IASC HERITAGE CLUB

The India Heritage Club (IHC) for Senior's is a Sub-group of the Indian Association of Somerset County which provides a forum for the senior members to participate in various activities that are of interest to them. Monthly functions are organized where the seniors get to enjoy activities such as songs, bhajans, informative seminars, birthday celebrations, table games, food, fun, and socializing. Bus trips are organized to places of interest in the tri-state area. Monthly functions are generally held at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building Community Hall. Highlights of the activities in 2004 are listed below:

- IASC sponsored programs attended by the seniors: Bhajan in March, Health Seminar in September and Diwali dinner in November.
- In April a Gujarati Poetry reading was presented by renowned poets from Gujarat at the Lakhani residence.
- A bus trip in June to Siddhachalam in Blairstown, New Jersey.
- An all day convention of the Federation of Indian Senior Associations of North America (FISANA) at the Temple in Kearny, New Jersey.
- Navaratri program in October was held at the Hillsborough Community Hall. The family members (children and grand children) of the heritage club members were invited to this program which was attended by more than 90 people. Everyone enjoyed this program which included Garba and Raas,
- December: During the Christmas and Holiday Celebration at the Hillsborough Community Hall, grandchildren of seniors sang Christmas carols. This program was Video taped and aired by TV Asia.

In addition to the monthly programs, heritage club members also visit the Raritan Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Somerset County Office of Aging provides transportation for the seniors to attend the program. This is a year round activity which is attended by members from Bridgewater and its surrounding communities.



