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President's message

There are defining moments in history that shape our sense of who we are as Indians. Last month we stopped to celebrate one such moment that, sixty-eight years ago, gave us a nation with the ideas of liberty and freedom, which gave us our true identity on August 15th 1947. To commemorate that milestone, the Indian Association of Virginia (IAVA) celebrated the India's Independence Day at Deep Run High School on Saturday, August 16th, 2014. IAVA Board, Executive Committee (EC), and I recognize and deeply appreciate the time and efforts put in by the program directors as well as program participants, parents, and everyone working "behind the curtains" to make the celebration a grand success and enjoyable. We thank the enthusiastic audience of about 650 in attendance, which joined us to celebrate Mother India's birthday, blew spirit into the event with cheers, encouragement, and courtesy. We thank the honorary guest Honorable Congressman Bobby Scott, for his presence and support for the Indian community. We would also like to recognize Malabar and Indian Pastry House for sponsoring the dinner during the celebration. In addition, we thank Surya & Alka Dhakar, Lokesh & Shilpi Goliya, Nitin & Khushboo Jain, Sanjay & Seema Mittal, Govind & Nutan Pande, and Shom & Shivam Paul for sponsoring the event. Last but not least, we would like to thank our community partners who have supported IAVA during the year of 2014.

The summer of 2014 was an exciting summer for the sport tournaments like Cricket, Golf, and Tennis. IAVA participated as organization in welcoming Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, on September 28, 2014, in Manhattan, NY. Next, we are getting ready for the IAVA's General Body Meeting on November 29th and New Year Eve Celebration.

The IAVA revenue as of 10/15/2014 was about \$52,548.30 with the expense of about \$48,176.00. Our association membership included members from different regions of India with various ethnicities to keep it as a true

India Association. The IAVA's success and revenue this year is due to the dedicated service by several volunteer members and the generous support of our sponsors. We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers and sponsors who have made these events possible.

Another year has gone by for us, and presidential nominations for the year 2015 are open. We are seeking an individual who is committed to working with our Indian community and various organizations, with a vision for our role in the social political arena of the Richmond tri-city area. If you believe that you can offer your skills, creativity, time, and energy; we welcome your nomination for president-elect of the IAVA. Let us work together to enable our magnificent culture to thrive and live on in the hearts of future generations.

The ideas of our founders have matured to form a growing and thriving organization because of our patrons. I have heard many members say that the best part of IAVA is meeting and interacting with other members as well as enjoying the socio-cultural events. To support these social-cultural activities, I urge each one of you to become a member and show active participation in programs and thereby improve our socio-political visibility. To learn more about the India Association's activities and goals please visit us on the web at <http://www.iava.US>.

Rajendra R Dubey, Ph.D.

IAVA General Body Meeting

Saturday November 29th 2014 -- 2 PM

At

Gayton Library

10600 Gayton Rd, Tuckahoe, VA 23238

If you would like to nominate a person for IAVA presidency, please send the name to IAVA Board Secretary Mr. Ram Pai, Secretary, at rpai324966@aol.com before November 10, 2014.

Our Congratulations to every winner in IAVA Sports!!

<p><u>Cricket Tournament</u> 17 teams consists of 15 players each</p>	<p><u>First Place: Surprising 11</u> Captain: Vishal Majmudar</p>	<p><u>Runner-up: Kings CC</u> Captain: Jagadish Cheluri</p>	<p><u>Third Place: MCC</u> Captain: Abhishek Bhaskaran</p>
<p><u>Golf Tournament</u> 12 teams consist for 4 players each</p>	<p><u>Winners (61)</u> Kedar Thoota Rajesh Chand Sri Harinath Ghanta Venkat Sangishetty</p>	<p><u>Runner-up (61)</u> Anand Francis Jacob George Sameer Kumar Solomon Francis</p>	<p><u>Third Place (63)</u> Amit Pamecha Harsh Sethi Mohit Sudhakar Shashi Ranganath</p>
	<p><u>Fourth Place (63)</u> Anand Iyer Bharat Chandrasekar Dhiren Kumar Vishwadeep Ahluwalia</p>	<p><u>Closest to the pin</u> Solomon Francis Vishwadeep Ahluwalia</p>	<p><u>Longest drive</u> Sameer Kumar Loly Dighe</p>
<p><u>Tennis Tournament</u></p>	<p><u>4.0 Singles</u> First Place: Jinesh_Chinna-thambi Runner-up: Ashok Mulu-puru</p>	<p><u>3.5 Singles</u> First Place: Ganesa Narasingam Runner-up: Arjun Tomer</p>	<p><u>Doubles</u> First Place: Satya Ravva Raju & Ganesh Ganti Runner-up: Ganesa Narasingam & Ranjith Kumar</p>



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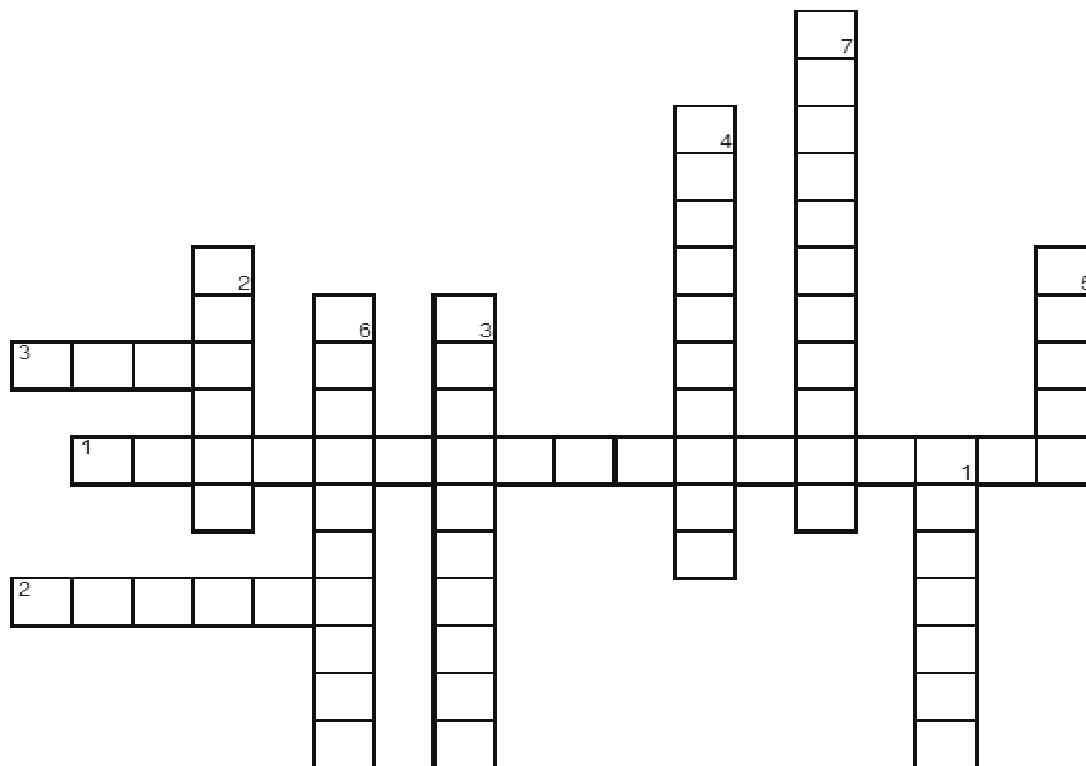
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3. You won't find a River here
4. Old Indian Trail
5. First principal of Hermitage High School
6. Powhatan Princess
7. Road where HCV is

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Vastushastra for Businesses

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Vastushastra identifies zones of space-energy according to directions based on the Sun's path. Each zone of space-energy is governed by a ruling planet that lends it's attributes to that particular zone. This knowledge must be used to reap maximum benefits out of the space being utilized. Since the use of space is different in a residence and different in a business setting, some zones gain prominence in a residence

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but not so in a business facility and vice versa. Broadly the following can be said for businesses, though individual analysis is required for an office vs. hospital and so on.

See the Chart for reference and the discussion for each zone briefly. Vastushastra divides each side into 8 or 9 divisions and each has a ruling planet associated with it. However for the limited scope of this article we will look at the prominent zones.

NE: This zone is ruled by Jupiter. It facilitates meditation, spiritual progress and imbibes the quality of equanimity. These qualities though valuable in a residence may not be beneficial from business point of

view especially if it a commercial establishment. The most important decision making people within an organization should therefore never be in this zone as there will be a lack of leadership and wasted efforts. This is inherently a weak zone for businesses. It is best suited for entrances, reception areas, visitors seating etc. This zone is also perfect for quiet contemplation.

SE: This zone is ruled by Venus and is the zone of precision, creative endeavor and focused work. This is a good zone for the accounting department or for general staff of the organization. In a hospital this zone is excellent for minute surgical procedures. This is also a good location for machine rooms, equipment, heaters, boilers etc. For schools and libraries this zone is excellent for labs, practicing precision skills of music and dance. People of literary orientation will create stories with flair from this zone.

SW: This zone is ruled by Uranus (Rahu as per ancient Indian astrologers) and is responsible for financial stability, vision and overall progress of the organization. This is perhaps the most important zone in today's corporate culture. The best position for the head of the company or for anyone making important decisions within the organization should always be SW. This zone is responsible for dynamic long term planning and implementation. A person occupying this corner will always have his/her say within the organization no matter what and others must yield. This is also a good location for lockers.

NW: This zone is ruled by Moon and is responsible for new and almost eccentric ideas. This however is only a zone of ideas and not productivity. The head of an organization occupying this zone will be full of ideas, but without a direction of implementing them. Therefore it is best suitable for conference rooms and marketing department where creative solutions can be thought out for productivity of the business. For a manufacturing facility the ready products should be stocked here so that they move out quickly since the Air element resides here and lends mobility to this zone.

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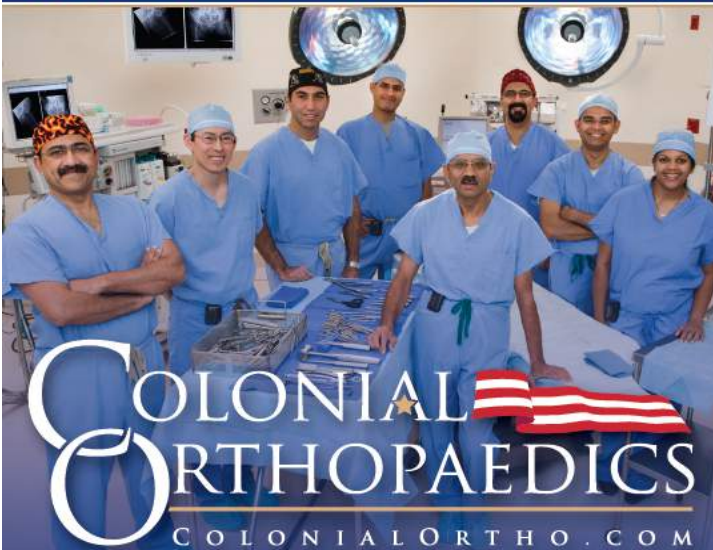


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