



WIC *News*

The President's Letter March 2000

Dear Members,

March is such a beautiful time of the year. It also tends to be very busy for most of us, with good weather as well as India's magnificent history, culture and handicrafts. So space and hostess permitting, your visitors are welcome to sample our fare! While we're on the subject, however I am compelled to make a few observations and an appeal on absenteeism, an issue that has apparently frustrated many an Executive Committee. Please, out of basic courtesy and respect to one another, we all need to be responsible members with regards to attending General Meetings and Circle Meetings for which we have signed up. While we take it as a good indicator that our programmes are attracting the interest of a large number of the members, it is truly embarrassing for the circle leaders and the hostess when many people do not attend a meeting without giving prior notice. It also denies other members a chance to attend, while placing our Hospitality Chairperson in the unenviable position of having to turn away members from an event.

This has happened too many times; let's not turn the club into a school with more rules and disciplinary action to deal with this problem. Rather, let's behave like the mature responsible, respectable and polite people that we are !! Come on, ladies!

This month a panel of unconventional and brave men will tell us how it feels to balance the demands of work, the home and the children (a natural for us ladies!) Another panel will examine the status of English theatre in the Capital, while Spain is the theme of our cuisine specialists.

The issues relevant to senior citizens will be reviewed by members of Helpage, a well known NGO; while book lovers will be entertained by the experiences of novelist Kamalini Sengupta. And lastly, our club members and a few outsiders will embark on two trips (named Cleopatra and Nefititi by our enterprising circle leaders!) to Egypt, land of the Nile, romance and adventure. Have a great time, and we'll expect you to report back to us upon your return, so take a lot of notes and photos!

Sincerely,


Mona Madi
President

P.S. - Please reserve April 1st 2000 on your calendars... it's the Millennium Gala Night



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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**GENERAL PROGRAMME
MARCH - 2000**

House - Husbands and Mama - Papas, a panel discussion

Sex role stereotypes are being negotiated, challenged and changed. Our panel comprises of men who might be termed "House Husbands" or "Mama - Papas" - that is men who have been adventurous enough to take on traditionally "feminine" roles of caring for children or the home. They will share their joys of trials, experiences and analyses of the process in open forum.

Thursday 16th March, at 3 pm.
at the home of Shireen Paul
2 Aurangzeb Lane, New Delhi - 110 021

**NB: This meeting is on Thursday 16th of March
because the Egypt trip ends on the 12th.**

From the Membership Chairperson :

Dear Members,

In April 1993, the Club Established a Sub-Committee on Membership to assist the Membership Chairperson review all applications submitted to the club for membership. Apparently the club realized that a group of people focusing their efforts on reviewing and processing applications would help ease the burden of a long waitlist and a large backlog. Since then, for the past seven years, the different sub-committee's on Membership have diligently reviewed and dealt with all applications whether Indian or International in a forthright and fair manner. Currently as such , we only have a waitlist in the category of foreigners permanently resident in India and we have a few pending applications in the Indian category going through the normal review process. Since 1993, the different sub-committee's on Membership have always adhered to the following set of Guidelines :

GUIDELINES FOR INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CLUB

1. breadth and range of interest and commitment: gifted people who can contribute their talents, time, energy and effort will be considered ahead of those showing more limited or the more usual fields of interest;
2. a well balanced representation;

3. re-confirmation from the proposer and seconder;
4. age;
5. the likelihood of using the Club for personal or commercial advancement;
6. the chronological order in which the application has been received;
7. whether the applicant is a permanent resident of Delhi;
8. verification of continued interest in joining the Club, since the time of applying.

We have now entered the 10th year since the Club decided to introduce the rule on Ten-year Membership in 1990. In the Extraordinary General Meeting last year we ruled the following.

Consensus : Ten-year membership to be strictly enforced;
all to retire at the end of 10 years.

Voted in : Members whose 10 years have expired joined can re-apply.
They go to the bottom of the list
They must retire in the month they joined
Criteria for re-entry to be established

Voted out : The waiting period of three years.

At present the sub-committee on **membership** is working hard to formulate the Guidelines and Criteria for re-entry because we have members whose ten year-tenure is up. We would welcome your thoughts. We therefore solicit suggestions from members in the formulation of these guidelines. We don't have much time, however so we need your suggestions in writing by the 25th February to be sent to the undersigned. Only written submissions will be entertained.

By the 25th of February, the subcommittee on membership will then integrate appropriate suggestions for presentation to and approval of the Executive Committee. These criteria will then be published in the April Newsletter for the information of the entire club membership.

Thank you so much and we hope that you will give this matter your early attention.

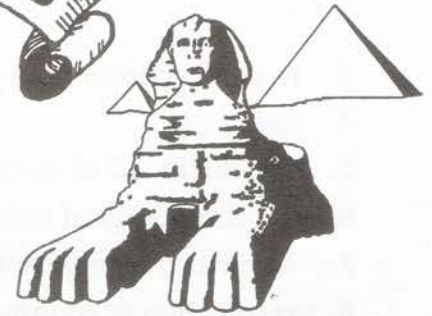
For and on behalf of the sub-Committee on Membership.

Priscila R. Confiado

CIRCLE PROGRAMMES

TRIPS & TOURS

Egypt



The two planned trips, leaving Delhi on 1st and 4th of March respectively, are all sewn up and everyone is raring to go.

CULTURE PANORAMA

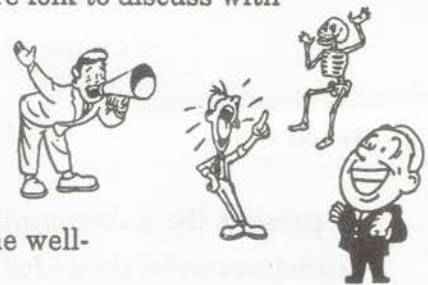
CHANGING HORIZONS IN THE ENGLISH THEATRE WORLD

This month we are fortunate to have an eminent panel of Theatre folk to discuss with us the evolving English Theatre in Delhi.

Panelists are

- **Feizal Al Kazi**, innovative director and playwright,
- **Roysten Abel**, director, playwright and set designer, whose play "Othello, A study in Black and White", "won a fringe first at the Edinburgh theatre festival in 1999.
- **Vivek Mansukhani**, actor, director and founding father of the well-known theatre group Scene Stealers.

Ruth Max will moderate the panel - so plenty of lively and provocative questions please.



Tuesday 21st March at 3 pm.
at the home of Darshi Gurdial Singh, 63 Friends Colony East
New Delhi - 110 065 • Tel : 684 4204
Limit - 40

Food & Flowers

Las Meninas

at the PARK

Lovers of Spanish food will be delighted that this month's food outing is to *Las Meninas* at the Park Hotel. The heady decor is inspired by Las Meninas, perhaps Spain's best known work of art, by Diego de Silva Velasquez. The cuisine covers tapas, salads, fish and other non-veg dishes, all very authentically and excitingly Spanish in flavour and presentation.

For those not going on the Egyptian adventure, this will be a fitting diversion and compensation.

Wednesday 22nd March at 2-4 pm.
at the Park Hotel, Parliament Street.
Limit - 40



Book Mark

A Seasoned Couple

Kamalini Sengupta is an ex- IAS officer, and wife of a diplomat. Her first book - *A Seasoned Couple* - was published in 1994, deals with human relationships coming under the microscope, where the minutiae of conjugal life are deftly juggled 'twixt the bizarre and the comic.

In addition to discussing the book, she will share her experiences as a writer. As her book is not currently in print, those who might wish to read it will be pleased to hear that the authoress has few copies available at 2nd Floor, 41 Jorbagh, Tel: 46653415.

To get to the Carolli House - Enter Sainik Farms at the Khanpur Gate (On Saket Badarpur Road) and keep straight ahead until you come to the T-junction and turn right. Then you take first left, first right and first left and bingo, you are there.

Monday 27th March, at 3 pm.
at the home of Maya Carolli at 129 Sainik Farms,
New Delhi - 110 062
Tel No. 686 3936, 685 9153 Fax : 686 3936
Limit - 40

Healthwise

Helpage India

Dr Kalyan Bagchi of Helpage - which is a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) dedicated to the care of the elderly - will give a talk on Alzheimer's disease and other afflictions of the aged. The tenor of the address will be of enlightenment and encouragement for what can be done, rather than a message of gloom and doom. The growth of Helpage over the last two decades has been remarkable and a heartening success story.

Tuesday 28th March at 10-30 am.
Hosted by Helpage at the home of Prem Soi
(one of the governing body members of Helpage),
at 15A Prithviraj Road (entrance of South End Lane).
Queries to Frenny Billimoria Tel : 6182520
No Limit

From the Editor's Desk



We welcome the following new members to the club

- Helena Chien**
Taiwan * 2000
(Kang Tan)
A-22 West End
New Delhi - 110 021
Tel : 611 3576 • Fax : 410 4640
- Manju Vira Gupta**
India* 2000
(Ravi)
9 Anand Lok, Apt. B
Khel Gaon Marg
New Delhi - 110 049
Tel : 625 9656 • Fax : 625 4852
- Sari Roels - Sianturi**
Netherlands * 2000
(Cees)
Royal Netherlands Embassy
6/50 F Shantipath
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi - 110 021
Tel : 688 7889 • Fax : 410 3187
- Shree Devi Singh**
India* 2000
(Tejinder)
3-A Sardar Patel Marg
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi - 110 021
Tel : 379 3804/02

5. Change of telephone numbers

- Nina S Gupta to 569 4421 and 569 3162
- Annie Howard to 335 1272 and 335 2272
- Nicky Gablin to 601 2877

Kindly amend your directory with the changes and new entries

6. Change of Address

Usha Srivastava to
C-384 Triveni Apartments,
SFS Sheikh Saria Phase - I
New Delhi - 110 017
Tel : 628 7939

Theresa Olthof to
C-44 Anand Niketan,
New Delhi - 110 021
Tel : 410 3799

We offer our sincere apologies to **Roselyne de Tricornot** for the omission of her name & address in the new directory.

Her address is :
E-6/7 Vasant Vihar
New Delhi - 110 057
Tel : 615 2751 • Fax : 615 2750

7. Condolences

We much regret to have to announce the sad demise of Indra Luthra's husband and Loes vander Tang's mother. We extend our deepest sympathies to Indra and Loes and their families.

8. Resignations

It is impossible to keep the directory up to date unless we are informed when people move away. Departing members are requested to notify the President in writing when they leave.

March - 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 GENERAL MEETING 2 Aurangzeb Lane 3 pm.	17	18
19	20	21 CULTURE PANORAMA English Theatre World 63 Friends Colony East 3 pm.	22 FOOD & FLOWERS Spanish Cuisine Park Hotel 2 pm.	23	24	25
26	27 BOOK MARKS Seasoned Couple 129 Sainik Farms 3 pm.	28 HEALTH WISE Helpage India 15 Prithviraj Road 10.30 am.	29	30	31	