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EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the second issue of the newsletter in 81. Our promise for one issue per quarter is holding till now. Communication of regional news is at its lowest ebb. This poses a problem as to what should be covered in the newsletter. Again, please pick up a phone and call the editor periodically or drop a note telling the happenings around you. Thanks goes to Pratap Patnaik (Toronto), Sanjit Panda (New York), Satya Brata Shaw (Memphis) & Anil/Mary Ann Pattanayak (Chicago) for their prompt communication of activities. Other big centres should also do the same.

For the North-American Oriyas, there are exciting events coming up in the next couple of months. The big annual convention is in July at Chicago (details inside) and many local chapters are having summer picnics and other outings. It is all good news and we will be reporting on these in the future. In this issue, you will find a new section called **Young Ones**, which portrays our new generation in this continent.

Many friends have commented on the proper use of the OSA membership dollars. Beside the cost of producing this newsletter, there seems to be no other expenses. What could be done with a sizeable amount if collected? Ideas include 'awarding a scholarship in Orissa', 'getting artists from Orissa to here', 'ad hoc help to things like the flood relief fund' etc. Send your thoughts for future publication.

Sanat Misra is a twenty year-old young man from Cuttack. He plays badminton for India along with top-notch stars like Prakash Padukone, Syed Modi and Partho Ganguly. He has been to England twice. Last March, Sanat played for India in W. Germany, Denmark, Sweden & at the All England Open in London. After the games, he proceeded to Los Angeles to visit his brother Santosh Misra. Sanat works for Indian Railways. His schedule is an impressive one. Later this year, he plays at the Asian games in Delhi and next he goes to Brisbane, Australia to play there. The Indian press has very strong support for Sanat's potential and he is aspiring to be Number 1 for India. We all feel the same way and we are mighty proud of him.

OSA has obtained the non-profit corporation status. It is OSA Inc. now and all your memberships & donations are tax-deductible.

Annual OSA Convention - 1981

The annual convention is scheduled to be held in Chicago and following is the detailed agenda.

Dates ----->	July 10, 11 and 12
Place ----->	North Central College, Naperville, IL
July 10 ----->	Registration - 6.00 P.M.
July 11 ----->	10.00 A.M. - Tour of Chicago
	6.00 P.M. - Banquet
	8.00 P.M. - Entertainment Program
July 12 ----->	11.00 A.M. - Checkout time.

Rooms have been reserved in dormitories on the college campus for everyone attending the convention including the Illinois Oriyas. Costs for the convention will be as follows.

Room per night per adult - \$11.50 , per child under 12 - \$2.00
Banquet per adult ----- \$ 7.00 , per child under 12 - \$3.50
Other meals per adult ---- \$ 5.00 , per child under 12 - N/C

Already about 50 families have consented to attend. Those planning to do so, should send a pre-registration advance of \$15.00 to **Surya Mishra, 465 Menominee, Naperville, IL 60540** by June 15th. and make checks payable to "The Orissa Society of Americas". Those friends who will not take the tour of Chicago will have a picnic. Those arriving on Saturday should plan to register by 11.00 A.M. so that they do not miss out any of the activities. Further questions should be directed to:

Surya Mishra -----	312-355-5193
Anil Pattanayak --	312-668-3716
Balabhadra Mishra-	312-355-4317

The Chicago group have put a lot of interest and hard-work in making the convention a great event. We like to congratulate them in advance. They are exemplary in their organized team work. They have made subgroups to look at different aspects of the convention as follows.

Entertainment	- Ashok Misra, Hara Misra, Rajendra Supkar
Food	- Sudhansu & Chandra Mishra, Balabhadra & Nalini Mishra
Host Arrangements	- Surya Mishra, Balabhadra Mishra & Anil Pattanayak.
Master of Ceremonies	- Bhabesh Dash
Public Relations	- Mary Ann Pattanayak
Registration	- Stan Ahmed, Raju Ahmed
Stage Management	- Bijoy Roy
Tour Committee	- Surya Misra, Anil Pattanayak, Penny Roy

With such meticulous planning and organization, it will be a guaranteed success. If you are only driving-distance away, you must attend. Local chapters are encouraged to participate in the entertainment program and please contact Ashok Mishra (312-462-1102) for details.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

- **Indu Mishra** of Phoenix moved to Baltimore/Washington area on a new job.
- **Bibek Satpathy** came to Los Angeles from Orissa to study film technology.
- **Kishore Mohanty** moved to Dallas after completing his Ph.D at the U. of Minnesota in chemical engineering.
- **Gautam Das** joined Univ. of Florida at Coral Gables after graduating from Burla Engg College. Gautam's sister Gopa and brother-in-law Purna Pattnaik live in San Diego, California.
- **Ajay Mishra** has joined Univ. of California, Berkeley after spending some years in England.
- **Prakash Patnaik** of Miami, Florida moved to New Jersey on a new job.
- **Hrudayan Mohanty**, son of Jiten Mohanty, professor at Oklahoma, has joined Univ. of San Diego since last fall.
- **Digambar Mishra** of Huntsville is moving to Tuscaloosa to join the University there in the faculty.
- **Siti Kantha Dash** of South Dakota has moved to Minneapolis to start a firm called United Agri-services.
- **Pradeep Rath** and family and **Bijoy Mishra** and family have moved to Robinson, Illinois from Houston on a temporary job transfer for Bechtel Group's Petroleum & Chemical division.
- **Bijoy Mahanti** of San Fransisco is heading for West Germany on a three year assignment.
- **Mamata Patnaik**, electrical engineer moved to Reading, PA after graduating from SUNY at Stonybrook.
- **Jogeswar Rath** and family moved from Morenci, Arizona to Safford, Arizona.
- **Bhagaban Panigrahi** moved from Denton, Texas to IOWA to join the faculty in Business Administartion at North. IOWA U..
- **Manindra Mohapatra** moved from Virginia to Frankfurt, Kentucky on a faculty job.
- **Nihar Kanungo** of Bridgeport, CT joined National Semiconductor at Westburry after graduating in Chemical engineering.
- **Anup Behera** joined Univ. of Illinois at Urbana, to continue his graduate studies in computer science. Anup is a grad. from I.I.T. Kharagpur.

- **Debananda & Sebananda Barik**, younger brothers of **Sadananda Barik** of New Jersey arrived from Orissa for their studies.
- **Kasi Nath Mitra** of **Cuttack** has moved to **Foster City** from **Berkeley** after doing his post-graduate studies in **Business Management**. His wife **Madhumita** is also from **Cuttack**.
- **Gour Kishore Das**, professor of **English** from **Delhi University** has come as a visiting professor to **Harvard University**, **Boston** for six months. He did his **Ph. D.** from **Cambridge University**, **England**.
- **Ashok Pandit** of **Los Angeles** is returning to **India** after 14 years stay in this country. He will be joining **TISCO** at **Jamshedpur** as **Additional Chief Industrial Engineer**. **Ashok** is from **Cuttack**.
- **Ballochan Behera** has joined the **University of Mississippi** to do graduate studies in **electrical engineering**.
- **L.C.Padhi** has joined **M.I.T.**, **Boston** for post-graduate research. He is on leave from **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research**, **Bombay**.
- **Birendra Patnaik** moved from **Parsippany** to near **Philadelphia** on a new job transfer.
- **Santosh Das** moved from **Tequesta, Florida** to **Moristown, N.J.** on a new job with **Allied Chemical**.

Regional News

New York

The New York chapter elected its office bearers at a new year's eve get together at **Manhasset, Long Island**.

1. President -----> **Jagat Subudhi, Long Island**
2. Vice President1-----> **Lata Mishra, Little Neck**
3. Vice.President2-----> **Prafulla Panigrahi, New Jersey**
4. Vice President3-----> **Mamata Patnaik, Reading PA**
5. Secretary/Treasurer-> **Sanjit Panda, Queens**

There was a '**Bishuva Milan**' gathering at **Amiya Patnaik's** residence in **Rivervale, New Jersey**. About 25 families from **New York, New Jersey, Connecticut** area attended. Some **Canadian** guests were also present to enjoy the fun.

This year's programs include annual picnic and other small-scale outings during the summer and fall. **Sashi Mishra** and wife **Lata** have been broadcasting a radio program of **Oriya** music periodically over the last couple of years and it has become very popular with local friends.

Toronto

Our friends in Toronto and nearby areas recently celebrated Baishakhi (Bishuva Milan). A number of friends drove from Kingston, London, Montreal etc. Many US friends also joined from Detroit, Buffalo, East Lansing etc. All total, there were about 70 families. The program was held in North York in a school auditorium. The highlight of the program was a drama titled 'Mo Oriya Culturera Atma Katha' (Self-portrait of my Oriya Culture), which was written and produced by Sri Gopal Mohanty, professor of statistics at MacMaster University, Hamilton. The drama was an hour long and it depicted the trials & tribulations in the life of a north-american Oriya family. The theme had an universal appeal since it fits into every Oriya's life in this continent. Many local people acted in the drama with Gopal Babu and Sipra Rath (Buffalo) doing the main role. This editor had the opportunity of witnessing the rehearsal and the enthusiasm and interest of the group was fantastic. Pratap Patnaik organized the program which also had other dances, songs etc.

Kentucky

Last year, Vijaya Dashami was celebrated at the residence of Amiya Mohanty in Richmond, Kentucky. There was morning puja followed by afternoon-feast. Several families attended it from Frankfort, Richmond, Lexington etc. There were other get-togethers during christmas and new years eve at Manindra Mohapatra's house.

California

The annual picnic was held at Pismo beach during memorial weekend. Four houses were taken on the beach and about 60 people including children attended. Beside the usual overeating part, there were many novel activities. The second day was spent completely outside near the picturesque lake Lopez. Volleyball was played. Everyone enjoyed boating. In the evenings, there was great entertainment program. One-act play 'Bidesi Oriya', originated and scripted by Jnana Dash was staged. Deba Mohapatra, Cheta Patel, Prafulla Padhi and Jnana Dash acted providing hilarious entertainment. Kirttan Behera conducted a surprise magic show. Group songs and qawali were presented. Finally new convenors were elected for next year.

Deba Mohapatra (Northern California) Santosh Mishra (Southern California)
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News Flash from Orissa

Prime minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated the start of work on the Aluminium Plant to be built with French collaboration. A big modern multi-storied hotel has been inaugurated in Cuttack called 'Vishram'. A National Institute of Technology is supposed to be constructed in Bhubaneswar in the next couple of years.

Visitors from Orissa

- Sukumar Das and wife, Rotarians to the Rotary Governor's meeting at Boca Raton, Florida.
- Madhu Sudan Khadanga to USA via Japan to investigate new discoveries in cardiology research. His son Debanand is at U. of Alabama (A & M), Huntsville.
- Girija Das Mohapatra and wife to visit their son and daughter.
- Akula Nanda Sarangi, doctor and Sidhartha Pradhan, Income tax officer, both Rotarians on exchange program to USA.
- Sashi Bhusan Misra and wife to visit their sons Jayadeb & Lalatendu at Austin, Texas.
- Omkar Mohanty from I.I.T. Kharagpur to visit relatives in USA.
- Prafulla Misra, senior medical officer at Indian Airlines, Bombay and wife Uma Misra to visit her brother Sashi Misra, New York.

YOUNG ONES

Name	Parents	Occupation
Mamata Patnaik	Amiya/Kavita Patnaik New Jersey	Engineer Reading, PA
Mana Patnaik	Amiya/Kavita Patnaik New Jersey	Student, Journalism Rutgers, NJ
Nihar Kanungo	Kalpataru/Anu Kanungo Bridgeport	Engineer Westbury, CT
Tani Purohit	Arjun/Padmini Purohit Kingston, Ontario	Student, Computer SC. Queen's U, Kingston
Mani Purohit	Arjun/Padmini Purohit Kingston	Student, Commerce Queen's, Kingston
Nirupama Mishra	Sudhansu/Indu Mishra Minneapolis	P.G. Student U Minnesota
Bapi Dash	Arta/Basanti Dash Guelph, Ontario	Student, Computer Sc. U of Waterloo
Satya Das	Jagannath/Gita Das Edmonton	Journalist Edmonton
Sidhartha Kanungo	Rabi/Minati Kanungo	Syst. Analyst
Nachiketa Kanungo	Rabi/Minati Kanungo Montreal	Student Montreal

The above list is the first attempt to introduce our younger generation. All the friends in the list are above 18 years. Nicknames are used wherever 'official' names did not pop up in the memory search. Parents as well as young ones themselves are encouraged to write giving details of their present occupation, hobby etc.

LITERATURE

SUN - DOWN

by

Jamini Kanta Jagdev

In a mountain-ringed town
Sitting on a house top,
Watched the Sun-down,
With care and commotion within
The panoramic view
reminded me of
Life and Love
Which have many moors,
But few inns to in.

The soft petals of life wither
Its sweet fragrance evaporates into thin air
Time consumer consumes all its beauties
And brings Sun-down
For one and all.

One may be beneath a deep sea
Or flying high in the sky
Or try to hide in a hide-out
But enchanting ray of Sun-down
Penetrates into every point
To bring all to an unsurmountable point

Splendid perishable physique is consigned
To flame and soul takes off the land
After a brief stop over in this world,
But no body knows
Where it goes.

Note: Mr. Jagdev is a young Oriya poet and this poem was broadcast from All India Radio last June. He is under-secretary of Revenue and Excise at the Orissa Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

Status Change

Following friends recently got married.

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| - Bijoy Nanda, Montreal | - Hrudayan Mohanty, San Diego |
| - Annada Das, New York | - Suratha Rao, Sarnia, Ontario |
| - Akhyaya Das, New York | - Bibhuti Dash, Toronto |
| - Sanjit Panda, New York | - Satyabrata Mishra, Los Angeles |

Congratulations !!!

Miscellaneous News

P.K.Mahanandia is a world-class painter who lives in Boras, Sweden. He teaches art and yoga at the anglo-american centre in Sweden. Thirty-year old Pradyumna graduated from the College of art, Delhi University and has travelled all over the world exhibiting his paintings. His noteworthy creations include paintings of Indira Gandhi, Valentina Tereschkova (first lady cosmonaut), portrait series titled 'The Earth' etc. He is married to the Swedish musician Charlotte Schedvin.

P.K. established the 'P.K. Scholarship' for the talented needy students of fine arts and music from Orissa, back in 1979. So far, 10 students have been awarded the scholarship. Candidates must be at least 25 years old and must fill out an application form. Then a selection committee will select them and the scholarship will be given 10 months of the year through the State Bank of India. Anyone interested to know more about the scholarship and other activities of Mr. Mahanandia should write to P.K. Scholarship, c/o Schedvin, Ulvens Gata 6, 50255 Boras, Sweden.

Binod Kar ---- Do you know the whereabouts of him ? Last known, he was somewhere in Florida. His family members in Orissa are extremely anxious to get in touch. If you do know his current address, please write to his brother: S.C Kar, 38 Debinibas Road, Calcutta 700074, India. They are waiting to pay for his return ticket if he chooses to go back to India.

Udaya Nath Dash from St. Louis has established a school in his village Pench Shason, Puri. The school has 240 students with 10 teachers and many batches have graduated in the past. He and his wife Ira Dash have bought land to establish a charitable clinic and hospital in the same village, which is on the road between Pipli and Konarak. The estimated cost is 200,000 dollars and interested members wishing to contribute should write to him. All contributions are tax-deductible.

The OSA Directory will be distributed to attendees of the Chicago convention in July. Others will be mailed a copy later on.

Membership Dues for O.S.A. are due for this year. If you have not sent yours, please hurry up and mail your check to the following address. Family membership is 10 dollars and single membership is 5 dollars only.

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The editor wishes to thank a friendly computer, a laser-printer and a software to take charge of composing this newsletter. Routine works like paging, paragraphing, drawing boxes, margining, highlighting, underscoring etc were taken care of, by these friends.

Bye from sunny California for the time being...Editor.

