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A Newsletter From IndUS of Fox Valley

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IndUS Future Fund Established

IndUS has joined hands with Community Foundation of Fox Cities (CF) to establish IndUS Future Fund. Each year, IndUS will be able to use the investment income toward charitable causes. CF, with over \$100 million dollar in assets, has emerged as a very responsible trustee of public funds. Last year, CF made \$8.7 million in grants to 412 nonprofit organizations.

IndUS and Charity

One of the main goals of IndUS is to engage in charitable activities. Scores of IndUS volunteers are engaged in voluntary activities in the Fox Valley, helping make this community a truly a great place to live. IndUS has been active with Salvation Army, SAMP project of the Rotary Club and similar organizations. IndUS donations have helped earthquake victims in India, Salvation Army of Appleton Firefighters of New York, and Shama Inc. of Stevens Point.

IndUS spends 60% of its charity dollars locally, in Fox Valley.

How Can You Help?

We need your help in growing the IndUS Future Fund. We welcome your donations in cash, stocks, real estate, artwork, insurance etc. Several companies match employee volunteer hours with their matching contributions. We request to nominate IndUS as a beneficiary. IndUS is a nonprofit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of IRS and your contributions are generally tax deductible

Your Favorite Projects

Under the umbrella of IndUS Endowment Fund, it is possible to establish funds that benefit your favorite charitable project. The only specification is that the projects benefit the needy irrespective of one's religion, race, ethnicity, nationality or political belief. We can discuss with you how to channel your contributions to causes of your choice.

Please mail your donations or inquiries to IndUS, 3600 N. Shawnee Ave., Appleton, WI 54914.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting and Biennial Elections will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 2 p.m. at University of Wisconsin Fox Valley Center, Room # 1338, Midway Road, Menasha. The agenda includes presentation of annual reports, and biennial elections to the Board and the Executive Committee. For election related information please contact Dr. Ram Shet [TFIshet@new.rr.com; 722-2001] Mr. Ashok Tannan [ATannan@aol.com; 731-2897] Mr. Mike Van Asten [mikevan@centurvtel.net; 731-0164]

IndUS –2003 A Great Success



Honoring the Advocates of
Multi-Cultural Awareness

IndUS-2003 was celebrated in collaboration with Lawrence University on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The theme was “Folk Arts of India”. Ms. Ellen Kort, Poet Laureate of Wisconsin delivered the Key Note address. The highlights of the sold out event were an exhibition, a cultural program featuring 29 dancers and a diverse and delectable Indian dinner. An all round aesthetic experience, in deed!



Bhangra Comes To
Kanthapura!

Rhythms of IndUS



L to R: Rajashekar, Payton
Macdonald, Somanath Roy, and
Abhijit Banerjee of *Tarang*,

IndUS organized two concerts by Tarang a percussion group from India. On October 2, 2003 several hundred students from Oshkosh schools gathered at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for a master class.

On October 3, Tarang was featured in “Rhythms of IndUS” the inaugural concert in World Music Series at Harper Hall, Lawrence University, Appleton

“The standing room only” audience was mesmerized by the artists: Abhijit Banerjee on Tabla; Somnath Roy on Ghatam, Snehashish Majumdar on Mandolin, and B. Rajshekhar on Morsing.

We thank, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Kimberly-Clark for sponsorship, and UW Oshkosh and Lawrence University for their collaboration



Ritu & Dilip Tannan at Dr.
King Banquet at Oshkosh

IndUS Joins The Community To Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IndUS joined hands with Toward Community: Unity in Diversity to celebrate Dr. King’s Legacy, on January 18, 2004, at Lawrence Chapel, Appleton. The following day IndUS collaborated with Human Relations Council,

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the City of Oshkosh to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King. Students who won the essay contest were awarded plaques were donated by IndUS. Several members of IndUS attended the banquet.



IndUS Programs Ahead: Mark Your Calendars!

Asia Awareness Month At UW Oshkosh will feature the following programs presented by IndUS in collaboration with Asian Students Association. Admission is free.

The Kick Off Event will be on March 31, 2004, at 6 p.m at Albee Hall when IndUS stall will feature Indian food, curios and interactive, demonstrations

Kalaanjali School of Dance, Madison, will present the mythology of Krishna and Shakti, on Saturday, April 17, 2004, at 6:00 p.m at Fredric March Experimental Theater.

"Mr. and Mrs. Iyer" (With English subtitles) on Monday, April 19, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Reeve Union Theater. Winner of Locarno Film Festival. A poignant story of human bond that transcends religious divide. Sterling performances by Konkana Sen Sharma and Rahul Bose. Director: Aparna Sen.

Art Educators From India

IndUS is proud to organize a series of workshops, and presentations on puppets and mask making by Purnima Sampat and Shital Mehta, two renowned art educators from Mumbai, India, at several area schools, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and UW Fox Valley, Menasha. Please bring your kids to:

Paine Art Center & Arboretum, Oshkosh, April 25, 2004, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fox Cities Children's Museum, Appleton, Sunday, April 26, 2004 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Let's Share"

Mr. Suhas Apte, Director - Global Business, Kimberly-Clark; and Mr. Mohit Uberoi, President & CEO, MEGTEC Systems to share their thoughts on "The Career Maze: Doors to Choose and Doors to Avoid" on Sunday, March 7 at the inaugural event. This is a new series. Await other events in the future!

IndUS To Participate At Third Annual Diversity Fair

At Neenah High School
May 14, 2004

From 8 am to 3 pm

We need volunteers!

Please Contact Ruth Mansukhani
(920) 729-1139 or
rumani@athenet.net

India Association NEW

India Nite: A Talent Show By Adults!

Saturday, May 8, 2004, 2 – 8 p.m.
UW Fox Valley Center, Menasha

For more details, please contact
Mrs. Nila Vaishnav
738-6875 or sribaba@new.rr.com

Annual Membership Dues

(Per calendar year)

Please select your preferred category of membership and place an "X" in the appropriate box.

- Individual Member \$ 10.00
 - Family Member \$ 20.00
 - Benefactor \$ 100.00 to \$ 499.00
 - Patron \$ 500.00 or more
 - Any Donation \$
- Total \$

Please make your check payable to IndUS of Fox Valley and mail it to: IndUS, 3600 North Shawnee Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914.

Join the IndUS Team!

Movie Series

IndUS in collaboration with Toward Community and several other community organizations has helped organize a movie series at Appleton Public Library. All movies start at 6 p.m. and admission is free.

March 18

The Hajj

Fox Valley Islamic Society

April 22

Roots in the Sand

IndUS of Fox Valley

May 20

El Norte

Latino Link

Sandesh

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We are a

IndUS Cares

Serving lunch at Salvation Army, Appleton, on Saturdays entered eleventh year of its operation. For the second year our volunteers are partnering with Rotary District of Appleton in the SAMP program. The program involves packing medical equipment and supplies for the needy in Asia, Africa and Russia. Contact us if you would like to join us!



Boxes Arrive in
Africa!

IndUS & Fox Cities Rotary Multi-Cultural Center

IndUS has been a proud participant in laying the groundwork that has culminated in the founding of Fox Cities Rotary Multi-Cultural Center. The Center is now a reality and will be located at Washington. Ms. Nancy Hykes has been appointed the Executive Director.

The Board of Directors of IndUS passed a resolution to become an Associate Founding Member of the new Center.

IndUS thanks Mr. Shekar Rao, Mrs. Shipra Seefeldt, Dr. Ram Shet, and Mrs. Kamlesh Varma for their efforts in laying a solid foundation for the Center, in collaboration with other community leaders.

IndUS is committed to working with the leadership of Fox Cities Rotary Multi-Cultural Center. We wish the Center all the success.

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IndUS 2004
*Architecture
Of
India*

Saturday
October 30
At
University of
Wisconsin Oshkosh

