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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I find myself getting emotional as I work on this last Newsletter of my tenure. It has been a great privilege and a rewarding experience to be the President of IACC for 2012 & 2013. I am grateful for the opportunity you all gave me to serve.

We had a busy summer full of very successful events like the Temple Anniversary & Jain Pratishtha Anniversary, the Virah Chatushloki Katha, India Fest, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi & Jain Samvatsari. We still have a few colorful events to look forward to in the Fall season like the Navratri/Dassehra, Diwali Annakut/Cultural program, Fall fundraiser, Tulsi Vivah and the Holiday party. I am sure with your interest, input and support, these events will be equally successful.

Please mark your calendar for a mesmerizing Musical Concert at the Fundraising evening on October 26th by melodious singers and "Sa Re Ga Ma Pa" winner artists of "Sureele Sapne"who will take you down the nostalgic memory lane of late Dev Anand, Shammi Kapoor & Rajesh Khanna, paying tribute to their unforgettable songs!

The Center and the Temple belong to all of you and cannot function without your sponsorships, donations and pledges. Please open your hearts, sponsor the various poojas, the weekly Abhishekas at the Temple and the various events at the Center. We are working diligently towards paying off our mortgage debt. We need everyone's support in achieving this goal.

Through this Newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Chairman, Mr. Om Prakash Mandhana, the Temple Priest, Shri Vasishtaji, the Temple Chair, Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma, the Devalaya committee members, the Hall Chair, Mrs. Padmini Makam, the Hall committee members, the past Presidents, Dr. Panna Barai, Dr. Harish Shah & Dr. Suchita Shah and the Board of Trustees for their continued help and support.

I cannot find adequate words to thank my Executive Board members, the Executive Board Secretary, Mrs. Sanju Rastogi and Executive board treasurer, Mrs. Sonal Shah for their confidence in my leadership. From the grilling long hours of planning and organizing various events to the running and maintainance of the Hall and the Temple, they have stood by me like pillars! My hats off to them!

My very special thanks to Mrs. Prasanna Lalam for designing and maintaining our IACC and Bharatiya Temple website, to Dr. Vijaikumar Dharla for his dedication in providing photography and Videography services at every event, to Mr. Brian Deering for his Audio help and to our Office secretary, Mrs. Connie Scheisser for her hard work and staying on top of things, making my work easier.

I would definitely like to thank all the community members and especially the Event coordinators, the cultural program Choreographers and **all the VOLUNTEERS** for their participation, input, hard work and support for the past two years.

And now, it is my honor to welcome Dr. Shailesh Bhatt on board as the new President of IACC from January 2014. I wish him good luck and I am confident that he will carry forward the torch with the same enthusiasm and dedication.

Even though my term as the President ends this December, I will continue to be an integral part of this Organization and will always be available to volunteer and help in the coming years.

Thank you once again for your continued support and may God bless our Indian American Cultural Center.

Sincerely,

Anjali Joshi

Email: president@iacc-nwindiana.org

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Om Mandhana

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 AND JANUARY 2014

Navratri (Devi pooja and Raas-Garba)

Saturday Sunday, October 5-13 (Ashwin Sh 1-9)

Devi Chowki

Saturday, October 12

Dassehra

Sunday, October13 (Ashwin Sh9)

Karwa Chauth

Tuesday, October 22 (Ashwin Kr 3)

Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, October 26

Diwali Pooja and Annakut

Sunday, November 3 (Ashwin Amavasya)

Diwali Cultural Program

Saturday, November 9

Tulsi Vivah

Sunday, November 17 (Poornima)

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7

Geeta Jayanti

Saturday, December 28 (Margashirsh Kr 11)

New Year Day Pooja

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Bhogi Pallu

Monday, January 13, 2014

Makar Sankranti

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Sh= Shukla Paksh

Kr= Krishna Paksh

RECCURING EVENTS FOR 2013

Every Saturday	Suprabhatam Seva	8 to 9 am
First Saturday of the month	Sundarkand	9:30 to 11:30 am
Third Saturday of the month	Navagraha Abhishek	9:30 to 11am
First Sunday of the month	Ganesh Abhishek	9 to 10 am
	Ammachi Bhajan	
	Jain Bhavna	7:30 pm
Second Sunday of the month	Balaji Abhishek	9 to 10am
Third Sunday of the month	Shiva Abhishek	9 to 10 am
	Jain Satsang	11:30 am
Fourth Sunday of the month	Rama Abhishek	9 to 10 am
Every Saturday of the month	Yoga Classes	8:30 to 9:30am
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Dancercize Classes	9 to 10 am
Every Tuesday	Mehndi Classes	6 to 8 pm
Every Tuesday	Classes for Devotional Music	6:30 to 7:30 pm
(At 1227 Auburn Meadow Lane, Schererville, IN 46375)		
Satyanarayan Pooja	Every Poonam day	5 to 6:30 pm
Sankashti Ganesh Pooja	Every fourth day after Poonam	5 to 6:30 pm



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NWIHRC invites you for Navratri Celebrations



October 5th- October 13th 2013 At 8605 Merrillville Road Merrillville, In 46410

Daily Devi Pooja at Bharatiya Temple followed by Garba in IACC Hall Mataji Aarti and Prasad will follow the Garba celebrations.

Kumkum archana in the Temple after Aarti: (Durga puja and Lalitha Saharsranamam)

Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 8 pm

Friday and Saturday 7:30pm -8:30 pm

Pooja sponsorship for Devis: \$101 for all 10 days

\$21 for individual days

Garba in the IACC hall: Entry Free (Donations are accepted for Bharatiya Temple)

Sunday thru Thursday 8pm - 10 pm

Friday and Saturday 8:30pm - Midnight

Andhra Bathakamma Dance: October 11th during Garba

Devi Chowki in the Temple: October 12th 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm (before Garba)

Followed by Dinner

DASSEHRA (Vijaya Dashami) October 13th 6:00 pm Durga Pooja at Temple

7:30 to 8:15 pm Garba & Aarti in the Hall

Followed by Dinner

Sponsor Daily Mataji Aarti for only \$21 Sponsors kindly bring your own Aarti Thali.

For further information, please contact:

Suchita Shah 219-924-7105 Shenaz Keshvani 219-922-6942 Anjali Joshi 219-614-5944 Sonal Shah 219-201-2670 Anusuya Patel 219-864-9040 Kalyani Desai 219-613-7732 Kalpana Bhatt 219-227-5937 Rupal Patel 219-898-1176 Ranjan Dave 219-934-0791 Panna Barai 219-614-7820

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Navaratri Kolu

October 5-13, 2013

During the festival of Navaratri in South India, it is customary in the states of Camil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, as well as in some Camil communities within Sri Lanka, to display a "Golu" (also Kolu, or Bombe Habba or Bommai Kolu or Bommala Koluvu). This is an exhibition of various dolls and figurines in odd numbered tiers ("padis").

Volunteers needed for:

Lending dolls for display, Prasadam offering and to participate in the Bhajans-7:15 pm onwards everyday

Please contact:

Mrs. Pahavani Rajaram Tyer 219-922-0508 Mrs. Padma Krishnan 219-922-1176

Dassehra (Vijaya Dashami) Celebration

Sunday, October 13, 2013

Durga Pooja at Cemple: 6: 00 pm Garba & Aarti in the Hall : 7:30pm - 8:15pm Followed by Dinner Members: \$8/per family (maximum 4) Non Member: \$10/per family (maximum 4)



For further information please contact:

Karva Chauth

Euesday, October 22, 2013

Pooja: 5: 30 pm



For further information contact:

Sanju Rastogi 219-924-5696 Vaidehi Agarwal 219-803-4142



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Devi Chowki on Durga Ashtami 2013 Saturday, October 12, 2013

Join us for an evening of celebration with prayers and chanting of bhajans in praise of the great Mother Durge on this auspicious day of Durga Ashtami.



Pooja and Bhajans 4 pm - 7:30 pm Followed by Cemple Aarti, Prasad and Dinner

Dinner: \$8/person for members \$10/person for non members

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

To ensure a more enjoyable experience for all devotees are requested to Rsup by October 5th.

Devotees interested in volunteering please contact Shobha Kumar Devotees interested in singing Bhajans, please contact Shakuntala Sharma

For more information call:

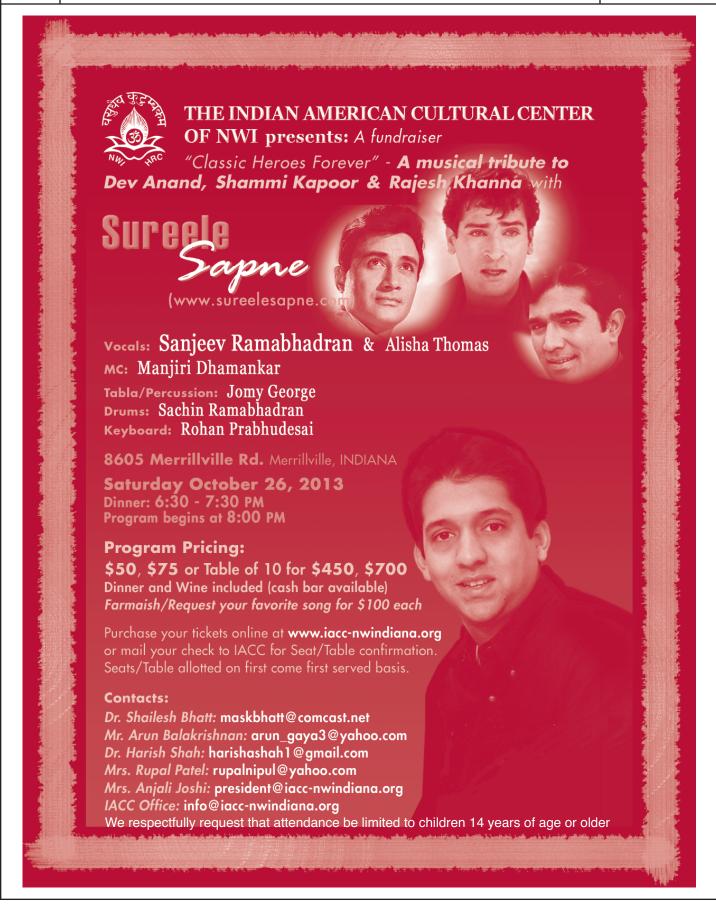
Shobha Kumar 219-464-7211 Sharda Rao 219-464-9270 Shakuntala Sharma 219-663-3987

Bharti Agrawal 219-395-8609

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Diwali Pooja & Annakut Darshan



At Bharatiya Temple of NW Indiana

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Laxmi Pooja: 5:00 pm

Annakut Darshan: After Aarti at 7:30 pm

MahaPrasad: 8:30 pm

Pooja Sponshorship: \$101 Special day Archana: \$21





To RSVP and donate Prasadam for Annakut, Please call

Panna Barai 219-614-7820 Sonal Shah 219-201-2670 Parimal Parikh 219-836-2913 Shakuntala Sarma 219-663-3987





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NWIHRC DIWALI CULTURAL PROGRAM

Saturday, November 9, 2013



At Ondian American Cultural Center

Dinner: 5:00pm - 7:00 pm Cultural Program: 7:00 pm sharp

Eickets: Until November 5 \$15 for Members

\$20 for Non Members

After Nov. 5 and at the door: \$30 for all

Children 5yrs and under and the participants FREE

For ticket information please contact:

Aishwarya Parulekar @ 517-410-9018 Rupal Patel @ 219-898-1176 Kalpana Bhatt @ 219-227-5937 Suchita Shah @ 219-924-7105 Amala Reddy @ 219-662-1756

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Diwali Cultural Program

Save the Date & Register For Participation

November 9, 2013 - Saturday

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 October 18, 2013.
- 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.
- Each dance should be no more than 5 minutes and each skit no more than 10 minutes.
- Each participant must take part in 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 7 and 8, 2013. Pizza will be served.
- All participants' entry to the cultural 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 Whatt @219-227-5937

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Mrs. Anjali Joshi @219-614-5944



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Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana Invites you for



Tulsi Vivah Utsav

Vivah of Lord Vishnu with Devi Tulsi

Location: Bharatiya Temple of NWI 8605 Merrillville Road Merrillville, In 46410

Sunday, November 17, 2013

Gruhshanti Pooja – 5:30PM Shobha Yatra of Lord Vishnu – 6:30PM Kanya Agaman and Vivah Pooja – 7:00PM Followed by Aarti & Dinner Prasad

For dinner please RSVP

By Nov.11th: \$8/member and \$10/nonmember

After Nov.11th: \$15/person for everyone

Sponsors

Yajman Couple For Devi Tulsi: \$501

Kanyadan: \$21

Yajman couple for Lord Vishnu:\$501

Annadan:\$101

Yajaman for Kanya (Devi Tulsi) Agaman: \$101

For RSVP please call:

Sonal Shah 219-201-2670 • Sonal Patel 219-924-1002 Shakuntala Sarma 219-663 -3987 IACC office 219-756-1111



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

"MICHHAMI DUKHDAM". On this Samvatsari day I start by asking for your forgiveness for any errors or omissions on my part during my tenure as the Chairman.

With summer almost behind us, we are now looking forward to the fall, an excellent period for enjoying the beautiful & ever-changing scenery, a bountiful harvest and our festivals before the start of the long, cold and windy Chicago winter.

Our volunteers are busy preparing for various festivals and events. Hope you will find time to attend these events to celebrate and enjoy with us. One event which I would specially like to encourage you to attend is our fundraiser on October 26th. We still owe \$764,272 on our loans. I hope we as a community can raise enough cash via donations and/or interest free loans to pay off the bank loan of \$404,272 immediately and start saving interest. Please make an extra effort to come and support our fundraiser where you will find many ways to help and support at the level you will feel comfortable.

As the current trustee board and executive board are getting ready to hand over the reins to the new boards, I want to **THANK YOU** for your support on behalf of myself and both current boards. Your overwhelming support made this a very rich and rewarding experience for all of us.

With best wishes for a joyous festive season,

Om Mandhana

E-mail: Chairman@iacc-nwiindiana.org

Telephone: (219) 756 – 1111

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013 6:00PM ONWARDS AT

INDIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER 8605 MERRILLVILLE ROAD MERRILLVILLE IN 46410

INTERNATIONAL BUFFET DJ * CASH BAR

\$55.00 PER PERSON/\$500.00 FOR A TABLE OF 10 (KINDLY USE THE FORM BELOW TO RSVP BY Nov. 30, 2013)

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
SHAILESH BHATT: 219-614-2514
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I WOULD LIKE TO _____TICKETS AT \$55.00 EACH _____
I WOULD LIKE TO ____TABLE AT \$500.00 EACH ____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ____
NAME PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEVALAYA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Hari Om Devotees,

This year marks the third anniversary of Bharatiya Temple of NW Indiana. Perseverance, hard work, dedication of so many community members, devoted volunteers helped us to celebrate the event successfully. Our Temple activities (which include Daily poojas, weekly Abhisheks, Monthly poojas and all festivals) are running smoothly with the dedicated services of our beloved priest Sri Vasishtaji. In this short time, he has earned our community respect and love. We are all grateful to him immensely.

We have started this year with Ganesha pooja and Bhajans on New Year's day, followed by Sankranthi, Mahasivarathri, Vasantha Panchami (Saraswathi Pooja), Ugadi, Holi, Sri Rama Navami, Vishu and Hanuman Jayanthi. In June, we have celebrated our first anniversary and Jain mahotsav. Second part of the year started with Varalakshmi vratam, Sri Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesha chaturthi. In the next 3 months, we will celebrate Navaratri, Karwachauth, Deepavali, Annakut and Tulsi Vivah.

We want every event and visit to our Temple for each devotee to be pleasant and satisfying. Our team of dedicated and talented priest, volunteers and emloyees do their best to provide the facilities and services. Temple committee tries to do its best to schedule events, private poojas and accommodate every ones needs. Our objective is to keep this Temple clean & beautiful and provide serene ambience and atmosphere for worship. We ask your support, participation in the Temple events and your inputs are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to give your suggestions and we will work hard to fulfill your expectations.

As the chair of the Temple committee, my sincere gratitude to the Board of IACC, Temple committee in believing and helping me during the initial growing pains. Together, we have learned a lot and personally I have enjoyed immensely working with all of you and grateful to God for this great experience. I have to thank all the volunteers who take their seva to heart and be there every month on their designated days and Alamkaram committee volunteers who come every month early morning tirelessly. Temple committee members in their various capacities are helping the Temple run smoothly. In this aspect I have to thank many community members who help us during Abhishekas, monthly poojas, phoolangi seva, become the priest for a day when our priest is absent, organizing satsangs and spiritual discourses. As you see, our Temple needs you. We have various committees and I request each and every one of you who want to be part of this great seva contact us. Temple is in need of funds to pay off the loan and maintainance. I urge all of you to take part in any of our sponsored programs. Please consider renewing your yearly Abhisheka sponsorship of your Ishta Devatha at the end of the year. As the new Board is coming, I wish them good luck and I am there always to help them when needed. I encourage members with a lot of new ideas enthusiasm to join the board and feel the responsibility that the Temple is ours and feel that Manav Seva is Madhava Seva. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your suggestions to make our temple a better place for worship.

In your Seva, Pranams Shakuntala Sarma



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Geeta Jayanthi Saturday, December 28, 2013

All 18 chapters of Srimad Bhagwat Geeta will be recited in groups. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. • Followed by Temple Aarti & Prasad.

Please sign up for Geeta Recital and Prasad

BHAGAVAD GĪTĀ Sai Srimad A.C. Brimativy dianti a Svami Pramitiprida A.C. Brimativy dianti a Svami Pramitiprida A.C. Brimativi diana a Svami Pramitipi diana a Svami Pramitipi

For further information please contact

Shakantala Sarma @ 219-663-3987 Suchita Shah @ 219-614-1106 Gayathri Dyer @ 219-228-0491 Anjali Joshi @ 219-614-5944



New Year Day Pooja Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Let us begin the New Year with Ganesh Pooja & Bhajans. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. • Followed by Temple Aarti & Prasad.

For further information please contact

Shailesh Bhatt @ 219-614-2514

Surendra Shah @ 219-322-5149

Phogi Pallu & Makar Sankranti Celebration

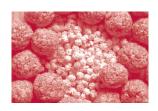
January 13&14, 2014

5:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m. Special Pooja followed by Aarti and Prasad Special Archana \$21.00

Please RSVP by January 10, 2014 to:

Shailesh Bhatt @ 219-614-2514 Surendra Shah @ 219-322-5149





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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 (All funds go to the Temple)

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

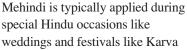
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am -10 am

Instructor: Mrs. Tutul Chatterjee
Ph: 219-756-1111

(All funds go to the Temple)

Mehindi Classes

Mehindi also known as henna in the western world is the application of as a temporary form of skin decoration, practiced mainly India and Nepal.



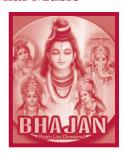


Chauth, Vata Poornima, Diwali, Bhaidooj and Teej. In Hindu festivals, many women have Henna applied to their hands and feet. It is usually drawn on the palms and feet, where the design will be clearest because the skin on these surfaces naturally contains less of the pigment melanin.

Classes held at IACC
Tuesdays 6 pm - 8 pm
Instructor: Mrs. Priti Parikh
Ph: 219.798.5922
pritiparikh123@yahoo.com
(All funds go to the Temple)

Classes for Devotional Music

Semi Classical Vocal Training in Devotional Bhajans (based on ragas and tals).



Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm 1227 Auburn Meadow Lane, Schererville, IN 46375.

Instructor: Mrs. Aradhana Dave Ph: 219.915.4225 (after 6pm) davearadhana18@yahoo.com

(All funds go to the Temple)



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IACC Banquet Hall available for renting



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