



NetSAP DC Weekly News
April 25, 2006

Here are the highlights of NetSAP DC's activities for this week.

IN THE NEWS...

ATTENTION NetSAP DC MEMBERS:

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

Our April events will include a new NetSAP DC Dinner Circle and a joint event with TiE DC. Details on each event are included below.

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

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NetSAP DC DINNER CIRCLE: Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 8:00pm

Have you been searching for the opportunity to meet and get to know other South Asian professionals in the Washington DC area? Are you the type that prefers small dinners with friends over raucous nights out at the clubs? Well, then come participate in our monthly NetSAP Dinner Circle event! These small group dinners are designed to provide comfortable, intimate settings where young professionals with similar interests can have meaningful conversations and expand their social and professional relationships. The dinners are primarily targeted at those with at least a few years of work experience, but all are welcome to attend.

The response to our first Dinner Circle event has been outstanding and registration is now closed. However, this is just the first of many and we invite you to join us for next month's Dinner Circle. Details will follow soon.

If you have any questions about the event, please email dinner@netsap.org.

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2006

TIME: 8:00pm

LOCATION: Restaurants in the Dupont Circle Area – Details sent via email after registration

METRO: Dupont Circle (Red) and Farragut West (Blue, Orange)

PARKING: Garage & Street

RSVP: Please e-mail dinner@netsap.org

NetSAP DC, TiE-DC & NVTC: 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>

Please e-mail vp@netsap.org to receive the NetSAP DC Members Discount Code

COMMUNITY SERVICE/MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE: Streetwise Partners - Looking for Volunteer Interviewers, Mock Interview Day, Saturday, April 29, 2006, 11:00 am

StreetWise Partners, New York-based non-profit currently expanding into the DC area, will be holding a Mock Interview Day on April 29, 2006. During the event, volunteer corporate professionals conduct 4 practice interviews with low income or unemployed individuals looking for office-related employment. A portion of the interviewees are part of StreetWise's mentorship program. **Interested volunteers should email Irene Chiao at ichiao@gmail.com as soon as possible, since volunteer space will be limited.**

StreetWise Partners is an innovative 501(c)(3) organization founded in New York City. SWP provides one-on-one job training and mentoring to low-income and/or unemployed individuals through intensive weekly skill-building sessions with volunteers recruited from prominent corporations and organizations. SWP currently works with over 500 volunteers and trains over 250 clients annually in the New York metro area. Motivated by its success in New York, SWP launched a 10-week pilot session in Washington, DC in early March. For more information, please visit www.streetwisepartners.org. Also for more detailed information on getting involved with the program on a more long-term basis, please visit our webpage: http://www.netsap.org/committees_community.htm.

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2006

TIME: 11:00 am

LOCATION: Washington DC (Exact location is TBD)

CONTACT: Irene Chiao (ichiao@gmail.com) or John Soleaniov (jsoleani@yahoo.com) or

community@netsap.org for additional information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/MENTORSHIP & SPORTS COMMITTEES: March of Dimes WalkAmerica, Sunday, April 30, 2006

March of Dimes is an organization whose mission it is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Every year, March of Dimes holds its largest fundraiser, WalkAmerica. Proceeds from WalkAmerica support the March of Dimes mission through research, education, community services, and advocacy.

DATE: There will be several walks held on the week of April 23-30 in the metro DC area (including several Virginia locations). Our team will most likely be walking on Sunday, April 30, 2006

TIME: 9:00am

COST (Member / Non-Member): None, except team should expect to fundraise for the walk.

LOCATION: Sylvan Theatre, The National Mall, 15th Street & Independence Avenue, Washington, DC

METRO: Smithsonian (Blue, Orange)

RSVP: For a more complete schedule providing dates, times, and locations, please visit http://www.marchofdimes.com/metrodc/5233_10848.asp. If you are interested in participating, please contact either community@netsap.org or sports@netsap.org with your name and contact information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: "Searching for Asian America" Film, Thursday, May 4, 2006, 6:30 pm

May is *Asian Pacific American Heritage Month*. WETA's *Program Preview Club* will help celebrate this event by joining forces with the Arlington Central Library's Cross Cultural Cinema. Join us for a screening of "Searching for Asian America" at the Central Library Auditorium.

The film, a production of NAATA (National Asian American Telecommunications Association) and KVIE, WETA's sister station in Sacramento, profiles three Asian-Americans, who describe the challenges and rewards of belonging to two different cultures.

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2006

TIME: 6:30pm

COST (Member / Non-Member): Free

LOCATION: Central Library Auditorium: 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Virginia

PARKING: Street Parking

RSVP/CONTACT: community@netsap.org

NetSAP DC, Filmiyana Entertainment & SANA: 2006 US National Tour, "The Gurus of Comedy", Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 8:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Are you ready to laugh harder than ever before? Don't miss your chance to see some of the best and brightest new South Asian comics in America! You'll never know what they will say next of what surprise guests might just pop in. Sit back and enjoy this delirious show, get ready for an evening full of laughter!!!

DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2006

TIME: Two Shows: 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

LOCATION: Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203

COST: \$21.00, General Admission. **Two item minimum per person.** NetSAP DC MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT. Contact sponsorship@netsap.org for details.

CONTACT/TICKETS: Please visit http://www.filmiyana.com/gurusofcomedy/2006/GoC_2006_DC.htm to purchase tickets online and for more information.

BOOK CLUB: Feast of Roses, Indu Sundaresan, Thursday, May 11, 2006, 7:00 pm

MAY'S BOOK: Feast of Roses by Indu Sundaresan

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2006

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Sanyukta Mathur's (host) place, 1744 U Street, NW, Unit F, Washington DC 20009, Ph: 202-332-5149. Apartment is located on U Street between 17th and 18th Street.

METRO: Dupont Circle North (Red Line) or U Street/Cardozo (Green Line). Only street parking is available.

RSVP: Please RSVP at least 3 days in advance to our host to plan for meal/seating arrangements to sanyuktam@yahoo.com. However suggest to RSVP early in case this meeting is above the host's space capacity and a waitlist may be necessary.

For all enquiries about the Book Club please click [here](#). Past and Future reading lists as well as general Book Club details are listed.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: Side-Out Foundation Volleyball Tournament, June 3 & 4, 2006

Join NetSAP members and help raise money for the Side-Out Foundation 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament being held in Reston, VA. Last year, it is through support such as this that the Foundation was able to distribute over \$15,000 to INOVA Cancer services research division. **We are trying to form a team for this event so please RSVP by contacting the email addresses below before you register!**

DATE: June 3rd and 4th, 2006

TIME: TBA

LOCATION: Reston, Virginia - [Side-Out Tournament website](#)

RSVP and CONTACT info: Email sports@netsap.org for more information. Further information will be given after RSVP.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America DC Guts and Glory Walk, Sunday, June 11, 2006, 9:00 am

Join the NetSAP team and help raise money for research to eradicate IBD at the 16th Annual Guts & Glory Walk to be held at the Tidal Basin Trail, Washington, DC. The walk starts at 9:00am following the trail around the Tidal Basin, past the Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson Monuments and paddleboats ending back at the Sylvan Theater. You can either donate or better yet, PARTICIPATE!!

DATE: Sunday, June 11, 2006

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Tidal Basin trail, Washington DC - [visit the CCFA/NetSAP team page!](#)

PARKING: There is plenty of street parking in East Potomac Park plus various parking lots.

METRO: Smithsonian or L'Enfant Plaza stops

RSVP: Email sports@netsap.org for more information. **Do not register yet!** Further information will be given after RSVP. Please direct all inquiries to Sonya Mazumdar at sports@netsap.org for further info.

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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
- Site logistics
- Catering
- Marketing

If you are interested please email pr@netsap.org or liaison@netsap.org and specify how you would like to be involved.

SALTAF'06 COMMITTEE: Planning Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 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 26, 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 at 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 Asian Journalists Association (SAJA): Book Reading, April 25, 2006, 7:00pm

Join the South Asian Journalists Association - DC Chapter (SAJA-DC) for a riveting and first-ever book reading and tour by Indian best-selling author Upamanyu Chatterjee as he commemorates the first US release of his groundbreaking book, "English, August".

Note: Published in India in 1988, "English, August" was an immediate and enormous bestseller there. It gave voice to the Indian Generation X: an urban generation that strived to find balance between Indian traditions and western influences. Agastya (nickname August) is a child of the Indian elite. After college graduation, he joins the IAS and is sent to Madna, a provincial town reputed to be the hottest place in India. The story traces Agastya's new life in the Indian back-country, from his amusing and often eccentric co-bureaucrats, to his sexual fantasies and capacity for drinking. Agastya's effort to figure out a place in the world is fraught with comic

missteps and yet he is as frustrated with his own restlessness as he is with anything else. "English, August" is a spiritual quest and comic revue rarely seen.

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2006

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Olsson's Books, Lansburgh at Penn Quarter, 418 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Ph: 202-638-7610.

PARKING:

METRO: Gallery Place (Green, Red, Yellow) or Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter (Green, Yellow)

(2) Art of Living: Free Introductory Sessions, Tuesday, April 25, 2006 & Thursday, April 27, 2006

Know Breath. Know Life – Discover the Art of Living. Join the Art of Living for FREE introductory sessions on Tuesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 27th. The Art of Living Foundation is an international, educational and humanitarian non-profit organization active in over 146 countries worldwide. For more information please visit their website: www.artofliving.org.

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2006 & Thursday, April 27, 2006

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Teatism, Lafayette Square, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006

CONTACT: For more information regarding the introductory sessions, call 806-535-6084 or email courses@artoflivingdc.org.

(3) Asia Society: The Rising Influence of South Asians in American Political Life, Friday, April 28, 2006, 12:00 pm

Kumar P. Barve, the Majority Leader in Maryland's state legislature, is the first person of Indian origin to be elected as a state legislator in United States history. First elected in 1990, and re-elected three times-in 1994, 1998, and 2002, Majority Leader Barve, age 43, is the longest serving elected official of Indian origin. He represents a district with a population of 110,000 in Montgomery County, the largest jurisdiction in the State of Maryland and is Chairman of the Montgomery County delegation. He won his last election by 62%. A graduate of Georgetown University, Barve is the CFO of two companies: QueBITS, a software development company, and Environmental Management Services, a company that cleans up toxic waste sites.

Sponsored by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Co-hosted with South Asian Journalists Association, DC Chapter (SAJA).

DATE: Friday, April 28, noon-2:00 pm

The St. Regis hotel, 923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC

TIME: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

COST: Asia Society & SAJA members, no charge; non-members, \$15. Lunch will be served.

Please note that non-member rates apply to guests.

LOCATION: St. Regis Hotel, 923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC

METRO: Farragut North (Red line) and McPherson Square (Blue, Orange Lines)

PARKING: Valet Parking at own expense. Street parking and other garages also available.

RSVP: For reservations, please telephone 202.833.ASIA. Please note that reservations are taken in the order received until the event is full. Reservations and payment required by noon, Tuesday, April 25. Payments not accepted at the door. Members of the press are required to register in advance. Reservations made at member rates may not be transferred to non-members without a price adjustment. Submission of a reservation obligates you to pay for an event, unless notice of cancellation is received by the reservation deadline. We regret that we are unable to issue refunds in the case of inclement weather. Reserved seats are held for 20 minutes after starting time.

(4) South Asia Studies: Politicization of Culture: Sufism a Binding Spirit, Navina Jafa, Friday, April 28, 2006

The presentation focuses on Sufism as popular Islam, and how it was and is used as a cultural tool to legitimize political rule symbolically, metaphorically and ritualistically. Considering the relationship between Sufism and the identities of Muslim musicians in Delhi, Dr. Jafa will also discuss how Sufism influences society through cultural expressions of music, festivals and charitable activities.

Dr. Navina Jafa is a Fulbright scholar in Arts Management at the Smithsonian Center for Folk Life and Cultural Heritage. Dr. Jafa earned her PhD – titled “Changing Economic and Patronage Patterns Influencing Living Cultures of Delhi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Rampur and Raigargh - 1750 to 1940” – from Jamia Milia Islamia in New Delhi. She is also trained as a classical dancer and an art historian, and is presently associated with Foundation for Arts, an NGO that has initiated rural development through handicrafts.

DATE: Friday, April 28, 2006

TIME: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Rome 806, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20036

RSVP: Please RSVP to **Jenika Kaul** at southasia@jhu.edu with “**RSVP-Jafa**” in the subject line.

(5) Art Of Living: The Yoga of Breath

The Art of Living Course has been enjoyed by over 4 million people of all backgrounds and traditions around the globe. It is proven to be one of the most effective courses for stress elimination worldwide. It integrates practical knowledge and techniques, ancient spiritual wisdom, and simple health practices.

The course features: a) Sudarshan Kriya – a unique healing breath technique; b) Meditation and powerful breathing techniques; c) Guided interactive processes and d) Yoga, stretching and relaxation exercises. Commonly reported results include: Greater ease and joy in personal relationships, increased enthusiasm and creativity, focus and clarity of mind and a deeper sense of community. Independent research findings also demonstrate that the course techniques: reduce levels of stress, relieve depression and anxiety, increase health, well-being and peace of mind.

DATES: April 28 – May 3, 2006

TIME: (All sessions must be attended) Friday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

COST: Special 25 year Anniversary gift – one time fee reduction from \$375 to \$200 (General) and \$100 (students with valid ID and retired seniors)

LOCATION: Washington DC (Exact location is TBD)

RSVP: Register online at www.artoflivingdc.org/springcourse.html or contact courses@artoflivingdc.org, 806-535-6084.

CONTACT: Please contact **Chris Smythe-Macaulay** at **202-387-8551** for additional information.

(6) CLT International Foundation, General Meeting, April 30, 2006

The mission of the CLT Foundation is: To build conducive, interactive and creative environments in education through community awareness, nutrition aids, and alternative educative means to

support children's education. Please join them on April 30, 2006 for a meeting to discuss their organization and goals for the year. Drinks and snacks will be served.

DATE: Sunday, April 30th

TIME: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Saroj Gandhi, 4101 Yerkes Place, Annandale, VA 22003

CONTACT: Please contact bhagya@cltindia.org with questions about the event

(7) Johns Hopkins University: Summer of Urdu Courses

Johns Hopkins University is proud to host another summer of Urdu courses in Washington DC. Urdu is one of the major languages of South Asia and the national language of Pakistan. Urdu is the dominant language of Muslim culture in South Asia and incorporates Persian and Arabic influences as well as sharing many characteristics with Hindi. JHU's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies through the South Asia Studies program is excited to offer this opportunity to professionals and graduate students to study Urdu at their Dupont Circle campus.

Instruction is multi-functional, allowing students to read and write in Urdu exclusively through the Nastaliq Perso-Arabic script. Students are also asked to build their speaking and listening proficiency through exposure to modern Urdu media and group activities. Instructional materials foster a communicative approach to language learning and reflect real-life circumstances. The courses are taught at the university level and are comparable to one semester's equivalent of Urdu.

Urdu Class timings for Summer 2006: June 3rd to August 5th

Elementary Urdu Saturday 9:30 am -12:00 pm, Tuesday 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Intermediate Urdu Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Seating is limited and closes June 3rd. To register please refer to the following link:

http://www.sais-jhu.edu/programs/asia/southasia/sa_language/urdu/urduregistration

If you have any questions please email the instructor Rubab Qureshi: rubab@sas.upenn.edu

We will hold two registration/workshops prior to the summer classes commencing on April 29th at 9:30 am and May 6th at 3:00 pm. These workshops will introduce the language and answer questions regarding registration, class structure, materials, and some script lessons. Workshops will be held at the SAIS campus off Dupont Circle in the Rome Building Room 200. To RSVP, please email the instructor at rubab@sas.upenn.edu.

(8) TiE-DC: "In the Crystal Ball: Recruitment," featuring Rob McGovern, founder and former CEO of Careerbuilder.com, Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 6:30 pm

TiE-DC presents "In the Crystal Ball: Recruitment," featuring Rob McGovern, founder and former CEO of [Careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com). Finding the right people is one of the most difficult parts of building your business. Let Rob McGovern, the builder of [Careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com), introduce you to new and cutting-edge methods of recruiting.

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2006

TIME: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner

EVENT REGISTRATION: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=35074312-4fe8-4fce-9b64-d284ba4e14e5>

CONTACT: Jennifer at jennifer@tie-dc.org

(9) Room to Read: Fundraiser, Thursday, May 4, 2006, 6:30 pm

Please join us for a fundraising event in honor of Room to Read. We'll share drinks, hors d'oeuvres and conversation with John Wood, Founder of Room to Read and author of Leaving Microsoft to Change the World.

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2006

TIME: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

LOCATION: The Law Offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 12th Floor, McLean, VA

CONTACT: Please visit www.roomtoread.org for more information.

(10) Asian Diversity Inc.: 5th Annual Asian Diversity Career Expo, May 1st – Santa Clara, California & May 5th – New York City, New York

Asian Diversity, Inc. (ADI) will hold its 5th Annual Asian Diversity Career Expo on May 5, 2006 at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and due to high demand, also at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California.

ADI's mission is to empower Asian American professionals in the workplace. To this purpose, we maintain an online career portal at www.asiandiversity.com and organize the largest recruiting events for Asian Americans in the U.S. Last year's Expo, sponsored by the New York Times, drew over eighty exhibiting companies and nearly five thousand job seekers.

Online pre-registration is free and highly encouraged (on-site registration is \$10 and must be closed when venue capacity is reached), and can be done at http://www.adiversity.com/events/jobseeker_reg/login.htm.

For more information, please visit our website at www.asiandiversity.com which will be frequently updated with information about our upcoming Career Expos or contact Diana Lee at (212) 465-8777, or at Diana.Lee@ADiversity.com if you have any questions.

(11) Book Release: Water by Bapsi Sidhwa, Washington DC, Friday, May 5, 2006

Bapsi Sidhwa, one of South Asia's finest writers, is the author of *Water*, a new novel based on Deepa Mehta's film of the same name. The critically acclaimed film and the book release in Washington, D.C. on May 5, 2006. The film will be in US cities through June and is distributed by Fox Searchlight. The book is available at Borders Bookstore and other stores nationwide, as well as on www.milkweed.org.

Set in 1938 colonial India against the backdrop of Mahatma Gandhi's rise to power, *Water* follows the life of eight-year-old Chuyia, a child-bride who is abandoned at a widows' ashram after the death of her husband. The impish girl disrupts daily life in the ashram and becomes a catalyst for change in the lives of the widows, including her friend, the beautiful widow-prostitute Kalyani, and her protector, Shakuntala, who discovers her hidden power.

(12) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: Pride & Heritage, Saturday, May 6, 2006

The 7th annual Pride & Heritage celebration for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is set for Saturday evening, May 6, 2006 at Club Chaos. Volunteers from DC area queer API groups have organized an awards ceremony to honor local advocates who have worked tirelessly to increase the visibility of our communities. The program will also feature cultural entertainment celebrating our respective API heritages. For more information, please contact dcprideandheritage@gmail.com. More updates available soon at www.dcprideandheritage.org.

(13) Gandhi Memorial Center: A Performance of Kuchipudi Dance by The Kalanidhi Dance

Company, Saturday, May 13, 2006, 6:00 pm

The Gandhi Memorial Center Presents a Performance of Kuchipudi Dance by The Kalanidhi Dance Company

Kalanidhi Dance is a company of dancers trained in the Indian classical style of Kuchipudi. They are all second-generation Americans of Indian origin, who use the classical dance form of their heritage to connect with diverse audiences in the United States and abroad. While its foundations and performances lie firmly in Kuchipudi, the company's work is the unique voice of young dancers of the Indian diaspora in the U.S. The company is based in Bethesda, MD, in venues such as the Smithsonian Institution, The National Geographic Society, The Kennedy Center and Asia Society.

Kuchipudi is one of seven classical dance forms of India, tracing its origins to the 2nd century, B.C. It gained recognition as a distinct classical dance form around the 14th century AD, and has continued in a long unbroken tradition ever since. Characterized by fast beats and fluid movements, strong footwork and delicate expressions, Kuchipudi is an exquisite and powerful performance art.

DANCERS: Amrita Lahiri, Chitra Kalyandurg, Smitha Viswanathan, and Silpa Thotakura

DATE: Saturday, May 13, 2006

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Golden Lotus Temple, Gandhi Memorial Center, 4748 Western Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816

COST: General Admission: \$15 & Student Admission: \$10 (Admission paid at the door)

CONTACT: For more information about Kalanidhi Dance Company: visit www.kalanidhi.org or www.gandhimc.org or email resources@gandhimc.org or call 301-229-3871

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