



INDIA COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL CENTER, INC. (ICRCC)

A non-profit organization founded in 1984

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Summer 2019 Newsletter



**ICRCC's new home at 1990 Meadowbrook Drive,
Syracuse, NY 13224**



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Upcoming Events Summary:

Date	Event	Place	Contact	Additional Notes
July 28 2-5 pm	Open House at the new ICRCC Bldg	1990 Meadowbrook Dr. Syracuse, NY 13224	Sunil Gupta	Welcome community members to the new home, and discuss future events. Light snacks to be served.
August 11 3- 7 pm	India Day picnic	Pratts Falls 7671 Pratts Falls Rd. Manlius, NY	Bala Murthy, Surabhi Raina	Twin Magicians entertainment, games, music, picnic food
November 2	Diwali	Holiday Inn, Liverpool		Additional details coming soon

Information on events is listed on our website, at <http://www.icrcc.org/culturalprograms.html>

President's Message

Fellow Community members,

Over the past few months, we have shown the true dedication that is encompassed within the diverse Indian cultures in Syracuse. We have successfully raised necessary funds to establish a home for India Community Religious and Cultural Center. All donations large and small collected are highly appreciated for the longevity of our permanent building. With half the year passed, we have much more opportunity for activities in the future. If any members have any passion for events within our building, we will have more flexibility to truly reflect our wholesome community. With great gratitude, I want to give credit and thank Sunil Gupta for his outreach to the community. Without his hard work, it would have been a significantly tougher goal in acquiring our new home. On top of the fundraising efforts, we welcome two new enthusiastic board members; Rachna Zirath and Jayant Datta (new treasurer)! We thank the previous board members; Pavithra Chigateri, Radhakrishna Sureshkumar, and Ramana Adavikolanu for their service to our community. The hard work of our community members and board members are the reasons we are successful, and I am grateful to serve as the president to a highly driven community.

We will have an ICRC open house on July 28, 2019 between 2-5 pm. We will welcome our members to see the new home and a further discussion on the future of our building regarding type of events hosted, renting, and policies will occur.

To celebrate our 72nd anniversary of India's Independence Day, we will be hosting a potluck at Pratts Fall in Manlius NY on Sunday, August 11 from 3pm to 7pm. With complimentary snacks provided at the event, the board looks forward to celebrating with everyone. Diwali will be hosted at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY on Saturday November 2. So please save the date!

The rest of the year will be filled with joyful memories!

Thank you for your support,
Sanjeev Kumar
President

ICRCC Open house is on July 28 between 2-5 pm. Please visit the new ICRCC building at 1990 Meadowbrook Drive, Syracuse, NY. You can discuss future community events with the Board Members, and also check what kinds of facilities are available for organizing community events. Light refreshments will be served.

Greetings from the Editor

Namaste

Yes, finally the much-awaited summer is here! After a rainy start to the spring, we are now enjoying paradise like summer weather in our beautiful Syracuse. This is a very busy time of the year with high school and college graduations, family vacations and parties.

ICRCC would like to congratulate all the area graduating students and wish them the best in their future endeavors. We have received some high school graduating students' information, which we are publishing in this newsletter.

We are very fortunate to have garnered tremendous community support and raised enough funds to buy the property on 1990 Meadowbrook Drive, as our community center. Please free feel to write to us about what programs you think would benefit the community, and how we can organize it. Remember- it is **OUR** community center, and everyone's help, and enthusiasm is needed to arrange any event.

Newcomers to the town- please contact me for any help needed in getting to know the local community.

Yours

Shridevi Karikehalli

shridilip@hotmail.com



ICRCC is looking for volunteers to help operate and maintain the recently acquired center at 1990 Meadowbrook Drive.

Currently the ICRCC Board members and their family are tirelessly working in setting up the center to facilitate the much-anticipated community events. Please help us in any form you can.

High school students may be able to fulfill their community service hours requirements by helping at ICRCC, as this is a not for profit organization.

Please contact at icccpresident@gmail.com.

Finally Ours

Submitted by Sunil Gupta

It took well over 3 decades, but it finally happened, on July 1st, 2019 around noon we signed documents to take over the ownership of a property located at 1990 Meadowbrook Drive, Syracuse, NY. This has been a dream for many and a lot of hard work with "will make it happen" attitude turned this dream into reality.

When we first made the purchase offer on this property back in April, we were \$100,000 short in our bank accounts. Back then to raise those funds seemed like a big mountain to climb. But we underestimated the generosity of our community members. We didn't just raise enough funds, but we beat our goal by almost \$3,000. In addition, we also received some major commitments towards future maintenance. We sincerely want to thank all those who donated and worked hard to make this a reality.

Now that we have our place, the hard work really begins to maintain the facility. We are going to need all types of help from everybody with various skills. Types of help we would need might include;

- Organizing cultural activities
- Monitoring activities
- Opening /closing the facility
- Landscaping/yard work/cleaning
- Minor building fixes
- Audio/Visual
- Taking pictures/videos of activities for social media

Anyone who can help in any way, please contact one of the board members. High school students, please remember we are a nonprofit organization, so any hours you volunteer can be earned as credits towards community service, which is required to graduate by many schools.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



ICRCC Membership

- Regular Yearly Membership, Family: \$50. Single: \$30
- Permanent Lifelong Membership, Family: \$1000. Single: \$750.

Preferred method of payment online: <http://www.icrcc.org/membership.html>

OR mail a check to:

ICRCC, PO Box 387, Dewitt, NY 13214.

If you have any questions, please contact the membership committee:

Shridevi Karikehalli (Coordinator): (shridilip@hotmail.com)

Falguni Vora: (frvora@yahoo.com)

Disha Manocha: (dishamanocha@yahoo.com)

ICRCC is a Not-for-Profit Corporation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contribution to the Permanent Member Fund may be tax deductible. Kindly check with your tax advisor

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Please join us with your friends and family for our annual India Day picnic, to celebrate the Indian Independence Day.

ICRCC will be providing roasted corn on the cob, sliced fresh watermelon, water and soft drinks. We encourage you to bring your favorite dish to share -enough for 15-20 people. We will get to know other community members, and it will be a great conversation starter!

The signup sheet is provided on the Facebook, but you can reach out to the organizing Board Members: Bala Murthy, and Surabhi Raina (contact details in the flier) or any other board members.



Graduating Students (High School and College)

We congratulate the students from our community who graduated from various schools and colleges this year, many of them with wonderful academic achievements and moving on to the next steps in their promising careers. Below are the details of some of the students whose families have sent the information for this newsletter; listed below in the order received.



Rishma Vora

Graduating School: F-M High School

Accepted College : Georgetown University

Notable accomplishments: Secretary General of Model United Nations of Central NY, Editor in Chief for Buzz School Newspaper, President of Refugee Outreach club

Hobbies: Bharatanatyam and Fusion dance, working with underprivileged children, Gymnastics.

Aishwarya Varakantam

Graduating school: Christian Brothers Academy

Accepted College: The George Washington University. She will be in the Milken Institute of Public Health pursuing a dual major in business administration and public health.

Notable accomplishments: In high school she was an organizer of the Syracuse chapter of March for our Lives. She was also part of the Secretariat for Model UN. She enjoys playing tennis, photography, and travel.

Mahima Patel

Graduating School: West Genesee High School

Further studies: Interested in Actuarial science

Hobbies: Dancing

Dhruv Nanavati

Graduating school: Jamesville-Dewitt High School.

Accepted college: Santa Clara University in California; pursuing Computer Science.

Notable accomplishments: Dhruv's achievements during his time at JDHS include being a life scout, getting his black belt in karate, and starting at left back on the varsity soccer team. Also, Dhruv captained the varsity tennis team for 2 years, receiving all-league first team honors and all-star honors as well. Dhruv is excited to bring his Syracuse pride to the west coast!

Trisha Maini

Graduating school: SUNY Genesee, Summa Cum Laude with a B.S in Biology.

Future plans: Will be attending Upstate Medical University to earn her M.D

Congratulations Grads !

Recent ICRCC Events

Holi

Submitted by Disha Manocha

Like every year, the Syracuse community got together once again to celebrate the most colorful Indian festival - Holi on March 31, 2019. The biggest turnout ever of about 100 people. The event was greatly appreciated and was a hit especially among the students who had a gala time dancing on to some fun Bollywood hits. There were some great food options to enjoy and the traditional Holi drink : thandai to bring some typical Holi touch to it. People were requested to dress in white and all the colors on them and their outfit made it just a perfect snow day for the community.

Spring Festival

Submitted by Falguni Vora and Shridevi Karikehalli.

It is that time of the year when Syracuse Community comes out of dormancy and springs into action. Yes, it is the much-awaited Spring Festival celebrated by the Indian Community!

This year's Spring Festival took place on May 4th at Lincoln Middle School in Syracuse with overwhelming response from organizers, participants, audience and volunteers. The members of ICRCC board worked tirelessly to make the event a huge success. The highlight of the event was presentation of various elements of Indian culture, along with, of course, a wide range of culinary offerings. There were 18 performances with wide variety and diversity. Bharatnatyam, Bollywood dances, Violin-Tabla jugalbandhi, Kathak, Gujarati folk, Yaman Kalyan Medley, fusion, Bengali items, Rajasthani Ghoomar and Punjabi mix made the event a representation of true colors of India!

We had an amazing selection of food to offer from different parts of India enthusiastically prepared by community and Board members. The aroma and site of the food felt like being on the streets of India savoring the delicacy. We had the traditional masala Dosa, Rajasthani Pyaaz ki Kachori, bhel puri, Chhole Paratha, Pav Bhaji, kulfi, samosa and gulab jamun to satisfy the taste buds of all attendees. All in all, it was a true show case of colorful Indian culture and heritage.

ICRCC would like to thank all the participants in the cultural program for a splendid display of the rich cultural heritage of India. ICRCC would also like to thank our community members for volunteering to prepare the traditional and tasty food at the event and also help serve the food and clean up after the event.

Please visit ICRCC Facebook page for photos and videos of the above events.

Community News

1. India Day picnic:

When: August 11, 2019.

Where: Pratts Falls. 7671 Pratts Falls Rd, Manlius NY 13104

Details: Fun filled afternoon for the entire family with games, magic show by the famous Twin Magicians.

Food: Please bring an item to share. ICRCC will provide light snacks and beverages.

Contact: Bala Murthy, Surabhi Raina

2. JNANA MANDIR

When: Once or twice a month

Where: ICRCC building.

Details: We are happy to inform that JNANA MANDIR has been approved for operations in ICRCC premises.

The intention of starting this is to introduce spiritual, philosophical and religious programs to the community.

Current plan is to incorporate Bhajans, Kirtans, Chanting and spiritual/religious discourse once or twice a month.

There are plans for Balvihar, and Indian language classes down the line, for young children of various ages in small groups.

We would highly appreciate enrollment of volunteers to help run the program.

For further questions, please email Bala Murthy at jnanamandir101@gmail.com

3. Summer Internship Opportunities:

Contact: Dr Dayaprasad G Kulkarni

Email: drdaya@aarogyaseva.org

Phone: 808-218-8589

Please contact icccpresident@gmail.com, for inclusion of any Community News and Events in the ICRCC Newsletter for circulation.

Save The Date

May 2, 2020

Occasion: Centennial Memorial Tribute for renowned mathematician Srinivas Ramanujan

Contact: ICRCC President or Board Members

ICRCC Board Members (2019):

Executive Board Members:

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1 Vacant position

Finance Committee: Jayant Datta (Chair), Hemant Kale , Sunil Gupta,
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Bylaws Review Committee: Bala Murthy, Surabhi Raina, Shridevi Karikeshalli
Nominations Committee: Ramesh Gaonkar, Surabhi Raina,
Newsletter: Shridevi Karikeshalli (Editor), Chilukuri Mohan
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Charu and Rajeev Saini
Neera and Ravi Seth
Madhuri and P.K. Sharma
Rajni and Praveen Simlote
Manda and Jit Turakhia

Indian Central Government Holiday List 2019:

Holiday	Date	Day
1 Republic Day	26-Jan	Saturday
2 Mahavir Jayanti	17-Apr	Wednesday
3 Good Friday	19-Apr	Friday
4 Buddha Purnima	18-May	Saturday
5 Idu'l Fitr	05-Jun	Wednesday
6 Id-ul-Zuha	12-Aug	Monday
7 Independence Day	15-Aug	Thursday
8 Muharram	10-Sep	Tuesday
9 Gandhi Jayanti	02-Oct	Wednesday
10 Dussehra	08-Oct	Tuesday
11 Diwali	27-Oct	Sunday
12 Milad-un-Nabi	10-Nov	Sunday
13 Guru Nanak's Jayanti	12-Nov	Tuesday
14 Christmas Day	25-Dec	Wednesday