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Dear Friends:

Thanks to the Northwest Indiana community and the members of IACC, we have made a good start this year and sailed smoothly through all the events so far. Starting with the New Year Pooja in January followed by Makar Sankranti, Vasant Panchmi, Mahashivratri, Holi, Ugadi, Akhand Ramayan, Ramnavami, Mahavir Jayanti, Hanuman Jayanti and the Gala Banquet, it has been an enjoyable experience. Thanks to the hard work of all the event coordinators and volunteers.

The Gala Banquet on April 21, was a huge success. All the Chairpersons of the various committees along with all the Volunteers, Choreographers, Participants and the Vendors gave their 100% and spared no pains in making it a memorable event. My heartfelt gratitude to them. The Food, the Cultural program, the Auction and the India bazaar were thoroughly appreciated and complimented by a majority of the attendees. In this fundraiser we made approximately \$120,000 net for our Center.

We have lot of activities planned in the coming months. "Ekavta" (Unity) performance will be staged on May 11, at the IACC hall. I urge everyone to support this good cause by attending the show and encouraging the talent of kids from the slums of India.

The 2nd Anniversary of our Bharatiya Temple is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for the ceremonial installation of "Navagrahas" on June 15, 16 and 17. I sincerely request all the community members to participate, sponsor, volunteer and grace this grand festivity. The Jain Pratishtha Ceremony will be on July 22.

We have India Fest coming up on August 12 followed by a week long discourse on Vishnu Puran in Hindi starting from August 18. Please do not miss this once in a life time opportunity to listen and get mesmerized in the melodious Shlokas and Bhajans of Shri Giriraj Shastriji.

Please refer to the "Upcoming Events" on the following page, mark your calendar and plan on attending them. We need everyone's input and volunteering skills to execute every event.

Thanks to the generosity of all the sponsors, we now have a new living place for our temple priest Shri Vashishthaji. He will soon be moving into a townhouse close to our temple.

As the academic year comes to an end, some of our community children will be graduating from High School, Undergraduate School and Graduate School to move forward in their careers. On behalf of IACC, **I would like to wish them good luck and success in their future endeavors.** On that note, I would like to congratulate all the young members of our community who are tying the knot and starting a new married life this summer and also those who are on their way to becoming Parents and Grandparents!!! Please remember that the IACC Hall is always available to help you celebrate the important moments in your life.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Summer.

Sincerely,

Anjali Joshi

Email: president@iacc-nwindiana.org



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

Ekatva	May 11, Friday
Devi Chowki	May 12, Saturday
Temple Anniversary and Navagraha Installation	June 15, 16 & 17
Jain Pratishtha Anniversary	July 22, Sunday
Varalakshmi Vratam	July 27, Friday
Raksha Bandhan	Aug 2, Thursday
Janmashtami	Aug 10, Friday
India Fest	Aug 12, Sunday
Vishnu Puran Katha	Aug 18-25 Sat - Sat
Jain Paryushan	Sept 12-19 Wed - Wed
Ganesh Chaturthi/Jain Samvatsari	Sept 19 Wednesday
IACC Fall Fundraiser	Sept 29 or Oct 6
Navaratri	Oct 16-23 Tue - Tue
Dassehra	Oct 24 Wednesday
Karva Chauth	Nov 2, Friday
Diwali Cultural Program	Nov 10, Saturday
Diwali Pooja/Annakut	Nov 17, Saturday
Tulsi Vivah	Nov 23, Friday
Holiday Party at the Center	Dec 14, Friday
Geeta Jayanti	Dec 23, Sunday

RECCURING EVENTS FOR 2012

Every Saturday	Suprabhatam seva	8 to 9 am
First Saturday of the month	Sundarkand	9:30 to 11:30 am.
First Sunday of the month	Ganesh Abhishek	9 to 10 am
	Ammachi bhajan	10 to 11 am
Second Sunday of the month	Balaji Abhishek	9 to 10am
	Jain Satsang	11 to 12:30 am
Third Sunday of the month	Shiva Abhishek	9 to 10 am
	Gujrati satsang	11 to 12:30am
Fourth Sunday of the month	Rama Abhishk	9 to 10 am
Fifth Sunday of some months	Sai Bhajan	11 to 12 noon
Fourth Wednesday of the month	Senior satsang	5 to 7 pm
Every Saturday of the month	Yoga Classes	8:30 to 9:30am
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Dancercize classes	9 to 10 am
Satyanarayan Pooja	Every Poonam day	5 to 6:30 pm
Sankashti Ganesh Pooja	Every fourth day after Poonam	5 to 6:30 pm



Ekatva

A Theatrical Production by children from the slums of India

May 11, 2012 – Friday – 7:45 pm

Food available for purchase from 5:30 to 7:45 pm

For Tickets: (\$20, \$15, \$10) Please Contact:

*Dr. Harish Shah - harishshah1@gmail.com; Mrs. Sonal Shah -
saisonal@sbcglobal.net; Mr. Nipul Patel - nipul@yahoo.com;*

*Mr. Parimal Parikh - parimal5584@yahoo.com; Mrs. Meera Tejuja -
meera.tejuja@gmail.com; Mr. Raju Sharma - raju_anand46360@yahoo.com*



Devi Chowki

May 12, 2012 – Saturday

Pooja 5:00 pm

Followed by Bhajans, Prasad & Dinner

Grand Sponsorship \$501 - Pooja Sponsorship \$101

RSVP by May 6th.

*Please call: Mrs. Shobha Kumar @219-464-7211, Mrs. Bharti Pathak @ 219-462-5909,
Mrs. Shaku Sarma @ 219-663-3987, Mrs. Bharti Agrawal @ 219-395-8609,
Mr. Rakesh Sharma @ 219-484-1595*

Jain Pratishtha Anniversary

July 22, 2012 - Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

*Jain community of NW Indiana will celebrate the Pratishtha Anniversary
on Sunday 22 July 2012. Nutan and Harish Shah of Chicago will
lead a Panch Kalyani Puja beginning at 12:30PM. Dinner will
be served after the Puja.*

For further information please contact:

*Mrs. Bharti Shah @219-322-5149; Dr. Kalpana Doshi @219-923-6001,
Mrs. Daxa Shah @219-934-9025*



Varalakshmi Vratam

July 27, 2012 - Friday - 10:00 a.m.

Pooja Sponsorship \$21 • RSVP by July 20th.

*Please call: Mrs. Padmini Makam @ 219-322-7268,
Mrs. Lakshmi Arya @ 219-922-9506*



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**BHARATIYA TEMPLE OF NWI
2ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS & NAVAGRAHA PRANA PRATHISHTA
JUNE 15, 16 & 17, 2012**

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please fill out the following information regarding sponsorship & advertising in the souvenir booklet

Name of individual/firm _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____

**Kindly fill in all the above fields & remember to give us your phone # & e-mail address.
Please mail this form and your check, made payable to IACC, before May 20, 2012.
Mail to IACC at 8605 Merrillville Road, Merrillville IN 46410**

SPONSORSHIP (please mark the appropriate box)

Friday, June 15th

Saturday, June 16th

Sunday, June 17th

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maha Yajaman.....\$2,001.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Maha Yajman.....\$4,001.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Maha Yajaman.....\$5,001.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Devi Pooja.....\$101.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dwaja Aropanam.....\$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prathama Naatyam.....\$501.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoolanghi seva.....\$151.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancha loha.....\$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annadanam.....\$2,501.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarva Devatha Homan | <input type="checkbox"/> Janma Nakshatram Pooja.....101.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Phoolanghi seva.....\$151.00 |
| Sponsors (All Days).....\$101.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annadanam - Lunch.....\$501.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Kalasam Sponsorship.....\$51.00 |
| | Dinner.....\$1,501.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prathama Panchamruta |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Phoolanghi seva.....\$151.00 | Navagraha Abhishekam.....\$101.00 |

Maha Yajaman: Can participate in all Homams, Poojas & Aarati for the sponsored day. Only one Maha Yajaman/per day.
Yajaman: Can participate in any one Homam, one Pooja & Aarati for the sponsored day. Yajamans can be more than one per day.
Dwaja Aropanam: Lottery system - Winner (2 people) will get to go up once for Dwaja Aropanam.
Annadanam: any number of devotees can donate.

ADVERTISEMENTS for the souvenir booklet

- | Type | Cost |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center Spread - full color | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full page ad B/W | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half page ad B/W | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page ad B/W | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside front cover page - full color | \$350.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside back cover page - full color | \$350.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back cover page - full color..... | \$500.00 |

*** Artwork should be sent to:**
art@qualityimpressionsinc.com **OR** mail to
IACC, 8605 Merrillville Rd., Merrillville, IN 46410
File/Art Questions: 219-663-6700 (Judy/Maureen)
Fax artwork to: 219-663-9700
ARTWORK IS DUE ON 5/20/12

Visit Bharatiya Temple website for further details www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org
Contact Shaku Sarma at 219 663 3987 ssarma@iun.edu; Anjali Joshi at 219 924 2341 asj1016@comcast.net
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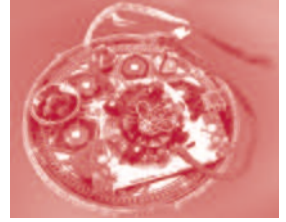
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Rakshabandhan

August 2, 2012 - Thursday

Celebrate the auspicious occasion of Rakshabandhan
with your family at the Temple.



Janamashthami

August 10, 2012 - Friday

From 9:30 pm to Midnight • Special Archana (\$21) 8:30 pm
Prasad & Snacks will be served after Arti at Midnight.

For further information please contact:

Mrs. Suchita Shah @219-924-7105; Mrs. Panna Barai @ 219-614-7820;

Mrs. Sonal Shah @ 219-201-2670; Mrs. Retnam Patti @ 219-465-7103



Jain Paryushana

September 12 – 19, 2012 - Wednesday - Wednesday

Join us to celebrate the Paryushana Parva - The Festival of Forgiveness
Further details will be provided in the future.

Jain Samvatsari Pratikrman 6 p.m.

For information please contact:

Mrs. Bharti Shah @219-322-5149;

Dr. Kalpana Doshi @219-923-6001;

Mrs. Daxa Shah @219-934-9025

Ganesh Chaturthi

September 19, 2012 - Wednesday

Pooja & Abhishek 5:00 pm followed by

Mangalarti & Bhajan

Dinner 8:00 pm (Members \$8/ Non-Members \$10/Door \$15)

Please RSVP by September 10th.

Mrs. Aishwarya Parulekar @517-410-9018; Mrs. Smita Reiker @219-922-6801;

Mrs. Mita Bhojraj @219-962-4091; Mrs. Veena Bhagwat @219-864-9283





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India Fest 2012

Experience Culture and Tradition

Sunday • August 12, 2012

11:30 A.M - 6:00 PM

Indian American Cultural Center

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FOR BOOTH RENTAL AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE IACC OFFICE.

Visit our website www.iacc-nwindiana.org



Bharatiya Temple of NW Indiana

8605 Merrillville Rd. Merrillville, IN 46410

Maha Gyan Yagna of Vishnu Puran

Saturday Aug. 18 to Saturday Aug. 25 2012

Saturday and Sunday 9-noon and 4:30 to 8 pm; Mon-Friday 6:30 to 9.30pm.

*Join us for the Once in Life Time event in
Purushottam Māsa*

Vishnu, The Preserver of the Universe, incarnates from time to time to redeem the world, as an Avatār, manifesting his Divine Self as an Earthly Being whenever evil threatens. Each of these Avatārs has its own significance. There are 10 significant Avatārs, Vishnu has taken, also known as DashAvatār.

For more information visit : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dW7BbMD5J8g>

Following TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations are suggested for the Sponsors

Mukhya Yajaman	\$ 3001
Daily Yajman/ Anna Danam (Weekend)	\$ 1001
Yagna Yajman (Final Day)	\$ 1001
Daily Yajman /Anna Danam (Week Day)	\$ 501
Aarati for the Day	\$ 101
Flower Seva for the Day	\$ 51

Prasad/ Lunch/ Dinner will be served Be a Volunteer

For more Information : Phone: 219-779-7573, Email: KathaNWIHRC@gmail.com

Donations:

- Kanti Patel
- Hemedra Parikh
- Sanjeev Maniar
- Harish Shah
- Panna Barai
- Shaku Sarma
- Vijay Dave

Prasad Seva:

- Mahesh Mehta
- Navin Dadania
- Vimal Pathak
- Niranjan Patel
- Sarla Unni

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- Parimal Parikh
- Yogesh Maniar
- Nipul Patel
- Dipak Patel

Media/Publications:

- Om Mandhana
- Pratish Patel
- Sanjay Shah
- Amarnath Agrawal
- Padmini Makam

Event Coordinators:

- Suchita Shah
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- Shehnaz Keshwani
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Celebrations:

- ***Kalyanotsav***
- ***Narasimha Avatār***
- ***Vaman Avatār***
- ***Maha Yagna***



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

By the grace of the God and the dedication and hard work by so many Volunteers, Committee Chairs, and Choreographers, the 10th Gala was a great success! We all had a great time showing our culture and the talent of our community and grossed approximately \$175,000 on various activities. In keeping with our priority to reduce our debt, a major part of the net income generated from the Gala will soon be used to reduce our debt. We currently owe \$790,003 to Peoples Bank on our mortgage and \$360,000 to our community members on Interest Free Loans.

The Executive Board continues to be focused on bringing you events and activities to uphold our cultural tradition and rich Indian heritage. Successfully running an organization of our size takes a lot of dedication, time, money and leadership. As a non-profit organization we depend on our members for everything — time, money and leadership. **Thank You all for your continued participation, feedback, thoughts, time, money, and support.**

Thanks to our Priest, Temple Chair and Volunteers, the Temple activities continue to flourish. We are looking forward to the 2nd Anniversary of our Temple and Navagraha Pran Pratishtha in June. Please plan on joining and supporting the festivities.

Many of you have been expressing a strong desire to have our own Priest housing and had promised to participate in raising the necessary funds for it. I am pleased to announce that the Trustee Board at its meeting on March 12th, approved a plan to secure a suitable accommodation for our Priest. Keeping future needs in mind, we have selected a 3-bedroom house located near the Temple at 8599 Van Buren Street. The purchase price for this house is \$113,200. Thanks to your donations we have already raised more than \$90,000! This purchase is expected to close before the end of May. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY to this cause—no contribution you make is small and is very welcome. Please join me in thanking Dr. Harish Shah and Dr. Prakash Makam for their role in raising the funds and Mrs. Suchita Shah and Suman Das in selecting the house.

With sincere gratitude for your kind support,

Om Mandhana

Chairman Board of Trustees

email: Chairman@iacc-nwindiana.org

phone: (219) 756-1111



Diwali Cultural Program

Save the Date & Register For Participation

November 10, 2012 - Saturday

Details to follow in the September Newsletter

Choreographers and Participants please read the following rules carefully:

- The program will be strictly from 7 pm to 9 pm.
- There will be no particular theme but all types of folk dances, classical dances and skits are welcome.
- **Registration Deadline is September 10th, 2012.**
- Please register your group with each participants age and full name. Include your song selection.
- In case of duplication of song, preference will be given to the group that registers first.
- Registration form is available on the web site www.iacc-nwindiana.org and in the IACC office.
- The participation age limit of children is 4-19 years.
- Solo performances will not be accommodated.
- The time limit for each item will be five minutes for dances and 10 minutes for skits.
- Participation is limited to one item only.
- Cost of costume should be under \$50 (paid by the parents).
- Group size should be minimum of four and maximum of 12 participants.
- All participants, choreographers and coordinators must attend the grand rehearsal on November 8, 2012. Pizza will be served.
- All participants' entry to the program will be free.
- If you need assistance finding a group for your child/children to join or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact:



Dr. Shailesh Bhatt @219-227-5937 (Program Chair) or

Mrs. Anjali Joshi @219-614-5944 (President)



HALL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Namaste!

By God's grace hope all is well!

Thanks to our super team of volunteers so far it's been a great year & look forward to a busy year ahead.

Pleased to share that IACC is now one of the most sought out venues in NWI for luncheons, graduations, Mehendis, Bridal showers, Baby showers, Proms, Medical seminars, Weddings, Sweet Sixteen parties, Garden parties, Holiday parties and much more.

Pass on the word to your friends & family.

Celebrate your next special occasion with us.

Call us & we will help you create a package to your specifications.

God bless
Padmini Makam



FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

Padmini Makam (219) 322-7268

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEVALAYA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Devotees,

We are celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of our Temple along with the Pran Prathishta of Navagrahas from June 15 to 17, 2012. The rituals start with Maha Ganapathi and several other homas and ritualistic poojas. This is followed by elaborate Abhishekas with the sanctified waters from the Kalashas along with the recitation of appropriate mantras. The Prathishta rituals aim at bringing the unmanifest, Nirguna Brahma to a manifest form in the moorthi giving energy and attributes fit for worship and endowed with divine powers. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Executive Board and Temple Committee, I request all of you to participate in this auspicious occasion and get Lord's blessings.

We need volunteers for the following areas and if you are interested in serving in any capacity, please let me know. Priest welfare, Marketing, Yagashala, Food, Decorations, Cultural, Registration, Prasadam, Video & Photography, Parking, Help with set up & cleaning of the Temple & hall. We need help in all areas. I humbly request all donors, trustees, executive board members and our community members to participate and sponsor our anniversary events and support our Temple. This year, we are going to have a raffle for Dhwaja Aropan so the whole community can be part of this auspicious event. Anyone who wishes to participate in Dhwaja Aropan and Sthapana on Saturday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. is requested to donate \$101. The lottery drawing will select two people to ride in the crane for Dhwaja Sthapana. Please contact Dr. Bhatt for details on the lottery. Please see the Anniversary Flyer for the program details and various sponsorships.

May Lord Rama bless you and your family with health,
peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Shakuntala Sarma

Temple Committee Chair



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ATTENTION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for the Temple's 2nd Anniversary Celebration and for Navagraha Pranapratishta. Please call Shakuntala Sarma at 219-663-3987.

HELP NEEDED: Collecting advertisements for the Temple Souvenir book for our 2nd Anniversary celebration. Please call Amala Reddy at 219.662.1756.

EBLAST ANNOUCEMENTS: Our Eblast goes out every Monday with information about activities at the Hall and Temple. If you are not receiving our Eblast please send your email address to the IACC Office.

REGISTRATION FORM: The registration form for the Diwali Cultural Program is due in the IACC office by **September 10, 2012.**

DONATIONS: Please **do not donate styrofoam paper products** to the Temple. Biodegradable paper products are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Various **India Fest** committees need your help. India Fest is on August 12, 2012.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS: You can place a quarter page ad in the next newsletter for a donation of \$75

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR ALL EVENTS

Yoga & Pranayama

Yoga is "a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline, originating in ancient India. The goal of yoga, or of the person practicing yoga, is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility while meditating on the Hindu concept of divinity."



Pranayama is the "extension of the prana or breath" or more accurately, "extension of the life force."

Yoga sessions at IACC include a series of asanas (postures) and sequence of pranayama (breathing exercise) for good health.

Children 12 and younger require parent participation.

Classes held at IACC

Saturdays 8 am—9 am

Instructor: Mrs. Usha Ravi

Website: 46321.webs.com

Ph: 219-756-1111

Dancercize

Exercise while you dance yourself away to the mesmerizing tunes of Bollywood!



The Bollywood Dance phenomenon is taking the world by storm. Bollywood is a blend of East and Western Dance steps, a fusion of Bhangra, Arabic, Western hip-hop and jazz funk.

Better still, Bollywood Dancing is very aerobic and gives you a great workout! It is a fun way of exercising every part of your body. You will not only be in shape but will be the Queen or King of the Dance Floor by the year end!! Join into the tunes of Jai Ho & Kolaveri Di!

Classes held at IACC

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am –10 am

Instructor: Mrs. Tutul Chatterjee

Ph: 219-756-1111



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