

**AIWO Annual Report: January - December, 2023 (Total membership: 41)**  
 Executive Committee (EC): Chandana Nandi (President); Rambha Chaudhary  
 (Vice-President); Kalpana Desai (Treasurer); Dr. Richa Pundey (Secretary)

Month/ Date/2023	Activities
January 21	AIWO assisted an SIU School of Medicine student in organizing participants for a focus group to understand barriers individuals might face when seeking dermatological care from Indian communities.
January 22	Webpage was updated to include Women of Influence and Humanitarian Awards.
January 27	A contract was signed with a \$1,500 deposit for Crowne Plaza to book for India Night scheduled for September 16, 2023, benefitting a local charity.
January 28	Members were asked to nominate nonprofit organizations to be considered as potential beneficiaries for 2023 India Night. The EC received 4 nominations.
February 12	EC recommended three potential beneficiaries for India Night to the membership. Overview of all three were presented and discussed at the membership meeting and two were selected by the members. A motion was made and approved to make donations to the third one- Share the Spirit Foundation.
March 5	Two potential beneficiaries provided presentations at the general body meeting. AIWO requested them to organize information by the following categories: Mission and purpose; Infrastructure; Performance measures and success stories; Future needs for growth; Plan to utilize India Night's funds and accountability; and Ability to assist with India Night events (marketing, ticket sale, payment processing, etc.).
April 6	The 2023 India Night beneficiary was selected by voting from the members. There were two potential beneficiaries; 1) Wooden It Be Lovely (WIBL) and 2) Compass for Kids (CFK). WIBL received the majority (22) votes compared to CFK (17).
April 30	AIWO was selected to be one of the Community Partners of the Hoogland Center of Arts. The ticket price was half for a group of five AIWO members. Several members attended the "Our Town" play performed by the Hoogland Center of Arts.
May 9	AIWO congratulated Chandana Nandi, for receiving the Women of Influence Award from the Springfield Business Journal and the Security Bank.
May 15	AIWO 2022 <b>tax</b> was filed on May 15, 2023. For the period of January 1, 2022, through July 7, 2022, the tax was filed as a corporation and the corporation status was closed. From July 8, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the tax was filed as a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.
May 18	President was one of the judges for the ATHENA Leadership Award sponsored by the Illinois Women in Leadership. She evaluated 9 nominations and submitted scores with comments to the chair on May 18.
June 9	A check for \$500 was donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank.

May 21- August 31	Sponsorship letters and flyers were distributed to members. Planning for 2023 India Night began. AIWO members, EC, and WIBL members reached out to the community to solicit sponsors, and businesses for advertisements and donations. A total of \$123,216 was already raised before the event.
India Night September 16	India Night was a grand success. Over 500 people were in attendance. The program included a live auction of 9 items, a fund-a-project to increase educational opportunities and improve the living conditions of WIBL program participants. It also included dinner and entertainment. A total of \$216,763 was raised. After deducting all the expenses, AIWO was able to give \$180,500 to WIBL. This fundraising event exceeded all previous records.
September 30	AIWO members participated in the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer 's-Greater Springfield and donated \$1,145.60 to the Alzheimer's Association.
November 6	IRS, Department of Treasury notified that from 2023, AIWO will be required to file an annual electronic notice(e-postcard) Form 990-N.
October 8 & November 10	During India Night, one auction item-Authentic Indian Dinner for 8 was sold to <u>five</u> families for \$1,600 each to benefit WIBL. Two dinners prepared by AIWO members were delivered during this year. The remaining three dinners are scheduled to be delivered in 2024.
November 9	Evening meals (2 full pans of lasagna, 5 boxes of organic spring mix, 2 bottles of Ranch dressing, and 60 bananas) were provided to Helping Hands of Springfield to provide dinners to 50 homeless adults. HyVee catering service was utilized. AIWO was deemed exempt from state tax of \$20.
November 15	A check for \$180,500 was presented to WIBL during a Check Presentation Ceremony held on November 15, 2023, at the WIBL house, 801 S. Grand Avenue, Springfield, IL, 62704. The honorable Mayor of Springfield, Misty Buscher was in attendance.
November 16	A request for nominations for the 2024-2025 years was sent to members for the following officials: President; Vice president; Secretary and; Treasurer. The nominations were due to Aruna Mathur, founding President by November 25.
November 22	AIWO applied for Sales Tax Exemption from the Illinois Department of Revenue.
November 26	Nominations called for voting due to more than one member being nominated for the same position. A digital ballot was emailed to members on November 26th and the completed ballot was requested by November 30th.
November 27	An article related to \$180,500 donations to a local charity was submitted to the State Journal Register and Illinois Times.
December 3	The annual lunch meeting was held with 27 members in attendance. Election results for the 24-25 were announced at this meeting. A motion was made and approved by the majority to donate \$500 to Share the Spirit Foundation.
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