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President's Message

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Dear Friends:

There is a change of seasons as days get shorter and nights darker and the weather gets cold. Diwali is the festival of lights and we celebrate it every year in our homes and in our community. Our annual Diwali dinner and celebrations were memorable to me. Our attendance has been lower due to conflicts with other events around this time. About 150 people of the community were present at this occasion. The cultural program presented by the youngsters shows the vitality and vigor of our community. Syracuse University's Bhangra and Raas teams added energy and glitter to the program too.

Our year is coming to a close. We have had many events this year, starting with the flute sitar Jugalbandhi in April to the recent dance concert Ekaantha Seetha and the upcoming Bollywood Karaoke. All of these events have been very successful with attendance and in covering their costs. Our annual meeting of the general body has been scheduled for December 9th and I invite all of you to come and participate in it. Our community has become more diverse with the arrival of many fresh residents in diverse occupations besides the traditional ones in healthcare, science and engineering. We need to set the agenda for the next year and increase the participation of the more recent arrivals to our community in all of our activities. The board is looking for your ideas on how to achieve this, including recruiting new members to the board and encourage active participation by all the community groups.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Ram.

Future Newsletters

The Board would like to expand future newsletters to include items of interest to the community, such as family events (births, condolences for the demise of family members, and so on). In addition we would like to recognize achievements in professions, academics etc. Please provide such items for inclusion in future newsletters.

Another item being considered is short articles (about one page) on such subjects as health, views of members on matters of topical interest, recipes for dishes, and so on. If you have any ideas please let us know.

The next newsletter will be after the General Body meeting.

ICRCC GENERAL BODY MEETING

The annual general body meeting of the ICRCC will be held on **Saturday, December 9, 2006, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Manlius Library**. All the members are requested to participate in the meeting.

Agenda:

1. President's Report: B.V. Ramarao
2. Secretary's Report: Jagannadha Rao Kandula
3. Treasurer's Report: Naresh Patel
4. Membership Report: N.V. Suryanarayana
5. Election to the board: There are 5 vacancies resulting from the completion of the three-year terms of Ravi Dabir, Tariq Khattak, Ravi Seth, N.V. Suryanarayana and Abraham Thomas.
6. New business

Five directors are to be elected. Nomination to the board: Please forward your nominations (the directors whose terms end this year are eligible to serve again) to the Secretary, Jagannadha Rao Kandula, 9109 Cirrus Court, Manlius, NY 13104, Phone: 682 6014, email: raokj@yahoo.com. Please note that only current members who have indicated their willingness to be on the board, should be nominated.

Condolences

ICRCC regrets to announce that Jit Turakhia's brother-in-law, Arvind Pancholi (survived by his wife Nila & daughter Ashmi) passed away while on a company hiking trip in New Hampshire on September 27th. A condolences/prayer meeting was held at Turakhia's residence on October 5th.

Our condolences to the family members.

Invitation to Membership

We, at ICRCC, invite you to support it by becoming members. Currently we have about 130 members. We need more members to bring high quality programs to the community. Please complete the form below and send it with your check (payable to ICRCC) to:

Dr. N.V. Suryanarayana, 101 Old Lyme Road, Syracuse, NY 13224

The board is considering ways to make our programs more appealing the community. We welcome your suggestions. Please convey them to any member of the board.

MEMBERSHIP: 2006-2007

The ICRCC fiscal year starts October 1. **Time to renew your membership or become a new member.**

Membership dues are: \$45 (family) or \$30 (single). Life memberships: \$1000 (family) or \$750 (single). If you have any questions please contact:

Dr. N.V. Suryanarayana, Membership Coordinator, Phone: 446 7424, email:

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Name: _____ Spouse _____

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South Asian Children's Club of CNY

The South Asian Children's Club of CNY now meets twice a month (on Sundays 4:30- 5:30 p.m.) at the Hindu Mandir of CNY.

The club provides a meeting ground for children of South Asian origin. We use Hindu mythology to provide children a window into their rich cultural heritage. The children are grouped by age. Children between the ages of 4 and 12 years are welcome to join.

The club is steered by parent volunteers. For details, please contact:

Neerja and Ajeet Gajra – neerjajeet@hotmail.com

Charu and Rajiv Saini- charusaini@msn.com (638-7395)

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Deepavali Celebrations

Pramila Suryanarayana

On Sunday, October 8, 2006, ICRCC celebrated Deepavali at the Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway. It was a very pleasant evening with about 150 enjoying it.

The evening started with a social hour followed by lighting the traditional oil lamps and invocation. After the President's welcome address, in appreciation of the five local young men serving in the armed forces, Dr. Ravi Dabir presented Certificates of appreciation to them. The entertainment consisted of dances and music by students of Mrs. Rekha Balaji and Mrs. Sudha Raj. Students from SU provided us with exuberant dances in their colorful costumes. Light music was rendered by Ms. Anjali Nayar and Dr. Seetharam Malavalli.

Dinner, catered by Sahota Palace, was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner there was bhangra dance, participated by the guests.

The evening was well organized to go on time and enjoyed by all. ICRCC hopes there will be a greater number of people participating next year.

ICRCC wishes everyone a very bright and happy year ahead.

Fourth Annual South Asian Human Rights Film Festival

October 26 – 28, 2006

Submitted by Professor Tula Goenka
Assoc. Professor, Television-Radio-Film
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
Syracuse University

All films are free and shown in Shemin Auditorium, Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse University. Some of the films have adult content. For details please check <http://symposium.syr.edu> or contact Professor Tula Goenka (tgoenka@syr.edu, 315-443-3376).

Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.: 15 Park Avenue: Director: Aparna Sen, (116 minutes, 2005, India)
Relationship of two sisters -a professor with a powerful personality, and another with schizophrenia.

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m.: Sancharram, The Journey Director: Ligy J. Pullapally, (107 minutes, 2004, India). Set in Kerala, this lyrical, begins with a childhood friendship that leads to a mutual attraction between two persons.

Saturday, October 28: Two Documentaries on *Communities in Conflict*: 1 p.m.

Lanka – The Other Side of War and Peace Director: Iffat Fatima, (75 minutes, 2005, Sri Lanka)

Karnaphulir Kanna (Teardrops of Karnaphulir) Director: Tanvir Mokammel, (60 minutes, 2005, Bangladesh).

Two Documentaries on *Defining Human Rights*: 4 p.m. A Human Question

Director: T. Jayshree, (53 minutes, 2005, India/Italy/U.S.) The story of the global struggle to make HIV/AIDS drugs more affordable and available.

Delhi—Mumbai—Delhi (2005) Director: Saba Dewan, (63 minutes, 2005, India)

The film is an intimate portrait of the everyday life of the girls, their agents and their neighborhoods.

Iqbal: The Rampur Express: 7 p.m. Director: Nagesh Kukunoor, (126 minutes, 2005, India)

Iqbal, a deaf village boy, has a dream to play for the prestigious Indian Cricket Team.

Syracuse Symposium 2006: Imagination

This fall's theme is "imagination." For more information, please visit <http://symposium.syr.edu>.

Co-sponsors: S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, U.Encounter, the South Asia Center, the South Asian Students Association, Asia Society, and Breakthrough.

Ekaantha Seetha Presented by ICRCC
By Lalita Seetharam

On a rainy, week day evening, spectators walking into F.M. High School Auditorium, were received by a warm and bhakti filled procession of Ganesha, a unique and positively unconventional start to an Indian Classical dance production. What unfolded after was the story of three women who showed extraordinary valor and tenacity to rise above their otherwise restrained circumstances. Seetha, from Hindu mythology, was portrayed as a loving and dedicated mother and yet dignified to walk away from a situation where she was subjected to an acid test. Rani Laxmi Bai of Jhansi, a 19th century widowed queen, opts to go to war against the British, which, in a series of events, led to independent India. Aparajitha, a fictional modern day woman subject to social atrocity fights back to establish her own identity.

The music by T.V. Gopalakrishnan was very effective. For the Dhananjayans, the master choreographers behind the production, it was a significant achievement. The dancers, professionals from India and USA, were equally adept at Bharatanatyam, folk dance and marshal arts.

The only disappointment, however, was the poor attendance. We need better attendance to bring performances of such a high caliber to Syracuse.

Join us to celebrate the New Year's Eve

Date: 31st December, 2006

Time: 8 pm onwards

Venue: Lemoyne Manor, 629 Old Liverpool Road 457-3000

Admission: Family (with kids under 12 yrs): \$90 Kids (12yrs to 17 yrs) : \$20

Adults: \$40

Please reserve your seat by Nov 30th, 2006. Seating is first come first served.

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***Please send your check, payable to Atul Main, to
Dr. Atul Maini, 5200 Harvest Hill Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078.***

BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL EVENING

ICRCC presents **ANIRUDDH** and his **BAND** in a musical extravaganza on Oct 22, 2006 at **Everson Museum** of Art, 401 Harrison Street, Syracuse, New York 13202 Tel (315) 474 6064 between 6 PM to 10 PM.

Aniruddh is the creator of Hindi karaoke. His digital creation of the karaoke music for old and new Hindi songs, are better than the originals! He is the first person to come up with Karaoke DVD with the lyrics showing up with the background music.

He has been creating these karaokes for the past 15 years and has promoted great talented young singers. A singer of Mukesh songs, he brings with him the talents from INDIAN IDOL, SA RE GA MA PA and FAME GURUKUL. He has put together array of old and modern Hindi songs.

Finally his slogan is “ PICK UP THE MIKE AND BE A STAR “ with his Karaoke music.

If you need further information contact Seetharam, (315 446 6234) mseetha1@twcny.rr.com or visit <http://www.aniruddh-karaoke.com> for his creations.

TICKETS: \$10 (\$5 for STUDENTS).

Tickets can be obtained from Seetharam (446 6234), Ravi Seth (343 4821), Dilip Bhole (682 1855), Tridib Mazumdar (449-3201), Jay Prakash (451 5086), or Kashmir Groceries (251 2571).

Sathya Sai Baba Center, Syracuse. Education in Human Values Classes: *“The end of Education is Character”*

Sri Sathya Sai Baba Center of Syracuse is offering classes on “Human Values” for children ages 6-15 years. The Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) is character building program that aims to develop the innate goodness in each child by awakening the innate Human Values like Truth, Love, Peace, Right-action & Non-Violence. These Spiritual Classes are Held every Sunday from 11AM – 12:30PM at 5 Lock Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027.

Seva Projects:

“The Hands that serve are Holier than the Lips that Pray”

Sathya Sai Baba Center of Syracuse is serving the Homeless people in Syracuse from the last 10 years. We make Sandwiches every second Sunday of the month and on the last Tuesday of the month Pizza, and serve them to the Homeless people at Oxford Inn in Syracuse.

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Upcoming Events Calendar

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Movie: Don with Sharukh Khan and Kareena Kapoor	November 4	Palace Theater	5:30 pm
ICRCC General Body Meeting	December 9	Manlius Library	2 pm – 4 pm

