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**NEWSLETTER – June, 2007**

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Dear Members,  
 I hope you are having a fun filled summer. The first quarter has been energizing with Graduation Banquet and Mothers Day being huge successes. Thank you all for coming to these events and making them memorable.

Some of the kids volunteered to work at UW-Arboretum and had a great time learning more about Wisconsin's unique flora and fauna. The next scheduled dates are on July 18th and August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. I hope you will have your children participate and reap the benefits from this learning opportunity (this date is already passed!).

Come and enjoy the Annual Picnic on July 28, 2007 between 10 AM and 3 PM at the Mendota Park. We are having a combined picnic with Wisconsin Tamil Sangam, Madison Area Telugu Association and American Hindu Association. All you have to do is bring a dish to share! You can come to enjoy the free pizza, corn, fruits, ice-cream and fun activities.

Please mark your calendars! **September 8, 2007** is India Day. Please let us know if you would like to participate in the cultural activities or can volunteer to help.

I hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Thanks,  
 Anuradha Palaparti  
 AIA President (2007)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Members: 1 new life time member  
 9 existing life-time members  
 71 paid members  
 Total: 81 paid members as of July 24, 2007  
 Spring/Mother Day: income \$ 1594.00 and expenses \$1632.72  
 Net loss/Profit: -\$38.72

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**Upcoming event: Annual Summer Picnic**  
**Association of Indians in America (AIA)**

**together with**

**Wisconsin Tamil Sangam (WITS), American Hindu Association (AHA), Madison Area Telugu Association (MATA)**



**Date: July 28, 2007**

**Time: 10:00 AM- 3.00PM**

**Mendota Park/Lake Mendota Park**

**5214 Century Ave**

**Middleton WI 53562**

**Program Information:**

Sports- Bring along any board games you like, football, soccer ball, beach ball, badminton racquets etc.

**Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.**

**Pizza, Corn, Water Melon and Ice cream will be provided.**

**Please let us know if you can help with organizing the event**

**Highway Cleaning:** Four times a year. Once in Spring (April/May), twice in Summer and once in fall (Sep./Oct.). Dates are dependent on the weather conditions.

**Arboretum:** 3-4 times a year. Once in Spring (April/May), twice in Summer and once in fall (Sep./Oct.). Dates are dependent on the coordinator from Arboretum.

**India Day:** September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Diwali:** Second week of November 9, 2007 (tentative)

**Highway Cleaning: Please Volunteer**

The 2007 highway cleaning schedule has been out. The AIA of Madison has adopted 1.5 miles of 14W from CTH MM (Oregon, WI) to the Byrne Road Bridge to keep it clean throughout the year. Dr. Swaminathan and Lalitha Balachandran coordinated this program for the last several years. It has been the tradition that volunteers gather at Dr. Balachandran's house, have breakfast, and proceed for the cleanup works. The work takes about an hour during which trash is collected in garbage bags and deposited on the roadside. The city crew picks up the garbage after the clean up work is done.

Every year, 40 to 50 volunteers clean the assigned areas 3 times a year, spring, summer, and fall. Only the right-hand-side of that section needs to be cleaned while the left side will be cleaned by other organizations. If you are interested please contact Swaminathan Balachandran at [balachas@uwplatt.edu](mailto:balachas@uwplatt.edu) or phone 608-848-6780 (H)

**AIA CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY  
WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM**

AIA celebrates Mother's Day every year with the wide participation representing people from many regions of India. This year AIA of Madison celebrated Mothers' Day on Saturday, May 20 with



Indian ethnic food, music, and cultural programs representing various regions of India. The program was held at Verona

High School in Verona. AIA recognized all participating mothers with free dinner.



The program began at 5:30 p.m. with a Social Hour, and the food was cooked and prepared by a group



of men to treat mothers on the occasion of mother's day. The AIA president Anuradha Palaparti

welcomed all mothers, children and guests. She



mentioned that Mother's Day has been a well participated function in Madison and we observe this festival every year to refresh the relationships among family members. This is a family function with participation of every member of the family to recognize mothers.

The program started with national anthems of India



and the United States. The cultural program was organized representing many individuals, groups and dance schools from Madison and surrounding areas. Among the participating groups were Kalaanjali School of Dance, Natyarpana Dance Company, and the Spandhan School of Dance.

The cultural program was a combination of music, dance, instrumental performances, bhajans and dramatic performances.

The dance programs began with four young girls, Jahnvi and Reshma Gali, Simranji Seerha and Teja



Karimikonda. A group of dancers from the Natyarpana dance company performed a group dance praising Lord Shiva. The

Performers were: Anupama, Alisha, Shaila, Kaamyaa and Sirianna. The dance was choreographed by: Kripa Baskaran.

Teja Vemuganti and Nivedita Prabhakaran from the Spandhan School of Dance performed the Bharatnatyam "Thillina". Thillana is full of sculptersque movements and nritta patterns.



Ananya Patti and Bhabna Patti recited a poem written by her sister Bhabna. Bhabna's poem was published in the Middleton Public library "Mid Kids-Calling all Poets: Poetry Collection"

A group of energetic boys called the Madison Bhangra Boyz performed the Bhangra dance which drew a lot of attention from the audience. From Kalaanjali School of



Dance A semi-classical dance piece was performed in praise of Garbarakshambikai amman, the Goddess who grants the boon of children and protects them. A Bharatanatyam dance in praise of Lord Vishnu by praising his Dashavataram, the ten incarnations was performed by Rasika Ramanathan.

In between the dance program, raffle and door prize drawings kept the audience excited and the winners happy.

In the middle of the cultural program there was a dinner break with delicious food items from different regions of India.

**TAMIL NEW YEAR  
"TAMIZH PUTTHANDU VIZHA"**

The Wisconsin Tamil Sangam celebrated Tamil New Year in Madison with great enthusiasm. The program was held at the Middleton High school on Sunday on May 13, 2007. The main purpose of



Wisconsin Tamil Sangam is to promote Tamil heritage, and foster better understanding, friendship and appreciation amongst

Tamil-speaking people and other communities of Wisconsin. The program started with the welcome

After dinner, the cultural program continued with bhajans, music and dance. Vanita & Ranjini sang Tulsi bhajan. Rajeev Kundapur sang beautiful music. Terrance, Amit Mangar, and Gopal Krishna sang film songs. Yakshagana performance by Rajendra Kedlaya was novel and true representation of Karnataka folklore. Towards the end, all children and their mothers were invited on to the stage. Each child presented a rose and expressed their love for his/her mom! It was very touching. At the end, AIA President Anuradha Palaparti thanked all the participants, performers, food preparers and everyone else who made the program a success. Approximately, 275 people participated in this function.

**Volunteers for Mother's Day cooking:**

Umesh, Balachandran, Singh, Lokesh, Amit, Badri & his dad, Prabhakaran, Damodaran, Shyam, Sachin, Tejinder, Naveen, Venu, Rajaraman, Sridharan, Abhik & Vipin Goel

**Mother's Day Expenses**

Dinner Collections: \$978  
Raffle sales : \$116  
Donations (Spring Windows & Fashions): \$500  
Total collections: \$1594  
Total expenses: \$1632.72  
Net loss/profit \$-38.72

**Mother's Day Event Sponsors:**

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speech and presentation of financial overview by Dr. Swaminathan Balachandran. Following this a



dance blending Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance was performed. The dance was performed by Elizabeth Fine, Meg Johnson, Elyse Snider, Lyndsey Groth, Lakshmi Sarkar, Vishnuvarthini Manoharan and choreographed by Meenakshi

Ganesan, Lisa Thurrell & Robert Cleary. Many young children from the age of 2 and above presented the Fancy Dress Pageant depicting the political, social and religious characters of India.

A classical dance was performed in the worship of



Lord Nataraja, the Hindu Lord of Dance. The dance presented by Natyarpana Dance Company. Suresh Vaidheeswaran & Thiru. Kumar Nurani presented a comedy show. A group of 15 mothers presented a unique Tamil traditional dance, popularly known as Kummi Aatam, a communal dance from Tamil Nadu.

At the end Pushpa Rajesh thanked all of the participants, guests, and people involved organizing



this event, and a delicious Indian dinner was served. The program ended at about 10 p.m. and there were about 250 participants in the program.

### GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Renee Kar Johnson of the



Kalaanjali School of Dance for winning the third prize at the Indian Classical Dance Competition held at the Chicago Lemont Temple on May 19th, 2007. The

participants for the competition were from Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and other areas of the Midwest.

Renee, 10 years old, is a talented young dancer of Kalaanjali Dance Company where she has been learning Bharatanatyam under the guidance of her Guru, Ms. Meenakshi Ganesan since 2004. Renee has performed in lead roles in various dance productions and also won the "Performer of the year award" in 2005. Renee plans to continue her training in Bharatanatyam and perform her Arangetram"

### Arboretum Cleaning

One of the most important missions of UW Arboretum is to involve the public in the process of restoring land and living in harmony with nature. This summer young volunteers from AIA



participated in the educational programs at the Arboretum designed to increase awareness of the natural world and to explore the idea that human beings can have a positive relationship with nature through the restoration of native biological communities. The participants on June 9, 2007 were Aikum Talwar, Ananya and Bhabhaba Pati, Teja Vemuganti, Keertana and Sadhana Pittala and Nitin Saini led by Susan Carpenter.

**Community Information**AIA congratulates Badrinath and Shilpa Lankella on the arrival of their baby girl: Sriveda Lankella.



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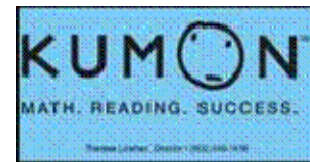
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