



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DELHI

January, 1993

Dear Members,

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, the time has come when we will soon have to say good-bye to 1992. The time has also come for stock taking, making resolutions, mulling over past mistakes and faux pas, but, in the process, let us not consume our tomorrows fretting about our yesterdays -- for tomorrow is another day.

We now look forward to a tide of new events in the forthcoming year, one of them being the appointment of the new WIC Executive Committee. We are indeed very happy that Gail Cornaro has kindly agreed to chair the Nominating Committee this year.

A suggestion for a New Year's resolution -- keep smiling. For a smile is a curve that sets many things straight!

Wishing everyone a happy and joyous holiday season and all the best in the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

Veena Dass

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.
Taj Mahal Hotel
Man Singh Road

Ladies, remember the August newsletter? Well, we finally have an opportunity to hear the world-famous dress designer, Rajeev Sethi. His first desire was to join the world of fashion and, after a stint with Pierre Cardin, his interest was diverted towards rural India and the highly developed craft skills which are a part of the villagers' life style. He now pursues his dream of designing a whole township for artisans called Anandgram. So, ladies, do wear handwoven outfits in an attempt to boost the morale of those artisans who will be at our meeting. NOTE THE TIME IS 3:30 P.M.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (ARTS & CRAFTS CIRCLE)

Tuesday, January 12, 3:00 p.m.
National Museum of Modern Art
Jaipur House, India Gate

M.F. Husain, painter of international repute, has done it again! With "Civilization -- Violence -- Pather Panchali," the sensational Indian artist reminds us that all is not right with the world today. Also with his monumental paintings and installations he is paying tribute to Satyajit Ray by choosing six of his films to be interpreted on 8'x15' canvases. This memorable show is presented by the Vadhera Art Gallery.

We hope to have the artist there to guide us through his show. If he is unable to come we will screen a film on Husain and have a prominent art critic introduce us to the works on display.

CULTURAL

Thursday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Sudarshana Singh
63 Friends Colony East
Tel: 684-4204

This afternoon's presentation promises to be an interesting performance of classical Japanese dance with koto music. (The koto is a Japanese string musical instrument.)

The dance will be performed by Mrs. Mitsue Kitsu, who began lessons in childhood and has been dancing for about fifteen years. She is also certified as an instructor. The koto will be played by Mrs. Kyoko Morinaga, who has studied about thirteen years and is also a certified teacher. She has given thrice annual concerts in Tokyo and since coming to India she has performed at the India International Centre as well as for the Japanese community.

You are sure to enjoy this glimpse of Japanese culture.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS
(FILM CIRCLE)

Friday, January 15, 3:00 p.m.
Polish Embassy Auditorium
50 M Shanti Path

Leper, a polish film tells an age-old tale of love between an aristocratic young man and a working class woman. Enthralled by her beauty, a handsome squire pursues Stefania, a young teacher. At first she spurns his advances, although she is attracted to him. Finally, they come to an understanding and declare their love and decide to marry. However, they have not reckoned with the animosity of the aristocratic circle.

This color film is directed by Jerzy Hoffman and lasts 100 minutes.

EXCURSION

Friday thru Wednesday
January 15 - 20

The feet of the wanderer are like a flower...

The wanderer finds honey and sweet Adumbra
fruit,

Beholds the beauty of the sun. Therefore
wander, wander!

The wanderers of WIC, having collected sweet impressions and memories from Mandawa, are now set to explore Kerala from the 15th - 20th of January. We leave Delhi by IC 167 at 9:10 a.m. on the 15th and reach Trivandram at 1:55 p.m. We will drive to the Kovalam Beach Resort Hotel and enjoy the evening on the beach with a typically spectacular sunset over the sea. On the 16th we will drive to Kanyakumari, India's land's end where the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean meet. En route we visit the 17th century Padmanabha Puram Wooden Palace with its pagoda-style roofs and an atrium with life-sized wooden sculptures -- altogether a fantastic "teak edifice." Also we will visit the Ancheendram Temple -- 20 km from Padmanabha Puram -- and then return to Kovalam for the night. There will be a sightseeing tour of Trivandram, on seven forest-clad hills, on the 17th. We will also visit an ancient rock temple, Aruvikkara (16 km from Trivandram).

On the 18th we leave Kovalam Beach Resort and drive to Cochin (240 km) through coconut and palm groves and check in at Hotel Sea Lord. In the afternoon there will be a motor-launch cruise on the enchanting backwaters with their quiet lagoons, fishermen's hamlets and a visit to the old Dutch Bolghatty Palace (1744). We will spend the 19th morning seeing the sights of Cochin, whose Chinese fishing nets, Jewish synagogue, Dutch palaces, Portuguese architecture and British influences all blend with the Kerala heritage. In the afternoon we will watch the exciting boat race at Allepy (65 km). We are lucky that this annual event coincides with our trip.

We leave Cochin on January 20 by IC 468 at 10:10 a.m. and arrive back in Delhi at 2:15 p.m.

Wanderers who wish to visit the Perriyar Game Sanctuary will leave Cochin for Lake Perriyar and check in at the Spice of Life Palace Hotel. (Who could resist a place with a name like that?) Perriyar is a 300 square mile area and is the finest sanctuary in which to see wild elephants, leopards, tigers, etc. Afternoon and early morning drives through the sanctuary have been arranged as well as a boat ride on Perriyar Lake to view wildlife and water birds. On the 21st afternoon we return to Cochin and the Hotel Sea Lord. The flight back to Delhi is on the 22nd at 10:10 a.m. by IC 468.

Cost of Tour

Delhi - Trivandram - Cochin - Delhi

	<u>Indians</u>		<u>Foreigners</u>	
tour	INR	6500 p.p.	INR	6500 p.p.
airfare	INR	8589 p.p.	INR	11732 p.p.
		15,089		18,532

Cost of Perriyar Extension Tour

for 3 PAX	INR	2880 p.p.	INR	3970 p.p.
for 4 PAX	INR	2400 p.p.	INR	3490 p.p.

We need a minimum of fifteen for these rock bottom fares, so don't miss the excursion opportunity of the year, contact Margrit Heydemann (693-341) or Sarla Kumar (660-445, 662-879) today to hold your place. The final payment date is Tuesday, December 15.

CHORUS

Thursday mornings, mid-January

The Chorus Group will take a well-deserved break after its performance at the holiday program. If you are a new member or simply find you have more time now and are a songbird at heart, join the Chorus and add your voice to theirs. For time and place call Frances Clift (655-981).

GOURMET & GARDEN

Thursday, January 21, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Komal Dhindsa
40 Golf Links
Tel: 619-137, 618-758

Enjoy an unique demonstration of Ikebana arrangements -- "Morimono" -- using fresh fruits, vegetables, leaves, and flowers. These arrangements are ideal for the dining room and will be done by Mrs. Manji Menon, a teacher of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana.

YOGA

Thursday, January 28, 11:00 a.m.
Home of Rupa Sahni
20 Amrita Shergill Marg
Tel: 611-977, 619-553

This month the WIC seekers of health and sanity will practice jal neti and different variations of pranayam (breathing exercises). Yoga is a perfect way to exercise and exorcise the post-holiday blahs.

BOOK CIRCLE

Friday, January 29, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Titli Sahni
67 Friends Colony West
Tel: 631-962

William Dalrymple was born in Edinborough and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he majored in history. At 21 he undertook the historic journey of Kublai Khan from Jerusalem to Xanadu (in China), which he recounts with great humor and in a charming style in his delightful book Xanadu -- A Quest. The book has won many awards in Britain and has been translated into five languages. At present Mr. Dalrymple is in India as a foreign correspondent for Spectator and has just finished another book called Delhi-- The City of Djinns. He is a delightful speaker and will talk to us about his journey, his experiences, and his two books on Xanadu and Delhi.

FOCUS

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

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Our hospitality chair, Raj Nanda, begs us all to make a New Year's resolution to return our reply cards as quickly as possible and to attend those events we have ticked off. Please, please, please, if something arises and you cannot attend a meeting, notify Raj as soon as possible so that she can provide the hostess with as accurate a list as possible.

Is it worse to promise to attend and then not or to show up without prior notice? Neither is proper. Remember, excuses for general meetings must be in writing.

Sadly, we must say goodbye to two faithful and very active friends: Zaleha Amir and Sumru Fenmen. Zaleha and her family have been posted to Bonn and Sumru is returning to Turkey for the time being. We thank them for their many services to the Club and wish them much happiness for the future.

It's hard to believe that soon we will all have to practice writing 1993. This time of year means that it is time to think of nominees for the 1993-1993 Executive Committee.

Gail Cornaro has kindly agreed to be Chairwoman of this year's Nominating Committee and the following women will serve as members: Komal Dhindsa, Supriya Gupta, Margrit Heydemann, Suyhen de Rijk-Quan, Sudarshan Singh, and Pushpa Vadera. Many thanks to all of you for accepting this important challenge.

Gail Cornaro, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, sends the following note.

Dear Members,

The Nominating Committee takes pleasure in inviting the members of WIC to send in their suggestions for the Executive Committee for 1993-94.

As all members know, according to Article VI of the Constitution of the Women's International Club, Delhi, a member may suggest, in writing, a possible candidate for the Executive Committee, after obtaining prior permission from the candidate concerned. The suggestions should reach the Nominating Committee no later than January 20, 1993.

Looking forward to your suggestions.

Gail Cornaro, Chairperson

WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

No doubt most of us have heard or read about this month's Woman Who Made a Difference. Rigoberta Menchu, a 33-year-old Guatemalan Indian-rights activist, was recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She was selected "in recognition of her work for social justice and ethno-cultural reconciliation." Amid the "large-scale repression of Indian peoples" in Guatemala, she plays a "prominent part as an advocate of native rights."

She plans to use the \$1.2 million prize to set up a foundation in her father's name to defend the rights of indigenous people. "The only thing I wish for is freedom for Indians wherever they are," she said.

Her life has been filled with turmoil and tragedy since her birth to dirt-poor Indian farmers. Uneducated, scrabbling for food on her parent's small plot of land and travelling with them as a migrant worker, she did not even learn to speak Spanish until she was 20. Yet her 1983 autobiography I, Rigoberta Menchu was eventually translated into 11 languages. Her book tells the story of her life and that of the other Indians who make up 60% of the population, but are brutally dominated by the minority Ladinos, mostly descendants of European colonists.

After the horrifying tortures and murders of her brother, father, and mother, Rigoberta tried to hide but soon had to escape to Mexico. Two of her sisters joined the guerrilla forces in the mountains of Guatemala. Rigoberta has never openly supported or denounced their work, but says she respects their decision.

Recently she has been leading a successful campaign to have the United Nations designate 1993 as the International Year for Indegenous Populations. Also she has been coordinating opposition to the quincentennial celebration of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World, an event that signaled the start of a cruel subjugation of natives by Europeans, according to Indian-rights activists.

In awarding the prize the Nobel committee recognized the controversy surrounding it but said, "Today, Rigoberta Menchu stands out as a vivid symbol of peace and reconciliation across ethnic cultural and social dividing lines, in her own country, on the American continent and in the world." She said, "I only wish my parents could have been present."

She is undoubtedly a Woman Who Made a Difference.

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