



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DELHI

OCTOBER 1992

Dear Members,

The festive season is round the corner with Dussehra, Diwali, the sweets, the crackers, the gaiety, the fetes and the "tamashas."

We, at the Women's International Club, are planning our own Diwali afternoon for our members. There will be "diyas," candles, fireworks and flowers to create the Diwali atmosphere in the beautiful garden of Shirin Paul. And, of course, a very, very special program too.

While on the subject of programs, we would love to have your enthusiastic participation. The Executive Committee is trying to present a spectrum of activities for our members to choose from. Please do let the Hospitality Chairperson know (on time) which ones you would like to attend. We have noticed that it has become a habit with some of us to let things slide until the last minute and then make it to a program even though we have not signed up for it. One knows a habit cannot be tossed out of the window, it has to be coaxed down the stairs a step at a time. So, do try to send your reply cards early. If you do have a free afternoon, ask the hostess if she can accommodate an extra guest.

All the best for the forthcoming festive season.

Sincerely yours,

Veena Dass

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ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Shirin Paul
(of Park Hotel)
2 Aurangzeb Lane
tel: 301-6252, 301-6253

It's Diwali time! What better way to celebrate than to watch excerpts from the Ram Lila. We have organized this presentation by the world-famous Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra ballet group. Their well-known director, Mrs. Shobha Deepak Singh will also be with us. After the dance, we will continue with diwali festivities, firecrackers, diyas, and, of course, refreshments.

CHORUS

Thursday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.
F9/3 Vasant Vihar (R. McCulloch)
Thursday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.
B41 Maharani Bagh (Noni Singh)
Thursday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.
K-27B Haus Khas (Frances Clift)
Thursday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.
C2 Gulmohar Pk (Shireen Khemchand)

The members of the Chorus group would like to thank Joyce Reiser, Gita Bhatia, Beatrice Kosian (non-members), Supriya Gupta and Frances Clift for hosting group meetings in their homes during August and September. October's meetings and their venues are listed above.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Monday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Mary Brill
17 Amrita Shergill Marg
Tel: 617-611

"New Wave of Women in American Politics" -- Juliet Wurr, Assistant Information Officer at USIS will discuss the role of women in the upcoming national and local elections in the United States. This year appears to be a winning year for women candidates. Ms. Wurr will explain the reasons and possible results. A brief question and answer period will follow.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (CRAFT CIRCLE)

Thursday, October 15, 3:00 p.m.
Crafts Museum
Pragati Maidan

Members should meet outside the Crafts Museum at 3 p.m. We will then proceed to the Textile Galleries. Here is housed the second largest collection of Indian textiles in the country. Samples include ikat, jamdanis, pichwais, kasutis and many, many other textiles from all over the subcontinent. The Gallery has been likened to an Alladin's cave of sorts. Come and experience the rich colors and textures.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
(FILM)

Monday, October 19, 3:00 p.m.
Siddartha Hall
Max Mueller Bhavan
3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg

Farewell to the False Paradise -- This 1988 German produced film tells the story of Elif, a young Turkish woman in a German prison. Although she is due to be released, she dreams of her own funeral in a mosque and attempts suicide. Her story is then told in flashbacks -- her life in a foreign country, her crime, her prison experiences and her fears.

GOURMET & GARDEN

Wednesday, October 21, 12:00, noon
Home of Amarjit Bhagwant Singh
179 Golf Links
Tel: 618-769

From the vale of Kashmir -- exotic vegetarian and non-vegetarian, subtly aromatic and mildly spiced dishes -- a variation from the usual North Indian curries. A charge of Rs. 40 per person will be collected.

FOCUS

Thursday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.
Home of Taru Kanwar
3/3 Shanti Niketan
Tel: 600-993, 687-3486

U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering has graciously agreed to speak to us about his experiences at the United Nations during one of the most exciting periods in its history.

Attendance will be strictly limited to 40 persons. Only members who receive "Reconfirmation Cards" may attend this program. A strict first-come-first-serve basis will be observed.

YOGA

Wednesday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Indu Sahni
5 Gauri Apartments
South End Lane
Tel: 231-832

The first prerequisite of Yoga is to purify oneself for physical and mental development. We shall strictly adhere to this principle and start with "Sat Karma" or the cleansing of the system through natural resources. The benefit is -- WOW!

BOOK CIRCLE

Wednesday, October 28, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Raj Nanda
4/23 Shanti Niketan
Tel: 688-4833, 688-2395

J. Inder Singh Kalra, author of Prashad: Cooking with Indian Masters, will speak on current trends and future directions of Indian cuisine and on the therapeutic values of certain foods. Mr. Kalra writes food columns in the Indian Press and is a consultant for Welcomgroup.

EXCURSIONS

Thursday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at home of Margrit Heydemann
14B Amrita Shergill Marg
Tel: 693-341

In the midst of the teeming heart of Delhi -- Chandni Chowk -- there are pockets of 19th century splendor which still have an old-time ambience and life style. Through the courtesy of the Conservation Society of India, we will be conducted through the Havelis of Old Delhi by Professor Kalia of Delhi University, an expert on this architecture and interior decoration. We will meet at the home of Margrit Heydemann and then drive to the Red Fort where Professor Kalia will meet us. The tour will take about two hours. You may wish to bring some drinking water.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL

Friday, October 30, 3:00 p.m.
Home of Noni Singh
B-41 Maharani Bagh
Tel: 684-8817

Planets and Man -- Sri T.V.R. Shenoy, a veteran syndicated journalist, will speak on Indian astrology. He will explain how the movements of the planets of our solar system help fashion the lives and achievements

BULLETIN BOARD

Sadly, we must bid farewell to Gabriella Balogh-Tarbai, Susan Conway and Ana Ilic who are leaving Delhi for new postings. Each sends her good wishes and affection to all members.

On the other hand, it is a joy to welcome eight new members:

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Jane Walker
British High Comm.
Chanakyapuri
N.D. 110021
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UK

Oh, to be a poet
And send Robina Arbuthnott
A note
Of thanks
So my appreciation
Will show-eth.

Robina, thank you for once again jumping into the Newsletter breach.
You are a friend indeed, especially when needed.

Another word of appreciation must be given to Gugu Singh who
supplemented the refreshments at the last General Meeting.

Thank you, ladies.

Looking forward to November, the Excursion Group proposes that we visit
the Mandava Fort in Rajasthan on the weekend of November 14/15. We will
spend the night at the old Castle Hotel. The room charge will be
approximately Rs. 375 per person on a twin sharing basis. The transport
charge will be Rs. 700 per head in a luxury coach, provided we are a
party of at least 18. Visits to Dundlod Castle, Navalgargh and old
havelis will be arranged. Members are requested to book and pay by
October 15. Due to the Pushkar rush we have already made reservations.
If we do not have the requisite number of travelers by that date, we
will be forced to cancel the trip.

One more last reminder that Membership Fees (Rs. 300) must be paid
immediately if you are to remain a member in good standing. The
November Newsletter will not be sent to those who have not paid.

Since we are all busy with day-to-day things, it is easy to forget our
obligations to the Club. Therefore, a gentle reminder from our
Constitution: ALL members must attend and participate in at least six
General Meetings and at least one other Activity per month, pay the
annual dues and reside in Delhi or its periphery.

WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

Many thanks to Rebecca McCulloch who suggested this month's WOMAN WHO
MADE A DIFFERENCE. We hope that more of you will think of someone from
your own country. Don't be shy. Contact Connie Gupta, 618-459, with
your ideas.

ROSA PARKS

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks struck a spark
that started the modern civil rights movement in the United States by
refusing to surrender her seat on a bus to a white man. Her arrest for
violating the city's segregation laws was the catalyst for a mass
boycott of the city's buses, whose riders had been 70% black. Among
other things that boycott brought Martin Luther King, Jr. to national
prominence.

This was not Mrs. Parks's first foray into the American civil rights movement. For more than ten years she had been a secretary for the Montgomery branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. After the 1955 incident she moved north to Michigan, where she worked for nonviolent social change with the Reverend King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 1965, she went to work for Congressman John Conyers, Jr. and has been his assistant for more than 25 years. In 1987, she founded an institute to provide leadership and career training for black youths. Today, she continues to speak out on civil rights issues, making about 25 public appearances annually.

Born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskagee, Alabama, she always tried to follow her mother's advice "to take advantage of opportunities, no matter how few they were." And they were few indeed. When she was a girl there were no civil rights for southern blacks. Life was a matter of survival. She remembers trying to sleep at night and hearing the Ku Klux Klan ride by and then the sounds of a lynching and the fear of her house being burned down. She said this lifelong acquaintance with fear was the reason she was relatively fearless when she decided to appeal her conviction during the boycott.

That boycott lasted 382 days when virtually all blacks and many whites refused to ride the city buses. Despite violence and hostility the boycotters persevered. Finally, on June 5, 1956, three federal judges ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional. This ruling was later upheld by the United States Supreme Court. It was a victory, but a costly one for all involved. Many, including Rosa Parks, lost their jobs.

In a 1988 interview Mrs. Parks said she wants to be remembered "as a person who wanted to be free and wanted others to be free." No doubt she will.



Parks, Rosa

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
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