

INDIA CULTURAL SOCIETY

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Message from the President

This new year for ICS starts with some new talent and some old guards on the board. Iggy Ignatius, Vaishali Rajput, Neepa Shah and myself continue from the last year and Navin Jain, Ranjani Krishnanan, Roopa Kodur, Manasi Mishra, and Vamsi Polarpu are the five new board members.

During our first board meeting we discussed our reasons for joining the ICS board. One common thread emerged: all of us want to serve the community by providing entertaining programs of high quality showcasing the rich and diverse cultural heritage of India to you, the ICS members. We need your input as well. Please contact us to share your ideas and to let us know what type of programs you would like to see and participate in.

What is different for 2006-2007? While we continue the popular programs that ICS has been bringing year after year, we will add a few new ones. One request we have heard is to have a formal cultural event. We are looking into having a light Hindi music show by a professional group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members for their service to the ICS community. They are: Jyotsna Pendse, Ajay Bhargava, Virendra Jain, Smita Savai, and Dev Ganguly. They have contributed significantly in giving ICS programs a new direction in the last few years.

The ICS board is looking forward to your continued support. Please renew your membership for this year, and participate actively in various ICS events.

- Sanjiv Dagli

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Upcoming Summer Events

Mark your calendar for the following events in August/ September. Let's have fun outdoors while the weather is warm!

Annual Picnic 2006

Date: 13th August 2006

Time: 12 noon onwards

Location: Lake Lansing Park (North), Haslett

There will be games for both kids and adults; of course plenty of food. Come and enjoy with your family!

Please note: This year's location is changed to **Lake Lansing Park (NORTH)**. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2006-2007 if you haven't done that already.

Volleyball Tournament 2006

Date: 2006-09-24

Time: TBD (Watch for an e-mail from ICS)

Location: Wonch Park

Men and women of all ages are welcome to participate in the tournament. Come on and have fun. Bring your children and spouses to cheer you!!

Events Sponsorship

ICS Board is looking for sponsorships for several events. We would appreciate individuals and organizations that would like to sponsor any event in any form. Please contact one of the board members for further details...

Other Events for the Year

The proposed events, with tentative schedule, are listed below. This year, in addition to Volleyball competition, the Board is considering a Golf tournament as well. Also, a formal Dinner with live entertainment from local artists is being considered. Stay tuned for further details...

Golf Tournament- September '06

Antakshari – October '06

Singing Competition – December '06

Dance Dhamaka – January '06

Debate/Elocution – around Jan 26 '07

Annual Function/Show – February '07

Jokes Night – March '07

ICS Annual Board Meeting – May '07

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Cricket Camp Update

The Cricket camp is well underway with about 21 kids including **3 girls!!** Both coaches, Punya Mishra and Vamsi Polarapu (an ICS board member and Lansing Cricket Club captain) are doing a fantastic job with the kids. We hope the following pictures will inspire more kids and attract them to be a part of next year's ICS cricket camp.



Warm up! Warm up! Get fit for the next couple of hours of Cricket!



ICS's Greg Chappel – (Lansing's Punya Mishra) - in Action!



Lansing's budding Fast Bowlers (at 1.4 miles/hr), in Action. Can they break Dennis Lillee's record?? Time only will tell.....



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Community Corner

"Tarang" team wins FOGANA Dance Competition

Congratulations to Minal Amin and the Tarang team! The team won 2nd prize in the 2006 FOGANA (Federation of Gujarati Associations of North America) dance competition held in Cleveland, OH. They also secured 1st prize for their costumes. This was a highly competitive event and the ratings were judged based on nine different entities including costume, expression and music. The highlight of the success can be seen from the fact that **Tarang**, for the first time, defeated bigwigs like Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland. According to **Tarang's** teacher Minal "Teamwork, Perseverance, Dedication and hard work is what contributed to our success".



Prof. Satish Udpa Appointed as Dean of Engineering at MSU

Former ICS board member, Prof. Satish Udpa, has been appointed as dean of the Michigan State University College of Engineering. An MSU faculty member since 2001, Prof. Udpa has been acting dean since June 2005. Congratulations on this prestigious appointment!

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ICS PICNIC 2006

Sunday, August 13th 2006

Noon – 3:00 PM

New Venue - Lake Lansing NORTH Park

Indian Cultural Society (ICS) is hosting 2006 Annual Picnic for it's Members on Sunday, August 13th 2006 from Noon to 3:00 PM at Lake Lansing North Park. Food will be provided by ICS.

ICS members, please renew your 2006-2007 membership at the picnic. Note that your membership will be valid from July 2006 through June 2007.

Please note that this year the picnic venue is Lake Lansing NORTH Park. Also note that followed by picnic, there is a **Cricket Match** at 4 PM at Kinawa Middle School ground.

For more information contact: Vaishali Rajput at vrajput@palmerrajput.com or Vamsi Polarpu at 347-5011 polarpv@yahoo.com

Advertisements



Odissi Concert
A Classical Dance of
India By Nritya Bisarad
Manasi Mishra and
Group

Kinawa Middle School, Okemos
Saturday September 9th
7 PM to 8 PM

For Tickets Contact
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Ticket Price \$5.00/person

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as well as events, are welcome.*

The rates are as follows:

Quarter page: \$50

Half page: \$75

Full page: \$100

*Please contact any of the Board
members*

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India Cultural Society Membership Form Annual membership is from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Last Name: _____ First Name _____
Spouse's Name _____ Phone No. _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____
E Mail Address _____ Fax No. _____

Annual Single (\$15) Life Single (\$150) Annual Student * (\$10)
Annual Family (\$25) Life Family (\$250) Organization (\$150)
Annual Senior Citizen ** (\$10) Life Senior Citizen** (\$150)

Optional: Other Members in the Immediate Family (Family Membership)

Name: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____

*For full-time students only, with non-voting rights ** Age 65 and above
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