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### **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

I am very happy to have had such a tremendous start of the year. The recent Mother's Day/Graduation Event on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Verona High School was a great success, and truly a night for all to remember. I am humbled by the congratulatory emails, phone calls and compliments from so many of you. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all of you who were part of this event one way or another. This is everyone's success.

I am very proud of our Indian community which is full of talented performers, supporting parents, dedicated board members and volunteers, and very generously sponsoring families.

I am looking forward to having this kind of success of the upcoming events (the Picnic on July 16, India Day on Aug. 20, and Diwali on Oct.22) with the continued support and participation of our community members.

The AIA's board along with other participating organizations –Wisconsin Tamil Sangam, American Hindu Association, and Mandir of Madison, would like to invite all of you to this year's Community Picnic on Saturday, July 16, 2011 to observe Father's Day, (For more information, please check our website [www.aiamadison.com](http://www.aiamadison.com)). It will be a wonderful afternoon filled with music/fun/games/prizes, great food and of course be with family/friends. Please do not miss this great event!

Kamlesh Saini  
President -AIA of Madison  
Be a Proud Indian!!!

## AIA CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY

The AIA of Madison celebrated Mother's Day with great enthusiasm on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Verona High School Performing Arts Center in



Verona. It is a tradition of AIA to celebrate mother's day for honoring and thanking mothers for giving life to their children, raising them and being a source of emotional support and love. Others view Mother's Day as much more than recognition of mothers. It is an opportunity to use a mothers' love as a powerful force for peacemaking, reconciliation and community cohesion. The AIA honored mothers during the program, as well as honoring graduating students (high school and college/uni.), and other special achievements. About 325 parents and children attended the program.

The event started with socialization and delicious



Indian refreshments. We then progressed to a variety of cultural programs representing different regions of India. The cultural programs started with the national anthem of India and the United States. The singers were Ivraj Seerha, Simran Seerha, Vishal

Narayanaswamy, Tarjani Ranade, Saagar Ranade, and Anirudh Desikan. The current president Kamlesh Saini welcomed all participants, members,

guests, children and graduating students gathered to celebrate mother's day. She explained the progress made by AIA since her presidency began after the general body meeting in March of 2011.

The cultural program began with Pushpanjali and Ganesha Sthuthi by a group of performers from the Kalaanjali School of Dance. The performers were Apurupa B, Andrea B, Eliana D, Kiran F, Lauren F, Renee Kar J, Anitha Q, Priya-Uthra R, Snigdha S, Lisa T & Lakshmi V . The next performers were



Vivek B., Karan B., Gagan K., Vishal K., Jasleen K., Gurleen K., Stephanie B. who danced a tribute to mothers. Besides the dance Arjun and Ashna Dhillon played the Sitar and Tabla.

During the program the AIA president honored



Indian students who recently graduated and had outstanding academic achievements. The honorees were Raj Setaluri (Graduated from Memorial HS), Arjun Dhillon (Graduated from Fort Atkinson HS,

received Presidential Scholarship), Arjun Seshadri



(Graduated from Memorial HS), Krishan Rajput (Graduated from Memorial HS), Suman Gunasekaran (Graduated from Memorial HS, special award for International Science Competition), Hitesh Mogallapu (Graduated from Memorial HS)

After the student recognition, Ira Vats and Bani Gulati performed a Bollywood dance with Punjabi Fusion. A group of students from the Spandan School of Dance performed the Mallari dance and



the performers were Ragini B, Vanshika A, Neha K, Venika V, Vanshika A, Shriya, Keerthana P & Nivedita. Singer Srihari Gopalan and Gopalakrishnan sang the song Khabar Nahi.

Similarly, Aman Chahal and Jassi Chahal sang Parbat ke Paar song and performed a beautiful dance. A group of young children played the Skit "Bum Bum Bole" and the players were Jai Dhawal

Diya Dhawal , Archista Singh, Aatman, Preet Talwar, Gurbani Talwar , Jaijodh Pritpal, Taran, Raj Sharma.

A group of moms and sons performed a Maharashtrian Koli Dance which was very rhythmic



and drew the attention of the audience. The performers were Lalitha B., Kamlesh S., Anupama G., Nitin S., Himanshu S., Jansi P., Prashanth P., Srikar A., Vijay S., Nikhil S., Raju B., Vivek B., Karan B., and Stephanie B. Surya Ganesan sang a beautiful Gajavadana song. A senior member of AIA, Sushil Bansal read a very compassionate poem "Matrimonial advertisement". Neha Verma



and Puneet Saini then danced to a mix of popular Bollywood songs. At the end of the program a group of guys and girls performed a high-octane bhangra dance with the name Punjab Di Shaan. The performers were Nitin Saini , Nive Prabakaran,

Ivraj Seerha, Nitu Kaur, Teja Vemuganti, Nishant Chiluka, Simran Seerha, and Harpreet Gill.



## HIGHWAY CLEANING

Highway cleaning is an enormous task for the community, state and nation. It can cost billions of dollars to keep up the highway clean and a pleasant place to drive.

A number of families sponsored the mother's day event to support the program costs. The AIA President, Kamlesh Saini presented a thank you note to all 5 sponsors individually. The program



*Cleaning Team :- Anirudh Desikan, David Luzzio, Vishal Narayanaswamy, Tarjani Ranade, Saagar Ranade, Rutvi Shah, Usha Shankar, John Pinto, S. Balachandran.*

sponsors were Dr. Gursharan Singh, Dr. Narinder Saini, Mr. S. Darshan Singh, Mr. S. Harvinderpal S. Rasia, and Mr. Mahesh Sharma. Beautiful jewelry gifts to moms were donated by Dr. Saini and his family.

The program lasted for about 4.5 hours and everybody enjoyed the event all the way to the end. At the end AIA President Kamlesh Saini thanked all the parents, children, volunteers, and of course AIA committee members for their valuable contributions in making this program happen. The Cultural Coordinator along with countless volunteers contributed in so many ways. She also thanked Verona High School for providing a venue for this function.

However, every year generous and dedicated volunteers around the nation clean and keep litter free highways for all to enjoy.

Since 2003 the Association of Indians in America in Madison has taken responsibility for cleaning a portion of highway 14 W with the stretch of one and a half miles from CTH MM (Oregon, WI) to the Byrne Road Bridge. The cleaning is done three times a year between May and October.

This year the first spring cleaning was done on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Volunteers gathered at Swaminathan Balachandran's house for breakfast at 9 a.m. The new volunteers were given a short orientation along with WI DOT video about the activity for 10 minutes. All volunteers received

instructions from Balachandran, divided into three groups, picked up vest and gloves, and proceeded to the work site at about 10 a.m. and the work was complete in about an hour. A total of 13 bags of trash were collected in this cleanup.

The next highway cleaning will be in July. If you want to volunteer please contact Swaminathan Balachandran at 608-342-1718 or send him an email at [balachas@uwplatt.edu](mailto:balachas@uwplatt.edu)

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Wisconsin Chapter

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2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

*--Individual (\$10) --Annual (\$20/Family) --Life Membership (\$300 - Individual/ Family)*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER NUMBER: -----

*Please Print:*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

SEASON TICKET DETAILS				
ADULT	KIDS	Ticket Totals	MEM DUES	Payment Totals
x \$ 22=	X \$ 12=		\$ 20 or \$10	

ADULTS (Name and Serial #)		KIDS (Name and Serial #)	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	

Sponsor Mother's Day/Grad Banquet

\$100+ -----  \$300+-----  \$500+-----  \$1000+-----  \$2000 +-----  Other \$-----

All sponsors will be given recognition at the event and all donations are tax deductible

Make all checks payable to AIA – Madison (Membership Forms are available at [www.aiamadison.com](http://www.aiamadison.com))

Mail your totals to : AIA-Madison, P.O. Box 45532, Madison, WI 53744-5532

# Enjoy AIA's Colorful Events For 2011!

## Mark Your Calendar!!!

2. Community Picnic - July 16 3:30-8pm - Lakeview Park, Middleton	3. Independence Day - Aug. 20 10-3pm - Capitol Square -Madison
Community Picnic participating agencies are AIA, AHA, WisconsinTamil Sangam and Mandir of Madison	4. Diwali (Festival of Lights) - Oct. 22 4-8:30pm - Middleton High School (Fireworks location will be announced later)

**Non- Members** - Event Tickets: \$ 18 (Adult) \$ 12 (Kids) for one event only.

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events

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**Membership fee:**  Individual - \$10     Family - \$20,     Life - \$300

Membership forms available at India House, Bombay Bazaar, Mandir of Madison, AHA (Temple), online at [www.aiamadison.com](http://www.aiamadison.com)

Drop off your M form along with **Total Amount** for (M Fee and tickets required) at any of the locations listed above or Mail to: AIA- Madison, P.O. Box 45532 Madison, WI 53744-5532 & we will send you the tickets.

**For Season Tickets:** Contact any of the members listed on the website [aiamadison.com](http://aiamadison.com)

Questions? Contact: Kamlesh Saini (President)    [k.s\\_11@yahoo.com](mailto:k.s_11@yahoo.com)

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Other \$-----

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



The 2011 highway cleaning schedule has come out. The AIA of Madison has adopted 1.5.miles of 14W from CTH MM (Oregon, WI) to the Byrne Road Bridge to keep it clean throughout the year. Dr. Swaminathan and Lalitha Balachandran have coordinated this program for the last 8 years. It has been the tradition that volunteers gather in Dr. Balachandran’s house and have breakfast and proceed to the cleanup work. The work takes about an hour and a number of garbage bags full of trash are collected on the road side. A city crew picks up after the clean up work is done.

Every year, 40 to 50 volunteers clean the assigned areas 3 times a year in spring, summer, and fall. The highway section to be cleaned starts from the sign and ends at the “Optimist Club” sign. Only the right-hand-side of that section has to be cleaned and the left side is cleaned by other organizations

The next cleaning will be in July. If it rains on that day, the activity will be rescheduled to a different date. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Dr. Bala at [balachas@uwplatt.edu](mailto:balachas@uwplatt.edu) or 608-848-6780.

**PLEASE JOIN AIA  
AND  
BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

For your service please contact AIA of Madison  
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## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN AIA (ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS IN AMERICA, WI CHAPTER)?

YOU'LL

- ❖ COME TO KNOW YOUR OWN FELLOW COUNTRYMEN/WOMEN
- ❖ BE IN THE MIDST OF ALL INDIANS UNDER ONE ROOF

WHAT BENEFITS AWAIT YOU?

- ✓ DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO THE MEMBERS AND FREE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
- ✓ MEET THE OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES
- ✓ INCREASE YOUR SOCIAL ACTIVITY BY VOLUNTEERING YOURSELF FOR AIA EVENTS
- ✓ SHARE YOUR IDEAS & THOUGHTS WITH THE AIA BOARD FOR IMPROVING AIA AND ITS GOALS

SO, IT'S YOUR CALL NOW. WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- CALL ONE OF AIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS LISTED IN THIS WEB SITE
- CONFIRM YOUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN AIA
- OUR COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST