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The Festival of Lights

Saturday, November 14th 2009 @ Murat Centre

\$35 - Member

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6:00 pm - Ticket pickup

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- 'India Ever After' by Gregory Hancock Dance Theater

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9:00 pm - DANCE PARTY

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For more information: contact Sumit Thaker (317) 374-7472 or www.myiai.org/Diwali2009.html

India Association of Indianapolis

Fine Arts Committee Presents Shyamal Bhatt An Evening of Light Music

Friday, October 9, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Christel DeHaan Auditorium, Univ. of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 Contribution: \$20, Students - \$10, Free for ICMCI Members

Shri Shyamal Bhatt, from Wapi, Gujarat, India, a disciple of Pt. Maniram (older brother of Pt. Jasraj) of Mevati gharana, will present an evening of light classical, thumri, ghazals and new and old (dating

> back to the days of K.L. Sehgal and Pankaj Mallick) film songs. Shyamal has performed widely over India and is currently on his first concert tour of the US.



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Community Connections

~ Rupal Thanawala

For past several months, India Association of Indianapolis has taken an active lead in integrating and coordinating various cultural and community events. Our commitment to volunteerism and support this effort has been remarkable and noticeable also.

United Way honors Raju, Manoj and Ninad

United Way of America is a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting changes in communities and people's lives. They identify, plan and carry out community-building and fundraising activities for health and human care solutions here in Central Indiana. United Way is a strong supporter of diversity and youth leadership also. Every year they identify and recognize outstanding minority volunteers within our local Indianapolis community. Raju Chinthala, Manoj Rana and Ninad Thanawala were nominated for Diversity recognition breakfast thru various organizations for their volunteerism to community, school, hospitals and city. Ninad Thanawala was awarded the Outstanding Service award in Youth category for his volunteerism activities with Hindu Temple of Central Indiana, Hamilton Southeastern Schools and India Association of Indianaopis.



Race for All Races

Asian American Alliances of Indiana had arranged the 7th Race for All the Races (RFAR) in Military Park on September 12th,

2009. The Race for All Races is a family-friendly 5K Run/ Walk and a 1-Mile Family Walk that brings people of all different races and backgrounds together. A portion of the proceeds from the Race will fund IPS high school student scholarships. In the past six years, AAAI has awarded more than 100 scholarships totaling nearly \$60,000 to deserving students. Despite of busy Temple Fest schedule



our DESI team geared up to demonstrate our support for IPS students and diversity and completed the walk. The Mayor of Indianapolis, Greg Ballard was impressed by Indian Communities' participation for RFAR and accepted the invitation to come to Temple Fest at Temple.

International Festival at the Children's Museum

IAI participated in the International Festival event held at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis on July 18, 2009. The members of the board of IAI hosted the booth displaying books, and iconic cultural items.. The glass bangles (that were kindly donated by Sai's boutique) for the children which were a big hit. IAI is proud to be part of the larger Indianapolis community.

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Community 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 January-March issue is December 10, 2009.

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

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Volunteering at Wheeler Mission

~ Pooja Ann Mathur

While many people were off enjoying their beautiful Labor Day weekend, a few of us decided to spend it in a non-traditional way. Through the India Association, twelve of us, had an opportunity to volunteer at The Wheeler Mission, located in downtown Indv. The Wheeler Mission is a non-denominational Christian organization that provides goods and services to homeless, poor, and needy of central Indiana. We were able to spend an afternoon helping the organization during their open door lunch hour. We helped by serving food in the kitchen making trays that consisted of an entrée, vegetables, bread, and dessert or being in the sitting area making sure those who came in felt welcome and had beverages. Overall, we helped serve around 50 people, for whom the open doors of the Wheeler Mission provided a nutritious and filling meal. It was a great opportunity to make an impact in our own hometown of Indianapolis, and made for an extremely memorable Labor Day weekend.

IAI T-Shirts are here!

Several community members

~ Wilfred Mascarenhas



have expressed the interest to wear IAI T-Shirts to community events such as soup kitchen, March of Dimes and other walks, international festival, etc. Wearing IAI T-Shirts for these events is optional - however we strongly encourage volunteers to consider wearing them. This would be an easy way for us to make the participation of the Indian community known.

IAI TShirts are now available in Red and Yellow colors, in sizes Medium, Large and Xtra Large for a nominal charge of \$8. All proceeds from the sale go to support volunteer and other charitable events organized by IAI. Please call or email to Geetha Babu (geetham60@aol.com) or Wilfred Mascarenhas (towilfred@yahoo.com) for details.

Kudos to all Those Who Demonstrate Community Spirit

~ Ram S. Ravindran

Everywhere in the world the majority group has a pet peeve about the minority group. They gripe that the minority group members like to take care of only themselves and don't participate in the activities of the larger community. Moreover it thinks that the minority group complains about being ignored while they self-isolate themselves by habit or deliberately.

In this issue of Bharati, we are happy to publish several small reports of various members of the Indian community participating in the activities of the whole Indianapolis community. The availability of IAI "T" shirts at a nominal cost will help spread our visibility among the larger community. Even if a single individual would do some volunteer work and wear that T shirt they would bring credit to the whole Indian community.

We are happy to note that several second generation Indian kids are doing their part too. Many of our community organizations like IAI and Hindu Temple are very much run and supported by the older (who became naturalized citizens) or newer Indian immigrants than by the second generation Indian Americans who were born and raised in this country (they have reached 30-40 years of age now). Many of them when they were younger did participate in various activities of our community. We hope the newer generation of second generation will continue to take an active role in various community organizations as they grow up to be adults. With the job opportunities decreasing in the USA we can't count on continued influx of newer Indian immigrants running and supporting the established institutions. If the adult second generation Indian American children don't step up to the plate, these institutions will fail

Temporary suspension of the free Medical clinic at ICC

Dear Community members,

It is with great regret that I inform you that "free clinic brought to you by I.A.I" is being temporarily suspended. It is being suspended because of concerns about patient privacy (to remain compliant with HIPAA) and to sort out malpractice, general liability insurance concerns. It is very encouraging that we had the enthusiasm and involvement of about 125 Volunteers to bring this project this far. This tells us that there is definitely recognition of the health issues that exist and the need for innovative solutions. Many of the physicians have agreed to see patients either for free or reduced cost in their offices, so please feel free to contact us via e-mail or phone calls about the status of this service and learn about other alternatives.

All the volunteers will continue to work in the background to address the concerns and restart this effort on a firm foundation. You will be updated on the progress and details will be parked at:-www.unitedweboflife.blogspot. com and the yahoo group discussion forum will remain active at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ICHCS

God bless all for their help and efforts!

Sincerely, Vipin Kalia, MD

IAI expresses its gratitude to Dr. Kalia and his volunteers for having organized and attempted to run this commendable service. We hope he will be able to re-operate this mission after the issues are resolved.



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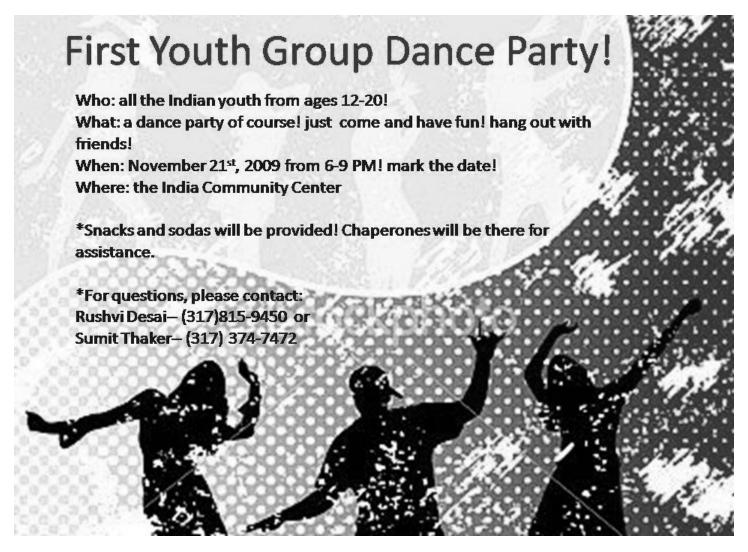
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Finance Workshop at IAI

~ Manga Rau

India Association of Indianapolis, Teamed up with PNC Bank, and conducted a two part, one hour financial workshops for young adults on August 9th 2009 and August 16th 2009, at our Community Center.

The workshops were a great success, attended by 38 young adults on the 9th, and about 10 participants on the 16th, between the ages of 10 to 20 years, along with few parents too.

Topics:

- * Identify the major types of insured financial institutions
- * Identify five reasons to use a bank
- Describe the steps involved in opening and maintaining a bank account
- * Describe two types of deposit accounts
 Define credit
- Explain why credit is important
- * Identify three types of loans
- ldentify the costs associated with getting a loan

Important and relevant topics were covered, and certificates presented.

We thank Fio G. and Surinder B., PNC officials for this great opportunity provided for our kids. IAI topped it off with a Pizza party for all.





Condolences

Paul Khanna passed away on August 10, 2009. He lived in Indianapolis since 1967. He was 83. He has doctorate in Electric Engineering and worked for AT&T. He is survived by his wife Suchitra, son Rohit and daughter Rashmi Oona Drummond.

Indian community of Indianapolis mourned on the sudden demise of **Sri. Ugandhar Srinivas Yaganti**. Srinivas who was 39 years old passed away during the early hours of Sunday, August 29th in Carmel, Indiana. Srinivas is survived by his wife Aruna, son Sai Teja(11), Daughter Nandini(5), mother Surya Prabhavati and Father Krishna Rao Yaganti. Srinivas has been a long standing member of our community supporting various activities in the community and has made a name for himself as the always jovial person who only knew how to spread cheer and happiness around him. Srinivas will be sorely missed by everyone. Srinivas's family is in a sudden state of shock and are trying to cope up with the gravity of the loss.

While no one can replace the void created but as a community we need to step up and do our best to support this time of need. India Association of Indianapolis pays deepest sympathy and prays for their soul.



Indianapolis Lawrence, Southport, Washington Sq.

Algonquin, Aurora, and Bolingbrook, IL

Charmi Patel won gold medal at USA National Jump Rope competition held in Galveston, Texas.

~ Regina Stigger.

Charmi Patel born and raised here in Indianapolis received a gold medal (against 40 national competitors) in Single free style at this year's 2009 USA National Jump Rope competition held in Galveston, Texas. Additionally, she was rewarded the silver medal last year in Orlando, Florida, when she lost by a narrow margin to a two time defending world champion & her USA teammate.

She certainly has demonstrated a natural ability and talent in this competitive sport of jump roping. Thus, she has won three (3) gold and three (3) silver medals at the National level championships in last five years, as well as, receiving more than one hundred twenty plus combine awards at State and Regional in last 10 years.

She has competed at the USAN ational championships for past ten (10) years. She has made great strides, accomplishments, and by winning at State and Regional championships which qualified her to compete at the nationals every year since she began jump roping 10 years ago.

She is a motivated and gracious individual that continues to meet the challenges by hard work and dedication to the sport which allows her to continue gain recognition, and to be a recipient of many awards.

Charmi Patel is a well rounded young lady that will surely be known for her gifted talent with being the first female within her culture of origin parents Jatin & Dipika (20 plus years in Indianapolis) from India to have made such great achievements and performance in USA Sports arena. These days you will find her doing professional coaching/instructing other young students to become the best they can be in this rising sport of "Jump Rope". She has been a proud member of the USA all star team, and for the past five years she has served as a coach / professional instructor for many national Jump rope camp events here in USA.

Although, Charmi maintains a great love for "jump roping" she is a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed soccer coach and referee for youth soccer. She was a soccer player during her four year tenure at Franklin Central High school here in Indianapolis before becoming National Federation High School Sport (NFHS)/ Indiana High school Athletic Association soccer official for High school sports in 2008.

She is looking to began winter 2009/2010 an online Jump rope training at http://yocharmi.com which will help many of our young kids to begin the process of becoming more physically fit. Ideally, this sport can be viewed as a complete body workout, while having fun too. It definitely, promotes good cardio by getting the heart pumping which is a muscle that needs daily exercise if only for thirty minutes a day, an excellent plus for burning calories and maintaining an active lifestyle amongst the younger genders.

Her Single-rope freestyle jump roping in one sport that is increasingly becoming famous fitness Freaks, both as a competitive activity and a way to increase strength, balance and cardio-respiratory endurance. There are tons of different styles of freestyle jumping which includes fast pace which incorporated with lots of styles / rope manipulation by means of music rhythm and gymnastic moves. Jump rope is not an Olympic sport as its very young sport and growing very fast around the world now days. Also it's least expensive sport to begin with. It does not require complicated space to begin with and offers great flexibility as it can be done any time on any given day – almost at no cost, unless you plan to compete professionally.

She is planning to join the USA Team this fall, in Denver, Colorado to compete at the world championships next year in Europe as well as next USA all star team.

She is currently in her second year of college attending Purdue University, Indiana, studying Pre-Medical with Bio Medical Engineering as major.



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- 3. Fine Arts Committee: Five (5) members for with a One (1) year term: Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Two (2) Joint Secretaries
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Submitted by Dr. Mohini Ahuja

