



India Community Center Newsletter

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BOT Chair's Report

By Ramnik Vora

Greetings from your India Community Center! The 2016 Board of Trustees are ready to work for our center. They are enthusiastic and hardworking individuals. You will be able to count on them.

At first meeting of BOT, we set our goals for 2016. Our first goal is to modernize ICC website. We will bring it to current standard before end of the year. We will communicate with our other goals in future ICN. Look forward to next ICN !!!.

We hosted our annual chess tournament in January in which kids ranging in age from 4 to 12 years competed. As always the competition is fierce and ends with trophies, smiles and tears. The Professional Forum of ICC had documentary movie in January titled 'Driving with Selvi' which was motivational. Movie maker Elisa Paloschi came in person and had Q&A session which was very well received.

Next is our Annual banquet dinner on Saturday March 26, 2016 with Keynote Speaker Steve Sasson, the inventor of the Digital Camera. It is very special for us to recognize a famous fellow Rochester Community member. Also special is that his invention was in Rochester while working at Kodak.

Upcoming events include Mother's Day and High School Graduation celebrations. ICC has been busy with lots of activities except winter months. We will try to fill up all weekends with activities.

ICC under takes lots of activities for which it has separate committees. Classical Music and Dance Committee(CMD), Banquet services, Professional forum, Education committee, Book Club, Quilting Club, Kids reaching hearts through performing Arts(KRHTPA), to name the few. Please take advantage of these services.

India community center is ours, mine and yours. We all will work together to succeed. We are already working with other organizations like Hindu temple and Shri Vidya temple. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

We are looking forward to see you at our Annual Banquet.

Best of regards

Editor

Jayanti Venkataraman

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ICC's United Way Number 1137

ICC uses United Way funds that it receives, for charitable activities. Please consider directing your United Way donations to ICC.

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Upcoming Events

- March 26:** ICC Banquet
- April 30:** Saathi Banquet
- May 1:** CMD Youth Concert
- May 7:** ICC Mother's Day Celebration
- June: 4 and 5:** Kalidas Play
- June 17:** ICC HS Graduation Celebration
- June 26 – July 30:** HHSC
- Augt 3 – Aug 7:** Vedanta Retreat

ICC Annual Banquet March 26, 2016

Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker

Steve Sasson

Inventor of the Digital Camera

Presentation Title:

Disruptive Innovation: The Story of the First Digital Camera



Steven was born and raised in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn N.Y. Throughout high school, he had an intense interest in electronics and was a major distraction to his parents' as he collected all manner of discarded TV's and radios from around the neighborhood so he could salvage electronic components for his home

projects. With these parts and those purchased on his frequent trips to "Radio Row" in Manhattan, Steven designed and built radio receivers, stereo amplifiers and transmitters in his basement. He obtained his amateur radio license as a teenager and further challenged his parents by putting up large antennas on the roof of the family's rather small row house in Brooklyn. Steven attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy N.Y. and in 1973; he graduated with a BS and a Masters degree in electrical engineering. During the summers of his college years ('68 -'73), he had several jobs that included being a "runner" on Wall Street (before Email!)

After graduation Steven joined Eastman Kodak Company as an electrical engineer working in an applied research laboratory. He engaged in a number of early digital imaging projects. Among these was the design and construction of the first digital still camera and playback system in 1975. Steven continued to work throughout the 1980s in the emerging field of digital photography receiving over 10 key digital imaging patents. In 1989 he led the development of the first prototype mega pixel electronic digital camera utilizing DCT compression that stored images to flash memory cards. Steven continued his work throughout the 1990's by developing one of the first photographic quality thermal printing systems, derivatives of which

are still in use in self-service imaging kiosks around the world today. Before retiring in 2009 Steven was a project manager in the Intellectual Property Transactions group at Kodak. Steven is married to Cynthia and they have two children, Michael (28) and Jennifer (25). The family lives in Hilton N.Y. Steven enjoys playing basketball and jogging, in spite of the present state of his 65 year old knees.



President Obama awards Kodak's Steve Sasson With the 2009 National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the highest honor awarded by the US government to scientists, engineers, and inventors

Abstract of Keynote address:

The creation of the first digital camera prototype in 1975 at the Eastman Kodak Company will be discussed as well as how the concept was demonstrated within Kodak during the following year. Subsequent technical innovations with megapixel imagers, image compression products in the mid 1980's, and the early commercialization of professional and consumer digital still cameras in the early 1990's will be discussed. The internal Kodak reaction to these developments will be highlighted as well as some of the learned observations about how to deal with disruptive innovation within an established corporate environment will be shared.

The Board of Trustees of the
India Community Center of Rochester
cordially invites you to the

Annual Banquet of the Center
Saturday, March 26, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at
India Community Center
2171 Monroe Wayne County Line Road
Macedon, New York 14502

Keynote Speaker: Steve Sasson
Inventor of the Digital Camera

Program:

6:00 p.m.	Social Hour
7:00 p.m.	Welcome and Chair's address
	Keynote Speech
8:15 p.m.	Dinner
9:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation Entertainment
9.45 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Please return the RSVP card by March 21, 2016

The ICC Annual Banquet
March 26, 2016

I/We will be attending the Banquet.

Name(s): _____

Admission: \$ 65.00 per person

(Full payment should accompany the
reservation card. If you are taking a full
table, please send \$650.00 and write the
names of the guests on the back.

Make the check payable to ICC and mail to:

Sandhya Sarlashkar,
9 Farm Field Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534
(Phone: 585-381-7659)

Note: Life Members are entitled to up to 2
free admissions (for respective members

Policies and Procedures for ICC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

- The ICC will give out awards to recognize outstanding service to the center on an annual basis, at the time of its anniversary celebration. It is emphasized that this is an "In-house Recognition" designed to foster consistency and dedication in volunteerism, specifically to benefit ICC
- The criteria for the award shall be based on specific, consistent, honorable and outstanding service to ICC. The recipient may be an individual, a group of individuals, an institution or an organization.

Nomination Form 2016 ICC Service Excellence Award Deadline for submissions: February 25, 2016

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

Telephone of Nominator: _____

Email of Nominator: _____

Please provide relevant details with dates to support your nomination:

Send completed form to: Committee Chair, Jose Malieka jmalieka@brockport.edu

2016 ICC Board of Trustees

Ramnik Vora, Chair



Ramnik Vora is a pediatrician, practicing in Rochester since 1978. He has served as a Treasurer on the ICC Board in 2008 and 2009. He is a past president of Jain society of Rochester. He has been helping Gujratati Samaj of Rochester for many years. His wife is Ila, daughter is Anuja, son-in-law is Rishi and son is Amit.

Mythreyi Srinivasan, Secretary



Mythreyi Srinivasan joined the ICC BOT in 2008. She served as secretary in 2008 and 2009 and as treasurer in 2010 and 2012. She has served on many sub-committees to bring changes to ICC. She is happy to serve the community. She has a MS in Geography from the University of Madras. She lives in Pittsford with her husband, TT Srinivasan and son Ananth.

Sanjay B. Maggirwar, Treasurer



Sanjay Maggirwar lives in Brighton with his wife Asawari, son Nishad and a golden retriever, Bliss. He is Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He was raised in Aurangabad, India and moved to Rochester in 1997. He is qualified as a biomedical researcher (Ph.D.), business administrator (MBA) and a stage artist (dramatics). He has been a member of ICC for several years, during this time he participated in the plays performed by Kalidas. Sanjay likes Indian classical music, literature, and food.

Shruti Pandya, Treasurer



After attempting to run away from New York winters twice before, Shruti moved to Rochester from Southern Virginia, with her family in 2010. The family is extremely grateful to be a part of a dynamic Indian community, and ICC in particular, for all the wonderful opportunities provided. Shruti practices as an optometrist at Eyesite in Penfield and at Chili Vision Group. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, reading and working out. She lives in Pittsford with her husband Parag and daughters Radha and Meera.

Nagin Shah, Director of Operations



Nagin Shah retired from Xerox corp. in 2002 after 36 years. He lives in Fairport with his wife Shaku. He has one daughter Sejal, who is married to Charles Warney and has a granddaughter Monica. He volunteers for organizations that include YMCA, Wheel on Wheels, Red Cross, Diabetic Association. His hobbies include: playing Bridge, reading and writing, watching movies. He was member of ICC BOT for nine years including twice treasurer. He has been in Rochester area for more than 50 years.

Baal Bhagat, Director of Operations



After completing Masters Degree from SUNY at Buffalo in Industrial Engineering with software development in Human Factors Engineering, he became a Xerox employee for many years. Currently he is employed by H & R Block as Master Tax Advisor and involved with tax software development. He is also certified IRS Enrolled Agent, authorized to practice tax law before tax court and IRS audit. Baal is actively involved with KALIDAS, an Indo-American Community Theater group of Rochester. Since its inception, Baal has directed many plays for Kalidas.

2016 ICC Board of Trustees

Jayanti Venkataraman Scheduling and Newsletter Editor



Jayanti Venkataraman joined the Board of Trustees in 2003 and has served as the ICC Newsletter Editor since that time. In 2007 she established the Education Committee and served as BOT chair in 2008. She is a professor in electrical engineering at RIT. She is dedicated to education related community service. She lives in

Brighton with her husband, Venkat and children, Archana and Vinayak.

Jose Maliekal, Classical Music and Dance Committee



Jose Maliekal was born in Kerala and moved to Rochester in 1990 to take up a teaching job with The College at Brockport. He lives in Brighton with his wife, Dr. Mary D'Souza, and son, Prashanth. He has been an ICC Board Member from 2004 to 2006, and again since 2008. He served as the BOT Secretary in 2005, Vice Chair in 2008 and Chair from 2009 to 2010.

Currently, he is the Chair of the Classical Music and Dance (CMD) Society.

Vithal Sanapala, Membership



Vithal Sanapala was born in Andhra moved to Rochester in 1995 after completing his MS in Computer in Science in New York City. He lives with his wife, Swaroopa, and daughters Sowmya and Chandrika. He is a Senior Executive at Sutherland Global Services. He served as BOT a couple of times before, and now as a BOT, he is primarily focusing

on the membership. He loves every aspect of Rochester (including the snow) and calls it home!

Asheesh Srivastava, Webmaster



Asheesh Srivastava has a BS in Electronics Engineering and MS Computer Science from Aligarh Muslim University. After working in Xerox India for 5 years, Asheesh moved to USA in 1997 to work for Xerox USA. Asheesh currently works as Manager, IT Solution Delivery in Xerox's Webster facility. His wife Manisha is a Clinical Nutrition Specialist at Strong

Hospital. Their children are Ishita and Ishan. Asheesh joined BOT in February 2012. He has a keen interest in multiple sports with cricket and Tennis being really close to his heart.

Rajeev Ramchandran, Professional Forum



Rajeev Ramchandran grew up in Henrietta and Pittsford and has seen the growth of ICC from its earliest days. Having been raised in a family that has supported and benefited from ICC since its inception, Rajeev knows the value ICC provides Rochester in preserving and

promoting Indian culture and heritage. As a ICC BOT trustee, he seeks to ensure that the second generation Indian perspective is represented in ICC's activities and BOT discussions. Rajeev is a vitreoretinal surgeon at the Flaum Eye Institute at the University of Rochester Medical Center where he champions Indo-US relations as part of medical center's India Initiative.

Jyothisna Ponnuri, Programs



Jyothisna has been living in Rochester with her husband Rao and daughter Nidhi since 1997. She has been practicing geriatrics for the last 10 years and finds great pleasure and gratification in taking care of the elderly and chronically ill. During her spare time she likes dancing, listening to music, helping the community

in whatever capacity she can and having fun with friends and family.

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Truptesh Kothari, Education



Dr. Truptesh H. Kothari is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Director of the Developmental Endoscopy Laboratory at the University of Rochester (DELUR). He is the interventional gastroenterologist at Strong and Highland Hospital. His wife is Shivangi Kothari, who also works at

Strong as Interventional Gastroenterologist. Truptesh moved to Rochester in 2013. He is involved with educational activities at ICC. His hobbies include cricket, swimming, and soccer.

Sandhya Sarlashkar, Programs



Sandhya Sarlashkar is a Registered Dietitian with a Master's in Health Systems Administration from RIT's Executive Leadership Program. She is employed at St. Ann's Community. She is presently the secretary on the board of the Genesee Dietetic

Association. She is active in the Marathi Mandal of Rochester. Sandhya lives in Pittsford with her husband Avinash who works for Lockheed Martin and daughter Radhika (11years old). She enjoys music, cooking, loves to bake and work on creative projects. Sandhya is looking forward to working with the BOT focusing her efforts to provide members an enriched experience at India Community Center.



ICC Annual Chess Tournament

The 7th Annual ICC Chess tournament was held on January 7, at ICC in partnership with the Rochester Chess Center (RCC). It was a 'warm' winter day that enticed 24 chess enthusiasts ranging in age from 4 years to 12 years exercised their skills in three rounds of play. There were returning players, new players and even some kids from Buffalo who came to compete with their Rochester friends. The Navnit-Desai Hall provided a cheerful and well lighted setting for the games. The tournament was conducted by Ron Lohrman and Ken McBride from RCC. The participants were divided into three groups and trophies were awarded to top winners for each grade, and to the overall champion. ICC Trustees Jayanti Venkataraman and Truptesh Kothari, on behalf of the ICC, thank Ron and Ken for conducting this event annually.

Grades K-2: **Tanush Senthil Kumar** -top overall, **Alexander Bondar** - top kindergartener, **Susi Ugalde** - top 1st grader, **Aryan Moore** -top 2nd grader

K-2 Top Team: Victor Primary

Grades 3-5: **Ashton William** - top overall, **Christopher Grechin** -top 3rd grader, **Aiden Kharroubi** - top 4th grader, **Dale Janezic** – top 5th grader

Grades 3-5 Top Team: French Road Elementary

ICC Trophy for Overall Champion: **Tyler Canfield**



Chennai Relief Fundraiser

By Jyothsna Ponnuri

In December 2015, weeks of relentless rain had left in its wake months of pain and agony for thousands of people in the southern cities of Chennai, Cuddalore, Kanchepuram and other areas in Tamil Nadu.



The aftermath of this terrible calamity brought to light the need for charitable contributions. Programs that had once been a haven to the underprivileged and special needs children lost what they had painstakingly built up for the past ten years.



ICC organized a fundraiser during the months of December and January to assist Chennai in recovering to its former glory.

With the support of the community members, the fundraiser was very successful, raising over \$13,000. This was only possible due to the generous contribution of some of the community members who donated up to \$5000 in a dollar-to-dollar challenge. These efforts led to the cumulative monetary donations exceeding the initial goal of \$10,000.



The money raised will be distributed among three different non-profit organizations:

Little Drops Home, <http://www.forlittledrops.org>,

Arvind Foundation <http://www.arvindfoundation.org>

Sharon Society of Pondicherry. <http://sharonsociety.org>

The collected money will help put the three institutions back on their feet by providing essential funds to replace their lost equipment and reopen their doors as soon as possible

The ICC BOT would like to extend its gratitude to all the supporters who made it possible to make a change in the lives of those in need.

