

# SAMACHAR

MAY 2009

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

## IAK SUMMER SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

The schedule for this year's summer tournament is as follows:

**June 1-15—Tennis and Badminton** (the specific day and time will depend on the availability of the courts and the weather).

**June 16-30—Table Tennis and Chess.**

There will be two groups for each sport tournament: **(1) Junior league (10-15 years)** **(2) Premier league (16+)**. If there are less than 3 participants in any group for any tournament we will cancel the event.

If you are interested to participate, please register your name with Anjum Chaudhary (323-7116), Gracie Kayany (501-1254) or Anita Repakula (375-2855) **before the 30th of May.**

Make sure that you register before the deadline 30th of May. We will make the final decisions on what tournaments to conduct, competition dates and venues on May 30th.

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## DJ Night

We are planning this year's DJ Night in November 2009. More details to follow in the future newsletters.

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## Diwali and Navratri 2009 celebrations

Please mark your calendars! IAK will celebrate **Diwali on October 24** at Loy Norrix Auditorium as usual and **Navratri on September 19** at Moorsbridge School. More information to follow.

## IAK Picnic

The annual IAK picnic will be on the **18th July at Ramona Park**. We will start at 1 pm and end at 8 pm. We are planning potluck lunch and plenty of games.

There is also a plan to play **Holi** at the picnic for who want to play. Those interested to play Holi, dress appropriately. More details and direction to the Park will be published in the July Newsletter.



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## From the Editor's Desk

Gracie Kayany

If you are in a mood for some good short stories, grab a short story collection by Czech author Karel Capek titled "Tales from Two Pockets". (Search for it in Google books; it is available there

for free.) There is one short story in particular that I want to recommend - a story titled "The Last Judgment".

This is the story of a notorious multiple killer Kugler who arrives at the gates of heaven at his death and has to face his last judgment. He confronts a divine tribunal to determine whether he will be sent to heaven or hell. However, it is not God who is passing judgment on him but a tribunal of human judges.

Kugler pleads not guilty; the presiding judge calls in the only witness who is God himself. God knows everything Kugler has done and the circumstances that lead Kugler to a life of crime. God testifies that Kugler did kill nine people but he committed murder for the same reasons others do - from anger, from greed, deliberately and by chance, sometimes with pleasure and other times from necessity.

God pointed out that Kugler was generous and sometimes he helped people; he was kind to women, he loved animals, and he kept his word; under different circumstances, Kugler would have been an upstanding citizen.

When the judges adjourned to deliberate their verdict, Kugler asked God why it was not He who passed judgment on his fate. And God responded, "Because I know everything. If judges knew everything, absolutely everything, they couldn't judge either: they would understand everything and their hearts would ache. How could I possibly judge you? Judges know only about your crimes but I know everything about you. . . . And that's why I cannot judge you."

The judges returned from their deliberations. In stern tones the presiding judge condemned Kugler to lifelong punishment in hell for his numerous crimes.

Compassion belongs to God, and humans are best at judging and criticizing.

Bookmark for your summer reading, definitely.



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