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Presented By
Indian American Forum

Friday, March 27
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March is women's History month!

On Behalf of the board of Directors of Indian American Forum; I would like to welcome you to our third Outstanding Women's Achievements Gala to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

Today's women are playing several roles of being a professional, a housewife, a mother, a sister and of course a true friend. Across the globe, we have numerous examples of woman currently holding highest position in all aspects of Business Environment that includes Healthcare, Media, and Politics, Corporate and Finance sectors. In modern India, women have adorned highest offices such as President, Prime Minister, and Speaker of Lok Sabha and so on.

The Board of Directors of the Indian American Forum Inc. recognizes the contributions made by distinguished members of the Indian American Community in the Tri state area. The dedication, fortitude, and compassion of our distinguished members have been an inspiration to our community.

Congratulations to all our Honorees and Guests of Honor. My sincere thanks and appreciation for all the hard work, dedication and commitments of the coordinators of Indian American forum and Board members, supporters and sponsors, not only for this event but also for all the hard work throughout the year.

We are deeply honored that you have chosen IAF as an organization worthy of your support. Without you we could not continue to offer these vital services for our seniors and other programs. I also want to thank my husband Sudhir and my whole family for their continued support.

**Indu Jaiswal RDN CDN
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March 27, 2015

Dear Friends,

Please allow me to join the Indian American Forum in recognizing the outstanding achievements of its honorees at tonight's 4th Annual Outstanding Women's Achievement Awards Gala.

Our community thrives on its ability to celebrate unique cultures and customs, and the Indian American Forum exemplifies this tradition perfectly. With its dedicated and engaged membership, the Indian American Forum has led the charge in supporting an open dialogue and friendly relationship between the Indian American community and their fellow citizens through year-round charitable and educational cultural activities.

In honor of National Women's History Month, I would also like to recognize and commend the outstanding achievements of the women being honored tonight - Dr. Sudha Mukhi, Roopam Maini, Meena Malhotra, Harvinder Chawla and Anita Kawatra.

On behalf of the residents of New York's 4th Congressional District, I would like to applaud all of tonight's honorees and extend my best wishes to the continued success of the Indian American Forum.

Sincerely,



KATHLEEN M. RICE
Member of Congress



Meena Malhotra comes from a line of successful restaurateurs who have experience in fine dining and large-scale catering businesses. The Malhotra family brings over fifty years of excellent service and varied cuisine to both the tri-state area and their homeland, India.

After Meena graduated from Sophia College she first held several stints in various corporate entities. She quickly realized her passion lay in the family business and changed paths to become a restaurateur, apprenticing under her father, A.N. Malhotra.

As the owner of Akbar Restaurant in Garden City, NY, Meena has steered the establishment to become recognized as a brand that equates with exceptional service and one that values innovation, in both its ambiance and cuisine. As the first fine-dining Indian restaurant in Long Island, Akbar has provided unparalleled experiences for its guests over the past three decades. Furthermore, Meena has served as a mentor and leader to her staff, overseen numerous property renovations, and guided the business through its various growth phases.

Meena is an active member of the tri-state community, through her involvement as an Indian culture liaison to local and state government officials as well as the Girl Scout organization. Under her guidance, Akbar has sponsored various community events and served as the venue of choice for many charitable organizations over the past 40 years.

Meena currently lives in Long Island and in her free time loves to explore new food trends in Manhattan and spend time with her three children.



Office of the County Executive
1550 Franklin Avenue
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March 27, 2015

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the Indian American Forum's 4th Annual Outstanding Women's Achievements Gala. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization and the 2015 Award Recipients.

The Indian American Forum has established a distinguished record of excellence, working diligently on behalf of causes and ideals, which uphold the principles of human decency and brotherhood.

This wonderful organization is deserving and worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for their selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.

I wish to extend hearty congratulations to this evening's honored guests, Anita Kawatra, Meena Malhotra, Harvinder Bhatia, Roopam Maini, and Dr. Sudha Mukhi, and to all of you who work toward forwarding the goals of this fine organization throughout the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "E. Mangano".

Edward P. Mangano
County Executive

*Congratulations
Anita!*

We are so proud of you!

*With best wishes from Mom, Dad,
Anjali, Adithya, Sandhya,
Vikrant and Keith*





Anita Kawatra is Executive Vice President at Edelman, the world's largest public relations firm, where she oversees the pharmaceuticals and biotech group.

Anita has an extensive background in health care communications and public affairs. She was formerly Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer and Head of External Affairs at Prothena Biosciences Inc. Previously, she held a number of leadership roles at Elan Pharmaceuticals, including head of Scientific Relations, Public Affairs, Corporate Marketing and Communications, and Global Media Relations. Anita held senior communications positions at Merck & Co., Inc., where she oversaw corporate and executive communications and served as chief speechwriter to the CEO, and at Merck-Medco, where she led media relations and crisis management.

Prior to her work in pharmaceuticals and biotech, Anita wrote speeches for New York City Mayor David Dinkins and New York State Governor Mario Cuomo. She also served as Mayor Dinkins' chief of staff and media advisor following his tenure in office. Op-eds she has written for political and corporate leaders have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and other global media outlets.

Anita is a member of the President's Council of Sanctuary for Families, New York's leading domestic violence organization, where she served on the board for nine years. She works with other non-profit human services groups, including the Association to Benefit Children, Mothers2Mothers, and Generation Citizen. She is past president of Lotus Music and Dance, the cultural organization.

Anita holds a BA from Yale University and an MA from Columbia University. She is an adjunct instructor in the MS program in Public Relations and Corporate Communications at New York University. She has presented on women's history at academic conferences, curated a contemporary women's art exhibition, and published short stories.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Roopam Maini

Branch Manager, Indus American Bank
Vice President & Founding Member
Rotary Club of Hicksville South

Born and raised in Delhi, Roopam obtained her undergraduate degree from Delhi University. She moved to the United States in 1991. Having had a keen interest in the medical field since childhood, she returned to school full-time to become a Medical Assistant and successfully obtained her license in 1997. Later she joined the medical offices of United Airlines. Roopam Maini has been instrumental in arranging visa camps for the community.

In 2006, Roopam diverted her career path towards banking and started working for the State Bank of Long Island. Her gregarious nature and her ready-to-help attitude satisfied her desire to build stronger ties within the fast growing Indian-American community in Long Island. It was no surprise then that in 2008 when Indus American Bank opened their first branch in Long Island Roopam was asked to join. Through her dedication, hard work passion, and an astute belief of helping the community, she quickly rose in the ranks and was appointed the Head of the Hicksville branch.

Roopam is among the founding members of the Rotary Club of Hicksville South. Her dedication and good Samaritan attitude was further rewarded when she was unanimously elected twice to serve as Club Treasurer and then as the Vice President for Club. She is an active member of the club and promotes local and international humanitarian projects.

She actively supports several local organizations and participates in humanitarian projects, and these include backpack for school kids, fund raising for Interfaith Nutrition, and IAF's clothing drive. She also participated in numerous local events and fund raising activities of organizations like IALI, CRY and HCA to help the needy in the USA and India. Roopam has been instrumental providing sponsorship for almost every community event, which goes a long way in supporting the community. She is very well liked in the community and by her employer for her dedication, professionalism and diligent work.

Roopam is married to Raman and the couple has three daughters Yashika, Kanika & Radhika.

Congratulations Dadi

We love
you much

Nadia & Sarina





Sudha Mukhi is a reputable Physician of Long Island. She has been in private medical practice over 30 years specializing in Hematology and Oncology. She is the Founder and President of the South Bay Hematology and Oncology.

Dr. Mukhi is also deeply involved in the Indian – American community. She is a founder member of Arya Samaj of Long Island. She is also Executive member of Center for India Studies at Stony Brook University. She is an avid philanthropist and donated generously for health and education causes here in United States and in India. Dr. Mukhi is also very active member of the American Cancer Society and has volunteered to raise funds for cancer causes and gives numerous lectures on Breast Cancer.

Born in India, Dr. Sudha Mukhi did her medical education from Lady Harding Medical School and received Gold Medal from Delhi University for achieving excellence in academics.

Her hobbies include reading, tennis and skiing. She is blessed with son Rahul and daughter Sonia and two grand daughters Nadia and Sarina.



Congratulations Harvinder Bhatia

“On behalf of Harvinder’s husband, children and grandchildren we want to congratulate her on this well-deserved honor. Harvinder has always been a leader in the community with her continuous generosity, love and support to numerous people including her family. We have been fortunate enough to see her for the many women she represents not only to her children but to the world. She is an amazing mother, wife, mentor and friend that teaches us that one person can make a difference to those around them with acts of kindness, bravery and compassion”.

With love,

Hardeep, husband

Children:

Mili & Sanjeev, Monica & Cibu, Sarah & Eric,
Sonu, Preeti, Sahej & Maher, Nonu & Sneha,
Neety, Hardeep & Anaya



HARVINDER BHATIA came to the states with her husband in 1978 where they settled in New York and had three beautiful and successful daughters. Harvinder has been a long standing pillar of the community giving her time and endless efforts in various capacities.

Harvinder is an active philanthropist who has been a volunteer for North Shore Long Island Hospital since 1997. During this time, she has coordinated successful fundraisers for the hospital one of which is the Adopt-A-Family Program. The Adopt-A-Family Program pairs community supporters with real families that struggle due to a cancer diagnosis and are in financial need. This program allows supporters to fundraise to assist with their adopted family's household bills and/or provide gifts to their family. Harvinder sits on the Board of Directors for Project Real, a non-profit residential program that services the mental health community in Nassau County. Additionally, Harvinder volunteers at the Glen Cove Gurudwara doing "sava" and coordinating special events. She is also active in the International Punjabi Society, which teaches cultural awareness and South Asian dance.

Harvinder embodies the true spirit of compassion and humanitarianism. She is a cherished member of the community and continuously spreads her positive energy to anyone she meets.



CONGRATULATIONS
HARVINDER BHATIA
for the great honor

Harvinder is a loving, caring, and generous person to her family and the community. We are blessed to have her in our family. She continuously shows us her leadership through her commitment to family, charity work and community initiatives. Harvinder is an example for all of us to follow. We are very proud of her and proud to be a part of this honor”.

Jasbir
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ANITA KAWATRA

FOR BEING HONORED FOR HER
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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ACADEMICS, POLITICS AND OTHERS
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WITH COMPLIMENTS FROM

MAHENDER & VED KAWATRA AND FAMILY

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(Branch Manager, Hicksville)

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&
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