

Gala dinner, Bangalore, India August 29, 2009

A touch of gold

In full regalia, we gathered at 17:30 in the Ashok hotel. Everyone present had done her best to look as festive as possible. We looked with admiration to the Indian ladies who really brought the crown. They wore the most beautiful fabrics with silk and brocade with so much elegance. The theme 'a touch of gold' was found in the whole outfit or just in detail. Lots of formal pictures have been made.



We got into the bus and arrived after one and a half hours drive at the site of the Gala dinner: Tamarind Tree. It was really a fairy tale. In the open air, beautiful lighting, welcoming music, an idyllic path through which we came to the festively decorated tables. Upon entering we discovered the table layout and found our places. Everyone had either directly or through a large screen sight at the stage which was fantastically decorated with garlands of white flowers.



Between courses modern Indian dance was performed and there were many speeches and formalities. LCI president Seetha has been thanked and honored for her hard work and all the Indian ladies sang her a special song. De IPP's of all countries wore beautiful sari's specially made for the occasion and also sang to Seetha. The new LCI president Kjerstie of Norway was officially installed and be sung. The entire new LCI board has been presented. It was

an emotional experience, especially for the Indian and Norwegian ladies who sat at the table with me. They blinked an occasional tear.

Furthermore, everyone who had worked hard for this AGM was called forward and has been thanked. The Conference Bowl is handed out to LC Belgium for the AGM of 2010.

All the ceremony was very impressive to see. Thanks to the stunning entourage, the open air, the ambient light and the beautiful dressed ladies.



The location of my table was close to the stage, so all the people sitting at my table listened concentrated. Only during dinner there was a nice conversation. Other ladies sitting further away from the stage had more intense conversations but saw hardly anything from the formalities. How we experienced the evening was different for everyone. But we intensely enjoyed, that's for sure!



At 00:30 dinner had come to an end. From that moment on a live band started. Some guests left already by bus to the hotels, the fatigue was really playing tricks. Others partied until very late. A beautiful end of a memorable AGM in Bangalore.

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