

RIACC (Regional Indian American Community Center)

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NEWSLETTER Quarter IV 2008

Date	Time	Oct-Dec : Program Details
Sun, Oct 05	11:00 AM	Bhagvad Gita Discussion / Garba
Tue, Oct 07	4:30 PM	Garba
Thu, Oct 09	6:00 PM	Vijaya Dashmi / Dassera
Sun, Oct 12	11:00 AM	General Body Meeting
Tue, Oct 14	6:00 PM	Sunderkand Path
Fri, Oct 17	4:30 PM	Karva Chauth
Sun, Oct 19	11:00 AM	Sharad Poornima - Satyanarayan Katha
Sun Oct 26	11:00 AM	Dhan Teras/Lakshmi Poojan
Sun, Nov 02	11:00 AM	Anakoot
Sun, Nov 09	11:00 AM	Bhajans
Tue, Nov 11	6:00 PM	Sunderkand Path
Sun, Nov 16	11:00 AM	Poornima - Satyanarayan Katha, Dev Diwali Gurunanak Jayanti
Sun, Nov 23	11:00 AM	Satyanarayan Katha
Sun, Nov 30	11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahastranam
Sun, Dec 07	11:00 AM	Bhagvad Gita Discussion
Tue, Dec 09	6:00 PM	Sunderkand Path
Sun, Dec 14	11:00 AM	Poornima - Satyanarayan Katha
Sun, Dec 21	11:00 AM	Bhajans
Sun, Dec 28	11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahastranam

**HOW HOURS: Sun-Fri: 10:30am-1:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm;
 On Saturdays Call Before Visiting- Aarti at 12:30pm and 7:30pm.**

RIACC Ground Breaking Ceremony By Anil Agrawal, Expansion Committee

Another successful event conducted by RIACC with your support. **September 13th 2008** is now proclaimed as Regional Indian Community Center Day by the city of Kingsport, a memorable date for us as members of this community.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony kicked off with a rousing welcome speech by the Chairman of Board of trustees, Dr. Puneet Goenka. He acknowledged the invited guests, Dr. Phil Roe and Mrs. Pam Roe, Mr. Nathan Vaughn, Dr. Bill Kirkwood, Mr. Gary Maybry, Mr. Paul Montgomery & most importantly our community friends. Dr. Jay Mehta, started with a moment of silence remembering the 9/11 tragedy as well as victims suffering in Texas due to Ike. He took us back in time, to a Tri-cities 25 years ago, and where this journey began. Dr. Bill Kirkwood, a spiritual leader expressed some key elements that make all of us universal citizen of one religion that believes in God. He wished us all the success and asked that we continue to grow, and use the new fellowship hall to educate ourselves as well as the local community. Mr. Gary Maybry, President of Johnson City Commerce, and a long time supporter of RIACC had his facts straight. He presented the importance of RIACC's existence & the socio-economic impact of our community on Tri-cities. Our contribution as a community is a staggering \$100M-\$150M annual. Dr. Phil Roe Republican congressional candidate & Johnson City Mayor also addressed the gathering with excitement and enthusiasm, along with Tennessee State Representative Nathan Vaughn serving Sullivan County, and its members. Rev. John Martin, Mr. David McCain, Mr. John Lyle, Mr. Jimmy Duncan among others were present at the event.

Dr. Surendra Mishra, our resident priest performed the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony ("ground worship") for the success of the project. The Indian flavor was presented throughout the event with traditional decor & Rangoli by Supria Bhalla, Megha Narang, Nila Patel, Brinda Gala and Mrs. Mina Mehta. The children's Bharatnatyam performance organized by Nila Patel was enjoyed by all. Ashok Gala read the "Proclamation by the City of Kingsport", and asked that each guests sign the Proclamation for historical memorabilia. Anil Agrawal, a board member, & one of the organizers of the event called upon invited guests, Board members, Executive Committee members and other distinguished guests to "break the ground". 15 prominent community members held shovels & wore hard-hats to perform the historic ground breaking ceremony. This memorable moment was one of great pride for our achievements & even greater anticipation for the future. A token of appreciation "shovel" was given to each "ground breakers" as a gift as well as historic memento. A bag of gourmet coffee was also given to attendees as part of celebrating this great event together. Almost, 150 attendees were present at the event. The Indian Dinner was sponsored by Sahib Restaurant of Johnson City.

Phase 1 of the Expansion Project is well underway in getting kicked off. The Construction Project committee is meeting practically every day with sub-contractors, architect, compliance officers to ensure all aspects of construction is being evaluated & assessed for long-term viability. We anticipate the on-site construction to resume by the end of October, 2008. Our fund raising committee will continue to focus on fund raising drive for Phase II. We appreciate every one of you for your great contribution in the making of this Fellowship Hall.

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