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Samaj Patra

Summer 2002

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President's Corner

With this Summer 2002 edition of Samaj Patra, I extend my greetings to all members.

This year marks the end of the two-year term for the officers. A new team will take over the administrative responsibilities after elections in August. Our significant accomplishments this year have been in the Public Service and in hosting the Regional Spelling Bee contest. I would like to thank the IANH officers, Executive Committee, and the members for making these activities successful.

I am pleased to report the activities in the last quarter, and those planned for the rest of the year.

Spelling Bee Contest

On March 30, IANH and North South Foundation hosted the Spelling and Geography Bee contest in Manchester. Children between the ages of nine and fourteen participated and were awarded gift certificates from Barnes and Noble and Nashua Kumon Learning Center. The winners will participate at the National Spelling Bee contest in

August. Please join me in congratulating the winners and wish them well at the national contest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Archana and Shashank Dubey for their generous donation of two-month free tuition for the winners at the Kumon Learning Center, judges, spellers and volunteers for their hard work in putting this competition together. I would like to specially thank Tej Dhakar for coordinating the activities during my absence.

Hopefully we can form an Educational activities Committee to organize such events in the future.

Spring Festival

IANH in association with the Saraswathi Mandhiram celebrated the Spring festival at the Mandir in Epping. We raised over \$900 for the temple. The dinner and the entertainment were made possible by the efforts of Nilima and Harish Panchal and the volunteers who worked with them.

Public Service Activities

IANH raised \$502 for the renovated Angie's shelter for women, which opened recently in Manchester. Additionally, we collected bed linen and other items for the shelter residents. I would like to thank everyone for his or her generous donations. IANH will be added to their endowment list. Our next project will be to help the residents acquire computer skills to suit the current job market. We invite suggestions and ideas for this project.

Finally, the Food Drive started a few months ago has been successful. We notify members regularly through Email and invite participation. Please keep your Email current so that you will be informed of our current activities. We collect fruits in summer (sandwiches in winter) on the second Saturday of each month and deliver it to the New Horizon Soup Kitchen in Manchester. We have a number of locations in the area to drop off these items. I request you to do the best you can and help us out in the food drive. *Please remember that*

our picnic day falls on the second Saturday. Please remember to bring fruits for the Soup Kitchen.

Election of Officers

IANH will hold elections on August 10 (Rain Date: August 17th) for a two-year term. An announcement regarding this was sent recently. The Executive Committee approved the new position to coordinate Public Service activities. Upon final approval by the General Body, we will elect the Secretary to head the "Public Service" group. I request you to forward the nominations to Mrs. Vandana Dhakar by August 3, 2002. IANH By-laws are posted in our web site.

We need members to come forward with suggestions for expanding our activities. The Executive Committee meetings are open to all members and I encourage you to be active in the association. We send meeting notices in advance to encourage member participation.

Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 10, at the Bear Brook State Park. Please see the flyer for details. A cricket match and a number of other fun activities for adults and children are planned. Hope to see you at the picnic.

Wishing you happiness and peace,

Prithvi Kumar

President

Upcoming Events

- ✓ Annual Picnic Saturday August 10th (Rain Date: Saturday Aug. 17th) See Flyer for details
- ✓ Diwali festival (Date to be announced)

Community Service

Fruits and Sandwich Distribution Program

Please join the IANH Fruits and Sandwich distribution program. We distribute fruits to the Manchester Soup Kitchen from June through September and continue with Sandwiches from October through May. Please mark your calendar. Second Saturday of each month is the collection day. The items will be picked from specific locations in Manchester, Bedford, and Nashua. We will be making the donation on the second Sunday. Please note that the Soup Kitchen serves about three hundred guests every day. Your participation will make a difference. Please watch for the announcement every month. The following are the locations:

- Vandana and Tej Dhakar 20 Chad Road, Manchester (668-9028)
- Kala and Prithvi Kumar 60 Hitching Post Lane, Bedford (472-5835)
- Nikita Shah 29 Teak Drive, Nashua (889-4046)

2002 NH AREA REGIONAL SPELLING BEE AND VOCABULARY CONTEST

On Saturday March 30, IANH and the North South Foundation (NSF) conducted the Spelling and Geography Bee for the children of South Asian community at the New Hampshire Community Technical College, Manchester. The contest was held for Junior group children ages nine through twelve and Senior group twelve and older. Raghavendra Paturi, Kesav Rao, and Madhavi Nathan represented NSF organized the contest. IANH helped to host the contest.

Prof. Ravi Pandit of Southern New Hampshire University Manchester and Prof. Tony Epaphras of St. Anslems College Manchester were the judges for the Junior Group. Prof. Suresh Mathur formerly of University of Massachusetts and Prof. Edward Mahoney of St. Anslems College Manchester were the judges for the Senior Group. Rishi Panchal helped the judges. Nithya Dhakar spelled the words for the Junior Group and Seema Kumar spelled the words for the Senior Group. Harini Sampath and Mohanram Ramalingam conducted the Geography Bee.

Ajesh Manakchand, Murugan Namasivayam, Raj Garola, Sampath Deva, Mandar Godse, and Momdi Rangwala were volunteers during the test. Kakoli Biswas helped with the registration.

All participants received Barnes and Noble Gift Certificates. Prizes were awarded to the best three winners in each category and the best youngest winner. Barnes and Noble gift certificates were awarded to the second and third place winners. On April 13, Kumon gift certificates were awarded to the first place winners at IANH Spring Festival. The winners will participate in the National Spelling Bee contest in August.

Senior Group:

1. Amritha Mangalat
 2. Siddhath Sood
 3. Meghana Chandra
- Best Youngest: Asish Andhavarapu

Junior Group:

1. Mayank Dubey
 2. Aditya Puttigampala
- Best Youngest: Radhika Akhil

Geography Bee:

Umer, Prattieek, Tejas, and Aditya

Nominations for Election of Officers

The India Association will hold its elections to elect the following officers for a two-year term beginning August 2002. Election of officers will be held on August 10, 2002 (Rain date: August 17, 2002) at the IANH Annual picnic.

The Executive Committee invites nominations for the

following posts for a two-year term beginning August 2002:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice President
- ❖ Cultural Secretary
- ❖ Correspondence Secretary
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Public Service Secretary (Subject to General Body approval of Amendment to By-laws)

The executive committee approved creation of a position for Public Service activities. The General Body will approve changes to the By-laws that will be amended as follows:

Article IV, Section 1 MEMBERS AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Add: Public Service Secretary
2 Years

SECTION 2: POWERS AND DUTIES

"The Public Service Secretary shall be responsible to promote community and charitable service activities among the Indian community. The following activities would be included:

- ❖ Organizing members of the Indian community for donating their time, money, and goods to the needy in the community
- ❖ Promote participation in the existing community service organizations such as soup kitchens, homeless shelters, orphanages etc.
- ❖ Organize fund raising events for charity

Eligibility for Nominations:

Article V of the By-laws states:

Section 1:

ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS AND CANDIDATES ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHO WERE DULY PAID AND CERTIFIED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH AN ELECTION IS HELD, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR BE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE.

Section 2:

NOMINATIONS

THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BODY MAY NOMINATE THEMSELVES OR OTHER MEMBERS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE, EITHER FROM THE FLOOR OF THE MEETING, OR BY MAIL AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION MEETING. ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SECONDED ON THE FLOOR AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO VOTING.

By-laws are posted on the IANH web site at:

<http://www.ianh.4dw.net/>

Officers of the Association

Mr. Prithvi Kumar, *President*

Dr. Padma Mathur, *Vice-President*
 Mrs. Raj Jain, *Secretary*
 Mrs. Nikita Shah, *Treasurer*
 Mrs. Nilima Panchal, *Cultural Secretary*
 Mrs. Vandana Dhakar, *Membership Secretary*
 Mr. Seshu Putcha, *Corresponding Secretary*
 Dr. Tej Dhakar, *Member*
 Geeta Prabhakar, *Member*
 Mr. Mohanram, *Member*

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IANH Membership

If you are not a member, we invite you to join the association. If you are already a member, please renew your membership for the current year. Please use the following link to print the membership/renewal form and

mail it to the association:
<http://www.ianh.4dw.net>

The life membership requires a one-time payment of \$150. This one time payment exempts you from the payment of any membership dues in future. You will also not be affected by any increase in membership dues in future. To become a life member, please check the appropriate box in the membership / renewal form.

Any questions on membership may be addressed to the membership secretary Vandana Dhakar at 668-9028 or dhakar@attbi.com

TREASURER'S REPORT - JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2002

BANK BALANCES AS OF 6/30/02:

13 MONTH CD (OPENED 7/19/01):			\$3,116.84
SAVINGS ACCOUNT:			\$3,514.07
CHECKING ACCOUNT:	Unrestricted	\$1,234.42	
	Public Service Fund	\$224.00	
	Total		\$1,458.42
TOTAL @ 6/30/02			<u>\$8,089.33</u>

2002 ACTIVITY DETAILS:

SPELLING BEE

Various Donations received	\$135
Expense	<u>(\$171)</u>
Net Expense	<u>(\$36)</u>

SPRING FESTIVAL

Receipts for dinner & show	905
Reimbursement to Saraswati Mandiram for dinner expenses incurred	<u>(905)</u>
Rent Expense	<u>(100)</u>
Net Expense	<u>(100)</u>

ANGIE'S SHELTER FUND

Various Donations received	502
Lump sum donation made to Angie's Shelter on 4/30/02	<u>(502)</u>
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**INDIA ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL PICNIC AND
GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**Saturday, August 10, 2002
10:30 AM - 4 PM
(Rain Day: Saturday, August 17, 2002)**

AT BEAR BROOK STATE PARK*

**LUNCH – 12 PM
GENERAL BODY MEETING – 1 PM
FUN AND GAMES** AFTER MEETING**

**All families are requested to bring a food item to
serve 12 persons.
All families are requested to bring fruits of their choice to
be donated to the Soup Kitchen**

**ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

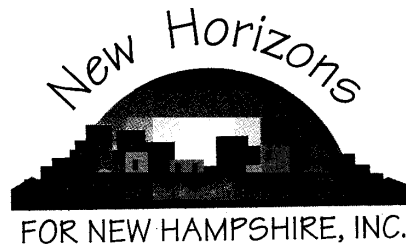
For more information, call

Dr. Tej Dhakar - 668-9028
Dr. Padma Mathur - 669-8564
Ms. Nilima Panchal – 664-9458
Raj Jain - 598-1625

***Note:**

Bear Brook State Park & Campground is located Off NH Rte 28, Allenstown. Ph: 603-485-9874. There is an entrance fee to the park (\$3.00 per person, children under 12 free). The web site for the park is <http://www.nhparks.state.nh.us/parkops/parks/bearbrook.html>.

**** Cricket lovers – The equipment will be available to have fun.**



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April 18, 2002

India Association of N. H.
Prithvi Kumar
60 Hitching Post Lane
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Dear Mr. Kumar:

The year 2002 is proving to be quite a year for us here at New Horizons. A comparison of the first quarter of 2001 and the first quarter of 2002 shows an increase of 9% in the number of people looking to us for help. For that reason we are most thankful for your gift of sandwiches. I do want to commend you on your thoughtfulness and generosity.

The addition of Angie's Shelter for Women and the staffing at French Hall has put further strains on our finances and staff.

We, here at New Horizons, continue in our efforts to house, feed and offer guidance to those who come to our doors. Our ultimate goal is to see individuals leave us as fulfilled and self-supporting citizens.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Tessier
Executive Director

In compliance with the Internal Revenue Service's Charitable Deduction Law, New Horizons for N.H., Inc. states that it did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for this contribution.

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INDIA ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SAMAJ PATRA SUMMER 2002

Annual Picnic

SATURDAY August 10, 2002

AT

Bear Brook State Park

Allestown, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FROM 10:30 to 4:00 PM