

# **RIACC (Regional Indian American Community Center)**

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## **NEWSLETTER QUARTER II 2009 (April-June)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
Sun, Mar 29	11:00 AM	Bhajans + Panditji's Reception
Fri, Apr 03	NA	Ramnavmi
Sun, Apr 05	11:00 AM	Bhagvad Gita Discussion
Thu, Apr 09	NA	Hanuman Jayanti
Sun, Apr 12	10:30 AM	Satyanarayan Katha/Ramnavmi
Sun, Apr 19	10:30 AM	Bhajans/Open Hours
Sun, Apr 26	11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahastranam
Sun, May 03	11:00 AM	Bhagvad Gita Discussion
Sat, May 09	4:30 PM	Budhha poornima/HOW Anniversary/SNK
Sun, May 10	10:00 AM	<u>HOW Anniversary</u>
Sun, May 17	11:00AM	Bhajans/Open Hours
Sun, May 24	11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahastranam
Thu, May 21	6:00PM	Bhajans
Sun, May 31	11:00 AM	Bhajans /Guest Lecture
Sun, Jun 07	11:00 AM	Satyanarayan Katha
Sun, Jun 14	11:00 AM	Kids Program / Father's Day/Bhajans
Sun, Jun 21	11:00 AM	Bhagvad Gita Discussion
Sun, Jun 28	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 7th Anniversary Program***



Lets join together with friends and families as we celebrate seven 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 every-one! From sharing our rich heritage, to honoring our volunteers to a fun-filled entertainment program to some tasty Indian 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, May 9, 2009



- 6:00 p.m. WELCOME
- 6:05 p.m. "BACK TO THE BASICS" SOLASOPCHAR PUJA  
Note: Participants please bring: Small lamp, Plate, Glass Cup, Spoon, Deity (Photo or statue). Temple will provide the rest.
- 6:45 P.M. "Dance—Morya re" Kids Program by Nila Patel
- 7:00 PM "RIACC- Journey from Dream to Reality
- 7:15 P.M. AARTI
- 7:30 P.M. MAHAPRASAD
- 8:45 P.M. Jeopardy (The gang is back again!)

#### *DEVOTIONAL DAY*

Sunday May 10, 2009



- 10:00 a.m. HAVAN
- 11:00 a.m. 'MOTHER'S DAY' by Dr. Surendra Mishra
- 11:15 a.m. ABHISHEKHAM & BHAJANS
- 12:00 a.m. Kids Program by Raji Suresh
- 12:15 a.m. Recognition
- 12:30 a.m. Aarti
- 1:00 a.m. Mahaprasad

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

## **RIACC 7th Anniversary Program (Contd.)**

### **Sponsorship Details:**

Every bit of help is important to the success of this event & we appreciate your supporting the community. So please do come forward & donate your time, service or money. United we grow stronger & better!



But most importantly we want your presence to enjoy this Event and see how your generous contributions last year have taken shape in the form of Phase One of the New Hall of Worship Building.

- \$ 1001      Main Host (1 couple)
- \$ 1001      Prasad Sponsor (Can be done with one or more parties)
- \$ 301        Participation in Havan & Abhishek
- \$ 101        Participation in Havan

In case you are interested please contact [chakrabr@etsu.edu](mailto:chakrabr@etsu.edu) or 423-202-5572 (Cell) / 423-434-9257 (Res) for more details and contribution.

### **Wedding Bells for Dr. & Mrs. Surendra Mishra**

The entire RIACC community welcomes the new Panditayan to Tricities. It's great to see the Happy Couple. We wish you many wonderful years of happiness together!

### **Holi—The Significance**

The main day, Holi, also known as *Dhulheti* or *Dhulandi* is celebrated by people throwing colored powder & colored water at each other. Bonfires are lit the day before, also known as Holika Dahan (death of Holika) or *Chhoti Holi* (little Holi). The bonfires are lit in memory of the miraculous escape that young Prahlad had when Demoness



Holika, carried him into the fire. Holika was burnt but Prahlad, a staunch devotee of god Vishnu, escaped without any injuries due to his unshakable devotion. Holi is celebrated at the end of the winter season on the last full moon day of the lunar month Phalguna (Feb/Mar). In 2009, Holi (*Dhulandi*) was on 11th March & Holika Dahan was on 10th March.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## ***GRAND SUPER BOWL PARTY By G.S. Kumar***

Did you know that next year we will be celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl under the 44<sup>th</sup> US President. I am sure, by now you have heard of, the shenanigans of Andy Delwadia, our arrogant Super Bowl Party bookie. Till last year, he acted in a wholly totalitarian fashion. There was great secrecy in how he figured out who the winners were. There was no way we could find out how he came to those important decisions. This time around, thanks to Obama, there was greater transparency. He willingly shared the list of betting with everyone concerned.

However, now that he was stripped of those powers, he was itching to leave the scene with the booty and head straight home. It took all the efforts of our two strongmen – Ashok Mehta and Ashok Gala to keep him from scooting away with the bounty. As luck would have it, his better half, Varsha Delwadia was in India at that time, and therefore Andy had a field day with his antics. We don't know, if till the writing of this piece, he even shared, with her, the hefty commission he made. Varshaji, we are a hundred percent with you. We hope you are reading this newsletter. It is a great pity, a huge organization such as RIACC, can't find another bookie?

The game itself was thrilling, especially in the final quarter. The lead changed hands from the Cards to the Steelers, then from Steelers to Cards and then back to Steelers. Had we one more minute, maybe tables would have turned YET again. Steelers slipped past Cards 27 to 23 in a nail biter finish. The innumerable commercials were, however, rather drab. Just a suggestion: why not outsource this work to RIACC next year? We can guarantee not only better ads but at a fraction of the cost.

BK, Kalyani and Nupur Gupta were once again the most hospitable of hosts you can find anywhere in this wide world. They planned every small detail to perfection. Even the seating was such that anyone, anywhere in the room, could view the TV immaculately. The food was delicious, and though it wouldn't do justice to single out a single item, the bite sized "samosas" took the cake. Another suggestion: why serve both hors oeuvres and dinner? Snacks are enough, no need to serve dinner as well. All in all a wonderful Super Bowl! And we are looking forward to the next one already!!

### **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.