



WIC *News*

The President's Letter November 2000

Dear Members,

There's something special about November, isn't there? Is it the promise of winter-of rustling silks and beautiful shawls, the smoke of countless wood fires at dusk? Or is it the spurt of cultural activities such as music and dance recitals, new plays and wine-fests? Whatever the reasons, for all of us there is some special thing to look forward to, such as a trip to Goa in early December!

This year, what makes this month particularly special is that our Club will be *Thirty Years Young* on November 11! It was on this day in 1970 that the Women's International Club was inaugurated by the late Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the first woman President of the UN General Assembly. Created by a handful of founding members, some of whom are happily still among us, our Club has grown and prospered. It has also aged, as is inevitable, which is why we look forward to enrolling younger members.

Our new Circle, *Mind-Body Link*, takes off with a flourish this month as Prama Bhandari plans a two-day workshop at her home. *About Town* guides us to Sanskriti to learn about India's multi-faceted culture. Colombia, a distant and exotic country about which we know so little, will reveal itself to us in the *Focus* program. A dance dialogue continues in the *Culture & Music Circle*. And to crown it all, the famed artist Anjolie Ela Menon will show us slides of some of her favourite paintings in her inimitable style at the General Meeting.

Sincerely,

Shireen Khemchand
President

**GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER - 2000**



Anjolie Ela Menon

World-famous artist Anjolie Ela Menon will talk to us and show slides of her latest collection of paintings, entitled *Gods and Others*, currently being exhibited in New York. This promises to be a great treat for us all.

Wednesday, November 22, at 3:00 pm
Crown Plaza Surya Hotel
New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110065
Tel: 683-5070



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2000-2001

CELEBRATING
30th
YEAR



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Sanskriti

This month we shall visit Mr. O. P. Jain's fascinating museum of Indian arts, ritual objects and crafts at *Sanskriti* in the idyllic surroundings of Anandgram. He will personally take us around to show us the treasures he has collected from all over India. He has also very kindly offered to host a lunch for us.

We shall meet at the parking lot of the India International Centre and then proceed from there. If anyone wants to go directly there maps will be provided at the General Meeting.

Tuesday, November 28, at 10:15 am, IIC parking lot or 11:00 am at Sanskriti

Sanskriti Kendra

Anandgram, Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road,
New Delhi 110047 • Tel: 650-1125

Limit: 40



Shobita Punja on the Goddess Myths

Dr. Shobita Punja will discuss her most recent book, *Daughters of the Ocean- Discovering the Goddess Within*, with accompanying slides. In her book, published in 1996, Dr. Punja retells age-old myths and interprets them in the context of the personal significance they have held for her and their contemporary relevance in the lives of individuals everywhere. This book was the inspiration for a recent creative dance interpretation by the renowned danseuse from Chennai, Anita Ratnam.

Dr. Punja did her doctoral work in cultural education from Stanford University. She has published a number of books on the museums and monuments of South Asia.

Tuesday, November 21, at 3:00 pm

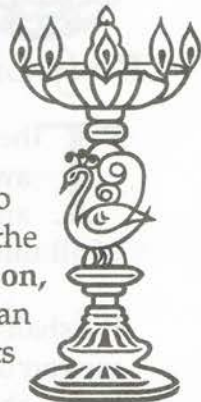
At the home of Hulya Buluc

22 Prithviraj Road • Tel: 379-4759/60

Culture & Music

Dialogue on

Bharatnatyam



Continuing our exploration of classical Indian dance we are pleased to have with us **Leela Venkatraman**, well-known dance critic for the nationwide newspaper *The Hindu*. She will talk with **Leela Samson**, one of the finest exponents of Bharatnatyam in India. We look forward to an afternoon with two of the most intelligent and articulate women in the arts today.

Friday, November 17, at 3:00 pm
At the home of Fiorenza Richter
Residence of the German Ambassador
50-G Shanti Path, Chanakyapuri • Tel: 687-1831
Limit: 50

PLEASE NOTE: The QAWWALI program originally scheduled for Friday, October 27 has been rescheduled for **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**, same time, same venue. We regret any inconvenience.

FOCUS

IMAGES of Colombia

COLOMBIA is a beautiful country nestled in the Andes Mountains of South America. It has a rich cultural heritage and is a land of amazing contrasts.

The Ambassador of Colombia to India, **Ms. Maria Clara Betancur**, will talk about various aspects of her country, accompanied by slides and a short film. She will also update us and entertain questions on the current situation in Colombia.

Please join us in getting to know a lovely part of the world.

Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 pm
At the home of Komal Dhindsa
40 Golf Links • Tel: 461-9137
Limit: 40

Mind &



Body Link

Tools for Healing

The ancient Chinese, Indian, and Tibetan systems of medicine have always been aware of the link between the body and the mind. Now mainstream medicine and physics are joining them by realizing the inter-dependence and connection of all things.

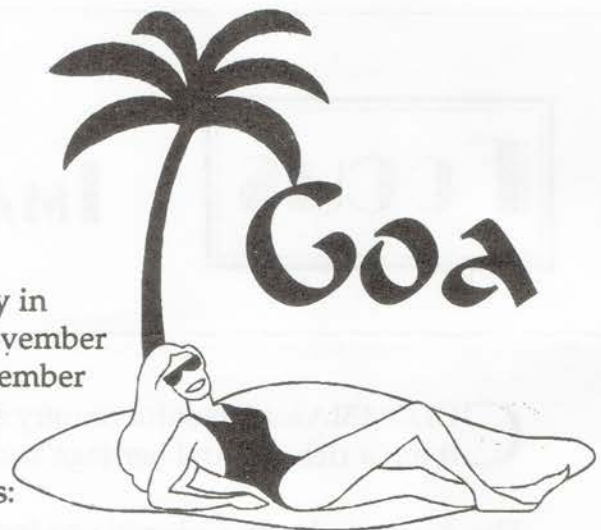
We shall be exploring different tools such as meditation and breathing exercises, which we can use to de-stress ourselves and build up our immune systems. We shall get to know about both sides of the brain, how to think with the right brain hemisphere, and we shall learn to access the alpha state of mind where healing takes place.

We'll meet over two days, and end with a shared lunch. Although it would be better if you attend both days, you can sign up for one day only.

Wednesday, November 29 from 2:30 to 5:30 and
Thursday, November 30 from 10:30 to 1:30, including shared lunch
At the home of Prama Bhandari
8 Padmini Enclave, Hauz Khas
Tel: 686-2807

TRIPS & Tours

The next out of town excursion will be so early in December that we are announcing it in the November newsletter. The trip to **GOA** will be from December 2 through 5: 3 nights and 4 days in this exotic and picturesque coastal town. The price is approx. Rs 15,000/- per person which includes:



- Air Fare (senior citizen's discount for anyone over 62 years);
- A/C rooms on a twin sharing basis;
- All meals, and all soft and hard drinks (at the bar between 11 am and 11 pm);
- All taxes;
- A boat ride on the River Mandovi; sight-seeing, shopping and loads of fun.

Please note that husbands and families are most welcome. Since these days fall in the peak period, it will be difficult to synchronize hotel and air bookings unless we act fast. To avoid disappointment, immediately contact **Gugu Anup Singh** (91-634-0365 or 614-9669) or **Bina Deogun** (683-2736).

from the Editor's Desk...



We welcome the following NEW MEMBERS:

1. **Hanan ABOULMAGD** (Egypt) Tel: 467-3418
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2. **Yonta ASTUA DE MORAES** (Brazil) Tel/Fax: 693-3368
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New Delhi, 110065
3. **Bubbles SUNEJA** (India) Tel: 683-8973
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4. **Tricia YU** (Taiwan) Tel/Fax: 615-3410
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New Delhi, 110057

Please note the following changes:

1. Maki MEHTA's phone numbers have changed to: 91-635-0311 and 91-635-0314.

Resignation: New member Manju Vira GUPTA has had to resign due to an extensive travel schedule.

Notice from the Hospitality Chairperson:

Just a friendly reminder, ladies, that the *W.I.C. Directory of Members* is only for the convenience of our members. Please bear in mind that it is a *confidential* document and should therefore never be used by any club member to promote any commercial or private business. We also ask that you please destroy the *Directory* when you no longer have need of it to avoid any misuse. Thank you.

Stella Kirton

P.S. Please take note that the Hospitality Chairperson is available by phone only between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays.

WARNING: Members who sign up for circle meetings and fail to turn up or phone to regret three times consecutively will have their names published in the newsletter. This step has been made necessary because of the great inconvenience caused to the circle hostesses.

Deadline for December newsletter:
Tuesday, 7 November
Please!

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