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A Newsletter From IndUS of Fox Valley

Happy New Year To All!

A New Year! And, A New Beginning!!

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Greetings! IndUS sends out its best wishes for a very happy New Year.

Sandesh! That is the name for our newsletter. Sandesh is a Sanskrit word meaning a message.

We are hopeful that through Sandesh we will be able to provide you with periodic updates and keep in touch with well-wishers of IndUS. We hope you will make this a two-way medium. We are interested in news, information, opinion, and suggestions from you.

We would like it to be informative and interesting. The single most daunting challenge for any newsletter is keeping it regular.

So, we are all ears! We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Sridhar at (920) 749-4911 or indusfoxvalley@uwosh.edu.

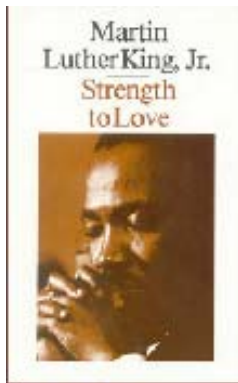
You will be pleased to note that Dr. Badri Varma has volunteered to build a website for IndUS. This should serve as yet another source of information to our friends. Please send your suggestions to Badri at bvarma@uwc.edu or call him at (920) 731-0834

IndUS 2002 A Great Success

IndUS-2002 was held on Saturday, October 26, 2002, at Reeve Union, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh. The theme for this year's event was Indian Weddings. The highlights of the event were an exhibition that featured wedding ceremonies from various regions and religions of India through artifacts, live demonstrations and

multimedia presentations. The cultural program presented a bridal march, a *barat* or procession of bridegroom party and a traditional Indian Wedding. Professor Peter D'Souza treated the guests to an authentic Indian feast. Professor Kirin Narayan delivered the keynote address, author. Over 320 people attended the sold out event.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebrations



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be on Sunday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton. This year's theme is "Understanding: Expressions of Respect." Keynote speaker will be Nikki Giovanni, a world-renowned poet, writer, and educator. The event organized by Toward Community: Unity In Diversity and cosponsored by IndUS is free and open to public. IndUS is also cosponsoring the

Eighth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community and University Celebrations on Monday, January 20, 2003, at Reeve Union Ball Room, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh. The event features a dinner and excerpts from "The Meeting" an account of a fictional meeting between Dr. King and Malcolm X, performed by Alston Productions, Omaha, NE. For tickets (\$20/person) contact Jan Keene at (920) 424-2296.

Pre-Teen Day Camp on February 22, 2003



Here is an opportunity for your child to spend a meaningful day with friends and peers. The day long camp has a variety of activities planned such as crafts, cooking, science, learning about other cultures, peer bonding and some winter outdoor fun.

This camp is for 6-12 year olds and only 20 spots are available on a *first come first served* basis. The cost is \$10 per child.

Parents invited to join for Pizza and a "Surprise Entertainment" by the kids at the end of the day for an additional \$ 3.00 per parent.

**When? Saturday, Feb 1, 2003
10am – 6 pm**

Location: To Be Announced

For registering your kid please contact: Sandhya Sridhar (749 4911) or Kamal Varma (731 0834) or Ruth Mansukhani (729-1139).

or send an email to:

sandhya@silver.sl.edu

IndUS Volunteer Recognition Dinner!

The success of IndUS-2002 was entirely due to the dedication and hard work of scores of volunteers, under the leadership of Ms. Ruth Mansukhani, Sandhya and Sridhar; and Ritu and Dilip Tannan are

hosting a Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Tannan residence in Oshkosh. Thank you, volunteers. IndUS will continue to count on your support in years to come.

IndUS Programs In The Year Ahead!

IndUS is planning a Film Festival in Spring 2003 featuring India films with artistic merit and social purpose.

On Wednesday, April 16, IndUS will participate in the Diversity Fair organized by Hilbert Schools at Community Center, Hilbert. The fair will run from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On Thursday, May 1, 2003, IndUS will collaborate with Leadership Fox Cities and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Appleton to organize an interactive program to promote cultural awareness.

IndUS-2003 annual banquet will be held either on October 18 or November 1. subject to availability of

our preferred venue

IndUS will organize at least a dance and a musical recital each featuring a well-known exponent. We are exploring opportunities to organize a multi-ethnic, interactive, percussion program. Specific dates, locations and artists will be notified in due course.

We will continue to collaborate with organizations such as India Association (N.E.W.), Toward Community, Human Relations Council, and areas schools and colleges in organizing activities that promote inter-cultural understanding.



IndUS youth planting a tree at Evergreen Retirement Community, Oshkosh.

How to become an IndUS Member? Please complete the form below, tear along the dotted line and mail it with your check! As simple as that!!

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

Join the IndUS Team!

Please furnish the following information:

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Would you like to volunteer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! Please contact me! <input type="checkbox"/> No. Not now.

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*Toward promoting
Indo-American
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About Our Organization...

IndUS aspires to be *to* be a dynamic, creative organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the community through social, cultural, educational and charitable activities.

The goals of IndUS are to:

- ❖ Promote Indo-American friendship and goodwill by involving people from the area communities.

- ❖ Promote and fund social, cultural and educational activities, which improve mutual understanding and appreciation.

- ❖ Encourage, support and fund charitable work to assist and empower the needy.

Please join IndUS and support us with your talent. For membership information, please see inside.

IndUS Thanks..

IndUS thanks all the volunteers and organizations that have given their time, talents, and resources to make us into a viable organization offering quality programming and activities.

In particular, we thank the following organizations: Appleton Area School

Districts; Brand M, Community Foundations of Fox Valley Region; Davis and Kuelthau, s.c, Attorneys at Law; Georgia Pacific Corporation; Kimberly-Clark Corporation; Lawrence University; MEGTEC Systems, and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Stop Press!

IndUS is now approved by the IRS as a not for profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code. This facilitates our attempts to seek donations and grants to further facilitate our future programming

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