

# INDIA-CANADA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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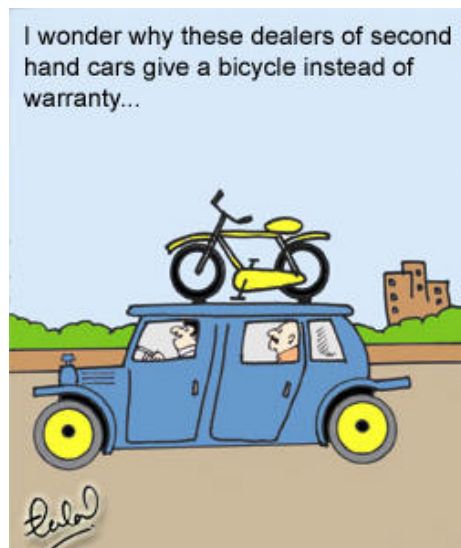
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## President's Message

Namaste,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe holiday. In November, we had our semi-annual General Meeting followed by bowling at Eastview Bowl. Everyone who participated had a fun time. On December 29, we showed the movie, *Kehtaa Hai Dil Baar Baar*. The movie was excellent. But because of poor weather, the turnout was low.

Since this is the final newsletter of the year, let me review the highlights of 2002. In April, we presented a *Sitar and Hindustani Classical Vocal* concert by world-renowned young artists from India. The concert was well received. In August, we participated in Folkfest at the Soccer Center. In October, we again brought talented young artists from India for a *Kathak* recital and *Classical* concert. Both programs were big hits.

I will be stepping down at the end of this term. I had a very fulfilling experience as the ICCA President for two years, but it's time to move on and let someone else become President. I would like to thank those who have supported me for the last two years.

Sincerely,  
Sushama Shrikhande,  
President, ICCA

## Editor's Note

This is the fifth and last issue of the current year. I very much enjoyed editing the newsletter. It was a good way to contribute to the community. If you wish to become a member, I urge you to fill out and send the membership form on the back. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. My email address is [editorICCA@yahoo.com](mailto:editorICCA@yahoo.com). Thank you, Kedar Shrikhande (Editor)

## Quotations

"If you think that something small cannot make a difference, try going to sleep with a mosquito in the room."

-Unknown

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

-Albert Einstein

# **Annual General-Body Meeting**

**When: Feb 22,  
2003**

**Time: 3 PM**

**Where: Laxmi  
Narayan Temple  
(107 La Ronge  
Road)**

## *Community News*

Congratulation to Adi Garg for completing the Walt Disney World Full Marathon on January 12, 2003 in Florida! He finished the marathon in just over four and a half hours. He ran as a part of the Arthritis Foundation's Joints in Motion campaign. He and his family raised over \$5000! That was truly a team, family and community effort!

## *Social Secretary's Report*

Dear friends,

In the November Newsletter, I left you off with "...bundle up & keep warm"! I pick up my pen (keyboard??) right there as we get through this phase of deep-freeze - it is sooooo cold that even the icicles are shivering! But then again, it is January and that means that the New Year is upon us already! I take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very best of everything - Happy New Year!

In the last couple of months, we had an ICCA bowling event, and a movie afternoon. The bowling at Eastview lanes was a lot of fun. We have quite the talented bowlers in our midst - spares and

strikes galore! Thanks to the SAGM that went a bit longer than expected, and the kindness of the Eastview lanes Manager, some teams were able to have more than one game!! The collection of non-perishables for the food bank went off quite well - a big thank you to all those of you that got something. Because of you, some hungry person is making it through this winter! Although I wasn't there, I believe that the movie that was screened in December was quite amusing and enjoyed by all those brave souls that drove out in that stormy weather! Donations were made to the noble program 'Pennies for Polio'.

As far as community news goes, please join me in sending out our heart-felt congratulations to Amar Dhand, who is the Saskatchewan winner of the Rhodes 2003 Scholarship! According to Bill Johnson, a Regina lawyer and Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, this is *the most prestigious International Scholarship*, which entitles the winner to study in Oxford, U.K. for 2-3 years. Amar is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical student at the Harvard University Medical School. He will be going to Oxford in October, where he will be studying Medical Education. Amar had a brilliant interview on the CBC-Radio 540AM show a few weeks ago. We are extremely proud of him and his achievements. Congratulations!

On a personal note, thanks to the generous support of a lot of our community members, my husband Aditya Garg was able to complete his first Full Marathon on January 12, 2003 in Orlando, Florida. Official race results place him at 3583rd of 16,000 entrants, with a personal time of 4 hours, 37 minutes & 52 seconds. This would not have been possible without the motivation provided by a lot of you. The funds collected for this endeavour will directly benefit the 4 million young & old Canadians with Arthritis, many facing challenges like disability and chronic pain. Like similar initiatives world-wide, this was a real team, family & community effort!! Thank you.

Many of you might have had the pleasure of listening to Sriram Kalyanarman's Veena recitals. Sriram, an ardent and accomplished musician, has now joined forces with a Jazz Guitarist for a

musical fusion delight. He has had some performances already and will be having more in the near future. For further information, you can reach him at 651-0192 or stay tuned to 90.5FM.

As a transition of Boards takes place, we are having a '**Just-for-fun-Bingo**'! This will be held on **Saturday, March 1, at The Sister O'Brien School, 451 Silverwood Road, 4-6 p.m.** Come one, come all - kids too! There are prizes to be won! As with most events, knowing the expected number of people ahead of time makes planning easier. As such, I would really appreciate it, if you could please either phone me **(384-2208)** or e-mail me at [smitagarg@shaw.ca](mailto:smitagarg@shaw.ca) **before Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** to confirm your participation. There will be a subsidised nominal fee of: \$3/member or \$10/family; \$5/non-member or \$20/non-member family; and \$2/student or senior. A light snack will be served (that is why I need to know how many people are coming!). This will be a good opportunity to not only get acquainted with the new board, but also renew your membership.

Believe it or not, the ICCA 2002-2003 year has ended! After all the apprehension under which I took on the role of 'Social Secretary' - I survived! And barring a few 'Antacid' moments, I must confess that for the most part, it was fun! For that, I thank not only all my esteemed Board Members and family, but also each and every one of you that was always there with your guidance, words of wisdom, enthusiasm, co-operation, encouragement and smiles. ICCA is you and me. At the end of the day, an association's existence is purely a function of its

members support and participation. Let us all continue to give that.

Who knows, I might just be back!;)

Smita Garg

### *Radio Committee Report*

After great success of Sangeetmala in CFCR FM-PHASIS, the Radio Committee has started focusing more on younger hosts. We have got tremendous response from them and hope you all would agree with me in appreciating the good jobs they are doing. This is probably my last nagging for this term as Radio Committee chair. I want to thank all the hosts, current and past members of the committee, News readers and Coordinator and all others for your help and cooperation. I hope the success continues and make our immediate future slogan CATCH EM YOUNG.

Palok.

### *Nomination Committee*

Nomination committee for selecting the ICCA board of directors for 2003-04 has the following members:

Dr. Prakash Sulakhe (Chair)  
Mrs. Leela Sharma  
Mr. Bhupendra Patel  
Mrs. Jayashree Patil

If you are interested or know of any good candidates, to serve on the upcoming ICCA board, you may contact the Chair, Dr. Sulakhe, at 374-8146, or any other member of the Nomination committee.

## Membership

Please fill out the form below if you wish to become a member for the current year. Membership entitles you to a one-year (January-December) subscription to this newsletter and member's

discounts at certain ICCA events of this year. The newsletter is where you can get information on ICCA events. You may also listen to Sangeetmala, every Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM for the latest ICCA news.

## 2003 India Canada Cultural Association (ICCA) Membership Form

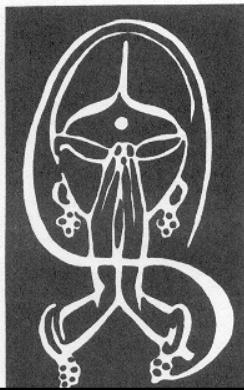
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Dear members,

It is my pleasure to invite you for the Annual General Body Meeting of India Canada Cultural Association (ICCA) to be held in Laxmi Narayan Temple (107 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon) on Feb 22, 2003 at 3pm. Agenda follows:

Sincerely,

Nishi Prasad,  
General Secretary

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Adoption of minutes from last General Body Meeting
4. Business arising out of the minutes
5. President's report
6. Social Secretary's report
7. Radio Committee Report
8. Treasurer's report
9. Any other Business with the permission of the chair
10. Election of New Executive/Board Members of ICCA for 2003-04
11. Welcome to new board and speech by Incoming President
12. Adjournment