

# RIACC (Regional Indian American Community Center)

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## Newsletter Quarter 2 2008

### Programs (April-June'08)

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Date	Time	Event
Sun, Apr 06	11:00 am	Bhagwad Gita Discussion/Gudi Padwa/Ugadi
Sun, Apr 13	10:30 am	Ramnavmi/Sunderkand Path
Sun, Apr 20	10:30 am	Hanuman Jayanti/Poornima
Sat, Apr 26	6:00 pm	HOW Anniversary Program (Day 1 : Grand Celebration)
Sun, Apr 27	10:00 am	HOW Anniversary Program (Day 2: Devotion Day)
Sun, May 04	11:00 am	Bhagwad Gita Discussion
Sun, May 11	11:00 am	Bhajans
Sun, May 13	11:00 am	Sunderkand path
Sun, May 18	11:00 am	Satyanarayan Katha (Poornima)
Sun, May 25	11:00 am	Vishnu Sahastranam
Sun, Jun 01	11:00 am	Bhagwad Gita Discussion
Sun, Jun 08	11:00 am	Part II of Theology (Speaker Dr. Jayant Mehta)
Tue Jun 10	6:00 pm	Sunderkand Path
Sun, Jun 15	11:00 am	Kids Program / Father's Day
Sun, Jun 22	11:00 am	Satyanarayan Katha (Poornima)
Sun, Jun 29	11:00 am	Vishnu Sahastranam

#### Friendly Reminder

A big thank you to the members of the community who have paid their Yearly Membership fee of \$100 and a reminder to those who have not yet made the payment. Please do so at the earliest. Payment can be made via a check.

#### ☀HOW Hours☀

Sun-Fri: 10:30am-1:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm; ~On Saturdays Call Before Visiting-  
 Aarti at 12:30pm and 7:30pm.

## RIACC 6th Anniversary Program

### **Building a strong future for our community...**

Lets join together with friends and families as we celebrate six glorious years of community service at the RIACC Hall of Worship in Kingsport, TN. Enjoy the center you have helped build & learn as we unveil exciting plans for the future.

As always our Anniversary Celebration program has something enjoyable for everyone! From sharing our rich heritage, to honoring our volunteers to a fun-filled entertainment program (sssshhh there is a new entertainer in town!!) to some chappatta `desi' food we all love so much!

So please do come & join in the festivities as we celebrate, in our home away from home.

### **Program Details:**

#### *GRAND ANNIVERSARY NIGHT* Saturday, April 26TH, 2008



6:00 p.m.	Welcome
6:05 p.m.	"BACK TO THE BASICS" - SODASA UPACARA PUJA (Learn the basics of Pooja)
7:00 p.m.	Entertainment Program (It's a Surprise!)
8:30 p.m.	Aarti
9:00 p.m.	Mahaprasad

#### *DEVOTIONAL DAY* Sunday April 27TH, 2008



10:00 a.m.	Ganesh Hawan/Sudurshan Hawan	
11:00 a.m.	Abhishekham/Bhajans	
11:45 a.m.	Entertainment Program by the	community kids (include dance &
sloka recital)		
12:30 p.m.	Arti	
1:00 p.m.	Mahaprasad	

### **Sponsorship Details:**

- 3 EVENT sponsors (\$1000.00 each)
- 7 HAWAN sponsors (\$501.00 per couple)
- ASTOTRAM (\$101 per person)
- MAHAPRASAD (\$101.00 & above)

In case you are interested in participating please contact Dr.Jayant Mehta or Mr.Anil Agrawal (Ph: 423 753 7464 or Email: [akagrawal@hotmail.com](mailto:akagrawal@hotmail.com))



*Submit articles, significant events for the next Newsletter to [how@riacc.us](mailto:how@riacc.us)*

## ***The Art of Giving Submitted by Ashok Gala***

"Rivers do not drink their own water, nor do trees eat their own fruit, nor do rain clouds eat the grains reared by them. The wealth of the noble is used solely for the benefit of others? Even after accepting that giving is good and that one must learn to give, several questions need to be answered.

**The first question is when should one give?** We all know this famous incident from Mahabharat. Yudhisthir, asks a beggar seeking alms to come the next day. On this, Bhim rejoices, that Yudhisthir his brother, has conquered death! For he is sure that he will be around tomorrow to give. Yudhisthir gets the message. One does not know really whether one will be there tomorrow to give! ***The time to give therefore is now.***

**The next question is 'how much to give?** One recalls the famous incident from history. Rana Pratap was reeling after defeat from the Moghals. He had lost his army, he had lost his wealth, and most important he had lost hope, his will to fight. At that time in his darkest hour, his erstwhile minister Bhamasha came seeking him and placed his entire fortune at the disposal of Rana Pratap. With this, Rana Pratap raised an army and lived to fight another day. The answer to this question how much to give is ***"Give as much as you can !***

**The next question is what to give?** It is not only money that can be given. It could be a flower or even a smile. It is not how much one gives but how one gives that really matters. When you give a smile to a stranger that may be the only good thing received by him in days and weeks!"***You can give anything but you must give with your heart!***

**One also needs answer to this question whom to give?** Many times we avoid giving by finding fault with the person who is seeking. However, being judgemental and rejecting a person on the presumption that he may not be the most deserving is not justified. ***"Give without being judgemental!"***

**Next we have to answer 'How to give?** Coming to the manner of giving, one has to ensure that the receiver does not feel humiliated, nor the giver feels proud by giving. In giving follow the Bible, 'Let not your left hand know what your right hand gives? Charity without publicity and fanfare is the highest form of charity. 'Give quietly! While giving let not the recipient feel small or humiliated. After all what we give never really belonged to us. We come to this world with nothing and will go with nothing. The thing gifted was only with us for a temporary period. Why then take pride in giving away something which really did not belong to us? ***Give with grace and with a feeling of gratitude.***

**What should one feel after giving?** We all know the story of Eklavya. When Dronacharya asked him for his right thumb as "Guru Dakshina? He unhesitatingly cut off the thumb and gave it to Dronacharya. There is a little known sequel to this story. Eklavya was asked whether he ever regretted the act of giving away his thumb. He replied, and the reply has to be believed to be true, as it was asked to him when he was dying. His reply was "Yes! I regretted this only once in my life. It was when Pandavas were coming in to kill Dronacharya who was broken hearted on the false news of death of his son Ashwathama and had stopped fighting. It was then that I regretted the loss of my thumb. If the thumb was there, no one could have dared hurt my Guru". The message to us is clear. ***Give and never regret giving !***

**And the last question is 'How much should we provide for our heirs?** Ask yourself 'are we taking away from them the "gift of work? - a source of happiness! The answer is given by Warren Buffett:"***Leave your kids enough to do anything, but not enough to do nothing!***

**I would conclude by saying: let us learn the Art of Giving, and quoting Sant Kabir:**

***"When the wealth in the house increases, When water fills a boat,  
Throw them out with both hands!***



## ***Top 10 Myths on Golfers BUSTED! By Dr. Andy Delwadia***

The game of golf has been the blessing for Indians, since it is the only event where Indians are never late. But, there are lots of rumors and myths about golfers (spread especially by their spouses) and I would like to clarify some of them.

**Myth # 1:** GOLFERS ARE CRAZY...wrong. I recently met a bunch of total strangers who turned out to be golfers. They were the nicest people you would ever meet. Those were actually the best two weeks I ever spent in a mental institute. (for more refer to myth # 10)

**Myth # 2:** GOLFERS DO NOT CARE FOR ANYTHING ELSE...wrong again, Nobody cares for weather, especially weekend weather, more than golfers.

**Myth # 3:** GOLFERS NEVER MISS THEIR FAMILY...nothing can be further from the truth. We miss our families a lot. How can you miss someone unless you are staying away from them most of the time.

**Myth # 4:** GOLFERS THINK THAT GOLF IS SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER SPORTS...this is probably a soccer fan whining. Everything in life is relative and subjective. How long is one minute depends upon which side of bathroom door you are on.

**Myth # 5:** GOLFERS ARE PARTY BREAKERS, ALWAYS LEAVE EARLY FOR NEXT MORNING GAME...just following good ole grandma's advise that nothing good ever happens after midnight.

**Myth # 6:** GOLF IS ADDICTIVE...not true. Once I abruptly quit the game for four weeks, and I did not have any withdrawal symptoms. (my family thinks because I am restless, hyper, agitated and cranky all the time anyways, they could not see the difference).

**Myth # 7:** GOLFERS ARE NOT RELIGIOUS PEOPLE...come on, give me a break. A pilgrimage to Augusta National is our lifetime dream, plus we fast everyday in month of April when Masters Tournament plays.

**Myth # 8:** GOLFERS DO NOT SPEND TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN...nobody spends more time with their children than I do with my son. He is a golfer.

**Myth # 9:** GOLFERS THINK THAT TIGER WOODS IS NEXT TO GOD...not really. I never heard of any God hitting a straight drive over three hundred twenty yards or making a hole in one at age of seven.

**Myth # 10:** WHEN IT COMES TO GOLFERS, YOU CAN NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PSYCHO AND A PSYCHIATRIST.....I must admit...after knowing some local psychiatrists, may be there is more truth than myth in this one.



### **Directions to the Hall of Worship:**

From Johnson City - Take I-26 towards Kingsport. Take Exit 6 (Rock Springs Exit). Take a left on the RAMP and see below

From Kingsport: Take I-26 towards Johnson City. Take exit 6 (Rock Springs Exit). Take a Right on the RAMP and see below

Drive about quarter of a mile and make a left turn on to Westfield Road, immediately after the Power building. Drive about half a mile and keep right on the fork onto Westfield place, the third building on the left is Hall of Worship.