



MARCH 2008

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 12 TH MARCH 2008

at 11.30 am

Taru Kanwar's farm
18, The Greens
Rajokri
(see map)



Holi, the N. Indian festival of colours heralds the advent of spring. A joyous colourful occasion when the young and the old, men and women, all take part in splashing colour on friends and strangers with equal zeal. Come and be a part of this merry making, but come prepared to have dry powder colour/flower petals showered on you. Yes, of course there will be music and dancing and lots of fun!

Our hostess requests you to wear green, orange or yellow which are auspicious colours.

WIC NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The month of Phalguna (February/March)

"Rich and poor make merry together without a care for social conventions. They speak freely, without restraint or sense of shame. In every home young men and women play holi with great abandon and gusto: they knot their garments together in a mock wedding ceremony and rub gulala (rose-scented red powder) on each other's faces. The perfume of scented powders fills the air. Why leave home now, in Phalguna, the month of merrymaking, my love?" - KESHAV DASA (1557-1607) – poet at the court of the Bundela kings of Orcha.

March is set to be a very special month this year. The Indian New Year, Milad-un-Nabhi, Holi and Easter are all early.

Come and let us celebrate on the 7th of March, one day before, our 'International Women's Day'. It will be the occasion to mark the centuries-old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men. In ancient Greece, Lysistrata initiated a sexual strike against men in order to end war, while during the French Revolution, Parisian women calling for 'liberty, equality, fraternity' marched on Versailles to demand women's suffrage. Chief Minister, Sheila Dikshit, has promised, amongst other special guests, to join us on this day.

There is something for everyone in our Circle Meetings this month from ghazals in our Book Club, to reflexology and Maharashtrian cuisine. Our March General Meeting will be a celebration of Holi at Taru's farmhouse. There is going to be lots of colour, dance and a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of our new members.

I look forward to seeing you all in March, especially at our Gala Night.



Warm regards,
Eleni Spachi

CIRCLE LEADERS

Art appreciation

Sarla Daga 9810131542
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Cuisine

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Dance away

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Meera Juneja 9810347333

French Coffee Morning

Rosa-Lina Nicod 24359039

German Coffee Morning

Maya Caroli 9899490088

Hindi Bolo

Bina Deogun 26832736

International

Anita Meattle 23012289

Lunching out

Binda Talwar 46514142
Niti Judge 24635057

Movies

Niru Kapur 9810076063

Music appreciation

Dr Shanno Khurana 24331280
Rita Gharekhan 24339740

Philosophy/Mythology and Special Circles

Prama Bhandari 26862807
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Travel and Excursions

Sunandini Kapur 25400845

WIC NOTICE BOARD

Sad Demise

Tuli Mirchandani, a dedicated WIC member since 1981, passed away on 17th January 2008.

She will be missed by all her friends and well-wishers in the club.

We welcome following new members to our club:

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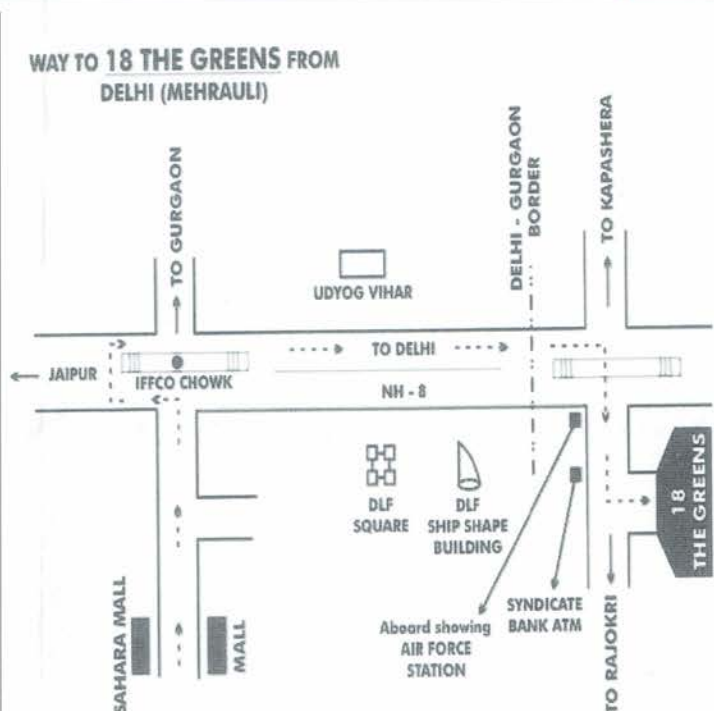
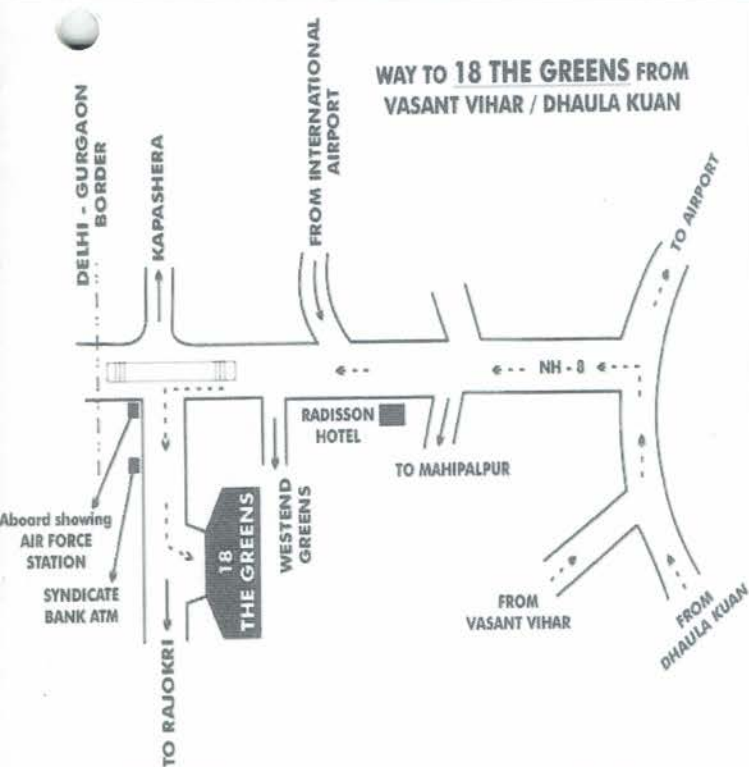
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The following members resigned from the Club:

Krishna Jhalani
Monica Holly
Ruzka Vanda Keus
Romina Pappalardo
Sheyla de Pinzon
Nancy Pirez

Thanks to: Sarla Daga, Sheila Dobson, Nina Dey Gupta, Sylvia Kolf and Rekha Kripalani who brought snacks for our January General Meeting.

The turn-out at circle meetings has increased manifold, yet I must warn everyone that from next month we will print the names of all defaulters in the newsletter.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE 2008-2009

ATTENTION:

The President and the Executive Committee wish to announce that the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee 2008-2009 will be **Gita Devi Kapurthala**. Nayana Goradia had to resign since, for unexpected personal and professional reasons she will be away from Delhi from mid-February to mid-March.

Other members of the Nominations Committee are: Sigrun Srivastava, Sheila Ghatate, Annie Howard, Shakuntala Chandra, Sudarshana Singh and Harash Kapur.

If you have any suggestions for possible candidates for the Executive Committee these should be sent to the Chair of the Nominations Committee in writing before the 28th February 2008. Verbal applications are not accepted.

CUISINE

Maharashtrian Feast

After a delightful Cuisine Trip to Lucknow we will take you to Maharashtra. No, don't worry it is not a train journey but Maharashtrian fare right in the heart of Delhi. Maharashtrian food has a distinct flavour of its own, delicately spiced and offers a lot of variety from different regions of the state. Our own expert Sheila Ghatate will talk about the intricacies of Maharashtrian cuisine and demonstrate some dishes. Look forward to a delicious typical Maharashtrian feast.

Wednesday, 5th March, 2008 at 11 am
At the residence of Laxmi Chandra
A-32 West End

Limit 40



GERMAN COFFEE

Regula Enderle will host the Coffee Morning in March. Please contact Regula for more details.

Special Programme

International Women's Day 2008 (IWD)



Come and celebrate women's political, social, cultural and economic achievements.

Honourable Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit and other well-known women, leaders in their respective fields will address our meeting and mark the occasion.

Friday, 7th March

**Venue: Residence of Eleni Spachis
1, Aurangzeb Lane**



BOLLYWOOD DANCING

The fun-filled dancing mornings continue...

Tuesday, 11th March from 11-12 am

**Venue: Residence of Eleni Spachis
1, Aurangzeb Lane**

SPECIAL PROGRAMME

Reflexology - health care through the science of foot acupressure.

What is foot reflexology and what has made it popular all over the world? What does it do and what is special about it? Mrs. Suruchi Bajaj will give an answer to all these questions and a hands-on experience.

Date: to be announced

**Venue: Residence of Eleni Spachis
1, Aurangzeb Lane**

Art Appreciation

Spirit of Life

An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Dimpy Menon
Bangalore-based award-winning sculptor Dimpy Menon captures the intricate and graceful movement of the human body with a rare sensitivity, making sculptures come alive swaying to the rhythm of joyful emotions. The works have an ethereal quality.
We will have a walk around the sculptures with the artist.

Date: Thursday, 13th March at 3 p.m.

Venue: Open Palm Court area-India Habitat Centre

No limit



FRENCH COFFEE

An informal Coffee morning will be hosted by Rosa-Lina for all French speaking members.

Friday, 14th march 2008 at 10.30 am

**Venue: Rosa-Lina Nicod's home
2, Jaipur Estate, Nizamuddin East**

HINDI BOLO

We continue with the Hindi lessons – make sure you attend. It's great fun and very interesting.

Wednesday, 19th March at 11 am

**Venue: Residence of Bina Deogun
I-3 Maharani Bagh**

LUNCHING OUT

“HAVE MORE”

One of the many Indian eateries which are dotting the Pandara Road Market. “Have More” is an upgraded dhabha serving excellent barbeque and other Mughlai dishes. You can “have more” and more of a variety of tikkas, etc of all sorts.

Approx. Cost Rs 500 pp (as usual we go Dutch).

Thursday 20th March at 1 pm

Venue: 11-12, Pandara Road Market, New Delhi.

Limit 12



BOOK CLUB

Urdu at its Most Divine

A unique afternoon awaits you at Nizam-ud-Din, where you are invited to revel in the exquisite and delicate poetry of Momin, Faiz, Iqbal and others, a treat for the heart and the ears. Be transported to an age of unique elegance...

Wednesday, 26 th March 2008 at 3 pm

**Venue: Residence of Rosa-Lina Nicod
2, Jaipur Estate, Nizamuddin East**

Limit 35

Gala Night Saturday, 29th March 2008

Our Gala Night this year will take the form of a dinner, dance and much more... It will be a lovely opportunity for us to get together with our partners.

Tickets will be available from Members of the Executive Committee in March.

Calendar for March (Phalgun and Chaitra)

6th: March: Mahashivratri	21st: Indian New years Day (Saka Era of National Calendar 1930)
8th: International Women's Day	21st: Milad-un-Nabhi (Id- e- Milad) - Muslim
10th: Rabiul awwal (29) Islamic	22nd: Holi
16th: Palm Sunday - (Christian)	23rd: Easter Sunday
21st: Good Friday - (Christian)	26th: Ed - Maulad -Muslim
21st: Purim (Jewish)	
21st: Jamshedji Naoroji	
21st: Month of Chaitra starts	

Full Moon: 21st

EGM held at the Residence of Mrs. Kusum Ansal on Wednesday, February 6th, 2008 at 3.00 pm Points voted on :

- Existing ten year members should be made permanent.
- Members above the age of 75 years should be exempted from mandatory attendance requirements.

Results :

Total attendance at the Meeting – 66

	Agree	Disagree	Abstained
Point 1 (10 year membership)	58	6	2
Point 2 (over 75 years – Attendance requirement)	55	4	7

According to the Constitution and the By-laws a quorum (30% of the membership) is needed for a Special Meeting and the points under voting are to be agreed to by at least two thirds majority of those present and voting.

As these requirements were fulfilled, the points voted upon are deemed to have been passed.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Cuisine 11.00 am 	6	7 Special Programme IWD	8
9	10	11 Bollywood Dancing 11.00 am 	12 General Meeting 11.30 am 	13 Art Appreciation 3.00 pm	14 French Coffee 10.30 am 	15
16	17	18	19 Hindi Bolo 11.00 am	20 Lunching Out 1.00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26  Book Club 3.00 pm	27	28	29