



WIC News

September 2004

General Meeting

Wednesday, 15th September 2004

"Himalayan Experience"

Film

In collaboration with the Hungarian Cultural Center

The film is India's 'mountain man', Serbjeet Singh's, homage to the wonder and glory of the Himalaya. It explores this aspect of the Himalaya- as a place for pilgrimage and contemplation of the divine, a place where, much like Michealangelo's painting, man can reach out and touch God.

Starting with a lone Sadhu's pilgrimage to Kallas Manimahesh, abode of Lord Shiva, the film moves to the Garwhal Himalaya and the great Hindu pilgrimages of Badrinath, Kedarnath and onto the source of the Ganga at Gaumukh. As we move across the Himalaya to various Buddhist monasteries of Ladakh and Zanskar, we finally wind up with an exclusively filmed sermon by his holiness, the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

In 35mm format this one hour film was produced in 1985. We will be seeing the first half hour in this screening.

Wednesday, 15th September, 2:45 p.m.

At the Hungarian Cultural Center

Janpath Road

(Please come early to pay membership fees)

The President's Letter

Dear Members,

On behalf of the committee and myself, I wish all the members a very happy club year.

While thanking you for reposing the faith in the newly elected committee it shall be our endeavour to provide interesting programmes catering to all tasks.

We will strive to revive a greater interest and involvement from the foreign community to retain the truly international identity of the club.

I believe there should be transparency in the decision-making process and members may if they so desire send their valuable suggestions to me.

As someone said "we all stumble. Everyone of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand."

Last but not least a heavy ^{rb}welcome to our new members who I hope will enjoy the club as much as I have.

Best Wishes

Mona Aggarwal
(President)

Important!

The Executive Committee needs to inform you all about the following situation:

Soon after the AGM in May we found ourselves in a situation where the financial support of the ongoing year did not seem to be secure. On one hand, many foreign members had left the country what leads to a reduction of membership fees.

On the other hand Rs 1,17,456/- were spent by the former executive committee in the time from April 1st - May 5th 2004 which was naturally not reflected in the audit report ending March 2004. Expenses for the Cookbook (in total Rs 1,30,000)) and the late Gala night were the major cost heads responsible for the amount. To meet all these expenses, all our Fixed Deposits of total Rs 1,30,090.43 were encashed by the former Executive Committee in April itself.

At present we are left with only Rs 71,381.23. Considering the low number of memberships of around 150 members the basic club expenses for this year's activities cannot be met by the structure of current membership fees.

As we need financial freedom to fulfill the basic requirements of all the programs and events, we will propose a hike of the annual membership fee from Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,800 in the September General Meeting.

We hope for your understanding.

From the EXECUTIVE
For the Executive Meeting

Mona Aggarwal
President

Farewell

We bid farewell to the following members and wish them the best in their new postings

Margarita Amari, Beatrice Dewulf, Barbara Epworth, Caroline Fitzpatrick,
Helen Groves, Salwa Milic, Lucy Musonda, Petro Potgieter

As Beatrice Dewulf had to leave India unexpectedly, Sophia Blake has very graciously accepted to be our Hospitality Chairperson for this year.

CUISINE

Pan Asian Cuisine

The Marriott Hotel, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017 is kindly giving us a food demonstration and a coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. Those who are interested in coming please inform any three of us by the 10th of September as they wish to know how many will be attending the session.

Bapsi Nariman, Kiran Anand or Bubbles Suneja

Monday, 13th September at 10:30 (!!!!)
At the Marriott Hotel
Saket

Culture

' Taiwaf Gheishas of North India'

By Dr. Navina Jafa

Dr. Navina Jafa has got a PHD in urban modern History on performing arts and performing communities. She has done Art History and is a trained Kathak Dancer. Her guru was Birju Maharaj.

Today she is conducting cultural historical walks and tours. She holds lectures at the Alliance Francaise. Recently she has started a school for artisan's children in U.P. through her N.G.O. 'Founding for Arts'.

Wednesday, 22nd of September, 3 p.m.
At the home of Eman Eid
3/8 Shanti Niketan
Tel. 30915846
Limit 35 ladies

Please send your reply card to Sushma Nanda, J-519 Western Avenue, Sainik Farms, New Delhi 110 062 Tel. 2651 7342 due to absence of our Hospitality Person Sophia Blake.

Focus

' Rag pickers - waste as a challenge'

By Bharati Chaturvedi

Bharati Chaturvedi is an environmentalist and founder director of "Chintan", an environmental research and action group. She has been addressing the problems of unsustainable consumption through waste. She also writes 'earth watch', a weekly column on environment in the Hindustan Times. She will talk about the handling of making recycling green and clean and also about the role of the rag pickers.

Wednesday, 29th of September, 3 p.m.

At the home of Taru Kanvar

3/3 Shanti Niketan

Tel: 26876613

Limit 35 ladies

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GERMAN COFFEE MORNING

We are planning to get a group of German speaking ladies together to share valuable time and to enjoy various activities. Our first meeting will start in October. In case you are interested, please contact Ute Laser.

Directory

Please send your recent changes of address or/and telephone numbers quickly to Ute Laser. We plan to bring out our new directory as soon as possible.

A Journey by our President Mona

After six months of intensive hard work and research, we finally landed in Cuzco. A 3 piece Indian band greeted us at the airport. Warned not to exert ourselves because of the height we had to restrain our tapping feet. After drinking a concoction of cocoa tea leaves at the hotel to ward off any ill effects of the height and a mandatory rest for a couple of hours, we were all set to discover Cuzco.

Cuzco is a city living in the past and present. The Incas called it the navel of the world as it held the navel for the center of life. This ancient capital of the Inca empire is situated in the Andean valley at an elevation of 11,400 ft. It was founded in 1100 AD by an Indian Tribal Leader. The 9th Inca Pachacutec was a great urban developer. He devised the famous Puma shape of Cuzco and diverted the Sapphi and Tullumayo rivers into channels that eroded the city providing water & keeping it clean. The quiet agricultural terraces and many buildings including the famous Coriancho temple and his palace situated in the corner of Plaza de Armas.

The Coriancho is known for 'Golden Temple'. The walls were lined with 700 gold sheets each weighing 2 Kgs. There were gold and silver replicas of corn. Today however only the stonework remains.

At its height of development in about 1500 AD the empire stretched from north Argentina to what is now Columbia south border.

Ceremonies honouring the mummies of former rulers were held at the Coreauca. The mummified bodies were kept and brought out in the sunlight everyday and food was offered to them and then ritually burnt.

During the 'holy week' Cuzco pays homage to the 'Lord of Tremors' in Ouecha, who according to history was carried in procession after 1650 earthquake and was blackened by the smoke of the candles.

In the Inca times the plaza de Armas was called "the warrior Plaza". It was an important ceremonial site where the sun festival was celebrated each year and it is here that Francisco Pizarro proclaimed the conquest of Cuzco.

The cathedral in Cuzco is one of the greatest repositories of Colonial Art. The "Last Supper" by Maaco Zapata is an example of the Cuzco School of art. A unique feature of this painting is the inclusion of the guinea pig - the Inca Cuy.

Most of the residents are Indians and a substantial minority of citizens are pure Spanish. Today Cuzco is a mestizo city, whose architecture stands out because of the peculiarly charming mix of the Inca and Spanish styles.

A truly unforgettable experience.

Mona Aggrawal
(Next month we go to Machu Picchu)

Suggestions

After having distributed the cookbooks amongst our members, we still have about 300 copies lying with us. We welcome any suggestion for the use of the spare 300 books. Please inform our President Mona. Thanks for your support!

We would also like to point out that the earlier distribution of free copies of the Cook Book should be seen as a special introduction to our members, but in future we will have to charge the printing price of a book of Rs 250/.

Bapsi Nariman visited Beijing, and had an exotic dinner with Kim and Benjamin Bhasin, and also spent a lovely day at Rome where Margarita and Benedetto took my husband and myself around Rome. They have sent their best wishes to all those who remember them.

New addresses/telephone numbers

1. Cosima Klinger-Paul, I - 1784, 2nd. Fl., Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi 110 019
5160 3275 (R)
2. Indu Sahni
51622 7432 (R), 5162 7430 (O), 998810063350 (M)

New Members

We welcome our new members in our Club and wish them an enjoyable time!

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<i>Events Calendar September 04</i>	
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