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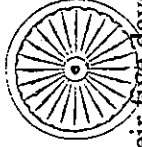
2nd December 1994

**Dear Member**

The Dipawali celebrations held on Saturday the 12th November 1994 at 7.00 p.m. concluded at 12.30 a.m on 13th November 1994 on the debatable argument of outright winner for the Antakshree. The ladies group certainly had more resources and came up with variety of melodies which became trickle as the time passed, the gentlemen group was served by only a few professionals as usual except for a couple of times when on the brink of loosing the battle Mr Saleh Parker pulled together and first time in the history of the Society sang the unheard poetries! We have had all our Antakshree competition on previous occasions without any definite result but this one came very close to the thickness of a rice grain away from loosing for any one of the two teams! The dances organised by **Ms Sujata Dasgupta** and performed by her team of youngsters **Anushua, Neha, Nira & Aziza** were adorable and well enjoyed and thanks again to the team for the fine performance. The dinner for the event was as usual very delicious and well deserved thanks to the ladies for their efforts.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:**

As mentioned in my last Newsletter the Cricket team from India (CCI Bombay) is arriving to Hobart on 28th December 1994 by QF 567 at 5.10 p.m. A few members of the Society have responded to my earlier request for providing accommodation for them from 28th to 30th (three nights) December 1994. I have organised a Cricket match for them on 29th December 1994 against under 19 years young Tasmanian Cricket team through the Tasmanian Cricket Association. The match is to be played at Tasmanian Cricket Association's Domain Cricket ground and would start at 10.30 a.m. and all members and cricket lovers are requested to come up and support the Indian team. The team would be resting and site seeing on 30th December and would travel by hired coach to Launceston on 31st December morning at 7.00 a.m. to play a match against a local team at Riverside starting at 11.0 a.m. They are going to be looked after by Mr Ian Richards, son of late Mr Richards of Richards Real Estate, who has visited India to play against the team a few times. He really looked after the team very well and entertained them last time in 1990 when the team visited Tasmania first time by organising Kangaroo hunting on his property and cocktail parties for them at the Casino. The team would be playing a couple of matches at



Launceston and site seeing for their five days stay there before flying on 4th January 1995 to continue their matches at Sydney and other major cities of Australia scheduled for the whole month of January 1995.

A welcome party for the Cricket team has been organised in their honour at my place at 30 Invercargill Road, Mount Nelson on 28th December starting at 7.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend and bring a dish or two as the team comprises of 19 members. It would be much appreciated if you ring Bhavini Patel on Phone No: 235226 or Indu Datta on 730131(H) 492338(B) as soon as possible and register your interest if you are attending. It is rather important to know how many members would be attending the party for ease in making party arrangements. I thank those members who have agreed to provide accommodation for the players and anybody who can still provide accommodation and volunteer to help in transporting the players are requested to ring me on 235226.

In view of this event now being definitely taking place on 28th December, it has been decided to cancel the Christmas Party organised on 17th December 1994. I am sorry for this cancellation but have thought it wise to cancel due to the proximity of the two events.

#### **BARBECUE AT TALOSA PARK:**

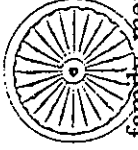
A barbecue is organised on **29th January 1995 at the Talosa Park, Glenorchy at 11.00 p.m.** Hut No 12 is reserved for the members and everybody is requested to come up and enjoy either playing or watching a cricket match and ofcourse a good feed..

#### **EVENTS IN HOBART:**

The International Wall of Friendship Development Committee celebrated the second anniversary of the wall of Friendship on 29th October 1994. All the ethnic communities of Tasmania attended the anniversary including the members of the Society in their colourful national dresses. **A photograph on the opposite page shows some of the members of the Society who attended the morning ceremony.** A dinner & dance party on the same evening was also well attended by the ethnic communities and some of the committee members and other members represented the Society for the occasion.

Mr & Mrs Brij & Indu Datta had organised Dipawali Prayers & Party at their residence on 5th November 1994 and the phonograph on the opposite page shows some of the ladies in their colourful costumes.

**This year is the International Year For The Family** and those of us who are brought up according to our Eastern tradition of family values and joint family system appreciate the importance of the family and its virtues. Many roots of evil in the world to-day is due to the degradation and erosion of the family values and togetherness. Let us hope that this eastern tradition of Family Unit is revived and accepted throughout the world. While many of our members have their parents and other family members in India there are some privileged members at the moment who



are with their parents and other family members. Photographs on the back page show the members of the Datta & Thambirajah family. I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sivaparkiyar Thambirajah who is visiting from Sri Lanka and Mr & Mrs Inderjeeth from South Africa to Hobart, Tasmania and wish them a happy and memorable stay with their kins here.

#### **PLEASANT TRIP & HAPPY FAMILY REUNION:**

Many members of the Society have left Australia to spend time with their families overseas recently. I wish the following members a pleasant trip and good times with their families:

Dr Rashida Khan has gone to South Africa with Zihad & Zaheer & Mr Osman Khan is leaving soon to join them.

Mr & Mrs Awadesh Sharma and the family members have gone to India to visit their family.

Mr Brij Datta has gone to India for a short visit to attend the marriages in the family.

Mr Ujwal Datta & Mrs Sangeeta Datta have gone to India on holidays & attend family marriages.

Mr Iftikar Aziz has visited Pakistan and has returned back to Australia.

Mr Bejoy Datta & Sunita Datta have returned from India and are at Gosford NSW visiting their other daughter Susmita and are expected to return to Hobart soon.

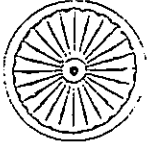
Miss Sonia Sangha who was the committee member of the Society has left for her home city Melbourne after writing her University Examination recently and may continue her studies there. She is going to India soon with her family members.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

After having rather a successful start this year when 5 new members joined the Society as reported in my last Newsletter only two members have joined the Society since then. I have been sending the newsletters to some 20 prospective new members and while about seven have joined the Society others are invited to join the Society and am sending them this newsletter once more to remind to take the action.

I welcome Dr & Mrs Amien who have come to settle down in Hobart from South Africa and have joined the Society.

Mr & Mrs Meher-Homaji Xerxes & Purveen who had gone to Brisbane with Sheraton Hotel have returned to Hobart and have rejoined the Society. Xerxes has been promoted to the position of Chief Manager of Sheraton Hobart Hotel and On behalf of the Society I welcome them and Congratulate to Xerxes for the career achievement.



### **INDIAN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA:**

There are at the present two Indian Newspapers published in Australia. One is Indian Down-Under published by Ms Nina Badhwar of Sydney and the other one is Indian Voice published by Mr Raj Dudeja from Melbourne. Both the newspapers carry latest news from India and cover the activities and events of Indians from all the States from Australia including ours. They are both a good value for the annual subscription of only \$15.0 and recommend the interested members to subscribe. If you need further information and address for forwarding subscription please ring me on 235226(Home) & 333155(Business).

### **BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE:**

Mrs Jean Singal has retired as a teacher from Brent Street Primary School Glenorchy in May 1994. Most of us know that Jean has been one of the very dedicated and silent workers behind the scene in our functions. I wish Jean & Abnash who also retired as a teacher after 32 years of service in December 1990 very happy and enjoyable retirement life. Abnash seems to be even more busier than when he was working as anybody who rings for him at home gets the usual answer "He has gone to play the balls at the club". As a professional Bridge Engineer I have built many bridges around the world in steel and concrete but my hat off to the cultural bridge Jean (UK) & abnash(INDIA) have built through their marriage years. Well done & All the best wishes for you Jean & Abnash.

Mr Karle Underwood, the executive Officer of the Tasmanian Government's Multicultural Affairs Office has retired on 2nd November 1994 after eighteen years of service. Most of us know Karle and appreciate help and guidance he has offered to the Society. I wish him all the best in his retirement and thank him for providing & allowing me to distribute the attached history of Indian/Tasmanian connection which he has compiled over the years.

Dinesh Patel