

# India Community Center Newsletter

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## ICC Board of Trustees Chair's Report

Dear Members of the ICC:

In the last 3 months, a lot of improvements have taken place at the ICC. The whole facility has been spruced up and made structurally sounder. When you visit the ICC next time, I encourage you to pay attention to the new siding, roof, landscaping, landscape lighting, new carpet etc. Our goal is to make the facility elegant and functional.

During summer months, the ICC participated in the India Day celebrations at the Frontier Field, and organized a Golf Tournament (under the leadership of Dr. Shirish Patel) for the benefit of the Polio Children. A planned summer picnic had to be canceled due to poor registration.

While the summer time activities have been light, the trustees have been busy planning programs for the fall. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find information on the variety of music and dance programs, educational programs, Diwali and the New Year's Eve party.

ICC membership has seen significant improvement this year. Currently, we have 218 annual members and 71 Life members. This year, we picked up 2 Life members (Latha Ramachandran and Ketul and Vinyas Patel).

The Annual General Body meeting will be held this year on November 18. Soon, the members will receive the meeting notice. We need more trustees to conduct the ICC activities. It is best if there is representation from each regional group of India on the Board of Trustees. I encourage those interested to send the trustee nomination forms as soon as the meeting notice is received.

C. Padmanabh Kamath

## From the Editorial Board

Chief Editor: Jayanti Venkataraman

Please submit news items for the following sections.

- Community news
- Youth Newsmakers
- College Youth Newsmakers
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- Children's' column
- Birth Announcements
- Marriage announcements

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## Upcoming Events

- Odissi and Manipuri fusion dance – Sept 28
- Carnatic Vocal - Oct 5
- Education Committee Lecture Series – Oct 13
- SAATHI Movie – Oct 14
- ICC Chess Tournament – October 20
- Hindustani Vocal - Oct 26:
- Carnatic Vocal- Nov 2
- Diwali – November 3
- Kinsmen/Svajanam-Dakshina Ensemble- Nov17
- AGM – November 18
- New Year's Eve Party – December 31

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## Special Projects Update

The ICC underwent major renovations this year. Following projects have been completed:

Vinyl Siding; New Roof; Landscape lighting around the building; Handicap ramp at the upper entrance; A new projector and electric screen; New store room; New washers and dryers in the bathhouse and the main building; New drainage system along the trail; New circuit boards for the main building; Landscaping; new carpets in the hallway and some rooms.

A few smaller items are yet to be finished. Total cost of renovations is estimated to be about \$135,000. Out of this, \$48,184 has so far been raised in donations from 63 donors. In addition, there are pledges of \$19,248 to be received in 2008. We wish to gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Vinod Luthra who raised almost half of the total contributions. We are also grateful to the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp for contributing \$5,000 toward these projects.

## United Way Donations to the ICC

The ICC gratefully acknowledges United Way contributions of \$4,746 from the following individuals

Pushpa Bansal, Sandha Dwarkadas, Surendar Johar, Satish Kandlikar, Nirupama Laroia, Debasis Majumdar, Ashok Miglani, Govind Mudholkar, Mahendra Nandu, Sudhakar Paidy, Anand Parthasarathi, Ashok Rao, Hemant Rao, Lakshmi Rao, Raghuvier Rao, Deepak Sahasrabudhe, Madan Sastri, Savitri Venkatesh, Anop Vora and Kishin and Kathleen Wadhvani

The donations through United Way will be used for the charitable activities of the ICC.

## ICC New Year's Eve Party

ICC is planning a gala New Year's Eve party this year. The highlight of the evening will be comedy shows by two local comedians, Dan Viola and Nick Siracuse. Both are highly rated by the local Comedy Club. In addition, there will be music by local talent, a raffle, snacks for sale and a Disco Dance party.

Admission will be free for the ICC members.

## Summer Camps at the ICC



HSSC Counselors and Staff (First Session)

In 2007, we had 7 continuous weeks of summer camps starting from the last week of June up to the middle of August. During the camps, the ICC truly comes to "life". During each session (2 weeks long) of the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp, there were about 120 children (campers and counselors) staying at the ICC, learning about their heritage, religion etc. and having a good time. Sadhu Vaswani Camp had 60 campers this year and 18 counselors and staff.

The children who attend the camp at the ICC love the whole experience and have very fond memories of the ICC. Most look forward to returning the following year. This year, the children as well as accompanying adults were very appreciative of all the improvements made to the facility. One improvement the children loved the most was the hot water system in the bathhouse. This year, we replaced the hot water tanks with an "On Demand" hot water system. Because of this, there was 'unlimited' hot water for showers. ("It is heaven! The hot water keeps on coming" – one camper.)

Due to the illness of the Director, the Nevaeh camp had to be canceled this year.

## BOOK RELEASE on October 20

Dr. Ravi Sharma, a retired gastroenterologist and a leader of our community, has written a collection of poems, "Pankhuria". Pankhuria means petals of flowers or feathers from birds. In this work, Dr. Sharma expresses his thoughts and emotions in the form of poetry. The Book Release ceremony will take place at the ICC from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. A few excerpts from the book will be read. The book will be available for purchase during the ceremony.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Admission: Free. For more information, please call Dr. Sharma at 381-6047.

## ICC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament -A Swinging Success

By Shirish Patel

Fifty-six golfers, including 6 ladies, teed up on 18th of August for ICC's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament held at the Webster Golf Club in aid of Polio Children. Amongst them was a team from Wilson Magnet High School sponsored by the ICC in keeping with the Center's mission of reaching out to the local community.



(From left) Shirish Patel with Anthony Ortiz, Fred Lockett and teacher Chad Dow from Wilson Magnet High School

A fantastic day of golfing was followed, as has become the tradition over the past years, by a sumptuous Indian buffet. During the dinner, a video highlighting the work of Polio Children was shown. After dinner, several people approached the writer, Chairman of Polio Children (USA), and applauded our community's efforts in reaching out, both locally and abroad, to those in need.

Mr. Brendan Murphy, the club professional, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his assistance in hosting the ICC's golf tournaments at his course for the past 3 years.

The guest of honor, Mr. Jim Morris, chairperson of the Post-Polio Group of Rochester, handed out prizes to Roger Lyman (men's longest drive), Sherry Sacco (women's longest drive), Roger Lyman (men's closest to the pin) and to the top 7 placings (including one for the top mixed group). The winning team of Teri Bellnier, Tulio Ortega, Dave Lewis, and Tony Murray shot an incredible round of 12 under par! The winners of the 2 skins generously donated all the prize money to Polio Children.

A complimentary prize was presented to the school team by Dr Kamath.



Roger Lyman, receiving prize for men' longest drive from Jim Morris

The tournament was a runaway success raising almost \$4500. I would like to thank the players, the sponsors, and especially the ICC Golf Committee members (Amit Shah, Aakash Mankani, Vittal Shenoy, Arun Sangave, and Amit Thakar) without whose tireless efforts this tournament could not have been hosted.



(From left) Ken Katz, Martha Katz, Aakash Mankani, and Manoj Rajgharia pose before the scoreboard

As we begin planning for the next year's event, tentatively scheduled for in June, we would like your input into ways of enhancing the tournament. Please also feel free to nominate any charitable organization that you believe would benefit from the proceedings.

Best wishes and keep your eye on the ball!

## 2007 Eye Camp

By Madhu Ayyagari

Bausch & Lomb and the India Community Center conducted the second annual Eye Camp on August 25th as a part of the African American Health Fair organized by the Action for a Better Community, ABC.



The objective of the Camp was to provide education on the eye hygiene & diseases and to provide basic eye screenings that included tests for visual acuity, intraocular pressure and muscle movement.



Although high winds made the Health Fair close a couple of hours ahead of schedule, the Camp served over 150 people. Special thanks go to the B&L Clinic reps, other B&L employees and volunteers from the Indian community. Monetary support from B&L and the India Community Center (ICC) is greatly appreciated. Contact Madhu Ayyagari for further information or if you would like to help with future efforts.



## Indian Classical Music and Dance Society

By Varahan Ganesan

The Classical Music and Dance society of ICC is proud to announce the following schedule for the Fall 2007 Music series:

- September 28: Lavanya - Odissi and Manipuri fusion dance by Srishti Dances of India
- October 5: Carnatic Vocal concert by Gayatri Venkataraghavan
- October 26: Hindustani Vocal concert by Pt. Kaivalya Kumar
- November 2: Carnatic Vocal concert by Madurai T.N. Seshagopalan
- November 17: Kinsmen/Svajanam- Dakshina Ensemble featuring Kadri Gopalnath & Rudresh Mahanthappa

All programs will be held at the ICC and the admission to music programs is free for ICC Members, Sponsors and Patrons. We encourage everyone to attend these programs and also ask that you consider becoming sponsors. Also, please spread the word about these concerts to your friends and community groups so that we can get more people to attend these programs.

## India Day at Frontier Field

By Varahan Ganesan

India Day was celebrated at the Frontier Field on Saturday, August 11, to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence. The audience was treated to a variety of Indian style dances performed by adults and children from the Indian community, as part of the pre-game cultural show. The children also participated in singing the Indian National Anthem and prominent Indian Americans threw out ceremonial first pitches. Over 200 members of the community attended the event and watched the Rochester Red Wings beat the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, and the fireworks display after the game. It was a very enjoyable evening at the ball park. Our thanks to Mr. I.C. Shah for providing complimentary tickets to the event, Parul Patel for coordinating the pre-game show, and everyone who performed at the event

**Volunteers Needed For**  
**Education Committee Activities**  
**On October 13 and October 20**  
**Contact Jayanti Venkataraman 461-1817**

## ICC Diwali Celebrations on November 3

The ICC will celebrate the Diwali on November 3. The evening program will be as follows:

Social Hour	4:00 p.m.
Entertainment	5:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:30 p.m.
Fireworks	9:00 p.m.
Disco Dance	until 11:00 p.m.

Every effort is being made to make the entertainment portion of the evening to be of good quality. Please note that the last date for Registration for performing at the Diwali entertainment was September 23 (Registration for performers is now closed).

The admission for the event will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-18.

The ICC Diwali will be a member-only event. All the members will receive invitations and RSVP cards in the mail soon. We encourage you to return the RSVP cards along with attendees' names and the admission fee as soon as possible. **Please note that the attendance will be limited to 300.**

## ANOP R. VORA HONORED WITH 'JAINA RATNA AWARD' BY JAINA, USA.

Mr. Anop R. Vora received the 2007 "Jaina Ratna Award" from Federation of Jain Associations of North America, representing over 100,000 Jains, at the 2007 JAINA Convention on July 7, 2007 in Edison, NJ.



Every two years, JAINA Awards Committee selects an exceptionally deserving person, who has moved the community forward, published articles and given talks to advance Jainism, supported local and international charity projects, participated in interfaith activities, practiced basic tenets of JAINISM and showed a high level of personal character and integrity in dealing with others. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Vora thanked the community for their kindness and generosity and assured every one that he would do his very best to serve the community even more, going forward. Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Past President of JAINA, introduced Mr. Vora to an audience of about 5000 people including many Jain dignitaries and congratulated on his achievements.

## ICC Team ADA Walk Step Out to Fight Diabetes October 13th, 2007 at 8:00 am Seneca Park Zoo (Free entrance)

Dear Supporter, We need your help today! You can touch the lives of family, friends, co-workers and anyone who lives with diabetes. The annual America's Walk for Diabetes event is on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at Seneca Park and the Seneca Park Zoo and we want you to participate.

ADA has accomplished a lot in the past years both locally and nationally. It has provided thousands of dollars grant to researchers at the University of Rochester to study the link between heart disease and diabetes. In addition, more funding has been given to other research at the UR, Cornell, Syracuse, and University of Buffalo, The Federal funding for diabetes research and prevention was protected. The Stem Cell research was strengthened. Kids with diabetes became safer at school via our Safe at School Campaign. The workplace became fairer for people with diabetes. And much more!

In order to continue to fund research, advocacy and education we need to raise money and awareness. Please step out to walk by logging on to registered ICC team online at [diabetes.org/walk](http://diabetes.org/walk) or by calling Kim at 458.3040, x3474 and mention ICC Team. If you can't walk with us please consider making a donation to the walk by making check payable to ADA Walk and mail to Nagin Shah 27 Melbourne Green, Fairport NY 14450 or send to ADA 160 Allens Creek Rd, Rochester, NY 14618. Our ICC Team fundraising goal is \$ 2000 and with your help we'll make it happens. On behalf of everyone affected by diabetes I thank you for your help. Best Regards,

Nagin Shah (585 421-9172)

## Yoga Classes at ICC

The Iyengar style yoga classes by Rick Lynch are held every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. One can register at the class. There is a very flexible payment system for these classes. One can buy 10 classes for \$90. These can be used by family members, friends etc. If there are any questions, please call 381-1541 for clarification.

## India Community Center – Education Lecture Series

# *India: A Powerful Global Hub for Science and Technology Innovation*

By

**Dr. Kris Krishnamurthy**

Director, R&D, Materials, Display Business  
Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY. USA

**October 13, 2007**

**At the India Community Center,  
2171 Monroe-Wayne County Line Rd, Macedon, NY 14502**

2.00-2.30 pm

2.30-3.30 pm

3.30-4.30 pm

4.30-5.00pm

Registration (no charge)

Presentation by Dr. Kris Krishnamurthy

Open Forum - Q&A and discussion

Refreshments



### **Abstract**

With rapid globalization, the science and technology innovation trends are being redefined. India is emerging as a major innovation and research hub. Modern communication tools, coupled with superb technical talent, cost, and intellectual property protection encourage multinational companies to create centers of excellence. Besides the above main theme, the talk will focus on the excellence of Material Science in India (a hidden Gem!), a critical core competency for other sectors to flourish.

### **Biography**

Dr. Kris (Sundaram) Krishnamurthy was born in India and had his undergraduate education in Chennai. In 1972, he received his Ph.D. degree in organometallic chemistry from Purdue University working with Distinguished Professor Herbert C. Brown as a Postdoctoral Assistant. During this time, he helped Professor Brown, direct a large group of research scientists. Dr. Krishnamurthy's research work led to the discovery of Super Hydrides, Selectrides, and Super Selectrides, enzyme-like reagents, leading to Professor Brown's Nobel Prize in 1979. He accompanied Professor Brown to Stockholm for Nobel Ceremonies.

He joined Eastman Kodak Research Laboratories in 1979 as Research Scientist. In 1994, he was appointed as Research Laboratory Head of Imaging Chemistry Laboratory, responsible for material technology development for color paper, consumer films, and motion picture films together with new growth initiatives, and material scale-up. In 1999 he was appointed to executive leadership as the Senior Laboratory Head and Chair of Corporate Chemistry Council, to oversee the whole material chain from research to manufacturing, along with support functions. In 2004 he was appointed as the Director of R&D for OLED Materials in Display Business, with the responsibility for the research, development, and commercialization of materials.

He is actively involved in the Management of Technology, Academic-Industry interface, Globalization of Technology, US-India Science and Technology, and interactions. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Purdue University and Key Executive from Kodak responsible for Purdue relations. He has over 50 research publications, over 25 US Patents, numerous invited and keynote talks, and is the recipient of several awards and recognition. In 2002, he was named the Distinguished Alumnus of Purdue University.

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For information call the Rochester Chess Center at 442-2430

**Volunteers needed on the day of the event**

**For details, contact Jayanti Venkataraman 461-1817**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ICC**

November 18, 2007

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: ICC Conference Room

*Open to ICC Life Members and 2007 Annual Members*

Presentations by the Board of Trustees on the functioning of ICC in 2007

- 2007 Overview – BOT Chair
- Financial Report
- Operations and Building Maintenance and Renovation
- Membership Drive
- Publicity and Newsletter
- Education Committee Report
- Cultural Events
- Nominations and Elections of 2008 Board of Trustees

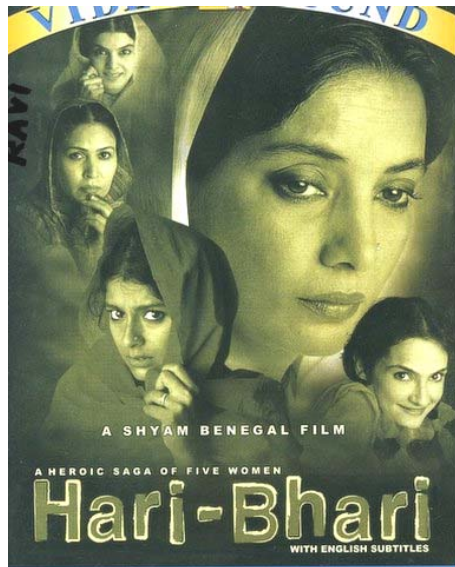
**Details to follow**

Refreshments will be provided



**SAATHI of Rochester,  
Inc.**

**Presents**



A tale of 5 women from three generations in a Muslim family in India. The film raises concerns about female health problems and is based on actual case studies over a period of time.

**Starring Shabhana Azmi and Nandita Das**  
**Directed by Shyam Benegal**

**Date and Time:** Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. Movie followed by refreshments and panel discussion.

**Place:** India Community Center, 2171 Monroe Wayne County Line Rd, Penfield.

**Admission:** Free.

**Contact:** 381-6047

***All are Welcome!***

*The mission of Saathi of Rochester is to work to empower women of South Asian origin who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault by providing numerous options, linking women with service providers and raising community education and awareness.*

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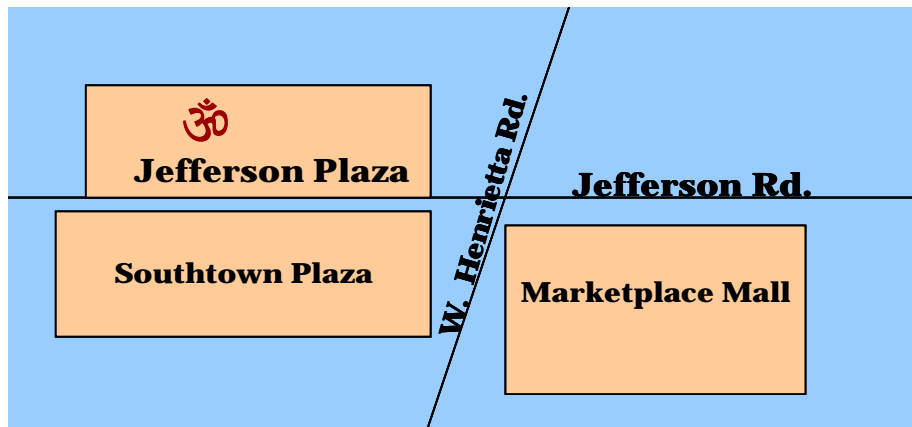


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## *ICC New Year's Eve Party*

**Members-Only Event**

**Admission Free**

**8 pm – 1 am**

***Program Highlights***

***Comedy Show***

*by highly rated Dan Viola and Nick Siracuse  
from the local Comedy Club.*

**DJ and Dancing**

**Food and Drinks for Purchase**

**Mark your Calendars**

**Details to follow**