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IndUS to Establish Endowment Fund

IndUS and Charity

One of the main goals of IndUS is to engage in charitable activities. Scores of IndUS volunteers are engaged in voluntary activities in the Fox Valley, helping make this community a truly a great place to live. IndUS has been active with Salvation Army, SAMP project of the Rotary Club and similar organizations. IndUS donations have helped earthquake victims in India, Salvation Army of Appleton Firefighters of New York, Shama of Stevens Point. IndUS spends 60% of its charity dollars locally, in Fox Valley.

IndUS Endowment Fund

IndUS will join hands with Community Foundation of Fox Cities (CF) to establish IndUS Endowment Fund. Each year, IndUS will be able to use the investment income toward charitable causes. CF, with over \$100 million dollar in assets, has emerged as a very responsible trustee of public funds. Last year, CF made \$ 9.6 millions in grants to 465 initiatives in the Valley.

How Can You Help?

We need your help in establishing the IndUS Endowment Fund. We welcome your donations in cash, stocks, real estate, art work, insurance etc. Several companies match employee volunteer hours with their matching contributions. We request to nominate IndUS as a beneficiary. IndUS is nonprofit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of IRS and your contributions are generally tax deductible

Your Favorite Projects

Under the umbrella of IndUS Endowment Fund, it is possible to establish funds that benefit your favorite charitable project. The only specification is that the projects benefit the needy irrespective of one's religion, race, ethnicity, nationality or political belief. We can discuss with you how to channel your contributions to causes of your choice.

Please mail your donations or inquiries to IndUS, 3600 N. Shawnee Ave., Appleton, WI 54914.

IndUS Website

We have an additional medium to communicate with you! IndUS has a new website that will help us to keep in touch. Please visit us at www.indusfoxvalley.org. IndUS thanks Mr. Nikhil Kumar and Dr. Badri Varma who have designed this aesthetically pleasing and very informative website. Like everything else, this website is a work in progress. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

IndUS and UW Oshkosh Celebrate Asia Heritage Month

IndUS and Asian Students Association at UW Oshkosh celebrated the Asian Heritage Month. **The Kick Off** on April 2, 2003, featured foods of Asia. On April 12, IndUS featured Asian Pacific Dance Group of Madison to present **Dances of India and Asia**. A critically acclaimed Indian movie, **Mitr (A friend)**, was screened on April 18. Events were well attended and highly acclaimed.

Bharatnatyam: A Classical Dance from Southern India

Ghumroo: An Indian folk dance from Rajasthan

IndUS Outreach Activities at Area Schools

IndUS 2003

"Folk Arts of India"

Exhibition, Banquet and Cultural Program
Saturday, Nov 8, 2003

IndUS participated in the following outreach programs: Hilbert Elementary School, Hilbert on April 16; Lincoln High School Manitowoc on May 8; and "Diversity Fair" at Neenah High School on May 16. IndUS made a multimedia presentation "Understanding India" for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Appleton on May 1.

IndUS thanks the following volunteers for their enthusiastic and creative contributions to these outreach activities: Ruchi Gupta, Rosemeen Jiwani, Tehmina Kader, Kadambari Karandikar, Ruth & Iswar Mansukhani, Shekar & Viju Rao, Sandhya & Sridhar; Ashi Tannan, Ritu Tannan, Kamal & Badri Varma.

Seva: The IndUS Volunteer Corps!

Seva, an informal organization of over thirty volunteers has served lunch on Saturdays to the needy at Salvation Army, Appleton for a decade! Seva has now merged with IndUS. Seva has also started collaborating with the local

Rotary District in packing medical supplies for the needy in Africa and Asia.

We welcome new volunteers. For more information contact Sridhar (749-4911).

Bindis & Saris at Neenah High School

IndUS Programs Ahead: Mark Your Calendars!

The Third Annual IndUS Youth Camp will be held on August 23-24, 2003. The camp is aimed at Fox Valley youth in the age group of 13-19 years. We seek participants from diverse social, economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. A day long outdoor adventure at Winnebago Challenge Course, Oshkosh and indoor sessions at Liberty Hall, Appleton are planned. Participation Fee: \$ 25 for members of IndUS and India Association, and \$ 35 for others. Please call 749-499 or send e-mail to indusfoxvalley@yahoo.com.

Rhythms of IndUS is a great musical treat in store for you! IndUS will host *Tarang*, a traveling percussion group

from India on October 2 and 3.

On Thursday, October 2, *Tarang* and the students of UW Oshkosh will present a comparative perspective of Indian and American percussion. On Friday, October 3, a similar collaboration with Lawrence University will expose students in Appleton Area School district to similar cross-cultural experience.

Tarang will perform for the public on Friday, October 3, 2003, at 8 p.m., at Harper Hall, Lawrence University, Appleton.

IndUS-2003 Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8 at Lawrence University. Please see the insert with this newsletter!

India Association NEW

Dates to Note!

August 16 2:00 p.m.	Annual Picnic Plamann Park
September 27	Octoberfest at Appleton
November 15	Children's Day 2:00 p.m.

For more details, please contact
Mr. Ashok Tannan
731-2897 or Atannan@aol.com

How to become an IndUS Member? Please complete the form below, tear along the dotted line and mail it with your check! As simple as that!!

Annual Membership Dues

(Per calendar year)

Please select your preferred category of membership and place an "X" in the appropriate box.

- Individual Member \$ 10.00
- Family Member \$ 20.00
- Benefactor \$ 100.00 to \$ 499.00
- Patron \$ 500.00 or more
- Any Donation \$
- Total \$

Please make a check payable to IndUS of Fox Valley and mail it to: IndUS, 3600 North Shawnee Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914.

Join the IndUS Team!

Please furnish the following information:

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Would you like to volunteer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! Please contact me! <input type="checkbox"/> No. Not now.

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*We are a
non-profit organization under
Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS
Code*

About Our Organization...

IndUS aspires to be *to* be a dynamic, creative organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the community through social, cultural, educational and charitable activities.

The goals of IndUS are to:

- ❖ Promote Indo-American friendship and goodwill by involving people from the area communities.

- ❖ Promote and fund social, cultural and educational activities, which improve mutual understanding and appreciation.

- ❖ Encourage, support and fund charitable work to assist and empower the needy.

Please join IndUS and support us with your talent. For membership information, please see inside.

Foods of All Nations On September 6

IndUS has joined hands with Toward Community: Unity in Diversity to organize Foods of All Nations on September 6, 2003 at Menasha High School, from 2 p.m. The event will feature delicious foods; dances and music from over a dozen countries. An added special feature this year will be Taiko Drummers from Japan. Food Court is open 2-5 p.m.

Tickets: \$ 6 (Children 6 and under free) can be purchased at gate.

We need volunteers (14 and over) to transport food, serve food, manage food lines, ticket sale etc. Volunteers receive a complimentary ticket in exchange for 2 hours of fun work.

Please call Kamal Varma (731-0834) or David Tyrrell (954-272).

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