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President's Address

NAMASTE !!

On behalf of the 2007 India Association of Phoenix Board of Directors – I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous 2007. As we welcome this year with the rare flurry of snow – yes it snowed in parts of the valley on Jan 21st 2007, thrilling all who saw it, I look forward to an equally thrilling year ahead for us.

I thank you all for giving me the honor of being President of this prestigious organization. We have a wonderful and talented board of directors this year, Alike, Anu, Jayanti, Leena, Mayur, Murali, Narinder, Pankaj, Sangita, Vasu, and I look forward to working with them and learning from them.

On behalf of the board, I thank outgoing board members Ms. Kalpana Batni and Ms Jyoti Bhawe for their tremendous contribution to the community as President and Membership director respectively. Kalpana was on the board for the last four years and Jyoti for the last two. It takes a lot of time, effort and dedication to serve on the board and I thank them once again on behalf of all the community members for their efforts.

As the Indian community in Phoenix grows and the wonderful contributions from people of Indian origin also grow around the country – we must continue to strive for the visibility of our people; continue to spread the word of our rich heritage, our current achievements and the word of peace.

I hope I can count on your support again and work together to make it a fun and rewarding year for everyone.

Thank you

Sincerely
Sarbari Chowdhury



India Association of Phoenix - 2007 Board of Directors

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India Association Events for 2007

Please mark your calendar our planned events for this year:

Saturday, January 27th 2007: India Night, Republic Day celebration

Sunday, April 1st 2007: Holi Celebration

Saturday, August 18th 2007: India Night, Independence Day celebration

October 2007 Date TBD: Visa Camp

Sunday, November 18th 2007: Discover India Celebration

Sunday, December 9th 2007: 2008 Board Election



Discover India 2006

FIFTH ANNUAL DISCOVER INDIA DIWALI FESTIVAL - HUGE SUCCESS!

By Ms. Kalpana Batni

The Fifth Annual Discover India Diwali Festival held on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at the Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix was a huge success drawing record crowds. The event organized by the India Association of Phoenix and its sister associations, and sponsored by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, APS and Freescale Semiconductors, was inaugurated by the Mayor of Phoenix, Mr. Phil Gordon. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were, Mr. P.P. Sircar, Deputy Consul General for India, San Francisco, and Ms. January Contreras, Advisor for Health Policy for the governor of Arizona.

The event has grown in size and participation over the years. With community and vendor participation doubling, this year's event saw more than 70 vendors selling and promoting their wares. For the first time food booths organized by sister associations participated in the event selling regional fare ranging from dosas, pesaritu and uppama to bhel and pav- bhaji. There was also a wide selection of apparel and jewelry to be purchased.

The highlight of the festival was the Cultural program, the demonstrations, and hands – on activities. Dancers from the different regions of India entertained the audiences with scintillating performances. Performers as young as six years old captivated the audiences with their dances. There were a wide range of dance and musical presentations ranging from classical to folk, contemporary and Bollywood. The ritual segment, a new feature introduced this year, was a huge hit.

All the demonstrations were also well received. In particular the Wedding enactments drew great appreciation from the audience. Also well received was the Yoga demonstrations, inter-active garba demonstration, and the hands on children's arts and crafts activities. Cooking demos proved to be a big hit with people excited and eager to learn to make authentic Indian recipes such as batata vada, poha etc. The lectures proved to be very informative as well.

In all, the event was a huge success and a great time was had by one and all.



Annual Report 2006

**India Association of Phoenix General Membership Meeting
President's Annual Report and Remarks
By Ms. Kalpana Batni 12/10/2006**

I am happy to report that India Association of Phoenix is doing very well. We have had a tremendously successful year having met and exceeded all the goals we set for ourselves.

If you recall, at the beginning of the year we had set the following three objectives for the year 2006:

- 1. Increase visibility of India Association in the community**
- 2. Make a concentrated effort to increase membership and work more closely with our sister organizations**
- 3. Increase participation and attendance at all our events**

Thanks to everyone's volunteer efforts, I am happy to state we met all of the above objectives through the various programs we had throughout the year. Here's a brief recap so we can all cherish what we have jointly accomplished!

Our First Objective was to "Increase visibility of India Association in the Phoenix Area"

Here are some of the activities we did towards meeting this objective:

- Diversity presentations on Indian culture were made at the Madison School District, the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, and a final presentation for the current year scheduled at the Anthem Middle School in December.
- Increased publicity for the Discover India Festival with both television and newspaper coverage of the event resulting in increased attendance
- Participated in the Annual 3 – day Arizona Asian Festival in downtown Phoenix
- Participated in the 'Community Art Wall Exhibition' series at the Asian Bank of Arizona
- Worked with the Indian Consulate in San Francisco to facilitate a community meeting with Mr. Prabhat Singh, Consul, Community affairs
- Co-sponsored the political forum organized by the Arizona Asian American Association to give members of the community an opportunity to meet with candidates running for office in this year's election

Our Second Objective was to "Increase Membership and work closely with Sister organizations"

We took the following measures to achieve this objective:

- Created a new India Association Brochure/Tri-fold with information on the organization, its activities and membership information
- Participated in the Charity Walk organized by the Indo American Foundation to raise funds for local shelters. Additionally, India Association donated \$500 towards the cause.
- Donated \$500 to the International Dance festival organized by the Arathi Foundation for Arts and Culture
- Welcomed a new member to our sister association family – AID India
- Invited sister associations to set up food booths at the 5th Annual Discover India Diwali festival
- Allowed non-profit charitable organizations to set up promotional tables at all our events
- Organized the annual Visa camp in conjunction with the Indo-American Foundation of Arizona
- Disseminated information about activities organized by our sister associations to our members

Objective No 3: Increase participation and attendance at all our events

Actions taken towards meeting this Objective were:

- Increased number of performances at both the January and August India Nite events resulting in increased attendance.
- Introduced special awards to recognize members of the community, both children and adults, for their outstanding achievements and contributions
- Held a poster contest for children in conjunction with our August India Nite celebrations
- Made every effort to include ALL our sister organizations in the Discover India Festival with outstanding success

So, in conclusion, the highlights of the past year can be summarized as follows:

- A very successful effort to increase visibility that brought the India Association name to the fore- front of the community.

- Exceeding our goal of increasing membership by adding over 60 new members and five new life members with non-Indians becoming members of India Association for the very first time!
- Introducing an Art Exhibition to our list of programs
- A very successful Discover India Diwali festival. The event was very well publicized and saw record number of vendors, performers, and attendance. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked very hard to ensure its success. A tremendous effort that paid off.
- Recognition of our community members for their notable achievements.
- Continuing to serve the community by organizing visa camps, and by serving as a fiscal agent for our members organizing non-ticketed cultural programs so that they can avail themselves of the discounted non-profit rental charges of facilities

Additionally, at the 2005 Annual Membership meeting the Board was requested by members present to take the following actions:

- Open a separate Life Membership Account- accordingly a separate certificate of deposit account was opened for the same
- Ensure that the IA bank accounts have a minimum of two co-signatures – Account opened with three board members co-signing – President, Treasurer and Secretary
- Audited financial report to be published in the IA Newsletter, '*Bharati*' – done.
- Job orientation be given to all new board members – done at the first board member's meeting
- Ensure that every event of India Association be financially self sufficient- objective achieved.
- Constitution and by-laws be posted on the website: - done

As you can see we have had an extremely busy and successful year. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated hard work of a very special and talented group of board members and the help and support of the community. Kudos to all for a job well done! I think we all deserve a round of applause!!

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank each and every member of the board for all their support. India Association has done very well, and will continue to do so – thanks to all of you. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and think you are the best! I would like to wish you all the very best in all your future endeavors!



India Association of Phoenix
FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of December 31, 2006

Financial Report prepared by:
Ms. Anu Kalyanam
Treasurer, India Association of Phoenix, 2006

INCOME

India Nite, January 2006	3,683.00
Holi Festival celebrations	3,180.00
Asian Festival	50.00
Charity Walk	0.00
India Nite, August 2006	5,179.00
Visa Camp	200.00
Discover India 2006	14,484.36
Insurance from Sister Organizations	3,025.00
Fiscal Agent fees	150.00
Miscellaneous: Membership, Interest	1,475.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,427.31

EXPENSES

India Nite, January 2006	2,057.68
School Outreach	84.08
Holi	3,419.24
Asian Festival	0.00
Charity Walk Donation	500.00
AFACE Donation	500.00
India Nite, August 2006	2,882.76
Discover India 2006	14,274.97
Visa Camp	0.00
Art Exhibition	44.10
Insurance	1,080.00
Deposit for January 2007 India Nite	480.00
Miscellaneous	118.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,440.83

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/05/06: \$33,026.17

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/05/06: \$29,626.10

TOTAL CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 12/05/06: \$62,652.27

TOTAL BALANCE AS OF 12/31/05: \$56,298.97

