

# W I C NEWS



*January 1996*

## Dear Members

This is the first opportunity I have had since the theatre supper on 15th November to thank everyone involved for making it the amusing, enjoyable and memorable success it undoubtedly was; this includes not only all those by whose efforts it matured, but equally all who turned out on the night to revel in it. It is such a joy to see so many enjoying themselves so much.

In fact, this latter point is not one to be made lightly, and one which I must now expound on. Attendance of late at circle meetings has been poor. Organisers love organising as long their product is consumed .... but if it is left lying on the shelf .... what then?

Much effort is made in getting quite eminent people along to broaden our minds and entertain our spirits; and it is embarrassing in the extreme, for both the hostess and the speaker, when only a thin straggle of members turn up, often many less than had signed up for the event. And in general it is the foreign members who are the worst offenders.

One final point on this topic - there is a waiting list of potential members to join WIC, so let

us all make it our new year resolution to turn up or to make way for others who wish to join - indeed, this sentiment is embodied in our constitution. If the organisers are not giving you what you want, do let us know. Are there

too many activities? are they the wrong ones? .... but come on ladies, let us show an improvement in attendance in 1996.

Sadly, due to family health commitments, Komal Dhindsa has had to back down from taking on the new WIC liaison secretaryship and Peggy Sood has kindly stepped into the breach.

We are deeply indebted to Indira Jerath for donating a 35 mm slide projector in

response to the appeal last month. This will be kept by the first vice president, and all requiring to use it should get in touch with her.

I am delighted to extend a welcoming hand to new members and wish bon voyage and a bright future to those departing.

Once again, happy new year and success in your ventures.

—Annie Howard  
President





## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 17th, 3.00 p.m.  
at the Residence of the Polish Ambassador  
1, Tilak Marg Ph.: 608-596, 378-2748**

What makes pole a pole. H.E. The Ambassador, will talk to us on the above mentioned subject, and then lead us into a discussion.

## **Garden & Gourmet**

**Wednesday, 8th January, At 10.30 a.m.  
At the Home of Ildiko Varkonyi  
Embassy of Hungary, 2/50 M Niti Marg  
Tel. : 6114737**

Hungarian cooking is richly satisfying, often spicy and one of the most original in Eastern Europe. Perhaps, the most famous and justly popular dish from Hungary, is the paprika-flavoured Goulash!

So, do join in and see a demonstration of this renowned dish! and ataste of it too!



## Focus

**Tuesday, 16th January, at 3 p.m.  
At the Home of Nima Malhotra  
B-30, Maharani Bagh, Tel. : 6831080**



Dr. Ashok Khosla will speak on "Environmentally sustainable livelihoods for women"

A most important need in any country today, is for jobs for women, preferably created in environmentally favourable backgrounds.

Innovative techniques and creative institutional design can help to empower people. Dr. Khosla will tell us all about it.

**Limited to 35 ladies.**

## Visual Arts

**Thursday 18th January, at 3 p.m.  
At the home of Title Sahni,  
67, Friends Colony, West, Tel.: 631962**

**TITLE OF LECTURE : THE POWER OF THE  
FAMININE IN THE TANTRA**



Dr. Madhu Khanna holds a D. Phil Degree in Indology from the University of Oxford, U.K. where she specialised in Hindu Shakta Tantra. She has authored several books on Tantra (The **Tantric Way** and **Yantra** published in Thames & Hudson, London) She has been a Homi Bhabha Fellow-in-residence at the IGNCA, New Delhi. Currently she is working as an Associate Professor at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.



## Excursions

**Monday 22nd January, at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Hotel Broadway, Asaf Ali Road**

A walking tour into Delhi's Past!

The city of Djinnns or down memory lane, a tour full of anecdotes and tales and legends about old Delhi, going back thousands of years. Savour the sights, sounds & smells of these fabled streets with a seasoned "Dilliwallah" — your walk leader.

The Excursion will finish by 1.30 p.m. with a delicious kashmiri wazwan lunch. The cost of the guided tour and lunch is Rs. 295 per person.

Attention Please!

Ladies, the November excursion to Gwalior and shiv-puri is now rescheduled for Friday 23rd February. Do remember, it involves a week-end - so do bring along your husbands. Please contact Nancy Gooch -3792137 or Gugu Anup Singh - 5563788, 8340365 For further details.



## Book Circle

**Wednesday, 24th January at 3. p.m.**  
**At Home of Constance Gupta**  
**63, Sunder Nagar Phone No. 4618453**

Brilliant, handsome Lord Curzon at 39 was the youngest Viceroy to come to rule India. His beautiful 28-year-old wife, the first American to grace the throne of Hindustan, the brightest jewel in Queen Victoria's crown.

Nayana Goradia will talk about her book LORD CURZON: the Last of the British Moghuls and recount her experiences in writing it - whether they be visits to meet the family at their famed ancestral estate Kedleston Hall or to meet late MP Sir Brandon Rhys Williams who sitting in the library of the House of Commons recounted with relish his grandmother's tempestuous affair with the Viceroy or her Haryanvi typist who asked "Madam you are having home, husband, children. Why you writing about Curzon-Shurzon?"

**Why indeed : The truth will be illustrated by slides of 19th century photographs.**

The book was published by the Oxford University Press first in 1993. It is now in its third impression.

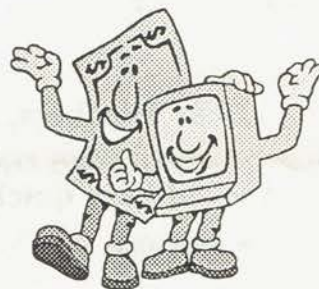




## Film-Circle

**Thursday, 25th January**  
**at 11.45 a.m.**  
**at the Home of Minakshi Gupta**  
**35-A, Friends Colony East.**  
**Tel.: 683 9072, 684 9046**

Frenny Billimoria and Sigrun - Srivastava welcome you to a discussion on "Cinema after independence" meet T.V. Personalities, Critics & Film-Stars over a working Lunch  
**Limited to 35 Ladies Only.**



## Yoga



**Saturday, 27th January at 10.30 a.m.**  
**at the Home of Raj Nanda**  
**4/23, Shanti-Niketan.**  
**Tel.: 688 4833, 688 2395**

Now that the festivities of Diwali and Christmas are over — lets fill up the gap before new year by learning how to meditate and feel the peace and calm of the deep sea.

## Cultural

**Wednesday, 31st January, at 3 p.m.**  
**at the Home of Mona Aggarwal**  
**2, Church Road, New Delhi**  
**Cantonment Ph.: 329-3824**

Frustrations and joys of the wife of a foreign correspondent.

Ruth Max born in Calcutta to a Polish father and a Jewish mother spent her childhood in Calcutta.

Fate in the form of her journalist husband brought her back to India 5 years ago Ruth met her husband Art in Israel and moved on to Sweden and then to India.

10 years of leading a nomadic existence and moving from port to port, Ruth is having fun and frustrations in re-discovering her roots.





## Editor's Note!



Dear Members,

Just a quick line to say "Hello!" and to wish you all a Happy Holiday - season.

We were all quite excited and pleased that the Silver-Jubilee went off very-well. But the loss of Annie's camera has cast a shadow over our happy spirits. There is an appeal by her which is printed below — kindly do keep your eyes and ears open for any news or Information regarding it.

Thank you and see you in the New-Year.

Surinder Dugal Jain

### **CAMERA LOST AT THE THEATRE SUPPER EVENING**

When the time came to go home on 15th November at the end of the theatre supper, I could not find my camera and can only think that someone took it in error. It is a Pentax single lens reflex model.

Would the person in whose tender care it now resides please contact with me, Annie Howard, on 461 1750, as I am particularly keen to get it, back and the film that was in it, which was part of my record of WIC events during this year. Without it, there will be a big gap.



## WIC Executive Committee 1995-96

Annie Howard	President	4631143
Bina Deogun	1st Vice President	6832736
Chrysanthe Epaminondas	2nd Vice President	6830153
Niru Kapur	Secretary	6415855
Connie Gupta	Treasurer	4618459
Harash Kapur	Hospitality	4615048
Josefina Young	Membership	678593
Surinder Dugal jain	News Letter	4699448

## Circle Leaders for 1995-96

Book Circle	Vinu Baig	6835801
	Nancy Gooch	3792137
	Annie Scott-Morey	4610556
Performing Arts	Prama Bhandari	6862807
	Lakshmi Chandra	6885545
Excursions	Sarabjit (gugu) Singh	5563788
	Nancy Gooch	3792137
Cultural	Mona Aggarwal	3293824
	Maggie Kenward	6436288
	Gisela Elias	3384188
Focus	Rupa Sahni	4619553
	Ina van der Struik	6118580
	Sandra Maxwell	4618510
Gourmet and Garden	Bapsi Nariman	6862980
	Kiki Theophilou	6874892
Films	Sigrun Srivastava	6468908
	Frenny Billimoria	6882520
Yoga	Indu Sahni	6841840
	Indra Rani Jerath	6470560
Indian Folk music & dance	Usha Ventateswaran	2250730
	Kavita Ratra	012832244
Visual Arts	Shakti Gupta	6913136
	Sudarshana Singh	6844204
Chorus	Zohra Shaw	6960198

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

CIRCLE	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
General Meeting ✓	Talk By AMB. M.K. Bryski on Poland	Wednesday, 17th Jan. 3.00 p.m.	Home of Barbara Bryska Embassy of Poland 1, Tilak Marg Ph.: 608-596, 378-2748
Gourmet & Garden ✓	Demonstration Hungarian Goulash	Wednesday, 8th Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Home of Ildiko Varkonyi 2/50M, Niti Marg Tel : 611-4737
Focus	Environmental Jobs for women	Tuesday, 16th Jan. 3.00 p.m.	Home of Nima Malhotra B-30, Maharani Bagh Tel : 683-1080
Visual Arts ✓	Power of Feminine in Tantra	Thursday, 18th Jan. 3.00 p.m.	Home of Titli Sahni 67, Friends Conoly West Tel : 631-962
Excursion	Walking Tour of Old Delhi	Monday, 22nd Jan. 10.00 a.m.	Hotel Broadway Asafali Road
Book-Circle ✓	Talk and Slide Show on Lord-Curzon	Wednesday, 24th Jan. 3.00 p.m.	Home of Constance Gupta 36, Sunder Nagar Tel.: 461-8459
Film-Circle ✓	Cinema After Independence	Thursday, 25th Jan. 11.45 a.m.	Home of Minakshi Gupta 35-A, Friends Colony East Tel.: 683-9072
Yoga	Meditation	Saturday, 27th Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Home of Raj Nanda 4/23, Shanti Niketan Tel. 688-4833
Cultural ✓	Talk By Ruth Max	Wednesday, 31st Jan. 3.00 p.m.	Home of Mona Aggarwal 2, Church Road, Delhi Cantonment Tel : 329-3824