



# NEWS LETTER

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**JANUARY 2024**

**DISCOVER OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM  
CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU**

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# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fatimata KANE HAIDARA, *President*

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**WELCOME 2024.**

May this new year come with a wind blowing of happiness, good health, success and prosperity.

Dear members, I hope that you and your families are all doing well.

The Executive Committee and the circle Leaders are pleased to continue the planning of programs with enthusiasm. We hope that they will be as appreciated as those of the year of 2023.

In January, glamor will rhyme with a dose of feminism, as well as an immersion in the interesting field of cryptocurrency.

The culinary arts and festivals of different cultures will allow us to travel again, this time to Switzerland and Russia.

**So let's be ready to embark on amazing adventures in 2024.**

Last but not least, I would like to sincerely thank all of those who have hosted our programs during the month of December.

**I wish you all a happy new year.**





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## ART AND BOOKS

Art : Sunaina Suneja, Véronique Dieu  
Books : Svetlana Romanova, Anita Dua



## CULTURAL HERITAGE / INTERACTIONS

Seema Bhalla, Rene Singh , Yulia Aryaeva



## FASHION AND TEXTILES

Madhu Jain, Leena Singh, Radhika Anand



## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Gitanjali Mehta, Madhavi Divan Goradia, Smita Mankad



## FOOD AND FITNESS

Frenny Billmoria, Sunaina Aggarwal, Bogusia Dhingra



## LUNCH BUNCH

Bindu Talwar, Megan Reid, Surinder Sarna



## MOVIES / DOCUMENTARIES / THEATRE

Sinia Duggal , Alice Cheng



## PERFORMING ARTS

Shovana Narayan, Shivani Pasrich, Saskia Rao De Haas



## SPECIAL PROGRAM MEMBERS CHOICE

Bubbles Suneja, Sunandini Kapur, Anita Dua



## TRAVEL

Ruchika Rajan, Ashima Singh, Raveena Khurana



## WORLD TODAY

Rosie Sahni, Anat Brenner, Peggy Bhohi



## WORLD FESTIVAL ( for information Only )

Sheila Ghatate, Smita Divan, Seità Vaidialingam





# CIRCLE MEETING

FINANCE AND ECONOMICS



Monday January 8th 2024, 3 pm

## Curious about Crypto?

Venue : online via Zoom link that will be provided few days before the event.

Join us for an interesting journey into the fascinating new world of blockchain, bitcoin and crypto currency. A gentle introduction in a simple non technical way by **Taru Jain**.

### About the speaker

28+ years' experience (17 in corporate roles, 11 as entrepreneur) working across multiple continents in several domains. Yet have so much more to learn; so much more to contribute!



### Experience as an entrepreneur / investor

1. Have founded, lovingly built and invested in a few (and successfully exited a couple) businesses in the space where technology, education and innovation come together.

2. An active investor in early stage businesses (seed/pre-Series A) in the areas of Web3/blockchain (Frac), marketing transformation (Maxential), analytics and deep-tech research (VTION technologies, BIS Research) and real-money gaming (Wowchess and PokerHigh).

3. Advisor to startups and scaleups (some examples include Tenth Floor, a very innovative data consultancy; The Scale Factory that helps innovative tech businesses succeed in Asian markets...).

4. Very eager student of blockchain+Web3 possibilities and how they will shape the future.

5. Also had the honour to teach at top-tier education institutions as part of their Corporate Education and MBA programs (Singapore Management University, Duke University -Corporate Education, Rutgers University among others).





## GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday January 10th 2024, 3 pm

### **Fabric defines life : Malvika Singh in conversation with Lakshmi Chandra**

Venue : Panchsheel Club, Panchshila Park, New Delhi 110017.

Tea Hosted by Sunita Trivedi and Pamela Bhagat.

No limit, everybody is welcome!

**Malvika Singh**, publisher of the monthly journal Seminar, is a writer, cultural commentator and textile archivist. Malvika initiated and edited the India magazine, the first of its genre, that explored the many facets of India, her people and cultures. She has authored several books: Perpetual City; Bhutan Through the Lens of the King; New Delhi: Making of a Capital; Delhi: India in One City; and Snowdon's India. Malvika Singh has also worked in theatre and film, and was decorated as a Dame in the civil merit honours list of the King of Spain.



During the pandemic, Malvika created the Sarees of Memory project, with weavers of 21 traditional saris — crafting designs and kickstarting bouts of reclamation that ensured the weavers' gainful involvement.



Malvika will talk to us about the role of fabric and how it speaks a borderless language of humanity and friendship, nurtured through discovery and trade, traversing deserts and plains, mountains and valleys, crossing rivers. Cloth marked time and age. Malvika will illustrate her talk with slides as well showing us some of her exquisite collection of handloom saris and explaining their significance.





# CIRCLE MEETING

## SPECIAL PROGRAMME

Monday January 15th 2024, 3 pm

**Russian New Year and Christmas traditions: Russian Old New Year, Christmas, Epiphany, and festive future-telling**

Venue : to be confirmed.

Did you know that New Year's is celebrated twice in Russia?

Once on January 1st and then again on January 14th. Also, unlike most of the world, Russia celebrates Christmas on January 7th.



January is a month filled with numerous festivals in Russia. Throughout these festivities, people follow various traditions. We'd love to offer you a glimpse of Russia's colorful holiday customs, so you can better understand the joy and cultural diversity of these celebrations.

Svetlana Romanova and Ekaterina Semenushkova will take you through the history of Christmas and New Year celebrations in Russia. They'll cover traditions from New Year's Eve to Christmas, the Old New Year, the "Svyatki" (the days between Christmas Eve and Epiphany), and Epiphany.

Get ready to join in the fun with festive games and playful fortune-telling, and tasting Russian food , just like they did in Ancient Russia.







# SPECIAL PROGRAMME

## FASHION AND TEXTILES

Saturday January 20th 2024, 3 pm

### **Sunil Sethi and the India Story...Taking Indian Fashion, Craft and Textiles to the World**

**Tech Guru Rajiv Makhni in conversation with Sunil Sethi**

Venue : Embassy of Russia, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021

No limit but for security reason please register yourself with RSVP form.

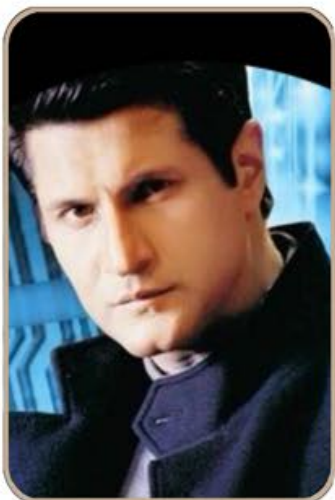
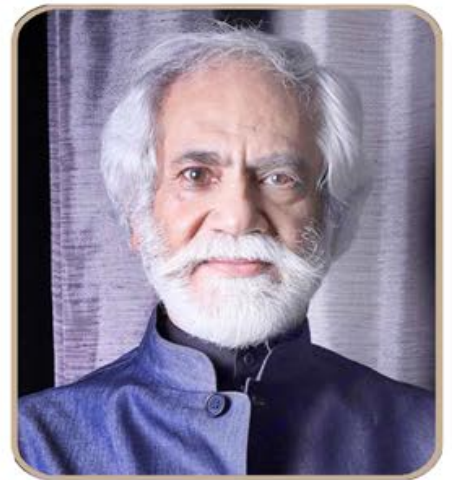
#### **The man behind the magic: SUNIL SETHI,**

Chairman of The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), has been the catalyst for promoting and representing Indian fashion designers and the fashion industry as a whole.

The man has worked tirelessly to get Indian couture to its current position with articulated measures of luxury.

He is regarded as the golden star of the Indian fashion industry, who has led the expansion of Indian fashion through many ingenious and victorious initiatives. Under his leadership the Council has evolved into a design powerhouse which nurtures new talent and generates business opportunities for its designer members and brands.

His main mission is to propagate the 'Made in India' brand.



Tech Guru of India: **RAJIV MAKHNI**, is an Indian journalist famous for hosting tech shows on NDTV. Some of his most popular shows are Cell Guru, Gadget Guru, NewsNet 3.0, Walk the Tech Talk. He is also a tech columnist and writes reviews and blogs for major publications in India.

In 2021 he launched his own tech web series on Amazon Mini TV called 'Tech with Rajiv Makhni'. He has a large X (formerly Twitter) following, including Mr. Amitabh Bachchan.

He has received numerous awards including the Television Anchor of the Year in 2012, Best Anchor on TV in 2013 and Best Radio Show in English in 2019.





# CIRCLE MEETING

ART AND BOOKS

Tuesday January 23th 2024, 3 pm

## The insolent history of lipstick, a symbol of emancipation and oppression

Venue : Residence of Sohinder Nabha, 10A Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
New Delhi 110 001

Dress code : lipstick ! 

Limit 25/30. Please register yourself with Simrit SINGH (Hospitality Chairperson), mobile 98107 52525 and email [simritksingh@gmail.com](mailto:simritksingh@gmail.com)  
Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.

«If you are sad, put on lipstick and attack !» 

The quote by Coco Chanel sets the mood for our talk on the story of lipstick as a symbol of beauty but also and even better, rebellion!

Our member, Veronique Dieu takes us through the origins to the lipstick, its colors starting from fruit-based dyes but focusing primarily on red as the predominant one.

She will share with us the journey of the lipstick as used by Cleopatra and perfected over generations by artists in portraiture and its positioning by designers such as Coco Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent as well as in publicity material.



ROUGE À LÈVRES  
VOUS LEVRES ONT TROUVÉ LEUR MARQUE

**CHANEL**





# CIRCLE MEETING

## LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday January 25th 2024, 1 pm

**Introducing the Swiss cuisine «Zürich Geschnetzeltes»  
Potluck lunch (please bring a meal you like)**

**Venue : Residence of Ohn Ohn Garraux, Sunder Nagar 69,  
1st floor (no lift)**

**Limit 20. Please register yourself with RSVP or Simrit SINGH (Hospitality  
Chairperson), mobile 98107 52525 - email simritksingh@gmail.com  
Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.**



**Introducing the Swiss cuisine:  
“Zürich geschnetzeltes”**

- Sundar Nagar 69,110003 New Delhi
- 25th January, 1pm - 3:30 pm
- limit: 20 guests
- Potluck lunch! (Please bring a meal you like)







# JANUARY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>HAPPY</b> <i>New Year</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8 <b>FINANCE ECONOMY</b> Curious about crypto? 3 pm	9	10 <b>General Meeting</b> 3 pm	11	12	13
14	15 <b>SPECIAL PROGRAMME</b> Russian new year and Xmas traditions 3 pm	16	17	18	19	20 <b>FASHION &amp; TEXTILES</b> A Visionary Dialogue / Sunil Sethi with Rajeve Makhani 3 pm
21	22	23 <b>ART &amp; BOOKS</b> The true history of lipstick 3 pm	24	25 <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> Potluck lunch Discover Swiss cuisine 1 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			





## IMPORTANT



Please confirm your attendance at the physical meetings only by filling RSVP Google form (link attached to the Newsletter).



Please DO NOT reply on the WIC WhatsApp Forum as your reply may get lost in all the messages. Confirmations on the forum will not be accepted.

or inform

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

### *Gentle reminder*

For those who have not yet paid their annual membership subscription for the year 2023-2024 we kindly request them to pay their dues as soon as possible as November 15th was the dead line.

#### **CASH PAYMENTS**

Members can pay by cash their membership dues at the General Meeting.

#### **ONLINE PAYMENTS**

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#### **CHEQUE PAYMENTS**

Please make all the 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» and 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 Anushree MAHAJAN, 98182 49594, treasurer2020.wic@gmail.com.

For an amount of **Rs 4,500/-**.

Thank you  
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# Welcoming our new members

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# Welcoming our new members



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# MEMORIES

## FOOD AND FITNESS

*The sourdough science simplified*  
November 2023



The first programme of " Food and Fitness Circle" headed by Frenny Billimoria, Sunaina Aggarwal and Bogusia Dhingra held on 24th Nov. was a fascinating experience.



The speaker Mr Gaurav Dhingra of Defence Bakery showed us the process of making home grown yeast used for making sourdough. We learnt that sourdough, rich in nutrients like folate, potassium, magnesium and antioxidants has lower glycemic index. Thanks to Bogusia for organising the programme and Anita Dua for hosting the event.





# MEMORIES

## SPECIAL PROGRAMME

At the Special program on connecting cultures by Reputed bureaucrat, author Achala Moulik at the Russian embassy the author presented a very fascinating relationship between Russia and India, commencing in ancient times. There is a amalgam of historical facts and events, historical and cultural ties, and the personal aspect of the author's own connection with Russia.



Our Gratitude to Diana for organising, anchoring and hosting the programme so beautifully





# MEMORIES

## FOOD AND FITNESS

*Farm fresh delights : organic salads and soup demonstration  
by Sunaina Aggarwal, December 2023*

«Dear Sunaina, thanks a lot for the delicious and healthy lunch and the lovely company.»



«Thank you Sunaina for the very refreshing salads n fresh organic food !»



«Thank you Sunaina for a delicious lunch made from garden produce. It was lovely to sit out in your gorgeous garden.»



«Thank you Sunaina for today's program. Wonderful food and garden tour.»



# MEMORIES

## GENERAL MEETING

*Conversations with Kiran Nadar: Art, Philanthropy and the Power of Vision*  
December 2023



«Wonderful programme. As Fatimata said it was truly three in one - the exhibition, the interaction between Mrs Nadar and Ashwini and finally the Xmas carols. As someone aptly said the carols were the cherry on the cake.»





# MEMORIES

## LUNCH BUNCH

Some images of our Lunch Bunch enjoying Mediterranean food with French dressing with European artwork in Indian Heritage environment this afternoon at l'Opéra Art Café .



«Thank you Christine for your warm hospitality and making time to chat to everyone.»



Thank you Bindu and the Lunch Bunch circle.





# MEMORIES

## FASHION & TEXTILES

This afternoon's programme of Fashion and Textile circle was a top designer / Ashish Soni in conversation with Neelam Rudy. Ashish Soni's style is minimalistic, comfortable classic that transcends beyond fashion. He believes classics are forever, if you are a decent designer, your product won't age.



Thanks you Neelam for anchoring and hosting the programme .



Gratitude to Madhu and Leena for organising a very well attended meeting





# MEMORIES

## MOVIES, DOCUMENTARIES, THEATRE

A Special program of WIC on 11 th Dec at Alliance Francaise was screening of "Invictus " graciously organised and hosted by President Fatimata and Movies/documentaries/ Theatre Circle headed by Sinia.



The movie INVICTUS directed by Clint Eastwood provides a beautiful insight into the life & inspirational leadership of Nelson Mandela. Soul stirring when, Springbok's skipper wonders aloud " how a tall person like Mandela who spent 26 years in a tiny cell was ready to forgive the people who were responsible for his misery?" Eastwood has very skillfully handled the dark history of RSA and its transition to a modern democracy.



Thank you Fatimata for an immensely enjoyable programme and the delicious high tea.

«Thank you for a wonderful afternoon and what a movie, glad I got a chance to see it, it left one completely spellbound and charged and I for one remained glued to my seat all through.»





# MEMORIES

## WORLD TODAY

World Today circle's program was an engaging presentation on **Ukraine culture, cuisine, performing arts and fashion.**



Thanks to the organiser and the hostess Rosie Sahni for elaborate arrangements.- other World today circle members, Anat and Peggy Bhoi.



«Hats off to both of you Olga and Rosie,we all enjoyed a lot of, an amazing programme »





# MEMORIES

## ART AND BOOKS

The HOURGLASS Show , today's curated walk at an exhibition dedicated to Glass Art. Thanks to everyone who came from Art and Books Circle.



«A very special program explained by some of the artists themselves. It was such a pleasure meeting them & seeing the beautiful sculptures. Thank you Ashwani & team. A brilliant end to the year.»