

AV News Summary

April 26th, 2003

Community Meeting

*~ a forum for information and communication
amongst ourselves ~*

Wednesday, April 30th at 5:15 @ Sawchu

Agenda:

1. Update on Matrimandir
2. Topics from the participants at the meeting of Wednesday, April 23rd :
 - a. The nature of these meetings
 - b. Prioritising the list of topics below (as we will not be able to cover them all in a single meeting)
 - c. Consolidated report about Entry Seminar
 - d. FAMC – mandate & membership
 - e. Written report from AVC & WC of last months' work
 - f. Seeing how to implement our ideals
 - g. Exchange of letters between WC/AVC and members of the community about the MM situation
 - h. Intra-Auroville communication (continued)
 - i. Economy Group report - retirement of members, etc.
 - j. Budget / balance sheet of Auroville
 - k. Village relations (continued)
3. Updates on current issues (if needed)
4. Listing topics for following week's meeting

AVC/WC

About the News

The old Auroville News will not appear for the time being. This news summary is a temporary replacement, until a new version of the News has been worked out. Short messages and announcements are welcome, longer items will have to be shortened. In the near future information will be given about where to obtain hard copies of meeting reports or how to be placed on mailing lists to receive soft copies of meeting reports. For the time being messages may be sent to the same email address avnews@auroville.org.in or given to the News office at Aurelec. Deadline is Wednesday noon.

AVNews Survey

A survey will be done to enable everyone to give their views about the AVNews and its future looks and contents. Feedback forms will be available on the AVNet some time next week to be filled in online. Feedback forms will also be attached to next week's News Summary. Get your pens ready!

Exhibition

Drawings on the theme of "**How do our children see the future city?**"

Duration: Monday to Saturday until May 25th

Timings: 9 - 12.30 am and 2 - 4.30 pm

Place: CIC (Center for Indian Culture, Bharat Nivas)

Children from Transition, Last School, Deepanam, New Creation, Udavi, Arul Varzhi, Kuilapalayam Trust School, Isaiambalam and the night schools coordinated by SAIER made the drawings.

Out of the 540 drawings submitted, 9 prize-winning drawings were selected. The winners enjoyed a flight over Auroville. They were the following nine children: Satish (Transition), Arun (Udavi), Ludovico (Transition), Tamizarasi (New Creation), Valentine (Home schooling), E. Sridhar (Ambethnar Nagar Night School), R. Rajappan (Udavi), Chandra (Last school), A. Dhanalaxmi (Kuilapalayam Trust school).

The new Auroville Handbook is out

The latest (2003) issue of the AV Handbook is now out, and can be purchased via Pour Tous, the Visitors Centre or the Wild Seagull bookshops for Rs.125. It contains a completely updated beautiful new map of Auroville, and has been expanded from 117 to 150 pages of detailed information, making it a rich source of vital up-to-date info for Aurovilians, guests and visitors.

Building a New Crèche

Following the Baby Boom of the year 2000, a new Crèche needs to be built for the coming School year 2003-04.

This will be a temporary structure, which needs to be ready by the end of May.

As only a part of the funds are available for this from the school budget, we need some support from the community in terms of building and play materials and/or finances, which can be pooled to Account # 3717.

If you have any left-over building materials from previous constructions complying with the following list or anything you consider might be useful, please contact the New Creche team at: 2622371 elvira@auroville.org.in; 2622678 Lakshmi (Deepanam); 2623498/2622128 poonam@auroville.org.in (for bldg.materials)

Materials needed: Granite pillars (10 foot); Casuarina poles 6" to 8" dia. – 3.5 m – 22 nos., 4" dia – 18 nos., 3" – 32 nos., 2.5"/2"/1.5" – 250 nos.– full length; Bricks C.E.B or village fired bricks, Sand, Blue metal (¼ inch), Brick jelly, Cement, Steel bars (10mm, 8mm, 6mm dia.), Terracotta Jali/Metal grill, Plumbing material (Pipes 1" PVC, Valves), Bathroom fittings (Indian WCs, wash basins, taps, shower rose) Doors (standard size).

Household items such as small stools, small mattresses, cushions, mats and other items will also be welcome. For full list please contact Crèche.

Music course: "Fundamentals of music theory I"

This summer Pushkar wishes to offer an intensive course based on traditional harmony. It is a basic tool for understanding the foundations of tonal music going from XVIIIth century till modern times. It also broadens one's perception in the field of music and composition. It is a requirement for western musicians (Jazz, Classical) in most parts of the world, conservatories and music schools. This is the 1st of 4 levels.

The course will last 3 weeks, starting on Monday, May 5th, and we'll meet daily, Monday to Friday. You need basic knowledge of music notation and reading on the treble+bass clefs (the "grand" staff).

There will be an introduction, details of the course and giving out of materials on Sat., May 3rd at 11am, at Puskar's place. Please contact Pushkar as soon as possible: 2622308 (Samasti) or pushkar@auroville.org.in

Lost: small black box

I lost a small black box with a flute (soprano recorder) inside. If found please return it to Pushkar (Samasti) 2622308. Thank you.

From the Entry Group

Announcements:

- ?? The Entry Group will be closed from May 15 to June 15 2003
- ?? For inquiries and all matters regarding Entry, we request that you do not call members at their homes or approach them individually. Please call the EG Office at 26 22 707 or drop by to see us. Thank you!

The Entry Group requests your feedback (within two weeks) on the following announcements:

Aurovilians:

Suguna is working in the handicrafts unit, Aurokarangal and lives at KK Farm.

Mirra Jyoti lives in Invocation, works at Savitri Bhavan and is doing translation with Avitra.

Divya is a financial consultant and works with the accounting unit Auroma; she lives in Grace.

Milan works at the Solar Kitchen and stays in Djaima.

Tanya works at the AVBakery "Tea Stop" and lives in Repos.

Shaktivel works at the Solar Kitchen and lives in Sve Dam.

Gunasundari lives in Djaima Corner and works on the farm there.

Preethi lives in Vikas and was working at the Financial Service but is now on maternity leave.

Ralph works in Pour Tous and lives in Sri Ma.

Shailaja is an architect and lives in Courage.

Newcomer process resumed:

Manikandan (Indian) works at the Matrimandir and stays in Savitri Bhavan; contact person: Jivatman

Seung Ha (S. Korea) works at the AVBakery and stays in Certitude; contact person: Patrick (Fertile East).

Newcomers:

Valli (Indian) does secretarial work for the Working Committee and lives in Fraternity; contact person: Auralee.

Tina (Slovenian) works on the Discipline Farm and helps with the Land Fund. She stays in Discipline; contact person: Angelika.

Simo (Finnish) works on the Discipline Farm and stays in Discipline; contact person: Jivatman

Hartmut (German) works at Pour Tous and stays in Surrender; contact person Roswitha.

Natasha (Indian) is helping with the new crèche and with the Farm Group. She stays in Surrender; contact person: Paulien.

Geeta (Indian) works at Auronet and stays at Aspiration; contact person: Franz

Students and Babies:

Shardul is 8 years old and studies in Transition; he lives in Aspiration with his mother Geeta.

Zea is 2 ½ and goes to the Transition Crèche and her sister **Jasmine** is just one year old. They stay with their parents Natasha and David.

Newcomers that have left Auroville:

Ulrike Weiss (German) was staying at the Pony Farm and working at Auromics.

Soazig (French) was staying at Invocation and teaching at Transition.

Samuel (French) was living with his mother Soazing in Invocation.

Muriel (German) was staying in Aspiration.

For further details on the announcement, please contact the Entry Group Office.

Tel : 622707; E-mail : entry@auroville.org.in

From IDC

The following Building Application has been submitted to Auroville's Future and feedback can be given within two weeks:

?? Johannes, Bommayur Carpentry, extension of keet roof on top of storeroom.

Clarification from IDC

The Development Council was approved in the Residents Assembly of 26th of May, 2000, after a community process which started in September 1999. In this whole process a new structure for Planning and Development for Auroville was conceived which would be more transparent and responsive.

The prefix of "Interim" Development Council was made in anticipation of an upcoming Town Council, which was then envisioned to integrate some of the functions of the Development Group. We understood that our mandate will be finishing next month (May).

A New Proposal and Presentation to the Community

On the 28th of March 2003 we sent a letter to the Auroville Council requesting for help to open up a process for the ratification of a new group.

As we are in the process of drafting a new proposal with an updated mandate we request assistance from the AV Council, either in the form of ad-hoc members to work with us or a few of us meeting with the entire Council to discuss how to facilitate a constructive interaction with the community. The meeting should be held soon.

Amphitheatre programmes

Tuesday April 29th, 6.00 p.m:

"Savitri", the epic poem by Sri Aurobindo read by Mother, accompanied by Sunil's music Book VII, The Book of Yoga, Canto 3, The Entry into the Inner Countries (contd.) " This ordered knowledge of apparent things / Here I can stay not, for I seek my soul."

Thursday, 1st of May, 6 p.m.:

Reading from l'Agenda de Mere, 16.9.1964:

"Le seul moment important est le moment présent - pratiquement ce n'est pas vrai, mais au point de vu psychologique ça devrait être vrai. C'est-a-dire, vivre au maximum de sa possibilité chaque minute, sans prévoir ou vouloir attendre ou préparer la suivante." English text will be available. Come and enjoy a special sunset at a special place. Sigrid

Presentation on ARCOSANTI

A power point presentation, titled *Arcosanti, an Urban Laboratory? Paolo Soleri and his concept of "Arcology"* will be given by inhabitants of Arcosanti, USA.

Place: SAWCHU

Date: Tuesday, 29 April 2003

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Visitors Centre programmes

EVENING VIDEO

Jeudi 1er Mai à 19.30H:

"Soirée Jacques Tati" 1ère partie: "Soigne ton gauche". Court métrage burlesque de Jacques Tati avec Tati Jacques. Duree 25mns.

2eme partie: "Playtime". 2h. 1967. Avec Jacques Tati et une foule d'inconnus... La 2ème partie commence a 20h.

Friday May 2nd at 6.30 PM:

"The lion, the witch and the wardrobe" from the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S.Lewis.105 min.

Saturday May 3rd at 8 PM:

"Dances with wolves". In 1864, one man went in search of the frontier... and found himself. 7 oscars. 1997. 2h. 53 min. With Kevin Costner. Not suitable for children under 15.

Monday nights, 8 PM

THE TRIAL OF LIFE - Nature Series by David Attenborough

Part 4: April 28th Part 5: May 5th

(Provided there is no other cultural event announced at the same time)

PLAY

The Jericho Starlight theatre group in conjunction with the British Pavilion present: **'The Importance of Being Ernest'** - "a trivial play for serious minded people".

Place :Visitors Centre

Dates: Friday 25th April and Saturday 26th April

Time: 8 PM

Dinner: the Visitors Centre will be offering "a taste of British" dinner on both these occasions, starting from 6.30 pm, and before the play commences. For bookings please telephone Nicole at the cafeteria, 2 622 248. See you there!

Visitors Centre Cafeteria closed

The cafeteria at the Visitors Centre will exceptionally be closed on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April. Sorry for the inconvenience! The Cafeteria Team.

From La Ferme Cheese

A CHEESY WAY TO RAISE ANOTHER THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE LAND

As we would like to join the present effort to fundraise for the land, La Ferme Cheese will manufacture a special limited series of ½ kg Gouda d'Aur cheeses, and the full proceeds from the sales of this Rs. 50, 000 limited edition will be donated for land purchase.

These Gouda balls will be wrapped in a beautiful cloth and label. They will therefore make a nice gift and can safely travel a few days without refrigeration, as they will be full, uncut cheeses.

As the summer vacations are approaching, what we would like you to consider is to buy these cheeses as gifts for your friends and relatives abroad or in India.

To bring cheese from India to countries like France or Holland can seem silly at first but it is certainly an original "Auroville product" gift alternative and you should know that it is increasingly difficult to still find good hand-made cheeses in the west, where the big industrial lobbies are successfully eliminating the smaller cheese farms unable to cope with ever stricter regulations. Supermarket cheeses tend to taste more and more alike even as they are from different origins and types, but cheese lovers can recognize the feeling and experience a hand-made, farm cheese can provide.

Please join our effort to purchase the land for Auroville and order these cheeses directly from the

Cheese Farm at La Ferme (Ph.2622212) or by e-mail at LaFermeCheese@auroville.org.in

Wishing you a good summer vacation, Olivier and La Ferme Cheese team

From Connections

Dear Aurovilians,

As you know, Connections functions to help **job seekers** find the **job providers** of our Units. We serve Aurovilians, Newcomers and Long-term Guests as well as students who come to fulfill their service in Auroville. Now, we are opening **a new page in the Intranet for Connections**. There you can scroll yourself and find all the new jobs at the Units of Auroville. Not only that, you will find **application forms** for both seekers and providers that you can fill in and send directly to us.

We are also putting up **Bulletin Boards** at the Solar Kitchen and at Pour Tous. In this way, Connections will give more chances for the Community to see what we have.

Finding Connections on AVNET:

1. Open **AVNET**
2. Click on "**Society**"
3. On "**Society Page**", click on "**Connections**" hot link.
4. **Or** go to "**Bazaar**" and click on "**Connections**".
5. You will find a beautiful flower.
6. On the Connections page you can do 3 things:

(a) Scroll down and see "**Current Positions**:" so that you know what kind of jobs are available at present.

(b) Provider: Click on the sentence, "Click here if you are looking for work.." This will give you the application form to fill in if you need someone for a position. Then you can send the form to Connections. We will answer you the next day.

(c) Job Seeker: Click on the sentence, "Click here to present job offers." This will give you the application form to fill in if you are seeking a position. Then you can send the form to Connections. We will answer you the next day.

Love,
The Connections Team

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