

# University Women's



## NEWSFLASH

Jan - Feb 2005

The Executive Committee is proud to embark on a new and regular NewsFlash to keep our members informed about planned and on-going UWAS activities.

The NewsFlash will list the calendar of events for your information, participation and involvement and will be circulated every two or three months.

The Executive Committee is committed to serve members of UWAS and we sincerely hope that the activities planned will be of interest to you. We look forward to your active participation. If you have any suggestions, do let us know. The objective of the Executive Committee is to serve you with pleasure.

The names and email addresses of persons in charge are indicated under each event. Please feel free to contact them directly for further information. Or visit our Website: [www.uwas.org](http://www.uwas.org), Email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org).

### Calendar of Events

- **Toa Payoh Girls' Home / MCYS**

In collaboration with MCYS, members of UWAS, headed by Esther Joosa, visited the Toa Payoh Girls' Home to see how UWAS can help in the home (Jan 18). Esther will come up with a proposal shortly on how UWAS can help the girls.

Team leader: Esther Joosa ([joosa@singnet.com.sg](mailto:joosa@singnet.com.sg))

Project Team: Esther Joosa, Lily Wong, Leong Chooi Peng, Vijaya Mohan, Brenda Goh, Yvonne Ying, Katherine Chua.

- **Ang Mo Kio Family Centre**

Professor Ann Wee had kindly arranged a meeting for UWAS team led by Marianne Teo to meet up with Miss Sudha Nair of the Centre and another social worker from AMK to discuss the possibility of collaboration between UWAS and AMK Family Centre. AMK FC is an organisation that keeps children and teenagers in schools and protects them from domestic violence. Marianne will update at a later date the possibility of a tie up, if feasible.

Team leader: Marianne Teo ([jadelinen@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:jadelinen@yahoo.com.sg))

Project Team: Marianne Teo, Pauline Tan, Tan Soo Yeon

- **Cambodia Trip - Feasibility Study Mar 20-23 2005**

Purpose: To identify the needs of Cambodia utilising the available resources of UWAS. Dr Khoo KC had worked hard to use her contacts the Cambodian, SIF, and other organization to explore the possibility of a joint project. She also wrote to Singapore International Foundation (SIF) for funds and SIF had agreed to fund one person's cost for a feasibility study. The team will be leaving in March 2005. If you have an interest in this project please let us know.

Team leader: Dr. Khoo Kim Choo

Project Team: Dr Khoo Kim Choo, Esther Joosa, Brenda Goh, Katherine Chua.

- **UWAS 10th Anniversary**

UWAS will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2006. We welcome your valuable input on how we could make it a memorable event for UWAS. We need resources and your invaluable ideas for this important event of the year. Please help us by being involved actively in this project.

Project Team: Dr Rosemary Khoo, Dr Phyllis Chew, AP Dr Elena Lui, Liew Geok Heok, Rosy Nakhoda and Executive Committee members. (email: [kah6868@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:kah6868@yahoo.com.sg))

- **Fund Raising - UWAS General fund**

In order to participate in the various activities we need to have funds for projects. We would appreciate it very much if you can help us to contact sponsors. You are welcome to donate to our UWAS General Fund to support UWAS.

Katherine Chua and Ong Yoke Yin have graciously helped UWAS by donating \$6,390/- that they earned through their training workshops. Special thanks to both ladies for their hard work and contributions. Three cheers for Katherine and Yoke Yin!

Please contact: Serene Low (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))

- **Education cum Leisure Tour – Shanghai/Jiangnan**

Purpose: To educate and provide enjoyment for members and their family members.

Date of travel: 15-22 June 2005

Tour Company: Transinex \* for details see flyer

Team leader: Genevieve Ng (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))

Project Team: Genevieve Ng, Chan Fong Kin, Yip Siew Har and Pauline Tan

- **Social Activities**

If you are interested in any sports or social activities you please contact Serene. She looks forward to hearing from you.

Project leader: Serene Low (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))

- **UWAS Education Grant**

This grant is made available to provide financial aid to students (undergraduate/post graduate). If you are interested in this project, you can contact Marianne.

Project leader: Marianne Teo (mail: [jadelinen@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:jadelinen@yahoo.com.sg))

- **Gifts from SIA**

This project was started by Rosy Nakhoda (immediate past president) and now is handled by Katherine Chua, who liaises with SIA for blankets and crockery, cutlery, etc to be distributed to homes that need them. If you know of any homes that might need such items please contact us. And if you want to join

Katherine's team you are always welcome. Katherine has been liaising with charitable organisations and distributing blankets and crockery to them.

*Team leader: Katherine Chua*

*Team members: Katherine Chua, Serene Low, Rosy Nakhooda*

- **Career Counselling**

We have certified career counsellors among our members. These ladies are willing to provide free volunteer services to UWAS members. If you are interested please contact us. Or if you are a counsellor you too might want to provide this service to UWAS members.

*Project leader: Brenda Goh (email: [kah6868@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:kah6868@yahoo.com.sg))*

- **Monthly Members' Night**

Purpose: To provide opportunities for members to meet and network monthly.

This new monthly event was introduced last year and proved very successful in providing an informal opportunity for members to meet one another to network and enjoy warm fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Program Chair: Esther Joosa, ([joosa@singnet.com.sg](mailto:joosa@singnet.com.sg))*

- **Bi-monthly or quarterly talks**

Purpose: To disseminate information for members' participation.

We will have interesting talks, events, tours, etc. organised for your benefit and participation.

*Program Chair, Esther Joosa, ([joosa@singnet.com.sg](mailto:joosa@singnet.com.sg))*

- **Membership Renewal**

Your prompt response for membership renewal is much appreciated. With all the upcoming activities of UWAS there is every reason to renew your membership. We should be proud to be associated with UWAS as it has always been respected by all. You can play a critical role by encouraging your friends, business associates, and relatives to join UWAS. A larger membership will strengthen UWAS considerably. So please help UWAS to recruit new members. Membership application forms are available from the website.

*Membership Chair: Yvonne Ying (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))*

- **Donation to UNIFEM**

Proceeds from the sale WFWF UWAS donated S\$4292/- to UNIFEM New York. A vote of thanks to Liew Geok Heok (Past President), Dr Elsie Yu and all the committee members involved in this project.

*Treasurer: Lim Kim Hoon*

- **Hospitality for Foreign Visitors**

Singapore is the gateway to the Asia Pacific and we often have visitors wishing to meet members of UWAS.

Louise Croot (VP IFUW) will be visiting Singapore on April 15. If you are interested in International Hospitality do contact Elena who will be able to provide you with more information.

*International Hospitality Chair, Associate Professor Elena Lui*

## **UWAS Website: [www.uwas.org](http://www.uwas.org)**

Dr.Yeo has graciously offered her help to UWAS to take care of the website, so if you have any interesting articles for members' reading pleasure please submit them for our website. You are therefore encouraged to browse through the website for the latest information. If you are IT savvy UWAS welcomes you to help out in maintaining the website.

*Webmaster: Dr Yeo Gee Kin (email: [gk@uwas.org](mailto:gk@uwas.org))*

- **Emails from IFUW and other Affiliated Organizations**

Purpose: To inform members of activities at the IFUW Head Office in Geneva and affiliated organizations. Please let us have your views and comments. Rest assured we will take them seriously. Pauline has graciously agreed to help to disseminate information to members.

*Member in charge: Pauline Tan (email: [pauline@alumni.nus.edu.sg](mailto:pauline@alumni.nus.edu.sg))*

- **Executive Committee**

The Exco needs a Publication Chair and more Committee Members

*Contact: Vice President, Serene Low (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))*

- **Members' Feedback**

We welcome members' feedback and suggestions on any challenging project that you'd like UWAS to participate in. We would like to hear from you. Your skills or talents are what UWAS can tap on to benefit more women in our society..

*Contact: Vice President, Serene Low (email: [info@uwas.org](mailto:info@uwas.org))*

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