



NetSAP DC Weekly News **May 02, 2006**

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

In The News...

ATTENTION NetSAP DC MEMBERS:

Your NetSAP dues payment saved 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! To learn more about the benefits of membership, click [here](#).

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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.](#)

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

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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 or 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 on line 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 Sunderesan

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 3 & 4, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Details

CHARITY BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE: Meeting – Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 6:30 pm

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 have decided on a new upscale venue and need your help on the planning committee!**

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

- **Sponsorship:** Approaching targeted sponsors, preparing/researching material for sponsors, finding additional potential sponsors
- **Entertainment:** For this upscale event, we will need to think about classy entertainment options that are within our budget
- **Logistics:** Communicating with potential charities, supporting finances, creating a marketing plan, and helping to fill in the gaps to ensure another successful event.

If you are interested please email pr@netsap.org or liaison@netsap.org and specify how you would like to be involved or attend our meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2006

TIME: 6:30 pm

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: Email pr@netsap.org or liaison@netsap.org to RSVP, for questions or for additional information.

SALTAF'06 COMMITTEE: Planning Meeting – Wednesday, May 3, 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.

We are still looking for volunteers to work on our website and flyers / promotional material. Please email saltaf@netsap.org for more information.

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2006

TIME: 7:00 pm

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) 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

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) Dakshina: Celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Dakshina has several exciting events in May to celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. In an ongoing effort to provide quality programs that are accessible, we have organized several free performances. Please join us if you can, detailed information is available at www.dakshina.org.

EVENTS:

Sitar Concert, Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 4:00 pm, at St Thomas Parish, 1772 Church St NW.

Bhangra Workshop and Dance Party, on Friday May 19, 2006, 7:00-11:00 pm at International Student House, 1825 R St NW

Dance Performance, on Saturday May 20, 2006, 5:00 pm at St Thomas Parish, 1772 Church St NW

(6) 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

(7) Upakar & APCA: Three Generations of Indian Violin, Sunday, May 14, 2006, 5:00 pm

In celebration of Mother's Day, Upakar Foundation and APCA present Three Generations of Indian Violin featuring: Dr. Smt. N. Rajam, Dr. Sangeeta Shankar, Ragini Shankar and Nandini Shankar. This amazing family will be accompanied by a young and talented tablist, Shri. Vinayak Netke, a disciple of Pt. Arvind Mulgsonkar.

DATE: Sunday, May 14, 2006

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Lisner Auditorium, Washington, DC.

CONTACT: Tickets are available at ticketmaster or visit mydonations.com/upakar. For more information please visit www.upakar.org.

(8) Natya Bharati: Yayati, Sunday, May14, 2006, 4:00 pm

Back by popular demand! Natya Bharati presents "Yayati," a two-act play in Hindi. Originally written in Kannada by the internationally renowned playwright, Girish Karnad, and translated into Hindi by B.R. Narayan, the play depicts King Yayati's quest for eternal youth in a masterfully crafted drama. This fourth and final show in the Washington DC area will be staged at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown, Maryland. The play is directed by Sunila Pradhan, a renowned stage, TV and film artist from Mumbai and produced by Mamta Kukreti. The cast features Alka Khanna, Meera Narasimhan, Suma Muralidhar, Manoj Tiwari, Subhojit Sen and Mitushi Raphael.

DATE: Sunday, May 14, 2006

TIME: 4:00 pm

COST: Donations: \$15 and \$25. Do not miss this opportunity! Due to limited seating capacity advance purchase of tickets is advised. Special door prizes in honor of Mother's Day!

LOCATION: Black Rock Center for the Arts, Germantown, Maryland

RSVP/CONTACT: For more information, please contact Mamta Kukreti at (703) 941-9361; Suma Muralidhar at (301) 530-5057; Manoj Tiwari at (301) 963-0668; Nisha Narayan at (301) 963-7331 or visit www.natyabharati.org.

(9) CAPAL: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Today, Young Professional Mentorship Program, Deadline: June 1, 2006

The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL), is pleased to announce the formal launch of the CAPAL Young Professional Mentorship Program. Building upon the success of their signature Washington Leadership Program, CAPAL endeavors to provide continued guidance and support to aspiring Asian Pacific American (APA) young professionals as they continue their journey in

the public sector.

As the epicenter of policy and politics, Washington, DC has been the proving ground for today's public officials, especially within the APA community. By pairing young APAs with seasoned leaders of the APA community – matching interests and professional goals – our Mentorship Program will provide the necessary foundation for cultivating tomorrow's public leaders.

The Program is open to graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals in the DC Metropolitan area. Through a series of workshops and professional development events, CAPAL will provide a structured forum for laying the groundwork of a successful mentorship relationship. To ensure a meaningful mentorship experience, mentees must commit to Program activities from July through December 2006. Applicants committed to the breadth and diversity of the Asian Pacific American community, including but not limited to economic, ethnic, generational, regional, and religious diversity, are especially encouraged to apply.

Application and mentorship requirements for mentees are available at <http://www.capal.org> or email questions to mentorships@capal.org.

All applications must be received by Thursday, June 1, 2006.

CAPAL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization that was founded in 1989 by APA professionals in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Its mission is to promote APA interests and success in public sector careers, to provide information and education on policy issues affecting the APA community, and to serve the APA community at large.

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