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Thought of the day – “Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony” - *Mahatma Gandhi.*

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Newsletter: Feedback/Suggestions/Comments
Email: fortmyersia@gmail.com

A Friendly Reminder: Thank you for your annual membership dues. Those who have not paid, kindly send your payment immediately to be included in the new Membership Directory. New members are welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hope you all are having a great summer. Once again we had a great time in the Holi picnic, it was really colorful and wet. Thanks to all of you for making it a fun day. Please join us on August 28th for the Independence Day picnic. During the month of September & October, we will be having our sports competitions. Talent night is on September 24th. It's time to prove "We got Talent".

We are almost at the end of this year and this is our last Newsletter. It has been great joy to serve you in this Silver Jubilee year. On behalf of my executive committee, I would like to thank for all your support and participation in making this a memorable and fun filled year. It is always teamwork and team spirit that takes us to new heights of achievements.

If you are interested in serving in the next executive committee, please contact Prasad Kasireddy.

I wish IAFM many more years of success and happiness.

Vande Mataram!

Sunita Sharma,
President, IAFM

UPCOMING EVENTS 2011

- Independence Day Picnic, August 28th, 2011, Sunday, 11-30am to 3pm, Lakes Regional Park, Shelter C 1
- Talent Night, September 24th, 2011 – Dunbar Middle School at 6pm.
- India Association Sports – Sep/Oct 2011. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact or email your details (Name, Contact Phone, email ID).

Tennis - Baktha Vardhini
239-433-4303
vardhini_us@yahoo.com

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Golf - Terry Tahal
239-464-5848
tahal@yahoo.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, BOT

Dear Members:

I hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, it is my distinct privilege to inform you of the following decisions of the Board of Trustees in their Annual Meeting on May, 28, 2011.

CHANGES TO BY LAWS:

By Law 2, Section 4. Type of Memberships

Item No. 5. has been revised to read:

Single memberships are for singles over the age of 22 years. Single Adults, with one or more children, however, shall qualify only for Family Membership.

By Law 7, Section 2

Item No. 22 has been revised to read:

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall conduct the elections or appoint another Trustee (Election Officer) for conducting the elections. The Board of Trustees authorize the President-Elect to recruit eligible members to serve in all positions of the Executive Committee prior to the date of the meeting. The proposed slate of officers, if full, shall be presented to the General Body for approval. Nominations from floor shall be solicited only for those positions that are open at the time of the General Body Election meeting. Only those members in good standing, who are present and willing, can be nominated for positions that are open at the time of the election. In exceptional situations, a written statement or a phone message indicating a willingness to serve shall be considered from a member who is unable to attend the meeting. Approval of this exceptional situation shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or the Election Officer.

ANNUAL DUES:

It was also decided, that the annual membership dues, effective January 1, 2012 shall be \$75 for Family membership and \$50 for single membership.

INVESTING IN PROPERTY:

The Board of Trustees recognized that this is best time to invest in real estate due to bottoming of prices. The long range goal is to have a building of our own for our growing community for a variety of activities and also for an office and storage. A committee consisting of me, Sudhanshu Desai and Harshad Bhatt has been formed to pursue this goal. This committee will present its recommendations to the Board for the final decision. Feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions/recommendations in this regard.

Looking forward to meeting you at the picnic!

Sincerely,
Kunwar S. Jain

Independence day PICNIC

SUNDAY 28th August 2011

Independence Day Picnic will be held **Sunday, Aug 28th** at the **Lakes Regional Park** in Ft. Myers, **Shelter C-1**. From 11:30 am to 3pm.

We will be celebrating our homeland Independence Day at **Lakes Regional Park Shelter C1**. We invite you to celebrate at the picnic and make this a fun event for the family.



IAFM members Free. However guests and non-members will pay \$5 per individual or \$10 per family.

BINGO - 12.00 PM- 12.30PM

(Tickets: \$1 each)

MENU

KIDS MENU: CHIPS, PIZZA, CAKE & DRINKS

ADULTS MENU: PURI & ALOO CURRY, DHOKLA, ICE CREAM AND CAKE



Please note the directions to Lakes Regional Park:

From Naples:

- Take I-75 North toward Tampa.
- Take EXIT 131 for Daniels Parkway
- Take LEFT on Daniels Parkway
- Turn LEFT on US-41 or South Tamiami Trail
- Turn RIGHT onto Gladiolus Dr / CR-865 S. and drive for 0.4 miles
- Lakes Regional Park is on your right side
- Our picnic is at Shelter C-1

From Cape Coral

- Take Del Prado Blvd South/CR-967A
- Merge onto CR-884 E toward I-75 (Portion toll)
- Turn Right onto Summerlin Road/CR-869
- Turn Left on Gladiolus Dr/Cr-865, and drive for half a mile
- Lakes Regional Park is on your left
- Our picnic is at Shelter C-1

Address of the Lakes Regional Park: 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL. Ph: 239-432-2000.

Talent show and dinner on Saturday September 24th, 2011 at 6PM



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The event is free for members and \$ 8 for each non-member.

The talent show program

Children and adults, we welcome you to take part in large numbers. **Only members and their children will be allowed to participate. All participants should be present by 6:30pm.** We would like to point out that entertainment entries will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis and only by email. **The deadline to submit your entries is September 20th, 2011. Please send in your entries to: Sapna Mathur at sapna.mathur3@gmail.com.**

Please make sure to provide a copy of the CD if you will be using one for your entry on Saturday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. For all entertainment program related questions, please call Sapna Mathur at 239-247-5004.

Here are the directions to the Dunbar Middle School:

From Naples

- Take I-75 NORTH toward TAMPA.
- Take EXIT 136 for Colonial Blvd.
- Take RIGHT on Colonial Blvd
- Turn LEFT on Six Mile Cypress
- Turn RIGHT on Winkler Ave.
- Dunbar Middle School is located on the right.

From Cape Coral

- Take Del Prado Blvd South
- Take Cape Coral Bridge (Portion toll)
- Continue onto Colonial Blvd.
- Turn RIGHT on Winkler Ave.
- Dunbar Middle School is located on the LEFT

Address of the Cypress Lake High School Auditorium: 4750 Winkler Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33966.

Special Coverage Elections 2012 September 24th

The Elections for the New Executive committee will also be held on September 24th after the Talent Show followed by a light dinner. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of the new Executive Committee for 2011-2012, please call **Prasad Kasireddy** at 503-490-4362.

YOUTH WING ELECTIONS.....

The Youth Wing is an umbrella organization of IAFM. It was established in 1999 with an intention of developing community spirit, voluntary and leadership skills among the young members of the IAFM. In addition to helping in the activities, the Youth Wing branches out to engage in public service initiatives, community outreach programs, and other such activities to learn more about the local community. The Youth Wing is open for anyone (between the ages of 12 to 21) whose parents are current members of the IAFM, Inc.

If you are interested in joining and becoming a part of the Youth Wing, please attend the Youth Wing Election meeting on Saturday, September 11th, 3:00 p.m. at 5685 Shaddelee Lane(West), Fort Myers, FL. 33919. Elections for the President-Elect, Secretary, and four directors will be held at this meeting. For questions and directions, please call **Vaibhav Penukonda**, President-Elect at 239-267-8242.

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual membership dues for 2011 are due. We would like to thank all the member families who paid their annual dues to date. If you have not yet paid your dues, please use this form to mail your membership dues check to **India Association of Fort Myers, Inc. P.O.Box 07183, Fort Myers, FL: 33919.**

We appreciate your cooperation and timely payment of dues. THANK YOU. Membership forms (new/renewal/update) can be downloaded at our web site at <http://www.iafortmyers.org>



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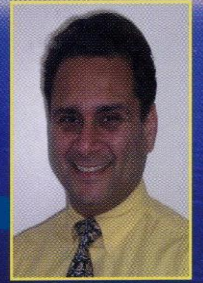
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