

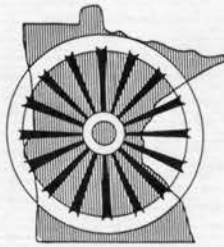


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December 11, 1992

THE INDIA CLUB

OF MINNESOTA

Dear India Club Board and Active member:

First, I wish to thank you for electing me as the 1993 India Club President. For those of you who are new to India Club, welcome. As your President, I look forward to your support and active involvement to make 1993 a fulfilling and enjoyable year for India Club.

Our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 1992 at 7:30 pm at the International Institute, 1694 Como Avenue in St. Paul. At this meeting we will close the 1992 activities and turn over the organization to the 1993 Board. I have attached following items for your information;

- December Meeting Agenda and Minutes from the annual meeting
- Activities and priorities as identified in November 16, 1992 Planning meeting
- List of 1993 Board Of Directors and phone numbers

As we are embarking on to a new year, now is the time to plan our 1993 activities and goals. The attached planning notes will give you a glimpse of our ongoing activities and issues. We will use this sheet to plan our 1993 activities and priorities. I will be calling on you within the next few days to gather your ideas, suggestions, and preference of committees you would like to serve. Please consider joining at least one or two committees.

I hope to see you at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting or need direction to the International Institute, please call me at 888-3599.

Sincerely


Jacob Cherucheril
President, 1993
India Club

Minutes From the Annual Meeting on November 21, 1992

Shanti Shah reviewed the 1992 goals and accomplishments. Shanti described an year full of activities and great accomplishments.

- The Club participated in the Festival of Nations very successfully under the leadership of Neena Gada and 100 other volunteers.

- Festival of India was organized by Raja Ramaswami and it was also was very successful. This year various political leaders from the State and City Governments, and the Indian Consular General were present at the Festival

- Political Liaison: The India Club gave a reception to the Indian Ambassador during his visit to Minnesota. Rahim Rahiman organized the reception. Godan Nambudiripad and Rani Ramaswami were recognized by the Asian Pacific Council as Distinguished Asian American leaders. Council member Bill Wilson visited with India Club board members and discussed the possibility of establishing a Sister City program between the City of St. Paul and a Comparable City in India.

- Youth Activities: India club participated in the Fil-Minnesota Youth conference. Navojot Singh successfully organized the youth festival in June.

- News letter: Under the leadership of Niru Misra, the editorial board successfully revised the format of the news letter according to the wishes of the board members, published 4 issues and sent to about 600 households.

Speakers Bureau: Ella Baldwin single handedly supported this activity

Membership: Ram Elgonda chaired this committee and done an excellent job increasing the number of members to 255.

- Community Activities: Under the leadership of Rajani Pathankar we organized and participated in various community activities.

- Indian Independence day picnic was organized on August 15th.

- History Of Asian Indians: Godan Nambudiripad is spearheading this project

Shanti also briefly discussed about various other activities and

specially noted the active participation of each board member, and thanked them for their support and involvement to make 1992 a great success.

Muthu Periakaruppan then distributed the treasurers's report. Muthu reported that overall the club is financially healthy.

Election of Board of Directors as nominated by the nominating committee was held. Ram Gada presented a list of 21 candidates and those who were present at the meeting were introduced and elected as nominated. An audit committee and a nominating committee for 1994 Board of Directors were also were nominated and elected.

Shanti shah introduced Jacob Cherucheril, 1993 President of India Club. Meeting was adjourned and followed by a brief social hour.

DECEMBER MEETING AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS

REVIEW & WRAP UP 1992 ACTIVITIES - SHANTI SHAH

TREASURE'S REPORT- MUTHU PERIAKARUPPAN

MEMBER SHIP UPDATE - RAM ELGONDA

ELECTION OF 1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1993 AGENDA - JACOB CHERUCHERIL

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS - NEENA GADA

OTHER BUSINESS

INDIA CLUB 1992
ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES
(As identified in November 16, 1991 Planning Meeting)

- A. Festival of Nations (a spring festival) - Priority #2
Activities/issues - Communication
- . Identify the event, ask people who want to participate to contact, identify the chairpeople and their phone numbers.
 - . General "thank-you" to participants via newsletter
 - . More publicity through the newsletter, other media
 - . Feedback at community events
 - . Radio announcement
 - . Contact community organizations for participation
 - . Corporate interface
 - . Local community newsletter articles
- Financial issues - Target budgets and profits
- B. Festival of India (a fall festival) - Priority #1
Activities/Issues - Communication
- . Use newsletter as communication in early summer
 - . Advanced notices to business in early summer
 - . Thank you notes to the Landmark Center staff
- New activities - Theme
- Food - Needs to be improved, ideas, snacks are better
- C. Political Education
- . Indian government liaison
 - . Local U.S. government liaison
 - . 1992 election year activities
 - . Asia Pacific Council
 - . Participate in local activities/celebrations such as Aquatennial
 - . Sister City concept
- D. Youth Activities (on-going) - Priority #4
Activities/issues -
- . 18 and under America raised youth
 - . 6 and under
 - . University students
- Target the events by age groups - parent activities and have PIC involvement
- Indian games have been successful in the past
- Adjunct youth groups to organize events where the parents are involved in the events.
- A newsletter page for the youth
- Research projects for older children for school credit
- E. Communication (on-going) - Priority #3
Activities/issues
Newsletter
- . Needs a committee of 3-4 people
 - . Different types of news letter - one for business organizations, another for members and others
 - . It must have the advertisements, events' news, community news, recognition, youth page, welcome new member announcements
 - . Question about who should it go to
 - . Extra copies of newsletter at Indian businesses
- Public Relations - Improve it by various methods
- College relations - Multi-cultural departments, research materials

- F. Membership (on-going) - priority activity
Target to send the renewal notices in January.
Target to increase membership by 30% for 1992 through event recruiting.
- G. History of Indians in Minnesota
 - . Database of Indian talent and businesses
- H. Community activities (on-going) - Priority #5
Volunteerism in Twin Cities
 - . Association with Parents of Indian Children
 - . LAMP
 - . Children's Home Society
 - . Feed the needy
 - . KTCA fund raising
 - . Share & Care
 - . Little Brothers
 - . Child development center
- I. Support the Executive Committee
 - . Voice telephone system
 - . Office services
- J. India nationhood activities
 - . Independence Day
 - . Facilitate social interaction
- K. Promoting Indian Artists
 - . Nitrajyoti
 - . Minnesota Dance Alliance
- L. Fund Raising
 - . Corporate liaison
- M. Past presidents' committee
 - . Long term planning

SOME ISSUES

1. Twenty one board members, how to increase board participation
2. Two-year governing body
3. Review of By-Laws
4. Nomination procedure through the newsletter
5. Procedures manual by committee
6. Monthly meetings
7. "India Club" name

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Pledge: \$25⁰⁰/₁₀₀

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I was first approached by a friend, about six years ago to join India Club as a member of the board, I felt uncomfortable joining an "elite" "club". I did not join.

Later a friend recruited me to help out at Festival of India. Festival of Nations followed. Volunteering for these events me gave me an opportunity to see at close quarters the workings of the Club. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that the Club is not the exclusive domain of a few. It was made up of very dedicated volunteers operating in an open democratic set-up...and still is. This year I am honoured to serve as the President.

The club has done excellent service to the people of Minnesota who have a common interest in India. We could do even better..with your help and participation. Join us if you are not yet a member.

Be a volunteer in any of our many activities. (You might even live longer *1.) Elsewhere you will see names of persons in charge of our activities and programs. Pick up the phone and call the chairperson of your favourite program.

Godan Nambudiripad

Note *1: A report in the San Francisco Chronicle of March 1988 quotes a U of Michigan's Survey Research Center report that doing regular volunteer work, more than any activity, dramatically increased life expectancy...(Source: "Joining the Board of a Nonprofit Organization" by Harry Baxter of the Management Assistance Project.

INDIA CLUB 1990 - PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Indian Community Liason: Ram Gada (636-1075)

Community Services: Rajani Patankar (420-7667)

This area is being developed to co-ordinate all the voluntary services we are doing. The meeting of the community leaders last year and the Sharing of Festivals showed us that there is high community interest in this area.

Youth Affairs: Punita Raval (894-4254)

We are trying to define what we should be doing in this area to open communication among generation groups. We decided to forego our traditional "Youth Festival" this year so we can concentrate our effort in re-defining our charter.

Long Range Planning: Raj Dhir (482-8618)

The charter of this committee is develop a clear vision for our Club and chalk out ways to effectively communicate and implement them.

Speakers Bureau: Ella Baldwin (927-7546)

We provide speakers to Twin City schools on Indian history, culture, politics etc. We are looking for help in developing slide presentations on various topics.

News Letter: Vijay Balakrishnan (934-1795)

Membership: Chandramohan Meka (488-0740)

Festival Of Nations (April 1990): Nina Gada (636-1075)

Festival of India (Sept 1990): Mukul Ganguly (483-5438)

Fundraising & Publicity: Rahim Rahman (688-2161)

Asia Pacific Liason: Sudan Misra (631-9579)

Government Liason: Pranab Lahiri (432-8829)

The charter of this committee is to familiarise government leadership about us and our concerns in a non-partisan way.

Officers of India Club:

President: Godan Nambudiripad (894-8945)
Vice-president: Raj Ramaswamy (894-9785)

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Secretary: Rajani Patankar (420-7667)
Tresurer: Jacob Cherucheril (888-3599)

We have a new postal address:

India Club
P.O. Box 130158
St. Paul, MN 55113

We thank the International Institute and its staff for helping with our mail all this while.

One of our Board of Directors is leaving us for better pastures in the Silicon Valley. He has done excellent service to our community in the short time he had been in Twin Cities. We will miss S.V.Venkatesh and Uma. Our best wishes to both of them in their new endeavours.

Godan

cc. Vijay Balakrishnan

Attached please find a copy
of Newsletter Stat. I am sending
a copy to Vijay too. If Vijay
wants changes and modification, he
can contact me.

With a copy of this memo, I am
requesting him to contact me to discuss
the newsletter printing etc.

Sorry, I missed the 3/21 meeting

Thanks
Shrin Huk²

3/22



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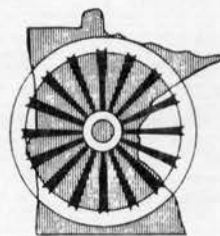
Feb. 20, 1989

I've looked over your samples of past newsletters, and offer the following comments. They refer to the style of the piece, not its contents, since I'm not familiar with the club, its aims and goals.

Generally, a newsletter, like the organization it represents, should strive for an identity through consistency. This is the best way to achieve recognition and reader interest.

1. Maintain a consistent, professional writing style through careful editing. Watch for typographical errors.
2. Use one type style for body copy, one style for headlines. Don't mix a variety of styles.
3. Pick a column format--one, two, or three column, and stick with it.
4. Try to maintain the same number of pages for every issue. This helps control costs, and also helps the editor plan each issue. There may be good reasons to vary the page count from time to time, but it works best to be consistent.
5. Try to place recurring departments--editor's article, book reviews, upcoming events, etc.--in the same position in each issue. Again, this helps build consistency and readership.
6. It's hard to tell from the samples what the mission of the club and the newsletter is--simply a clearinghouse of information, a forum for readers, or an opinion journal with definite viewpoints on issues facing India and the Indian community. The newsletter can incorporate all three areas, of course, but there doesn't seem to be a strong thrust in any particular direction. (I guess this does get into content, after all).
7. I know the newsletter recently went through another design change, but I think a few dollars spent on a professional format would be well spent. I'm also not crazy about the paper stock.

Hope these comments are of some value.



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News from

BETHANIA

† a Christian home for abandoned children and homeless adults in South India †

Fall, 1989

Vol. 2, No. 2

President Granner Reports on Bethania Visit

Bob Granner, President of the Bethania Foundation in the United States, spent several weeks in India this summer. What follows is his report on the Bethania Home as he found it.

It was two years ago, in the summer of 1987, that Priscilla and I stood on bare ground, just outside the village of Kannivadi in South India. We hardly dared to imagine that this might be the place where our dream of creating a home for destitute children might come true. Still, we were committed to the children—to Pandey (who later took the name Susannah), Thomas, and James, who had been abandoned on Dayavu's doorstep. We had promised them a home.

It was largely Dayavu's faith that gave us the courage to begin to build the Bethania Home. She had had a recurring vision for many years of a countless line of such children coming to her—

abandoned, abused, crippled, poverty-stricken—all in need of love.

Dayavu's dreams are big ones. As many of us know, she dreamed long ago of coming to America, the "great land of plenty," to tell about her vision and to make each one of these children come alive for us through her vivid stories of their lives. That dream, of course, has come true, for her and for us, many times. We have heard the stories, and we have responded to the need. By God's grace the Bethania Home for Children is now a reality.

Today the ground is tilled and covered with lush vegetation, with millet and various types of lentils (dry cereal crops) that grow well in an arid climate. There are mango trees, coconut palms, and banana plants, set in the ground recently by students from Kodaikanal International School. The trees will soon



provide not only good food but also tropical beauty and shade from the hot sun. Two cows, one with calf, and the chickens scurrying about gave me the impression of being back on the farm in Iowa, but it was the water pump that thrilled me the most.

You cannot imagine what a rare gift it is in India to have fresh water. To see the children come, one by one, to the pump, to take as many buckets of water as they like, for drinking, for cooking, for bathing: this is luxury beyond belief for Indian children, most of whom live in crowded rural areas or in squalid city slums. "Our" children—there are thirty of them now—also have plenty of fresh air and space to run about, to laugh, to play. They have a real home for the first time in their lives. It is their vitality, their smiles, and their exuberance that give life to the land and to the Bethania Home.

The main structure is a large rectangular stone dormitory, with an attached kitchen, a two-room apartment for houseparents, and a covered veranda in front that stretches the full length of the building. It is a single story building at this point, but the roof of reinforced concrete will be adequate to support a second floor. The present structure will house up to forty children, the engineer tells me, and the second story would make room for twice that number. A temporary thatched roof is being constructed until the funding for the second story can be provided. The long line of children in Dayavu's vision continues. Children are brought nearly every day, and it is difficult for Priscilla and Dayavu to tell them we can't take anymore just now, until we are sure we can provide for them.

The most recent building is a hexagonal guest house that provides a place for Dayavu and Priscilla and others who make regular visits. Students involved in the outreach program at Kodai School, for instance, come down regularly to work on a project, such as planting trees, learning about agriculture, or just to have a peaceful weekend on the plains playing with the Bethania "kids." The guest house is big enough to house twenty of these young people at a time, or more if they choose to "sleep out" on the roof.

And what of the future? Now that the initial building phase is nearing completion, what next? Priscilla feels the top priority for the coming year is adding to the professional staff. We need professionally qualified houseparents, she thinks, who have both managerial and nurturing skills and who would also serve as models of Christian love for our children. It would be ideal, too, she feels, if the housemother were a registered nurse who could oversee a small medical clinic there on the site. Besides the clinic, Priscilla wants to start a school for grades one through five so the younger children, some badly crippled, do not have to walk into the village every day, and so they can begin to learn English. She would also like to develop some of the agricultural possibilities that our small acreage calls for. Her immediate plan is to begin a poultry farm that would provide not only meat and eggs for the children but also meaningful activity and light industry for the Home. There is apparently a good market for eggs in the surrounding community.

The possibilities at Bethania are endless—just as endless as the long line of children in Dayavu's vision. If you were to visit the Home, you would agree, I am sure, that we must continue to open our hearts and our minds, as well as our pocketbooks, to say "Yes" to more of these children—to continue to provide for their spiritual welfare as well as their physical and emotional needs. Jesus said, "... forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Let us do all we can to add to that Kingdom at Bethania.

"At the end of the [July 1989 Board] meeting, Bob Granner announced his resignation as President of the Board effective June 1, 1990. At that time, Bob will leave for India in order to teach in Kodai School. His presence in Kodai will understandably be an asset as far as Bethania is concerned; however, it is with regret that the Board accepts his resignation. Sincere gratitude was expressed for all that he has meant and will continue to mean for Bethania."

(Excerpt from Board minutes. Polly Hennig, Secretary)

Americans Visit Bethania

Bob's daughter, Carrie Granner Reed, traveled with her dad back to her childhood home in India this summer. Here are her comments about Bethania:

"I will remember everything about our visit at Bethania—the simple yet fantastic food, the sparkling, welcoming, playful eyes of the children, both the ones who shyly, wordlessly watched from a distance, and those who came close and touched my hair, held my hand, and climbed onto my lap, chattering in Tamil non-stop. They were affectionate and curious, and delighted to have visitors.

"One afternoon after lunch, several of the children asked me if I wanted to go on a hike up the small mountain near Bethania. They took my hand and off we went. Karis and Dana went, too, and helped translate for me. (Karis and Dana are Priscilla's young daughters.) We climbed for a long time up huge rocks and stopped now and then to inscribe our names on cactus leaves, and to slide down smooth grooves in the rocks. We had some hard candy, but when that was gone, we decided to go back home to get some water. I'll never forget, on one broad open space, holding hands with two of the children and running down, down, jumping over plants and rocks, laughing, shrieking with laughter... it felt like we were flying!

"Later in the evening we played jump rope and some hand-clapping games I remembered from grade school days in Kodai, and of course I had to pick up each child and twirl round and round until we all collapsed in a dizzy heap.

"The politeness of the people at Bethania—the grown-ups and the children—the way they all helped each other, impressed me very much. No one made fun of anyone else for being crippled or for "walking funny" or for having a "white face." (One of the boys is an albino.) It felt like a family in which each person is grateful to belong to a loving group. Naturally, like any family, life at Bethania couldn't always be so harmonious. But there are many people there who are working hard to create a safe, comfortable, structured, and very loving life for a lot of beautiful children."

Bill Bauschke, a friend of Bob's, from the Chicago suburbs, had this to say about his arrival at Bethania:

"After descending about 7000 feet down the long winding road from Kodaikanal to the plains, passing through several crowded villages, we began to see signs that read *Kannivadi, 10 kilometers—Kannivadi, 6 kilometers—Kannivadi, 3 kilometers* and so on, until we reached a narrow dirt road that turned into the Bethania grounds.

"Seeing Bethania for the first time, I thought, 'My God, this is not only a real place; it's flourishing!' I knew right then that anyone who has ever been a part of this dream would approve of what we saw.

"We could only be there for a few days, but in that time we participated in the dedication of the new guest house; we planted coconut palm trees in a sort of ceremony; and best of all, we made friends with a lot of wonderful kids.

"India is a great country, but it is a country in need of such places as this for "displaced children." Bethania already could be bursting at its seams if it didn't have to restrict its intake now. Think of it!

"Someday, if you are able to make the trip across the miles, I think you will see signs on the road to Kannivadi that read: *10 kilometers to Bethania; 6 kilometers to Bethania; 3 miles to Bethania*, and so on. Wouldn't that be something!"

Another visitor, Manuel Rameriz, was especially interested in the women who serve in Bethania. She describes them as . . .

"... beautiful in appearance and service. Jayarani, the cook, arrives at dawn each morning to start the fire and begin the preparation of the first meal. Using the same primitive methods of food preparation and cooking that are used throughout the villages of India, thirty children and whatever guests are fed. Cheerful, bright-eyed Bimla was abandoned by her parents, who could not afford to keep her. She earns her keep, the same as the young woman, Ritu, preparing the food for cooking, serving in the main house and in the guest house, and caring for the children. Of course, there is the heating of the water over the fires, and a lot of clean up. These women are the nurturers these children have never had before. They are also good role models, I think, for the young girls at Bethania."

Meet "Joseph"



This fine looking young man was named Muruhasan when he came to Bethania a few months ago. He was not so happy looking then. His mother had just died and his father did not want him. He sat listening avidly to the Bible stories that Prebhu, the housefather at Bethania read to the children each evening before meals. One evening he came up and said that he wanted to change his name. Prebhu was surprised but listened to the boy's reason. He liked the Christmas story, he said, and he wanted to be called Joseph. Prebhu couldn't think of a reason why the boy should not have a Christian name, so he has been JOSEPH ever since.

Follow-Up on Thiruchelvam

Do you remember the young man pictured in an earlier newsletter recently working busily at his sewing machine? Thiruchelvam, a post polio victim, spent several months in tailoring school while he was at Bethania. Now he has returned to Kodai where he works in a tailor's shop to support his asthmatic father. It is rewarding to realize that Thiruchelvam's experience at Bethania has had a direct influence upon his rehabilitation. Bob Granner visited him in his "new" shop this summer and found him to be a very happy young man.

Enclosed is a copy of our new brochure, produced by Bob and Glo Hennig of Tuckahoe, New York. If you would like additional copies to distribute to family or friends or to leave on a table at your church, please contact Polly Hennig in Fort Wayne.

"The Greatest of These is Love"

The author of the article which follows was written by Bonni Belle Pickard, a teacher at Kodaikanal International School. She and her husband, Alfred, also a teacher there, and their three children visited Bethania recently.

The pathway twisted and bumped along beneath our car while branches brushed the sides and swept inside the open windows. Suddenly the brush cleared and it stood before us—long, cream-colored, crisp and new, and the sign above announcing, "Bethania." We made our way slowly, amidst excited dancing children, chattering away and trying to peer into every window at once! Stopping at what seemed to be an appropriate spot, we began introductions (and found that our hostesses, Dayavu and Priscilla, had gone to Madras!) while our car seemed to unload itself, its contents instantly transported to the "office." It seemed the Guest House wasn't quite finished, but within minutes, the children and the orphanage staff had moved us in, made the beds, pumped us buckets of water, swept the floor, turned on the fans, and grinned a thousand noisy grins at us.

And so it went for the day we spent at Bethania, food, smiles, songs, prayers, games happily were shared. Rajesh, the proud owner of a play watch and plastic sunglasses, immediately lent them to our toddler for the duration of our stay. The only other toys consisted of an ancient (but heartily used) basketball, a collection of small stones that the girls used as jacks, and two sticks that became the sole equipment for a village game the boys played with my husband, Alfred, throughout the afternoon. All the children's belongings, including their straw mats and a few pillows (which were offered to us, but we'd brought our own) were stored on the shelves along the side wall of the long, spotlessly clean common room. Those walls witnessed playing, singing, prayers throughout the day and guarded the girls' sleeping on the floor at night. On Sunday morning, a pink plastic card of dangling earrings appeared from one small trunk.

Intense whispered negotiations led to three little girls preening each other's earlobes while one of the smallest happily spent the rest of the morning playing with the pink plastic card!

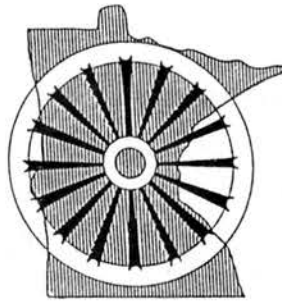
Upstairs in the "loft," the boy's sleeping area was protected by thatch roof and walls. The rest of the flat roof was the perfect viewing area for the spectacular display of the countryside. Behind rose the gray worn hills of stone and then the sudden green mountains. In front, fields and villages tumble down the gentle slope to the plains. On the rooftop at dusk, time stood still in true Indian fashion—until the electric lights began to dot the plains with hundreds of new spots! The boys below scurried around with kerosene lanterns as the electricity decided to avoid Bethania for a while. Soon the bell summoned us all to "Juh bum" (prayers). I caught about one in fifty of the Tamil words that whirled around in the Bible readings and songs and prayers (though one girl proudly offered me her new Tamil bible) and finally identified their rendition of "Abide With Me."

Supper finished, bedtime—the fans went off and on. My thoughts sought to sort themselves out. So much has been done with so little! Next time I'll bring my button boxes and get those shirts and blouses fixed . . . and some pictures and posters for the walls. They liked the tapes we brought—are there Tamil Christmas music tapes? Would they like more earrings? . . . my trinkets pale beside their hospitality. "The greatest of these is Love."

THANKS!

Special thanks to David Granner for maintaining our mailing list and to Katie, Luke, and Emily Hennig, who help prepare the newsletter for mailing.





THE INDIA CLUB
OF MINNESOTA

Dear Friend:

1990 is now underway and so is the India Club's Annual Membership Drive. We need your help.

The India Club was established in 1973 as a nonprofit organization to develop fellowship and understanding among Minnesotans. The India Club's goal is to promote awareness of India, its history, culture and traditions. We need your help by joining or renewing your membership in order to continue our friendship as members of the India Club.

Your membership helps to assure the services and other special programs of the India Club such as: India Day, participation in The Festival of Nations, sharing of the festivals, and the Host Family Program for Indian students. Newsletters will continue throughout the year. With your help we would like to add cultural awareness programs for our youth, as well as programs that involve the India Club in the local community.

In addition to new members, the India Club also needs existing members to renew their membership. Won't you please fill out the membership application form and the short survey on the back of this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope with your check made out to the India Club. The India Club is your club. Your opinion and involvement matter very much.

My sincere thanks in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you in our India Club get together. Until then, thank you.

Sincerely,

Chandra Mohan Meka - (612) 488-0740
Chairman, Membership Committee
The India Club of Minnesota

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SURVEY

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please rate our performance and indicate your interest in volunteering.
Please check in the appropriate place.

	PERFORMANCE			VOLUNTEER	
	Good	Fair	Poor	Yes	No
1. Festival of Nations	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Community Services (Volunteer Work in the Community)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Festival of India	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Youth Activities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Host Family Program For Indian Students	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Newsletter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Speakers Bureau	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION



NEW



RENEWAL



Student - \$5.00



Family - \$10.00



Business - \$25.00



Life Membership - \$100.00

NAME Vijay Ramasathan SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

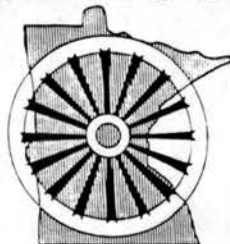
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHILDREN (Ages) _____

PROFESSION/BUSINESS _____

I want to be an active member. ☐

Please return to: The India Club, P.O. Box 130158
St. Paul, MN 55113



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OF MINNESOTA

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To: President,
SILC.

May 1990

Congratulations on this occasion of your completion of the first ten years of existence. You have served the community well during this time. We are very proud to have worked together on many projects over these years. Many of our objectives are same or complimentary. We hope we will be continuing this collaboration for years to come. We wish you many years of continuing community service.

Sincerely,

Godan Nambudiripad,
President

April 24

Godan,

Thank You For your phone call regarding The participation of members of The India Club in The Bethania Bazaar on June 14th at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1966 Fernwood Ave. Roseville, Mn. (phone # 488-6661) We look forward to meeting and working with you on this event, or someone you might suggest. Enclosed is a copy of the newsletter to give you further background information on this children's home. We are conducting the Fundraiser for the purpose of providing funds to build the 2nd story of the dormitory. Thank You for your help.

Susan Howard
#647-0322

Nasha & her friends - dance -

~~Geetha~~ Deepa Iyengar - face painting 636-0857
- Indira Music

Jose Ambalathunkil - music - 861-2379

Geetha Sivasailam - 894-0060

Indrani Mallick -

Yamuna Sangara Sivam - 823-2377

Godan

Here are some sketches & estimates
for various size Banners, Sign, podium signs.
than we discussed earlier.

If the prices are within your budget,
then we can finalize the Graphics. It
takes about 4-6 weeks to complete
the Graphic & make the sign.

Pl call me if you have any Q

Thanks
Shrin Hurli

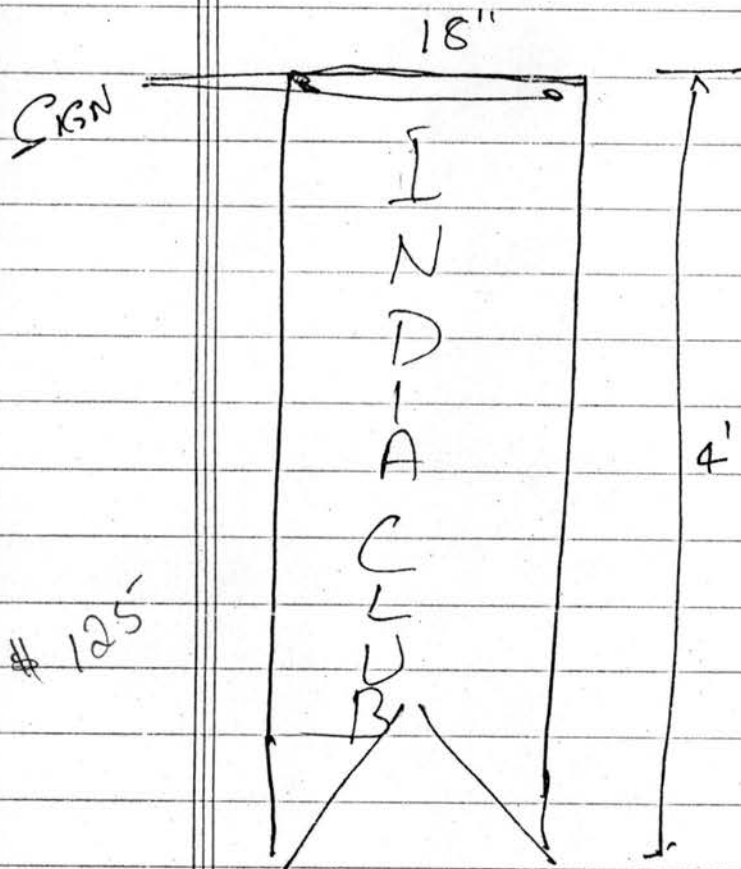
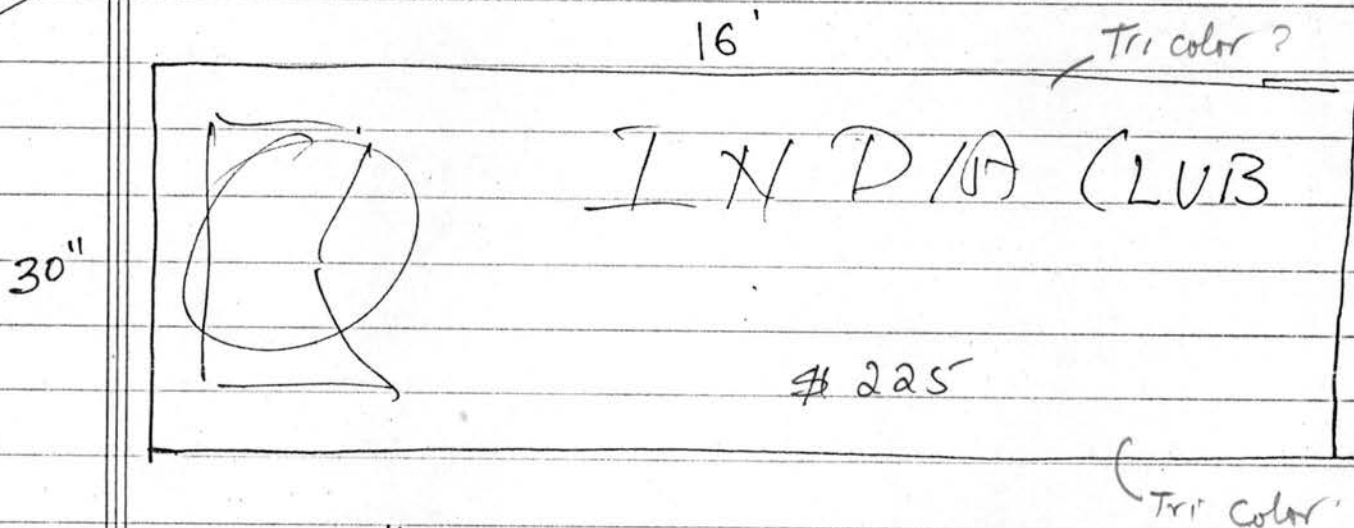
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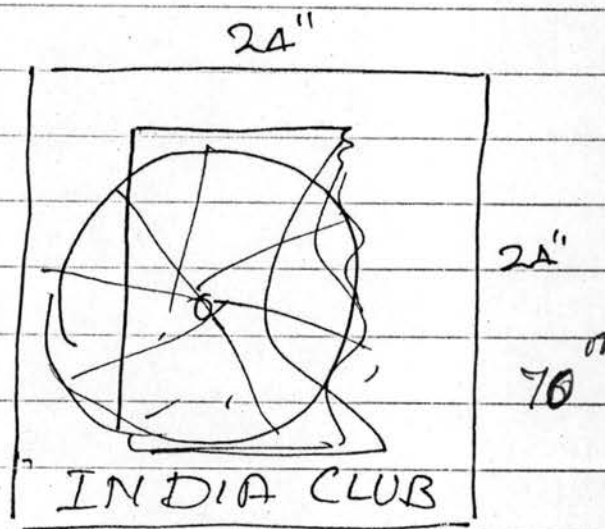
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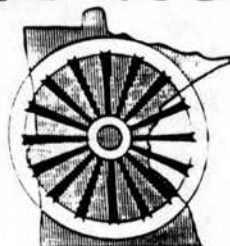


PODIUM SIGN



INFORMATIVE SIGNS

- 22"x28" (4 NOS) \$ 160.00
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The India Club is a registered non-profit organization, with the aim of increasing the awareness of India, its heritage, its people, and its contribution to the Global Community, amongst Minnesotans. We promote the welfare of the Asian Indian community and provide for a network of interaction for the community.

Last year we co-ordinated the Sharing of Festivals when we shared Diwali and Thanksgiving with the community.

Each year, the Club participates in the Festival of Nations and hosts a Festival of India.

The Club has a Speakers Bureau where in speakers are made available to address various groups such as schools, on topics dealing with India.

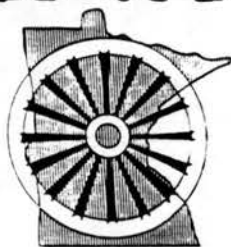
India Club has published "India: A Resource Guide for Minnesotans".

The Club administers a Host Family Program for new college students coming to Minnesota from India.

If you have seen this you are a good candidate for membership in the Club. Call one of us to-day!

Membership Committee: Chandramohan Meka 612-488-0740

Pres. :	Godan Nambudiripad	612-894-8945
V.P. :	Raj Ramaswamy	612-894-9785
Sec. :	Rajani Patankar	612-420-7667
Treas.:	Jacob Cherucheril	612-888-3599



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DEAR SHRIN,

I have enclosed a current brochure and a design for each of the 6 pages. Suggestions are welcome...

you can relay out the artwork to fill. Originals of the artwork has been lost. So use the material enclosed and do the best.

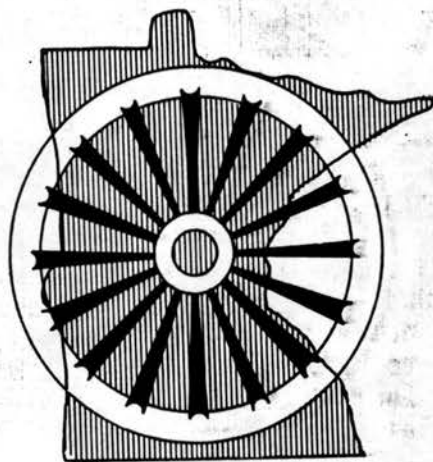
With the new lay out there may be less space for art-work.

Call me if you have any questions. (H) 894-8945, (W) 330-8809

This time let us preserve the art work.

We may print 2000 brochures ±. yellow, the letter head buff are all possible colors. Do you have any other suggestions.

Thanks.
Godan
9/9/90.



THE INDIA CLUB
OF MINNESOTA
SINCE 1973

(A non profit organization)

(Art work if space permits)

INDIA CLUB

- Promotes a variety of activities open to anyone with an interest in India.
- Works for the general advancement of the Indian community, preservation of national and cultural values and to facilitate interaction among the Indian community and with the population at large.
- Contacts government (both US and Indian) and community leaders to make the needs and concerns of the Indian community known.

• Participates in Festival of Nations (Spring)

• Organizes Festival of India (Fall)
(Attracts about 4000 attendees)

• Sponsors Youth Festival (Winter)

• Provides speakers to present Indian life and culture to school students and general public

• Co-ordinates voluntary activities to serve the community we live in.

• Runs a host family program to help new students from India in adjusting to life in Minnesota

• Publishes a news letter.

• Promotes cultural events of Indian interest.

• Assists local adoption services by providing information for adoptive parents of Indian children.



YOUR INVESTMENT IN INDIA CLUB MEANS:

Opportunity to meet and develop positive relationships with people of widely varied backgrounds who share your interest in India.

Receive newsletters and special mailings covering activities and announcements of interest to members.

~~Discounts for members at area businesses.~~

Discounted admissions at some India Club sponsored events.

Access to a directory of area clubs and organizations, local businesses and professionals ~~and fellow members.~~

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Preference in booth space at India Club events. ~~(At last year's India Day one business made over \$700 in six hours.)~~

Inclusion in the directory of business and professional members.

Opportunity to advertise your product or business via the most comprehensive India-interest mailing list in Minnesota.





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

~~INDIVIDUAL~~ ^{STUDENT} ☐ \$5.00 FAMILY ☐ \$10.00 BUSINESS ☐ \$25.00 ~~SENIOR~~
LIFE MEMBER SHIP ☐ \$100.00

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHILDREN ^{Year of birth} ~~(Name)~~ _____

PROFESSION/BUSINESS _____

I want to be an ACTIVE member. Contact me for

Festival of Nations, committee work, etc.

Please fill the reverse side.



PLEASE RETURN TO: THE INDIA CLUB, 1694 COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55108

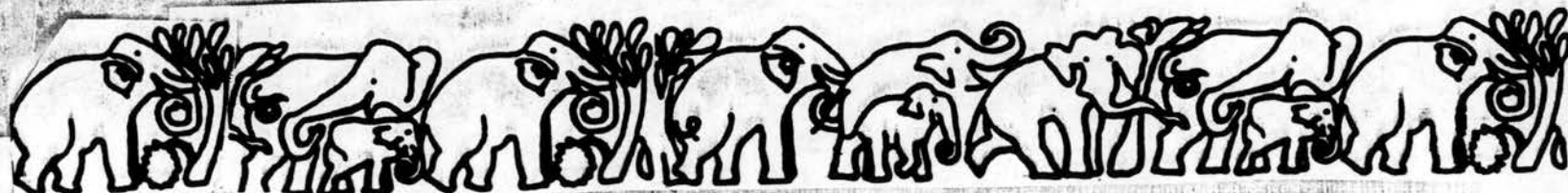
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Art work

Please indicate your interest in volunteering

	VOLUNTEER	
	Yes	No
1. Festival of Nations		
2. Community Services (Volunteer Work in the Community)		
3. Festival of India		
4. Youth Activities		
5. Host Family Program For Indian Students from India		
6. Newsletter		
7. Speakers Bureau		
8. Committee work		



THE INDIA CLUB

~~1601 COMMERCIAL AVENUE~~ P.O. Box 130158
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55408
~~TELEPHONE 222-2473~~ 55113

Carlson Marketing Group®

August 20, 1993

The India Club
Attn: Monty Mohanti
PO Box 130158
St. Paul, MN 55113

RE: Invoice 665047


Dear Mr. Monty Mohanti:

Upon reviewing your account. I have discovered that the enclosed invoice is open and past due.

Due to the age of the invoice, I would request that you start the necessary process to clear this balance as soon as possible. If payment was made previously, please forward a copy of all pertinent information to me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
CARLSON MARKETING GROUP, INC.


Chris Wichman
Credit/Collection Representative
612/449-1845
FAX: 612/449-1858

enc.

Carlson Marketing Group

INVOICE NUMBER

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INVOICE

DATE: 03/12/93

TERMS: PAYABLE UPON
RECEIPT

PLEASE MAIL REMITTANCE TO:

P. O. Box 96258
Chicago, IL 60693Printing Services Client:
The India Club
Attn: Monty Mohanti
P.O. Box 130158
St. Paul, MN 55113To insure proper credit, please return duplicate
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Job Ticket

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\$ 347.00

INVOICE GRAND TOTAL:

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=====Sylvia Sheeran
Sr Billing Specialist

Carlson Marketing Group

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INVOICE

DATE: 08/17/93

TERMS: PAYABLE UPON
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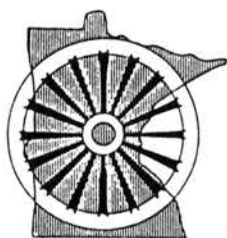
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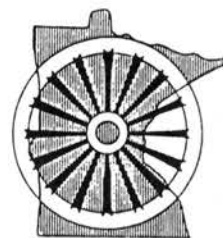
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