



SEPT. 2005

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 10.30am

THE PARK HOTEL
15 PARLIAMENT STREET



WHO ARE YOU ?

WHO ARE WE ?

TO FIND OUT COME TO THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING

CURIOUS? WE HOPE SO!

SEE YOU THERE

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING

NO GUESTS PLEASE

WIC NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am tremendously honoured to be President this year. The WIC is an extremely respected and venerable institution and I am lucky to count many friends (new and old) amongst the membership body. I greatly look forward to seeing all of you after the long summer break and greeting those of you I have not yet had a chance to meet.

I am wonderfully blessed with a talented and excellent group of ladies who are your Executive Committee. We have been hard at work creating original and interesting programmes for the coming year.

As a Committee we have decided that this is to be the "Year of Exploration". We would like to serve you, the members, better and to assist us in this endeavour we are going to be focusing on getting to know you all better and helping you get to know more about each other. Friendship is very much at the core of our Club and it is the very reason people join WIC. As Anais Nin once said, "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." We hope to facilitate the birth of many new friendships in the months ahead.

You will notice that the time of our first meeting is 10.30am. We have decided to alternate the meeting times between 10.30 and 2.30 pm throughout the year to better serve all of our members. I would ask each of you to arrive promptly to each meeting and plan to stay for the entire duration. We would not want any of you to miss a moment of the fun that lies ahead.

I very much look forward to seeing you on the 21st and serving you in the year ahead.

With warm regards,

Shawn Runacres
(President)



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

NOW DUE

Please come to the September General Meeting prepared to pay your Membership Subscription for the 2005-2006 year. The amount is still rs1,800. This year we will only be accepting payment in cash, due to bank charges that have been incurred in past years with processing cheques.

If you are unable to attend the September meeting please pay your Subscription as soon as possible. Contact the Treasurer for further information.

GENERAL MEETINGS 2005-2006

Mark your diaries! These are the dates & times for this year's General Meetings.

Further details of each meeting will appear in the Monthly Newsletters.

Wednesday, 19th October	3pm
Wednesday, 9th November	10.30am
Monday, 5th December	3pm
Wednesday, 11th January	10.30am
Wednesday, 8th February	3pm
Wednesday, 8th March	10.30am
April Gala Evening	Details will follow
Wednesday, 3rd May	11am AGM

THE CIRCLE GROUPS FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:

- Book Club
- Cuisine
- Performing & Visual Arts
- Philosophy & Culture
- Tours & Travel

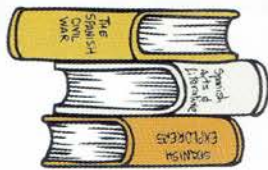
Many thanks to all the Circle Group Leaders who have volunteered to organize these events.

This year we are sending you all the stamps for the acceptance cards with this newsletter. You will continue to receive the reply Post Cards monthly. Please look after your stamps, we will not be able to supply you with more!

A gentle reminder

If it is necessary to cancel your attendance at one of the Circle Meetings please contact the Hospitality Committee Member at least 24 hours prior to the event. Please telephone between 10am and 2pm only.

Emergency regrets on the day of the meeting should go to one of the Circle Leaders responsible for that event.



BOOK CLUB

Shakuntala: The Play of Memory
By Namita Gokhale

Namita will present her latest novel, *Shakuntala*. She will be accompanied by TV personality Nalini Singh and designer Oron Das, who will read extracts from the book.

Namita Gokhale was born in Luknow, brought up in Nainital and now lives in New Delhi. Her first novel, *Paro: Dreams of Passion*, took Indian Literary circles by storm due to its erotic overtones. *Shakuntala* is her 6th book. As well as being an authoress, Namita works as a journalist focusing on women's issues.

Thursday, 29th September at 3pm

at the residence of Shawn Runacre
Bungalow No.3, British High Commission
Chanakyapuri

Limit - 30

Other books to be discussed by the Book Club during the year will include; *The Alchemy of Desire* by Tarun J. Tejpal, *On Balance* the autobiography of Leila Seth and *Essays on Hinduism* by Dr. Karan Singh.



CUISINE

Cuisine is planning a new concept for our programmes this year. We will be showcasing one item/ingredient each month. For example in September **POTATOES** will be in the lime-light. There will be a few recipes centering on the potato and how it is prepared in different parts of the world. These interesting dishes will then be available for tasting.

We hope you enjoy this unique culinary experience savouring each new taste, rather than the usual full meal!

Wednesday, 28th September at 11am

at the residence of Kusuma Rao,
12 Padmini Enclave

Limit - 30

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PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

'Crafting a Journey for Development' Ms Jaya Jaitley

Our speaker this month will be the renowned Ms Jaya Jaitley, President of the Dastkari Haat Samiti, an association of crafts persons. Ms Jaitley was the brainchild behind Dilli Haat, the craft market created in 1994. She is a great advocate of the importance of sustaining and maintaining traditional Indian Handicrafts.

Tuesday, 6th September at 3pm

at the residence of Sohinder Nabha
10A Kasturba Gandhi Marg

Limit - 30

PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE



"Shiva" the Reluctant Family Man Neelima Chitgopaker

Neelima Chitgopaker, a religious historian and expert on the study of Shiva, will give a talk entitled 'Shiva the Reluctant Family Man'. The talk will focus on Shiva; the lone-hunter, almost frightening god, reluctant husband and hapless father. Neelima will combine historical impulses with the philosophy and iconography that make Shiva the way he is; a god who embodies paradoxes, relishes contradictions and who is one of the most widely worshipped deities in India.

Tuesday, 27th September at 3pm

at the residence of Benu Bharany
8/2 Shanti Niketan

Limit - 30



GERMAN & FRENCH COFFEES

These will resume again in October. See next newsletter for further details.



DIRECTORY 2005-2006

It is that time of year again and we must update the Directory!

We ask ALL members, old and new, to complete and return the enclosed form to the Membership Secretary as soon as possible.

We will be taking photographs of New Members for the Directory at the General Meeting in September. If you are unable to attend but wish to either have your photograph changed in the directory, or you are a new member, please enclose a photograph with your form.



KANGRA Himachal Pradesh

Wednesday, 12th October - Wednesday, 19th October

The first trip planned for this year will be to the beautiful Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh. The area is known for its pristine, natural landscape, alpine forests, cascading River Beas and the views of the snow clad Dhauladhar mountain range known as "The Lady in White".

Although this is quite a long trip it is planned to coincide with the Dusshera holiday and will allow time to explore this awe inspiring area at a relatively leisurely pace. The itinerary will allow for a daily siesta and there will be no road travel after 7pm. The trip, however, does include 2 overnight train journeys to enable us to have as much time in the region as possible.

Itinerary:

Overnight Train Delhi/Pathankot.
2 nights at Taragarh Palace Hotel, Palampur a Heritage Hotel.
1 night Dharmasala
2 nights at The Judge's Court, Pragpur a family run
Heritage Country Manor.
Return to Delhi by train, arriving early morning.

Sightseeing to Include : Kangra Fort, Kangra Temple, Baijnath, Andretta, S.S. Gallery, Dharamsala, Kalesar, Jwalamukhi, Masroor (rock cut temples) & Guler, Chintpurni, Nurpur, Dada Siba (wall paintings), the heritage village of Garli. In addition, if time allows, we will visit markets, museums, tea estates and other fillers in the Kangra/Palampur area we are visiting.

Approximate Cost: rs 16,000 per person based on shared room

If you are interested please contact:

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All confirmations must be received by 2nd September. Bookings will be on a first come first served basis as there is limited accommodation. Train bookings have to be made 45 days in advance, and this is peak season for travel in the hills so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Spouses most welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2005

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