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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

We wish you all a very Happy New Year!

2010 was a very memorable year for all of us. Our, Bharatiya Temple opened its doors in June with a well attended three day Khumbhabhishekam festivities. Our newly expanded Community Hall, with a grand stage & state-of-the-art sound system has been the venue for many celebrations.

The Bharatiya Temple received the Architectural award from the Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce.

At the fundraiser on November 20, 2010, thanks to all of you devotees, with your generous support, our mortgage has been reduced from \$1.6 million down to \$1.1 million! We raised over \$400,00.00 in interest free loans & \$100,00.00 in donations! Please continue to support OUR TEMPLE to soon make it "Debt Free." We know we can count on all of your support to make it happen.

We have our exciting Annual Gala coming up on March 5, 2011. Please plan to attend the Gala with your family and friends to enjoy a wonderful entertainment program by our youth. Kindly join us and support the Gala and our Temple.

"The more is our surrender unto HIM the more shall HE come to express Himself through us" - SC

Thank you for all your support.

Prakash Makam
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Amala Reddy
President, Executive Committee



MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE CHAIR

Dear Devotees,

Happy New Year to all of you! May this New Year be auspicious and very eventful. Let us all renew ourselves and make this year delightful and bring greater and greater achievements. By God's grace, and hard work and enthusiasm of devotees like you, we have a beautiful temple amongst us. Our Temple is a reality and we need to run and take care of it at our best.

Dear devotees, volunteers like you make our Temple. My humble pranams to all the volunteers (in various capacities) for all your hard work and dedication. May Lord give us all the energies to fulfill our duties with love and devotion.

We started our New Year at the Temple singing His glories. We thank Annaji Chillarige and Sarala Unni for organizing the evening activities. We thank alankaram committee for taking care of garlands for all the deities.

We encourage all of you to please participate in the weekly Abhishekams at the temple. Also, this will be the first time we will be celebrating Shivaratri in our very own temple. Please plan to attend and make this celebration a grand success.

We are fortunate we have this Temple for our contemplation. First to thank God for the opportunities he gives us to serve others and, second, to ask what more service we can do. Remember, you are a vital part of the Temple land with your active participation and service, we stand tall and strong, a beacon of inspiration to all who come near. Lastly, I thank both Trustee Board, Executive Board, and the Temple Committee for all their support, direction and hard work for our Temple.

With Pranams and sincere appreciation,

*Shakuntala Sarma
Temple Committee*

IMPORTANT!

Editor's note: Please participate in this community newsletter by contributing articles. You have a special occasion to celebrate, a joke, a travelogue, or a recipe? Send us a short write-up at editor@iacc-nwindiana.org. We will try to accommodate all received articles, subject to space limitation. Articles will be proofed and edited to fit available space. Articles cannot be returned or sent for review once they are received.

For effective communication with the Indian American Community of Northwest Indiana, IACC is creating a **database of e-mail addresses**. Please send your e-mail address and updated mailing address to info@iacc-nwindiana.org. This newsletter is posted on our website. If you would like to receive future newsletters by **email only**, please drop us a note at info@iacc-nwindiana.org. Visit our website at www.iacc-nwindiana.org periodically for updates.



Chinmaya Omkara
Invites you for a Gnana Yagna with
ACHARYA VIVEK GUPTA
Resident Acharya, 'Chinmaya Dhara'
Chinmaya Mission Niagara Falls



Spiritual discourses from March 7th- 12th 2011

March 7th – “Positivity –The Ultimate Placebo” 7:15-8:45pm

March 8th – Healing Through prayer” 7:15-8:45pm

At Bharatiya Temple of NWI, 8605 Merrillville Rd., Merrillville IN 46410

March 9th-Health is Wealth, Peace is Prosperity” 6:30- 8:30pm

The Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road Munster, IN Ph: 219-836-3255

March 10th – “3D Living – Dynamic, Dharmic & Divine” 7:30-9:00pm

at Badri, CM Chicago Ph: 630-654-3370

March 11th -Lecture for youth (High school students only)

At Dr. & Mrs. Vijay Shah’s residence Ph: 219 922 7567

March 12th: Bhajan Sandhya at Bharatiya Temple: 7:00- 9:00pm

March 8th – 13th

Daily guided meditation by Acharyaji from 6:00 -7:00am at Makams

Daily Satsangas from 11:30am – 1:00pm

For details visit our website www.chinmaya-nwindiana.com or contact:
Padmini Makam at 322-7268/808-3431 • Suchita Shah at 924-7105/614-1106
Shaku Sarma 663-3987/613-7414 • Nupur Arora 922-9555/713-4934
Arun Balakrishnan 513-8647/801-8372



Vasantha Panchami *Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

This festival is dedicated to Goddess Saraswathi, goddess of learning and knowledge, and also marks the beginning of Spring. All the Saraswathi Temples in India are flocked by students and a lot of children have their Aksharabhyasam on this day.

Saraswathi Pooja 5:30 p.m., followed by Aarthi and Prasadam.

Mahashtvaratri *Tuesday, March 3, 2011*

Abhishekam 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Temple Aarthi 7:30 p.m.

Bhajans 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. followed by Prasadam



R.S.V.P. by March 1, 2011 to Suchita Shah at 219-924-7105 for sponsoring Abhishekam to Lord Shiva \$51 or Archana \$11

For Bhajans and Potluck dinner please contact Annaji Chillarige at 924-5790 or Shakuntala Sarma at 663-3987



Hanuman Jayanthi *Monday, April 18 2011 at 5:30 p.m.*

This festival marks the birth of Hanuman who is an ardent devotee of Sri Rama. The celebrations include Pooja for Hanumanji, recitation of Hanuman Chalisa, bhajans followed by Prasad.

For R.S.V.P. and participation for bhajans and prasadam, please contact: Bharati Agarwal at 395-8609, Padmini Makam at 322-7268, or Shakuntala Sarma at 663-3987.

Bharatiya Temple of NWI

Ugadi Celebrations On Monday, April 4, 2011

People from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka celebrate their New Year as Ugadi, whereas the people of Maharashtra celebrate it as Gudi Padwa, & this festival is also celebrated as Cheti Chand or Sindhi New year.

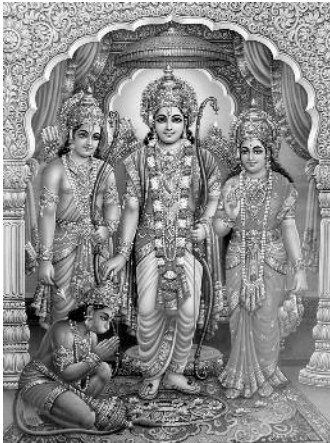
Sri Satyanarayana Pooja — 6:30 PM
Sri SatyaNarayana Pooja — \$116.00
Archana — \$11.00

Dinner at 7:30pm
Dinner: IACC members \$8.00 /\$10.00 non-members
until March 30, 2011
From April 1, 2011: \$25.00/person



R.S.V.P by March 30, 2011:

Amitha Garlapati – 663 0839	Veena Bhagwat – 864 9283
Anu Garlapati – 464 7515	Annaji Chillarige – 924 5790
Indira Kesani – 934 0173	Sharada Rao – 464 9270



Kalyanotsavam Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam Saturday, April 16, 2011 — 6:00 PM

It is a tradition among devotees to celebrate Kalyanotsavam divine wedding of Sita to Rama. The Kalyanam (wedding) will be performed under the Guidance of Sri. Chandrasekhar Gurukkal.

Dinner at 8 PM
IACC members \$8.00/\$10.00 non-members until April 10, 2011
From April 11, 2011: \$25.00/person

Grand Sponsorship \$501
Kalyanotsavam sponsorship \$101
Archana \$11

RSVP by April 5, 2011:

Shakuntala Sarma (219) 663-3987	Anjali Joshi (219) 924-2341
Anuradha Garlapati (219) 465-7515	Padmini Makam (219) 322-7268




Ninth Annual Gala Fundraiser

The Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHRC is a non-profit organization that started nine years ago with a goal to build a Cultural Center in Northwest Indiana. The center opened on March 9, 2002.

With your generous support, we expanded the IACC hall in April, 2010 and our Crown Jewel — The Bharatiya Temple of NWI opened in June, 2010! Our primary goal is to foster peace and harmony amongst the people of Northwest Indiana by showcasing our cultural heritage and by creating spiritual awareness in our youth and adults as well as engage in various charitable events at the local and national level.

A portion of the proceeds in the past have been donated to Cancer Research; Educational Scholarships; Tsunami Relief; American Red Cross; Hurricane Katrina; to the victims of the earthquake in Kashmir, India; Campagna Academy, Munster flood victims and to the Spring Valley Homeless Center in Valparaiso. This year we intend to contribute to **The Carmelite Home for Girls**.

As in the past, we will have a live auction at the Gala and request your generous donations for the auction. Please contact Vidya Arshanapalli at (219) 663-1007 with your donations for the Live Auction. We are printing a souvenir booklet for this gala. We request you to promote your business in this booklet and support this Gala. Please contact Kewmars Bamboat at (219) 838-1837, Harish Shah at (219) 730-8276 or visit our website at www.IACC-NWIndiana.org.



The Indian American Cultural Center
requests the pleasure of your company at our

NINTH ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Cocktails at 5:30 pm

Followed by Dinner & Program:

Rhythmic Waves

Halls of St. George

905 E. Joliet Street • Schererville, IN 46375



Please fill out the following information regarding sponsorship, advertising in the souvenir booklet and ticket purchase for the Annual Gala Dinner Program on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Halls of St. George, Schererville, IN 46375.

Name of Individual/Firm _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Special Instructions _____

Sponsorship* (Check box)

TYPE	COST	INCLUDES
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERALD SPONSOR	\$20,000	Table + Back Cover or Inside Front Cover
<input type="checkbox"/> PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$10,000	Table + Inside Back Cover of Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> GOLD SPONSOR	\$7,000	Table + Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> SILVER SPONSOR	\$5,000	Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE SPONSOR	\$2,000	Gold Page Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> BAR SPONSOR	\$3,000	Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> CENTERPIECE SPONSOR	\$2,000	Gold Page Ad in Souvenir Book

Sponsorship Cost \$ _____

ALL SPONSORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE SOUVENIR BOOK AND AT THE EVENT

** There may be more than one sponsor in any category*

Advertising (Check box)

TYPE	COST
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Color Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2") 2 pages	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Color Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$ 750
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Full Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$ 300
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Half Page (4 1/2" x 3 3/4")	\$ 200
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Third Page (4 1/2" x 2 1/2")	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising same as last year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Different from last year (Send new Electronic File or include camera-ready copy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Advertisement (Send Electronic File or include camera-ready copy)	

*** 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 2/23/11

Advertising Cost \$ _____

Ticket Info (Check box)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 per person Number of tickets _____	Sponsorship \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$750 (Table of 10) _____	Advertising \$ _____
	Ticket Cost \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

We are enclosing our check in the amount of \$ _____

Please make check payable to NWIHC (tax payer ID 35-1981658) and mail to the above address. We would appreciate receiving this form as soon as possible but no later than February 23, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Kewmars Bamboat at (219) 838-1837 or Harish Shah at (219) 730-8276.



Community Hall at IACC

8605 Merrillville Road
Merrillville, IN 46410

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Fax: 219-472-4340

E-mail: info@iacc-nwindiana.org

Office hours: 9 am — 2 pm Monday-Friday

Website: www.iacc-nwindiana.org

BANQUET HALL AMENITIES

- Spacious hall with an occupancy of up to 350
- Grand beautiful foyer
- Fully equipped stage
- Modern audio, video, overhead projection and wifi available
- Beautiful contemporary lighting
- Dance floor
- Bridal room
- Groom's room
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Full bar
- Photo spot
- The most unique choice for Indian Weddings in NWI
- Special customized wedding packages available
- Wedding ceremony at the Temple and Reception at the adjacent Banquet Hall



FOR RESERVATIONS:

Call Pete at (219) 928-6311 or

Dr. Shailesh Bhatt at (219) 614-2514 or

Padmini Makam (219) 322-7268 or

Nupur Arora at (219) 713-4934

Durga Mata Chowki 2011

IACC OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

8605 Merrillville Road
Merrillville, IN 46410

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Program

- ✧ Bhajans — 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- ✧ Followed by Prasad and Dinner

Join us for an evening of celebration with prayers and chanting of bhajans in praise of the great Mother Durga.

*To ensure a more enjoyable experience for all,
Devotees are requested to*

RSVP
by
May 9, 2011

Devotees interested in
Volunteering contact Sohpha Kumar
Singing Bhajan contact Shaku Sharma

Sponsorship:
Grand Sponsorship \$501
Pooja Sponsorship \$101

For more information, call:

Shobha Kumar (219) 464-7211
Bharti Pathak (219) 462-5909
Shaku Sharma (219) 663-3987
Bharti Aggarwal (219) 395-8609
Suchita Shah (219) 924-7105



Please complete the form below

Pooja RSVP/Sponsorship Form

Please mail this completed form with check payable to: **IACC Devi Chowki**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Check here if:

- ☐ **Sponsoring Pooja**
- ☐ **Volunteering**
- ☐ **Singing Bhajan**

Mail to: **IACC of Northwest Indiana, 8605 Merrillville Road, Merrillville, IN 46410**

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

February 12, 2011 at IACC
Hosted & Sponsored By IMA

*Join the fun, and frolic, with your friends and family!
A Rocking Evening with DJ Sahil ... live music and entertainment!
Delicious Indian Appetizers and Food, Premium Bar Service.
Babysitting on site!*

Register soon. Call Nupur Arora at 219-713-4934

Northwest Indiana Satya Sai Center



Please join us for Sai Baba Bhajans every Thursday from 7 pm - 8 pm followed by Study Circle till 8:30 pm

To join the e-mailing list contact:

Annaji Chillarige at 924-5790, Nupur Arora at 713-4934, or Jayasri Mouli at 924-5725

For more information please visit our websites:

Bharatiya Temple of NWI: www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org

IACC: www.iacc-nwindiana.org

Jain Center: www.jaincenter-nwindiana.org

Chinmaya Mission: www.chinmayamission-nwindiana.org

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Pete at (219) 928-6311

Dr. Shailesh Bhatt at (219) 614-2514

Padmini Makam at (219) 322-7268

Nupur Arora at (219) 756-1111



Holi



March 20th, 2011 at IACC

*Celebrate the festival of colors with your family and friends.
Join us for fun, music, dance and food!*

Program:

Social Hour 3 - 4 pm
Music & Dance 4 - 5 pm
Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm
Holika Dahan 6:45 pm
Colors 7 pm



*IACC members \$8.00 /\$10.00 non-members till March 15th
From March 15th to 19th \$15 per person
At the door \$20 per person*

To RSVP please call:

*Savitri Basaviah 465-0794, Bharti Agrawal 395-8609,
Amala Reddy 662-1756, Kalyani Desai 464-9941,
Shenaz Keshvani 922-6942, Anasuya Patel 864-9040
Suchita Shah 924-7105*

*The Bamboat Family would like to wish you
Happy New Year!*



Bhajans

January 30, 2011, at The Bharatiya Temple NWI

*Let's get together to sing the glories of the good Lord
at our very own and precious Bharatiya Temple NWI.*



*Time: 11 am - 12 noon
All are welcome to attend!*





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Calendar for 2011 - Tentative Calendar

Makar Sankranti - Saturday, January 15th
Vasant Panchami - Tuesday, February 8th
Mahashivratri - Thursday, March 3rd
IACC Gala Fundraiser - Saturday, March 5th
Holi - Sunday, March 20th
Ugadi - Monday, April 4th
Telugu Night - Saturday, April 9th
Rama Navami - Saturday, April 16th
Hanuman Jayanti - Monday, April 18th
Devi Chowki - Sunday, May 8th
Kumbhabhishekam Anniversary - Saturday, June 18th
Picnic - Sunday, July 10th
Varalakshmi Vratam - Friday, August 12th
Raksha Bandhan - Saturday, August 13th
India Fest - Sunday, August 14th
Janamashtami - Krishna Jayanti - Monday, August 22nd
Ganesh Chaturthi - Thursday, September 1st
Navaratri (start) - Wednesday, September 28th
Dussera - Friday, October 7th
Karwa Chauth - Saturday, October 15th
Deepavali Pooja - Saturday, October 29th
Deepavali Cultural Program - Saturday, November 12th