



Bichitra



Welcome to 2008-2009 Fiscal Year

A NON-PROFIT RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

In the last General Body meeting on April 19, 2008, a new governing body was elected and has taken responsibility for 2008-09. On behalf of the new committee, I would like to thank the 2007-08 President Ms. Shampa Mukhopadhyay and all the members of the Governing Body for their untiring efforts last year. Because of their compassionate style we are much more closely knit today, and we would like to continue that.

We started this with an unfortunate news – the tragic automobile accident of Kaushik Deb and five of his friends (who all used to live in the Metro Detroit area) on May 10, 2008, in Pennsylvania. I have spoken with his family in India, and they are doing the best they can under the circumstances.

I do not know how well everyone knew Kaushik, but this tells me how fragile we are and how precious our lives are. So let's make the best of it – let's come together and resolve our issues, so we can have a better Bengali community for the future generations to come.

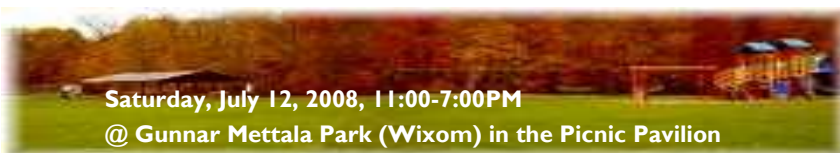
With the gasoline price over \$4/gal, and the Michigan economy the way it is, we need to be shrewd so we can get the best of everything. We are trying to have good programs at the best price and keep our cost to a minimum. This newsletter discusses about the picnic and gives you some information on Path Bhaban's Silver Jubilee and the Durga Puja. Our other programs for this fiscal year that have been decided so far are:

- ◆ Christmas Party, Friday December 12, 2008*
- ◆ Saraswati Puja, Saturday January 31, 2009
- ◆ Nababarsha, Saturday, April 18, 2009

Friends, I would like to hear from you. I would like to know what we could do for you that you would like. Together we can make a difference and build a better community.

*Christmas Party will be chaired by Debjani Nayak

Bichitra Annual Picnic 2008



Saturday, July 12, 2008, 11:00-7:00PM

@ Gunnar Mettala Park (Wixom) in the Picnic Pavilion

Picnic event Chairperson Chaity Nath has chosen an excellent spot for picnic in the city of Wixom. The park is comprised of 65 acres. Gunnar Mettala Park offers: nature study areas, playground, soccer fields, youth ball diamond, sand volleyball, basketball, inline skate area, tennis court, fitness trails. Please come to the Bichitra's Annual Family Picnic for an afternoon of fun and games! Help us cook some Indian gourmet food together at the picnic site and have fun.

We will be in a pavilion, so rain or shine, we will be dry. We can be outdoors under the sun as well as under the shade in the pavilion.

Menu:

Appetizers: Ghugni, Singara, Jhaal muri

Main Course: Pulao, Chicken curry, Daal, Navratan Korma, Salad, Chicken/ Turkey hotdogs for kids and whoever is interested.

Watermelon, soft drinks, juice, tea, and coffee.

Dessert: Ice Cream



Bichitra Governing Body 2008-2009

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Pranab Saha
Vice President	Sudipta Datta
Deputy President	Debjani Nayak
Secretary	Sudip Nath
Associate Secretary	Paromita Chakravarty
Assistant Secretary	Swati Chakrabarti
Treasurer	Sutapa Santra
Associate Treasurer	Debangshu Majumdar
Assistant Treasurer	Chaity Nath

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Principal Advisor	Suranjeeta Dhar
Senior Advisor	Gopal Roy
Junior Advisor	Somnath Mukhopadhyay

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Principal Preserver	Utpal Dutta
Senior Preserver	Prosanto Hazra
Junior Preserver	Ashis Gowasmi

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Principal Planner	Ramu Chatterjee
Senior Planner	Sreemati Hazra
Junior Planner	Satyen Basu

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Principal Auditor	Shyama Halder
Senior Auditor	Sudha Bhattacharyya
Junior Auditor	Amitabha Sur

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Principal Organizer	Anindya Roy
Senior Organizer	Sandip Chatterjee
Junior Organizer	Amitabha Chatterjee

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Principal Organizer	Shampa Ghosh
Senior Organizer	Shampa Mukhopadhyay
Junior Organizer	Maitreyee Paul



GUNNAR PARK DETAILS:

Location: 645 Mettala Dr, Wixom, MI; within ¼ of a mile from Beck Road and Maple Road.

Phone: 248-624-2850 (please note that the office may not be open on Saturday)

Directions: From I-96,

Exit on Beck Rd (North), continue for 1.5 miles, turn west (left) on to Maple Rd, continue for approx 0.25 mile, park is on the south (left) side.

From Commerce and Walled Lake,

Pontiac Trail West, turn North (right) on to Beck Rd, continue 0.5 mile, turn west (left) on to Maple Rd, continue for approx 0.25 mile, park is on the south (left) side.

Picnic Timeline Details:

11:00 to 1:00 – Start with snacks and appetizers

1:00 to 3:00pm – Lunch

3:00 to 4:00 – Sports Time

4:00 to 5:00 – Watermelon Time

5:00 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 July 5, 2008. This will help us in better managing food and other arrangements. Please contact Mrs. Chaity Nath at 248-449-6617 or by email at chaitysudip@gmail.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 2008

Durga Puja is the most celebrated event in the Bengali Calendar. This year's Durga Puja will be celebrated during **October 10-12 2008** at Beer Middle School - 3200 Martin Rd., Warren, MI 48092. Puja chairperson is Mr. Sudipta Datta at (248) 528-0626 (sudipta_datta@yahoo.com). He has already formed his task force and has solicited individuals to help him make this event a successful one. However, he would like your assistance, should you be

able to help him with thoughts and ideas. We want this to be **OUR PUJA**, and would like to hear from you. You may send your ideas about puja procedures, cultural programs, food and fundraising to the Chairperson. He will direct this to the proper responsible individuals.

A few things are already in motion. These include a play (after several years of absence), a debate by young members of Bichitra on a current topic, and participation by national and international artists.

Sudip Nath (sudip.nath@gmail.com, 248-449-6617) is chairing the cultural program and is making arrangements for E-Tv/Zee Tv famed Ms. Sumana Chakrabarty to be here during the Durga Puja. She mostly sings Sandhya Mukhopadhyay's songs as well as other varieties of Bangla Adhunik songs, popular hindi songs and her own songs. Sumana's profile is available at

<http://dreamzindia.com/sumanachakrabarty>. Mr. Sudha Ranjan Bhattacharyya is directing and choreographing the play titled "Nutjamai" by Goutom Ray.

Another important area is members' participation in the Puja preparation and the event. We would recommend that people take one role so that they can provide value.

Volunteering is instrumental in developing relationships and social networking in the 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 are welcome 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 his team could service the needs of senior members and guests.

NEWS

This year Path Bhaban (Bichitra's Bangla school) turns 25. On that occasion, Path Bhaban will celebrate its Silver Jubilee in August 2008. This will be a two-day event, August 16-17, 2008. On Saturday, there will be dignitaries from other parts of the country and our own teachers, parents and students will take part in various discussions on the Bangla school activities in this country - the need, the challenges, the success, the gratifying pleasure, and how we are planning to bring Bengalis and non-Bengalis together for learning the culture. On Sunday, there will be a lunch cruise (this is a part of Path Bhaban field trip) on the Clinton River. More information available at the Bichitra website:

www.Bichitra.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Sagnik De, Rahul Bonnerjee, Neha Chatterjee, Konok Biswas, and Saikat Khastogir are graduating from High School this year. Congratulations to them on their new journey in Life. If we missed any names please let us know and we will announce that.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please let us know any information that we can share with the Bengali community. *Thank You!*