



Newsletter

September, 2022

President's Address



Dear Members of the Women's International Club,

Welcome to the Hearth and Home. After your long and tiring travels, what better than being amidst the cosy warmth of friends and well-wishers. Also East or West, the WIC is the best.

We of course shall continue to miss our members who are still in places out of Delhi NCR. But hope is there, that they would join us at some point of time during the year, at some program which this new EC shall be very enthusiastically organising.

On behalf of the new Executive Committee, 22- 23, I take great pleasure to invite you all to experience the wonderful new WIC year. Heartfelt gratitude goes towards the Nominations Team, who placed confidence in this group of members that have now constituted the new EC.

Both VP 1 and VP II have utilised the WIC Summer break in planning out interesting sessions. Some of our new Circles promise to take you on paths untrodden. And these are Circles like International, South Asian Culture, Health, and World Festivals. In fact, World Festivals Circle remained active right since its inception, bringing out unknown facts about the special days, nationally and internationally. Our Members have loved the information and appreciated the efforts. Congratulations World Travel Circle.

The General Meetings have been made into Special meetings by our VP II. Despite her busy travel schedule, she has planned a myriad of programmes, using her imagination and dedication.

Inshallah, the year should be very enjoyable, informative and emanating pride of our Members in their prestigious Club.

Truly, it is a year of pride. We had a wonderfully organised Commonwealth Games at Birmingham and equally surprising success of the Indian participation at the Games. Records were broken all around and we saw some spectacular achievements by so many of the International athletes. Eventually, it was the large medal haul by the Indian players that gave so much thrill and hope. 61 medals, a tally, which was the best ever, and a

determination to achieve much more, henceforth.

India celebrated its 75th Independence Day last month and the euphoria persists. Good for the Country, as we all who inhabit this land with its tremendous history will be forever conscious that we have to give this country freedom from illiteracy, poverty, corruption, waste, disease and take it towards becoming a responsible entity on this great planet.

Of course, nature has also been taking its toll. Climate all over the world is becoming more and more skewed each passing day. We have a greater melting of the Polar Caps, as never seen before, sweltering heat at even the coolest climes, forest fires, tornados, cyclones and ravaging floods. Have you noticed? The migratory birds have now started visiting much earlier than their times before. High time we all look inwards and seek solutions which will help reverse this setback.

So, dear Members, do keep guiding, advising, suggesting, and no matter what, just encouraging Team 22-23, so that we always keep our best foot forward and help in making the Women's International Club our greatest place of Pride.

As someone said, "Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you have started seeing beyond the Imperfections".

Amen.

Suneeta Trivedi

President WIC 22-23

Important

Please confirm your attendance at the physical meetings
by filling RSVP form:

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or inform Hospitality Chairperson Pamela Bhagat
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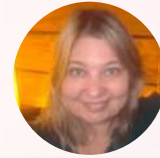
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Haidara, Patricia Vrij, Soha Kamal Farouk,
Rosie Sahn

Book circle:

Kusum Ansal, Noor Anand Chawla, Radhika
Birla, Sylvia Jhakar

Wellness, Health & Fitness:

Anna Jha, Brinda Singh,
Vibhuti Sharma

Special circle:

Please contact Seema Bhalla if you want to
suggest a program or a speaker

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2022-23 IS NOW DUE

Hello Members,

The Annual Membership Subscription of year 2022-2023 is due for payment.

We request all members to please carry their cheques for paying their membership dues to the General Meeting being held on 21, September, 2022. You can collect your receipts at a General Meeting.

Payment may be made online or by cheque. Payment must be made **latest by 15th November 2022** for an amount of **RS. 4,500/-**.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

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Please make all cheques in the name of WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB and mention YOUR NAME IN CAPITAL LETTERS and PHONE NUMBER at the back of the cheque.

Please note that the cheque should be made only in the name of:

“WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL CLUB”, for an amount of RS. 4,500/-.

PAYMENT RECORD

Once payment is made kindly whatsapp, sms or email screenshot of payment confirmation/txn ref no./bank sms of payment to:

GITANJALI MEHTA at **98-100-25822** or email: **treasurer2020.wic@gmail.com**

Thank you

Gitanjali Mehta

Treasurer

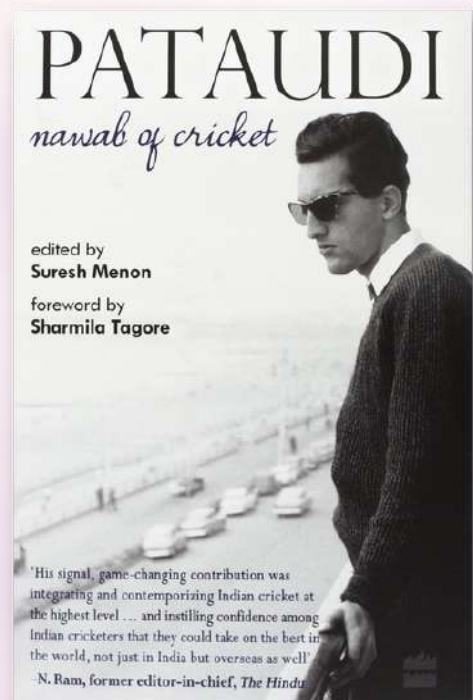
General Meeting: Sharmila Tagore

September 21st, 2-5 pm

Venue: Indian international centre (IIC) Hall Two

Our first GM to welcome all WIC Members to a new and exciting year ahead stars Sharmila Tagore. An Indian actress and author is primarily known for her work in Hindi and Bengali cinema. She is the recipient of multiple awards including a Filmfare lifetime achievement award for her contributions towards cinema.

Ms Tagore will be discussing her life experiences and her latest book Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi. With an interactive discussion amongst the WIC Members.



Textiles Circle: Royal Fables

September 15th, 3 pm

Venue: Residence of Nayana Goradia, 145, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi

Limit: 30 people



It was in 1947 that India became a Democracy and an elected Indian Government replaced the local rulers namely the Princes, Rajas, and Maharajas who were the custodians of crafts, textiles and culture of the region they ruled over. This was reflected in their day-to-day costumes worn in the royal courts and on ceremonial occasions and that of their royal courtiers as well.

Anshu Khanna - Founder at Royal Fables Private Limited. Her biggest contribution to Indian heritage is that she founded an authentic platform that showcases our regal history called Royal Fables. Under this umbrella she has single-handedly helped bring alive the Palace Karkhana culture wherein royal scions work with local master weavers, artists, and craftsmen.

Anshu Khanna is a well-known writer, columnist and Editor who has written extensively on wide-ranging subjects including leadership profiles, retail, art, culture, design and education. She is a visiting professor at NIFT and teaches creative writing and PR to undergraduate students of Fashion Communication.

She is the recipient of Nari Shakti Puraskar, 2018, for her revivalist endeavors. It is the highest civilian honour accorded to women in India by the honourable President of India. Our speaker will be narrating some interesting anecdotes from Royal India, which led to the discovery of some of India's famous textiles.



Gourmet Trail: A Taste of the Mediterranean Cooking with Stevie

September 16th, 11 am

Venue: Residence of Dr. Vimla Rajan, L-21 Green Park (Main), New Delhi

Limit: 20 people



“ Happiness is ...Cooking together ”

And so we start the year for Gourmet Trail with a cooking demonstration by our very own member and home cook Stevie Clayton. Stevie was in the Middle East for 6 years before moving to Delhi and will show us some quick n tasty dishes from there. The Menu includes Hummus, Tabbouleh, Eggplant Fattah, Chilli coriander potatoes, Cauliflower Maqluba, Chicken Musakhan, Olives, pickles, Labneh & flatbread on the side and maybe some other surprises.

So bring your notebooks and your appetite.



World Festivals Circle: Navarathri kolu

September 22nd, 3.30 pm

Venue: Residence of Seita Vaidialingam, B 330, 2nd Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi

Limit: 20 people

Navarathri kolu is celebrated in South India in the Gregorian months of September/ October in honour of the three Goddesses in the Hindu Pantheon namely Durga, the protector of the good and annihilator of evil, Lakshmi the harbinger of wealth and Saraswathi the goddess of learning. It spans over nine nights and during this time dolls, both religious and depicting civil life are arranged on the steps in Tamil called "padis" and a lot of festivity_ music, singing, festival food and clothes happen around these steps.



Champa Kumar and Sowmya Arjun a mother and daughter who have an Art Gallery "Chaya" - a combination of their names will walk us through this beautiful festival including its unique aspects like the kolu padi, the traditional display of dolls the food, the clothes, the music et al. Truly a traditional colourful festival with contemporary over tones!

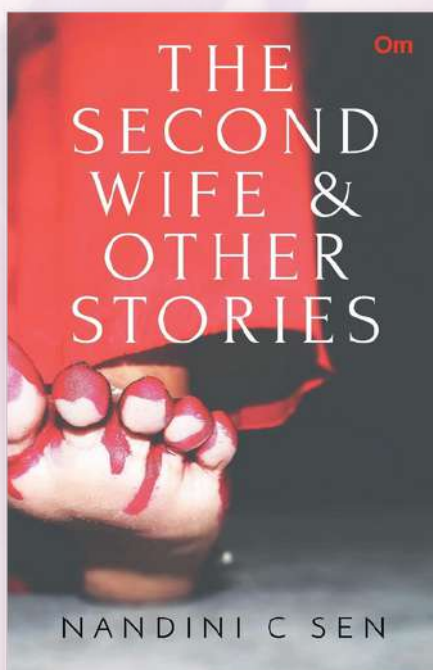
Book Circle: 'The Second Wife & Other Stories' by Nandini C. Sen

September 26th, 3 pm

*Venue: Residence of Ms. Sohinder Nabha (Mob: 98100 91469), 10-A,
Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi*

Limit: 30 people

The author, Nandini C. Sen, is the proud recipient of the Charles Wallace Fellowship for Academic Research in London, the Ambassador for Peace Prize for her work towards educating slum dwellers and the Write India Award for her creative writing. Nandini teaches English in Bharati College, Delhi University, and has written extensively on Diaspora Studies, African Studies and Comparative Literature. Nandini is a keen observer of society and a social commentator.



Her short stories have been featured in literary journals such as *The Elusive Genre* and *The Muse*. Her recent book, 'The Second Wife and Other Stories' (2022), is a collection of critically acclaimed feminist stories. These relevant and contemporary stories touch different aspects of a woman's life, bringing to the fore the struggles that women go through in their daily existence.

Rumi Malik, a writer, translator, broadcaster and motivational speaker, will also be reading a few excerpts from the book. Rumi, with her background in theatre, will certainly help bring to life the wonderful short stories written by Nandini Sen – stories that every woman will certainly be able to relate to.

They say, "Every time you open a book, a little magic falls out" ... We look forward to having you join in the magic...

Obituaries

On behalf of the Women's International Club, the Executive Committee 22-23, expresses its heartfelt condolences and its deepest sorrow to the Deogan Family, over the sad demise of **Smt Bina Deogan**, Senior member of the Club.



Bina ji was known to each of the members as she was very affectionate, helpful, full of beautiful ideas and worked hard to make the Club a very interesting Association. Every member remembers the time when Bina ji organised programs on the various festivals of India. Her putting together of Trips and Tours, both domestic and International were very welcome and hugely successful. She was known

to be the perfect host on a considerable number of occasions when she hosted at her beautiful home, perfect Coffee mornings and luncheons for both the foreign and Indian ladies.

The Club had so much to learn from Bina ji and emulate. Her grace and charm, her expressive ways of relating stories, her life full of experiences and good exposure, her eye for detail and her formal way of dressing up, with the beautiful flowers in her hair, at all occasions, never to take anything for granted.

Bina ji possessed much wisdom and was a learned lady with immense knowledge of culture, heritage, mythology, scriptures, art and craft and most of all Astrology. Her predictions were accurate and based upon scientific and mathematical deductions.

We at the Women's International Club, shall all be missing Bina ji. It is not very often, but rare to come across a woman of her stature, in one's lifetime. Regrettably, toward the end of her life she did not enjoy good health. The Club has lost a beautiful soul. May God grant her peace and bliss.

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Suneeta Trivedi

President

The Women's International Club.

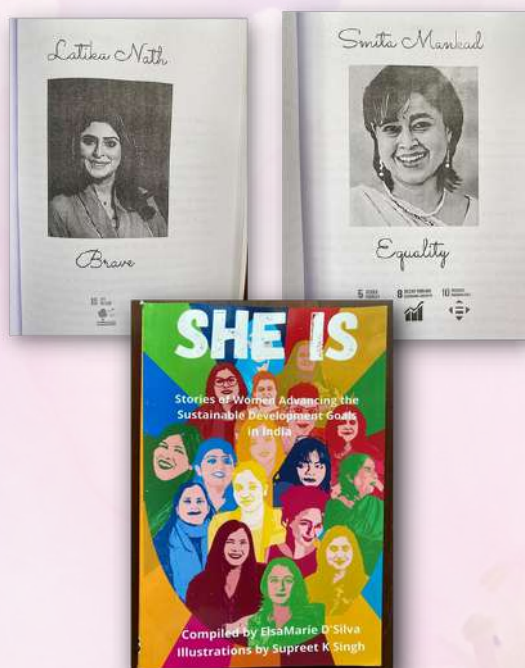
And on behalf of all the WIC members, we offer our sincere condolences to **Sheena Sharma** for the loss of her father **Dr. Naresh Sharma**.

Proud Moments for the WIC Family



Amrita Mankad has received the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for her contribution to the promotion of Japanese culture in India through her lifelong work with Ikebana. Learning Ikebana formally since 1977, she founded the Delhi Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana in 1990, and is currently an Associate First Master.

Smita Mankad was awarded the prestigious Chevening Fellowship of the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) - recognised for her work in advancing the livelihoods and economic empowerment of women in rural India, particularly artisans and craftspeople. She spent the summer of 2022 at the University of Oxford, St. Cross College as a Chevening Research, Science, and Innovation Leadership (CRISP) Fellow.



Smita Mankad was featured in the book 'She Is' - a compilation of women advancing the Sustainable Development Goals in India - and was featured for SDG 5 - Gender Equality, SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 17 - Reduced Inequalities. Another of our WIC members, **Latika Nath** is also featured in this book for her work with tigers, under SDG 15 - Life on Land.

Proud Moments for the WIC Family



Supriya Mankad, Amrita Mankad's daughter-in-law, a REBA certified architect with her own practice in London, es-em architecture and design studio, has illustrated a children's book called 'Hedgehogery' written by **Michael Barrie McGeever, the husband of Mair McGeever**, who was a WIC member in the late 1990's while her husband was posted in Delhi. So a double connection to WIC!

Sabina Inderjit was elected the first President of the Federation of Asia Pacific Journalists, which was formed after a 15 year long struggle. She was also re-elected as VP, International Federation of Journalists.



Both the daughters of **Seema Bhalla**, **Nandini Bhalla and Radhika Bhalla**, individually, received awards for excellence from the FDCI (Fashion Design Council of India).

Renu Mehra's granddaughter Shreya graduated in Architectural design from Rhode Island School of Design at Providence on June 4th.



Summer memories

Dear ladies,

You would be happy to know that Team 22- 23 had organised a couple of Meet and Greet programs for our members:

1. A High Tea was organised for the new International members. There were 21 members who participated in this get-together. Everyone was introduced and asked to speak a few words on themselves and their respective countries. By the end of the Meet, there was much to look forward to by the new members.



2. A High Tea was hosted for the Circle Leaders by the President, 22-23. All Circle Chairs and their teams were forthcoming with great ideas.

3. A few over Tea morning sessions were hosted by some members which were attended by many small groups of our new and senior members. There was great Bonhomie and the newer members were much more confident about their new Club.

September



2022

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				Textiles Circle: <i>Royal Fables</i>	Gourmet Trail: <i>Mediterranean Cooking with Stevie</i>	
11	12	13	14	3 pm	11 am	17
				Offline		Offline
18	19	20	General Meeting Meet Sharmila Tagore 2 pm	World Festivals: Navarathri kolu 3.30 pm	22	24
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25	Book Circle: <i>The Second Wife & Other Stories</i> by Nandini C. Sen 3 pm	26	27	28	29	30

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