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Hi there !

Long time no 'see' and no 'hear'. Well ladies I have volunteered to write this short letter just to update you all on the latest news from SWWS. I know that some of you would profess that you know nothing of what SWWS is doing etc. etc. Some of our ladies had done some tremendous work for this year, co-ordinating workshops, seminars talks etc. One major project we did was the Sexual Violence Workshop held in Miri and Sibul. We salute all you tireless people - Gill, Angie, Aminah, Alveana, Lee Kwan, Cecilia, Rosty and all the others. Thank you for keeping SWWS flag flying high !

We have come to the end of the year 1999, which reminds us of one thing - that once a year affair is looming near - yeh - the AGM ... remember the AGM. The Committee had decided on a tentative date for our AGM 2000. Here goes:

**Date: 25 February 2000 - Friday**

**Time: 6.30 p.m Place : Penview Inn ? Kuching Park ?? etc ??**

Ladies, for our next AGM we have decided to organise a dinner cum AGM. We were saying we should all give ourselves a treat for the new millennium, I guess that will be a good start and a boost for us in facing a new era. So what say you !! We have yet to get the approval of general members and our honourable Treasurer. If we go ahead with this plan, then we have to spend a bit of \$\$\$RMRM \$\$\$ ? It will be a good opportunity for us all to meet, talk, eat, discuss our plan of actions for yr. 2000.

That reminds me, next year is our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ... imagine that we are going to be 15 years old. We have been around for 15 years and we are going to be around for a long long time. Dear ladies, that has been possible because of you, your contributions and all and SWWS is going to need a lot of that in the coming year. We look forward to your continued support, your time your expertise, well, everything.

The Committee had also planned to hold a fund raising project next year. Our coffers are alarmingly decreasing. Ann Samuel, a new CPL volunteer had agreed to look into this. Ideas from you all are most welcomed.

Before I sign off, I would like some of you to consider being in the Committee for next year. We love to have new 'blood', well, a blend of the old and the new would be ideal. Otherwise it will be the same old me as the VP (the 'perpetual' VP-Joanne's words).

Anyone who knows of agencies giving out funding do let us know or call/e-mail / fax Alveana.

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a Blessed Christmas... Selamat Berpuasa.... Happy New Year 2000.

From me,

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