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Welcome to 2007-2008 Fiscal Year

Report since Nababarsha

Bichitra Annual General Body Meeting was held on April 21st 2007 at Grissom Middle School, Sterling Heights. A new governing body was elected and has taken charge for 2007-08. A Handover meeting was held on May 4th 2007 between the representatives of the past Executive Committee members and the current Executive Committee members. The official transition process has been completed.

We would like to thank our President for 2006-07 Mr. Gopal Roy and Governing Body members for 2006-07 and all volunteers for their untiring efforts last year. Because of their compassionate style, able guidance and hard work, Bichitra is more closely knit today.

Bichitra Annual Picnic 2007

Saturday, August 25, 2007, 11:30-7:30PM

@ Raintree Park (Troy)

Picnic event Chairperson Sutapa Santra has chosen a spot for picnic which is **safe for children**. It also has a play area for children. The Raintree park site has lot of trees which would offer shade. Shade is important as we chose a site for this year picnic which does not have a lake.

Menu:

Chicken Biryani, Singara, Gulab Jamun, Chanachur Muri, Chola, Tea, Watermelon

Chicken/ Turkey hotdogs for kids; Vegetable Rice Pulau, Paneer for vegetarians

SAFETY FIRST +

Bichitra Governing Body 2007-2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Shampa Mukhopadhyay
Vice President	Hirak Chanda
Deputy President	Shampa Ghosh
Secretary	Keshav Rakshit
Associate Secretary	Debjani Nayak
Assistant Secretary	Snehasis Ganguly
Treasurer	Debangshu Majumdar
Associate Treasurer	Sutapa Santra
Assistant Treasurer	Amitabha Chatterjee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Principal Advisor	Gopal Roy
Senior Advisor	Suranjeeta Dhar
Junior Advisor	Pranab Saha

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Principal Preserver	Pankaj K. Mallick
Senior Preserver	Utpal Dutta
Junior Preserver	Prosanto Hazra

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Principal Planner	Debkumar Bonnerjee
Senior Planner	Ramu Chatterjee
Junior Planner	Sreemati Hazra

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Principal Auditor	Satyen Basu
Senior Auditor	Shyama Halder
Junior Auditor	Sudha Bhattacharyya

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Principal Organizer	Pradipta Ghosh
Senior Organizer	Anindya Roy
Junior Organizer	Prantosh Nag

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DURGA PUJA



Raintree Park Details:

Location: 3179 Livernois, Troy, MI 48083; on west side of John R between Big Beaver and Wattles
<http://www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/Parks/Raintree.asp>
Phone: 248.524.3484

Directions: From I-75 North, take the Big Beaver East Exit, Take north on John R Road, The Park will be on the left side

Picnic Timeline Details:

- 11:30 to 1:00 – Chanachur Muri, Chola, tea etc
- 1:00 to 3:00pm – Chicken Biryani, Singara, Gulab Jamun, Chicken or Turkey hotdogs for kids; Vegetable Rice Pulau, Paneer for vegetarians
- 1:00 to 4:00 – Sports Time
- 3:00 to 5:00 – Watermelon Time
- 4:00 to 7:00 – Adda, Music, Cultural Time

The donations are as follows:

	Member	Non-Member
Family	\$25.00	\$30.00
Single	\$15.00	\$20.00
Student	Single: \$5 and Family: \$10	

Note: There is no charge for members who have paid the one time membership fee.

If possible please RSVP for Picnic by August 15, 2007. This will help us in better managing food and other arrangements. Please contact Mrs. Sutapa Santra at 248 931 8102 or by email at sutapasantra@yahoo.com to inform her about the number of individuals (including kids) from your family attending the Picnic.

During picnic the Parents have the responsibility to keep their children safe. Parents are requested to keep a vigilant eye on their children.



Durga Puja is the most celebrated event in the Bengali Calendar. This year's Durga Puja will be celebrated during **October 19th 2007 to October 21, 2007** at Avondale Middle School in Rochester Hills. Puja chairperson is **Mrs. Suranjeeta Dhar (248) 347-1870 (sdhar1_178@yahoo.com)**. If you would like to influence the Durga Puja event then this is time to act. You may send your ideas about puja procedures, cultural programs, food and fundraising to the Chairperson.

Another important area is to volunteer for the Puja preparation and event. We would recommend that people take one role so that they can provide value. Volunteering helps you to develop relationships in the community. It is also an excellent way to develop social network in the Bengali community. If your children or family members would like to take part in cultural program, please reach out to the Chairperson at the earliest. People with religious inclination might want to take part in early morning pujan jogar or in preparing bhog for Mother Durga.

The Chairperson would also like to hear from you how her team could service the needs of senior members and guests.

OBITUARY

Soumithra Chakraborty, the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Subhas Chakraborty, passed away on July 22, 2007 from a tragic accident. He was only 9 years old.

Bichitra Pathbhaban students created an Art-Portfolio titled "Remembering Soumithra". The Art-Portfolio presents priceless memories of his last cultural performances to his parents.

Our beloved Dipali Di (Dipali Mittra) passed away peacefully on Monday, July 30, 2007. She was 73. We will miss her presence like no other.

Bichitra expresses extreme sorrow at the loss of these lives and extend deep sympathy to their families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Viswajit & Kari Chatterji have a baby boy, Chetan, born on June 12, 2007. Mother and baby are fine.