

Women's International Club

May 2018

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Dear All,

Being the president of WIC this year has been interesting to say the least. When I was asked to be president, I called up a dear and WIC-experienced friend to ask if I should accept. She said 'oh definitely...as president there's nothing much to do.' Ahem, well...that's not quite true. It has been a rather tumultuous year.

- Two General Meetings cancelled for various reasons.
- One very competent 2nd Vice President moved to Bangalore and resigned.
- Newsletter format changed to be internet-based.
- Gala night cancelled/changed to be AGM lunch

However, Circles continued to flourish under the adept leadership of Radhika Birla. Newsletter designer Anca Radulescu has produced absolutely stunning monthly internet communications. Hospitality expanded for Renu Gupta...she took up the slack and coordinated General Meetings with a flair. Of course membership was ably handled by Monika Sharma and Veena Hora minuted all discussions with zest. Money, yes money, without which nothing can move and Vibhuti Sharma kept it, and us, moving.

Finally for all of us it has been a learning experience. And I, personally, have enjoyed immensely working with this talented, friendly and wonderful executive committee.

Janet Chawla, President

Dear All,

I am happy to inform that a number of new international as well as Indian members have joined WIC during the year 2017/2018. However, it was observed that it would be helpful if sponsors of prospective members could be more precise while filling in the sponsorship form for the new members with the requested details, as it is very difficult for the Membership Committee to see and judge, whether the prospective member is fulfilling all the required criteria to become a valuable member of the Club. It is very important to know how and in which way a new member can contribute to the activities of the Club, so that we can improve on our programs and get more ladies interested to join WIC.

Monika Sharma, Membership Chair

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COMMITTEE
2017-2018**

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Thank you!

To all the wonderful ladies who have, so graciously, opened their homes for all of us... Thank you for your part in our journey.

September: Anita Mehta, Niti Judge, Parbeen Kaur, Kiran Anand

October: Reva Singh, Prama Bhandari, Kusum Ansal, Rosie Sahni, Vimla Rajan

November: Madhavi Divan, Anita Dua, Sohinder Nabha, Sheila Thadani

December: Veena Dass, Komal Dhinsa, Nandini Pattani, Christine Samandari

January: Aruna Mehta, Lakshmi Chandra, Deepak Chopra, Sunandini Kapur

February: Veena Dass, Anita Dua, Jeannie Tien

March: Smita Divan, Prama Bhandari, Karima Kaderi

April: Madhavi Divan, Janet Chawla, Nayana Goradia, Veena Dass, Patty Dhar

May: Madhavi Divan

And a huge 'Thank You' to all the fantastic Circle Leaders. Thank you for making a difference.

The Book Club: Madhavi Divan, Aruna Mehta and Reva Singh

Body n Soul: Prama Bhandari, Anita Dua and Anuradha Kumra

Cultural Kaleidoscope: Seema Bhalla, Anita Meattle and Rosie Sahni

The Performing Arts: Sunaina Aggarwal, Atsuko Jakhar and Serita Kakar

Culinary Trails: Ashima Ghatate, Ruchika Rajan and Bindy Talwar

Miles to Memories - Travel Circle: Parbeen Kaur, Raveena Khurana and Leena Singh

A special 'thank you' to Sunaina Suneja for all the help that she has extended in organising various Circle Programmes.

Veena Hora, Titli Sahni, Bubbles Suneja and Veena Dass, thank you so much for bringing/sending refreshments for the Book Club Meeting in March!

Annual General Meeting

18 May 2018

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting. Mrs. Janet Chawla, our president, will welcome you at 11 AM. Please register in time. The Executive Committee Members will give their report. Following, all WIC members are welcome to discuss every issue they desire. However, we ask all the members to mail the questions and issues they are planning to arise to: janchawla@gmail.com and wic.exec@gmail.com. We will limit the discussion only to those items which have been presented on the mail before. Lastly, we will present the accounts and minutes of the last AGM. The new Executive Committee members will be congratulated and invited to take over. Following, we invite you all for lunch!

Date - Friday 18th May 2018 at 11 AM

Venue - India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003, "Magnolia" Hall

RSVP: <https://doodle.com/poll/ybuiags6t2m8crzt>

On behalf of the Election Committee, presided by Mrs. Parbeen Kaur, we are happy to announce the members of the Executive Committee for 2018-2019. We are thanking them profusely for accepting the nomination and wish them a good year ahead!

President - Renu Mehra

1st VP - Leena Singh

2nd VP - Seema Bhalla

Treasurer - Anuradha Kumra

Secretary - Dominique Chorosz

Newsletter Editor - Sabina Inderjit

Membership - Karima Kaderi

Hospitality - Stevie Clayton

Culinary Trails

Eating out at Caara

Small, chic and charming, the little cafe above Ogaan in the Malcha Marg Market, is small but it doubles up as a delicatessen from where you can pick up breads and spreads, in addition to serving breakfasts and lunches. Run by two young ladies, their focus is on healthy vegetables that have been grown without pesticides and sourced from their own organic farms. They offer hearty European food.

The serenity and calmness of the place is just what one needs to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life... So if you are a bit tired of the 'home' restaurant, join us for the 'out of home' one!

Date: Friday, 4th May, 2018 at 12.30 pm

Venue: 'Caara'

3 & 4 Malcha Marg Market

Chanakyapuri

New Delhi

Cost: Approximately Rs.800/- per person (as usual, we go dutch)

RSVP: Email (renusg@gmail.com) or SMS (9818271544).

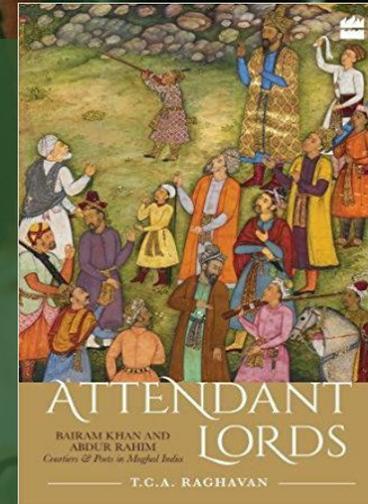
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The Book Club

'Attendant Lords: Bairam Khan and Abdur Rahim, Courtiers and Poets in Mughal India'

By T.C.A. Raghavan



"We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

Bairam Khan and his son, Abdur Rahim Khan-i-Khanan, were soldiers, poets and courtiers whose lives reflected the turbulent times they lived in. In telling their stories, 'Attendant Lords' spans the reigns of four emperors - Babur, Humayun, Akbar and Jahangir - and covers over a hundred years of Mughal history, a time when these two noblemen were at the very heart of the court's labyrinthine politics. After Humayun's untimely death, Bairam Khan was regent to the young Emperor Akbar for four critical years.

Bairam's own son, Abdur Rahim, became one of the most important generals of the Mughal Empire, but he is best remembered for his literary prowess, especially for his famous 'dohas'. Literature plays a large part in this story. This unusual dual biography traces the lives of these two noblemen against the backdrop of the courtly intrigues, brutal power struggles and the grand literary endeavours of the Mughal court.

And what is more.....the venue just happens to be opposite the tomb of this great general, Abdur Rahim Khan-i-Khanan!

DATE: Monday May 7th, 2018 at 3.00 pm

VENUE: Residence of Ms. Madhavi Divan

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LIMIT: 35 participants

RSVP: Email (renusg@gmail.com) or SMS (9818271544).

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6	7 The Book Club 3:00 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Annual General Meeting 11:00 AM	19
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27	28	29	30	31		