

# University Women's



## NEWSFLASH

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The Executive Committee is pleased to inform and update our members on UWAS activities.

You are encouraged to go to our website for more information. Please feel free to contact the persons in charge directly for further information. Or visit our Website: [www.uwas.org](http://www.uwas.org), Email: info@uwas.org.

### Calendar of Events

- **Annual General Meeting – April 23 2005**

The meeting was attended by 18 members. The meeting was interactive with active participation from members.

The financial report presented by Lim Kim Hoon (Treasurer) was approved.

Members were presented with a talk by Vijaya Mohan on the Indian dance culture followed by a dance demonstration and participation. Members unanimously agreed, endorsed and approved the following programs:

- Toa Payoh Girls Home
- Ang Mo Kio Family Centre
- Cambodia Project
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Chicken Soup and Symposium
- Education Grant – extended to include needy students.
- Post Graduate Fund raised by Dr Catherine Lim of \$2808 will be used for Post Graduates student only.

All items discussed at the AGM will be minuted and distributed to members.

A vote of thanks to all attendees.

- **Ang Mo Kio Family Centre**

Marianne Teo will update at a later date on this project.

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

*Project Team: Marianne Teo, Pauline Tan, Tan Soo Yearn*

- **Toa Payoh Girls Home**

Esther Joosa has finalized the program and the first batch of trainers started the training on 2 June 2005.

This is a continuous training programme for young female juvenile delinquents. A large number of our members have showed an interests in joining in this program as a trainer. The program focuses on providing these young girls with skills and knowledge of the social communication process. Communication is a very broad term and happens at any time in any form in our interrelation with the world around us.

Appropriate communication is a necessary attribute in functioning in society. So far our members have prepared workshops on introduction to communication, self confidence, grooming, and communication in the work space, etiquette, and communication about goals, career and creative communication.

The workshops will continue in July, August and hopefully thereafter. If you are interested to join as a trainer e-mail Esther at [joosa@singnet.com.sg](mailto:joosa@singnet.com.sg)

- **Cambodia Project**

A 3 member mission comprising Brenda Goh, Esther Joosa and Dr Khoo Kim Choo visited Phnom Penh, Cambodia in March 2005 to identify projects that UWAS could support to promote the welfare, education and well being of Cambodian children and women. This resulted in 3 projects that UWAS agreed to support working in partnership with local agencies and an international NGO.

1. **Information Communication Technology (ICT)**

Training for secondary school teachers and teacher trainers. Local partners; Ministry of Education, Local sponsor; UNESCO (Committee: Khoo Kim Choo, Marianne Teo, Yip Siew Har, Serene Low, Katherine Chua, Lee Chwee Beng.)

2. **Street Children Education Outreach**

Local partner: Street Children Assistance and Development Programme (SCADP) One of SCADP's programmes is the provision of non-formal education for street / poor children from 4 to 14 years old and integration of these children into mainstream school when they are ready. We plan to do some fund raising through a sponsorship programme to help as many street children as possible to receive an education. An education is one of the best ways to get out of the poverty trap. An educated mother is a strong indicator of better well being of her children. The Committee will be reaching out to all members and friends to support this project. (Committee: Khoo Kim Choo, Marianne Teo, Brend Goh, Yip Siew Har, Genevieve Ng, Yvonne Ying, Leong Chooi Peng, Tan Soo Yearn.)

3. **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Training.**

Local Partner: Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports.

*Team leader: Dr. Khoo Kim Choo*

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

- **UWAS 10th Anniversary – “Chicken Soup” book**  
Under the leadership of Dr Rosemary Khoo - she will be working with her team on this book and will update members at a later date.

*Project Leader: Dr Rosemary Khoo*

*Project Team: Rosy Nakhooda, Khoo Kim Choo, Joy Evans, Chan Fong Kin, Serene Low and Alice Seng.*

- **UWAS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Symposium:**

Under the leadership of Katherine Chua - she will worked with her team on the theme and speaker. This is only possible if there is funding.

*Project Leader: Katherine Chua*

*Project Team: Yip Siew Har, Chan Fong Kin, Genevieve Ng, Esther Joosa, Khoo Kim Choo, Rosemary Khoo, Rosy Nakhooda, Vijaya Mohan.*

- **Fund Raising**

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 Projects Fund to support UWAS.

- **China Tour –**

- **Shanghai/Hangzhou/Nanjing/Wuxi/Suzhou**

Date of travel: 15-22 June 2005

Tour company: Transinex

We had total of 9 participants, comprising of 2 members of UWAS, 2 other participants from Singapore, 1 IFUW member from India and 4 IFUW members from Argentina. A pre-departure dinner and briefing was hosted for our overseas participants by Brenda, Genevieve, Fong Kin and MinLing at Funan IT Mall Food Court on 14 June 2005 7.30pm. All of us had a great time making acquaintance with our friends from India and Argentina.

The tour was very well organised and the participants learnt a great deal about the history, culture and current development of China in the Yangze Delta.

Thanks to Genevieve and the team for the successful China Tour arrangement. For the project they have raised \$900 for the project fund.

*Team leader: Genevieve Ng(email: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 please contact Serene. She looks forward to hearing from you.

23 UWAS and family members participated in the walkathon organised by SFCCA and SCCC held on in the morning of 30 April 2005. The route along the Marina Promenade was very scenic and pleasant and the participants enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Thereafter, some members had breakfast and fellowship. A tour was made to the Bank of China with courtesy of Tan Chor Suan, current UWAS auditor, who works in the Bank.

*Project leader: Serene Low (email: info@uwas.org)*

- **UWAS Education Grant**

This grant is made available to provide financial aid to students. If you are interested in this project, you can contact Marianne. If you know of anyone who is in financial aid you may contact Marianne.

*Project leader: Marianne Teo (mail:jadelinen@yahoo.com.sg)*

- **Monthly Members' Night**

Look out for our next member's session.

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

- **Membership Drive**

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)*

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

You are 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)*

- **Executive Committee**

The Exco needs a Publication Chair and more Committee Members

*Contact: Vice President, Serene Low (email: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)*

- **Members News**

UWAS would like to extend a warm welcome to Lee Chwee Beng who has returned from USA in May 2005. Chwee Beng has been an active member of UWAS and in year 2003 decided to go to US to further her studies and pursue a doctoral in Instructional Design. Welcome Home Dr Lee Chwee Beng!

**Executive Committee (2004-2006)**

President : Brenda Goh  
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Marianne Teo  
Katherine Chua

**Project Leaders:**

Dr Khoo Kim Choo : Cambodia Project  
Dr Rosemary Khoo : Chicken Soup Project  
Katherine Chua : Symposium  
Esther Joosa : Toa Payoh Girls Home  
Marianne Teo : Ang Mo Kio Family Centre  
Genevieve Ng : Educational Tours  
Serene Low : Social Activity

**Immediate Past Presidents (including Protem):**

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Ms Rosy Nakhooda

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