

INDIA CULTURAL SOCIETY

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A glance at 2006-07 ICS events

It has been a great year so far! We enjoyed the great summer weather with "Annual Picnic" and "Volleyball Tournament", along with "Kids Cricket Camp". We started the Fall with "Antakshari Competition". These events have been very well attended and it has been a great pleasure to see many new members join us. The board would like to thank the community for making these events a great success. Special thanks to many volunteers who helped during these programs.

The above events were only the beginning and the Fun continues with many exciting events planned in the coming months. A "Singing competition" is planned for December to test your vocals. "Dance Dhamaka" will follow in January to test your feet and coordination. Come February, we will have much-awaited "Annual Function" to celebrate and showcase our community's talent. A few more are still under consideration.

Of course, you will be reminded through e-mail on the above events. The events are open to all ICS members. Further guidelines for taking part in "Singing Competition" and "Annual Function" program are highlighted in the "**Upcoming Events**" section of this newsletter. We look forward to your valuable contributions and continued co-operation in making these events a memorable one.

ICS Board would like to express thanks to all those who have renewed their membership. Also, the Board is hereby reminding others in the community to renew memberships for 2006-2007. Please note that the membership is a must for participation in the ICS events. The names of members enrolled to-date for 2006-2007 is listed in this newsletter. In case of discrepancy, please contact one of the Board members. Also, enclosed is a membership form for renewing your membership.

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Upcoming Events

Singing Competition:

Date: Saturday, December 9th, 2006

Venue: Spartan Community Hall

Time 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

ICS members who wish to participate in the competition please send an email to admin@icslansing.org with participant's name, email, phone number, age and the song (if known) on or before **December 7th, 2006**.

There will be 3 categories

1. Under 10 years (as of 12/9/2006)
2. 10 to High School Senior
3. High School graduates and above

There will be two prizes in each category. Songs can be in any of the Indian languages (not English). Entire song has to be sung. Karaoke is allowed and you have to bring your own music CD. Maximum time for each participant is 7 minutes.

Annual Function:

Date: Saturday, February 10th, 2007

Venue: Okemos High School

Time 5:30 to 10:00 P.M.

Based on feedback from the community after the last year's Annual Function, ICS Board plans to put-together a program comprising of:

Dances (Bollywood and traditional)	5 to 6
Songs/instrumental	2 to 3
Skits	1 to 2

Some guidelines for participants:

Items with 4 or more participants will be given priority.

Each item should be less than 7 minutes long.

Skits could be up to 10 minutes in length and should be humorous, engaging, and entertaining.

The deadline for applying to participate in the ICS Annual show is **31st December 2006**. Please contact Navin Jain at 517- 347-4168 or at navinsharmila@yahoo.com via e-mail if your group would like to present an item.

The ICS board of directors, following a live audition on 14th January 2007, will do final selection of the items.

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ICS Picnic

The ICS Annual picnic held at the Lake Lansing North Park on August 13th, was attended by about 200 members. Followed by the national anthems, members enjoyed delicious food and had lots of fun playing volleyball and basketball in a lake-park setting. Kids had lot of open space to run around. Several new members joined the picnic including couple of families new in town. The fun continued afterwards with a cricket match at Kinawa Middle School ground.



ICS Volleyball tournament

The Volleyball tournament held in September was a huge success in spite of cloudy weather. There were five teams that participated in the tournament and there was a lot of camaraderie between the teams. In addition, the teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship making it a pleasurable event for even those who watched from the sidelines. Congratulations to the winning team "Lee" comprising of Ganesh Mariappa, Sam, Sunil and Ugender.

ICS Antakshari Competition

The second ICS annual Antakshari competition was a very well attended and fiercely fought competition. There were 5 teams comprising of 5 to 6 participants each. Teams competed in various categories such as letter, word, audio, video, etc. Before the competition started, everyone enjoyed samosa, chips, hot pizza and cheese cake. Congratulations to the winning team "Parwane" comprising of Jimi Malavia, Anjali Srivastava, Neetu Togani, Shilpa Shenoy, Meena Dharia and Sanjeev Shah/Rohit Pankhaniya (part). Thanks to all the participants and viewers for making this an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Mr. Minesh Mody and Tomie Raines for providing the hall for the event and to the two judges Mr. Ajay Bhargava and Mrs. Ranjani Krishnan for an excellent job!

We would like to recognize the following sponsors for the competition:

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Note from the ICS president on the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Dear ICS Members:

We have contributed generously for the Food Bank and Feed the Hungry programs in the past. Collective contributions from the Indian community have been truly appreciated by the organizers of these programs. I am writing to request your generous contributions towards this very worthy cause this year as well. Two former ICS office bearers, Mr. Jai Jaglan and Mr. Bidhan Redey, have volunteered their services for this. They will collect our donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Please make the checks payable to the Greater Lansing Food Bank and send them to Mr. Jaglan or Mr. Redey.

A small group of us will present this collection to the Greater Lansing Food Bank on behalf of the Indian community during the 3rd week of December. If you would like to be a part of this group and/or would like to sponsor part of the cost of the lunch served to the needy that day, please contact one of us. Donations to the Greater Lansing Food Bank are eligible for 50% tax credit on the Michigan state tax return and up to 35% on the Federal Tax return, depending upon the tax bracket, if deductions are itemized.

Please note: there are no overhead costs as the Food Bank program is managed by the Ingham County Government.

Sincerely,
Sanjiv Dagli

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Community Corner

Congratulations to Aakash Bhargava and Soham Mishra

As part of Okemos Soccer Club's Novatos team, Aakash Bhargava and Soham Mishra have played key roles in the team's recent winning of Michigan Challenge Cup (August 19-20) and the Midland Fusion Invitational Tournament (August 25-27). In both tournaments the team won 7 games, tied 1 game and did not lose a single game. Their team has also been division champions in the Capital Area Soccer League every season in the last two years. Congratulations to Aakash and Soham for their contributions to the team!

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