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TASTE OF INDIA FESTIVAL—A HUGE SUCCESS

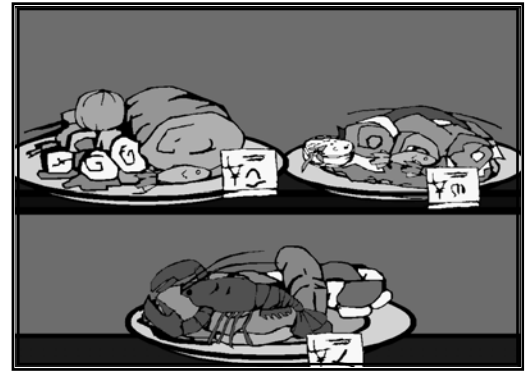
IAK celebrated **Holi and Ugadi** on March 25, 2006 in grand scale with the Taste of India festival. Latvian Heritage Center that has been the venue of several IAK events in the past felt too crowded on that day because of the large turnout. For a moment, it felt just **like a bazaar** scene back home as 300-400 people enthusiastically jostled their way around the various stalls.

Booths from **Gujarat, Punjab, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra, Goa, and Nepal** presented food typical to the

respective states. And the people, Indians and non-Indians alike, got an opportunity to experience the diversity in our cuisine.

Congratulations and thanks to all the people who set up stalls, prepared food and made the festival a memorable event.

Congratulations and thanks to **Priya Lokram** who prepared and presented several folk and classical dance numbers. We also got the opportunity to see **Akemi Kishimoto**, an Odissi dancer from



Japan perform for us. We were very impressed by her talent and devotion to a traditional Indian art form.

Thanks Akemi. Thanks also to **Dolly** who presented a dance. Thanks also to all who took to the dance floor and rocked the hall with their foot work.

‘DHAMAKA’ MUSIC NITE ON SEPTEMBER 16



IAK HAS SPONSORED A **MUSIC NIGHT** TO BE PERFORMED BY A PROFESSIONAL GROUP “**DHAMAKA**” THE GROUP WILL PERFORM AT THE KASDORF AUDITORIUM, LOY NORRIS HIGH SCHOOL, KALAMAZOO ON **SEPTEMBER 16, 2006**.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS . WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

IAK Summer Sports Tournament

Encouraged by the success of last year's Sports Tournaments, Indian Association of Kalamazoo is organizing a Summer Sports Tournament again this year from June to August for the members of the association. The following tournaments are being planned.

Tennis and Table Tennis

Tennis and table tennis tournaments are definitely in the schedule. Pick up your rackets and brush up on your serve and top-spin.



Chess

The status of the chess tournament will depend on the number of participants who will sign up for it. Last year we dropped the item from our line up because we did not have the minimum number of participants to conduct a tournament. So if you are interested in Chess, please sign up as soon as possible.

Badminton, Caroms and Billiards

Badminton, Caroms and Billiards tournaments are also possible events. If there is enough interest in these events, we will schedule them.

Please share your thoughts with us and enroll in the events you are interested in as soon as possible.

Register Now

Please pick up the phone and register in the tournament events you are interested in.

To register, call Loknath Lenka at 323-1150 before June 15, 2006.

We will add/drop and schedule events based on the number of people registered for each event on June 15.

Let us have some fun like last year !!!

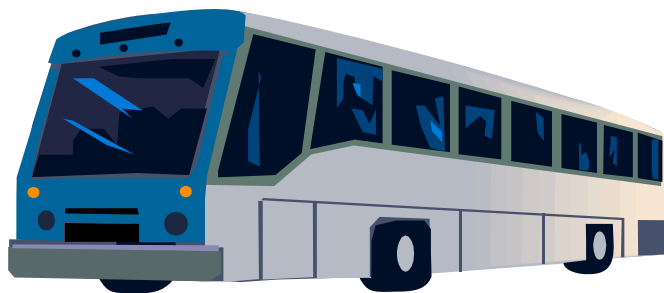
Navratri Raas Garba

IAK's Navratri Raas Garba program will be conducted on Saturday Sept. 23 at the Moorsbridge Elementary school.

Please mark your calendars and get ready for a night of fun and frolic.

An evening of enchanting music

IAACT will feature a grand musical performance by Ranjani and Gayatri on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. They will be accompanied by H.N.Bhaskar on the violin and Arun Prakash on the mridangam. For more information about the concert, please contact **Damodar Golhar** (372-3418) or **Krishnamurthy** (372-6653).



Bus Trip to a Casino?

We are thinking of organizing for IAK members bus trip to a Casino . How about it? Are you interested? Where shall we go? Share any thoughts you may have with Vijay Mehta at 327-5456.

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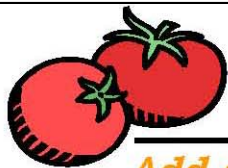
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