



NetSAP DC Weekly News
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Here is your NetSAP DC Newsletter for this week.

In The News...

NetSAP DC Members will save \$35 in discounts on events in April alone and have saved a total of \$60 in event costs since the beginning of the year!

Our April events will include a Concert by Indian Ocean, a new NetSAP DC Dinner Circle and a joint event with TiE DC. Details on each event will follow.

To learn more about the benefits of membership, please visit www.netsap.org. In addition to our special programs and many discounts, membership provides you access to a diverse range of programming by our outstanding Committees, appealing to a wide array of interests.

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CALENDAR: Check out the NetSAP Calendar, which will provide you with the latest details on upcoming events! [Follow this link to go to the Calendar.](#)

EXECUTIVE BOARD: JOIN THE NETSAP 2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD! We have an opening for the **Webmaster** position. Do you want to lead NetSAP DC's online initiatives? Are you looking for a creative outlet for your website ideas? Do you want to join our team? Please e-mail vp@netsap.org for details.

MEMBERSHIP: [Become a NetSAP-DC Member Today!](#)

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NETSAP EVENTS Details

SPORTS COMMITTEE: FLAG FOOTBALL, Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 2:00 pm

Come join us for an afternoon of flag football. This event is open to all members AND non-members, both male and female. Please feel free to invite anyone.

DATE: Sunday, April 9, 2006

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: 1200 South Fern Street, Arlington, VA, 22202. Field is right across from the Costco.

METRO: Pentagon City (Blue / Yellow lines).

WHAT TO BRING: Athletic attire, an extra t-shirt to be used as a flag and rehydration fluids.

RSVP: Please email sports@netsap.org for any questions / comments.

BOOK CLUB: "If You Are Afraid of Heights" by Raj Kamal Jha, Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 6:30pm

BOOK&AUTHOR: If you are afraid of heights by Raj Kamal Jha

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2006

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION/HOST: Gaurang Hirpara, 2791 Centerboro Dr. #276, Vienna, VA 22181. Phone: 717-682-0319

DIRECTIONS: 495 (Beltway) to 66 W. Take Nutley St. (RT. 243) North exit. Left at 1st TL onto Virginia Center Blvd. Centerboro Dr. will be on the right in ~1/4 mile.

PARKING: Street and very top level of condo garage. (Condo name is Marquis at Vienna Station, directly across the street from the north parking lot of the Vienna metro station)

METRO: Orange Line (Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station)

RSVP: Please email ghirpara@yahoo.com at least 3 days prior to the meeting to help plan meal/seating.

If you do confirm your attendance, as a common courtesy to our host, please call/email our host if your plans change.

INDIAN OCEAN CONCERT: The Magical Music of Indian Ocean

Indian Ocean is a contemporary fusion music band from Northern India. Some music critics describe the Indian Ocean music as "Indo-rock fusion with jazz-spiced rhythms that integrates Sufism, shlokas, environmentalism, mythology and revolution". Indian Ocean has performed over 250 concerts all over the world including several performances in London, Tokyo, Germany, Singapore, Dubai, Indonesia and cities around the U.S. In addition, the band has played at the New Zealand Arts Festival, at the Melbourne Arts Festival, the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival. Check out their music at: <http://www.indianoceanmusic.com>. When Indian Ocean Sings, the Soul Speaks...

DATE: April 17, 2006

TIME: 7:30pm

COST: (Member / Non-Member): NetSAP has received a limited number of tickets for \$25. Regular ticket prices are: \$35, \$50, \$100 & \$25 for students. Follow this link to receive the NetSAP discount: <http://netsap.kintera.org/indianocean>

LOCATION: Amphitheater, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004

METRO: Federal Triangle (Blue, Orange)

PARKING: Garage & Street

RSVP: If you have questions, please e-mail vp@netsap.org.

TiE-DC, NVTC & NETSAP-DC: Getting Past the First Mile: Learning from Experience, Thursday, April 27, 2006, 6:30 pm

Are you in the early stages of business building, or thinking about starting a business from the ground up?

Learn from the experience of TiE-DC Charter Members and successful CEOs as they speak about what pitfalls to avoid and what it takes to create a successful enterprise.

TiE-DC, along with the Network of South Asian Professionals - Washington DC (NetSAP DC) and with the support of the Entrepreneur Center @NVTC, is proud to announce a Panel Discussion on Getting Past the First Mile of starting a business, featuring a panel of TiE-DC Charter Members, to take place April 27th (6:30-9:30 pm) at the Ritz-Carlton in Pentagon City. The panel of speakers will include

- Prashanth Viswanath Boccasam, President & CEO of Approva Corporation
- Ram Mattapalli, President and Co-Founder of Zolon Tech
- Anand Das, Chief Technical Officer of Commerce Events, Inc.
- Ram Mukunda, Founder and CEO of Startec Global

This special event will focus on business strategies for emerging entrepreneurs, as illustrated by the personal experiences of these successful businessmen. We truly hope that you can join us for this special panel and learn from the experiences and stories of entrepreneurs who have made it through the First Mile to find success.

DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2006

TIME: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

COST: Registration is available online. \$55 for Non-members, \$35 for TiE-DC, NetSAP, NVTC members.

LOCATION: Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA

RSVP: Please email Jennifer at jennifer@tie-dc.org for more information or visit our website at <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=9c3b90b4-10d4-4663-b361-bdf8227fcf81%20>

COMMUNITY SERVICE: StreetWise Partners

StreetWise Partners (SWP) is a non-profit organization which provides one-on-one job training and mentoring to low-income and/or unemployed individuals through weekly skills-building sessions with volunteers recruited from prominent corporations and organizations. SWP's first session in Washington, DC will begin in March and will include 10 sessions covering topics such as PowerPoint, Excel, Word, résumés, interviewing skills, etc. The program requires mentors to commit three hours each Saturday from 11am – 2 pm for the program (tentatively to be held in Chinatown). To learn more about the program, please visit www.streetwisepartners.org.

Because of the varied professional skills set held by Net-SAP members, an impressive opportunity to enhance the life prospects of these individuals exists. Net-SAP members who wish to use and impart their daily professional skills to improve the lives of disadvantaged individuals should definitely apply to volunteer for this program. For more information about getting involved and the application form, please visit our webpage: http://www.netsap.org/committees_community.htm.

LOCATION: Washington DC (Exact location is TBD)

CONTACT: Email Irene Chiao (ichiao@gmail.com) or John Soleanicov (jsoleani@yahoo.com) for additional information. You may also email community@netsap.org for questions and additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Details

CHARITY BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE: Volunteers Needed!!!

This year's charity ball planning is already underway, but we need your help! We are holding this year's charity ball will be totally different from years past with a totally different venue and atmosphere.

We are looking for people to help in all aspects of planning including:

- Entertainment (Date Auction, Casino, Special Guests, etc.)
- Site logistics (Venue communications, decorations, contracts)
- Catering (Food and drink logistics)
- Marketing (ticket sales, flyers, communications)

If you are interested please email pr@netsap.org or liaison@netsap.org and specify if there is anything in particular you would like to help out with. We will hold a meeting next week to discuss what we need to do.

SALTAF'06 COMMITTEE: Planning Meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 7:00pm

The SALTAF Committee is responsible for planning and coordinating all details involved with the

phenomenally successful South Asian Literary and Theater Arts Festival. This is an annual event hosted at the Smithsonian and it features prominent South Asian writers, filmmakers and artists and draws hundreds of South Asians from across the East Coast to DC each fall. SALTAF provides authors, filmmakers, literary and theatre professionals the opportunity to interact with their audience. Bibliophiles, cinema fans and young professionals can explore the creative process with professional artists and discover outlets for their own creative aspirations. SALTAF celebrates the achievements of South Asians in the literature and arts and it has become one of NetSAP DC's most recognized and renowned flagship events.

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2006

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Caribou Coffee, 1800 M St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20036. (Corner of 18th and M.)

METRO: Farragut North or Dupont Circle (Red Line) or Farragut West (Blue/Orange Lines)

PARKING: Street Parking or Parking Garages in the area.

RSVP/Questions: AN RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR THIS MEETING. Please email Dina Khemlani at saltaf@netsap.org if you plan to attend. Contact Dina Khemlani or saltaf@netsap.org or 202-215-2586 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Details

Please note that the events below are listed as a service to our members. The views expressed in the following activities and by the groups listed below are not shared or endorsed by NetSAP DC.

(1) South Asia Studies: India's Institutions: The Race Between Rot and Regeneration, Arvind Subramanian, Friday, April 7, 2006, 12:30 pm

Arvind Subramanian is a Division Chief in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund. He obtained his undergraduate degree from St. Stephens College, Delhi, his MBA from the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad, India, and his M.Phil. and Ph.D from the University of Oxford, U.K. Previously, he has worked at the World Trade Organization and taught at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

He has written on development, institutions, foreign aid, trade, the WTO, and India.

DATE: Friday, April 7, 2006

TIME: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Rome 812, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20036

RSVP: Please email your contact details and affiliation to southasia@jhu.edu.

(2) Gandhi Memorial Center Presents: An Evening of Indian Classical Music: Sunday, April 9, 2006, 5:00pm

The Gandhi Memorial Center presents an evening of Indian classical 'Dhrupad' music featuring The

Gundecha Brothers: Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha, vocals; and Akhilesh Gundecha, pakhawaj. Shubha Sankaran will play instrumental `Dhrupad' on the surbahar, accompanied by Akhilesh Gundecha, for the opening performance. Note: Dhrupad is the most ancient style of Hindustani classical music that has survived until today in its original form. The Dhrupad tradition is a major heritage of Indian culture. The nature of Dhrupad music is spiritual, seeking not to entertain, but to induce feelings of peace and contemplation in the listener. It is a form of devotional music that traces its origin to the ancient text of the Sam Veda. One significant characteristic of Dhrupad is the emphasis on maintaining the purity of the Ragas and the Swaras. The program at the Gandhi Center is made possible by the generous contribution of Verinder and Manjula Kumar.

DATE: April 9, 2006

TIME: 5:00pm

COST: FREE

LOCATION: Golden Lotus Temple, at the Gandhi Memorial Center, 4748 Western Ave., Bethesda, MD

CONTACT: For more information, please call (301) 229-3871 or send an e-mail to resources@gandhimc.org or go to www.gandhimc.org

(3) DESILIT MAGAZINE: SUBMIT ARTICLES AND GET PAID, Deadline, April 30, 2006

DesiLit Magazine is seeking submissions for its premier issue. We are a paying magazine committed to creating a forum for exceptional contemporary writing and art focused on South Asia and the Diaspora. Contributors do not have to be of South Asian origin to submit.

We are currently looking for essays, fiction, humor, poetry, reviews, and art. Full guidelines can be found at: <http://desilit.com/magazine.html>

Deadline for the summer inaugural issue: April 30, 2006.

(4) WANTED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Samantha Franco, a recruiter for a language interpretation company in Portland, Oregon, is currently looking for Gujarati, Punjabi or Hindi speakers who would be able to interpret for medical and business exchanges by phone. Some prior experience in the medical field is required. Telephone interpretation is a great way for someone to supplement their income and it can be done from their home or office. Also, we will only call during the dates and times that the interpreter requests us to contact him/ her. We offer competitive rates and the opportunity for Gujarati, Punjabi or Hindi - English speakers to assist non-English speaking members of their community. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position please contact Ms. Franco or visit their website at www.pacificinterpreters.com.

Do you have ideas, suggestions or questions? E-mail: info@netsap.org