

SAMACHAR

MARCH 2010

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

IAK Spring Festival on 24 April 2010

The IAK Spring Festival this year will be on 24th April 2010 from 6–10 pm at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds . The event is the same as last year’s but the venue is new for IAK. (Please see the directions on the right.) As usual, this is first of all a time for us to come together and celebrate the rich cuisine from India. We will pamper our palettes with delicacies from different parts of India. As usual, the food festival will be followed by a cultural program.

If anyone would like to reserve a stall to present/ sell food unique to a state of India, please register with Janaki Sunkara (269.372.3872) or Vijay Mehta (269.327.5456) before 23rd March with the list of dishes you plan to present. This is to make sure that we don’t serve the same items in different booths. There is no charge to reserve a stall for IAK members. For non-members there is a \$10 reservation charge per table. Entrance to the event is free for members. Guests and students pay \$3 entrance fee. Children under 12 enter for free.

Cultural programs are welcome. The programs should not be longer than 5 minutes. If you want to present a program please call Janaki Sunkara (269.372.3872) or Gracie Kayany (269.501.1254).



Directions to Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds

Address for the GPS: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds is 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048.

From I-94, take exit 80 for Sprinkle Rd toward Cork St. Turn to S Sprinkle Rd and go north. Turn left at I-94 BUS West. Take the 2nd right onto Lake St. Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds is on the right.

IAK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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.



IAK Executive Committee 2010

- Vijay Mehta—President
- Nayana Patel—Vice President
- Gracie Kayany—General Secretary
- Janaki Sunkara —Social Secretary
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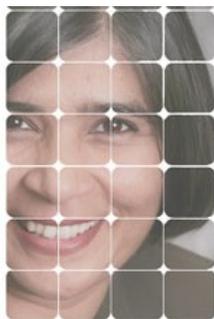
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From the Editor's Desk

Those of you who are in the mailing list of our beloved president Vijay Mehta are used to receiving forwarded messages with jokes, anecdotes, and inspirational stories. Here is one of his forwards for the benefit of those who are not in his mailing list.

A while ago, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... Not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave. More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. His name?... .. We just call him 'TV.'

Gracie Kayany

Plan Ahead!

IAK Diwali 2010

November 13, 2010

Directory Corrections

If you notice any errors—names, phone numbers, etc. in the 2010-11 IAK directory please call Vijay Mehta at 269.327.5456.

List of people who have paid their dues for 2010

- Amin, Sanjay & Kalpana
- Bobba, Jyothi & Sarat
- Bhatt, Akhil & Pratima
- Chaudhary, Anjum & Shalini
- Ethiraj, Rajesh & Jayarani Kandaswa
- Gautam, Sameer & Pratima
- Hiremath, Indudhar & Yashoda
- Kayany, Joseph & Gracie
- Kumar, Mahesh & Kalpana
- Majumdar, Devraj & Pranita
- Mediratta, Ravinder & Sangita
- Mehta, Vijay & Nayna
- Mohanty, Saroj & Lara
- Mulakkayala, Raghu & Ramya
- Patel, Anil & Nayana
- Patel, Chandrakant & Trupti
- Patel, Girish & Keera
- Patel, Magabhai & Madhuben
- Patel, Navinchandra & Niruben
- Patel, Pravin & Lata
- Sidhu, Prince & Mandeep
- Singh, Kanwarpreet & Sheetal patel
- Sood, Virendra & Vijay
- Sunkara, Ravikumar & Janaki
- Vemuri, Radha & Karen
- Viswanadham, Santosh & Meenakshi

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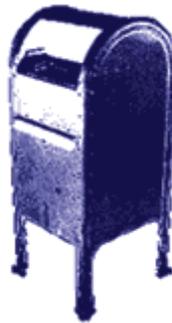
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