



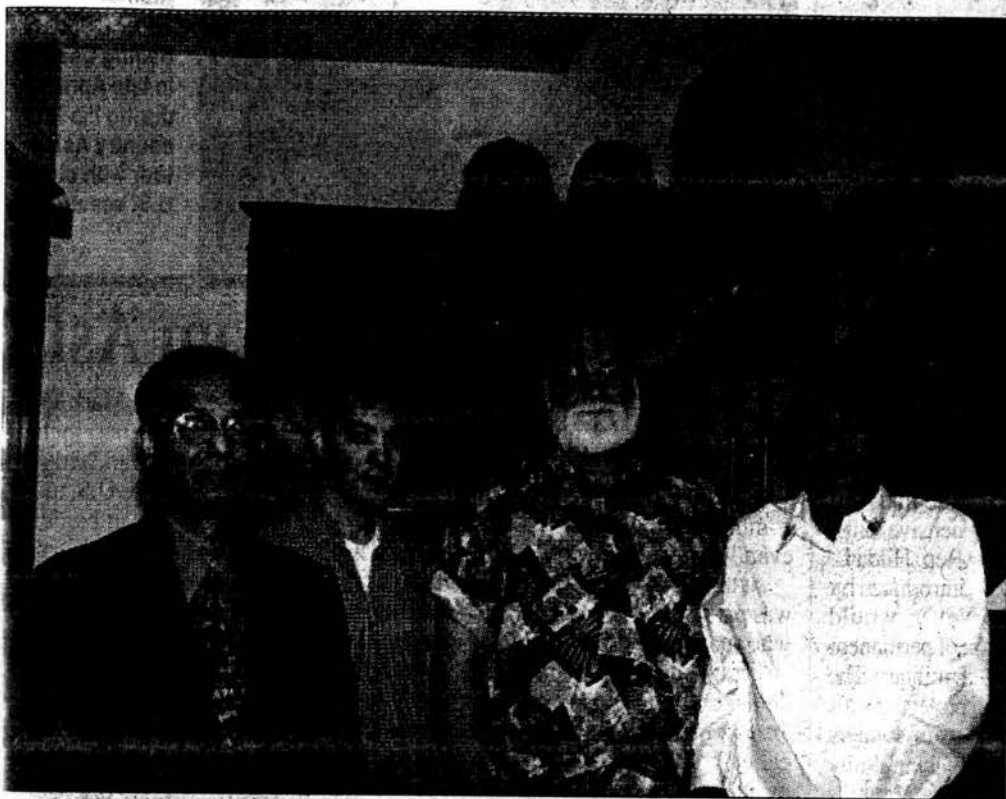
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CAPM Leadership Awards



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CAPM Leadership Award Winners, The Dragon Festival group, at a recent planning meeting for their 2003 event in July. Front row, left to right: Dilip Mallick, Teal Bjoraker, Leo Treadway and Tin Win. Back row, Left to right: Pacyinz Lyfoung, Hoa Young, Somly Sitthisay, Rose Wan-Mui Chu, and Karen Tanaka Lucas.

The State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM) announced at their April 2003 meeting, the finalists of the Annual Leadership Awards. The 2003 awardees are Jasmine Dinh, president, Vietnamese Community of Minnesota; the Asian American Renaissance Festival and Dragon Boat Races; Kogen Teiko Drum Group; and Jody Tanaka of Tanaka Advertising. Adeel Lari, CAPM board member and immediate past chair, will also receive a special achievement award for his dedicated service to CAPM and the community for several years.

BY TOM LAVENTURE

Asian American Press

The recipients will be presented with their awards at the Asian Pacific American Annual Dinner and Award presentation, at Radisson Riverfront, 11 E. Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, awards, and entertainment to follow.

"The CAPM award means a lot to acknowledge a pan Asian festival, and now the dragon boat race as essential

features to the quality of life for APIs in Minnesota, where they can have an opportunity to gather and celebrate their history, culture, heritage, and present lives," said Pacyinz Lyfoung, a member of the free event that is preparing a major change of venue on July 19 and 20 at Lake Phalen.

"These are really challenging times to find the adequate resources to pull together events of this scale, with the economy and people feeling strained by the war, the recession, government budget cuts, quality of life threats from all fronts," she added, "and yet, because of these uncertain and troubled circumstances, now more than ever, it is important to pull together as one Pan Asian community celebrating the strength, richness, and steadfastness of the API communities in Minn."

"It's humbling, and I am honored to get this award," said Jasmine Dinh, current president of the Vietnamese Community of Minnesota, an organization that organizes the largest Tet New Year event in the Midwest, and raises funds for orphans in Vietnam. "A leader is only as good as



Jody Tanaka,
president, Tanaka
Advertising



Jasmine Dinh,
president,
Vietnamese
Community of
Minnesota.

A HISTORY OF APA LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

2003

Asian American Festival
Jasmine N. Dinh
Kogen Taiko
Jodie L. Tanaka

2002

Joseph Hui
Rick Shiomi
Rita Mitra Mustaphi
KFAI, Fresh Air Inc.
Darina Siv, Posthumously

2001

Zarina Baber
Wai Lee
Lee Pao Xiong
Venture Crew 6

2000

Chinese American
Association
of Minnesota
Dr. Bruce P. Corrie
Josee N. Cung
Prof. Indira Y. Junghare
Esther T. Suzuki

1999

Sophia Duong
Keshini Ratnayake
The Schubert Club
Theater Mu
Joyce Yamamoto

1998

CAAM Dance Theater
Japanese American Veterans
of Minnesota
Oukhane Phrachansisourath
The Saint Paul Companies
The School of India for
Languages and Culture

1997

Sarjit S. Bains
and Mukhtar Thakur
Rose Wan-Mui Chu
Gao Hong
Stephan S. Huh
Vietnamese Social Services

CAPM AWARDS

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APAICS Official**

Asian-American So
Men discuss issues at Hamline

Media Release
September 2, 2004

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Festival of India on September 26, 2004 at Landmark Center, St. Paul.

St. Paul -- India Association of Minnesota (IAM) is proud to present its 21st annual Festival of India, showcasing live Asian Indian music, traditional dances, cultural entertainment programs, food stalls, exhibit and merchandise booths, interactive yoga and much more! The festival will begin at noon on Sunday, September 26th, 2004 at the Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, St. Paul, MN.

Visitors get a unique opportunity to learn about India and the Indian-American community. Several India-related organizations in Minnesota participate to educate attendees about the fascinating aspects of Indian culture that they represent.

Officials from the Indian Consular Office of Chicago will process Indian Passport and Visas from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Festival. A nominal facility expenses fee (to be paid to IAM) applies in addition to the charges for Passport and Visa processing (please see official Festival of India Flyer for more details).

The Festival of India is one of the most popular events of the India Association of Minnesota, namely because it is an opportunity to reach out to the broader community. In the recent past, US and State Senators, Minnesota's Secretary of State, the Mayor of St. Paul, State Representatives, the Indian Consulate General from Chicago, local media celebrities, and many other such esteemed guests have joined IAM to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of India at the Festival.

Admission to the Festival is free and open to the public!

For more information, please visit www.iamn.org.

IAM President's Annual Dinner Speech – Feb 15th, 2004: Rabinder Bains

Good Evening ladies and gentlemen, and distinguished guests. It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the India Association of Minnesota's Annual Dinner. I am so glad that you have joined us here tonight, taking out time from your busy schedules.

I am particularly grateful to our invited guests: Congresswoman Betty McCollum; Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, Dipankar Mukerjee and Meena Natarajan, for being with us and making this a special evening.

First of all I would like to introduce to you the IAM Board of Directors.

Board members would you please stand up as I call your name and remain standing until the end of the list. I would request our guests to hold the applause until I have finished reading the names.

Vice-President: Dilip Millick; Treasurer: Nitin Patil; Secretary: Ramesh Muniswamy.

Board members: Ramona Advani; Hatim Carim; Deepshika Gupta; Sumita Mitra; Indushekar Nair; Guptan Nambudiripad; Shambu Nath; Saurab Pandit; Balki Radakrishnan; Kamal Sahgal; Sangamitra Sahu; Shivanti Sathanandan; Govind Shah; Raji Shankar; Atul Shroff; Gita Stiramiah; Shalin Thadani.

Thank you.

This year there has been an addition to the structure of the India Association's organization. We have now created a Trustee Advisory Council, that will ensure smooth transition of the board from year to year and advise the board when necessary. The council is made up of ex-IAM presidents and committee chairs.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you The Trustee Advisory Council:

The Chair: Franklin Gummadi, who is in India right now.

Vice Chair: Shanti Shah. members: Nina Gada; Anoop Mathur; Sarat Mohapatra; Godan Namboodiripad and Vasant Sukhatme.

Thank You.

India Association of Minnesota was established in 1973, then known as the India Club. The organization has evolved over time as the needs of the community have changed. Originally, it was a group for Asian Indians to socialize amongst themselves. As the size of the Indian community increased, its goal became one of promoting an understanding of Indian heritage through cultural and educational programs, such as the Festival of Nations and the Festival of India. It further expanded its organization and created the Asian Indian Women's Association and the 55+ club, to meet the changing needs of the community.

The demographics of Minnesota have changed dramatically over the last ten years. There has been a large increase in the number of minority immigrants to Minnesota. The number of People of Indian origin has more than doubled over that period. This has led to the creation of a number of regional organizations within the Indian Community, like the Gujarati Samaaj, the Marathi association, that are increasingly meeting the social needs of the Indian community.

However, the vacuum that needs to be filled by an organization like the India Association of Minnesota is to build a strong and cohesive community of Asian Indian in Minnesota and to represent the Asian Indian community to the society at large. The need of IAM is further reinforced because of the events of September 11th and recent developments in India.

One of our main goals this year is to increase IAM's involvement with other community organizations, both within the Indian community and outside it, to build bridges between different groups through education and dialogue.

We have already joined the Council of Advisors of Tolerance Minnesota, which is a program promoting diversity and combating racism through education. Tonight, we also have representatives here from two other organizations that promote the interests of the immigrant and Asian populations. Robin Philips and Manpreet Dhanjal from the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and Ilean Her and David Zandar from the Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

We are planning to meet with the regional groups within the Indian community to develop partnerships, so that we work together to ensure our place as an integral part of the Minnesota community.

Social change can be created in a number of ways: through the political process; through art and through community involvement. Tonight's program will demonstrate each one of these. We put this program together to give our members the opportunity to hear ideas that will help them to understand the importance of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank You.



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2005

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at the Dragon Festival 2005

Lake Phalen in Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Re: Request for Funding to Support Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Dinner

Dear Mr. Mallick:

I am writing you this letter to invite your participation and partnership in putting together the Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Dinner. Annually, the community convenes together to celebrate and commemorate May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and to jointly honor the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our great nation and state. The Council takes the leadership to organize the dinner, but the dinner belongs to the community and it is the highlight of a month-long calendar of events celebrating heritage month.

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans is a state agency. We were created by the legislature in 1985 to fulfill three broad mandates: serve as an advisor to the governor and policymakers; be an advocate for the community; and a builder of bridges between and among the Asian Pacific and non-Asian Pacific communities. Our Council seeks to represent the interests of a board and diverse Asian Pacific Islander community. There are over 42 different Asian Pacific ethnic groups residing in Minnesota. Census 2000 counted the population at 182,000, making them the second largest and fastest growing minority group in Minnesota.

Annual Dinner: May 20, 2005

This year the Annual Dinner will be on Friday, May 20, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott, 2020 American Blvd. E., in Bloomington. The dinner is a unique and special event which brings many differing Asian Pacific ethnic groups and organizations together in unity and celebration. The Annual Dinner is always well attended and each year we always add new attendees. The dinner program consists of a keynote address with a notable guest speaker, the awarding of the annual Asian Pacific Leadership Awards, and various cultural performances. This year the keynote address will focus on racism, its impact on the community and community efforts to address it.



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The Legend of the Dragon

For centuries, dragon folklore has captured the hearts of people the world over. From its origins on the Asian continent, the legend of the dragon symbolizes grandeur and heritage, strength and goodwill.

About the Dragon Festival

In Minnesota, the dragon, 21st century style, lives on as the **Dragon Festival**, the premier community celebration of diverse Pan-Asian heritage and gateway to cultural adventure for the community at large. In 2004, the **Dragon Festival** marks its eighth year, with a diversity of Asian American volunteers, business and community supporters involved in planning and committed to making the mighty dragon a part of Minnesota's cultural landscape.

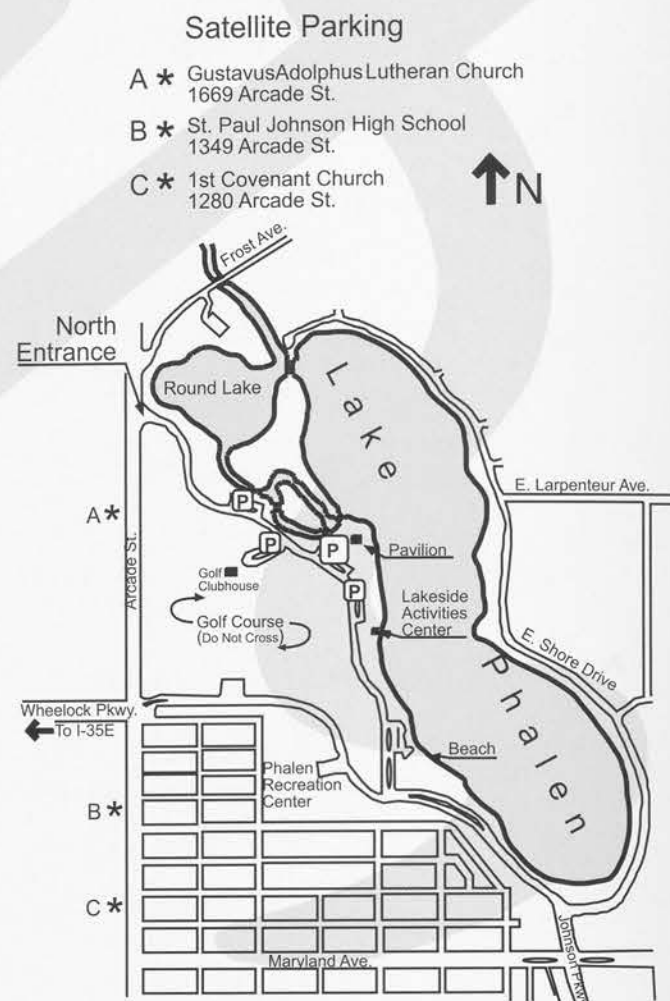
At the center of the Dragon Festival are the dragon boat races and pageantry... on Lake Phalen in St. Paul. But the Dragon Festival celebrates much more dragon heritage. *Wake the dragons, cheer the dragon boat races*, get fit with the 5K, applaud the **Entertainment Stage**, enjoy happenings at the **Children's Tent and Amphitheater**, learn at the **Health Tent**, browse the **Market Square** exhibits and food vendors, support the **Silent Auction**, marvel at the **Calligraphy**, engage the **Policy Roundtable**. The **Dragon Festival** is free admission.

Dragon Festival Area at Lake Phalen

Lake Phalen is a beautiful suburban St. Paul park and lake just minutes north of the city. It is easily reached via Interstate 94, Interstate 35E and via the cross-town highways Larpenteur Ave. E. or Highway 61. Dragon Festival activities will take place throughout the park-watch **lakeside** for dragon boat racing on Lake Phalen and race team registration at the **Dragon boat race tent**, kids activities in the **Children's Tent and Amphitheater**, opening and closing ceremonies, entertainment and cultural performances on the **Dragon Stage**; various food vendors, artisans and exhibitors tents in the **Dragon Market Square**; the **Dragon Festival Info Tent** including the Silent Auction and calligraphy table. Watch for the 'Walk & Talk 5K' and health screenings Sat. morning.

Dragon Festival Planning Committee

Evelyn Lee, *chair*
Hua Young, *vice chair and co-general manager*
Dilip Malick, *vice chair and dragon boat race chair*
Somly Sitthisay, *co-general manager*
Pacyinz Lyfoung, *finance manager*
Shalini Thadani, *committee secretary and web master*
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Phuong Dao, *entertainment and children's activities manager*
Joseph Hui, *festival merchandise manager*
Vong Thor, *volunteers' coordinator*



At A Glance: Dragon Festival

Sat., July 17-
8:30 am - noon

Walk & Talk 5K Family Fun Run/Walk

Sat., July 17-

Dragon Stage

Emcees: Kent Ninomiya and Vineeta Sawkar, KSTP-TV

Asian-American Journalists Association

10 am - 4 pm

Opening Ceremony Sat. at 10 am, Mu Daiko Drummers and Hung Vuong Dragon Dance, blessing of the dragon boats; entertainment, cultural performances, tai chi, Asian dance

Sun., July 18

Emcee: Mary Tan, WCCO-TV,

Asian-American Journalists Association

Entertainment, cultural performances, yoga, table tennis exhibition/challenge the champ;

5 pm (est.)

Closing Ceremony-CAAM Dragon Dance and dragon boat race Awards Ceremony

Sat., July 17-
Sun., July 18

Dragon boat races

Team practice relays-Sat., official American Dragon Boat Assoc. races Sun.

Sat., July 17-
Sun., July 18
Noon - 3 pm

Children's Tent & Amphitheater

Dragon stories, crafts, games, contest, book fair

Sat., July 17-
1 pm - 3 pm

Kung Fu Demonstration

On festival grounds, Green River School of Kung Fu.

Sat., July 17-
Sun., July 18

Dragon Market Square

Community and business exhibitors and sponsors, artisans, food vendors

Sat., July 17-
Sun., July 18
10 am - 4 pm

Silent Auction

Bid on dozens of items including an award winning photograph donated by Wing Young Huie, Chinese landscape paintings, Asian gifts, arts gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates; Minnesota Twins baseball tickets, Minnesota Thunder soccer tickets, a Toro Blower/Vac donated by Toro, a Toro Trimmer donated by Toro and much more. All proceeds benefit Dragon Festival

Sat., July 17-
Sun., July 18

Calligraphy

Volunteers from Chinese Senior Citizens Society.

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Presenting the Dragon Boat Races

Dragon boat races have roots in a multitude of Asian countries. Its origins date to China, with historical accounts of dragon boats visiting New Zealand and the Americas, even before the explorer Ferdinand Magellan reached South Africa. In southeast Asia-the Lao *Souang Heua* boat racing festival where cities participated with residents in full ethnic garb, the Cambodian *Om Tooh* mega boat races boasting 125 people per vessel, the Thai *Khang Roaae* boat races held when the river was high to celebrate the King and Queen's birthdays, the Vietnamese *In the Dai Viet Su KY* commemorating King Ly Thai To in the Autumn of Year 1012 watching the *dua thuyen* from the Ham Quang Palace. Among the Asian Pacific Islands, people from Polynesia, Burma, Lao and Hawaii were reputed as adventurous dragon boat navigators before the first Viking boats.

Dragon Boat Race Teams

Twenty-one teams will compete in 300-meter races, with crews of up to 22 per boat, all paddling to the beat of the drum, with flags mounted high. Watch dragon race teams practice on Saturday; official races authorized by the American Dragon Boat Association at 9 am on Sunday. Awards Ceremony estimated to start Sun. at 5 pm.

Dragon Boat Teams

-  Shaw-Lundquist Associates, US-China Peoples Friendship Assoc., Chinese American Business Assoc. 'Friendship Dragons'
-  University of Minnesota China Center 'Dragons'
-  General Mills 'Golden Dragons'
-  Laotian American National Alliance 'Mekong Dragons'
-  India Society of Minnesota 'Network of Indian Professionals - Twin Cities / 3M - VIKRANT'
-  Honeywell
-  Hmong American Partnership 'Dragon Flyer II'
-  Vietnamese Community of Minnesota 'Viet Dragons'
-  China Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine
-  Health Partners 'Scales & Tails'
-  Hmong Minnesota Student Association 'HMSA Dragonites'
-  Asian Media Access
-  Wells Fargo 'Wells Armored Dragons'
-  RBC Dain Rauscher 'RBC Racers'
-  Sawatdee Restaurant 'Thai Dragons'
-  Flagstar
-  AMEX-American Express 'American Express Centurions'
-  Edina Realty 'Red Dragon Realtors'
-  Fairview University Medical Center 'Fairview Dragons'
-  Long Yang Club MN 'LYC Dragoners'
-  Yamamoto Moss

Presenting the Dragon Stage: Entertainment, Cultural Performances and More!

Sat., July 17

10 am - 4 pm

Dragon Stage

Emcees: Kent Ninomiya and Vineeta Sawkar, KSTP-TV
Asian American Journalists Association

- 10 am Chang Mi Korean dancers
- 10:10 Invocation by Rev. Egbert Aye; Arvind Auluck-Wilson of Baha'l faith
- 10:20 Opening Ceremony: Mu Daiko and Hung Vuong Dance and blessing of dragon boats
- 10:45 Tai chi session by the Green River Kung Fu Association
- Noon Hmong Peace dancer
- 12:30 Viet Blood performers
- 1:00 Chang Mi Korean dancers
- 1:30 Hmong 'Rice Channel'
- 2:00 Cultural Society of Filipino-American Dance Troupe
- 2:30 Cambodian American Family Alliance performers
- 3:00 Asian Social Dance and group lesson with instructor

Sat., July 17

1 pm - 3 pm

Festival Grounds

Kung Fu demonstration, Green River School of Kung Fu

Sun., July 18

Dragon Stage

Emcee: Mary Tan, WCCO-TV
Asian American Journalists Association

- 10 am Yoga session and group lesson with Leo Patel
- Noon Kogen Taiko Japanese-American performers
- 12:30 Moon Star Vietnamese Group
- 1:00 Mu Daiko Chinese-American performers
- 1:30 Tibetan Cultural Group of TAFM performers
- 2:00 Ha Family Entertainment-Chinese & Vietnamese performers
- 2:30 CAAM Chinese Dance Theater
- 3:00 Pacific Soul Samoan performers
- 3:30 Table Tennis Minnesota exhibition: MN state champion, junior state champion Challenge the Champ matches with Jr. Olympic Team members
- 5:00(est.) Closing Ceremony, CAAM Dragon Dance, Dragon Boat Race Awards Ceremony

Sun., July 18

Amphitheater

- 3:30 Policy Roundtable to encourage citizen participation in this election year.
Emcee: Bruce Corrie, Concordia University



Presenting the tpt Children's Tent & Amphitheater

Sat. and Sun., July 17-18

Noon- 3 pm **Children's Tent & Amphitheater,**
Coloring and paper cutting crafts, noon-1 pm
Dragon stories at the Amphitheater, 1 pm - 3 pm
tpt Kids Book Fair, noon - 3 pm
Asian games, 1 pm - 2 pm
Children's contest, 2 pm - 3 pm

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*Special Guest Story Readers: St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly,
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Sat., July 17

8:30 am-noon **'Walk & Talk' 5K Family Fun Run/Walk**
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Visit Dragon Market Square

Sat. and Sun. 9 am - 5 pm

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Artisans and crafts exhibitors

Filipino American Women's Network,
Pasar Seni, Laughing Waters Studios, more!

Community organization and business exhibitors and sponsors exhibits

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Silent Auction

Sat. and Sun.,
10 am to 4 pm



Festival Main Tent

Stop by and bid on dozens of items by writing your bid on Silent Auction forms. Each item has value and minimum bids established. Winning bidders will be notified after the Dragon Festival. Cash or checks only if you are the winning bidder. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Dragon Festival.

- 'Lake Street Series' award-winning exhibit photograph
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- Almanac Evening pair of backstage passes for Oct. 15, 2004 taping
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donated by KFAI Community Radio
- Japanese wood tray set
donated by Karen Lucas
- Indian batik painting
donated by Shalini Thadani
- 200-year calendar
donated by Shalini Thadani
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- Two canisters (150 grams each) of premium quality Te Kuang tea
donated by Pearl Bergad
- Two glass topped 'sofa server' trays
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ABOUT THE DRAGON FESTIVAL

The Dragon Festival is a community based organization, with representatives from various organizations in the Asian Pacific Islander communities from the Twin Cities Metropolitan area. The festival includes many activities appealing to different interests of the public; such as Cultural Performing Arts, Martial Arts, Local Resource & Cultural Exhibitors & Merchandisers, Children's Activities, and Dragon Boat Races.

We hope you enjoy these two days of activities, fun, and games as we celebrate these Asian traditions. Thank you for coming and hope to see you next year.

The Dragon Festival Committee

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ALLIANZ DRAGON STAGE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

- Saturday, July 9 LAKE PHALEN BOAT LAUNCH AREA TO THE DRAGON STAGE**
- 10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONIES - *"Awakening the Dragon, Painting of the Dragon's Eyes"*
- Mu Daiko Drummers
 - Troung Hua & Hung Vuong Association Dance Teams
 - Kiseung Rhee, *Actor Director Playwright*
 - Gyuto Monastery Tibetan Buddhist Monks
 - Dr. Bruce P. Corrie, Professor of Economics and Editor Concordia University
- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM DRAGON BOAT TEAM PRACTICE
- 12:00 PM OPENING REMARKS, *Mu Daiko & CEO of Allianz*
- 12:30 PM HOANG ANH DANCE TROUPE, *VN Group*
- 1:00 PM COMEDY MAGICIAN STORYTELLER, *Annette*
- 1:30 PM INDIAN CHILDREN DANCE GROUP FROM N. INDIA
- 2:00 PM LAO WOMEN ASSOCIATION, *Dancers*
- 2:30 PM MR. YUANCHENG LIU, *Chinese Instrument: Erhu*
- 3:00 PM 3C SOCIAL DANCE
- Sunday, July 10**
- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM DRAGON BOAT RACES
- 12:30 PM MN CHINESE DANCE THEATER
- 1:00 PM DAVID NY, *Cambodian Instrument*
- 1:30 PM MISORA TAIKO, *Taiko Drums*
- 2:00 PM CULTURAL SOCIETY OF FILIPINO-AMERICANS DANCE TROUPE
- 2:30 PM BURMESE DANCE
- 3:00 PM CHANG MI KOREAN DANCERS
- 5:00 PM DRAGON STAGE CLOSING CEREMONIES - *"Putting the Dragon to Sleep"*
- Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota Dance Team *"Snow Lion Dance"*
 - Awards Ceremony for Dragon Boat Teams, *Leo Treadway, Dragon Boat Race Advisor*
 - Recognition of the Dragon Festival's Special Award Recipient by Evelyn Lee, Chairperson awarded to Hoa Young - *City of Saint Paul & Vietnamese Broadcasting of Minnesota*
 - Chiang Mi Korean Cultural Association, *Closing Finale*

TARGET CORPORATION LAND OF THE DRAGONS

- Saturday & Sunday, July 9&10 AMPHITHEATER AND CHILDREN'S AREA**
PRESENTED BY ASIAN BOAT TELLERS
- 11:00 AM-4:00 PM DRAGON READINGS FROM THE DRAGON BOOK LIST, DRAGON BOOKS, AND RESOURCES
DISPLAY, LIBRARY FREEBIES
- 1:00-1:25 PM THE NINE SONS OF THE DRAGON KING & OTHER DRAGON TALES
- 2:00-2:25 PM THE VIETNAMESE STORY OF ONE HUNDRED EGGS & OTHER DRAGON TALES & LEGENDS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
- 2:30-2:55 PM FOLKTALES FROM THIRTY BURMESE TALES
- 12:00-3:00 PM DRAGON GAMES & CRAFTS
- GAMES-
- Picking the Dragon Boats
 - Dragon Toss
 - Chasing the Dragon's Tail
 - Asian Hackie Sack
- 12:00-4:00 PM DRAGON CRAFTS-
- Dragon bookmarks
 - Origami
 - Kite decorating
 - Dragon greeting cards
 - Please add Dragon masks
- 12:00-4:30 PM DRAGON CONTESTS-
- Dragon spoon racing
 - Dragon Hula hoop
 - Kite racing for best dressed and fast running

MARTIAL ARTS

- Saturday, July 9 MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS**
- 12:15-1:15 PM SHUHARIKAN AIKIDO DOJO *Aikido*
- 1:15-2:15 PM MN MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY *Jeet Kune Do*
- 2:15-3:15 PM TAI CHI CHUAN AND INTERNAL STRENGTH *Tai Chi Chuan*
- Sunday, July 10**
- 12:15-1:15 PM PLUM BLOSSOM KUNG FU SCHOOL *Kung fu*
- 1:15-2:15 PM CHIKARA DOJO *Classical Japanese Swordsmanship*



July 9th-10th 88 Dragon Festival

Lake Phalen & Park, Saint Paul, MN

Out of the Desire to celebrate their rich and diverse culture, arises an annual festival that brings the API (Asian Pacific Islander) communities in the Twin Cities together. To continue this great annual event Dragon Festival & Boat Races invites anyone to become a sponsor and (or) participate of this unique gathering.

www.dragonfestival.org
(FREE ADMISSION)

2005 Dragon Festival Committee

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Dragon Festival

About the Festival

Out of the Desire to celebrate their rich and diverse culture, arises an annual festival that brings the API (Asian Pacific Islander) communities in the Twin Cities together. The brain child of Lee Pao Xiong, the Executive Director of MN State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotan, and Valerie Lee the director of Asian American Renaissance festival. The Star Tribune called it one of the top five festivals in 2004 as it has attracted over 5,000 people per day. It's based on the shore of beautiful Lake Phalen in East St. Paul.

The Dragon Festival is where all Asian communities are able to engage together in a friendly boat race, and admire professional dancers of API communities. DF will also be partnering with Theater Mu whom will be holding special performances with dance and music throughout the festival. This family orientated festival will also offer children activities, story telling, origami, kite flying and making. Participants may learn how to play API games, martial Arts, and healing arts. People of any culture can learn how to write their name in an Asian Language using a calligraphy form. Of course after a busy day of fun there is a time to enjoy a taste of different API foods and beverages. This festival is truly a passport to Asia in Minnesota.

To continue this great annual festival Dragon Festival invites anyone to become a sponsor of this unique festival. Provided in this packet is the sponsorship levels and list of the organizers and contact information. To continue to learn more about the Dragon Festival or have an interest to get involved as the date gets closer the website address is: www.dragonfestival.org



Support the Dragon Festival

The Dragon Festival Planning Committee recognizes this event belongs truly to the community and their support, volunteerism and investments of time and resources are all critical to success. Every single member of this community who contributes - great or small, is deeply appreciated and valued.

We therefore wish to recognize especially when corporations and local businesses give their support through teams participation and sponsorship. Through their support the participation of our community in Dragon Festival is enriched and broadened. (As such the following list is incomplete as we cannot hope to list the countless ways our community members find to give)

Want To Become A Dragon?

What level of support do you want to give? You can own a special Dragon title at a level appropriate for corporations, foundation, community organization, individuals and students! All Sponsors will have their names on the brochure. Dragon Boat Team sponsors are listed in the Dragon Boat Race Section of the Dragon Festival.

\$10,000 - Celestial Dragons

- Festival Title Sponsor
- Present the Dragon Boat race awards
- One free Dragon Boat racing team

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- Opening Ceremony Participation
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- Family Entertainment Stage Title Sponsor
- Present Kite Competition awards
- Banner on staging area

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- Martial Arts Stage Title Sponsor
- Banner on staging area

\$500 and up - Dragon Festival Friends

- Will receive their name in the festival brochure and website

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We invite you to join these sponsors as a Dragon Festival & Dragon Boat Race donator.

City of St. Paul Cultural Star Grant, Saint Paul Foundation - Asian Pacific Endowment, & Thompson-West

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THE POLICY ROUNDTABLE

ALLIANCE ON ASIAN MINNESOTAN POLICY ISSUES



Creating
Possibilities

Anyone Listening to the Voice of 300000 College Voters ?

A Joint Project with The AHANA Forum

Providing AHANA Perspectives on Policy Issues
(American Indian Forum, American Indian Policy Roundtable, Hispanic
Forum, New immigrant Forum, Insight News/KMOJ Public Policy Forum,
The Policy Roundtable)

Tuesday, October 8, 2002
4:30- 6 P.M

THE VIETNAM CENTER
1159 University Avenue, Saint Paul

Program

1. Introduction of AHANA and The Policy Roundtable
2. Introduction of the Minnesota Youth Vote Coalition
3. Introduction of the Moderator: Pao Yang, *The Policy Roundtable*

Panelists

Marcel Yorgun – President, *Minnesota State Universities Student Association*
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Kelsey Johnson/Jackie Mammen, *CAGB, College of St. Catherine*

4. YouthSurvey -results on www.policybriefs.org
October 15: Gubernatorial Forum, 4:30-6 pm,
Black Bear Café at Como Park

Please Support

The Minnesota Youth Vote Coalition
APECED—The Asian Pacific Endowment for Community Development
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<http://www.iamn.org>

IAM is a non-profit organization whose aim is to build a strong and cohesive community of Asian Indians in the state of Minnesota, USA. IAM also seeks to represent the Asian Indian population to the society at large.

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IAM Sponsored Events 2004

Independence Day, August 21st at Snail Lake Park, 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

Held in mid-summer to celebrate the Indian Independence Day followed by picnic with food and games.

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Festival of India, September 26th at the Landmark Center

This is an annual event held in Fall at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, showcasing music, dances, cultural entertainment programs and food stalls from India.

**** If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please contact any of our board members (see Page 8).**

Other Upcoming Community Events

Dear Friends:

Please e-mail us at community@iamn.org and let us know of any community events scheduled in November and December so we can include it in this new section. Thank you.

August 2004:

August 7 - a Baithak of Hindustani classical vocal music by Shubhangi Sakhalkar with Vikas Falnkar (Harmonium) and A. Pavan (Tabla); 7:30pm, Pangea World Theater Studio, 711 W Lake St Suite 101, Minneapolis, MN 55408. For more Information call (612) 508-3716 or (651) 698-0774 or shivanthi@imsom.org (www.imsom.org).

August 21 - Yesudas Musical Night, 6:30pm, O' Shaughnessy Auditorium, College of St. Catherine. For more information, visit www.musicalnight.com.

September 2004:

September 10 - Partho Sarathy (Sarod), Snehashish Mazumdar (Mandolin) & Abhijit Banerjee (Tabla). For more Information call (651) 698-0774 or shivanthi@imsom.org (www.imsom.org).

September 11 & 12 - "Sethu" (Bridge) The Chorus led by Mr. Dewa performing with Ragamala at Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. For more information, please contact Ragamala at (612) 824-1968 or ragamala@aol.com.

September 19 - Join us at the Vibha 5K Walk/Run (Lake Phalen, St. Paul, MN). For more details, please visit <http://minnesota.vibha.org/vibhawalk.html> or contact: Nikhil Neelakantan nikhil@minnesota.vibha.org; (952) 201-4488.

October 2004:

October 2 - Umayalpuram Sivaraman's "A Musical Odyssey in Rhythm Fantasies". For more Information call (651) 698-0774 or shivanthi@imsom.org (www.imsom.org).

October 16 - Diwali Celebration by Hindu Society of Minnesota at Wayzata Middle School. For more information, call Padmaja at (763) 416-6363.

October 23 - Pandit Ulhas Kashalkar (Hindustani Vocal) with Pandit Anand Gopal Bandopadhyaya (Tabla) and Sri. Jyoti Goho (Harmonium). For more Information call (651) 698-0774 or shivanthi@imsom.org (www.imsom.org).

A request from the IAM membership committee: please take a few minutes to complete our demographics and membership record surveys. Go to www.iamn.org and click on "Surveys" or fill out the form on Page 7 and mail it to us at P.O.Box 130158, St. Paul, MN 55113.

Presidents' Message

One of IAM's goals is to present Indian heritage to the population at large and bring visibility to the Indian community in Minnesota. This is certainly what we have been doing over the last four months. There were four dance performances at the Festival of Nations, as well as representation at the Café, Bazaar and the Cultural Exhibit. I would like to thank Ramesh Muniswamy, Chair of the Festival of Nations committee, for his hard work in coordinating IAM's participation. The Dragon Festival took place in July; to support this event, a boat was sponsored by IAM. As a result of Shalini's persuasive persistence, Net-IP and 3M Company also joined IAM in covering the cost of the boat. I would like to thank Net-IP and 3M (Jesse Singh) for their support. Dilip Mallick was the chair of the boat race committee and Shalini Thadani managed the website for the whole event – as well as being captain of the boat team! I would like to thank them both for their hard work in making this event a success and for representing the Indian community. In addition, I would like to thank all the other volunteers whose participation made these events possible – it is the unselfish contribution of each individual that creates 'community'.

May is the Asian Pacific Heritage month. To celebrate this, the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM) holds an annual

dinner at which leadership awards are presented. This year, Pangea World Theater directors Dipankar Mukerjee and Meena Natarajan were nominated by IAM and won the award for excellence in the arts. My warmest congratulations to Dipankar and Meena.

I would also like to congratulate Mukhtar Thakur for his appointment, by Governor Pawlenty, to the Board of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. As many of you know, Mukhtar is an active IAM member, the co-presenter of the radio program Sangam and the producer of the TV program Geet Mala. Mukhtar has indicated he will work closely with IAM to ensure full community involvement. The CAPM board has recently been re-evaluating its role and defining a new strategic direction; during this process, I have had the opportunity to provide input on behalf of IAM to make CAPM more effective in meeting the needs of the community.

Besides all the local connections that have been created, IAM has also had honorable mention in the Congressional Register, during the course of a speech given by Congresswoman Betty McCollum on May 20th 2004 in support of bilateral relations with India. This was indeed a landmark event for the Indian community here

in Minnesota, to be recognized on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

Mr. V. P. Singh, ex-Prime Minister of India, is again visiting the Mayo Clinic for medical treatment. A group of us welcomed Mr. Singh on his arrival in Rochester at the end of June. He seemed in good spirits, despite the long journey. We had a brief conversation about India's recent elections and the new leadership. The defeat of the BJP was a total surprise and he even admitted to having voted for Congress for the first time in his life! He supported Mrs. Sonia Gandhi's decision to step down for the sake of India's stability.

We are now busy organizing the annual picnic to be held on August 21st – I hope to see many of you there! The Festival of India will be held on September 26th, a week earlier than normal, to avoid the crowds at the Twin Cities Marathon. Indian consular staff from Chicago will be present to provide visa services as usual. Your support is needed to make this a success. If you would like to participate in the stage program or in the exhibits, please contact us. Please see the flier for more details.

- **Rabinder Bains** (President, IAM 2004)

Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans – Leadership Awards 2004



Photo: Meena Natarajan & Dipankar Mukherjee - winners of the 2004 leadership award for excellence in the arts (from the Governor's Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans). Joining them in the picture are: Rabinder Bains, President of IAM (left); Robin Phillips, Executive Director of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (second from right); and Dilip Mallick, Vice-President of IAM (right).



It's IAM Picnic Time



Come one, come all!

The India Association of Minnesota (IAM) invites you to join in the annual *Independence Day Picnic* and summer fun.

**When: Saturday, August 21, 2004
12 noon to 5 p.m.**

US and India flag hoisting at 12:45 PM

Where: Snail Lake Park, Shoreview

Door prizes Soccer Volleyball

Swimming Games for kids

Lunch cost: \$5 per adult. Free for children below age 5

For more information,

Contact: Govind Shah (651-633-0363), Saurabh Pandit (651-442-0448) or Nitin Patil (952-896-9780)

Visit the IAM Web site: www.iamn.org



Snail Lake Regional Park, consisting of 450 acres, is located in the City of Shoreview in the north-central part of Ramsey County. At the center of Snail Lake Regional Park are the swimming beach and picnic area on Snail Lake. This area includes parking lots, boat launch and hike/bike trails.

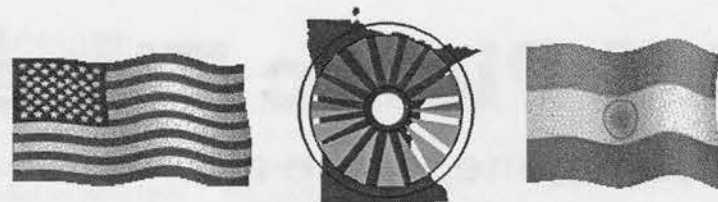
The park's extensive areas of oak woods, wetlands and grasslands provide habitat for many species of wildlife, including deer, fox, heron, egrets and waterfowl.

Snail Lake Park
4191 Snail Lake Blvd.
Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone: (612) 748-2500

Directions from Rice Street: From I-694, exit at **Rice Street** and go north. When the road forks (straight to Hodgson Road, right to Rice Street), stay on **Hodgson Road**. Within two or three blocks, turn left on **Snail Lake Blvd.** and go about 1 mile. The park is on the right.

Directions from Victoria Street: From I-694, exit at **Victoria Street**; go north for about 1.5 miles, turn right on **Snail Lake Blvd.** and follow for a few blocks. The park is on the left.

Directions from 35W: Exit at **Hwy. 96** and go east to **Snail Lake Blvd.** (2nd traffic light after Lexington Avenue). Turn right and continue on Snail Lake Blvd. until you see the park on the right side.



India Association of Minnesota (IAM)

(www.iamn.org)

Presents

Festival of India

Join the Asian Indian community of Minnesota in a joyous celebration of the diverse and vibrant cultural heritage of India

When: Sunday, September 26, 2004 (12 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Where: Landmark Center, (651-292-3233)

75 West 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Web Site: www.landmarkcenter.org

What: Cultural Performances, Entertainment, Food, Craft bazaar
Health and special interest Booths, Interactive Yoga

Indian Visa and Passport Services: Available From 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
(Facility Expenses Fee payable to IAM: \$10/person & \$20/Family)

To reserve a festival booth:

Shalini Thadani: (651) 734-0645
tshalini@yahoo.com

OR

Sanghamitra Sahu: (763) 593-1403
mitras7@yahoo.com

To participate in cultural activities:

Deepshikha Gupta: (651) 454-2124

OR

Rabinder Bains: (651) 735-4322

For General Information Contact:

Dilip Mallick: (763) 546 - 9393
vicepresident@iamn.org

Dragon Boat Festival 2004



I was a relatively new member of the IAM board in fall 2003 when Rabinder Bains, who was the president-elect then, called to ask if I would be willing to volunteer for the planning of the 2004 Dragon Festival. I had never heard of the Dragon Festival and had no idea what I was committing to but agreed anyway to give it a try. I was immediately thrown into a flurry of activity. I remember being puzzled by the urgency with which planning was taking place in September for an event that was to happen 10 months away. All that talk of boats and site decoration when there was inches of snow outside! It just did not make sense.

I volunteered to be part of the Dragon Boat subcommittee and was also elected to be the Secretary of the Festival Planning Committee. Initially it appeared to be an easy job - attend meetings; take minutes (do you know how much people can talk in a 2-3 hour meeting? Wow!), type them up and email them out. Then came the part where there was no one to maintain the website. I volunteered to clean it up a little until a volunteer was found to take care of it. Little did I know that it was to become my main contribution to the festival.

As time passed, more was revealed to me in terms of how new the festival itself was. There was much to be done and not enough people to do it. Arrange for the boats, arrangements for the site, get the forms ready for booths, the performance, write press releases every month, and a million other things. There was no manual and everything appeared to be happening by trial and error. We got our first sponsor, then the first boat team, the first performer and a booth reservation. Entries began to trickle in and the volume soon increased as the festival drew near.

This year India Association of Minnesota decided to submit an entry, from the Twin Cities Indian-American community, at the Dragon Festival boat races. I got the honor of being the team captain and we named our team "Vikrant". The Network of Indian Professionals-Twin Cities & 3M shared sponsorship with IAM towards the \$750 registration fee, the cost of the team t-shirts as well as refreshments for the team. This

gave our team the needed support from established entities in the community.

Though this was a relatively unique event for the Indian-American community, a single advertisement brought many responses that quickly filled up the requirement of 25 members on our team. There were many questions asked - "Do I need to be able to swim well?", "How much time would I have to give this?", "How can we practice?" etc. As the event drew near, the excitement built and at last, there we were at Lake Phalen on a beautiful Saturday afternoon - ready for our training. Many of us had never met each other before, but soon had slogans going of "Go VIKRANT! Team VIKRANT" and "Jeetega Bhai Jeetega. Team Vikrant Jeetega". To add to the excitement,



training.

The races were held on Sunday beginning with the time trials. The course was 300 meters long. It was our first time at the Dragon Boat Races and we soon realized how difficult it was to paddle in synchrony, which it turns out is a critical aspect of dragon boat racing. Based on our timing (total of 3:26 minutes for 2 heats) we were placed in the purple division. We were among the first teams to race. We did a whole lot better this time around with a timing

of 3:10 minutes, but unfortunately lost by a mere 2 seconds.

Though the actual time that we spent on the boat was much less than what we spent with each other, our team had a lot of fun being at the festival and just being able to participate in the races. We are eager to be back next



year, determined to practice hard and walk off with an award.

Besides the boat in the races, there was an Indian performance by Aishwarya Menon, who danced gracefully to two songs - one from Rajasthan and another from Kerala.



It is now a week since the festival and when I sit back and think back about the effort that went into it and the manner in which everything was done, I'm amazed that it happened at all. It appears that we pulled off a small miracle. The disappointment on the lack of organization has given way to hope in the midst of discussions by members of this year's planning committee regarding developing a manual and committing our experiences to paper to help future planning committees. I frequently ask myself if I would do this again and feel that I might...many years from now.

- Shalini Thadani (Captain - Team Vikrant, Secretary & Website Manager - Dragon Festival 2004)

The Dragon Awakened on Lake Phalen: July 17 & 18 2004

DRAGON FESTIVAL 2004 was deemed to be a huge success by many of its participants and those in attendance. This is the 8th year for our festival, and the 2nd year in which Dragon Boat Racing has been a featured event. For many, it is Dragon Boat Races which form the core of the festival, and it is certainly true that it is the event that brings the most people as participants and viewers. Hundreds lined the shore of beautiful Lake Phalen, to watch the Dragon Boat teams battle to the finish lines, grab the flags, and throw them into the air in victory. As the largest single event in the festival, Dragon Boat Racing also represents the largest portion of the festival budget, and it brings in the largest amount of revenue through grants and team registrations. For many it has become the backbone of the festival, and it provides an important impetus upon which to build additional aspects of the festival in future years.

For a second year, Dragon Boats appeared at Lake Phalen on Saint Paul's Eastside. Twenty teams received their training on Saturday. Time trials were held on Sunday morning, and five divisions announced, as the races began in earnest after lunch. We especially want to thank the teams and team captains, without whom the races could not have been as exciting.

Divisions were established, based on the time trials, and teams of similar speeds were placed together in five divisions (Purple, Green, Blue, Red, and Gold – with Purple being the slower groups, and Gold the fastest teams). The winners of these divisions were:

- * Purple – Asian Media Access
- * Green – U of M China Center Dragons
- * Blue – Fairview Dragons
- * Red – Scales and Tales (who had the fastest overall time, of all teams in all races)
- * Gold – Viet Dragons (who won the division trophy by 2/10 of a second)

Awards were also given for the best Team T-shirt Design, which went to the China Center for a beautiful t-shirt with a multi-colored design on the front and a logo and team name (in red) on the back. The Spirit Trophy went to the Mekong Dragons, who after a spin out, never the less continued to

participate in the races.

Team training and the actual races were bracketed by the colorful and exciting Opening (*Awakening the Dragon*) and Closing (*Putting the Dragon to Sleep*) Ceremonies, developed by Eric Sumangil. *Mu Daiko* (an exciting Japanese style taiko drum group) welcomed the *Hung Vong Dragon Dance Group* (from the Vietnamese Community). Following a traditional blessing by a Buddhist Monk from the local Cambodian Temple, the two dragons reappeared in a cloud of smoke to delight the audience, and mark the official opening of the Dragon Boat Races.

To mark "*Putting the Dragon to Sleep*," the *Chinese American Association of MN (CAAM)* performed with a different style dragon dance, making many intricate maneuvers while dancing the dragon. With the departure of this colorful dragon, the Awards Ceremony began, after brief remarks by Evelyn Lee (Chair, Dragon Festival Planning Committee) and Dilip Mallick (Chief Organizer – Dragon Boat Races, and Vice-Chair, Dragon Festival Planning Committee).

For Vikrant Team members and the viewing public, a special highlight of the training on Saturday was a visit to the Dragon Boat area by Mayor Randy Kelly, after he finished reading to children in the Children's Activity Tent. He readily accepted the invitation to not only ride with the Vikrant Team, but to become one of their paddlers, during training.

Of course, the planning for such a successful program, as this year's Dragon Boat Races, could not have moved as smoothly without months of "behind the scenes" work and fundraising on the part of the Dragon Boat Races Committee. A special thanks "for work above and beyond" goes to Dilip Mallick (Chief Organizer and Committee Chair), Leo Treadway (Advisor and Chief Fundraiser for the Dragon Boat Races), Ron Soppeland (who was in charge of all aspects of the events "on the water"), Bob Moen and Teal Bjoraker (who handled announcing and scorekeeping), Mark LaFon (who

organized our hospitality for visiting officials and trainers from the *American Dragon Boat Association*), Le Ha (who handled the countless tasks related to team recruitment and registration), Shalini Thadani (who was in charge of the Dragon Festival Website, secretary to the Planning Committee, and countless other tasks), and Judy Hohmann (who provided outstanding promotional work this year, published the Festival Booklet, organized the Silent Auction, and helped to arrange for the Children's Activity Tent). Eric Sumangil planned the opening and closing ceremonies.

The sponsors for the Dragon Boat Races, which include:
 -Marshall Fields GIVES with the Support of the TARGET Foundation
 -Select Trustees of the HRK Foundation, and
 -The Arts and Diversity Employee Committee of the St. Paul Travelers.

The staff and trainers from the *American Dragon Boat Association*, under whose authority these races were held, and from whom we were able to acquire the beautiful dragon boats, including: Tigger, the Lion, and a black and white Cow. An important partner since the very first festival, the *State Council on Asian and Pacific Minnesotans* continued to play an important role in many arenas, and without their support and encouragement, this year's *DRAGON FESTIVAL* would have been difficult to accomplish.

We welcome you to join with us for next year's *DRAGON FESTIVAL 2005* and *DRAGON BOAT RACES*, and please look for an announcement about the "community meeting" which will be a report back to the Asian and Pacific Communities on this year's festival, and the beginning of organizing for next year's festival. Thanks to each of you who made this year's event so successful, especially to all of you who attended, adding your own spirit and excitement.

- Leo Treadway, Advisor & Dilip Mallick, The Chairperson, , Dragon Boat Race, DRAGON FESTIVAL 2004

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Festival of Nations 2004



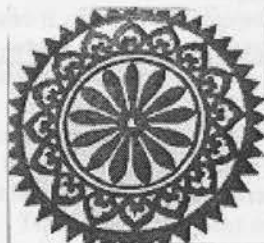
Photo: Participants in the children's dance at the Festival of Nations (all from the School of India for Languages & Culture – SILC). The 'Kohli' dance from Maharashtra this year was choreographed by Chinmayee Subash.

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gone out of your life, your tears
will prevent you from seeing the
stars*

- Rabindranath Tagore

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INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

Sponsorship is needed for Success of Dinner

For the dinner, we draw heavily on community based organizations as our base of support. Over the years, we've also had great corporate sponsors, but we realize that we must increase corporate sponsorship and ownership of the dinner if we are to sustain and better our event. We have many levels for sponsorship. Your sponsorship is needed and indeed, it is crucial, so that the dinner can happen and be a success. Please give as aggressively as you are able.

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1. **Platinum: \$5,000 or more.** Recognition and logo in dinner program and other promotional materials; a table at the dinner (seats ten)
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A table can either be used by the sponsoring organization or donated via designation for students and/or seniors.

Sponsorships will help to support the work of the Council

It is our hope that through sponsorships we will generate enough funds to 1) meet the cost of the dinner; 2) set aside as reserves for future dinners; and 3) enable us to carry on our work within the community, i.e., financial contributions to community forums & meetings as well as community events like the Dragon Festival and Asian Pacific Day at the Capitol.


The Annual Dinner provides us with a great opportunity to carryout our mandate to serve the community and we are pleased to play this important role for the community and the state.

Please complete the enclosed Sponsorship Form and return it to us at your earliest convenience or by May 13, 2005. If you have any questions, please call me at 651.296.0538. Thank you for your time, and on behalf of the staff and the board, we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner.

Sincerely,


Kao Ly Ilean Her
Executive Director

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*Dilip - Hope you are doing fine.
Thank you so much for your
support of us over the years.
I deeply appreciate it.*


Steven J. Rosenstone
Dean, College of Liberal Arts
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Dear Dean Rosenstone:

The Indian-American community has been very pleased to engage in a dialog with the CLA administration, including yourself, Associate Deans Reid and Waltner, and University Vice Provost Swan. I take this opportunity to thank you abundantly for this opportunity. I should also say at the outset that much remains to be done in terms of the goals we had set for ourselves as set forth in our petition of 30 January 1998 to President Mark Udof.

We met with you on February 13 and March 18, 1998, and I visited briefly with you on May 13. As I informed you on May 13, at that time 75 students had indicated to us their intent to register this coming Fall for the three language courses, Hindi, Urdu, and Sanskrit. Since then, I am happy to report, that number has swelled to 95 students and is still growing. I have been in contact about this with Dean Barbara Reid who is implementing plans to teach these students.

To briefly recapitulate, at our first meeting on February 13 the Indian community representatives presented the issues that are of paramount concern: the CLA moratorium on new enrollments in the South Asia program; replacement of two faculty members lost due to retirement; and our view about the importance of the Sanskrit language to the South Asia program thereby requiring that Sanskrit instruction belong to that department. We also discussed the possibility of federal grants and community-support towards an endowed chair in South Asian studies. We were delighted with the response with which these concerns were received.

At our next meeting on March 18, you provided us with an exhaustive questionnaire that had been developed in an effort to get every faculty member involved and interested in South Asia matters and curriculum aboard in the effort to strengthen the South Asia program. You also indicated the possibility of one faculty hire by Fall 1999. The expertise of this new hire and the department where the hire would occur were left unspecified. We also discussed the teaching of South Asian languages starting Fall 1998. It was indicated to us that it would be more prudent at this time to hire Teaching Specialists for this language instruction rather than commit resources for a long-term permanent faculty hire. We agreed with this approach while still emphasizing our view that we should target two faculty hires in order to build up the South Asia program along with the interdisciplinary resources already available.

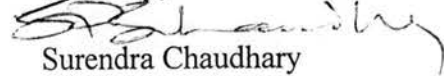
What has subsequently followed those discussions is not, at least in our view, encouraging. We have learned that in the meeting called to discuss your questionnaire and obtain consensus on how to proceed, the faculty from other departments have continued to voice strong opposition to revitalizing the program or even lifting the current moratorium on the program. We are distressed at this state of affairs. Apparently, the great divide between the language and culture arm of the South Asia program and the humanities/social sciences arm of the program has not narrowed. Since in our view the re-birth of the program must first come at the undergraduate level and must be based on language acquisition, it is up to you to ensure that faculty at the University are not working at cross purposes and thereby undermining whatever strengths remain. Our sense of unease has grown with news that came to us about an incident in a Sanskrit course and that we discussed on May 13. This incident arose from the experience of a student of Sanskrit who was offended by what he saw as the disrespectful attitude of an instructor towards the Hindu holy book *Bhagawad Gita*. It is news about such incidents that distresses members of the Indian-American community.

I urge you once again to immediately lift the moratorium on undergraduate enrollments in the South Asia program regardless of what happens on the graduate level. Our concern remains the teaching of language and culture courses at the undergraduate level. That will serve as the foundation of a strong South Asia program. As you had indicated at one of our meetings, "the buck stops with you." We eagerly anticipate your bold leadership in this endeavor. There are close to one hundred students eager to take language courses beginning in the Fall. The language and culture part of the program must be strengthened.

We will soon be turning over the list of students and their sign-up sheets to Dean Barbara Reid for her to make final arrangements. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this subject. After all, we share a common goal which is to teach those who wish to be taught.

5-21-98

Sincerely,


Surendra Chaudhary

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Greetings! Thanks for agreeing to be part of The Policy Roundtable's Forum on "Marketing Ethnic Festivals in Minnesota" will be held on Wednesday, December 10 from 4:45 to 6 pm at the Vietnam Center at 1159 University Avenue in St. Paul.

The goal of the forum is to develop a collaborative network and request that state, city and other entities help in the promotion of these festivals as "Minnesota Festivals" through such things as a unique brochure, website/weblinks etc.

To date we have the following groups who have been contacted and agreed to participate in the forum. If you know of any other groups that might want to be involved please ask them to contact me. Thanks. bruce

Hmong New Year -St. Paul

Hmong New Year - Minneapolis

Cambodian New Year

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Chinese New Year

Festival of India

Diwali

Tibetan American Festival

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The Gathering

Nigerian Festival

Dragon Festival

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Questions for festival organizers

When do you normally host your event?

Is your event on a regular annual schedule?

How many people attend your event?

Do you want people from outside your ethnic group to attend?

What kinds of sponsorship do you get for your event?

How do you publicize your event?

How do you think we can collaborate to market these festivals to Minnesota?

What can the state do? What can cities do? What can non-profits do?

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JESSE VENTURA***

***FROM ASIAN MINNESOTAN
COMMUNITY LEADERS***

***ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN POLICY
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AN INVITATION TO GOVERNOR-ELECT JESSE VENTURA

THE ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN COMMUNITY

The Asian-Pacific Minnesotan community has immense resources and talents to offer to create a dynamic and diverse economy in Minnesota. According to recent estimates the population of the community is around 136,000 with a buying power of around \$1.5 billion dollars.

Members of the community are leaders in business, information technology, education, arts, government, social services and the non-profit sector. Members of the community have helped Minnesota develop unique trade and business links with countries in Asia.

AN INVITATION TO GOVERNOR-ELECT JESSE VENTURA

- 1. The Asian Pacific American Policy Roundtable offers to serve as a resource and liaison to your transition team to help recruit individuals with unique talents within the community to serve the needs of your administration.**
- 2. The Asian Pacific American Policy Roundtable emphasizes the talents and resources of the community in the following areas:**
 - Economic Development
 - International Trade
 - Administration

Members of the community are engaged in both large and small businesses and have extensive contacts in countries in Asia. We have administrative talent that could serve different departments within your cabinet such as the Department of Administration, the Department of Trade and Economic Development and the Department of Transportation.

- 3. The Asian Pacific American Policy Roundtable would like to partner with your administration to create a vibrant economy and society in Minnesota. We welcome an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience.**
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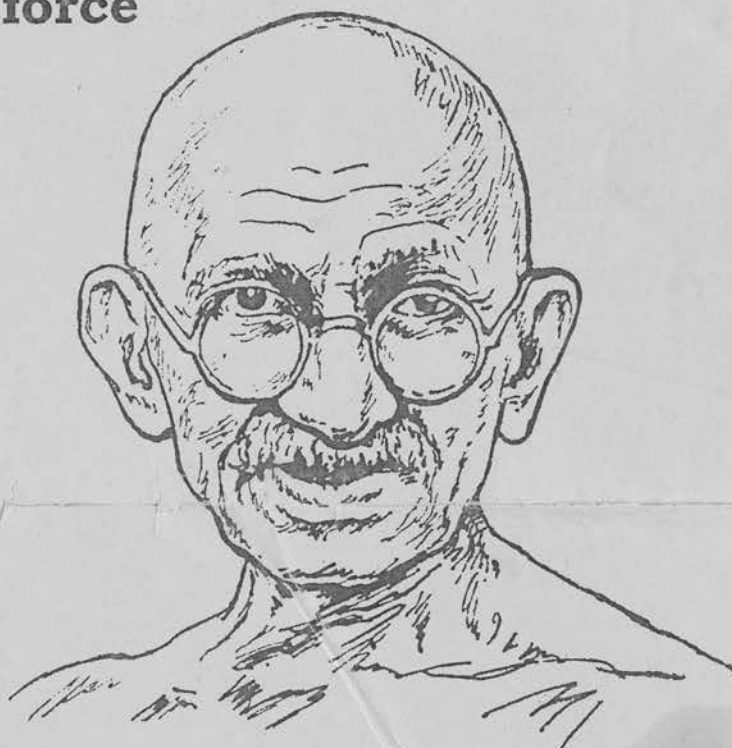
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2004 Dragon Festival

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- Great Art & Entertainment
- Delicious Food
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When: July 17-18, 2004

Where: Lake Phalen, St. Paul



Dragon Boat



Indian Dance

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Countdown to *Dragon Festival 2004* begins Minnesota's Asian Pacific Community Plans July Celebration on Lake Phalen



Dragon Boat

Friends of the Dragon Festival 2004 Promotional Sponsorships offered to Community Non Profits and Small Business to promote cultural heritage and historic Pan-Asian tradition of dragon boat races



St. Paul---Mark your calendar for Dragon Festival 2004, July 17-18, at Lake Phalen in St. Paul. The premiere pan-Asian American community festival in Minnesota blends historic tradition and cultural heritage, and new innovations. The Dragon Festival marks its seventh year, with a diversity of Asian American volunteers and community supporters involved in planning.

Dragon boat races have roots in a multitude of Asian countries. Its origins date to China, with historical accounts of dragon boats visiting New Zealand and the Americas; even before the explorer Ferdinand Magellan reached South Africa. Dragon boat imagery and folklore are also evident in south East Asia, specifically Viet Nam. Among the Asian Pacific Islands, people from Polynesia, Burma, Lao and Hawaii were reputed as adventurous dragon boat navigators before the first Viking boats.

Dragon Festival 2004 is pleased to announce the first-ever **Friends of the Dragon Festival 2004** promotional sponsorships for Community Non Profits and Small Business. To receive official designation as a **Friends of the Dragon Festival** promotional sponsor, eligible community non profits and small business contribute \$50 to \$100 to support festival operations, post festival posters in visible, high-traffic public locations, and promote in organization newsletters or flyers in-store. In exchange, they are recognized in the Dragon Festival Official Event Program, and during the Dragon Festival Opening Ceremony. In addition, promotional sponsors are included in publicity and promotional materials and the Dragon Festival web site. Volunteers and financial support, with contributions small and large, appreciated. Recruitment continues for volunteers, other event sponsors, dragon boat race teams, entertainment, artists and vendors. Visit www.dragonfestival.org for information.

The 2004 Dragon Festival presents:

- A first-ever Dragon 5K Fun Run and Family Walk
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Countdown to **Dragon Festival 2004** begins Minnesota's Asian Pacific Community Plans July Celebration



Dragon Boat

*Dragon Festival celebrates cultural heritage and historic Pan-Asian tradition
of dragon boat racing in 2004 venue on Lake Phalen*



Dragon Festival 2004 Board and Volunteers

St. Paul---Mark your calendar for Dragon Festival 2004, July 17-18, at Lake Phalen in St. Paul. The premiere pan-Asian American community festival in Minnesota blends historic tradition and cultural heritage, and new innovations. The Dragon Festival marks its seventh year, with a diversity of Asian American volunteers and community supporters involved in planning.

Dragon boat races have roots in a multitude of Asian countries. Its origins date to China, with historical accounts of dragon boats visiting New Zealand and the Americas; even before the explorer Ferdinand Magellan reached South Africa. Dragon boat imagery and folklore are also evident in south East Asia, specifically Viet Nam. Among the Asian Pacific Islands, people from Polynesia, Burma, Lao and Hawaii were reputed as adventurous dragon boat navigators before the first Viking boats.

Dragon Festival 2004 is pleased to announce Target Stores as a Silver Fire Dragon Sponsor; City of St. Paul as a Silver Lakes Dragon Sponsor, AMEX as a Dragon Supporter; and the University of Minnesota, China Center, as Dragon Race Partner. Volunteers and financial support, with contributions small and large, appreciated. Recruitment continues for volunteers, other event sponsors, dragon boat race teams, entertainment, artists and vendors. Visit www.dragonfestival.org for information.

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Dragon Festival 2004 At A Glance



The legend of the dragon lives on in Minnesota

For centuries, dragon folklore has captured the hearts of people the world over. From its origins on the Asian continent, the legend of the dragon symbolizes grandeur and heritage, strength and goodwill.

In Minnesota, the dragon, 21st century style, lives on as the Dragon Festival, the premier community celebration of diverse Pan-Asian heritage and gateway to cultural adventure for the community at large.

At the center of the Dragon Festival are the dragon boat races and pageantry...on Lake Phalen in St. Paul, one of Minnesota's grand 10,000 lakes! But the Dragon Festival appeals to all the senses—a story tent for ancient dragon folk tales and songs, dragon fun activities for kids, cultural performances and entertainment, 5K fun run and family walk, ethnic food fair, art and crafts for sale, community exhibits.

Dragon Festival 2004 is pleased to welcome and appreciates the generosity of:

Target Stores, Inc., Silver Fire Dragon Sponsor

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American Express, Dragon Supporter

Planning for Dragon Festival 2004 is underway. Volunteers from Asian American community organizations and individuals across the ethnic spectrum contribute time and energy to make the Dragon Festival come alive. The Dragon Festival needs the generosity and support of the entire community to be successful—people power, business large and small, community groups, media, city and state government. Volunteer opportunities and various levels of financial support and sponsorships still are available. Visit www.dragonfestival.org for more information.



The magic of the dragon boats draws young and old



How to Support Dragon Festival 2004 and Make the Magic Happen

<i>Dragon Festival 2004 Sponsorship Levels</i>	
\$5,000 and up - Golden Celestial Dragons * Can assist in presenting boat race awards Tent booth space Company ad in the festival program PA announcements (10 times) Banner display Name in promo package	\$3,000-\$4,999 - Silver Dragons * Larger logo in the festival program PA announcements (6 times) Banner display Name in promo package
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\$500-749 - Dragon Festival Friends * Name bolded in the program	\$100-499 - Dragon Festival Supporters * Name in the program
Volunteers: Contributors of smaller donations and their valuable time	
* Sponsor's website link will be displayed on the Dragon Festival 2004 website	

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**2004 Dragon Festival; Lake Phalen; July 17-18, 2004; 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM;
 Dragon Festival, PO Box 4183, St Paul, MN 55104; <http://www.dragonfestival.org>**



Dragon Festival 2004 Offers Fun for All –Mix of New and Popular Traditions



Dragon Festival 2004 offers 'must-see, can't miss' fun, learning—something for every taste and tradition.

At the heart of the festival are the dragon boat races. Team training happens Saturday, the race action starts Sunday morning. Check out the Festival Opening Ceremony and come cheer on your favorite team!

New for 2004 is the focus on health and wellness, featuring the 5K Dragon Fun Run and Family Walk. A Health Awareness Tent, staffed by Asian American health professionals, will offer free blood pressure screening and information on diabetes and cancer, which affect Asian Pacific communities at a higher rate. Look for Tai Chi, Yoga demonstrations, and a Multi-faith Prayer Service at the amphitheater, too.

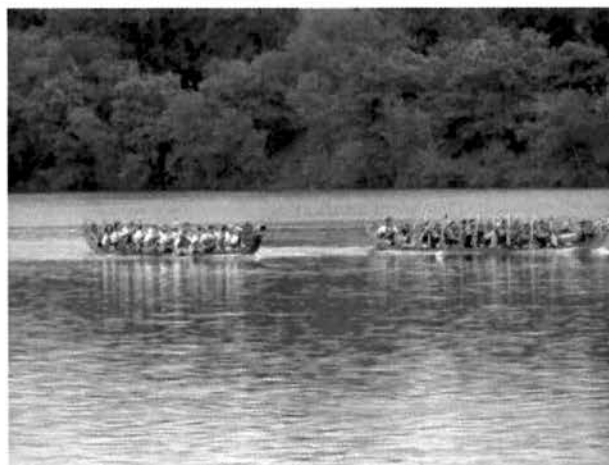
Popular favorites returning are dragon fun activities just for kids. A Children's Tent will offer traditional origami and paper cutting, story telling, a book giveaway and traditional games. The popular Art Tent returns, featuring art exhibits, artisan wares for purchase, community and educational exhibits.

The Dragon Mobile Stage will host traditional Asian ethnic performances and martial arts demonstrations. Starring are dancers from ethnic dance groups in traditional costumes; and martial artists in Thai boxing, Malaysian Martial Art, Japanese Aikido and more. Plus, an Asian social dance is sure to be fun. New in 2004 is a special 'Theater in the Park' performance—theater troupes are invited to join in by contacting the Festival entertainment Committee at www.dragonfestival.org

Dragon Festival 2004 - Schedule of Events			
<i>Saturday, July 17, 2003</i>		<i>Sunday, July 18, 2003</i>	
8:00	5K Fun Run and Family Walk Around the Lake Begins		
9:00	Dragon Boat Race Training	9:00	Dragon Boat Race Begins
10:00 – 10:30	Festival Opening Ceremony	10:00 – 10:30	Multi-faith Service (amphitheater)
10:30 – 12:00	Tai Chi	10:30 – 12:00	Yoga
12:00 – 15:00	Six Cultural Performances	12:00 – 15:00	Six Cultural Performances
15:00 – 18:00	Asian Social Dance	15:00 – 16:00	Theater in the Park
		16:30 – 17:00	Award Ceremony
		17:00 – 17:30	Festival Closing Ceremony



Dragon Boat Races Bring Asian Tradition, Spirit of Competition in 2004



A Chinese Water Sport Races to New Places

Colorful 40' long dragon boats, with dragon head on the bow and dragon tail at the stern, with a crew of 20, create quite a splash on Lake Phalen in July. Dragon Festival 2004 in the Twin Cities will spotlight community dragon boat races, as part of a two-day Asian heritage celebration.

Calling dragon boat racers, from youth to senior, diverse backgrounds and skill levels. Race teams may be employee teams; family members, friends, neighbors; or individuals matched up by the Dragon Festival.

Dragon boat racing began in ancient China and now include major cities in the U.S. Minnesota hosts the races at Lake Phalen and two others. Taoist priests historically cited blessings to give paddlers the strength and ferocity of the dragon. Today, racers train so even novices can join in the race fun.

Day 1, Sat., July 17, 8:30 am - *Team instruction and practice*: American Dragon Boat Association officials will review the how-to, race rules, and safety rules. At 9:00 a.m. as drums beat a steady rhythm, the first dragon boats will glide gracefully on to the lake.

Day 2, July 18, 9:00 am - *Team race competition heats*: Dragon boat race teams, in their official t-shirts, begin race heats, two boats at a time. As dragon boats approach the finish line, the team flag catcher mounts the victory flag. The dragon boat race awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. recognizes teams with group pictures, trophies, and a challenge for next year.

Reserve a spot in the Dragon Boat Race today!

Ask your employer or organization to sponsor a race team for \$750. Help create your team name and t-shirt color. Fly your company or group flag at the finish line! The registration fee of \$750 for a sponsored team of 20 includes race training. A team of 20 without corporate or organization sponsorship should pay the dragon boat lease fees of \$750, or \$37.50 each, including race training. Partial groups or individuals pay fees of \$40 each, for team match up & race training.

Early Bird Dragon Racer Special: Submit team, partial group or individual race registration forms and respective fees by March 1. Visit www.dragonfestival.org for registration forms. A team application includes 20 racers, drummer and flag raiser. A non-refundable team deposit of \$400 must be postmarked by March 1, 2004. The balance of payment is due no later than June 18, 2004. Late fees \$50.00 (\$5 per registration for partial groups or individuals) will be applicable if any payments are made after deadlines (1st March & 18 June, 2004).



Dragon Festival 2004 Wish List (in-kind contributions)



How to Support Dragon Festival 2004 and Make the Magic Happen

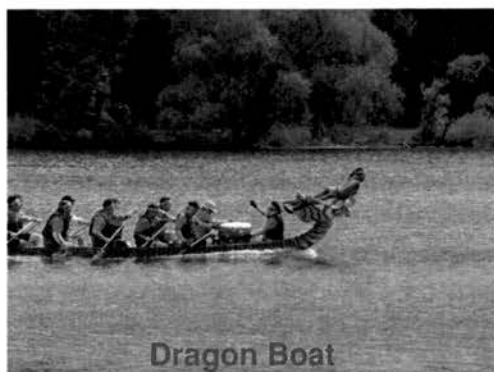
Boat Race Team sponsorships (\$750 per team) Scoring board Awards Team refreshments (water, snacks) Videotaping	Entertainment Stage and sound system Chairs Stage decorations Opening and closing ceremony
Food Court Power generator Napkins/plastic silverware Cups Trash bags Cleaning products Coolers Ice	Site Issues Transportation (vans, buses) Parking space Ambulance services Tents Walkie-talkies Printing Simultaneous TV screen event showing system
5 K run T-shirts Water Caps	Children's Activities Books Games Craft supplies (coloring pens, paper, origami paper, glue, glitter, scissors, etc)
Volunteers Snacks Drinks T-shirts Name tags	

2004 Dragon Festival

Celebrate the Asian Pacific American Communities of Minnesota



Head of the Dragon Boat



Dragon Boat

Join us for

- 5K Fun Run and Family Walk
- Fun Children's Activities
- Great Art & Entertainment
- Delicious Food
- Beautiful Gifts and Craft
- Exciting Boat Race
- ... and more!

When: July 17-18, 2004

Where: Lake Phalen, St. Paul

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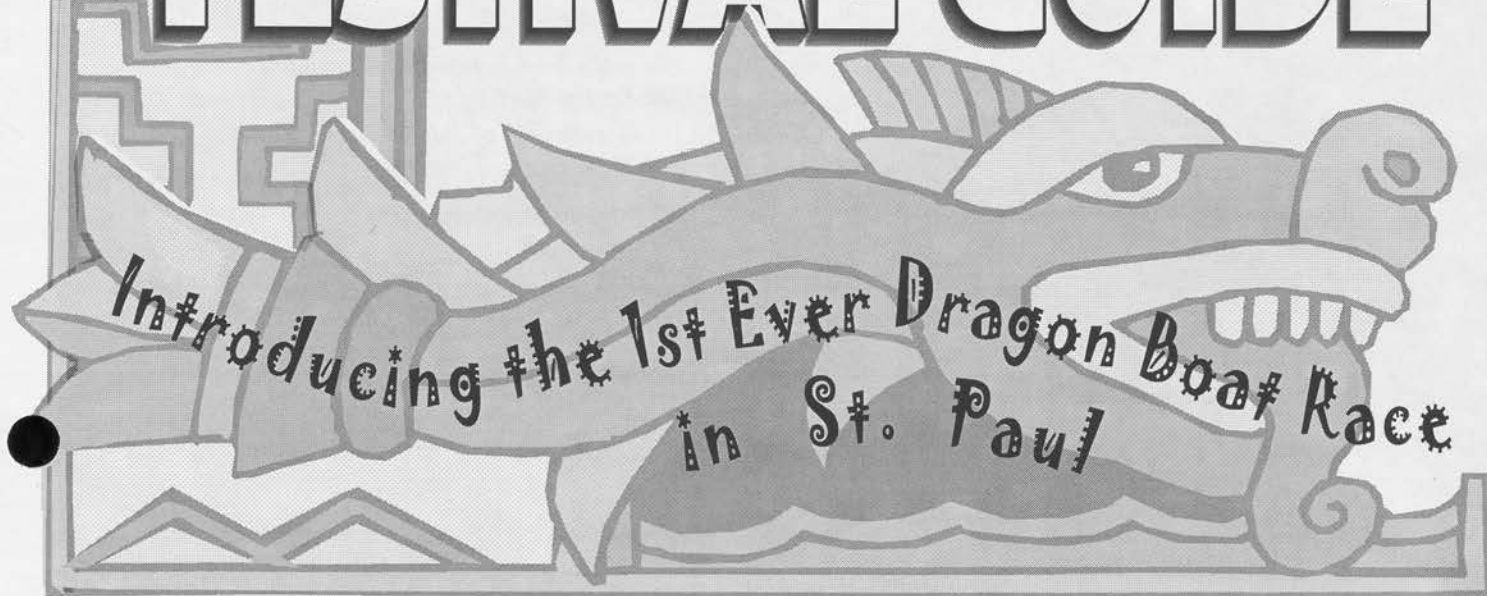
DRAGON FESTIVAL

7th Annual Celebration of
Asian Pacific American Heritage in Minnesota

Date: July 19-20, 2003
Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Place: Lake Phalen and Phalen Park
St. Paul

FESTIVAL GUIDE

Introducing the 1st Ever Dragon Boat Race
in St. Paul



City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

Whereas, 2003 marks the first year of the Asian Pacific American Dragon Festival and Dragon Boat Race which celebrates the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota; and

Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans are proud not only of their heritage, but also of the major roles they have played in the building and development of America and the role they will play in creating the future; and

Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans look back over the last century at their past and embrace their cultural heritage, while enthusiastically anticipating the future and the perspectives they will lend that will enhance the rich diversity of the City of Saint Paul;

Now, Therefore, I, Randy C. Kelly, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 19, 2003 to be

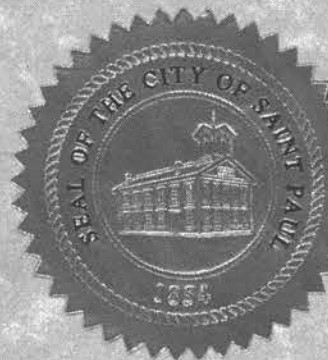
Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival Day

in the City of Saint Paul and urge all Americans to join me in expressing our gratitude to Asian Pacific Americans as they celebrate their heritage and strive to preserve peace, harmony and reconciliation among themselves and among their neighbors.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Nineteenth Day of July in the Year Two Thousand Three.

Randy C. Kelly

Randy C. Kelly, Mayor



Dragon Festival Event Schedule

Saturday July 19, 10 AM:

➔ Opening Parade

Starts at the corner of Arcade and Wheelock, ends in the pavilion of Phalen Park (see page 3 for the list of parade entries)

July 19 - 20, 10 AM - 5 PM:

➔ Dragon Festival Activities

- Cultural performances (see page 7)
- Fun children's activities
- Ethnic food vendors (see page 3)
- Beautiful merchandise and crafts (see page 3)
- Informational exhibits (see page 3)
- Martial Arts Demonstration (see page 9)
- Story Tent for Dragon Tales (see page 7)
- (Saturday only)
- Mini Dragon Boat Photo Center

July 19 - 20, 9 AM - 5 PM:

➔ Dragon Boat Race Activities

Saturday July 19

10 AM - 3 PM Team Training and Practices
Running continuously
(see page 5)

NOON *Awakening the Dragon*
Opening Ceremony
(see page 7)

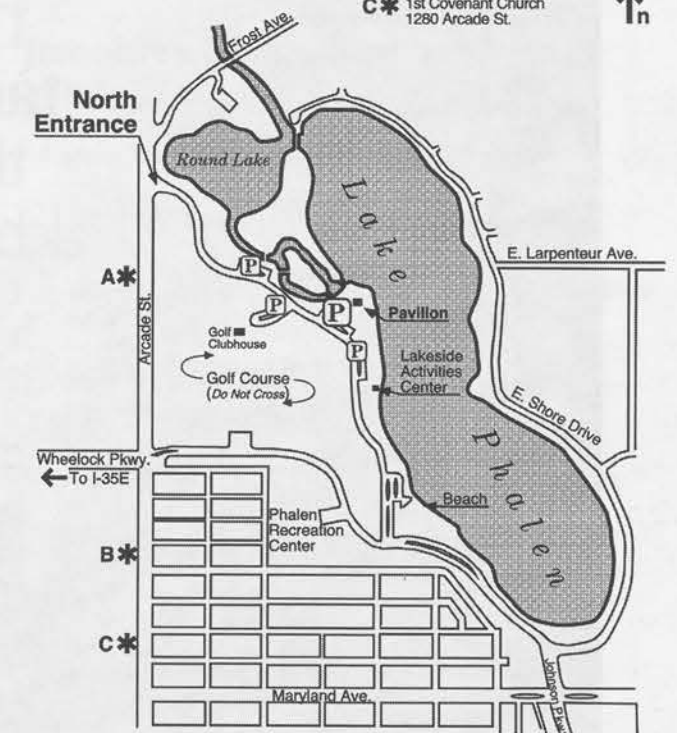
Saturday July 19

10 AM - 3PM Competition Heats
Running continuously

4 PM *Putting the Dragon to Sleep*
Closing & Awards Ceremony
(see page 7)

Satellite Parking

- A* Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
1669 Arcade St.
- B* St. Paul Johnson High School
1349 Arcade St.
- C* 1st Covenant Church
1280 Arcade St.



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Opening Parade and Festival Vendors



Opening Parade Participants

1. City Council Kathy Lantry
2. Sen. Mee Moua
3. Congr. Betty McCollum
4. Rep. Tim Mahoney
5. Rep. Cy Thao
6. Asian American Renaissance Mini Dragon Boat
7. MN Directors' Forum
8. Saint Paul Book Mobile
9. Health Partners
10. Sansei Yonsei Kai 5. Twin Cities Japanese
11. American Citizen League
12. Asian Pacific Tobacco Free Coalition
13. ONW-DRAGONWORKS
14. About Asia
16. Asian Int'l Travel Services, Ltd
17. Asian Media Access
18. School of Indian Language and Culture-SIALC
19. Asian Women United
20. Free Burma Coalition
21. Karen Community of Minnesota
22. China Sprout
23. CAPI
24. St. Adalbert Church
25. Minnesota Department of Transportation -MnDOT
26. NorthSide Arts Collective
27. Toumoua Lee-City Council Candidate
28. Hmong Minnesota Pacific Association
29. The Vietnamese Americans

Food Vendors

Jasmine Coffee/Tea House
Hoa Bien
Benjamin & Priscilla Aung
St Adalbert Church
Foodsmart
MN Indonesian Society #1
"9 to 5 beat 10 to life"
MN Indonesian Society #2
Burma Coalition of MN
Giovanni's Ice

Resource Exhibitors

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CAPI
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KFAI Radio
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Dragon Boat Races

under the authority of the American Dragon Boat Association

Practice Schedule July 19

	Team A	Team B
9:00 AM	PAAVE - Asian Women's Leadership Team Team Name: Scales and Tails Captain: Carolyn Nayematzu	Suga Properties Internat. (Edina Realty) Team Name: Smart Women Captain: Masami Suga
9:30 AM	Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotans Team Name: To be announced Captain: Adeel Lari	General Mills Team Name: Blue Dragons Captain: Quyen Chan
10:00 AM	US China Peoples' Friendship Assoc. Team Name: To be announced Captain: Mike Marcotte	China Inst. of Trad. Chinese Medicine Team Name: China Institute Captain: Russell Mrocczek
10:30 AM	Hmong American Partnership (HAP) Team Name: Dragon Flyers Captain: Stacy Bellward	Foodsmart** Team Name: Zajs Captain: Ying Xiong
>>> BREAK FOR LUNCH AND "AWAKENING THE DRAGON CEREMONY"		
1:30 PM	Long Yang Club Team Name: To be announced Captain: Todd Nivala	Lao Assistance Center ** Team Name: Mekong Gladiators Captain: Todd Littana
2:00 PM	Theater Mu Team Name: Team Mu Captain: Iris Shiraishi	Wells Fargo Bank of Minnesota Team Name: Prosperity Paddlers Captain: Kathleen Jennings
2:30 PM	United Cambodian Assoc. of MN.** Team Name: To be announced	

** Special Thanks to Wells Fargo for providing scholarship to these teams

Dragon Boat Race Staff

Leo Treadway - Chief Organizer, Dragon Boat Races
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Entertainment (schedule subject to change)

Cultural Performances

Saturday, July 19

MC: Nelson Garcia, Ed Heil, WCCO

12:00 Opening Ceremony

Storyteller: Kiseung Rhee

Lion Dance: Hung Vuong Association of MN

Awakening the Dragon: Rep. Cy Thao

12:30 Sansei Yonsei Kai Japanese dancers

12:50 Hmong Butterfly Dancers

1:58 Thai Dancers, Mon & Friends

2:05 Children from School of Indian language
and Culture

1:12 Min Hua Choir

1:32 Minnesota Indonesia Society Dancers

1:52 Punjabi Children Dancers

2:00 Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans Dancers

2:20 Drum Dancers

2:40 Zither, Pipa and Erhu music

3:00 Misora Japanese Taiko Drummers

Sunday, July 20

MC: Maya Nishikawa & Mary Tan, WCCO

12:00 Welcome speech - Maya Nishikawa

12:05 Kogen Japanese Taiko Drummers

12:35 Burmese & Karen Dancers

12:55 Indian Sitar Music

1:15 Ho (Ha) Family Entertainment -
Chinese/Vietnamese

1:35 Sikh Society of Minnesota Dancers

1:55 Puaha Manise, Indonesian folk songs

2:15 CAAM Chinese Dance Theater

2:35 Chang Mi Korean Dancers

4:00 Closing & Awards Ceremony

Entertainment: Mu Community Taiko Group

Putting the Dragon to Sleep: Rep. Cy Thao

STORY TENT for DRAGON TALES (July 19 only)

Sponsored by the Twin Cities Storytelling Festival, the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans and the Asian Pacific Cultural Center.

1:00 David Zander & friends- the Origins of the Dragon
A program of Dragon Tales from Asia

2:00 Folktales and Folksongs from Vietnam
Phuoc Thi-Minh Tran
Tran Huynh
Van Any Kieu Nguyen

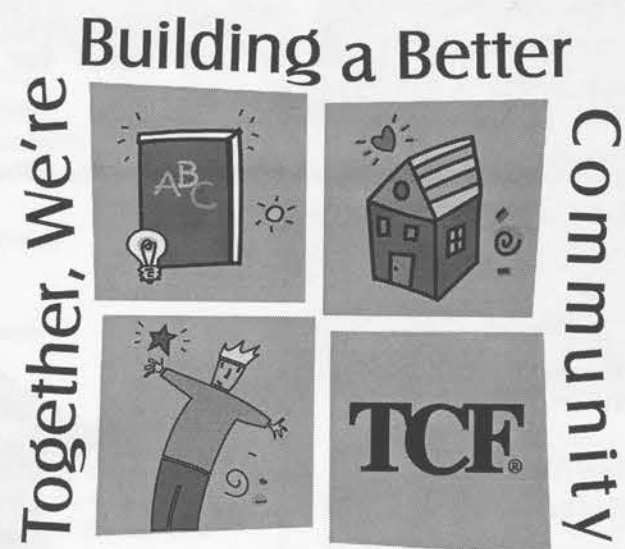
(break)
3:15 Burmese storytellers
3:45 Asian Indian Stories

(break)
4:30 Folktales and Folksongs from Korea
Karen Lyu



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TCF and its employees
would like to extend best wishes
to the Minnesota Asian Pacific
Americans in celebrating their
cultural heritage at the
2003 Dragon Festival



MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday July 19: 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM
Shuharikan Aikido Dojo
265 West 7th Street
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 222-7337
<http://www.geocities.com/shuharikan/>

Gordon Shumaker
Gordon.Shumaker@courts.state.mn.us

Saturday July 19: 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM
Chikara Dojo
1001 Payne Avenue
St. Paul, MN
651-775-0665
www.chikaradojo.org

Carl Knox
cknox@libertysite.com

Saturday July 19: 2:30-3:15
Twin Cities Toyama Ryu Batto Jutsu
www.geocities.com/toyamanewsletter/MidWestToyama
Robert Steele
toyamanewsletter@yahoo.com

Sunday July 20: 1:30-2:15
East-West Kara-Te

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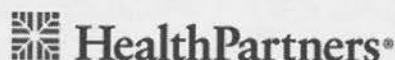
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17 & 18 July 2004 – 10AM to 5PM
at Lake Phalen and Phalen Park, Saint Paul, MN



FESTIVAL PROGRAM APPLICATION Category: DRAGON BOAT RACE TEAM 17 & 18 July 2004 – 9AM to 5PM

There is a \$750 Application Fee for each team; and a non-refundable deposit of \$400 must accompany this application in order to reserve a spot for your team on the Race Roster not later than 1st March 2004. Each team will receive final confirmation of its status, upon full payment of the application fee. The balance is due no later than 18 June 2004. Late fees of \$50.00 will be applicable if any payments made after deadlines (1st March & 18 June 2004). Maximum of 24 teams will be registered on 1st come 1st serve basis.

Checks are to be made payable to: Dragon Festival; and sent to Dragon Festival, c/o CAPI, 3702 East Lake St. Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55406. A limited amount of scholarship funds may be available to assist teams with demonstrated financial need. (See below for other materials that must accompany this application, and suggestions for covering team registration costs).

Name of organization or group: _____

Contact Name: _____

(This is your Team Captain)

Team Name: _____

(This is the name of your organization's team, e.g. Thunder Dragons)

Organization Address: _____

(Where you want materials and confirmations sent)

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Team Structure:

20 on a team; Minimum of 8 female team members; Team = 18 paddlers, 1 drummer, 1 flag catcher. ADBA will supply an experienced steersman.

_____ \$750/\$400 deposit attached (Check payable to: *Dragon Festival*).

☐ We would like to be considered an Open Division Team, ages 16 years and up.

☐ We would like to be considered for scholarship support to help meet the \$750 fee. Please attach a brief statement explaining your financial need. Scholarship funds are not guaranteed; and requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

☐ We would like to be considered a Junior team. 16 of the 20 team members between 11 and 18 years of age; Pending Interest.

☐ We would like to be considered a Senior team. All team members 40 years of age or older; Pending Interest.

_____ Team T-Shirt: We will supply a sample Team T-Shirt (or its design) no later than 18 June 2004.

*** A Team T-Shirt must be given to the Dragon Festival Planning Committee no later than 16 July 2004 ***

2004 DRAGON FESTIVAL – DRAGON BOAT RACE

Preliminary Information for Teams - Please read & Keep a copy

- (a) All participants, under 18 years of age, **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian, in order to compete. Parents **MUST** sign the waivers for any participant younger than 18 years of age.
- (b) For **ALL** participants, previous experience with canoes is **NOT NECESSARY** (you will receive training), but you **MUST** be able to swim at least 100 meters, confirmed by the Team Captain.
- (c) The CAPTAIN (named in the application) will be responsible for all aspects of your team's participation in the Dragon Boat Race, including:
- completion of correct registration procedures,
 - Submission of a team roster (it is suggested that you register more than 20 individuals, with a maximum of 60, so that you will have alternates – only those listed on the roster can complete, since they will be the only individuals covered by the Festival insurance),
 - submission of signed Release Forms for all team members, signed by them, or in the case of those younger than 18 years of age, by their parents or guardians;
 - timely payment of all registration fees (to include initial deposit and balance due no later than 17 June 2004; and attendance at all Captains' Meetings.
- (d) Your team must have an identifying TEAM NAME **AND** an identifying TEAM T-SHIRT. (If your team is sponsored by a business or other group, their name should be on the T-shirt; and you are permitted to fly their identifying flag from the stern of your boat). Teams **WILL NOT** be permitted to participate unless you are wearing your team T-shirts. (You may also want to have additional T-shirts printed, to trade with other teams. Such trading is encouraged. **AND**, you will be asked to provide one T-shirt to the Dragon Festival for display at future events).
- (e) Your team MAY "fly the flag" of a sponsoring organization, your own flag, or that of a national group, from the stern of your dragon boat. Please inquire for more specific information, including size, on "flying the flag."
- (f) The Dragon Boat Race 2004 is intended "to be more about fun and community building" than as a "highly competitive event." Nevertheless, there will be AWARDS presented for various division categories, a "Spirit Award" (for most energetic and enthusiastic group), "Most Creative T-shirt" design; and other categories. Team Captains will receive further information about the awards, categories, and award structure.
- (f) An individual peddler can participate on **ONLY ONE TEAM**.
- (g) Designated parking areas will be available for team members at Lake Phalen. Team Captains will be provided with this information. Please be aware that parking is very limited, and car pooling is encouraged.
- (h) The Dragon Boat Race 2004 will be conducted under the auspices of the American Dragon Boat Association, and all rules are outlined in the "American Dragon Boat Association Festival Manual," available at their website. (www.americandragonboat.com/index.htm). Go to their Homepage – then to Services – then to Festival Manual. You may download and print a copy at no charge.
- (i) Teams and their Captains should regularly check the 2004 Dragon Festival website for updates and more information will be provided at the captains meeting. You can visit our website at: www.dragonfestival.org
- (j) For additional information, contact: Le Ha (651-662-2264 or tle_ha@hotmail.com) or Judy Hohmann (612 922 2936 or jwhohm@aol.com), Dragon Boat Race Organizers OR for general information and updates contact the Festival at info@dragonfestival.org

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$400 Deposit PAID	<input type="checkbox"/> Remaining Registration Fee Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Team T-Shirt supplied
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Captain	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Roster supplied
<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Waiver supplied	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule for training	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed for Race(s)