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"Civilization is the encouragement of differences. Civilization thus becomes a synonym of democracy. Force, violence, pressure, or compulsion with a view to conformity is therefore both uncivilized and undemocratic."

M. K. Gandhi

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Editor's Message

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for appointing me as newsletter editor. I had a positive experience as editor last year and I was happy to continue when asked.

One of the stated goals of this Board was to increase ICCA membership; as you have noticed two young people have been appointed as Membership Development Directors. Better communication with the membership is a means to achieve this end. There is of course this newsletter, which is published ever three months, and the radio program, Sangeetmala. Sangeetmala is heard every Saturday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm followed by a regional program on CFCR 90.5 FM. There is now a new ICCA website, which will be the fastest way to communicate with you. You can find information on events, contacts and radio program scheduling. The address is: icca.thesociety.net

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions please do not hesitate to e-mail me at editoricca@yahoo.ca or send a letter addressed to:

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I would be pleased to put any of your comments on the next newsletter if you wish. Moreover, feel free to contact any board members with your questions or ideas.

Cheers,

Kedar Shrikhande
Editor

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"Fast Food!"

President's Report

Namaste,

It is that time of the year again!! The old order has changed making way for the new. Our congratulations to Sushama Shrikhande and her outgoing team for the wonderful work done these past two years! The new Board has a few familiar faces and a few new ones. We all share a single vision - to take ICCA forward and to make its membership attractive to the community. With this in mind we have planned many events for this year. You will read about them elsewhere in the Newsletter. If you have any suggestions for more events or for improvements please call or write to us.

We look forward to your continued support
Meena Amblee
President

News from the Indian Students Association (ISA) February-March '03

The ISA has evolved over the years as a representative organization for students of Indian origin at the University of Saskatchewan. With the establishment of the new committee last September, we aim to create a new image for the ISA. Our mission is to make the ISA a more active organization with representation of the entire Indian community in Saskatoon with primary focus on students and youth. We look forward to cooperating with the ICCA in their endeavours, working together to improve the standards of the events and activities held through the year.

Our activities schedule for this year started off with successfully with the ice breaker party organized to welcome new students at the U of S and as a venue for social interaction between the Indian community at the University. There was an excellent turnout and was appreciated by all in attendance. The next major event was Parichay and the ISA would like to thank all our guests, participants and volunteers in making the event a success beyond our expectations. We apologize for any shortcomings and will take into consideration public feedback in improving future events. Diwali was celebrated by the ISA last year with a Pooja followed by a potluck in the Souris Hall. The attendance was satisfactory owing to hectic schedules towards the end of the academic term. This year the ISA was involved in the International food fair on campus. We had a stall and sold Indian food, cooked mainly by the committee members Anup,

Terence, Varun with help from Tanya and Kalai, on the 3rd, 4th and 7th of February. The turnout was excellent highly appreciated by all our guests.

We were also a part of the decoration committee and planned and created the artwork for the arts tunnel in the university.

ISA members Prakhar, Pran, Varun, Tanya, Asha, Kirti and Nimi along with Krupal will be participating in a dance item on the March 21st in the city hall for ICCA and SIA.

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Social Secretary's Report

Dear Friends,

Well, what do you suppose? I'm baaack (move aside Poltergeist)! Must have been a moment of weakness - *what was I thinking??* (Obviously *not* thinking!) Cynicism aside, it is with great pleasure and eager enthusiasm that I take on the role of Social Secretary for the year 2003. I look forward to your enthusiastic support and eager participation in all our events.

On Saturday, March 15th, we organized a "Just-for-fun-Bingo". It was well-attended and a lot of fun was had by all. Some people were luckier than others and seemed to win a lot of prizes - (the 'Holi' stars were obviously in their favour!). For those that did not win (yours truly included), we had so much fun anyways, that we certainly don't mind trying our luck again! I hope that we continue to get this kind of support for the remainder of the events this year."

The new board is in place, and we are all excited about some upcoming events. So take out your calendars, mark these days and dates down, confirm your participation by phoning or e-mailing any Board member, participate, and have a guaranteed good time!

▪ **April 9, Wednesday: Chutney Conversation** at the Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple, 107 La Ronge Road; 7:30 p.m.; tea/coffee will be served; door prizes to be won! This will follow the format of a book club. All you have to do is read the book '**Family Matters**' by Rohinton Mistry and show up! Free for ICCA members (you may want to bring a tin of food for the food bank); \$1/non-members.

▪ **May 10, Saturday: Discover/Re-discover Saskatoon!** - Meewasin Valley Interpretive Centre Tour and a Walking tour of a section of the city.

We are also planning a picnic or two in June/July - details in the next newsletter. ICCA will again be taking part in Folkfest 2003 - we'll be announcing a theme shortly.

On a frigid note, I leave you with this Ode to Saskatchewan:

It's winter in Saskatchewan,
And the gentle breezes blow,
70 miles per hour at 52° below!
Oh, how I love Saskatchewan,
When the snow's up to your butt;

You take a breath of winter air
Your nose freezes shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Saskatchewan
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!!!
~Anonymous

Smita Garg
Social Secretary:

Radio Committee Report

It is a pleasure to be appointed Chairperson for the current Radio Committee. We have joining this committee, some very talented and experienced members: Palok Aich, Leela Sharma and Raj Nundy, joined also by Meena Amblee (President) and Raj Sharma (Treasurer). It is a great pleasure to have on board Isha Dash and Anup Saseendran from the Indian Students Association. Both Isha and Anup will coordinate the news and use the 5 minute slot during the Hindi program.

Radio Host Schedule will be available soon on the website. Our news readers are Suhani Prasad, Aditi Saini, Himanshu Singh and Prakhar Srivastava. Please contact Niru at 955-7823 if you are interested in reading the news or hosting a Hindi program.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with music and melody.

Niru Kaavia
Radio Committee Chair

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EVENTS REMINDER

***Chutney Conversation**

When: 7:30 PM, Wednesday, April 9

Where: Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple,
107 La Ronge Road

Cost: Free for members

\$1 for non-member

(consider bringing an item for the food bank)

***Discover/Re-discover Saskatoon!**

When: Saturday, May 10 (Time: TBA)

Where: Meewasin Valley Centre,
402 Third Avenue South

Cost: TBA

Riddles

What has a mouth but never smiles?

Answer: A RIVER

How does a king open a door?

Answer: WITH A MONAR-KEY

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