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Dr. Krishna Reddy
Founder/Chairman

Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC)

History:

Dr. Krishna Reddy of California founded the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC), a non-profit, non-partisan, non-religious, and national organization in 1990. It is committed to promote stronger relations between the United States and India, the two largest democracies in the world. IAFC has been thoroughly educating US policy makers and making diligent efforts to promote cordial Indo-US relations. Though IAFC is headquartered in Los Angels, CA it has another office in Washington D.C. IAFC has several active and prominent chapters throughout the USA and operate as a vast network to promote its mission.

Mission:

IAFC's mission is to create political awareness among the Indian Americans, and maintain an ongoing dialogue with local, national and international policy makers as well as to educate, encourage, and involve Asian Indian Americans with voter registration, volunteerism, community service and youth leadership training, better the ties between USA and India, protect the interests of the Indian-American community, promote global democracy, and support the developing countries.

Achievements:

IAFC has been recognized twice in the US Congress for its outstanding role in building better and stronger Indo-US relations

IAFC has played a key role in making the 'Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans' as the largest caucus in the US house of Representatives increasing from 6 members to over 180

IAFC hosts an Annual Legislative Gala Banquet every year in July in Washington D.C. in which more than 150 US Congressmembers, Senators, and other dignitaries from both Democrat and Republican parties attend

IAFC has established links between Indian Parliament and US Congress

IAFC annually recognizes the contributions made by the Indian Americans, who are involved in all aspects of cultural and economic life

IAFC congratulates the following "**outstanding community supporter**" award winners:

Mr. **Kiran Genti**, CityColor, CEO
Mr. **Pakeera Reddy Guduru**, Pasand Indian Cuisine, President
Mr. **Mahendra Yajnik**, NMS Photography, President

Hon. Senator
Satveer Chaudhary
Minnesota State

Satveer Chaudhary is Minnesota born and bred and currently resides in Fridley, MN. In 2000, Chaudhary became the first Asian-Indian senator in American history. In 1996, when he was elected as a State Representative, Chaudhary became the first Asian-American member of the Minnesota Legislature and only the fourth Asian-Indian elected to a state legislature in the US. Currently, Senator Chaudhary is the Senate's youngest member at age 33 and serves as Majority Whip.

Chaudhary was elected to the House in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. In 2000, Chaudhary was elected to the Minnesota Senate and re-elected in 2002. In addition to serving as State Senator, Chaudhary is an attorney and business consultant.

In his legislative work, Senator Chaudhary currently focuses on local community projects, improving education, implementing stricter laws regarding child pornography, supporting commuter transit, and prohibiting murders from obtaining guns. His community activities remain stronger than ever as a sportsman, volunteer attorney and party activist. Recently, the worldwide Asian-Indian community recognized his dedicated work, naming Chaudhary to the top 50 Non-Resident Indians in the world (NRI World magazine).

The active role Senator Chaudhary takes in serving Minnesota is evidence of traits handed down by his parents, who emigrated to the U.S. from India in the 1960's: "**My parents taught me to value education, hard work and to never forget how we began**."

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Dr. Srinidhi Varadarajan
Virginia Tech, VA

Srinidhi Varadarajan received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the State University of New York, Stony Brook in 2000. He presently serves as the Director of the Terascale Computing Facility at Virginia Tech and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science. Dr. Varadarajan is the recipient of a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation, the Egg Factory Technology Innovation award and a Faculty Fellow award from the College of Engineering, Virginia Tech. The MIT Technology Review also honored him in 2004 as one of the top 100 (TR 100) young innovators transforming technology.

Dr. Varadarajan is the architect of System X, the third fastest super computer in the world located at the Terascale Computing Facility at Virginia Tech. In June 2004, for his outstanding work Virginia Tech and Varadarajan received "Computerworld Honors 21st Century Achievement Award" in Science.

We congratulate Dr. Varadarajan for his outstanding contributions in the filed of computer science and we are all very proud of his achievements. We wish him all the best.

Jamie Story
Miss Texas 2004

There is a great story behind this beautiful person. After scoring 1570 on the SAT, she went onto Rice University and got her B.A. in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Sports Management and now looking forward to obtaining her MBA from Harvard and to start a non-profit management consulting organization for two low-income schools.

While working at a top notch consulting firm Bain & co. she pursues her acute interest in furthering education through her platform " Instant Access: Removing Barriers to Higher Education".

As an accomplished piano player, she has performed a solo recital at the Shepard School of Music at Rice University. Proud daughter of a father Mr. James Story, Engineer at Bell Helicopter and Mother Mrs. Bonnie Story, teacher at Harvest Christian Academy, she is a leader, music enthusiast and a person with lot of humility.

This beautiful person is none other than....**Ms. Jamie Story**....*Miss Texas 2004.*

Hon. Rep. Nikki Randhawa Haley
South Carolina State

Nikki Randhawa Haley was born in Bamberg, South Carolina to Dr. & Mrs. Ajit Singh Randhawa. Haley graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in Accounting. She is currently CFO of her family's clothing company, Exotica International, Inc., as well as a co-owner with her husband of National Barter Company. Challenging the longest serving Representative in South Carolina, Haley, 33 defeated a 30 year incumbent for the House of Representatives in South Carolina making her the first Indian American to hold state wide elected office in South Carolina and the first Republican Indian American State legislator in the country.

In her freshman term, Mrs. Haley has been elected Chairman of the Freshman Caucus and Secretary of the Medical, Military, & Municipal Affairs Committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Lexington County Chamber of Commerce, the Lexington Medical Foundation, Lexington County Sheriff's Foundation, West Metro Republican Women and President of the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Nikki and her husband Michael reside in Lexington, South Carolina with their two children Rena, 6 and Nalin, 2.

Satyadeepak Ramesh
National Merit Scholar

Sathyadeepak Ramesh is perfectionist and an all rounder in many respects. Scoring 1600/1600 in SAT test and winning National Merit Scholarship are just only a few of many feathers in his cap of achievements.

The resume of this young man is very impressive and diverse. Helping and mentoring second graders on a camp or shadowing a physician in India to help senior patients is a typical range of this youngster's activities. Outreaching to help local soup kitchens, making posters and developing publicity for local charities are some example of his diversity.

Participation in music, marching band, language, math, church activities, debates, academic decathlons etc., is what keeps him sharp and on the edge of excellence.

N.S. Ramesh, a Chemical Engineer, Sealed Air Corporation, Grand Prairie and Malathi, a schoolteacher at Carroll ISD are the proud parents of Sathyadeepak.

We congratulate Sathyadeepak and sure we will see him at the top in the near future.

IAFC – Texas State Chapter

IAFC, Texas state chapter was inaugurated by Padmabhushan Hon. US Congressman Frank Pallone (D – NJ) on Jan 26, 2003

It was successful in persuading four Dallas/Fort Worth area US Republican Congressmembers – Hon. Pete Sessions, Hon. Jeb Hensarling, Hon. Michael Burgess, and Hon. Kay Granger to join 'Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans'
It has established direct communication links with the US Congressmembers, US Senators and City Mayors

It was successful in gaining the support of 15 US Congressmembers and 22 Mayors to serve on the Advisory Board of IAFC Texas State chapter
It has proficiently worked with local and national policy makers, mainstream communities and organizations. It has recognized and rewarded the mainstream non-profit organizations like 'American Red Cross', 'Boy Scouts of America' and 'KERA' at 2004 Annual Awards Banquet and this year recognizing 'Meals on Wheels' and 'Girl Scouts of America'

It is recognizing the talents of the Indian American youth and rewarding them with merit scholarships. Sameer Patel, Sai Gunturi, Nilay Vora and Neil Agarwal are 2004 scholarship winners and Meena Agarwal and Satyadeepak Ramesh are for 2005
It is providing internship opportunities to Indian American youth at US Congressmembers' offices in Washington D.C as well as D/FW area

It is involving youth to provide school supplies to the needy students and basic supplies, medicines and food products to financially disadvantage people

IAFC is proud to present "**Indian American Pride**" Awards to:

Hon. Senator **Satveer Chaudhary**
Minnesota State Senator and Majority Whip

Hon. Rep. **Nikki Randhawa Haley**
South Carolina State Representative

Dr. **Srinidhi Varadarajan**
Asst. Professor, Virginia Tech, VA
Architect of the third fastest super computer in the world

Program
6:00 pm – 9:00pm

Banquet Chair
Dr. Sat Gupta

Master of Ceremonies
Jamie Story

Welcome Address – Dr. Sat Gupta, Banquet Chair & Board of Director, IAFC

"American Dream" interactive session - panel speakers – **Prof. Cal Jillson**, SMU, Prof. Srinidhi Varadarajan, VA Tech, VA and Mr. J.V.L. Rao, Managing Editor, India Tribune

"US & Indian National Anthems" – Ms. Vidisha Babbili

"Inaugural Lamp Lighting ceremony" – All dignitaries, led by **Mrs. Manju Bansai** and **Mrs. Vinoda Kumar**

"IAFC overview" – **Dr. Krishna Reddy**, Founder/Chairman, IAFC

Checks presentations to **"Meals on Wheels"** and **"Girl Scouts of America" and the recognition of "Essay writing competition"** winners

"Why did I choose public service as a career? - Hon. Rep. **Nikki Randhawa Haley** (R – SC)

"Academic Excellence" Scholarships and "**Outstanding Community Supporter**" awards presentation

"Democracy leads to Freedom leads to Opportunity" - Hon. Senator **Satveer Chaudhary** (D –MN)

"Outstanding Entrepreneur" and **"Outstanding Journalist"** awards presentation

"Introduction of IAFC Board" and "Indian American Pride Awards" presentation - Prasad Thotakura, TX State Coordinator

"Indra Dhanush" – Dance Item - **Ms. Anu Iyengar**

Vote of Thanks – Mrs. Manju Bansal, Secretary, IAFC and.... Time for Dinner

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Mr. Bhupen Ganatra for content compiling and format
Mrs. Vinoda Kumar for reception arrangements and the last but not least
All dignitaries, supporters, community organizations, volunteers and attendees

!!God Bless America!! !!Jai Hind!! !!Long live Indo-US Relations!!

Kiran Genti

In 1972 Kiran Genti, together with his father, started a commercial photographic printing company in London, England. 10 years later, the Genti family made the decision to move to The United States to seek better opportunities. City Color Imaging, a commercial photo lab serving advertising agencies and corporations, was formed in Dallas, TX. In the early 1990's, the company made the transition into digital imaging. Currently City Color has production facilities in Dallas as well as Orlando, Florida, and offices in Portland, Oregon. Altogether the company has in excess of 70,000 sq ft of production space.

Some of the services and technical capabilities provided by City Color are:
- Pre-press, design and scanning.
- Large format printing including photographic and banner printing as large as 40' x 60'.
- Small format printing, digital offset printing and high-speed copying.
- Finishing, bindery and fulfillment services.

Mr. Genti is a board member of Greater Dallas Indo American Chamber of Commerce. He actively participates in community services.

City Color Imaging contributed in the design and printing of this program.

Meena Agarwal
Intel Semifinalist

Meena Agarwal is a senior at Dunbar High School, Fort Worth. She is the only Indian American student from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex area and one of the three Indian American Students from the entire state of Texas to be selected as an Intel semifinalist for 2005. Intel Science Talent Search is America's oldest and the most prestigious pre-college science competition.

Her current class rank is # 1 out of 196 students. She is an accomplished piano player. She is involved with Math Club, Science Club, and Foreign Language Club. She has received many honors and distinctions for her work on science related projects and competitions. She volunteers at Red Cross, Fort Worth Chapter. She also volunteers to teach English to Hispanic kids.

Dr. Neeraj Agarwal, Associate Professor at UNT Health Sciences, Fort Worth and Dr. Rajnee Agarwal, Scientist at Alcon, Fort Worth are the proud parents of Meena.

We congratulate Meena for her accomplishments and wish her all the best.

Sachin Tummala
CEO, Corpus

Sachin Tummala is an accomplished entrepreneur with the vision and breadth of experience to ensure that his company's customers receive the attention to detail and customer support that they require ensuring their success. Sachin is well grounded in technology having started his career as a technical specialist with Silicon Graphics and then moving on to Imation and finally Lucent Technologies where he served as a financial consultant. Sachin was a founding partner of a successful Technology solutions company located in Houston, TX before selling his interest and founding Corpus Inc, a highly innovative global software development and services firm serving the telecommunications, banking/finance, and Healthcare markets.

Sachin holds two degrees, B.S. Electronics & Comm. from India and an Executive MBA from the SMU Cox School of Business. This program has equipped Sachin with the state of art sales and marketing skills, as well as, provided him exposure to the latest in business finance tools and entrepreneurial skills.

Corpus has become a symbol of success within the southwest business community. From first year revenues of under a million to projected revenues in 2005 exceeding $100M, there are few, if any companies anywhere that can claim such rapid growth. From a five man startup to a current employee base of more than 700, with domestic operations in Dallas, Atlanta, Tampa, Boston, Washington DC and offshore operations in Bangalore and Hyderabad, India, Corpus has evolved into a major player in the IT business community.

IAFC is proud to present "**Outstanding Entrepreneur**" award to:

Mr. **Sachin Tummala**
CEO, Corpus

IAFC is proud to present "**Outstanding Journalist**" award to:

Mr. **J.V. Lakshmana Rao**
Managing Editor, India Tribune

Dr. Calvin C. Jillson
Professor, SMU

Cal Jillson received his B.S. in Political Science from Oregon State University in 1971 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1976 and 1979. He taught at Louisiana State University (1980-87) and the University of Colorado (1987-95). Professor Jillson chaired the Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado, Boulder, from 1989 to 1993, and served as founding director of the Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment from 1993 to 1995. He joined the faculty of Southern Methodist University in July 1995, where he served as Chair in the Department of Political Science and Director of the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies from 1995 to 2001. Professor Jillson teaches and writes in the areas of American Politics and American Political Thought. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Assembly, and he is the political analyst for Dallas' WFAA-TV, Channel 8. His most recent book, entitled Pursuing the American Dream: Opportunity and Exclusion Over Four Centuries, was published in Fall 2004.

J. V. Lakshmana Rao
Managing Editor, India Tribune

Jayana V. L. Rao graduated in 1965 with Masters degree in Journalism & Mass Communications from Osmania University, Hyderabad, India. Since 1996 Rao has been serving as the Managing Editor of India Tribune a weekly newspaper published out of Chicago, which has a wide circulation throughout USA. In India, Rao has served in different capacities at different newspapers including the leading ones like the Deccan Chronicle, West Coast Times, and Indian Express. In USA, Rao has reported Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's address to the United Nations, President Bill Clinton's address at AAPI Chicago conference, and Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's address to joint session of US Congress and White House reception and also interviewed several dignitaries in US and India. In his more than four decades of sprawling journalism career, Rao has trained more than 200 journalists.

For his exemplary work in Journalism, Rao has received many awards and felicitations from various organizations like the Rotary Club of Vizianagaram, India, Northeastern Illinois University, Vamsee Art Theater International of India, and American Telugu Association (ATA)

Pakeera Reddy Guduru
Pasand Indian Cuisine, President

Pakeera Reddy Guduru, a successful entrepreneur with vision, vigor and vast experience started Pasand Indian Cuisine in 1996 in Richardson. Within a short span of time, Pasand became a household name in the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex. To better serve the community of Irving, Arlington, Fort Worth and Mid-cities areas, Mr. Guduru opened up another Pasand restaurant in 2000 in Irving which became a very popular venue. Quality food, pleasant ambiance, elegant appearance, courteous customer service, cleanliness, extensive South and North Indian vegetarian and non-vegetarian menu, and a number of additional attributes is the recipe for the success of Pasand.

Pasand takes pride in hosting banquets for several central and state level delegations and dignitaries at both of its locations. Several individuals and community organizations use Pasand's centrally located banquet facilities for their periodic meetings and celebrations. Pasand proved its competence by satisfying the needs of thousands of customers at IANT's annual Anand Bazaar event and also by serving the sumptuous food to thousands of people at the Telugu Association of North America (TANA) and American Telugu Association (ATA) conventions.

Pasand is highly connected with the local communities and always in forefront to support and sponsor the events of several community based organizations. Pasand believes in saying the charity begins at home and each time extends their helping hand to serve the needy.

We congratulate Pasand Indian Cuisine for winning IAFC's "Outstanding Community Supporter" award for the year 2005

Mahendra Yajnik
NMS Photography, President

Mahendra Yajnik graduated with MS degree in Structural Engineering in 1976 from UT Arlington. Currently, he is the President of MY-D Structural Engineers, LLC. and also associated with Metro Structural Consultants, Inc. as a Project Manager.

Mahendra Yajnik, an engineer by profession, has translated his childhood passion for photography, over the last 15 years, into a successful career as NMS Photography. Mahendra, a four star designate from the Canon Master Photography not only enjoys taking pictures at weddings and other social occasions but also volunteers his services to various non-profit organizations including IAFC for several years. Mahendra says 'his driving force behind him is his lovely wife Nayana and his three successful children'.

We congratulate Mahendra Yajnik for winning IAFC's "Outstanding Community Supporter" award for 2005

Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC)

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