

ICA'S POST



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Membership Drive (Oct 19, 2019)

By Yogita Shah

We have 30 families signed up as members, 34 families signed up as sponsors, 2 individuals signed up as members, and 1 individual signed up as sponsor. Thank you for signing up!

Upcoming ICA & Partner Events

By Poonam Dubey

- [ICA] Family Dance Party feat. DJ Fuzon | Dec 07th, 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM @ Radisson Hotel, Ames
This event is free for ICA members/sponsors. NO Dinner. Only Finger Foods & Radisson Cash Bar.
Please bring your membership cards to event.
- [Robert Thomas Dancer] The Nutcracker | Dec 14th, 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM @ Stephens

Kid's Corner | Brahmi Numerals

By Dr. V.V. Raman (originally published in Indher magazine)

The Brahmi script was very widely used in India from very ancient times. It is the ancestor of the Sanskrit alphabet which is in use today. It is believed that the Brahmi script was probably perfected by 1000 B.C. Brahmi numerals are also very ancient. Inscriptions of Brahmi numerals have been found in Asokan carvings that date back to 300 B.C.

Some 120 km from Poona, in a cave on the Nanaghat Hill - which is believed to have been a resting place for travelers many centuries ago - archaeologists discovered inscriptions which have been deciphered to be a list of gifts that were offered by a certain king by the name of Vedisri on the occasion of a sacrifice. Here too one finds several of these Brahmi numerals. It is quite clear that these numerals were used in India before the invention of the zero and the place-value system for which India was to become famous in mathematics in later times.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10^0	—	=	≡	𑀓	𑀔	𑀕	𑀖	𑀗	𑀘
10^1	𑀠	𑀡	𑀢	𑀣	𑀤	𑀥	𑀦	𑀧	𑀨
10^2	𑀩	𑀪	𑀫	𑀬	𑀭				

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Youth Leadership Program

We are recruiting high school students to participate in ICA's Youth Leadership Program.

Participants will work with ICA's Executive Committee Members to help plan upcoming events, to manage ICA's social presence, and to manage the ICA website.

If you know of any high school student that would be interested in participating in this program, please email us at contactus@icaiowa.org.