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Happy New Year! With your continued support, we hope to make it yet another successful and rewarding year for all of you and your family at the temple!

By the time you receive this newsletter, we would have welcomed 2010 with the first satsang on January 10, sponsored by **Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar, Chandrakant & Trupti Patel, and Subhas & Prabha Ravi**. We need more families to sponsor Satsangs in 2010. We know that there are many of you who are interested in sponsoring, but are afraid to do it, either because you have never sponsored a satsang or not sure how to handle it. We are here to help you by connecting you with several experienced families. You will be amazed to learn that it is not as difficult to manage as you imagine. Please call any of the Board Members or Support Committee Chairs listed on this page for any help. They will be able to direct you to the right person. **Please seriously consider sponsoring a satsang. All Satsangs and Special Festivals for 2010 are listed in the Events List in this Newsletter. It is an excellent opportunity for you to do some "seva" and enjoy sharing any special occasion such as anniversary, birthday, or any other event with your friends.**

APPEAL TO AID HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS - "Death Despair Hanut Haiti!", "Tears and anguish are plentiful, shelter and aid are not" – These are a few of the many headlines you see regarding devastation caused by a recent earthquake in Haiti. It is hard to imagine the terrible pain and suffering being experienced by people affected by the earthquake. IACCT is seeking your help to aid the relief efforts in Haiti. **Please make a donation for such a humanitarian and worthy cause. Please send a check payable to IACCT with "Haiti Aid" in the memo and mail it to IACCT, 2002 Ramona Avenue, Portage, MI 49002. No amount is too small. We plan to send all of the funds collected for relief efforts in Haiti through one or more international aid agencies, such as American Red Cross. Thanks.**

WELCOME BACK PANDITJI - Panditji will be back from his India trip on January 18th. During his absence, many volunteers provided the services and keep the temple open for "darshan" or poojas. IACCT is grateful to the following volunteers who helped during Panditji's absence: **Padmanabh Bhatt, Saket Thote, Suresh Yenishetty, Lavan Odapally, Nita Mehta Chettiar, and Hrishi Shah. Thank you!!!**

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER ORGANIZED BY IACCT YOUTH GROUP - A Fun Filled Evening with Your Friends for only \$12 per person on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Portage Senior Center, 320 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002. Net Profits will be donated to charity organization(s). Please contact Jay Sharma at 269-806-5905 or jay.hoffmans@gmail.com or Ryan DeMello at rдемello10_kamsc@yahoo.com or Alisha Kamboj at kambojalisha@yahoo.com for more details.

MAHASHIVARATRI CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, February 12, 2010. - Please join us for Special pooja with \$251 donation and with Rudrabhisheka and archana followed by dinner prasadam. The sponsors are **Chandrashekhar and Sushila Virupannavar**. Please contact Panditji to participate in the Pooja or archana.

MAHASHIVARATRI CELEBRATION

Friday, February 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.



Mahashivaratri will be celebrated in the Temple on Friday, February 12, 2010 with Pooja and Rudrabhisheka beginning at 6:00 p.m. ***You are invited to sponsor Special Pooja to help with Renovation for a donation of \$251.00 or an Archana for \$21.00. All present before 7:00 p.m. will have the opportunity to offer abhisheka (free) to Lord Shiva.*** The Pooja and Rudrabhisheka will be followed by Bhajans and Arati. The program will conclude with a dinner/Prasad at 8:30 p.m. Please contact Panditji if you would like to sponsor the Pooja or Archana.

Sponsored by:
Chandrasekhar & Sushila Virupannavar

IACCT CALENDAR FOR 2010 – The New Year Calendar with a new picture of deities and with all of the regular events listed, were mailed out to over 600 families in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Holland and other nearby communities. ***You can pick one up from Panditji in case you did not receive it.*** IACCT is grateful to all of youth group members who helped stuff the calendars and label them for mailing. The following youth group members helped in accomplishing the task in record time: ***Ansh Chaudhary, Ryan DeMello, Sameer Deshpande, Sujay Dewan, Gagan Gupta, Alisha Kamboj, Amrit Kamboj, Gauri Rangrass, Suneed Shaikh, Yash Sharma, Praneet Sunkara, and Madhavi Venugopal.*** IACCT appreciates their valuable help and youth members' parents support.



Youth Group Members busy at work and a group photo after getting all Calendars ready for mailing.

A BRIEF REPORT BY YOUTH GROUP TREASURER, YASH SHARMA - We have made great success in fundraising efforts for the IACCT Youth Group. We are thankful for the support from our community who helped us by buying a DVD and donating \$10 for our youth group. We raised over \$200 from these DVD sales. For the DVD, Metro Toyota sponsored us by giving \$250 for their advertisement in the DVD. This amount will help us fund the youth group programs or donate in part for worthy charities. Please do not forget to pick up your DVD at World of Spices if you have not already done so. Our thanks to the community for your continued support and we hope to see you at the Valentine dinner on February 6th at Portage Senior Center. Your support is very much appreciated. – Yash Sharma, Treasurer, IACCT Youth Group

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 2010 - Thank you! We are grateful to all those who have sent in their membership dues. We have received dues from over fifty families and individuals. An updated list along with Life Members appears in this newsletter. There are many of you who have supported us in the past, but have not paid their annual membership dues for 2010. We welcome new members to support IACCT programs. Your membership dues help tremendously in providing many services the IACCT offers.

**IACCT LIFE MEMBERS AND PAID MEMBERS AS OF
JANUARY 17, 2010**

LIFE MEMBERS

Amin, Mahendra & Saroj
Bhargava, Hari & Urmil
Dewan, Brij & Atul
Doctor, Umakant & Shreedevi
Gajare, Nilanjan & Ujwala
Golhar, Damodar & Joyotsna
Jain, Krishna & Poonam
Kondapaneni, Sarat & Sita
Kumar, Nandan, & Maya
Lal, Niranjana & Marifel
Mediratta, Ravi & Sangita
Patel, Ramesh & Mati
Patel, Keyur & Vashu
Rama, Ramakrishna & Usha
Ravi, Subhas & Prabha
Sharma, Satish & Indu
Singh, Gopal & Kamala
Tyle, Praveen & Tanu
Valvani, Shri & Swerun
Varma, Loknath & Chanderkanta
Vemuri, Radhakrishna & Karen
Virupannavar, Chandrashekhar & Sushila

PAID MEMBERS (2010)

Agrawal, Ram & Malti
Alluri, Gopal & Lakshmi
Amin, Sanjay & Kalpana
Badarinath, Maddur & Arathi
Bedi, Gopal & Manju
Bhargava, Brij & Dipti
Bhan, Raakesh & Harriet
Bobba, Sarat & Jyothi
Byakod, Basappa & Sudha
Dagli, Rajesh & Nita
Ethiraj, Rajesh & Jayarani Kandaswamy
Falk, Arthur & Nancy
Fielder, Jeff & Sneha
Goel, Chetan & Anupama

PAID MEMBERS CONTD....

Goud, Sadananda & Shobha
Hattangadi, Sunder & Lina
Harring, Ruth
Jaglan, Ram & Bimla
Jariwala, Del
Jariwala, Mahesh & Mercia
Jolly, Om & Savita
Joshi, Anup & Bhawana
Kalokhe, Shivdas & Surekha
Kamboj, Kamal & Manmohan
Karamchandani, Mahesh & Roshan
Karamchandani, Ramesh & Sumita
Kamalapurkar, Raj & Seema
Katbamna, Bharti
Krishnamurthy, R.V. & Sujatha
Kulkarni, Kumar & Anita
Mahan, Suman & Sunita
Mehta, Muktiraj & Norma
Mohanty, Saroj & Lara
Mukherjee, Samar & Pratima
Narasimhan, Sundaram
Patel, Anil & Kumud
Patel, Pravin & Lata
Pisipati, Bhaskar & Padma
Rajachar, Lily
Rao, Shrinath & Shaila
Reddy, Ravi & Annapurna
Sagdeo, Pradip & Shubhada
Salvi, Satish & Seema
Sanghadia, Mukesh & Seema
Sharma, Manish
Sharma, Ravi & Rita
Singh, Harpal & Rajwant
Singh Kanwarpreet(Channi) & Sheetal Patel
Singh, Ravinder & Vihangi
Singla, Varindar & Rashee
Tatineni, Kameswara & Vijaya
Tatineni, Prabhash & Aparna Kanaparthi
Verma, Aashish & Mauli
Vemuri, Radhakrishna & Karen
Venugopal, Kamesh & Hema

IACCT Events for 2010

*(A few past dates may be included to provide updated information
and to recognize sponsoring families)*

DATE	EVENT	SPONSORS
Sunday, January 10, 2010 11:15 AM	Makar Sankranti Celebration Pooja & Satsang	Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar Chandrakant & Trupti Patel Subhas & Prabha Ravi
Sunday, January 24, 2010 11:15 AM	Basant Panchmi & Saraswati Pooja Pooja & Satsang	Saroj & Lara Mohanty Ashish & Isha Mehta Ranjani Manipala & Rama Rengarajender
Friday, February 12 2010, 6:00 PM	MahaShivaratri Celebration	Chandrasekhar & Sushila Virupannvar
Sunday, Feb 14, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Feb 28, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot
Sunday, Mar 14, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang, Ugadhi, Gudi Padwa	Kamesh & Hema Venugopal
March 16-24, 2010	Ram Naavmi, Chaitra Navaratra	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Mar 28, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Apr 11, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Apr 25, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Chetan & Anupama Goel
Sunday, May 9, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang, Mothers Day	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, May 23, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jun 13, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jun 27, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jul 11, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jul 25, 2010, 11:15 AM	Lord Jagannath Ratha Yatra Pooja & Satsang	Saroj & Lara Mohanty Subhransu & Jasbir Samanta
Sunday, Aug 8, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Aug 22, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Wednesday, Sep 1, 2010 9:00 PM	Janmashtami Celebration	Sponsors Needed
Saturday, Sep 11, 2010	Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Sep 12, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sep 12 – 22 Everyday 6:30 PM	Ganesh Pooja	
Wednesday, Sep 22, 2010 6:00 PM	Anant Chaturdashi Pooja	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Sep 26, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Oct 8 - 16, 2010	Sharadeeya Navaratra	
Sunday, Oct 10, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Oct 17, 2010	Vijaya Dashmi Pooja	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Oct 24, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Friday, Nov 5, 2010, 6:00 PM	Laxmi Pooja & Diwali Celebration	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Nov 14, 2010, 11:15 AM	General Body Meeting Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Nov 28, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Dec 12, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Dec 26, 2010, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed

Please call Raj Tiwari at 649-9550, or Subhas Ravi at 372-1647 to sponsor Satsangs.

**Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple
2002 Ramona Avenue
Portage, MI 49002**

Temple Hours

Weekdays (Except Wed): 8:00 —10:00 a.m., 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Temple Closed (Open for special Poojas and by prior arrangement)

Panditji's Phone: 269-324-8224, (Cell) 269-271-0192

Regularly Scheduled Events

Day & Time	Event
Every Sunday, 10:30 AM	Gita Study
Every Sunday, 11:30 AM	Bal Vikas
Every Monday, 7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM	Hanuman Chalisa
Every Wednesday, 6:30 PM	Group Meditation
Every Friday, 6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama
Every Saturday, 10:30 AM	Vishnu Sahasranama
See IACC&T Calendar for Dates	
Every 2 nd & 4 th Sunday 11:15 AM	
Every Pournima day, 6:30 PM	Pooja & Satsang
Every Pradosh day, 7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Pooja
Every Sankashta Hara Chaturthi day, 7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka Ganesha Abhisheka