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Greetings to our Indian community from the ICRCC Board. Finally, spring has arrived in Central New York after a long harsh winter. Spring is a season of joy, rebirth, and happiness; green shoots have begun to appear and the bulbs that were planted before the winter have begun to bloom. This is time for our community to come together and celebrate our lives in this new adopted country.

Our board is getting ready to celebrate spring by organizing our Spring Festival on Saturday, May 21, at Wellwood Middle School. Join us in this joyous occasion, watch the dances and singing of our community children, and enjoy delicious and sumptuous cuisine from various corners of India. We cannot thank you enough for the painstaking efforts of all those community members who are involved in preparing these dishes.

Now the next questions are: what are we thinking and what are we planning for the coming year? Here we need your help, and we need to connect with all (or as many as) of you. We need your contacts: e-mail addresses and telephone (and cell phone) numbers. Join us on facebook – and perhaps via twitter. We are attempting to catch up with technological changes. When we have your electronic contacts, you will see our newsletters flying in to your screen via cyberspace. Our community directory is five year old – at least 15% of our community members have left CNY, and many have arrived. We want to welcome them in CNY, but without the community help we cannot reach them, we cannot welcome them, and we cannot invite them. Our first priority is to prepare a comprehensive e-mail list, followed by the directory.

Last year, ICRCC celebrated its 25th anniversary, and now we entered the next decade. I am personally interested in knowing from you where we want to go – how do we get there – and what role you want to play. Personally, I plan to get in touch with you and chat with you (of course electronically). I could be persistent and annoying, but be patient with me. I will be in touch.

Spring Festival 2011

**Date: May 21, Time: 2:30 pm-
Saturday, 2011**

**Venue: Wellwood Middle School
700 South Manlius Street
Fayetteville, NY 13066-2599**

Admission: Free

*Come and Enjoy a wonderful
day with entertainment from
our local, young talent and
home cooked food!*



Cultural Program Details:

Come and enjoy Dance, Drama, Comedy, and Songs by young members of our community. Join us to encourage and support our young artists. Please contact Ramana Adavikolanu at adavikolanu@hotmail.com for participation in the cultural program.

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. The program will be for 90 minutes.
- b. Entry forms must be submitted by May 9, 2011. There is a \$10 entry fee for non members.
- c. Please contact Ramana Adavikolanu for participation in the cultural program. Details are in the entry form.
- d. Duration for dance/music/singing item should not exceed 6 minutes.
- e. Dramas/Plays should not exceed 15 minutes.
- f. 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.
- g. We will let each participant/parent know if the entry is accepted or not for the spring festival by May 12. This way, no one spends unnecessary time practicing items that may not be a part of the show and can perfect their performance item.

Food Court: if you have not been contacted to volunteer and if you would like to bring a dish, please contact Sailaja Sishtla (Sailaja Sishtla sailaja.sishtla@gmail.com, 315 682 0399) or Mala Pal ("Pal & Mala" malajay50@hotmail.com, 607 749 2726)

To be reimbursed for the cost of materials used please furnish a written statement of the amount (with receipts if available) to the Treasurer Rama Mehrotra.

We had difficulty getting a school auditorium because there were complaints about the kids' horseplay and other problems. Parents are requested to keep an eye on their kids so that we do not face similar problems.

Directions to School From 481 take Exit 3E to Genesee St. Rte 5 (towards Wegman). At the fork near the Mobil Station and traffic light bear left and keep going on Rte 5. Go Past Towne Center (Target plaza) until the traffic light at the junction of Rte 5 and Manlius St (Rte 257). Turn right on to Manlius St South and proceed about half a mile. The school is on the right side of the road.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Spring Festival.

INVITATION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF ICRCC

To renew your membership or to become a new member please, send your check (\$45 for family and \$30 for single) to: Anju Gupta, 4911 Royal Crab Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13224 (amgupta@twcny.rr.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 315 446 7424 or our membership coordinator Anju Gupta.

As members you will enjoy many benefits. Some of them are:

- It provides a forum for all our community activities such as Spring Festival, Ras Garba, Deepavali and so on.
- We are able to raise funds for the victims of Gujarat Earthquake, 9/11, Tsunami, Katrina and so on
- Members pay reduced rates for events organized by ICRCC.
- Its newsletter publicizes events happening in the community.
- As members, under the umbrella of ICRCC, you can avail of facilities at area schools and other places for many of your functions.
- By involving in its activities we come to know many people in the community. This aspect is particularly useful to the new comers to the area.
- Periodically ICRCC provides a directory of the Indian community at no cost.

On a personal note, my wife and I have benefited greatly by getting to know many of the people in the community. The relocation from Houghton, MI to Syracuse in 2002 was made easy because of this. Without it I doubt if we could have made so many friends here.

N.V. Suryanarayana

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We Need Your Help – Please Respond

We plan to send a copy of this newsletter by e-mail. Please check your e-mail. If you do not receive this newsletter via e-mail, it means we do not have your e-mail address.

Please send your e-mail address to Ramamehrotra@yahoo.com or to gaonkar.ramesh@gmail.com

If you know any new persons who have arrived in CNY, please welcome them on behalf of ICRCC and let us know their e-mail addresses and telephone numbers

We also need to fill two vacancies on our Board of Directors. We cordially invite everyone to consider serving our community by taking an active part by becoming board members. If you would like to serve on the board or know of any person willing to serve, please contact any one of the board members.