**AIWO Annual report: 2018**

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| February 18   | Members participated (a table of 8 for $160) in Chai Tea, fundraiser for Jewish Federation of Springfield. |
| March  | AIWO web page was developed. Facebook and web page have been managed and updated regularly by Upasana.  |
| March 18 | Annual complimentary lunch was held for its members.  |
| April 26  | Members participated (a table of 8 for $210) in MERCY's Power of Purse, fundraiser and donated 2 purses.  |
| April 29  | Organized Rangeeli Shaam to raise funds for IAGS. The primary sponsor was Dr. Chaudhary family & $8,000 was donated.  |
| May  | Aruna Mathur was a recipient of the 15th annual Security Bank's Women of Influence Award. |
| August 25  | AIWO donated $150 to the flood victims of Kerala. |
| September 22  | AIWO members participated at the annual Alzheimer's Disease Association walk and donated $500. |
| September 28 | A sold out 11th India Night was held at Crowne Plaza with over 512 guests to benefit MERCY Communities. |
| November 1  | AIWO provided a dinner to 50 homeless people at the Helping Hand of Springfield homeless shelter. |
| November 19 | AIWO delivered 147 lbs. of food items and donated $180 dollars ($150 from AIWO funds) to the Central Illinois Food Bank. |
| November 18 | AIWO donated $100 to Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America- local group. |
| December 13 | A check for $130,500 was presented toMERCY Communities at their Board meeting/holiday gathering.  |
| ​December 20 | ​AIWO delivered 15 gift bags (​~value of $660​) ​to homeless veterans ​from 5th Street Veterans Homeless Shelter. ​ |
| December  | AIWO donated $250 to the Taylorville Tornado Assistance Fund set up by the US bank at Taylorville.  |
| ​December | AIWO submitted an article regarding $130,500 raised for MERCY Communities to India Abroad and was published in 1/2019 issue. ​ |

**Executive Committee**: Manjula Mehta, President; Sammi Mander, Vice-President; Chandana Nandi, Secretary; Nilima Lad, Treasurer; and Aruna Mathur, Founder/Past President