

# IAN FAMILY FUN DAY

Family Fun day was conducted by IAN to appreciate the members, donors and the volunteers. Executive members of IAN cooked a delicious vegetarian dinner for all. There was an exhibit of a fire truck and a Werner truck in the parking lot, offering kids and adults to take a peek inside the truck along with crew members answering the questions.

Face painting and Balloons were a hit and most of the members including the community members had IAN painted on them.



Kids at the balloon stall



Fun with face painting



Werner truck exhibit



# **INEDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

India Association of Nebraska (IAN) celebrated the 72nd Indian Independence Day Celebration - 2018, on Saturday, August 11th, 2018 at the Hindu Temple Social Hall.

The Chief Guest of the event was the Congressman Don Bacon. He honored the occasion by hoisting the American flag first, followed by hoisting the Indian National Flag with the Congressman. Students from Balvihar sang American National Anthem, followed by Indian National Anthem.

Our local children displayed their talents through the mesmerizing cultural programs. There were individual and group performances. The final program was a beautiful fashion show. Children dressed up in the various traditional dresses from various states of India gave a wonderful presentation.

Earlier that day, there was a yoga workshop held for both adults and kids, by the UPFNA (Universal Peace Foundation of North America) and a science workshop for kids, by Dunesh Kumari, Assistant professor, from the college of Saint Mary. Both the workshops were well received by the public.



IAN President Mrs Malathi Balu with the Chief guest, Congressman Don Bacon after the Indian Independence flag hoisting



Our little cultural performers with the Congressman



IAN Team memebers with the congressman



Bharathanatyam performance by kids



# IAN SUPPORT IN KERALA FLOOD RELIEF FUND

IAN joined hands with Kerala Samajam in the fund raising event for the Kerala flood relief.

IAN, along with other Indian regional communities like Sirigandha Kannada Sangha Nebraska, Omaha Tamil Sangam, Telugu Samiti of Nebraska, Punjabi group, Nebraska Marathi Mandal, private non-profit organization UPFNA and Hindu temple of Omaha, joined hands with Kerala Samajam in organizing a fund raising effort to help in providing relief to the flood victims in Kerala and rebuild their lives.

The fundraising luncheon was organized on Sunday, September 9th from 10 AM and 2 PM at the Hindu Temple Social hall.

Members from all the organizations helped in cooking various food items, setting up stalls and selling. There was an overwhelming response from the entire Omaha community apart from the Indian community people.



IAN Members helping in the fund raising



Members of the community cooking for the fund raising



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Mark Your Calendar

Rhythms of India - Sep 29

Venue: Bennington High School, Bennington, NE

**Time:** 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Health fair - Oct 6th

Consular Camp – Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hindu Temple

Community Center

# **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

We welcome creative work from the community to be published in the monthly Sandesh magazine. We encourage you to send the kids' drawing/painting, poems, puzzles not more than 50 words.

Adults can send their creativity too! Please email at

communication@indiaassociationofnebraska.org

# IAN MEMBERSHIP

Please support India Association of Nebraska by paying current membership or becoming a Life Member by using the link below

http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Membership.aspx

Your membership is tax deductible as IAN is a non-profit organization.