

# SAMACHAR

FEBRUARY 2007

Kalamazoo, Michigan

## A new Team at the helm of IAK

*New team members with fresh ideas promise to lead*



### Calendar

MARCH 3

**HOLI**

MARCH 17

**TASTE OF INDIA FESTIVAL**

MARCH 30

**GUDI PADWA**

APRIL 14

**VAISAKHI**

APRIL 28

**RAUNAK MELA 2007**

IAK Executive committee for 2007 has take over the reins of the association. The committee is headed by **Vijay Mehta** whose efficient leadership in the past years has continued to energize the association. Similarly, **Virendra Sood, Om Joli, Loknath Lenka, and Gracie Kayany** continue their service to the association as Vice President, Treasurer, Social Secretary, and General Secretary respectively.

**Navinchandra Patel, Nayana Patel** and **Prabha Ravi** who were members of the executive committee in 2006 will continue to serve in the committee this year as well.

The new faces in the executive committee this year are **Priya Lokram, Sangita Mediratta, Anitha Repakula and Inderjit**



**Sohi.** We look forward to new ideas and fresh initiatives to revitalize the association.

We thank **Hema Venugopal, Anjum Choudhary, and Pratima Kotekal** who served the association as executive committee members in 2006. Thank you.

## Holi-Ugadi Celebration on March 17

To celebrate Holi and Ugadi, we are planning a '**Taste of India Food Festival**', similar to the festival we had last year. The event is scheduled for the evening of **March 17 at the Latvian Heritage Center** starting at 6 PM.

Each state will have its own

stall where food unique to the state may be presented and sold. Other interesting information about the people, culture and language of the state may also be made available at the stall. Food festival will be followed by cultural programs presented by interested members. If you or your group would like

to set up a food stall or present a cultural program, please call **Loknath Lenka (323-1150)** or **Vijay Mehta (327-5456)**.

Admission to the event is free for IAK members and children under 12. **Non-members pay \$2.00.**

# IAK Office Bearers 2007



From L to R: Navinchandra Patel, Loknath Lenka, Gracie Kayany, Virendra Sood, Nayana Patel, Vijay Mehta, Anitha Repakula, Priya Lokram. Missing : Om Jolly, Sangita Mediratta, Prabha Ravi, Inderjit Sohi.

**IAK MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

RENEWAL YEAR: .....

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

PHONE: .....

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.**

## IAK Membership Cards

*We plan to provide members of the association with a membership card. To get special rates for IAK events, members will be required to present this card at the door.*

*Please bear in mind that Indian Association of Kalamazoo (IAK) is a separate entity from Indo-American Cultural Center and Temple (IACCT). Please pay your membership to Vijay Mehta IACCT does not include a membership in IAK. The annual membership dues for IAK is \$25 for families and \$12 for individuals.*

## THINKING AHEAD TO DIWALI 2007

This year's Diwali falls on 9th November. In Kalamazoo, we will surely get an early start on Diwali celebrations because IAK Diwali celebrations are scheduled for Saturday, 3rd November. So folks put on your dance shoes, thinking hats, and creativity suits. Let us have some fun in November.