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Namaste Dear IACAW Members:

On behalf of the Executive Committee let me wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. As our association grows, our goal continues to be the promotion of our rich and vibrant culture and heritage. Each year we plan programs to encourage the members and their children to get involved in our activities and take full advantage of the benefits of IACAW membership.

As you may already know, this year our first program is Valentine's Day celebration at the Riverview in Hastings on Hudson on Saturday, February 11, 2012. It is a program which is guaranteed to entertain all the young-at-hearts. We hope to see you all at this event to kick off the New Year. I also urge all the members to check-out the attached 2012 event calendar and save the dates for all the exciting events.

It is really great news that each year our members' participation in the association is increasing and taking active interest in the programs. As president of IACAW, I take great pleasure in inviting you all to attend the programs planned for 2012. Your executive committee and many volunteers work hard to bring you excellent events and it is my promise to you that we all will strive to do the same as we look forward to a brighter future for our association.

Just a reminder: Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2012, if you have not already done so. Also encourage your friends and family to join the association.

Please continue to visit our website at [www.iacaw.org](http://www.iacaw.org) for the most up-to-date information and enjoy the pictures from the recent events. To receive the latest updates on IACAW activities, please provide us with your most current email address, if you have not done so.

Thank you Westchester for putting your faith in me. I look forward to your feedback and seeing you all at the upcoming events. In the meantime, please feel free to write to me at [truptijshah@gmail.com](mailto:truptijshah@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

*Trupti Shah*

President

# 2012 IACAW EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DAY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Valentine's Dance & Dinner	Saturday	02/11/2012	The Riverview, Hastings-on-Hudson	7pm - 11pm
Holi Garba/Raas	Saturday	03/17/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	6pm - 11pm
Karaoke Night	Friday	4/20/2012	To be announced	7pm - 11pm
Talent Show	Saturday	5/12/2012	Irvington High School, Irvington	4pm - 7pm
Summer Picnic	Saturday	7/21/2012	Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson	11am - 6pm
Heritage of India Festival	Sunday	8/5/2012	Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	1pm - 7pm
Ganesh Chaturthi	Sunday	9/23/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	4pm - 6pm
Navarati - Night 1	Friday	10/19/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	8pm - 11pm
Navarati – Night 2	Saturday	10/20/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	8pm - 11pm
Navarati – Night 3	Saturday	10/27/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	8pm - 11pm
Annual Diwali Dinner	Saturday	11/3/2012	To be announced	6pm - 11pm
Election	Sunday	11/18/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	2pm -4:30pm
General Body Meeting	Sunday	11/18/2012	Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry	4:30pm - 6pm
Senior Citizens Events	Last Sunday of every month		Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center Street, Ardsley	3pm - 7pm

*Note: All Dates, timings, and places are tentative and subject to change.  
Visit our website [www.iacaw.org](http://www.iacaw.org) for more information.*

IACAW *celebrates*

2012  
 Valentine's  
 Day



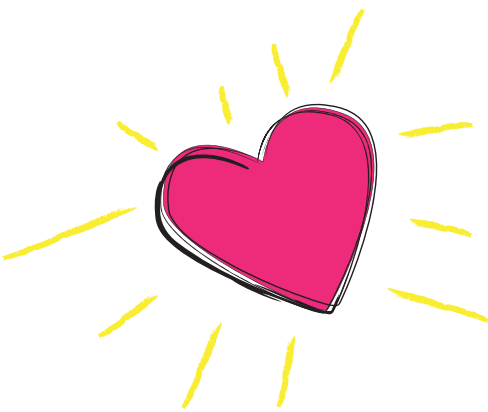
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Holi



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# IACAW



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**GUIDELINES:**

- IACAW MEMBERS WILL HAVE FIRST PREFERENCE
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    - NO SOLO PERFORMANCES
    - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT TO ASHA PATEL VIA EMAIL.**PLEASE SEND **ALL REQUIRED** INFO TO **ASHAAMAN@OPTONLINE.NET****REQUIRED INFORMATION INCLUDES:**

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Holi is celebrated on the last full moon day of the Hindu month of " Falgun." Holi gets us close to our religion and our mythology as it is essentially the celebration of various legends associated with the festival. Holi is the story of King Hiranyakhshyapu and his son Prahlad. Hiranyakashyapu considered himself a God and wanted everybody to worship him. To his great ire, his son, Prahlad began to worship Lord Vishnu. To get rid of his son, Hiranyakashyapu asked his sister Holika to enter a blazing fire with Prahlad in her lap, as she had a boon to enter fire unscathed. Legend has it that Prahlad was saved for his extreme devotion, while Holika died. Hence it is called "Holikadahan".

The death of Holika and the escape of Prahlad brought about such joy in the people that they danced on the streets and celebrated by throwing color at each other. Some threw "dhul" at one another and hence this festival became also known as "Dhuleti."

Celebration of the Holi reassures the people of the power of the truth as the moral of all these legends is the ultimate victory of good over evil.

In brief, the festival of Holi teaches us that we should make our life colorful, that we should have balance and restraint even in our pleasures. It teaches us the value and strength of being united and also teaches us how to burn away the evil thoughts and feelings which may be hidden deep in our mind.





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