

A C T I V I T I E S   F O R   M A R C H

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 10  
Residence of Susan, Lady Fenn  
2 Rajaji Marg

Once again we have a presentation of festivals and dances, but this time it is an international one. These international festivals will be reflected in songs, dances and costumes. Of course we could have a two-hour show covering the whole world, but we have time constraints, so do bear with us if there are only a few!

Lady Fenn very graciously has lent her lovely, newly-appointed lawns to us for this meeting and we are sure it will be a very pleasant afternoon.

CHORUS

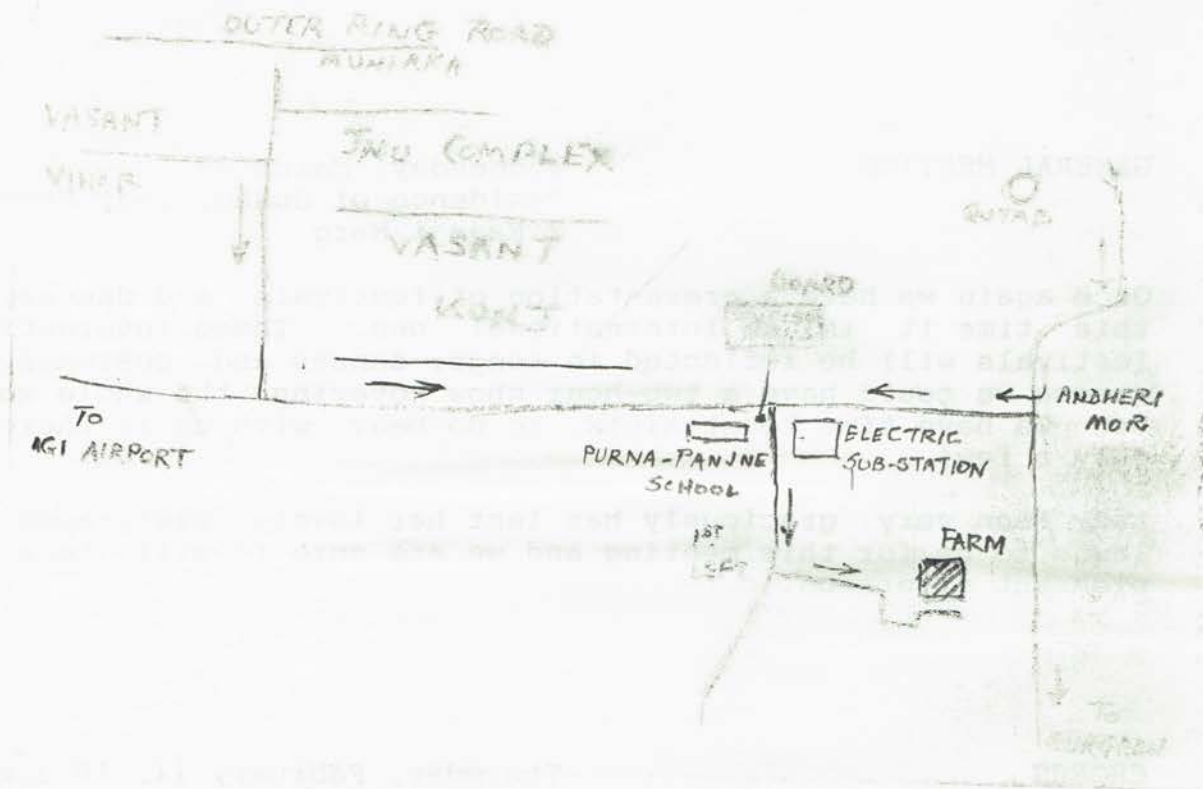
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5/7 Shanti Niketan (M. Burman)  
Thursday, February 25, 10 a.m.  
F-21/22 Hauz Khas Enc.  
(B. Nariman)  
Thursday, March 4, 11 a.m.-lunch  
W-51 Greater Kailash I  
(Y. Akiyama - 641-1351)  
Thursday, March 11, 10 a.m.  
C-15 West End  
(B. Kosian - 687-2238)

The Chorus Group wishes to thank Rebecca McCullough, Jacqueline Blaser and Prama Bhandari for their hospitality at previous meetings. The Chorus still has room for more singers so come, join your voice with theirs and make a joyful noise!

GARDEN & GOURMET

Wednesday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.  
Home of Prem Atwal  
Sunshine Farms  
Vasant Vihar/Mahrauli  
Tel: 619-3161

Here is an opportunity to visit an English garden in the heart of Delhi. Beautifully laid out with a large variety of flowers and colors and terraced gardens, it has pretty walks with overhanging shrubs to transport you into a peaceful, enchanted world. Here is a map to lead you to this treasure.



VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS - Friday, March 6, 3:00 p.m.  
(DANCE CIRCLE) - with the help of the Russian Embassy  
Host: - SUNSHINE FARMS  
Guests: -

To celebrate International Women's Day, Madame Jukova has kindly invited us to a dance program. Two Russian performers have been studying here in India and are now ready to show their accomplished Indian dances - perhaps with a Russian flair? Ms Olga Fozina will demonstrate the Cossack style while Mr. Dmitri Zarev will show us his Bharat Natyas.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS - Thursday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.  
(FILM CIRCLE) - Frida (Cinema International)  
17 Westside, Connaught Place

Hawthorne has been performed on film many, many times. Yet the dark but beautiful tale of jealousy, vengeance, grief, madness, and bloodshed never gets old. This 1960 version stars Derek Jacobi and Claire Bloom and runs about three hours and twenty minutes.

YOGA

Wednesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.  
Home of Rupa Sahni  
20 Amrita Shergill Marg  
Tel: 611-9777, 619-553

This month our yogaphiles will continue the head to toe exercises with an introduction of Surya Namaskar or Ode to the Sun. You too can wake up your mind and body by joining them.

CULTURAL

Wednesday, March 17, 3:00 p.m.  
Home of Connie Gupta  
63 Sunder Nagar  
Tel: 618-459

This month we will take a look at a variety of Indian hairstyles. Veena Shroff has been studying and demonstrating these since 1945. Once a dancer, she was inspired by the dance as well as by temple sculptures. She has written a book on Indian hairstyles and done demonstrations before Indira Gandhi and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and throughout Europe. In addition Ms Shroff will have a selection of hair ornaments on display.

FOCUS

Thursday, March 18, 3:00 p.m.  
Home of Mani Shankar Aiyer  
C-1/3 Humayan Road

Mr. and Mrs. Mani Shankar Aiyer have invited us to their home for a very interesting FOCUS afternoon. Mr. Mani Aiyer is a former member of the Indian Foreign Service, a former member of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, a member of the Indian delegation to the Rio Summit on Environment, a former Joint Secretary in Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's office, and is currently a Member of Parliament. He has written several books and now writes a weekly Sunday magazine column on current affairs. Obviously he must have many interesting experiences to relate to us and he is even willing to answer our questions.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS  
(ARTS & CRAFTS CIRCLE)

Friday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.  
Studio of Kristine Michael  
186 Sainik Farms

Come enjoy a talk, demonstration and display of functional stoneware pottery. Kristine Michael's avant garde creations of functional pottery have delighted art lovers in many parts of the world. Having studied traditional Indian and western pottery, she has developed a definite style of her own. At her studio in Sainik Farms, Ms Michael will introduce us to her latest works on display and demonstrate her admirable work. Let us meet at 2:50 at the Sainik Farms gate and proceed together to the studio.

BOOK CIRCLE

Friday, March 26, 3:00 p.m.  
Home of Bindu Talwar  
B 370 New Friends Colony  
Tel: 683-1242, 631-161

Many of us have visited the famous temples of Khajurao and many more would like to go. For all of us travellers and would-be travellers, we have Shobita Punja, the author of Divine Ecstasy, the story of Khajurao, with us this month. The book is a beautifully illustrated in-depth study of the twenty extraordinary temples built in the tenth and eleventh centuries. Shobita has a Masters in ancient Indian history from J.N.U., New Delhi and an M.A. in art education from Stanford University. She will give us an illustrated talk on the discovery, history and mythology of Khajurao.

P.S. If you are inspired by the talk and slides, give your name to our Excursion Group Leaders, Margrit Heydemann and Sarla Kumar, and perhaps they can arrange a trip if there is enough interest.

EXCURSION

Friday-Tuesday, March 26-30

A Short Sojourn in "The Valley of the Gods"

Hopefully we will return from our Kerala trip by the end of February. Then we plan to motor through the exquisite Kangra Valley, lying in the lap of the Dhauladhar Range of the western Himalayas. We will be visiting Dharamsala, Palampur, Andretta, and Kangra.

We will leave Delhi by the Shalimar Express at 16:15 on March 26th by II class, air-conditioned sleeper and arrive in Pathankot at 5:30 on the morning of the 27th. After a wash and breakfast we will proceed to Dharamsala (87 km) by taxi and check into Hotel Dhauladhar. After lunch we go on to the Buddhist monastery at McLeod Gung, the seat of the Dalai Lama, and tour the scenic environs of Upper and Lower Dharamsala with their "Sarovar," forests, and mountains. On the 28th morning we will drive to the ninth century Shiva temple at Baijnath where, according to legend, Ravanna propitiated Lord Shiva. We will also visit the Buddhist monastery at Tashijong. After lunch at Cafe Bhairava we will drive to Andretta through one of the most beautiful and untouched Himalayan valleys, with slate-roofed houses and terraced hillsides, and surrounded by the snow-clad Dhauladhars. We will visit the village art gallery of Sardar Sobha Singh, the mud house of Norah Richards, and the blue pottery makers. In the evening we will drive to Palampur, with its extensive tea gardens, and check into the Hotel Masaud. On the 29th we will see the tea gardens and tea factory as well as a shawl factory on our way to the historic Kangra fort and Kangra temple. Then we will drive on to Pathankot to catch the Shalimar Express to Delhi at 21:50 and arrive in Delhi at 11:30 on the morning of the 30th.

The total cost of the tour of three days and four nights (two on the train), inclusive of train tickets, taxi and hotels, will be Rs. 3000. Food will be paid for separately. Those members who wish to join this fantastic tour must pay Rs. 3000 to Margrit Heydemann, 14B Amrita Shergill Marg (tel: 693-341) by February 25 so that the train and hotel reservations can be made. This trip is a marvellous opportunity to see a beautiful part of India and the price is definitely right! Seize this opportunity and call Margrit now!

SPECIAL PROGRAM I

Wednesday, March 31, 3:00 p.m.  
Home of Rebecca McCullough  
F-/3 Vasant Vihar  
Tel: 672-336

In August Rebecca treated us to a taste of New Mexican snacks and starters. This month she has been prevailed upon to follow up with some New Mexican main courses. She will show us her enchiladas and tacos -- both vegetarian and non-vegetarian of course. Hasta la vista!

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Due to the large number of women who want to attend the Book Circle on Friday, February 19, the location has been changed to the home of Gail Cornaro at the Austrian Embassy. The time is still 3:00 p.m.

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Many of you have already been contacted by a member of the Executive Committee and asked if you would be willing to bring a national or regional dish to the International Gala Night. We all know how difficult the telephone system can be here in Delhi, so if you have not been called and would like to bring a dish, contact Claudia Deiss (603-965) or Rebecca McCullough (672-336). Thank you for helping to make our Gala a success.

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Please note the following change of address in your directories:

Malak Hasa  
17 Motilal Nehru Marg  
New Delhi 110011  
Tel: 301-7936

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Three of our members have left us recently. We wish success and happiness to Isabel Beauge, Zohra Islam and Melina Lesuch.

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However, six new members joined our ranks as of February 3rd. A hearty welcome to them all.

Regine Arnoux  
Swaraj Kunj  
D.L.F. Farms, Khasra #1340  
Chattarpur, Mehrauli  
New Delhi 110030  
Tel: 680-2204, 680-1168  
FRANCE

Margaret (Maggie) Knight  
1/29 Shanti Niketan  
New Delhi 110021  
Tel: 688-3447  
UNITED KINGDOM

Danielle Lannevere  
43 Golf Links  
New Delhi 110003  
Tel: 694-338  
FRANCE

Yasuko Tachibana  
37 Malcha Marg  
New Delhi 110021  
Tel: 301-4692  
JAPAN

Josefina Young  
A-35 Vasant Marg  
Vasant Vihar  
New Delhi 110057  
Tel: 678-593  
SPAIN

Lubica Chlebo  
Slovak Embassy  
50 M Niti Marg  
New Delhi 110021  
Tel: 608-382, 609-318  
SLOVAK

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Do you remember the "Trip of the Year" to Kerala that we talked about a couple of months ago? The trip that was sabotaged by the Indian Airlines strike? Well, hopefully it will be rescheduled for the end of February. As soon as Indian Airlines finalizes its new schedule we will have more information. If you are still interested, or perhaps this time suits you and you need more information, contact Margrit Heydemann at 693-341. It's still a fantastic trip. Let's make it a success.  
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Gail Cornaro, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and committee members Komal Dhindsa, Supriya Gupta, Margrit Heydemann, Su-Yhen de Rijk-Quan, Sudharshana Singh, and Pushpa Vadera have worked hard but well and are to be congratulated for putting together a fine slate of candidates for 1993-94. They are:

President:  
1st Vice President:  
2nd Vice President:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Hospitality:  
Membership:  
Newsletter Editor:

Mary Brill  
Sheila Thadani-Chauhan  
Jean Gurney  
Nandita Lahiri  
Aruna Verma  
Gita Devi of Karpurthala  
Marie-Jeanne Presthus  
Amanda Taylor

Many thanks to both the hard-working committee and the soon-to-be hard-working candidates.  
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At the Music Circle meeting Thursday, February 4, at the Swiss Embassy, Mrs. Zehnder's navy blue, plain Raymond's shawl was lying on a sofa, but is now missing. If you accidentally picked up this shawl, please get it back to her.

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#### GALA NIGHT

Fellow members of the Women's International Club, lend me your eyes. I want to tell you of the grand and glorious Gala Night (formerly known as Husbands' Night) that is planned for your dining, dancing, and listening pleasure.

Save the night of Saturday, March 20, from 8:00 p.m. and come to the residence of Ambassador and Mrs. Christoph Cornaro for an unforgettable evening of international gaiety and glamor. For a mere Rs. 150 per person (Rs. 300 per couple) you can sample international cuisine, enjoy an international cabaret, admire the international decor, dance the night away to the music of a live band, and bask in the company of old and new friends. So put on your glad-rags -- regional or national dress is a must -- and get ready for a grand good time at the Gala.

Tickets will be on sale after February 15. Contact any Executive Committee member. Also please remember that we can use your donations of liquor -- especially white wine.

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#### WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

This month we are indebted to the talented, and published, Laura Sykes who kindly contributed the following article about a woman who truly made a difference to her world and ours.

Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845) was to prison reform what Florence Nightingale was to hospitals. Both were nineteenth century figures: Elizabeth Fry in Georgian and Regency England, Florence Nightingale in the Victorian Era. Both were born into well-to-do families; Elizabeth Fry was born Elizabeth Gurney, one of the Norfolk banking families who still have a controlling interest in Barclays Bank (and, incidentally, who are the ancestors of our own Jean Gurney's husband). Both achieved an international reputation for their social reforms at a time when women from their background were expected to concentrate on acquiring "accomplishments" like piano playing or painting watercolors. With our late twentieth century perspectives, their achievements may not seem so extraordinary, but seen in context they are truly remarkable.

She was born a Quaker and married another Quaker, Joseph Fry, by whom she had a large family. Quakers, or the Society of Friends, are a Christian sect active largely in Britain and North America. Mrs. Fry came under the influence of a visiting American preacher named Savery and there seems little doubt that her social conscience sprang from her deep religious convictions (she became a Quaker minister in 1811).

She was interested in prison conditions from the age of 15, when she asked her father to take her to the local jail in Norwich. When she later visited London's Newgate Prison, she was horrified at what she found. "Nearly 300 women, with their children, were huddled together in two wards and two cells; some of them were convicted, some not yet tried, those guilty of misdemeanors together with those convicted of serious offences, all tumbled together, without employment, without nightclothes or bedclothes, sleeping on the bare floor, cooking and washing, eating and sleeping in the same apartment." In 1817, she was the mainspring of an association formed to improve the conditions of female prisoners at Newgate. She began by supplying the most destitute with clothes. Then she started a school. In 1840, she established an order of nursing sisters modelled on the Prussian establishment at Kaiserswerth (where Florence Nightingale was trained), and herself travelled throughout Britain inspecting prisons, conferring with the local authorities and forming local ladies' associations to carry on the good work.

She also travelled widely in Europe spreading the word: she was received in France by King Louis-Philippe and by the king of Prussia and his family, whom she entertained at dinner after taking him to visit Newgate Prison. Although one version has it that she persuaded the king to kneel on the floor at Newgate to pray with her, later historians unfortunately think this an unlikely scenario. Her fame even spread to Australia, where she helped convicts who had been "transported to Van Diemen's Land," many for very trivial offences.

Elizabeth Fry is a good candidate for "Women Who Made a Difference" -- or even a Women's International Club Hall of Fame.



M A R C H   A T   A   G L A N C E

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Thursdays, 10 a.m.		CHORUS
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Wednesday, 3rd 10:30 a.m.	Home of Prem Atwal Sunshine Farms Vasant Kunj/Mehrauli Tel: 689-3161	GOURMET & GARDEN In an English Garden
Friday, 5th 3:00 p.m.	Home of Galina Drukova Russian Embassy Shanti Path	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE CIRCLE) Russian-Indian Dance
Thursday, 11th 10:00 a.m.	Brit. Council Auditorium 17 Kasturba Gandhi Marg	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (FILM CIRCLE) <u>Hamlet</u> -- 200 min.
Wednesday, 17th 10:30 a.m.	Home of Rupa Sahni 20 Amrita Shergill Marg Tel: 611-977, 619-553	YOGA "Ode to the Sun"
Wednesday, 17th 3:00 p.m.	Home of Connie Gupta 63 Sunder Nagar Tel: 618-459	CULTURAL Indian Hairstyles
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Saturday, 20th 8:00 p.m.	The Cornaro Residence Austrian Embassy EP-13 Chandergupta Marg	GALA NIGHT An International Night
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