



# TRICIAN

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Fellow TRICIANS:

It is with a great sense of pride and humility we wish to thank the community members of the response and support to TRICIA's 2010 programs.

We have lined up 12 programs already for the year of which 9 have already been executed. These programs have been designed to cater to the diverse interests and aspirations of our multicultural mosaic of the Indian community in the Capital District.

## **Choosing What you Want?**

In September we have organized a distinguished speaker who has been on the world renowned TED series of lectures and has published her book on the "The Art of Choosing", which is shortlisted by Financial Times for being the best book on business in 2010. Professor Sheena Iyengar from Columbia University, will be addressing us at the Clifton Park Library on September 05, 2010 at 2:30 pm.

The TRICIA Annual Dinner will be held in November. Dates and venue information will be circulated soon. Our committee is drumming up an exciting menu and entertainment which will celebrate our community's strong and growing bonds anchored through TRICIA.

## **Rear View Mirror**

### **Republic Day of India**

We opened the year with a bang. Consul General of India in New York, Shri Prabhu Dayal, honored us with his visit and address at the Republic Day program on January 23, 2010. His speech was punctuated with wit, wisdom and laced with an inspirational message to the Indian community in the United States. He said that wherever he goes he gets a very positive feedback on the Indians living here.



## OCI Camp

A unique camp was orchestrated in March with a senior consulate official, Shri Pramod Bajaj, Consul (OCI) and Head of Chancery. This was an outreach effort to help our community members obtain the Overseas Citizen of India cards. 120 applications were processed as a group effort from TRICIA in record time to help our members keep up with the new regulations requiring Indian citizenship renunciation and processing of OCI cards.

## Going Green

By conducting the camp we chipped in with our efforts in "going green". Many families that would have travelled to NYC to get their OCI cards, were saved the trip and accomplished obtaining the OCI card locally.

## Musical Evening

More handsome than Sharukh Khan and sweeter than Jagjit Singh, Salil Bhadekar, Sare-Gama champion enthralled us with his enchanting voice on April 3, 2010. He was accompanied on the table by mastero Surendra Mistry on this nostalgic journey.



## The Dance of Love

Award winning Tamil film Sringaram – "The Dance of Love" was screened with an interview with the director, Ms. Sharada Ramanathan from Chennai. This was a sheer "poetry in motion" experience where the discussions revealed anecdotes, nuggets and snippets about various stars and veterans who contributed to this creative production.

## Our Oscar Function

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival was celebrated with much vigor and pageantry. Over 250 children participated in a variety of cultural programs displaying the rich traditions of classical, folk and popular themes of India. This annual festival reinforces a template for cultural expression, shopping environment, cuisine experience and our heritage.



## Laughter Hangama

Tricia's programs led us to a new high on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with a trinity of comic humor demonstrated by Manjit Singh, Sarvesh Asthana and Suresh Awasthi who kept us in splits with their satirical tales and stories.

## **TYO Marches Forward**

JCC Fitness Director, Goido Posso engaged our youth at an inaugural fitness awareness program held at JCC on August 2, 2010. 15 members took advantage of this lecture-demonstration.



## **Independence Day Picnic**

Over 300 members dined and danced at our Annual Picnic. Awards were given to winners of the Essay Contest conducted by TYO, a cake was cut and a variety of games were played.

## **Membership Drive- Each One Bring One**

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, The Membership Committee conducted a padayatra to recruit new members. They paraded and patrolled India Bazaar, Parivar and New Halal Market and promoted TRICIA's credentials.

Already our Membership is growing. We continue to build our network within the community and we appeal to each and every one of you to introduce a new member to our fold.

## **Helping Hands**

We collected funds from the community for the victims of the Haiti earthquake and are now in the process of repeating this effort for the flood victims of Pakistan.

Wishing you and your families the best for the rest of the year and to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With warm regards,

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