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President's Message

Welcome ! ICRCC will be celebrating its 25 th anniversary this year. My heartiest congratulations to all the members, present and past, who have made our India community organization such a success.

It is cold outside at 12 degrees F but thankfully it is sunny. This is to be expected at Syracuse in February. ICRCC held its General Body Meeting on Nov. 22, 2007 with the usual low turnout. Another thing we can expect in Syracuse. It seems that unless there is a hot topic to debate ICRCC members are not really interested in attending the General Body meeting..

What we really need is a "spirit of ownership" of the organization. What can I do for my "community" should be the response we evoke rather than what can I get for my "membership" fee? We hold six or seven events every year and these are usually well attended. People are quite enthusiastic about celebrating Independence Day on Aug. 15 and dancing at the Ras Garba. Kids have fun performing at the Spring Festival. ICRCC is a community organization and what we are going to get out of it pretty much depends on what we put into it.

The good news is that there is a breed of young members who are very enthusiastic about the community. They seem to have the heart and the energy to organize events that all members will enjoy. This spirit can propagate itself into something that will be very rewarding for the entire India community. Although I was elected President of ICRCC in the Board meeting on Dec.18, 2008 it is my heartfelt conviction that new blood should be running the organization. However, I accepted the position due to circumstantial reasons.

The General Body in the meeting on Nov. 22 discussed the issue of getting our own "community center". I would like to call upon the members of the entire ICRCC community to pitch in and make the "community center" project a success. We will need to look at properties, raise funds and go through the various phases of procuring a community center. I would appreciate your active involvement in the project.

On March 14 ICRCC will be celebrating "Holi". Because it is still winter in Syracuse we will be holding the program indoors. On March 28 ICRCC is organizing an indoor skating event for children. I hope you will join us in these programs. They have been detailed in this newsletter.

25th Anniversary of ICRCC

This year marks the 25th anniversary of ICRCC. Here is a brief write-up on the organization.

The India Community Religious and Cultural Center (ICRCC) is a secular organization founded in 1984 by a band of dedicated visionaries. The primary objective of this organization is to foster a common source of identity to all those who have migrated from India. ICRCC's mission is to provide the India community in Central New York an opportunity to advance its cultural, social and religious heritage.

ICRCC has organized high caliber cultural and social programs to advance the cultural spirit of the Syracuse community. ICRCC has teamed up and supported other community organizations in Syracuse like the South Asia Center of Syracuse University, the Cultural Resources Council and the Open Hand Theater.

ICRCC has a humanitarian perspective as well. When calamities have struck India or the United States ICRCC has risen to the occasion with significant contributions. After the September 11 disaster, ICRCC contributed \$ 22,750 to the Twin Tower Disaster Fund and raised \$ 20,087 for the Tsunami Relief Fund.

ICRCC is proud to be a vibrant organization of the Syracuse community.

Here is a letter from our Senator Charles E. Schumer about ICRCC being chosen as a 2005 Horizon Award.

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
SEN. NY



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 9, 2015

Dip Bose
ICRCC (The India Center)
7807 Rolling Ridge Drive
Manlius, NY 13154

Dear Dipank,

Please accept my warm congratulations for having been chosen as a 2015 Horizon Award recipient. The Horizon Award celebrates those whose commitment to culture and art has gifted our community with an inspirational atmosphere that makes our lives more enriching and enjoyable. Your work has made all of our lives richer.

The India Community Religious and Cultural Center has woven vibrance through all aspects of Syracuse's cultural scene. Our traditions have been invigorated by enlightening concerts, the Spring Festival, and the Sari Show at the Everson. Beyond enhancing our local community, the ICRCC has also fostered our greater global community through its tireless work on the tsunami relief campaign.

You have brought such beauty and pride to our community through your art, your teaching, and your service toward ensuring that others will always find inspiration for artistic expression in Syracuse.

Thank you for this gift of shared culture.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator

ICRCC congratulates Professors Shobha Bhatia and Tula Goenka on their being honored with the citations by the Chancellor of Syracuse University. The following is a brief write-up of their work. For complete citations go to http://sunews.syr.edu/story_details.cfm?id=5683

Shobha K. Bhatia Faculty Excellence and Scholarly Distinction



As a civil engineer and a professor, Bhatia has undertaken groundbreaking work creating new thinking and innovative practices in the engineering field, distinguishing herself as a scholar and teacher, both at the University and internationally.

Bhatia specializes in both geotechnical and geosynthetic engineering. Her work, research techniques and tools have been utilized and emulated by scientists and practitioners in engineering and non-engineering fields.

Bhatia's innovative work includes integrating globalization and social justice issues into collaborative interdisciplinary research such as in a research project in India that seeks to combine engineering with public policy to create sustainable opportunities as well as provide environmentally safe products for indigenous people.

Bhatia is a Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor of Teaching Excellence. She is also a recipient of the Women of Influence Award from SU's Division of Student Affairs and the Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Award from SU's Graduate School. Bhatia has held numerous positions of responsibility in her field, including vice president of the North American Geosynthetics Society, and has served as a member of the Technical Committee's Council and International Activities Committee Task Force for the Geo Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Tula Goenka: Engaging the World



Through the powerful medium of film and television, Goenka found the perfect bullhorn to enlighten the world on the difficult challenges still faced by a large section of the global population, from exclusion, inequality and discrimination to social class, racial violence, gender bias and change.

Goenka is driven by the Gandhian philosophy that calls for us to be the change we want to see in the world. She participated in film and television projects that used popular media to perform public advocacy. Some of the films she worked on include Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" (1989) and "Malcolm X" (1992), and Mira Nair's "Salaam Bombay" (1988) and "Mississippi Masala" (1991).

Her work as a professor includes the award-winning "Dancing on Mother Earth" (2002), an hour-long PBS documentary produced with her former student Jim Virga G'01. The documentary on Native American singer/songwriter Joan Shenandoah received much acclaim including the Smithsonian Native American Film and Video Festival in December 2003.

She has successfully worked on community-based projects such as initiating and coordinating the Illuminating Oppression: Human Rights Film Festival that created venues to facilitate dialogue and understanding about diversity and freedom of expression.

She is a founding member of Sakhi for South Asian Women, a New York City-based organization working to end violence against women. She is currently on the board of directors of Breakthrough, an international nonprofit organization that raises human rights awareness using popular culture.



Holi Milan 2009

Everyone invited !

Date: 14th March, Saturday, 2009.

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Manlius Village Center Auditorium
1 Arkie Albanese Ave., Manlius, NY 13104.

Phone contact: 720-1963

Admission fees:

ICRCC Members and SU students: \$7

Non-members: \$12

Kids: \$5

Program details:

1. Face painting for kids.
2. Songs in Hindi and other languages by Rujuta Dholakia.
3. Food tickets will be sold separately at the venue.

We will provide color to put a tika on the forehead.

Please do not get your own colors. Thank you.

ICRCC - serving Indian community since 25 years!



ICRCC Spring Festival 2009

Date: *9th May, Saturday, 2009.*

Time: *3pm to 8pm*

Venue: *Lincoln Middle School*

1613 James Street (at Teall Av.)

Syracuse, NY.

Guidelines for performers

To help us put up a show with a variety of entertainment programs we have come up with the following guidelines.

- a. Entry forms must be submitted by April 1st, 2009. There is a \$10 entry fee for non members.
- b. Each performer is allowed a maximum of 2 items of dance/music/singing/acting combination.
- c. Duration for dance/music/singing item should not exceed 6 minutes. Dramas/Plays should not exceed 20 minutes.
- d. Depending on the number and variety of entries, we will try our best to accommodate everybody at least once in the given time frame. If time allows we will try to accommodate the 2nd entries of the participants.
- e. We will let each participant/parent know if the entry is accepted or not for the spring festival by 15th April. This way, no one spends unnecessary time practicing items that may not be a part of the show....and can perfect their performance item.

Looking forward to seeing everyone blossom at the Spring Festival.

Winter event for children

Saturday 3/28/2009

ICRCC is organizing an indoor Ice skating program for the children.

This is a real fun event kids love and enjoy. So bring your children!

No experience necessary, we will help you to start with.



Date: March 28, 2009: Saturday 1.00 pm- 3.00pm

Participant Cost: \$4.00/person (including Skate Rental)

Age: Children/adults over 3 years

Location

Cicero Twin Rinks

5575 Meltzer Court Cicero, NY 13039

<http://www.ciceroicerink.com>

Please contact us by: 3/22/08

Contact person: Joe Kappil: 315-395-6148 / joekappil@yahoo.com or

ICRCC Secretary: Sailaja Sishtla: 682 0399

President: Dilip Bhole 682 1855 or any of the Board Members.

Direction from East, West, South.

Take Route 81 to Exit 30 (Cicero exit) Take left to Route 31(West) and then take a right, going North onto Route 11, and (Approximately 1 mile), take left at Clay Commons to 5575 Meltzer Court, and follow the road to the end.

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Events Calender

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Holi Milan	3-14-09	Manlius Village Center	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Winter Event for Children	3-28-09	Cicero Twin Rinks	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Desi Hungama	4-18-09	Nottingham High School	6 p.m. -
Spring Festival	5-9-09	Lincoln Middle School	3 p.m. – 8 p.m.