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IACCT GENERAL BODY MEETING AND ELECTIONS – The 2011 Annual General Body Meeting was held on Sunday, November 13. The General Body meeting was well attended. The minutes of General Body meeting will be presented in the next newsletter.

The election of three Board Members for the three-year term beginning January 2012 was held under the direction of the Election and Nomination Committee led by **Virendra Sood, Om Jolly and Chandrakant Patel**. Virendra Sood announced that three nominations were received for the three Board openings for the next three-year term. **Hari Bhargava, Vijay Mehta, & Jayesh Sharma** were declared elected for three-year term ending on December 2014. Outgoing Board Members, **Subhas Ravi, Hari Bhargava and Jayesh Sharma** were acknowledged for their service. At a special Board meeting held on November 13, 2011 **Hari Bhargava was elected as Chairman of the Board for the year 2012**.

NEXT REGULAR SATSANG will be held on December 11, 2011. It is sponsored by Pravin & Pallavi Betala, Raghu & Amritha Bhat, Sankar Rajesh & Preethi.

SPECIAL POOJA ON NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1, 2012 FROM 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM and also at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Here is an opportunity for you to participate in pooja for health, peace and prosperity for the New Year and beyond. Panditji will perform special New Year Pooja (Lakshmi Pooja or Ganesh Pooja) between 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM on January 1 for each family individually for 10-15 minutes, with a donation of \$51 on a first come first serve basis. Please call Panditji to participate in pooja. Only families participating in pooja need to be present in the afternoon. Also, a Special New Year's Pooja, open to all, will be held beginning at 6:30 PM on January 1, followed by Hanuman Chalisa, Archana, and a pot luck dinner around 8:00 PM. Devotees are requested to bring a food dish to share. Please contact Panditji for further details.

SATSANG SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR 2012 - We are thankful to all those who have helped fill the satsang sponsorship slots at the temple during 2011. Please support the temple by sponsoring a satsang during 2012. Please use the chart at the temple to fill in your names to sponsor or call one of the Board Members. Please see the attached Calendar of Events.

WHO CAN BUY FOOD FOR A FRACTION OF A DOLLAR PER POUND TO FEED THE HUNGRY? - Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes can buy almost 1,000 lbs of food to feed the hungry for \$250. You can indeed make a difference by donating cash to Loaves and Fishes. Every dollar you donate allows them to buy a whole lot of food as compared to any one of us can. The Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes is a food bank that provides free, nutritious meals and support services in a dignified, safe, and caring environment. It provides these services to all needy individuals, with special concern for families and senior citizens. It also supports the soup kitchen at Ministry with Community and Gospel Mission. Your donation allows you to take a tax credit from the State of Michigan up to \$200 tax credit for a donation of \$400 (Married Filing Jointly). In effect your gift cost you less than half of what you donate up to \$400. **Please make checks payable to the Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes and give them to Panditji or Shri Valvani. We will collect and mail the checks to Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.**

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November-December 2011

Dear Devotees and Friends:

On behalf of the Board, we wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. With your generosity and support, IACCT had another productive year with several festivals including a grand Kumkuma Archana and Homa program. We are confident that you are enjoying the programs offered by the temple.

The time has come to start our campaign for IACCT Annual membership dues for 2012. We urge all of you to become a member or renew your membership today and show your continued support for IACCT. The current membership dues, unchanged from past several years, are: \$150.00 per family, \$75.00 for single members and \$25.00 per full time student or student family enrolled in an educational institution. Your annual membership dues partially provide revenue for operational expenses for the temple.

Through your membership dues, we can continue to provide a multitude of functions at the temple, including, but not limited to temple sponsored functions, regular satsangs and bhajans, keeping temple open during normal hours, providing pooja services, Bal Vikas program, Youth Group activities, publication and mailing of newsletters, regular maintenance of the temple facilities, and many other activities. Our thanks to all those who have already paid their annual membership dues for 2012.

Please send in your tax deductible contributions for 2012. Please make the check payable to Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple or IACCT. Your 2012 membership will become effective January 2012. Please fill in the information to ensure that your name, address, phone number and/or other information are correctly listed in the directory or on the address label. Please include your e-mail for newsletter delivery. If you like, you may charge the dues to your Credit Card.

On behalf of the Board, we thank you for your trust and wish you and your family safe and HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Board of Directors, Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple

Hari Bhargava, 2011 & 2012 Chair

Kailash Bafna

Sangita Mediratta

Vijay Mehta (2012)

Subhas Ravi

Jayesh Sharma

Vijay Sood

Janaki Sunkara

Dhiraj Tiwari

Anil S. Patel

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MEMBERSHIP	Family \$150	Single \$75	Student \$25
First Name		Spouse Name	
Children's Name		Last Name	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-mail:	
PLEASE FILL IN ONLY IF YOU WISH TO CHARGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES			
Please Charge My Credit Card Amount \$		Circle One: Master Card Visa American Express	
Credit Card Number		Expiry Date MM/YY	Signature (Required for Credit Card)



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Dear Devotees and Friends:

Happy Diwali, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to All! We hope that you have enjoyed a variety of functions held at the temple. During 2011, we expanded the parking lot to accommodate 18 additional cars for your convenience and safety. With your continued generosity, we expect to continue to improve the facility for your comfort and enjoyment.



IACCT Temple Entrance



Over 108 Ladies Performing Kumkuma Archana

We are thankful to all those who have come forward or continued with their generous support for renovation or other functions. It should not come as a surprise that current state of economy has made it more difficult to raise and/or receive funds. We had hoped to raise funds to FULLY fund the Deity Installation and Temple Renovation (DITR) project by now. However, we are still short of funds, but we have absolutely no doubt that community members will ultimately support the temple.

As previously announced, we plan to recognize all DITR contributors with a total pledge or donation of \$250 or more (including past DITR contributions) in various categories all the way up to \$25,000 or more, by having their names on a plaque. Pledged donations could be paid up in installments in 2011 or 2012 or until the IACCT announces the full collection of all funds needed to support the projects.

The renovation project, extra maintenance, landscaping, and recent parking lot expansion have had an enormous impact on IACCT treasury. In addition we currently have \$50,000 mortgage loan on the temple owned property at 2003 Lansing Avenue. Our goal is to continue our efforts to raise funds to pay off all our debt and to build the needed reserves for future.

Please contribute generously. Please send your tax deductible donation check or pledges to Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple, 2002 Ramona Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49002. No amount of donation is too small.

Thanks for your generous support.

Board Members, Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple

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Yes we want to help. We pledge to support the temple renovation . My Check is Enclosed.		
Pledges For		
2011 \$ _____	2012 \$ _____	2013 \$ _____
Total Amount Pledged \$ _____		Check Enclosed \$ _____
Last Name, First Name and Spouse Name		Phone Number
Address, City, State, Zip		E-mail
Pay by Credit Card Number	Expires MM/YY	Signature if paying by credit card

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IACCT Upcoming Events 2011 and 2012

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

When	Events	Sponsored By
Sunday, Nov 13, 2011, 11:15 AM	General Body Meeting Pooja & Satsang	Rajiv & Mini Rangrass Kapil & Ishani Mehra Ashok & Shelly Sachdev Sunil & Seema Jaggi Arun & Shalini Tandon
Sunday, Nov 27, 2011, 11:15 AM	No Satsang	No Satsang due to Thanksgiving Week
Sunday, Dec 11, 2011, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Pravin & Pallavi Betala Raghu & Amritha Bhat Sankar Rajesh & Preethi
Sunday, Dec 25, 2011, 11:15 AM	No Satsang	No Satsang due to Christmas
Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 12:00 – 2:00 PM	Individual Families Special Pooja Performed by Panditji	Please contact Panditji to participate with a donation of \$51 per family.
Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 6:30 – 8:00 PM	Special Pooja for Health, Peace and Prosperity Performed by Panditji. Pot Luck Dinner follows.	Everyone is invited. Please bring a food dish to share.
Sunday, January 8, 2012 11:15 AM	Makar Sankranti Celebration Pooja & Satsang	Arun & Shalini Pandey Ravi & Vihangi Singh Lokesh & Paminder Khurmi
Sunday, January 22, 2012 11:15 AM	Basant Panchmi & Saraswati Pooja Pooja & Satsang	Ravi & Sangita Mediratta
Sunday, Feb 12, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Monday, Feb 20, 2012, 6:00 PM	MahaShivaratri Celebration	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Feb 26, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Mar 11, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Friday, March 23 - April 1, 2012	Ram Navami, Chaitra Navaratra	See program in IACCT Calendar
Sunday, Mar 25, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Monday, April 1, 2012, 6:00 PM	Ram Navami Pooja and Dinner Prasadam	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Apr 8, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Apr 22, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang Temple Anniversary	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, May 6, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang, Mothers Day	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, May 20, 2012, 11:15 AM	High School Graduation Ceremony & Saraswati Pooja, Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jun 10, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
TBD, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Every Day	Summer Camp for Youth & Children Ages 5 – 4 th Grade	
Sunday, Jun 24, 2012, 11:15 AM	Lord Jagannath Ratha Yatra, Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Jul 8, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Friday, July 17, 2012 6:00 PM (dry fruit prasadam only)	Laksha Mahalakhsmi Kumkuma Archana	Please contact Panditji to participate.
Sunday, July 19, 2012 9-00 AM – Noon (lunch Mahaprasadam)	Ganesha Mahalakhsmi Maha Mritunjaya Poorvaka Sri Rudra Mahayagna	Please contact Panditji to participate.
Sunday, Jul 22, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Thursday, Aug 9, 2012 10:00 PM	Janmashtami Celebration Pooja and Archana	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Aug 12, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Aug 26, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Sep 9, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Wednesday, Sep 19, 2012 6:00 pm	Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja and Archana	Sponsors Needed
Sep 20 – 28 Everyday 6:30 PM	Ganesh Pooja	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Sep 23, 2012, 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Saturday, Sep 29, 2012 11:00 AM	Anant Chaturdashi Pooja followed by Lunch Prasadam	Sponsors Needed

*Please call Raj Tiwari at 649-9550, or Vijay Sood at 327-2846, or
Sangita Mediratta at 329-2847 to sponsor Satsangs.*

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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 1 st & 3 rd 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, 6:00 PM	Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship
Every Friday, 6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama
Every Saturday, 10:00 AM	Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship
Every Saturday, 11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahasranama
See IACC&T Calendar for Dates	
Every 2 nd & 4 th Sunday 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang
Every Pournima day, 6:30 PM	Satyanarayana Pooja
Every Pradosh day, 7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Sankashta Hara Chaturthi day, 7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka