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MARCH

Dear Members,

March is here bringing with it an exuberance of Spring. Delhi is a riot of colour with the flowers in full bloom. What better time than Saturday, March 4, to put on your dancing shoes and enjoy the Gala Night Ball? Besides, we could not have a more ideal setting than the exquisite and gracious residence of Madam Sooryun Soh.

Why a Tamil Wedding theme you may ask. Because we thought the Gala Night must have a theme that will interest all -- young, old, those who dance, those who don't. Because the South Indian ceremony is beautiful, elegant and quite different from what we are accustomed to seeing in Delhi. We hope to put in across to you in a short pageant at the beginning of the evening.

And now, for the most important and tantalizing reason for it all. In Tamil Nadu it is customary for a man to remarry his wife. Never mind that over there they wait for the man to turn 60. For our Gala Night we shall happily bend this rule to suit all ages.

So here is an opportunity of a lifetime. Needless to say, other male friends will not be debarred! And no questions asked!

So, come one, come all and dance the night away at our Gala Ball.

Sincerely,

Nayana Goradia

President

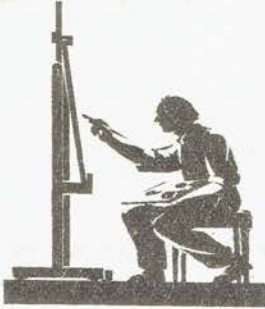


The Month's Programs

March

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 3 p.m., at the home of Renu Mody, 15 Friends Colony West



Frenny Billimoria presents a program on the contemporary art scene against a background of M.F. Hussein's architecture. Come and meet some of India's leading artists and critics... view an exotic art collection...send or bring all your questions on the contemporary art scene.

Gourmet and Garden

*Friday, March 3, 12 noon, at the home of Forooz Ragaglioni,
24 Prithviraj Road, tel: 301-1750.*



Join Forooz Ragaglioni as she demonstrates how to prepare luscious Italian dishes. She will concentrate on pizzas and pastas -- including sources for the finest pastas in Delhi. Sorry but space is limited, so only the first 20 may attend.

Gala Night

*Saturday March 4, 7:30 p.m., at the residence of Ambassador and Mrs. Sooryun Soh,
The Embassy of Korea, 9 Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri.*

You have received your invitation to the wedding, so remember to purchase your tickets from any committee member at any WIC Circle meeting or at the February general meeting. (The deadline: by February 15.) Also your liquor donations will be much appreciated. Please deliver them to Gisela Elias at 4 Bhagwan Dass Road between 9-1 and 3-5 Monday through Saturday.

Don your wedding finery and join this lovely Tamil Nadu celebration! Eat, drink, be merry and even get married! What a Gala Night!



Excursions

Thursday, March 2, 10:00 a.m., Sultangarhi, Adham Khan's Tomb and stepped wells meet at the Qutab Minar parking lot.

Sultangarhi is a beautiful mausoleum with dalans in the interior. The first monumental tomb in northern India, it was built by Illutmish in 1231 over the remains of his eldest son and heir apparent.

Adham Khan's Tomb was built in the 16th century and is popularly known as Bhulbhulaiyan (labyrinth), for a visitor often loses his way in the several passages.

The two baolis (stepped wells) are from the Sultanate period and are worth a visit.

Monday - Wednesday, March 6 - 8, holiday in Bundi and Kota

Just a note to all of you who are taking that fabulous trip to Bundi and Kota: have a wonderful time and take lots of photographs to show to us stay-at-homes. Any questions? Contact: Candy Rohde - 674-854, Sheila Ghatate - 332-9823, 332-9346 or Laxmi Chandra - 688-5545.

Yoga

Yoga I, Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel

*Yoga II, Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Claudia Le Lay, 19A Amrita Shergill
Tel: 461-1517.*

Now, we all know that winter is on the wane and that means swimming weather cannot be far behind. There is no time like the present to begin the getting-in-shape process. So join the yoga groups and get healthy. At Yoga I Beata Stier continues to lead her merry band. Meanwhile, at Yoga II, Dr. S.N. Gaur will continue the workouts and promises to deal with any health problems you may have. Please don't forget to bring your mats.

Focus

*Tuesday, March 7, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Deepak Chopra, E-2 Defence Colony,
Tel: 461-7661, 462-8844*



A few years ago the WIC Newsletter had a column on "Women Who Make a Difference." Saroj Vasishth would certainly fit into that space. A journalist, novelist, translator and social worker, Ms Vasishth will tell us Tales from Tihar based on her work with the 16-18 year old inmates of Sachin Ward in Tihar Jail. She has introduced literature, discussion, music and drama to the otherwise bleak lives of these boys. Hopefully she will bring with her a film and possibly a former inmate.

Performing Arts

*Friday, March 10, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Helga Peterlik, The Austrian Embassy,
EP-13 Chandragupta Marg, Tel: 688-6834*

Cecile Koulischer will present a short piano recital. From Belgium, she has a Master of Arts degree, specializing in piano, from the Geneva Conservatoire. She has given concerts in Switzerland and Belgium, as well as here in Delhi. Currently, she is passing along her talents by teaching piano in Geneva. Please sign up early -- attendance is limited to 45.



Visual Arts

*Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Susan Fenn,
British High Commission Residence, 2 Rajaji Marg, Tel: 301-3117*

Rupert Featherstone is director of the Calcutta Tercentenary Trust based in London. The trust was set up to restore and preserve the collection at the Victoria Memorial in Calcutta. The Memorial has many fine water colors, oil paintings and other works of art of great artistic merit, as well as historic interest.

Mr. Featherstone will show us some of his beautiful slides and will dwell on the collection's history rather than the technical details of the restoration work. However, he has some dramatic examples of "before and after" to show us.

!!!! Special Program !!!!

Wednesday, March 22, 11:00 a.m., a visit to Chandra Shekhar's Bondsi Farm.
Meet at the Indian International Center at 10:00 a.m.

This month we have a special program that is truly worthy of the name! The Honorable Chandra Shekhar, former Prime Minister, has invited us to tour one of his special projects, an experimental area called Bondsi in Gurgaon, Haryana. Only 45 km from Delhi, we will car pool to this lush green land which has been resurrected from the desert. A man-made dam has been constructed to assist the agricultural and piscicultural programs. Other projects include a dairy and a hospital. Mr. Shekhar himself will be our guide and we are invited to join him for lunch. Come with us for an enjoyable early spring day in the fresh country air.



ROUTE MAP TO
CHANDRA SHEKHAR'S FARM
BHUVANESHWARI (BONDSI)
GURGAON DISTRICT
HARYANA

Book Circle

Monday, March 27, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Sarla Kumar, F-23 Hauz Khas,
Tel: 662-879, 685-1617

Our book this month is William Dalrymple's *City of Djinns. A Year in Delhi.* "A sympathetic and engaging portrait of this age-old city.... Pursuing his research through the narrow alleys, mosques, abandoned ruins and tombs of Delhi, Dalrymple encounters a range of folk who continue to give Delhi its special character. Pigeon fanciers, Sufi mystics, Moslem healers, musicians, calligraphers, philosophers and a guild of eunuchs all provide Dalrymple with entertaining insights...." Nicholas Woodsworth, "Financial Times."



Cultural Circle

Wednesday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Perchard, 16 Kautilya Marg,
Tel: 301-1834

Professor Lokesh Chandra is a well-known scholar of Tibetan, Mongolian, Chinese and Japanese Buddhism. He has written many books and has served in the Indian Parliament. Currently, he is the Director of the International Academy of Indian Culture. Attendance is limited to 35.

Professor Chandra will speak on "The Wisdom and Compassion in Tibetan Art" and show some original scrolls. He will present the sensitivity of the aesthetics of Tibetan painted scrolls, known as thangkas, which symbolize a pictorial awareness of inner experiences. As a Tibetan master has put it:

Who speaks the sound of an echo?
Who paints the image in a mirror?
Where are the spectacles in a dream?
Nowhere at all --
That is the nature of the mind.

Tibetan thangkas are the meditative universe to transform the environment into intrinsic purity and sublime spontaneity.

A few more changes for your telephone directories have been received.

Titli Sahni's telephone number has been changed to 691-1962.

New addresses:	Indra Rani Jerath 74 Anand Lok New Delhi 110049	Indu Sahni C744 New Friends Colony New Delhi 110065
	Jennifer Smith B 8/13 Vasant Vihar New Delhi 110057	

A reminder to all members: When you bring a guest as a prospective member to a WIC meeting, please introduce your guest to the members of the Executive Committee. Also each member may introduce only two prospective members per year. And please do not sponsor or second a person unless you know her personally.

Our Club year is rapidly coming to a close and, sadly, some of our members will be leaving Delhi for new postings or returning home. Before you get caught up in the rush of packing out, don't forget to let the membership chair know of your departure so she can keep the directory up-to-date and we can say farewell here.

Jyotsna Govil reports that last month she had to pay out over Rs. 40 to the postman for WIC postcards that were not stamped. Be kind and remember to put a stamp on the card. It isn't fair to make Jyotsna pay for our mistakes.

Also Jyotsna reports that some February Circle Meetings have been heavily oversubscribed. Since telephoning is such a problem, please check if your name is on one or both of the following lists of members who were not among the first to get their cards in. Sorry, but if your name is on these lists you may not attend that meeting.

Focus, Monday, February 9: Rekha Kripalani, Shakuntala Sachthey, Helga Sarna, Sheila Thadani Chauhan, Peggy Sood, Harash Kapur, Pushpa Vadera, Indra Hathiramani, Gopika Nath, Shakti Gupta, Dhun Mehta.

Gourmet & Garden, Tuesday, February 24: Sarla Kumar, Rupa Sahni, Sohinder Nabha, Anita Batra, Nimmi Khanna, Renu Mehra, Titli Sahni, Vimla Rajan, Ritu Uttam, Nagindra Khanna, Zakia Zaheer, Sarabjit A. Singh, Ajinder Dugal, Tuli Mirchandani, Nina Dey Gupta, Promila Nath, Bindu Talwar, Savitri Bhatia, Indra Luthra, Gita Devi, Veena Dass, Ramindra A. Singh, Niru Kapur, Shyama G. Singh, Mohini Bazaz, Komal Dhindsa, Dhun Mehta, Mohini Gidwani, Nima Malhotra.



***** BULLETIN BOARD *****

The Nominating Committee, under the excellent guidance of Ildiko Varkonyi has worked very hard and developed an excellent slate for the Executive Committee for our Silver Jubilee Year:

President	Annie Howard (U.K.)
1st Vice President	Bina Deogun (India) 683 2736
2nd Vice President	Chrysanthe Epaminondas (Cyprus) 683 063
Secretary	Prem Gupta (India)
Treasurer	Connie Gupta (U.S.A.)
Hospitality	Harash Kapur (India)
Membership	Josefina Young (Spain)
Newsletter	Surinder Dugal Jain (India)

Many thanks to Ildiko Varkony, Prama Bhandari, Ayse Sungar, Deepak Chopra, Dolly Dadachanji, Frenny Billimoria and Maggie Knight. Your unstinting labor was invaluable. And thanks also to those who have agreed to allow their names to be placed in nomination.

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Elizabeth Perle and

Thanks for the year

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The following women were recently welcomed as new members of WIC and here are their addresses and telephone numbers.

Marie Claude Campbell
(Lawson)
France

Shakuntala Farms
21 Silver Oaks
Delhi 110031
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Ariadni Gourometsieu
(Anagnostopoulos George)
Greece

C-10 Pashimi Marg
Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057
Tel: 687-3650

Sandra Maxwell
(Paul)
U.S.A.

16B Amrita Shergill Marg
New Delhi 110003
Tel: 461-8510

Fakhri Akbar Zeb
(Akbar)
Pakistan

Pakistan High Commission
Chanakyapuri
Tel: 609-160



Executive Committee 1994/95

President	Nayana Goradia (India)	4617859/5703
1st Vice President	Gayle Gathercole (UK)	6872161 ext 2497
2nd Vice President	Usha Venkateshwaran (India)	2250730
Secretary	Leena Singh (Nepal)	6844204
Treasurer	Maya Caroli (India)	6863936/6853020
Hospitality	Jyotsna Govil (India)	664787
Membership	Ghazala Malik (Pakistan)	6883526/602951
Newsletter	Connie Gupta (U.S.A.)	4618459

Circle Leaders for 1994/95

Book Circle	Janet Chawla (U.S.)	4611821
	Gopika Nath (India)	631841
Performing Arts	Shanno Khuranna (India)	4617236
	Yuni Mochny (Indonesia)	6461458
Visual Arts	Susan Fenn (UK)	6872161
	Bindu Talwar (India)	6831242
Excursions	Sheila Ghatate (India)	3329823
	Candy Rohde (US)	674854
Cultural	Galina Drukova (Russia)	6885009
	Shyama Gurbachan Singh (India)	3329611
Focus	Nima Malhotra (India)	6831080
	Jennifer Smith (UK)	6881880
Gourmet/Garden	Josefina Young (Spain)	678593
	Meenu Dugal (India)	8340010
Yoga	Anita Meattle (India)	3012289
	Lyd Hienkens (Netherlands)	4632801

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Month at a Glance

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Thursday, March 2 10:30 a.m.	Excursion	Sultangarhi Adham Khan Tomb	Meet at Qutab Minar Parking Lot
Friday, March 3 12 noon	Gourmet and Garden	Italian Cuisine Limit: 20	Forooz Ragaglioni 24 Prithviraj Road
Saturday, March 4 7:30 p.m.	GALA NIGHT	Tamil Nadu Wedding	Korean Embassy 9 Chandragupta M
Monday - Wednesday March 6 - 8	Excursion	Bundi and Kota	
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Tuesday, March 7 3:00 p.m.	Focus	Tales from Tihar Saroj Vasishth	Deepak Chopra E-2 Defence Col.
Friday, March 10 3:00 p.m.	Performing Arts Limit: 45	Piano Recital Cecile Koulischer	Austrian Embassy EP1 Chandragupta
Wednesday, March 15 3:00 p.m.	General Meeting	Contemporary Arts Frenny Billimoria	Renu Mody 15 Friends Col. We
Tuesday, March 21 3:00 p.m.	Visual Arts	Victoria Memorial Restoration	B. H.C. Residency 2 Rajaji Marg
Wednesday, March 22 11:00 a.m.	Special Program	Bondsi Farm Visit Chandra Shekhar	Meet at 10:00 at I.I.C.
Friday, March 24 10:30 a.m.	Yoga II	Dr. S.N. Gaur	Claudia Le Lay 19A Amrita Shergill
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Wednesday, March 29 3:00 p.m.	Cultural Limit: 35	Tibetan Art Prof. Lokesh Chandra	Elizabeth Perchard 16 Kautilya Marg