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On October 18th we held our Bijoya Celebration. This is a major event on our calendar and everyone pitched in to make it a success. Our Master of Ceremonies that evening was **Malabika Chatterjee** who started us off with a few words describing this event. **Srabani Goswami** then enchanted us with her beautiful opening song. A wonderful dance program followed with performances by: **Poorba Bagchee, Sushmita Banerjee, Reeru Bhowmick, Annesha Dasgupta, Abishek De, Hia Ghosh, Srija Lahiri, Samik Mitra, and Dina Mukherjee.** They were aided by **Progga Dasgupta, Asit De, Lilly Mitra, Atanu Lahiri, and Sumana Sengupta.** The dance program was directed by **Raka Ghosh.** The music program then followed with Bengali and Hindi songs performed by our featured artist, **Kishalay Chakraborty,** who was accompanied on the tabla by **Mohan Kamat** and his daughter. Dinner followed next. The delicious meal was prepared by: **Ranu Ghosh, Indrani Mitra, Lilly Mitra, Christina Mukerjee, Sumana Sengupta, Leela Ganguly, Falguni Bagchee, Anita Banerjee, Progga Dasgupta, Shrabani Bhowmick, Lakshmi Paul, Ira Raychaudhuri, Gopa Sur, Shabnam Alam, Anwara Begum, Dipsikha Das, Bishwanath Ganguly, Mita De, Binita Gupta, Nina Mukherji, Subrata Paul, Sarmistha Chowdry, Malabika Chatterjee, Raka Ghosh, Yasho Maitra, and Debasis Majumdar.** Truly a team effort! We were joined by many of our friends from Buffalo who brought us gifts of misti.

Our next event is the Saraswati Puja to be held on Saturday, January 24th at Noon at the Rochester India Community Center. See the enclosed flyer for more details. If you would like your child to participate in the "hate-khari", please bring appropriate items such as slate and chalk, or equivalent.

We will revive our past tradition of having a Winter Picnic on Saturday, March 21st at Noon at the Greece Canal Park, Rotary Lodge. We will charge \$5 per adult for food for that event. More details through email, as we get closer.

Lastly, please contribute to this year's Bivash, our literary magazine. Contributions from adults and children are welcome. English or Bangla essays, poems, short fiction, travelogues, descriptions of a hobby, puzzles, drawings, artwork, etc... are all welcome. Please send your submissions to: Malabika Chatterjee, 118 Weiland Woods Lane, Rochester, NY 14626 or to any committee member.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

<u>Yearly</u>	
Family	\$125
Student	
Family	\$40
Single	\$60
Student	\$20

<u>Guest</u>	
Family	\$40
Single	\$20
Student	\$7

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS

PAYABLE TO:
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MAIL TO:
Peter Paul
187 Champion Ave
Webster, NY 14580

Future Events

Saraswati Puja:
January 24, 2009

Winter Picnic
March 21, 2009

Noboborsho:
April 18, 2009

President:
Peter Paul
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Kunal Bhowmick
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Sanjib Banerjee
Committee Members:
Dilip Chatterjee
Bishwanath Ganguly
Subrata Paul
Pranab Raychaudhuri

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome back!

- ◆ Please welcome **Rita and Mana Sherman** and their children **Rina and Marcus** back to Rochester after spending the past few years abroad.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Community Members:

- ◆ **Soumyaroop Bhattacharya, Debmita Chatterjee, Nirmalya Chatterjee, Subir Kapuria, Dhouba Jyoti Basu Roy, and Biswajoy Roy-Chaudhuri.**

If you would like to share any news in the newsletter, contact:
Peter Paul at peter.paul@xerox.com or call Kunal Bhowmick at (585)265-9189



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Bengali Association of Greater Rochester Presents

2009 Saraswati Puja

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Rochester India Community Center

Noon Puja

2:00pm Lunch

4:00pm Cultural Program

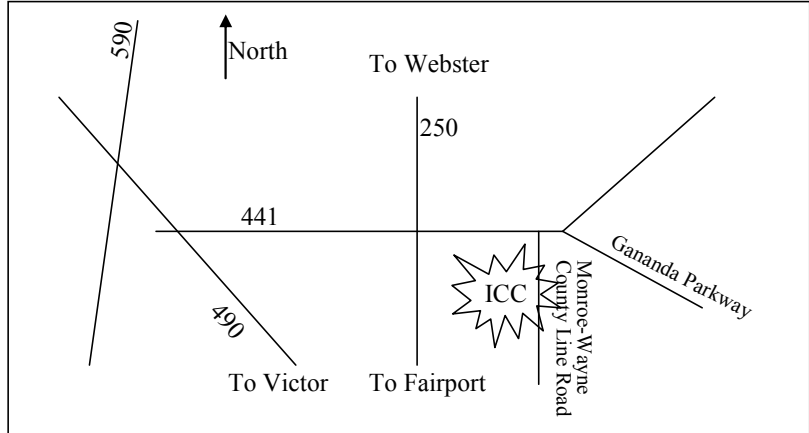
6:00pm Dinner



**Rochester India Community Center
2171 Monroe-Wayne County Line Road
Macedon, NY 14502**

- ♣ **Go East on Route 441 in Penfield past Route 250 (McDonalds on Corner)**
- ♣ **Turn Right at County Line Road (be alert—easy to miss! If you see Gananda Parkway or Farmview Drive, you went too far.)**
- ♣ **Turn Right into ICC Driveway**

Fees: \$40 for Families, \$20 for Individuals, \$7 for Students, Or join the BAGR for a yearly membership of: \$125 Family, \$60 Individual, \$40 Student Family, or \$20 Student



LUNCH

- Luchi
- Alu Dum
- Sandesh



DINNER

- Khichuri
- Labra
- Chutney
- Papor
- Kamala Bhog
- Pizza — For Kids



2009 Events:

Saraswati Puja	India Community Center	Saturday, January 24 th at Noon
Winter Picnic	Greece Canal Park, Rotary Lodge	Saturday, March 21 st at Noon
Noboborsho	India Community Center	Saturday, April 18 th at 5pm
Summer Picnic	TBD	TBD
Bijoya	India Community Center	Saturday, October 17 th

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