



Namaste!

Kudos to the Board, Milap 2009 was a great success. It would not have been possible without the efforts of this Board, all the volunteers who helped in various aspects of this event, the sponsors, choreographers and participants. Thank you to all members and guests for your hand in making Milap a success.

Milap and other ICS events are opportunities to showcase our local talent. There are many talented / professional / award winning participants in our community, ICS would like to encourage them to use the stage of ICS to display their talent without expecting any monetary gains from ICS. Our other social activities this year have been- Kite flying, Cricket camp, Picnic, Volleyball tournament, Karaoke night, and Sports day. Various volunteers have helped us with these events and we would like to express our appreciation for their efforts and hard work. We have one event left before this Board bids adieu – the General Body Meeting. For more information, please refer to page 2.

ICS works very hard to bring the community together. After repeated requests from many members, ICS is considering compiling a member's telephone directory. Only members who send in their approval to be included and are current (life or 2009-2010) members will be included in this directory. For more information on this refer to page 3.

We have already begun preparing for our summer activities: picnic and cricket camp.

Annual Picnic 2009

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

Aug 16th 2009, Saturday

Noon – 4:00 pm

Lake Lansing South Park Main Shelter

Summer Cricket Camp

July and August

Age Group: Kids, 7 years and up

Fee: \$25

Free T-shirt

Registration: contact any Board member

Visit the ICS website at: <http://icslansing.org>

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MILAP 2009

Milap was a great social gathering and a stage for exchange of our diverse culture. All of us come from different regions of India, but this event brought us together as INDIANS; sharing, respecting, and exchanging each other's traditions. ICS not only encourages participants to showcase our heritage but also the influences of globalization and immigration which have become part of our culture today.

Milap had more than 125 participants and 800 attendees. This has been a record attendance. The show was enjoyed by all. In spite of the current economy we had over 60 sponsors. This year ICS was able to find sponsors to present you two award winning teams- Nartan and Tarang. Sponsors of Nartan were- Ajay Badhwar, CA, CPA and Swagath Foods. Sponsors of Tarang were- Allegra printing, Sylvan Learning Center, Sky Lanes Bowling, and other well wishers. **In the future, ICS will attempt to obtain but cannot guarantee such sponsorship.**

Matt Ottinger (telecomm coordinator at Okemos High School) has videotaped the show. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the DVD; please call Anu Deshpande before May 5th. The cost of the DVD is \$15; please make the check payable to The Okemos Channel. ICS does not benefit from the sale of this DVD. Punya Mishra has taken several pictures of the event and you may view these at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/punyamishra/sets/72157615310693825/>

Request regarding Milap brochures: if you have a Milap 2009 brochure and do not need it any more, please let any Board member know and they will pick it up from you. We are short a few brochures for our sponsors.

ICS Annual General Body Meeting and Elections

Date: **Saturday, May 16th 2009**

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Okemos Public Library

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. President's Report and recognition of out-going office bearers
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Introduction of Nomination Committee
4. Introduction of Election Officer: Vishakha Dagli
5. Election of new Board for 2009-2010
6. Refreshments

There will be 5 vacancies on the ICS board. If you are interested in serving on the ICS Board, please contact one of the Nomination Committee members below before May 5th:

Vamsi Polarpu: (517) 347-5011 or email: polarpv@yahoo.com

Shilpa Kundeshwar: (517) 381-5393 or email: shilpausa@yahoo.com

Rita Ghose: (517) 349-1679 or email: rita1991@hotmail.com



India Cultural Society Members Telephone Directory

Current ICS Board is planning on compiling a telephone directory of ICS members. IF you wish to be included in this directory, you need to be life member or 2009-2010 member of India Cultural Society; and we need to have your permission to include your name in the directory. If interested please send in the following information by **May 5th**:

Last name: ----- First name: ----- Spouse's name: -----
Address: ----- Home Phone number: -----
Cell Phone number: ----- E-mail: -----
Cell Phone number: ----- E-mail: -----
Name/s of children below 21 years of age: ----- + ----- + -----

Anyone over 21 years of age will have his or her own membership.

Include only the information you would like printed in the telephone directory.

Send in the information to Anuradha Deshpande via email: anuradha2018@yahoo.com or to Hina Mody: Modyh29@hotmail.com or you may mail this information to:

India Cultural Society

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Okemos, MI 48805-0090

If you are not a life member please send in your membership for 2009-2010 along with the member information. The fiscal year of ICS is from July 1st of each year through June 30th of following year. Please make check payable to ICS and mail to above address.

Community News

Okemos High School Relay for Life team
Free car wash, bake sale and pop can drive.
April 26th 2009 Noon-4:00 pm
Central Elementary Parking Lot
All proceeds go to American Cancer Society

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...

Visit the ICS website at: <http://icslansing.org>



INDIA CULTURAL SOCIETY

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Our goal is to Promote Indian Culture to the Community of Greater Lansing Area

If you have not paid your membership dues for the Year 2009-2010, please fill out the form below and mail your payment to the address given below. If you become a member you can enjoy the benefits of free events hosted by ICS throughout the year. If you have paid your membership fees, we thank you for renewing your membership.

India Cultural Society Membership Form

Last Name: _____ First Name _____

Spouse's Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E Mail Address _____ Fax No. _____ Other: _____

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. _____

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

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