

Women's International Club Newsletter



JANUARY 1998

Dear Member,

I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all those Members who worked so hard and cheerfully to make the Autumn Gala Night such a spectacular event. As usual, WIC and its Committee relied heavily on some of its Members to provide all that was needed for the evening to go with a swing. I thank them most warmly. Special thanks go to our unfailingly gracious hostess, Shirin Paul, for providing a magical venue. The number of tickets purchased by members for themselves, their husbands and families was 232, and 83 tickets were purchased by guests. There were some discount tickets made available (this was done in good faith to help any members who might have needed them) however, none were sold! The positive feedback that we have had has been very encouraging and we are seeing a rise in the number of international women who are interested in joining this dynamic Club.

However, some Members have felt the need to admonish the Committee for the arrangements made on November 14th. Your comments are now part of the Club records and will remain there for the next Executive Committee, since we have asked for comments whether critical or congratulatory. I nonetheless feel I must reaffirm that the work that the Committee does on your behalf is carried out with meticulous care and much debate. Our sole purpose is to do our best with the limited resources available to us. To impute any other motives is to misjudge the level of integrity and intelligence of your Committee. So we shall have to agree to disagree and move on.

Our General Meeting for January features Mosin Menezes and the Capital Jazz Swingers. The vocalist will be the golden-voiced American jazz singer, Erika Smith-Thomas. Enjoy this wonderful morning of jazz standards in the intimate atmosphere of 'Someplace Else' at the Park Hotel on **Wednesday, January 14th**. The programme will start at **11:00 a.m.** (Due to space limitations, we regret that no guests are allowed.)

Mary Gore-Booth
President

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HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to our President, Mary Gore-Booth, who generously provided us with a wonderful theatrical afternoon and delicious tea at her residence on November 7. The actress Rebecca Blech was marvelous and all the WIC ladies who attended the Special Programme, "The History of England", loved every minute of it. Thank you Mary, you must have been exhausted after the (literally) thousands of people you entertained in October and November!

MEMBERSHIP

On November 21st we had a new member reception at the home of Mako Lutyens and we welcomed the following new members:

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Gardening Notes for January

Flowers: The beds should be prepared for sowing tube roses and day-lily. Clear the canna beds--rip off the dry leaves from the canna plants. Preparations should be started for growing the summer season flowers like zinnias, portulacka, gampharena, kochia and goldenrod.

Roses: When the blooms are over, cut the dead blooms (this should be done throughout the year) and remove the suckers regularly. In the second week of this month, feed the plants with cow dung or farmyard manure -- 3 kgs. per plant. Spray monocrotophos and Calaxin or Karathene to control aphids and powdery mildew. Watering should be done every 8 to 10 days in the rose beds, on alternate days in pots and hoeing to be done twice a month.

Vegetables: Beds should be prepared for the summer vegetables like cucumber, pumpkin, ladies fingers, etc. The seeds of these vegetables can still be sown in polythene bags or small earthen pots. These should be kept in the sun but should be covered at night to protect them from frost.

Lawns: Sprinkle urea once this month on the lawn and water immediately. Also sprinkle ammonium sulphate once this month and again water immediately.

General: This is the best time to plant cuttings of shrubs like chandni and bougainvillea. Prune hibiscus and poinsettia. Indoor plants should be manured and exposed to the sun.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations goes to our own WIC member, Dr. Shanno Khurana. She was invited to participate in the "International Music Festival Ishakq Taronalri" in Uzbekistan and she won first prize among contestants from 32 countries -- "The Golden Nightingale" and cash award! When she arrived back in India she learned that she had won the "Priya Darshni Award" by the All India Unity Conference which was instituted in memory of the Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for outstanding service, achievement and contribution in music. Well done Shanno!

WELCOME CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE -- May 1998

Due to our affiliation with the Welcome Clubs International, we as a Club and each of us individually are eligible to attend and participate in the international conference in Naples, Florida from May 3-9, 1998. The conference organizer, Ruth Prater, has sent me a set of registration forms, information on hotel accommodation and the itinerary for the week. There is one full day of meetings for all attendees but the remainder of the week is devoted to sightseeing and experiencing the local cuisine. If you are interested in attending the conference, please see me for a form. Each individual is responsible for her own expenses including airfare, registration (\$125), fees for tours and banquet dinners. The deadline for submitting the reservation and confirmation form with payments in US dollars for all events is February 18, 1998. This is to be sent directly to the conference organizers. If you have any questions, please call me after 6pm at 687-2012 or 687-2013.

Peggy Sood

Liaison for Welcome Clubs International

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Our January General Meeting will be a morning of Jazz at "Someplace Else" at the Park Hotel, Sansad Marg, on **Wednesday, January 14, at 11:00 am**. Please see Mary's covering letter for a description of the programme.

Books

Our speaker will be Madhu Tandan, author of "Faith and Fire". This autobiographical book is a compelling account of human idealism, frailty and courage, in a young couple's unusual inner search. We will meet at the home of Annie Howard, 131 Sunder Nagar (tel. 4631143), and there will be a light lunch served afterwards -- **Tuesday, January 20, at 11:30am**.

Creative Self-Expression

Happy New Year! We are going to end one year and start another with **creative movements**. We would request each participant to choose one feeling or emotion like joy, anger, love, sadness, fear, jealousy or desire. If possible bring music that seems to express that particular feeling or emotion you have chosen. We will then move, mime and dance our way through these emotions. If you don't have (or can't find) any music to express your chosen emotion, don't worry -- come anyway. Just wear comfortable clothes and be ready to play. We will meet at the home of Titli Sahni, 67 Friends Colony West (6311962), on **Monday, February 2nd, at 3 pm**. (This is January's Circle meeting but due to unforeseen reasons we must have it on February 2nd.)

Culture

Francis Wacziarg is a Frenchman who has lived and worked in India for over two decades. His love and fascination for the art, culture and ancient architecture of this country is well known. "From Skekhavati to Neemrana" promises to be a fascinating record of his experience in the field of restoration, conservation and revival of an ancient heritage. We will meet at the home of Mair McGeever, 5 Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakyapuri, (Tel. 301-0398), on **Thursday, January 29, at 3 pm**.

Focus

'Comparative Cultures'. Japan has preserved some aspects of ancient Indian mythology and artistic techniques refining them to great beauty. Two specialists from Japan, Mami Yamada (author and research scholar on comparative mythology) and Masami Yamada (artist and traditional Japanese painter) will talk to us on this fascinating subject. Our hostess is Noni Indrajeet Singh, B-41 Maharani Bagh [follow Ashram Chowk to Eastern Avenue. Take the last gate into Maharani Bagh. Noni's gate is on H road] (Tel.6848817). **Thursday, January 15, at 10:45am**.

Visual and Performing Arts

Mr. Chotte Bharany, one of India's foremost collectors of art and artifacts has been kind enough to invite us to his home and talk to our members. His subject will be the representation and depiction of the female force and form in miniatures: "The Supreme is Female". We will also get a chance to see Mr. Bharany's favorite pieces from his renowned textile collection. We will meet at his home, S-9 Greater Kailash I, on **Thursday, January 22, at 3:00pm**. (Limited to 40 persons.)

Dance

Learn the graceful Tango and the Brazilian Samba! Priscila Confiado, along with a very sporting gentleman, will show us the steps! Looking forward to seeing many members who are health-conscious and dance enthusiasts. We will meet at the home of Josefina Young, A-35 Vasant Marg, Vasant Vihar (614-1683), on **Tuesday, January 27, at 3 pm.**

Excursions

At the popular Avant Garde Kairali Ayurvedic Health Resort in Mehrauli, Dr. T.R. Chandrasekaran will give us an introduction to the ancient science of ayurvedic medicine and a short demonstration of the special herbal oil massages for general fitness and rejuvenation as well as internal and external treatment for chronic diseases. On our return we will stop at the "Ahisma Sthal" the large stone statue of Lord Mahavira, the founder of the Jain religion. The site offers a magnificent view of this multi-religious landscape of Delhi. We will meet in the parking lot of the Qutab Minar (in front of the Booking Office) on **Friday, January 16, at 10:00 am.**

Gourmet and Garden

A demonstration has graciously been offered by the newly opened Park Royal Hotel. January 6th is also Epiphany Day and so we will celebrate it with a "Galette des Rois" or King's Cake and tea. We will meet at the Tea Lounge of the Park Royal Hotel, ITT Building, Nehru Place (622-3344), **Tuesday, January 6, at 4:00 pm.**

FAREWELL

We say goodbye to the following members: Iman Allam, Alaiti Yusuf, Beverley Gribble, Valerie Pollard, Monique Marrou, Laurette Moolman and Zofia Krawczyk.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barbara Holm: 166 Sultanpur, Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110030 (Tel. 680-3766).

New Postal rates for **PRINTED POSTCARDS** is now **Rs1.50 -- please ensure that you stamp your card before you post it to Rupa.** (Rupa is still having to pay fines to her postman for understamped postcards!) For Circle meeting regrets please try to call Rupa Sahni at least two days before the meeting .

Creative Self Expression is a new Circle this year and in case members are still not aware of what we do... we'd like to mention that this activity is a chance for members to get together (very informally) in programs that are designed to express feelings, to share, to work and to have fun together!

REMEMBER -- Regrets for the General Meetings should be sent in writing to Mako Lutyens, 88 Sunder Nagar, New Delhi 110003.

NEW WIC DIRECTORY

The new directories are ready thanks to the enormous amount of help that we have been given by Sophie Devred-Neat. Thank you Sophie! Members can now collect their directory at the General Meetings where they will be asked to sign for it.

Lyn Haxton, a fondly remembered WIC member, has passed away after a long battle with cancer. If you would like to send condolences to her family please contact Peggy Sood at 687-2012 or 687-2013.

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| | | | HAPPY NEW YEAR | | | |
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| | ✓ GOURMET & GARDEN Tea Demonstration 4.00 p.m. Park Royal Hotel, ITT Building, Nehru Place | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | ✓ 14 | 15 | ✓ 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | GENERAL MEETING Jazz Morning 11.00 a.m. "Someplace Else", Park Hotel, Sansad Marg | FOCUS "Comparative Cultures" by Mami & Masami Yamada 10.45 a.m. Noni Indrajeet Singh, B-4 I Maharani Bagh | EXCURSION "Kairali Ayurvedic Health Resort" Mebrauli 10.00 a.m. Meeting Point at Qutab Minar, Booking Office. | | |
| 19 | ✓ 20 | 21 | ✓ 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Q Jay's Dentist 4 p.m. IACC | ✓ BOOKS 10 - Network? Meet Madhu Tandan, "Faith and Fire" 11.30 a.m. Annie Howard, I3I Sunder Nagar 3 p.m. DCWA | | PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS "The Supreme is Female" by Mr. Chotte Bharany 3.00 p.m. Mr. Bharany, S-9 Greater Kailash I | | | |
| 26 | ✓ 27 | 28 | ✓ 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| REPUBLIC DAY | DANCE Brazilian Samba & Tango! 3.00 p.m. Josefina Young A- 35 Vasant Marg, Vasant Vihar | | CULTURE "From Shekhavati to Neemrana" by Francis Wacziarg 3.00 p.m. Mair McGeever, 5 Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakyaपुरी | IDUL-FITTR | | |