



SEPTEMBER 2009

“Let’s Grow in Friendship”

## GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, 16th September 2009, 3.00 pm**

German Embassy Residence

6/50-G, Shantipath,

Chanakyapuri

### **THE E.U. EXPERIENCE OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

H.E. Ambassador Daniele Smadja, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to India, Bhutan and Nepal, will speak to us about her experiences of representing Europe in India.

#### **The EU Experience of Regional Integration**

Before the creation of the European Union, the European continent had long witnessed frequent and bloody wars between neighbours, which culminated in the Second World War. Against the backdrop of the human suffering stemming from this devastating war, as well as the need for reconciliation and reconstruction, the idea of a united Europe through the pooling of its strategic resources was born in the early fifties. The European Coal and Steel Community began to unite European countries economically and politically in order to secure lasting peace. Starting from six founding Member States and from Coal and Steel, the Community soon expanded in areas and in number and continued over more than 50 years – the latest enlargement being mainly the result of the fall of the Berlin wall when the Europeans became a Union of 27 Member States. Since the European Union Member States came closer and decided to have common rules in such key areas as trade, competition, currency, agriculture, and environment as well as consumer policy or immigration to name but a few, this unique process of regional integration has brought about peace and stability for more than 470 million citizens. A proactive EU regional policy aiming at reducing internal disparities of development within and between Member States has also played a key role in securing inclusive growth and stability and other financial opportunities to improve infrastructures or the environment as well. The effects of EU membership are also visible for people outside the EU such as Indian tourists who can enjoy the Schengen area or the single currency – the Euro – when they travel from one EU Member State to another without control at the internal border.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**It is an honour** and privilege for me and my Executive Committee to be nominated for the WIC presidency for 2009-2010. My talented executive committee and I will try our best to make the coming year an interesting and colorful interchange of cultures. As Smita and her committee have given us an excellent year full of great programs, it will be a challenging task to keep up with the great programs.

I feel that we are blessed with such a talented group of ladies who are in the Executive Committee. During the summer break my first Vice-president, Zakia Zaheer and the circle leaders have been working hard on a year full of interesting programs. To make this year a success, we will need your support. Ladies, if you have any new or unusual ideas, please let me or any one from the committee know and we shall try our best to make it possible.

Our motto this year will be "Let's grow together", as it will help us to get to know each other better and build strong friendship. I believe that this is the very reason we all join WIC. Coming from different countries interaction will be playing a major roll this year.

As our theme this year is "friendship", what better way to start the new WIC year than with the interaction with the European Ambassador Ms. Daniele Smadja at our first General Meeting. We the committee hope you all had a great summer holiday and welcome you all back. A quotation from Rabindranath Tagore, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was a joy." Joy with friendship, your friendship.

With warm regards,

Vaneeta Podewils

President

## CIRCLE LEADERS

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#### **Tete a Tete over a meal**

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#### **Shake a Leg**

Vibhuti Sharma

#### **Speak in Delhi like a Delhiite**

# VICE PRESIDENTS LETTER

Welcome back to all our (hopefully enthusiastic members) from their holidays, to a feast of colourful, cultural and fun programmers which our circle leaders have planned to keep you busy. We have changed the format a bit so I will list our circles briefly. We hope to see you all participate and enjoy.

### **The Written Word:**

A very popular circle for the intellectual in you, planned by our cultured and well read members, Geetadevi, Erica Chammas and Reva Singh. They will take us on a stimulating journey of discovery by introducing us to the works of fantastic authors and their tales.

### **Gourmet Delights:**

Already our mouth has started watering for all the delicious dishes our efficient Sylvia Klein and enthusiastic Rosaleen have planned for you. Learn, cook and eat!

### **Pack a Bag or Voyages Limited:**

What a treat in store! The year starts with a bang – a trip to magical Turkey where mystery, romance and history combine. Our charming, efficient and diligent members, Barbara Bilman, Sheila Ghatate and Niti Judge have really worked hard to make it a memorable trip. For those who can't join there will be more scintillating trips in India.

### **Know Your City:**

And for those months when we are not traveling our knowledgeable members Nandita Lahiri and Emma Horne will take you round Delhi and show the most interesting and lesser known monuments

### **International Interaction:**

After all what is WIC about! To learn about each other's cultures, customs and countries. It is a small world after all! Who else to initiate us in this venture than our most social members Franciskano Toscano and Gugu Singh. It will be a real learning experience.

### **Art Appreciation and Museum Tours:**

There has to be food for the soul as well. Our most efficient Bina Deogun and artistic MarieEve Celio will appease our artistic craving by taking us to museums and initiating us into the world of Art.

### **Burning Issues:**

We can not live in society without being aware of what is happening around us. Nina Malhotra and Rita Garekhan, both of them very au fait with current affairs will make us aware of these issues and discuss and think constructively about them

**Performing Arts:**

Music, Dance and Drama:-How about aesthetics? Our finer senses? A powerful combination - our young team of very resourceful Radhika, A la Madhu a ballet dancer and an accomplished pianist Ariane Grey. One can expect a visual treat to stir your soul.

**Relaxed Moments:**

After appeasing all our senses we would need those moments! Our movie buff Leena Singh and Neeru Kpur will take us for a few hours far away in a make belief world or hard realities of life by showing us amazing movies so popular last year.

**Fun and More:**

This circle has been initiated by popular demand. Nima Malhotra and her enthusiastic team of Josifina Young, Sheila Dobson and Meera Juneja will give you surprises from time to time, be it a play, or cards, or some unexpected treat. So do participate and have fun.

**Secret of Good Health:**

Yoga for the health conscious ladies. For those who want to live longer, Anita Dua is the person for you. An excellent yoga instructress she will hold sessions with you so please sign up with her so she can organize a group These are the formal circles but there is yet more in store where you may form a group of your own and sign up and enjoy what you like to do best.

**Tete- Tete Over A Meal:**

For those who love to experiment with food in congenial company. Our foodie members Vibhuti Sharma and Niru Kapur will give you a tour of various excellent restaurants in the Capital for lunch or Dinner. Please contact them

**Shake A Leg:**

If enough Wannabe Bollywood stars are interested we will form a group and arrange a teacher. Please contact Vibhuti

**Speak in Delhi as Delhiites Do:**

Hindi Bolo. Again form your own group and contact Bina Deogun, the best teacher!!I

Hope we will see a good attendance throughout the year in all the programmes specially designed for you. Please do sign up and do come if you sign up. Wishing everyone a productive, friendly and fun filled WIC Year.

Zakia Zaheer

# MOVIE



## Relaxed Moments



### The Duchess

The Movie "The Duchess" is the story of an extraordinary woman who rose to fame by staying true to her passions in a world of protocol, gossip and social rules- and paid the price. Based on the incredible true story.

Starring Academy Award nominees Keira Knightly and Ralph Fiennes.

Date : Monday, 14th September 2009

Time : 2.30 pm

At N-58, Panchshila Park, New Delhi (Kind courtesy of Mrs. Zakia Zaheer)

(Niru Kapur), 9810076063, Leena Singh 9810032426

# 'THE PERFORMING ARTS'



Sinia and her theatre friends provide an afternoon of comedy. Enjoy the situations presented and have a good laugh

Date : Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time : 3.00 p.m.

Venue : Residence of Mrs. Taru Kanwar 3/3, Shanti Niketan

**Limit 30**

# WRITTEN WORD



## "In Other Rooms, Other Wonders"

Daniyal Mueenuddin

'A stunning achievement. This superb collection ranges across a vast swathe of contemporary Pakistan...such is its narrative power that I could not stop turning the page' Mohsin Hamid.

Date : Monday, 21st. September,

Time : 3.00 p.m

Venue : Sunandini Kapur, B 34 Malcha Marg, Chanakyapuri

Tel : 26803042

**Limit 25**

# PACK A BAG..



## Trip to Turkey

**September 25th - October 5th, 2009**

Turkey, a land of breathtaking beauty, history, culture, crafts and arts! The Turkish Embassy has been actively involved in organizing this WIC trip with our *Trips and Travel* group to give you a taste of this fascinating country. The group will be visiting Istanbul, a city on two continents with a history going back to more than 2500 years; we'll take a cruise on the Aegean, a ride in a hot air balloon over the unique landscape of fairy chimneys in Cappadocia, and enjoy various cultural shows, the famous Turkish cuisine, and many more things!

**Niti Judge**

**Barbara Bilman**

**Sheila Ghatate**

## GOURMET DELIGHTS



We are always at a loss when it comes to vegetarian Menu. Yasmin who is an expert cook, will introduce us to some dishes marketed in Phillipines which look and taste just like non-vegetarian. She is going to show us how!! Ladies you should rejoice since it is full of protein no cholestrol and NO calories! She will show us dishes like Veg. Fish, Veg. Mutton, Veg. Chicken and Veg. Hot Dogs!

Date : Tuesday, September 15th

Time : 11.00 a.m.

Venue : At thr residence of Bindu Talwar  
B-370 New Friends Colony

**Limit 25**

## Tete a Tete Over A meal

**SPAGHETTI KITCHEN**

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at 1.00 p.m**

Bill Marchetti (of the West View fame) has launched Spaghetti Kitchen at the glitzy Citywalk Mall in Saket. It does in a sense provide for an interesting mix of delight and delicious. Food is the real triumph of this Restaurant. The dishes served here are very authentic, and the Pizzas, both cracker style and thin crust, are highly recommended.

Venu: Spaghetti Kitchen, Citywalk Mall, First floor, Saket

Approximate cost. Rs 800/-

# MEMBER'S PAGE

**This page is dedicated to News and Views contributed by our members.  
Your suggestions, poems and articles are welcome.**

## **A Lighthearted look at Men.**

*It makes me terribly upset  
To think that among all the men I've met , Not one of them can  
Fulfill my dream of the ideal man .*

*There are men that are dark  
Without a spark of intelligence And in those that are fairer  
An average I.Q. is even rarer !*

*Then , there are men that drive you out of your mind  
With a deliciously curved behind !  
Still others are a bore And tell you all the jokes  
you've heard before.*

*Men with dark eyes are full of sentimental lies,  
And those that don't say much  
prefer the sentimental touch  
( the brushing of wrist against arm  
Isn't accidental, but part of his studied charm).  
Men in jeans eat their fill, but Are dreadfully slow to pick up the bill –  
While those in Savile Row suits Talk trivia down to their boots.  
And have you heard of men that like men ?  
Statistics say there's one in every ten !  
Intellectuals and artists are either hooked on dope,  
Or have an inexplicable dislike of soap !*

*When all's said and done, I may have laughed at every one,  
But, life without men just wouldn't be any fun !*

**Shree Devi.**

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## MEMBERSHIP SUSCRIPTION

Please pay your membership subscription of Rs. 2000/- at the General Meeting

**Membership Directory:** Please upgrade information about your profile changes, any alteration from the old directory and hand it over to Alice Gough in September, G.M. for the Directory,2009-2010

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