

SAMACHAR

FEBRUARY 2011

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

IAK Spring Festival on 12 March 2011

The IAK Spring Festival this year will be on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 6:30 pm at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds . The venue is the same as last year's. (Please see the directions on the right.) As usual, this is 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 always, 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 1st 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 a \$5 charge to reserve a table for IAK members. For guests reservation charge is \$10 per table. Entrance to the event is free for members. Guests and students pay \$3 entrance fee. Children under 12 enter for free.

If you want to present a cultural program, please call Janaki Sunkara(269.372.3872) before the deadline March 1st, 2011. If you are putting up a food stall, please remember to bring accessories needed for the stall (extension cords, table cloth, paper napkins, etc.) At the end of program, those who put up stalls are requested to stay back and clean up.

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.



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Please direct your comments and suggestions to Gracie Kayany at (269) 501-1254

IAK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SPOUSE:

CHILDREN:

PHONE:

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY:
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ANNUAL DUES ENCLOSED:

(\$12.00 single, \$25.00 family)

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IAK Diwali 2010: Young dancers with their trophies





From the Editor's Desk

Have you noticed that Facebook statuses in February have an abundance of love poems and couple jokes. After all, we are in the Valentine month! So to continue with the theme of February, allow me to share with you a 'creation story' from our own scriptures that best describes the agony and ecstasy of human love.

"When he had finished creating man the creator realized that he had used up all the concrete elements. There was nothing solid, nothing compact, nothing hard, left over with which to create the woman. After thinking for a long time the creator took: the roundness of the moon, the flexibility of the clinging vine, and the trembling of the grass, the slenderness of the reed and the blossoming of the flowers, the lightness of the leaves and the serenity of the rays of sunshine, the tears of the clouds and the instability of the wind, the fearfulness of the rabbit and the vanity of the peacock, the softness of a birds breast and the hardness of a diamond, the sweetness of honey and the cruelty of a tiger, the burning of fire and the coldness of snow, the talkativeness of a magpie and the singing of a nightingale, the falseness of a crane and the faithfulness of a mother lion. Mixing all these non-solid elements together the creator created woman and gave her to the man.

After one week the man came back and said: "Lord, the creature you have given me makes my life unhappy. She talks without ceasing and torments me intolerably, so that I have no rest. She insists that I pay attention to her at all time so my hours are wasted. She cries about every little thing and leads an idle life. I have to give her back to you because I can't live with her!"

The Creator said, "Alright," and took her back.

After another week passed, the man came back to the creator and said: "Lord, my life is so empty since I gave that creature back to you. I always think of her-- how she danced and sang, how she looked at me out of the corner of her eye, how she chatted with me and then snuggled close to me. She was so beautiful to look at and so soft to touch. I liked so much to hear her laugh. Please give her back to me."

And the creator said, "alright" and he gave her back.

But three days later the man came back again and said: "Lord, I don't know--I just can't explain it, but after all my experience with this creature, I've come to the conclusion that she causes more trouble than pleasure. I pray thee, take her back! I can't live with her."

"But you can't live without her," the creator replied. Then he turned his back on the man and returned to work."

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERY ONE!

Gracie Kayany

Directory Information

If you noticed any errors—names, phone numbers, address, etc. in the 2010-11 IAK directory, please call Vijay Mehta at 269.327.5456 so that he can make the corrections in the next edition of the IAK directory. Thank you.

List of people who have paid their dues for 2011

Sarat & Jyothi Bobba

Anjum & Shalini Chaudhary

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Joseph & Gracie Kayany

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