

AIWO Annual Accomplishments: 2019

Executive Committee: Manjula Mehta (President); Sammi Mander (Vice President); Nilima Lad (Treasurer); and Chandana Nandi (Secretary)

February 17	Members participated (a table of 8 for \$160) in Chai Tea, fundraiser for Jewish Federation of Springfield.
March 24	Annual complimentary lunch was provided to AIWO members .
March 30	Members participated (a table of 10 for \$1,000) in 12th Annual Defenders of the Innocent fundraiser to benefit Illinois Innocence Project.
March 30	A Dinner for 8 was delivered to Emily Smith family who was the highest bidder for the live auction during 11th India Night.
April 12	Members participated (a table of 10 for \$500) in Power Lunch to benefit SIU Simon Cancer Center .
April 25	Members participated (a table of 8 for \$260) in Power of Purse to benefit MERCY Communities Inc.
May 9	Holi Life Skills Activity for Compass for Kids at First Church of the Brethren was provided to 11 children. Activity included reading the mythological significance of Holi, playing with dry colors, eating Mango Ice Cream and taking home coloring page with a box of crayons.
May 18	Mentalist Show (sold out event!) with a snack dinner was organized to entertain AIWO members. Mentalist Jesse Miller performed at Rambha Chaudhary's residence and everyone had a good time.
May	Nilima Lad has paid 2018 AIWO taxes (\$1,067 federal and \$509 state) as calculated by CPA Allen Murphy.
June 23	AIWO donated \$250 to Innocence Project , UIS. A check was provided to the speakers who presented project information.

August 18	A \$200 gift card from a local restaurant lunch was provided to Kidzeum of Health and Science staff to appreciate their dedication.
September 15	A donation of \$200 was made to Sparc for their programs and services.
September 21	AIWO members participated at the annual Alzheimer's Disease Association walk and donated \$500.
October 18	A fun night to celebrate Halloween was organized at Manjula's house for AIWO members with costume contest, games & food.
October 20	A \$200 cash donation was made to the Outlet program mentoring fatherless male youth ages 8-22.
October 20	Members donated books to a library opened by the Black Lives Matter on the east side of Springfield. AIWO also bought books for \$91.63 from the "wish list" on Amazon.
October 24	A total of \$460 cash donation (\$260 was collected from members and \$200 from AIWO funds) was provided to the Central Illinois Food Bank .
October 30	A presentation on India's culture was provided to the IL Asso. for Home & Community Education .
October 30	A dinner was provided to 50 homeless people through Helping Hands of Springfield shelter.