



# BHARATI भारती

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## President's Corner

Happy New Year and thank you again for giving me this opportunity to try and make a difference in the community in my own, small way. Let's build on the people assets of our community to create a more tightly knit togetherness, and celebrate our success, and heritage.

Or, is this a tall order to do? Not at all.

Our similarities and goals are far more important than our differences. We will listen, and will embrace and celebrate together. We are living in an age when flexibility and creativity are the keys to competitiveness. No two human beings are the same after all. Diversity no matter what it is based on is perhaps the richest resource we have. No matter what the goals, are for IAI, recognizing diversity means a benefit for the individual, the organization and for society as a whole.

You have this year, a good line up of executive committee members, who will do everything to make this year memorable.

I am looking forward to your enthusiastic participation from Holi to Diwali.

Manga Rau  
President, IAI

### **This Year's Events dates. – 2008**

Month of March - Membership drive at Grocery stores/Cinema theatres

Holi - Saturday, April 19th.

Picnic - Saturday, July 5th.

India Day - Saturday, August 16th.

Diwali - Saturday, November 15th.

## **IAI – Fine Arts Committee Invites Community Support**

The Fine Arts Committee (FAC), a non-profit organization, is an arm of the India Association of Indianapolis. Its vision is to make Indianapolis a major center in the Midwest for Indian classical performing arts. The FAC presents emerging as well as established artists from India and also provides a platform to budding local talent.

During 2007, the FAC brought an Odissi dance program by Smt. Yogini Gandhi, classical vocal recitals by the world-renowned Ustad Rashid Khan (Rampur-Sahaswan gharana) and Pandit Kaivalya Kumar Gurav (Kirana gharana), a ghazal program by Shri Sudhir Narain and Kathak dance by Sr. Anindita Sen and her students. We also co-sponsored with the Carnatic Music association a jugalbandhi program of North and South Indian flute. Featured in spring 2008 are a vocal recital by Shri Hemang Mehta (disciple of Pandit Jasraj) and Bharatnatyam dance by Smt. Vrunda Mehta. In the fall, there will be a cosponsored (with the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana) event, a Kuchipudi dance drama led by Padmabhushan Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam. There will be at least one more musical event during the year as well as a program featuring local classical dance artists.

Residents of Central Indiana are invited to become subscribing members of The Indian Classical Music Circle of Indianapolis (ICMCI). The financial commitment and support of subscribing members enable the mission of the FAC. Membership provides the ability to create a community interested in Indian fine arts and to partner with the FAC in the promotion of the arts.

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**ICMCI Membership Details**

**Individual Membership - \$ 75**

All FAC sponsored concerts are Free for one person. Discounted tickets for co-sponsored concerts and special concerts.

**Family Membership - \$ 150**

All FAC sponsored concerts are Free for two persons. Children under 18 (mature listeners only, please) and visiting parents will be admitted free. Discounted tickets for co-sponsored concerts and special concerts.

Please support our efforts to bring the best talent in Indian Classical Performing Arts to Indianapolis by mailing an ICMCI membership subscription check to Kalpana Merchant, Treasurer – IAI - FAC, 6702 South 850 East, Zionsville, IN 46077.

To offer your skills as volunteers, or to be placed on the FAC’s mailing list, please contact any of the officers listed below.

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**E-Bharati**

In your e-mail box, in late January / early February, you will receive your first issue of e-Bharati. The link in your e-mail will take you directly to this new communications medium that IAI is proud to introduce. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of Mahesh Subramaniam for the original concept and continued web development efforts to make this concept a reality. Uday Murthy, Vijay Gombar & Kanchana Ishwar have also put in many hours into this project. We also wish to thank the “Corner Moderators” for volunteering to vet incoming articles from contributors and prepare the articles for publication. Sarita Bajpai, Lalitha Haran, Niteen Nevrekar and Kanchana Ravindran will be the corner moderators. Vijay Gombar will serve as the e-Bharati editor.

E-Bharati will be a monthly newsletter that will provide IAI News and Event information. In addition, you will find current topics of interest in Health, Finance, Legal, Technology, Youth, Recipes, Fashion and Beauty. We encourage all readers to participate by providing articles of interest and particularly articles within these identified areas of interest.

We also encourage businesses to advertise so that over 1,100 readers will receive your ad each month. Rates are shown below in the Bharati / e-Bharati rate section. For questions, please contact Kanchana Ishwar at kvishwar@sbcglobal.net or Vijay Gombar at vjindyan@hotmail.com.

As always, we welcome your feedback, so we can continue to improve E-Bharati and provide you with the information that is most beneficial to you.

**The Communications & Public Relations Committee of IAI**

of Central Indiana. Bharati invites advertisements, articles and letters to the editor. Articles should be of general interest and not be more than 600 words. Letters to the editor should not exceed 200 words. Letters should be typed double spaced and must include your name. The editor reserves the right to edit any material selected for publication.

**The deadline for receiving articles and advertising for the April-June issue is March 10, 2008.**

The advertisement rates are as follows. Please make checks payable to India Association of Indianapolis.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

India Association of Indianapolis ended the year 2007 with a net operating income of about \$5,000. Additionally, in 2007, IAI spent just over \$40,000 for significant improvements to the Community Center building. The improvements include a new roof, new flooring, overhead lighting, stage curtains, and replacement of furnace, security system and fire sprinkler system.

IAI's primary source of revenue comes from Membership income. Membership dollars help pay for the cultural and community programs organized by the Association. Membership income has been flat in the past couple of years, whereas the expenses of organizing higher quality of programs have been going up. Business and individual sponsors have partially helped to bridge the gap.

Additionally, IAI derives rental income to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the ICC building and advertising income to pay for publishing the Bharati newsletter. In 2007, the building rentals were adequate to cover the building operating expenses, leaving a small net surplus. On the other hand, the

income from advertising was insufficient to cover publishing costs of the newsletter. In 2007, as in previous years, IAI organized a fund-raiser in order to generate some additional income to cover expenses and primarily to help with building maintenance projects. In 2007, IAI also put out a new Directory, and thanks to the advertisers, this project was able to pay for itself.

The financial goals for IAI for 2008 are (1) to increase membership dollars; (2) continue to keep the Building self sustaining and build back some cash reserves depleted with the construction costs; (3) reduce the costs of communications -- to this end IAI will be launching e-Bharati, an electronic newsletter which will be more cost effective than the print version, which will be scaled back over time.

Please support your IAI through membership and donations. Membership amounts are as follows: Grand Patron \$300, Patron \$150 and General Membership \$50. A membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

Kanchana Ishwar  
IAI Board Treasurer

# Let's Play Holi

**It's that time of the year again...**

**IAI presents Holi Celebrations for 2008**

**At India Community center on  
Saturday, April 19th, 2008 from 11 am to 3 pm  
Fun, food, entertainment, music and of course  
lots of Color**

**Entertainment Program forms will be available online at [www.myiai.org](http://www.myiai.org) from Mar 1st 2008**

## Fulfillment of my Dream

Janaki Veerabhadran

September 4th, 2007 was a special day in my life! I set out on the first leg of my trip by boarding the plane in Indianapolis to Newark, NJ. My daughter Mala lives in NJ, so I could rest for a week before I took the long journey to British Isles, the country that I had longed to visit from my childhood. Remember I turned 83 on September 15, 2007,

My youngest daughter Meena joined us on the 12th. of September from Houston so we could start this long journey, that included a visit to the Buckingham Palace and a wedding in Exeter! Our dear friend from Houston, Gayatri's son Rajat married a British girl on Sept 15th. in Exeter. Sept. 15th, by the way, was my birthday! What a way to celebrate my birthday! I woke up that morning to get a card from my two precious daughters at breakfast. They gave me a woolen scarf that had OXFORD, LONDON embroidered. The dream of visiting this place for over 70 long years finally was coming true in front of my eyes! We visited the Roman Bath, a 15th. century art of quite a few statues around the tank filled with water that was green in color! I believe the royal families bathed here in olden days!

We attended the mehendi ceremony that evening. I could not help remembering my homeland while we tasted the delicious Indian sweets, savory and other special items just like the ones I had enjoyed 35 years ago in India. The road trip to Exeter was so joyful to watch the cab driver maneuvered the vehicle in between the double decker buses, cycle rickshaws and Tongas! The narrow roads with red brick small houses on either sides of the road were a sight for sore eyes! I thought I was in Chennai, India then! It doubled my excitement when we ate at Woodlands and visited the Victoria Railway Station and saw the statue of Queen Victoria at Trafalgar Square. I remembered my high school days of studying British history very much. A ride inside a globe over the Thames River was the icing on the cake! Of course nothing to beat the LONDON EYE or the Big Ben Clock. I will never forget the visit to the world famous Shakespeare and his wife Hiawatha's house!

When we returned I felt a relief that finally my childhood dream was fulfilled by my youngest daughter with the help of her sister! They had planned for three months secretly just so my dream of 70 years would come true as a complete surprise!

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## MLK Day and its significance for all of us

*Ram S. Ravindran*

Dr. Martin Luther King's Day is an important day not only for the African-Americans but also for all the non-whites who live in America now. Yes Asian Indians should also observe this day and remind themselves as to how things would have been different if not for him. Martin Luther King gave respect and recognition to Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent disobedience movement. He made people think about the immorality of discriminating against fellow Americans because of the skin color. Yes it is a shame that we enjoy equal rights here in the US, yet deny equal rights to fellow Indians in India who look no different than we are, but because they happened to be born in different families!

I have heard a friend of mine relate this story a few times. He was working as an engineer in Indianapolis in the late 50s. His boss used to caution him to be extra careful whenever he went to the South on business. When Ram Manohar Lohia came to this country (early 60s) on the invitation of the US government to participate in some gathering, he had booked a room in a Holiday Inn. He was bodily thrown out of the hotel because he was not a white person. Yes folks, things were different then. In those days you could not have bought a house in Carmel, examined a white patient, drank water in a common water fountain. Our children could not have been married to a white person let alone associate with them.

"I Have a Dream" is the popular name given to the historic public speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., when he spoke of his desire for a future where blacks and whites among others would coexist harmoniously as equals.

He was instrumental in getting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. Because of it we enjoy all the freedom and privileges we enjoy in this country as equal citizens. Every adult Indian should reiterate the significance of this day to the next generation of Indians.

Major features of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Barred unequal application of voter registration requirements, but did not abolish literacy tests sometimes used to disqualify African Americans and poor white voters.

Outlawed discrimination in hotels, motels, restaurants, theaters, and all other public accommodations engaged in interstate commerce; exempted private clubs without defining the term "private."



Prohibited state and municipal governments from denying access to public facilities on grounds of race, religion, or ethnicity.

Encouraged the desegregation of public schools and authorized the U. S. Attorney General to file suits to enforce said act.

Prevented discrimination by government agencies that receive federal funding. If an agency is found in violation of Title VI, that agency can lose its federal funding.

Title VII of the Act prohibits discrimination by covered employers on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national

Title VII also prohibits discrimination against an individual because of his or her association with another individual of a particular race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. An employer cannot discriminate against a person because of his interracial association with another, such as by an interracial marriage

Title VII also prohibits retaliation against employees who oppose such unlawful discrimination.

## Preparing to Visit India

By Melkote Ramaswamy, Ph. D.

Except when one has to make an emergency trip, a visit to India requires lot of planning and preparation. Now that we have 10-year multiple-entry visa, one principal hassle is gone.

Husband and wife visiting India together has become rather uncommon. While the high cost of tickets, especially in season, is one reason, something else appears more important. For some reason, the wife wants to stay longer—at least longer than the husband. Were it not for job back home and kids' school, she would stay indefinitely. Husbands are happy with three weeks. They would be willing to return sooner except that they want to make the high fare worthwhile.

It turns out January and February are the best times to go to India. For one thing, you escape a good part of the winter. Secondly, there are fewer insects and mosquitoes, and there is no shortage of water or electricity. On top of all this, the fares are the lowest. One can spend a fortune on immunization shots. The best defense, we have discovered, is keeping a close watch on drinking water. Bottled water is a safe bet and even the locals are doing it. There is no problem with hot drinks. If you go to India every year, your immunity also slowly builds up.

If you didn't have to worry about gifts to take home, going to India would be a very pleasant experience. Gift-giving depends on frequency of visits, the more often you visit, the fewer the gifts—at least it seems so. However, what has changed is not so much the number of gifts but the gifts themselves—people are nowadays asking for sophisticated things like lap-top computers and iPods. Surprisingly, there is great demand for athletic wear. The airlines' restrictions on luggage weight and size come as good excuse for not taking heavy things. Items like saffron, almonds and pistachios come in handy as gifts.

I remember years ago we had to make a special trip to Chicago's Devon Avenue for buying gifts to India, including luggage. Fortunately, Indianapolis is now self-sufficient in many items. including 220-110 volt adapter plugs, which are available at the International Bazaar. By the way nowadays men's shavers feature operation on universal voltages

and make switching voltage unnecessary.

Indian customs have become very liberal and this makes it a breeze to get out of the airport. One dilemma, we have sometimes faced, is relatives asking to bring duty-free cigarettes and liquor. We do not drink or smoke ourselves and it is against our principle to encourage others.

One fringe benefit that I enjoy is the chance to enrich my own wardrobe and supplies. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas offers the best selections and prices.

India is catching up with the two-paycheck concept. It is becoming increasingly common for both husband and wife to work. This means one has to plan visits carefully and be prepared to be on their own during weekdays.

One thing is for sure—we will remember the trip for a long time after we return. It will take that long to wipe out expenses and accumulate money for the next trip.

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- IAI Membership Card
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- Discounts (List of participating merchants and discounts can be found on the website or in Bharati)
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### Membership Application for the year 2008

Membership is valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Grand Patrons \$300	Patrons \$150	Family \$50	Individual \$25	Student* \$10	Seniors ** FREE
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## India Association of Indianapolis

There can't be an India Association of Indianapolis or Bharati or India Community Center without members to support them. So If you are a person of Indian Origin, please join the organization by becoming either an Individual or family member. IAI preserves, and celebrates your culture and special festivals/events. It provides you with a forum for exchange of social and cultural views.

If you are a person of Non-Indian Origin, there isn't a better way to learn more about the Indian culture, the people and the country. We understand and value diversity. We appreciate the opportunity to express our heritage to non-Indian members through various multi-cultural programs and other social events.

We welcome you as a member of the India Association of Indianapolis and look forward to your active involvement.

Please mail the Membership Form on the othe side with your check payable to India Association of Indianapolis.

## IAI is the proud sponsor of the Soup Kitchen

Members of IAI take a very active role in offering soup to the needy people of Indianapolis area every 3rd Saturday. For more details, please contact Sheila Aiyar at 317-573-9642.

SOUP KITCHEN service is held at United Methodist Church located at 3808 N. Meridian Street (intersection of West 38th street and Meridian) from 9:00am – 12:30 noon every 3rd Saturday of the month.

To work efficiently members are responsible to seek additional assistance as in the past it is proven to work well with 6 adults.

## The India Community Center

is a rental hall owned and operated by the India Association of Indianapolis. This hall is utilized by the IAI to conduct festivals and events. However, it is available for rent by anyone on a first come first served basis as well. It is conveniently located on west 56th street between Guion and Georgetown streets. It has a large hall that can seat 600 people and a small hall that can accommodate 40 people. It comes with a kitchen that is equipped with commercial quality appliances. It has a stage and sound system. Folding table and chairs are also available.

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Congratulations to Mr. R. Parthasarathy for wining the prestigious Hind Rattan Award for 2007. The award is presented yearly to about 30 members of the worldwide Indian diaspora by the NRI Welfare Society of India.

The award is presented to Mr. Parthasarthy for his professional achievements as Senior Advocate for over 50 years. Though awarded by a private organization, the Hind Rattan Award carries much prestige, as evidenced too by the association of prominent personalities -- including past and present members of the Indian Government -- not only with the award ceremony, but also with the advisory board. The award was presented on the eve of Republic Day, on 25th January 2008 in New Delhi.

Mr. Parthasarathy is the father of Mrs. Kanchana Ravindran. Mr. and Mrs. Parthasarathy have been long time residents of Indianapolis.



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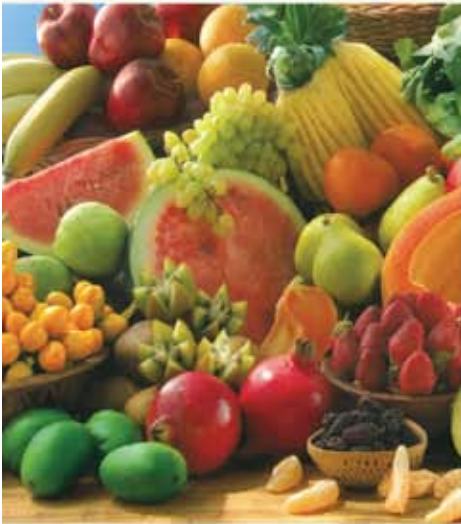
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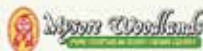
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## My Favorite Things in Advanced Years

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things, and then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for Sinnen,  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so bad.

"I hope your life is great and you are doing wonderful things"

*Submitted by Dr. Mohini Ahuja*