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President's Message

We have three programs lined up for the next couple of months. Raas Garba and Dance (Kathak and Bharathanatyam) in October and Deepavali in November. The general body meeting will be held on November 22. Details of the programs are given later in the newsletter. I hope you will be able to come to all the four functions.

We need nominations to fill five positions on the board. Please forward your nominations to: Sailaja Sishtla or myself.

Suryanarayana

Independence Day Picnic

The picnic was held on August 17 at the Van Buren Central Park. The weather was glorious, the attendance – more than 100 – great, and the food excellent. All the people enjoyed the picnic.

The picnic started around 3 pm with free time for playing games – volley ball, Frisbee, and so on. The formal part of the program started with an introduction by Kumar Ashutosh followed by a welcome speech by Suryanarayana. We then had an entertainment program with music. People were invited to speak on their views about how the perception of India and Indians by the people here has changed in the last several decades. Gurnek Singh, Sakti Mookerjee, and Umeshchandra Patil spoke on the subject.

After the national anthems of the two countries we all milled around the food court with great food provided by a large number of people.

Our thanks for the success of the picnic to:

Organizing the picnic: Kumar Ashutosh

For being the MC: Promod Varshney

Mohan Chilukuri for providing the sound system

Sailaja Sishtla, Geetha Sangani in various activities.

Food Court: Rama Mehrotra for organizing the food court assisted by Sabitha Ashutosh, Vidya Goyal, Lakshmi Kaveti, Sonia Kragh, Jayashri Prasad, Geetha Roy, Gurnek Singh, Pramila Suryanarayana, Neerja Vajpayee, Anu Venki, Savitha Ravi, Aruna Suresh, Madhavi Deepak, Shailaja Vinod, and Sindhu Ravi.

National Anthems: Anirbhan Acharya and Ishan Ashutosh for the instrumental background.

Kameshwara Wali Lecture

To celebrate the 80th birthday of the internationally known physicist, Professor Kameshwara Wali, the Wali daughters Alaka, Monona, and Achala founded the Kameshwar C. Wali Lecture in Science and Humanities Endowment Fund at the Syracuse University with an initial founding gift of \$25,000. The goal of the university is \$50,000.

The inaugural lecture in the series is by the renowned evolutionary biologist and author Lynn Margulis of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on September 25, 2008 at 4 pm in the Peter Graham Scholarly Commons of E.S. Bird Library, Syracuse University. The event is free and open to the public

ICRCC supports the initiative of Syracuse University and would like to encourage you to participate in the celebration by contributing to the Kameshwara Wali Fund. Your tax deductible check made out to “The Wali Lecture Fund c/o Syracuse” University may be sent either to me – N.V. Suryanarayana, 101 Old Lyme Road, Syracuse, NY 13224 – or to Mary Lerner, Assistant Dean for Advancement, Syracuse University, 307 Hall of Languages, Syracuse, NY 13244.

Raas Garba



DATE: Saturday, October 11, 2008

TIME: 7:30 PM – 11 PM

**PLACE: Fayetteville-Manlius High School
(8201 E. Seneca Tpke, Manlius, NY 13104)**

ADMISSION: \$ 5.00 per Person

Directions to F-M School: From 481 take exit 3E on 92 E (5E). At the fork of 92 and 5 bear right (Rt. 92) and go all the way until T Junction at Manlius. Turn left on Rt. 173 East at traffic light . and school is about 3/4 mile at left on 173.

Contact for Prasad : Geeta Sangani 449 2098
Shilpa Patel 256-9628
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Upcoming events:

1. **Ras Garba – October 11 FM High School.**
 2. **Dance: Khathak and Bharathanatyam by Rajendra and Nirupama. October 19, 4 pm at FM High School**
 3. **Movie:** Drona on October 5. Details at Kashmir Groceries and Imports
 4. **Deepavali:** November 8 at Holiday Inn Liverpool. Tickets to \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Children under 8 are free.
 5. **General Body Meeting:** November 22 at the Manlius Village Center next to Manlius Library
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Captain Vivek Pavan Balaji

ICRCC is delighted to welcome Captain Pavan Balaji back home from his tour of duty with the US armed forces in Iraq. Pavan is the son of Rekha and Srinivasan Balaji of Manlius. Rekha has been serving the community as a member of the ICRCC board member and cultural coordinator. Congratulations are due to Pavan from the India community in CNY for his distinguished service and awards.

Captain Balaji has been awarded the Joint Commendation Service Medal. The citation for this medal commends "Captain Vivek P. Balaji, United States Air Force, distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Contingency Contracting Officer, Joint Regional Contracting Center Mosul, Joint Contracting Command-Iraq/Afghanistan, Baghdad, Iraq, from 7 February 2008 to 11 August 2008, during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. As a Contingency Contracting Officer he professionally executed contract administration directly impacting the safety of over 40,000 American, Coalition and Iraqi Forces."

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Annual General Body Meeting

When: November 22, 2008, 3 pm – 5 pm

Where: Manlius Library

All members who are members in 2008 are urged to attend the meeting. Five board members are to be elected. Kindly send your nominations for the positions to:

N.V. Suryanarayana, President

nvsuryan@yahoo.com, phone 446 7424

Sailaja Sishtla, Secretary

sail81@twcny.rr.com, 682 0399

Agenda:

- President's Report: N.V. Suryanarayana
 - Secretary's Report: Sailaja Sishtla
 - Treasurer's Report: Ashok Sangani
 - Membership Report: Vakula Narayan
 - Election to the board: Five directors are to be elected.
 - New Business
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Khathak and Bharathanatyam Dance

Sunday, October 19 at 4 pm at FM High School

“This program seems extremely interesting” Rekha Balaji, Cultural Coordinator

ICRCC is pleased to present “OJAS” by **NIRUPAMA & RAJENDRA**, an internationally acclaimed duo from Bangalore, India. They have performed in many countries and have received rave reviews – Magnificent Duo (India Today), “One of the best performances seen in India” (former president R. Venkataraman), Electrifying dancers (The Hindu). They head their own world-renowned dance company Abhinava as Artistic Directors. Uniquely, Nirupama and Rajendra have been trained by legendary figures in the two classical dance styles of Bharatnatyam and Kathak.

Program: OJAS features a unique blend of a range of vintage and creative music/dance styles fused with traditional Indian dance adorned by a blend of Indian Classical and World music.

The first half features solo Choreographies that weave the grace of the Natyashastra Karanas.

The second half features solo Kathak in its Traditional &

Lasya Ranjini: An auspicious Goddess Parvathi who is the dance

Ganesha Panchakam: A

God of education, knowledge and wisdom, literature and fine arts. He is seen as the symbol "Ohm" in Sanskrit & described in five sets of verses (panchakam) by saint poet Sri. Adi Shankaracharya.

Kalinganartana: The famous episode from the life of little Krishna is described in this sequence where Sri.Krishna subdues Kalinga -the powerful king of Snakes.

INTERMISSION

Rama Vandana: An auspicious opening featuring the most popular devotional prayer on Lord Sri.Rama in which the poet Saint Tulasi Das describes the attributes of Rama.

Chaturang: Four aspects of music & dance; sahithya-lyrics,sargam-musical notes,bols-dance syllables & elements of tarana- hindustani musical composition come together to form Chaturang.The Song describes the dance of Shiva & Parvathy.

Meera Madhuri : An expressive sequence that highlights saint Meerabai’s love for Krishna, Drunk with intense love for her lord,Meera expresses her pangs of separation. The specialty of this composition lies in the strange imagery of Meera’s viraha & Krishna’s constant presence in every part of her life.

Mushti represents the desire for power among the humans. A satire, Mushti brings together animated expressions combined with powerful vocabularies from Kathak & creative movements. The specialty of Mushti lies in the unique use of the south Indian percussion konakol with African & Indian percussions.



performance by Nirupama in the power of Bharathanatyam with vocabularies comprising of Charis &

& duet sequences presenting Contemporary forms.

opening featuring the dance of master of the graceful form of

visualisation on Lord.Ganesha , the

Rang: An innovative sequence, Rang celebrates life through high energetic Rhythm patterns & corresponding dynamic movements.

Tickets at \$10 per person can be obtained by sending your check to N.V. Suryanarayana, 101 Old Lyme Road, Syracuse, NY 13224. Tickets will either be mailed or can be picked up at the door. Please indicate your choice.

Tickets can also be obtained at Kashmir Groceries and Imports (251 2551) and Namaste India, Liverpool Plaza (456 2283).

Sponsors: We are seeking sponsors. Sponsors donate \$100 and will get four complimentary tickets (to be mailed or to be picked up at the door). **Please send your check to N,V, Suryanarayana, 101 Old Lyme Road, Syracuse, NY 13224**

The Children's Club of CNY

**Meets at the Hindu Mandir of CNY
Twice a month**

**Sunday afternoons: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Children ages 4 -12 years of South Asian origin
welcome**

**Volunteer parent teachers provide age appropriate
introduction to Indian culture using Hindu
mythology, shlokas/ bhajans and language
instruction (Hindi/ Gujarati)**

Fee: Towards use of Mandir premises only

For more information:

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Divija & Kaushal Nanavati: kbnmd@yahoo.com

Diwali Celebrations



When: 4:30 pm..., November 8, 2008
Where: Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway
Program:
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Social Hour (cash bar)
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm Entertainment
7:15 pm - Dinner, Dance and Music
Cost: Members: \$25
Non-members \$35
Kids (below 8 years) Free

Reservation required before November 3, 2008
Please complete the form below and send it with your check to:
Shashi Dhar, 4355 Poseidon Cir. Liverpool, NY 13090.
Phone: 652 1568 email: dhars@yahoo.com

Number of tickets (members as on Nov.3, 2008): _____
Non-member tickets: _____
Number of kids (under 8 years) _____
Names (please print) _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____
Please indicate seating preference, if any.

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The expiration year of your membership is shown at the end of your name in the address. To avail yourself of the reduced member prices for the Deepavali Dinner, please renew your membership and send the completed form below with your membership dues (\$45-family and \$30-single) before November 2, 2008 to :
N.V. Suryanarayana 101 Old Lyme Road, Syracuse NY 13224.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ email address _____

Events Calender

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Drona (Movie)	Oct. 5, 4 pm Oct. 6, 7 pm	Palace Theater	
Raas Garba	October 11	FM High School	7:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.
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Deepavali	November 8	Holiday Inn Liverpool	4:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
General Body Meeting	November 22	Manlius Village Center	3 pm – 5 pm

