio artists glazing pottery and painting on china.

Directions to the Tulsi Garden Studio at Tulsi Farm: Tulsi Farm is on the Gadaipur-Mandi Road beyond Sultanpur. Just after the Rajiv Gandhi farm take the left fork off the Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road onto the Gadaipur-Mandi Road. You will find Tulsi Farm on the left after about 1.5 km. In the Eicher it is on page 147, A-4. If anyone is interested in car-pooling, please call Vinu Baig at 683-8946.

Wednesday, February 7, at 3:00 pm

At Tulsi Garden Studio of Anita Lal

Tel: 680-2587, 680-3946/7

Limit: 30



THE WRITINGS of DR. KUSUM ANSAL

Dr. Kusum Ansal, who writes basically in Hindi, has authored twenty books. Many of these books have been translated into Punjabi, Urdu, English, French, Greek and Russian. Dr. Ansal also wrote the screenplay for Basu Bhattacharya's highly acclaimed film *Panchvati*, which was based on her novel *Ek Aur Panchvati*. This film was shown in India as well as in film festivals in Tokyo, Tashkent, and Toronto.

Kusum Ansal's latest book is *My Lover's Name and Other Stories*. Her doctoral thesis in 1987 was on *Cosmopolitan Sensibility in Contemporary Novels*. She will speak on her writings.

Wednesday, February 28, at 3:00 pm
At the home of Bapsi Nariman
11 Feroz Shah Road
Tel: 686-2980 or 651-0893



CULTURAL DIPLOMACY - *a Conversation*

Join us for a conversation about the role of culture and cultural relations in diplomacy by three distinguished individuals. Aruna Vasudev, editor of *Cinemaya*, will facilitate the discussion with Divyabh Manchanda, DDG, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, and Latha Reddy, Joint Secretary, MEA, and an advocate of Cultural Diplomacy.

Mr. Manchanda will share the government's standpoint. Ms. Reddy will give some insight into the practical ways of promoting Indian culture abroad, and Ms. Vasudev will discuss how this translates with relation to the artistic community at home.

Thursday, February 15, at 3:00 pm
At the residence of Wided Basly
59 Vasant Marg
Tel: 614-4030 • Limit: 35



Today various kinds of cyber-crimes are taking place. These range from hacking to cyber-theft, cyber-terrorism, and cyber-defamation, and cyber-stalking. In the last couple of months India, too, has begun to see the emergence of various cyber-crimes.

Our speaker, *Mr. Pavan Duggal*, is a practicing advocate with the Supreme Court of India. He has specialized in the newly emerging field of cyber-law and cyber-crime for the last four years and has written and spoken prolifically on the subjects. Mr. Duggal has been involved in the process of formulating cyber-law in India. He is associated with the *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers*, the global body which manages the Internet.

Mr. Duggal will take us through the gamut of cyber-crimes both general and India-specific. He will advise us on practical tips to avoid becoming the target of cyber-crime.

Friday, February 23, at 3:00 pm

At the home of Kim Bassin

Embassy of Finland Residence, E-3 Nyaya Marg

Tel: 611-5258

Mind &



Body Link

*Breathe!
You're Alive!*

Ever since the very successful Mind-Body workshop last November we have had many members asking for us to have another one. Consequently, we have scheduled one for February 19 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and February 20 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Each will deal with a different topic. Members are welcome to join either one or both sessions.

The format will be the same as in November: participative discussion, sharing of tools and techniques and fun and games to help us actually experience the mind-body link. The content, however, will be completely different.

The emphasis this time will be more on breathing techniques that help to relax and detoxify the body. We will also emphasize our "chakra" system which is deeply linked to our endocrine system, as well as on skills which help us to centre and slow down enough to hear the healing voice within.

Monday, February 19, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 20, from 3:00 to 5:30 pm

At the home of Prama Bhandari

8 Padmini Enclave, Hauz Khas

Tel: 686-2807 • Limit: 25 each session

from the Editor's Desk...



We WELCOME the following new members to the club:

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And the following re-entering member:

- Nandini PATTANI** (India) Tel: 379-4079
5 Mansingh Road
New Delhi 110011

We bid farewell to the following members who have left New Delhi

1. Priscila CONFIADO, has moved to Berlin, Germany; (priscila_confiado@yahoo.com)
2. Heather D'ARCY, who has moved to Melbourne, Australia
3. Yuni MOCHNEY
4. Nada PLAVEC
5. Zorah SHAW, who has joined her children and grandchildren in the U.S.

And to the members whose 10-year membership has come to an end:

1. Usha SRIVASTAVA
2. Leena SINGH

Former WIC member INA VON WELCK sends New Year's greetings to all. She will be in New Delhi from 9 to 20 March, staying with member Michiyo Sielecki (687-3530) and is looking forward to getting together with WIC friends.

Members' Directory Replacement Cost:

Due to the high printing costs we must charge Rs 60/ of each member who requests a replacement for a lost directory.

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

TRIPS & Tours



LUCKNOW



Join us for an exotic visit to the historic city of the old Nawabs of Oudh: LUCKNOW. As in every city of India, Lucknow is overflowing with population. But the old buildings are still intact and the ambience of the old city is unique. Lucknow is famous for the 1857 mutiny, or the First War of Independence.

The trip will be over the weekend of 16 February. We depart by train at 7:00 am Friday the 16th, and return at 9:50 pm Sunday the 18th. The cost, complete with transportation, food, and guides, will be Rs 7000/ per person, and we will be staying at the charming Clarks Awadh hotel. All those who wish to go should phone Bina Deogun at 683-2736 or Gugu Anup Singh at 506-3788 or 614-9669 by 25 January. Please be prepared to put down your deposit. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ALASKA CRUISE

PLEASE NOTE that your passports must be valid until the END of DECEMBER, 2001, or you will be refused a visa. Also, those members who have paid their deposit have been upgraded.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, at 3:00 pm

The issue of ten-year membership has caused concern to many of our Club members and we in the Executive Committee have made a sincere effort to allay any misgivings. In order to settle the matter once and for all, the President has called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Wednesday, February 21 at 3:00 pm at the Hungarian Information Centre, 1A, Janpath. Please make it a point to attend. This is to be taken as a Notice for EGM.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year's nominating committee has been appointed to draft the Executive Committee for 2001-2002. The members are:

Connie Gupta - *Chairperson*
Harash Kapur
Shanno Khurana
Abidah Qazi

Monika Sharma
Moina Simcock
Zakia Zaheer

The committee asks for your help in formulating the slate of candidates. Any suggestions of women to make up the Executive Committee must be made in writing and sent to the chairperson no later than February 28, 2001. Prior permission must be obtained from the candidate concerned.

Thank you.

Connie Gupta
63 Sunder Nagar
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Gala Night meeting at Shreeen's 10.30am</i>	3
4	5	6	7 ART CIRCLE Pottery Tulsi Farm 3:00 pm.	8	9 <i>WIC Exec's at Shreeen's 11a.m.</i>	10
11	12	13	14 ✓ GENERAL MEETING Antique Jewellery Park Hotel 3:00 pm.	15 ✓ CULTURE & MUSIC Cultural Diplomacy 59, Vasant Marg 3:00 pm.	16 TRIPS & TOURS Lucknow 7:00 am.	17 TRIPS & TOURS Lucknow
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25	26 ABOUT TOWN Lodhi Garden 10:30 am.	27	28 ✓ BOOK MARK Kusum Ansal 11 Feroz Shah Road 3:00 pm.			