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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and friends,

Your executive committee has been working hard to raise the tempo this year. Thus far, we have had two movie showings (Jodha Akbar and Sholay), and a well attended Kavi Sammelan (April 17, 2010). The Association also put up a colorful booth showcasing Indian arts and crafts at the Asia Society of Oklahoma's 24th Annual Asian Festival on Saturday May 8, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. In the competitive segment, the exuberance of the dance performed by Smitha Srishaila, Udisha Bhaduri, Smithasri Reddy and Kameshwari Pullela won through and they were placed second. In the dance demonstration Preeti Hariharan performed a composition portraying the eternal love of Radha and Krishna.

We are working feverishly to bring you "Raaga" - an evening filled with Indian instrumental (Sitar and Tabla) music on May 28, 2010. I encourage all members to attend and make it a grand success. Details of the event are attached.

To provide relief from the summer heat, preparations are on in full swing for "Summer Fest 2010" in Norman at the Andrews Park on June 12th, 2010, and the "Indian Mela" on August 7th at the Stars and Stripes Park at Lake Hefner in Oklahoma City. Diwali Nite is scheduled for November 6, 2010 at the Rose State College in Midwest City, and additional Movies are also being planned.

We continue to try to raise the bar in terms of providing frequent, quality events this year. I solicit the support of all members in this effort. I would also like each member to be a "brand ambassador" and help in expanding the membership base of the Association. Please encourage all your friends and acquaintances that are not yet members to become members and enjoy all the benefits of membership. With the generous support of members we can accomplish more in our mission to keep Indian traditions and culture alive in Oklahoma.

With best wishes to all,

Rakesh Prasad
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2010

The association plans to host the following for the benefit of members and the community at large

1. Sitar and Tabla performance on May 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Express Event Center in Oklahoma City by well known artistes from India (more details on reverse);
2. Summer Fest 2010 on June 12th 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Andrews Park in Norman;
3. Indian Mela on August 7th, 2010 at the stars and stripes park in Oklahoma City;
4. Diwali Nite on November 6th, 2010 at the Rose State College Performing Arts Theater; and
5. Frequent "Movie nights" at venues and times to be decided.

In addition to the above, the association continues to work towards inviting a "bollywood artist" to Oklahoma City. A fund raising event is also in the planning stages. Details will be forwarded to all as they become available. Please visit our website <http://www.iaok.org> for more details and updated information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As on May 1, 2010, the following is a snapshot of the association's financial health:

Beginning balance (including Membership and Ad revenues)		\$18,956.00
Description of Expenditures		
1. Advance Rose State Performing Arts Theater for Diwali Nite 2010	\$1,050.00	
2. Newsletter printing & mailing	\$105.00	
3. 2010 Member's Directory typesetting & printing	\$2,500	
4. Mailing 2010 Member's Directory	\$88.00	
5. Edmond Community Center rent for Kavi Sammelan	\$150.00	
6. Kavi Sammelan	\$1,800.00	
7. Expenses during 1 st Movie Night & Kavi Sammelan	\$488.00	
8. Advance to reserve "Express Event Center" for Raaga 2010	\$225.00	
9. Transportation & stamps	\$200.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,606.00	
Current Balance		\$12,350.00

COMMUNITY BUZZ

- Dr. Kautilya A. Mehta was recently elected President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. This is the highest position in organized medicine for the State of Oklahoma.

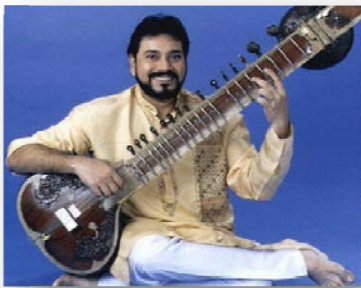
- An Indian student, Prasanth Goinaka, 28yrs old, was tragically shot dead in SK Food store in Oklahoma City on March 21st, 2010. The Association has provided all possible support to the family in the matter.

If you have any newsworthy titbit that you would like to share with the members of the India association, please feel free to email it to indiaassociation@iaok.org by the end of each quarter.

Cultural activity *coordinators* and teams

Mela	Gurpreet, Neeta, Geetika , Umi, Rana, Salmaan, Kanwal Obhrai, Sandeep
Diwali	Falguni, Geetika , Neeta Saran, Somya, Kayuri
Picnic	Anuradha Khanna, Kayuri , Pramod, Gurpreet, Benazir, Rana, Sandeep, Kanwal Obhrai, Raju Narayan, Sri Gururatnam, Neeta Saran
Movie nights	Vivek, Gurpreet , Anjali, Sujata, Rana, Salmaan, Kayuri, Sri Gururatnam
Membership and directory	Beena, Falguni , Anjali, Salmaan Jamshedi, Kayuri, Sandeep, Pramod, and Shipra (Membership), Gopal, Meena Rastogi, Anil Singh, Viren Chandra and Mike (Directory printing)
Business advertising	Mike Lulla , Bina
Newsletter editor	Pramod, Vivek, Ruchi Nanda
Volunteer Coordinator	Gurpreet, Vivek , Anjali, Manju, Sujata, Gopal, Aaliya, Salmaan, Sandeep Janwadkar, Ruchi Nanda
Ethics and Bylaws	Neeraj, Indu Singh, Salim Nizami
Liason / link with other associations	Geetika , Vivek, Pramod, Kayuri, Sri Gururatnam, Mike Lulla, Preeti Hariharan

RAAGA 2010



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A musical evening, evoking the mystical beauty of the Ganges with two of the greatest virtuosos of Indian music. Pandit Kushal Das, acclaimed as a talented and promising Sitarist, performing in the style of the late Pandit Nikhil Banerjee. Pandit Kumar Bose, a renowned percussion maestro, who has the unparalleled distinction of having accompanied the great Pandit Ravi Shankar from 1984 to 1994.



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