

**Regional Indian American Community Center (RIACC)
Hall of Worship and Amy Community Center**

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Quarterly Newsletter [January-March 2006]

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Dear Community Members,
Welcome to another successful year with RIACC! Please thank all the Committee members when you see them as they have worked very hard to continue to provide a common place for worship and continued dedication to bring this community together. Remember, this is all volunteer work.

We welcome all the new committee members and look forward to a year of exciting programs. Dr. Vijay Singh and Ashok Gala are in charge of the Maintenance Committee. Amit Kumar Malhotra is leading the Fund-Raising Committee. As always, we need all the help we can, so please contact any committee member if you would like to volunteer your time.

Special thanks to our outgoing President - Dr. Manoj Srinath who has provided 2 years of selfless service as President. Dr. Giri Hoskere who has also finished his term was in charge of the Maintenance Committee and we sincerely thank him for keeping the property safe and sound.

Lastly, we urge you to contribute \$100 towards the maintenance fee for HOW for 2006.

Dr. Ashok Mehta - President, Executive Committee

Programs April-June 2006

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 04/16/06	11:00am	Kirtan - Pot-Luck Lunch
Sunday 04/23/06	11:00am	Vishnu Sahastranam - No Lunch Program
Sunday 4/30/06	11:00am	Guest Speaker (To Be Announced)
Sunday 05/07/06	11:00am	Kirtan - Pot-Luck Lunch
Saturday 05/13/06	6:00pm	HOW Anniversary Celebrations - Satyanarayan Katha, Entertainment Program
Sunday 05/14/06	10:00am	HOW Anniversary Celebrations - Nava Chandi Pooja, Abhishekham, Mother's Day Special
Sunday 05/21/06	11:00am	Sunderkand Path - Pot-Luck Lunch. Sponsored by Tiku and Delwadia family.
Sunday 05/28/06	11:00am	Vishnu Sahastranam - No Lunch Program
Sunday 06/04/06	11:00am	Kirtan - Pot-Luck Lunch
Sunday 06/11/06	11:00am	Poornima, Satyanarayan Katha - Pot-Luck Lunch. Sponsored by Rushmie Bakshi and family.
Sunday 06/18/06	11:00am	Sunderkand Path, Father's Day Celebration. Pot-Luck Lunch. Sponsored by Sapna Patel and family.
Sunday 06/25/06	11:00am	Vishnu Sahastranam - No Lunch Program

Executive Committee

Dr. Ashok Mehta*
(President)

Mrs. Brinda Gala*
(VP and President Elect)

Mrs. Bharati Solanki
(Treasurer)

Mr. Rajesh Patel*
(Assistant Treasurer)

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(Secretary)

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(Assistant Secretary)

HOW Committee

Dr. Rekha Kumar*
(Chairman)

Mr. Jayant Mehta*

Dr. Puneet Goenka

Mrs. Rama Sharma

*Denotes new appointment

Regular HOW Hours: Sun 11am-1pm (Aarti 12:30pm) Closed on Wednesday as of 4/19/06

Treasurer's Report 2005

Ending Balance (12/31/2005)	\$31,807
Income	
Donations and Hundi collection	\$16,712
Monthly Dues and Membership	\$2,769
Sponsors	\$1,000
Advertisement	\$50
Interest income etc	\$108
Designated funds *	\$13,469
Total	\$34,108
Expenses	
Insurance	\$514
Lawn Care	\$1,023
Building Maintenance	\$873
Printing & Postage	\$813
Supplies	\$198
Telephone	\$629
Utilities	\$2,494
Vacuum Cleaner	\$186
Cleaning	\$140
Miscellaneous	\$500
Kitchen Supplies	\$198
To RIACC Board	\$1,590
Picnic	\$170
Anniversary Celebrations	\$452
Total	\$9,780

Progress on Current Projects

- Priest Selection - We have interviewed two priests, looking at interviewing a third priest to make a final selection.
- Front entrance work has started and is estimated to be completed by the Anniversary Celebrations.
- Dining Hall expansion planning is in progress.

Contact any of the committee members for more information or help related to the above projects.

Sunday Classes & Contacts

Bal Vihar

Raji Suresh (423-245-7658)

Dance Classes

Neela Patel (423-636-1718)

Mathematics

Vishwa Sakhare (423-929-2616)

Tabla Classes (not started)

Dr. Manoj Srinath (423-288-5869)

Sunday Programs

1st Sunday - Japji Sahib / Kirtan

2nd Sunday - Guest Speaker

3rd Sunday - Sunderkand Path

4th Sunday - Vishnu Sahastranam

These programs are subject to change as special programs take precedence over the regularly scheduled programs. Emails will be sent in case of any change.

Send an email to how@riacc.us if you would like to receive emails on HOW activities!

Please add how@riacc.us to your address book to ensure receipt of the emails.

RIACC Hall of Worship Anniversary Event 2006

It is again that time of the year where the entire community will be gathered for two days of Anniversary Celebrations of our own Hall of Worship. Planning committee is at work to make this event another year of memories, fellowship, recitation, food, and lots of fun. On this anniversary, as we look back over four years of fruitful contacts, programs conducted, this is the time to renew our commitment to work together and grow this vibrant community to a much larger congregation.

On this anniversary, I assure you of my prayers for you and your family, and for all those who have committed themselves to foster increased understanding and cooperation within our community for a better existence. We also take this opportunity to recognize our community members that have time after time contributed in many ways to sustain as well as help grow and create a much needed cohesion in our community. Mark this on your calendar and invite your friends and family for a treat!

Program Highlights

Saturday May 13th (GRAND ANNIVERSARY NIGHT)

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome
- 6:05 p.m. Satyanarayan Katha by Priest
- 7:30 p.m. Entertainment Program
- 9:00 p.m. Dinner

Sunday May 14th, 2006 (MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION EVENT)

- 10:00 a.m. Nava Chandi Pooja (Havan) by Priest
- 11:00 a.m. Abhishekham & Bhajans (optional \$11.00 per family for Abhishekham)
- 11:45 a.m. Entertainment-MOTHER's Day Celebration
- 12:30 p.m. Arti
- 1:00 p.m. Mahaprasad (Lunch)

We are looking for *Platinum* (\$1000) and *Gold* (\$500) sponsors. Sponsorship is \$101 for *Satyanarayan Katha or Havan*. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Rekha Kumar (423-854-9229) or Rama Sharma (423-288-8471).

Anil Agrawal

Chairman - Board of Trustees, Lead - Anniversary Planning Committee

Sahil - Fine Indian Cuisine - NOW OPEN!!

Restaurant - Lounge - Banquet - Catering

Tel: 423-283-7100

Lunch Hours: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Dinner Hours: 5:00pm - 10:30pm

Lunch Buffet Special: All you can eat only \$5.95 plus tax Enjoy more than 20 courses in buffet

Kids (Under 5 years) eat FREE 7 days a week

We specialize in Catering and Banquets

2312 1/2 Browns Mill Road at Days Inn, Johnson City, TN

Directions: 1-26 Take exit 35, Roan St South to 1st traffic light, turn right on Browns Bill Rd and turn right into the Days Inn parking lot

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Profile: Amit Kumar Malhotra - By: Anil Agrawal

Amit Kumar Malhotra resides in Kingsport, TN and soon will be moving into their new house in Johnson City. He is married to Priyanka Malhotra and blessed with a beautiful daughter, Suhanee, who is three years old. Amit and his family have been in the Tri-cities area for over seven years. He brings diverse background from computer science and technology to financial strategy. He is employed with Eastman Chemical as a Financial Analyst, after his accomplishments with Eastman in the Information Technology division.

Amit recently graduated with an MBA, from one of the most prestigious school in the country, Duke University. His motto in life is peaceful co-existence and increase size of pie through creativity and sharing of knowledge. Amit has shown keen interest in the community in the last few months working with Executive Committee members including a few Board members to implement some strategies on fund raising for RIACC and Hall of Worship. He is now the chairperson for the Fund Raising Committee. We congratulate him on his accomplishments and look forward to his valuable contribution in the community.

RIACC Website: <http://www.riacc.us>

Submit any significant events in your family to how@riacc.us for publication in the next newsletter.

Did you know we accept advertisements in the RIACC newsletter? Write to how@riacc.us for more details

Interested in writing articles/book reviews? Send them to how@riacc.us for publication in the newsletter

Directions to the Hall of Worship:

From Johnson City - Take I-181 (I-26) towards Kingsport. Take Exit 49 (Rock Springs Exit). Take a left on the RAMP and see below

From Kingsport: Take I-181 towards Johnson City. Take exit 49 (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.