



WIC-News

November 2004

GENERAL MEETING DIWALI CELEBRATION

“Avadhi Ka Antim Din”

Dance Recital by Ms. Shovana Narayan

We will celebrate this year's Diwali with a dance performance, which is a depiction of a unique portion of the great Ramayana, when Ram and Sita come back from their exile. Shovana Narayan is a name synonymous with kathak. Grace personified, she has the features of a Mughal miniature come alive. Elegance is the keynote of her work and sensitivity the soul. Bestowed with natural beauty, talent and grace. Shovana has very successfully carved a niche in the world of kathak.

Working in close interaction with internationally known western dancers and musicians, her choreographies like Moonlight Impressions to music of Ravi & Debussy and The Dawn After (with a ballet dancer and flamenco dancer) have been successful in bringing out the flavour of all the three dance forms and blending them into one harmonious language.

Wednesday, 3rd of November 2004 (early date !!!!!!!) 3 p.m.

At the home of our President Mona Aggarwal

2, Church Road, Delhi Cantonment near Dhaula Kuan

Please find road map on page no. 6

New Delhi 110010

Tel. 2569 3824

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

A festival eagerly awaited and celebrated with great fervour is the festival of Deepawali. This beautiful and unique festival is the festival of light and fortunately for us now, less of sound.

Before the Diwali season houses are cleaned and white washed. On Diwali night Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth, Prosperity, Beauty and Fortune is worshipped with a silver coin. This is the day when Lord Rama, his wife Sita and brother Laxman returned home after fourteen years in exile after killing the demon Ravana.

Houses twinkle with candles and earthen ware diyas (lights).


It is symbolic to play cards on this night and whoever wins is supposed to have success in business and money throughout the coming year.

To celebrate this joyous occasion we have the renowned Shovana Narayan to dance for us. Please come dressed to kill and join in the celebrations.

Thought for this month: "If we are incapable of finding peace in ourselves, it is possible to reach elsewhere."

Here's wishing you and yours a very Happy Deepawali.

With regards,



Mona Aggarwal
President

A note from the President

Dear Members,

By the time you receive this letter the business of the Club Finances will be sorted out and we can sit back, relax and enjoy the activities we have arranged for you all.

Unfortunately, the club year started on a very unpleasant note, sending signals in the wrong direction to our new expat members.

If any member has any suggestions or complaint, please send it in writing to me and we, the committee can assure you that it will be looked into.

Sending out letters on behalf of someone else is totally against the constitution and changes the complexion of our esteemed club. We are a group of mature, intelligent and cultured ladies!! The club is meant for an exchange of cultural ideas and views. Let us keep it that way. I hope I can count on your co-operation on this issue.

Mona Aggarwal
Mona Aggarwal
President

A word from the Membership Chairperson

Dear WIC members!

Due to family reasons, I will be out of the country most of October and therefore take this Newsletter as a means of addressing you on a serious matter.

In connection with recent unpleasant incidents during the September General Meeting, I strongly request all members to refrain from making Club Meetings a podium for personal controversies and kindly ask you to contact me directly with any queries you might have concerning WIC membership. Should I not be available, please call on the members of the Membership Committee (M.Caroli, V.Dass, M.Sharma, S.Singh). We will be glad to discuss your problem with you.

Looking forward to sharing a happy club year with interesting cultural activities based on international respect and friendship between its members as stipulated in the WIC constitution, I remain

With best regards

Ute Laser
Membership Chairperson 2004/2005

To President Mona and members of WIC,

I inadvertently raised the issue of membership issues without checking in details the facts of the cases. I do apologize as I do not want any unpleasantness

Renu Mehra

HEALTH

Tai Ji – information and demonstration By Dr. Ma Ping

Dr. Ma Ping has studied traditional Chinese medicine in China. Before she followed her husband, a career diplomat, around the world, she had worked as a doctor in the health ministry in China. She will talk about the history of Tai Ji, which is one of the treatments in traditional medicine and give a demonstration.

Friday, 5th of November 2004, 3.00 p.m.

At the home of Ute Laser

9, Ashoka Avenue,

Chattarpur Farms

Tel: 26805666,

limit 40

TRIPS & TOURS I

A Day trip to Khurja

This is a day trip, which has been very popular and enjoyed earlier. We leave by a luxury air-conditioned coach to the Pottery Town of Khurja which is 100 kms from Delhi by a luxury air-conditioned coach. We can indulge in all our Diwali and Christmas gifts shopping and buy exquisite and attractive pottery of all kinds and see the kilns where they are made. A complimentary lunch will be provided. We will leave Khurja around 3 p.m and be in Delhi by 6p.m. The cost of the coach will be around Rs.450/- each. to be paid in advance by 2nd November latest.

Monday, 8th November 2004

Kindly meet at IIC parking lot by 7.45 a.m and not later

For details Contact:

Sheila Ghatate, Zakia

Zaheer ,

or Yasmita Mehta

FOCUS

Crime against women – sexual harassment and rape By Ranjana Narayan

Ranjana is a practicing lawyer of the Supreme Court of India. As a lawyer deeply committed to women's causes and human rights issues, Ranjana has also appeared in several criminal cases involving the death penalty. She has been a participant and speaker at the World conference for human rights held in Vienna, Austria in 1993. Apart from this, she is a vocalist, radio artist and a stage anchor.

**Tuesday, 9th November 2004, 3 p.m.
At the home of Kiran Anand
100, Jor Bagh
tel. 24693106, limit 35**

GERMAN COFFEE MORNING

Welcome to the German Coffee Morning!

Helen will introduce us to her native country, South Africa. She will tell us all about its people, cultural attractions as well as travel destinies, food and traditions. Are you curious? Just come along and join us!

**Tuesday, 16th November 2004, 11 a.m.
At the home of Helen Brudvig
16 A Amrita Shergill Marg
Phone: 24622643
Mob: 9811009150**

Farewell

We bid farewell to **Bozena Volkova** and wish her all the best for her new posting!

CULTURE

Architectural heritage of Delhi

By Lucy Peck

Lucy Peck, our former member and architect, will give us a presentation on her forthcoming book "Architectural Heritage of Delhi"

Wednesday, 17th of November 2004, 3.00 p.m.

At the home of Sohinder Naabha

10 – A, Kasturba Gandhi Marg

Tel. 23714824, Limit 30

CUISINE

Seven classic styles of Indian Cooking under one roof

Organized by the Crown Plaza Surya Hotel

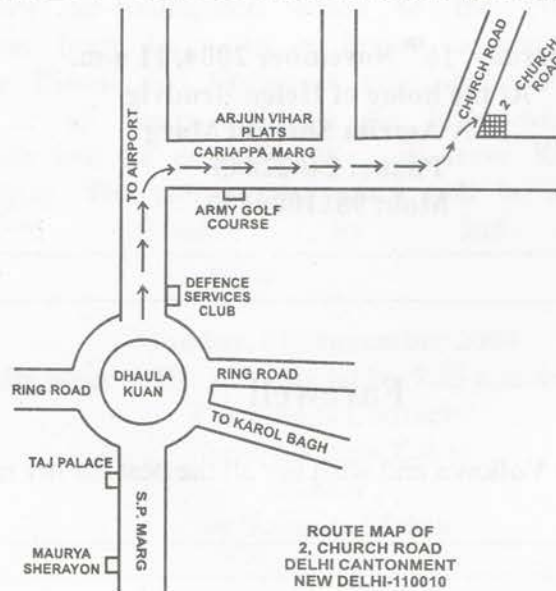
We will meet in the restaurant "Seven" in the Crown Plaza Hotel where two cooks will give us a demonstration on the different styles of Indian cooking.

Thursday, 25th November, 2004, 11 a.m.

At the Crown Plaza Surya Hotel

New Friends Colony, Limit 70

ROAD MAP FOR DIWALI/GENERAL MEETING



TRIPS & TOURS II

Mehrauli Walk Guided by Lucy Peck

Lucy Peck, our former member and architect will show us some of the lesser-known areas of Mehrauli, which is in a way the oldest part of Delhi.

We will meet at the Qutb Minar car park at 9.30 a.m. and will be picked up by our cars near Balban's tomb on the Mehrauli bypass road approx. 3 hours later.

Tuesday, 30th of November, 9.30 a.m..

**Please wear good shoes and carry water and sun protection.
limit 25 ladies**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila Thadani invites you to see her work of the past four decades in an exhibition titled 'In Retrospect'. The exhibits include bronze and wood sculptures, oils and watercolours. The exhibition can be viewed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from the 20th to the 29th of November, 2004 in the Annexe Gallery, India International Centre, 40 Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi 110003.

Corrections: **Shanno Kurana's** performance will be on Monday, 18th October (not 20th)

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Events Calendar November 04

Wednesday, 3 rd November, 3 p.m.	General Meeting – 2, Church Road Delhi Cantonment
Friday, 5 th November, 3 p.m.	Health – 9 Ashoka Avenue, Chattapur Farms
Monday, 8 th November, 7:45 a.m.	Trips & Tours I – at IIC parking lot
Tuesday, 9 th November, 3 p.m.	Focus – 100, Jor Bagh
Tuesday, 16 th November, 11 a.m.	German Coffee Morning – 16 A Amrita Shergill Marg
Wednesday, 17 th November, 3 p.m.	Culture – 10 A Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Thursday, 25 th November, 11 a.m.	Cuisine – Crown Plaza Surya Hotel New Friends Colony
Tuesday, 30 th November, 9:30 a.m.	Trips & Tours II , at Qutb Minar car park

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