

**BEENA KOTHARI**, Having lived on Long Island for over twenty three plus years, her association, interactions, and contributions with members of the Indian and American communities has been valuable and memorable. Her many accomplishments with various nonprofit organizations have occurred over a long period including various leadership capacities as **Iali President 2016, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Member, and Chair of several ad-hoc committees, India day Parade Chair 2015 and 2016.**

She takes pride in serving in leadership positions with many social, non-profit organizations such as Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) (Board of Director, Treasurer), Jain Center of America (JCA), Jain Samaj of Long Island (JSLI) (Board of Director), Gayatri Pariwar of Long Island (GPLI) (volunteered teaching Hindi and vedic math), Long Island Multi Faith Forum (LIMFF), India Day Parade (IDP), India Association of Long Island (IALI) (only broad-based community organization in Long Island operating since 1976), Suffolk County Indian Committee and has contributed tremendously to their success and fundraising, including many international conventions.

During her professional career with Real Estate, Sony, Time Warner, JP Morgan Chase, and IBM as Global IT Team Manager, she has won many service “Gold Stars” taking a lead role in promoting and practicing the great Indian values of *‘Unity and Harmony among Diversity with Respect’* which is important and close to her heart and hopefully to all. She firmly believes that she can extend those values throughout the community and thereby strengthen it by bringing us all closer together for the longer-term.

Her goal is to focus on *‘Young and Women’s Empowerment with Leadership’* which she believes is essential for the betterment of the Indian-American community.

Her involvement includes:

- Chair of India Day Parade- 2015 and 2016
  - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Member, and Chair of several ad-hoc committees since 1998
- Chair of Cultural and Newsletter Committees
- Volunteered in Thanksgiving, Diwali (festival of lights), Christmas and Food Drives for the homeless
- Chair of India fest (10,000 people attended and 52 vendors participated)
- Volunteered with Senior Citizen Committee
- Volunteered with Women Forum