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- May 23 – Buddha Purnima
- May 31—Deadline for Tennis & T Tennis
- June 15—Deadline for Chess & Badminton
- June 19—Father's day
- July 4—Independence day
- Aug 13- IAK Family Picnic
- Aug 15- Independence Day

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IAK Summer Sports Tournament

Indian Association of Kalamazoo is organizing a Summer Sports Tournament from June to August for the members of the association. We have tentatively scheduled four events during the summer months.

Tennis and Table Tennis

Tennis and table tennis tournaments are scheduled to start in the middle of June and finish by the middle of July.

Chess and Badminton

Chess and Badminton tournaments are expected to start in the middle of July and finish by the middle of August.

All IAK members are encouraged to participate in these tournaments. Please note that there is no entrance fee to participate and the winners will receive attractive prizes.

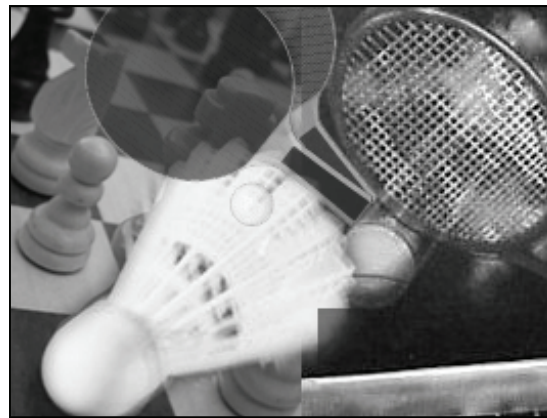
IAK Family Picnic on August 13

Please mark your calendars! The India Association of Kalamazoo Annual Picnic will be on Saturday, **August 13 at Warren Dunes Park.** Details will be announced later. Please plan on coming out with your family and friends.

Deadlines

Those interested to participate in **Tennis and/or Table Tennis** tournaments, please contact call **Hemalatha Vaidyanathan** (Phone: 323-9467) to register by **May 31, 2005.**

Those interested in participating in the **Chess and/or Badminton** tournaments, please call **Loknath Lenka** (Phone 544-1599) to register by **June 15, 2005.**



Even if you do not plan to compete in these events, please come out with your family

and friends and enjoy the events. Detailed schedule of competitions will be published on the IAK web site after the deadline for registration.

Nama Sankeerthanam on June 10

An Evening of Nama Sankeerthanam-Sampradaya Bhajans by Udayalur Kalyanaraman (Vocal) Balasubramanian (Vocal Support) Babu Rajasekharan (Mridangam) Venkat Gopalakrishnan (Harmonium) on Friday, 10 June 2005 at 7:00 PM at Indo American Cultural Center and Temple, Ramona Lane, Portage. Donations Welcome. For further details, contact Vaidyanathan at (269) 323-9467.

Free Indian Dance Classes

Call Hema Vaidyanathan at 323-9467 if you are interested in your kids learning Indian dance.

IAK Executive Committee has approved a proposal in its recent meeting to organize free Indian dance classes for the children of IAK members.

Before we finalize the details of this program, we want to know if there is enough community interest in it. If you are interested to teach Indian dance to your children, please call Hemalatha Vaidyanathan (323-9467) and pre-register for the program.



IAK Talent show

India Association of Kalamazoo's Talent show on 5th March 2005 at Latvian Heritage Center was a resounding success. Over 30 artists presented a wide range of programs to entertain and enthrall over 200 people present. Young and adult artists presented a variety of

programs — dances (solo and group), songs (solo and group), instrumental music, and fancy dress.

Here is the list of winners in each category.

Between ages 4 and 7 - Rathi Bhardwaj and Reesha Kesho

Between ages 8 and 10 - Madhavi Venugopal and Meghana Venugopal

Between ages 11 and 14 - Rohit Anand

Adults - Sandhya Robert, Shwetha, Meghann Oodman and Sanghamitra Datta.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Over 30 artists show off their talents during the IAK Talent show in March 2005.



A solo by Sashi, one of the talent show participants.

Bandyopadhyay family heading back to India

Rebanta Bandyopadhyay and family are packing their bags and leaving the United States for good. Rebanta, Paramita and their daughters have decided to settle down in the homeland. Most of you know Rebanta as an energetic IAK Member. He served the association as social secretary last year and continue to serve this year as an executive committee member. We will all miss him. We also wish Rebanta and family a safe trip back to India and best of luck in whatever they decide to do.



Rebanta during last year's pool party

Best of luck to the Bandyopadhyay family as they move back to India

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REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues

The quality of life in our association will solely depend on the personal involvement of each one of us in its activities.

There are several things that we can do.

1. Recruit new members to the association by talking about it when you meet a new comer to the area.
2. Propose and organize new activities to bring the community together.
3. Renew promptly your IAK membership by paying the annual dues at the start of the year.

If you have not paid Membership in 2005, probably you are not Member. Please use the form on the right and send your Membership dues to support the activities IAK is pursuing.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (NEWMEMBERS & RENEWALS)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SPOUSE:

CHILDREN:

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY:

ANNUAL DUES ENCLOSED:

(\$12.00 single, \$25.00 family)

Please mail this form with payment to Vijay Mehta,
1622 Bellaire, Portage, MI 49024. Thank you.