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May 2007

Dear TAGDV member,

Mee andariki sarvajeeth naama samvatsara subhakankshalu. With your encouragement and support, the current executive committee has successfully sponsored and conducted several cultural events in the past year. I would like to thank all the TAGDV members for showing their support by attending our TAGDV functions in record numbers. TAGDV Executive Committee is working very hard this year to bring special programs as part of the prime time show for adults along with the cultural competitions in the morning. The highlight of this year prime time program is the grand comedy show by the famous movie actor and comedian AVS and Gundu Hanumanth Rao and mimicry extravaganza by the popular mimicry artist Harikishan. You will find more details about our special artists in this newsletter. Please spread the word about our Ugadi program to your friends and any Telugu families you know in your area.

Please volunteer in any way you can to help us organize this mega event. As you know TAGDV publishes a souvenir for the Ugadi program. This 50 page booklet has attractive mix of short stories, poems and articles by local authors. It is distributed to the members at the Ugadi program. If you are interested in advertising in the souvenir or contributing a creative literary piece in Telugu or English, please contact any EC member before April 29, 2007.

I am happy to inform you that TAGDV will get the benefit of using the Bharatiya Temple auditorium free of charge once a year for the next few years because of a generous donation of \$8000 from the 13th TANA conference's surplus fund to Bharatiya temple by Rajkumar Gutha, Saradhi Kosaraju and Madan Inaganti. TAGDV thanks Bharatiya Temple Trustees and TANA for this gesture.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming 16th TANA conference in Washington, DC on July 5th, 6th & 7th. Please register early and enjoy the program.

I welcome any suggestions & comments from our members. Your feedback will help us in planning to organize better programs and activities in the future. Please call me or send an email to president@tagdv.com.

Saroja Sagaram
President
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Community News

Congratulations:

- Shilpa Dhanisetty, daughter of Rajgopal and Aruna Dhanisetty, is graduating from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in May 2007. She will pursue further training in the field of Otolaryngology at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.
- Harsha Kanumalla was part of a group of 30 instrumentalists of South Indian Orchestra who performed at the Kennedy Center, Washington DC on March 28, 2007 for Art of Living Foundation's 25th Anniversary celebrations for World Peace.
- Harsha Kanumalla won 2nd prize in the Junior Category in the Mridangam competition held at Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana on April 7, 2007.
- TFAS awarded a consolation prize to Sangita Kanumalla for her initiative and efforts and entry in the essay writing contest for high school students in the memory of Dr Yellapragada Subbarow.
- TFAS awarded a consolation prize to Avinash Gabbeta for her initiative and efforts and entry in the essay writing contest for high school students in the memory of Dr Yellapragada Subbarow.
- Sreya Adiraju, daughter of Renuka and Ramesh Adiraju gave her debut Karnatic music concert at Kimmel Center, Philadelphia on April 1, 2007.

Celebrations:

- Rekha and Madu Voruganti are blessed with a daughter - Nandini Voruganti - 12/05/2006
- Sunanda and Sanjay Gandham are proud parents of Dhaathri Sivani Gandham - 12/30/2006
- Annapurna and Srinivas Chaganti are blessed with a daughter – Sumana - 2/9/2007
- Himabindu & Venkat Dandibhotla celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in February 2007
- Asha & Murthy Chengalvala celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in March 2007

Condolences:

- Vijay Senadhi, a life member of TAGDV, lost his father Dattatreya Senadhi on March 24, 2007 in Hyderabad, India
- Satya Budhavarapu, a life member of TAGDV, lost her father Suryanarayana Murthy Nematikanti on April 13, 2007 in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India
- Ramakrishna Sreedhara, a life member of TAGDV, lost his father in Hyderabad in March 2007.

Namaskaram,

Radha Kilambi our Joint Secretary and Dhanunjay Samudralwar a member-at-large resigned from their positions due to personal reasons. The Executive Committee made a decision to appoint Venkat Dandibhotla as the Joint Secretary and Saisankar Vuyyuru as a member-at-large. These two members contested in the past election. We will present this for the General Body approval during the Ugadi function. Our EC members will be contacting you from time to time to update TAGDV database with your email addresses, mailing addresses and phone numbers so you can receive our communications in a timely manner. We would like to thank all the Annapurnalu for making delicious food for all our programs. Our special thanks to Smt. Udaya Bhaskara Devi for making two big trays of pakodi & mixture, 300 Cocktail Samosas and 300 Mysorpak pieces and masala tea for the Sankranthi program. Thank you Devi garu, we really enjoyed your culinary contributions. Thank you.

Mallik Budhavarapu - General Secretary, TAGDV

Welcome to new life members

- 1) Swathi & Ravi Anantasagar
- 2) Neelaveni & Sai Kumar Kandukuri
- 3) Rekha & Rao Isukupalli

TAGDV Executive Committee would like to thank all the donors and Annapoornalu

Deepavali Cash Contributions

Saroja Sagaram-\$250
Venkat Dhandibhotla-\$135
Sudhakar Pavuluri-\$135
Apparao Vaddempudi-\$116
Murthy Chengalavala-\$100
Dr. Ramesh Parchuri-\$100
Dr. Gopi Varma-\$100
Seshamamba Chittineni-\$51.00
Harnath Doddapaneni-\$50.00

Sankranthi Cash Contributions

Dr. Ramesh Parchuri-\$100
Saroja Sagaram-\$100
Harnath Doddapaneni-\$51

Annapoornalu

Asha Chengalvala
Bindu Dandibhotla
Devi Adhikarla
Krishnavati Kotapati
Maya Paruchuri
Rama Kari
Ratna Kosaraju
Sandhaya Dandibhotla
Seshumaba Chittineni
Sudha Palepu
Suneetha Vegesna
Swaruparani Kotapati
Vijayasri Paruchuri

We are looking for volunteers to help us with Newsletter committee, Food committee and general volunteer committee. Please contact any EC member for further information.

Dear TAGDV members,

I am very happy to inform you all that we had wonderful Sankranthi program with attendance of over 300 members. We gave away 60 DVDs to our members and we charged a discounted program fee of \$25. The program was a grand success. Thank you very much for your support. See you all at the Ugadi program. Please send us any news you may have that you would like to share with the other members of Telugu community. You can send an email to President@tagdv.com or contact any TAGDV EC member. Thank you.

Ajay Inaganti - Vice President, TAGDV

Sankranthi Competition Winners

Muggala Poteelu		
	Adults: Lalitha Setty (First) Manjula Reddy (Second) Karuna Samudralwar (Third)	Teens: Sanil Reddy (First) Keerthana Setty (Second) Sanjana Reddy (Third)
Children's Art	Megana Reddy (First) Swetha Chengalvala (Second) Brijay Varma & Neha Reddy tied for third place.	
Bommala Koluvu	Veena Kanumalla (First) Swetha Chengalavala (Second)	

Congratulations to all the winners.

Telugu Association of Greater Delaware Valley

cordially invites TAGDV members and well wishers to the
14th Annual North America Telugu Cultural Competitions
and Ugadi Celebrations

on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 10AM to 9PM
at Colonial Middle School
716 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Smiles by



Please come & enjoy the program
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Artist Profiles



Amanchi Venkata Subramanyam, popularly known as AVS, the Comedian and his versatile personality includes several areas like Comedian, Character Artiste in over 700 movies, Compeer for several Cultural and Film programs, Anchor for TV Shows , Writer, Columnist, Producer, Director etc.

AVS, started his career with ' Mr Pellam' directed by Sri Babu garu received Nandi Award for his first film itself and so far received 7 Nandi Awards . He has also received around 80 Awards from Various Cultural and Social organizations. He has received ' Hasya Nata Virat' from TLCA, New York and " Hasya Nata Tapaswi" from Mascot recently.

AVS has acted in more than 800 films so far and has received appreciations from one and all. He has also served as Secretary to Movie Artiste Association (MAA) and received appreciations from one and all from the film industry for his skillful handling and dedication.

AVS has recently started doing a comedy show " Jollywood Express" in Gemini TV on Sunday evening Prime time. A multi faceted, multi talented person.



Gundu Hanumantha Rao, a popular comedy artiste is one of the most sought after comedians in Telugu film industry. With over 25 years of experience in Stage, TV and Film acting, Mr Gundu Hanumantha Rao has his style of dialogue delivery and facial expressions which made him popular.

Introduced by popular film Director Mr Jandhyala in " Satyagraham", Mr Gundu Hanumantha Rao has acted over 600 films so far.

Mr Gundu Hanumantha Rao is also popular with his TV Serial ' Amrutham" on Sunday evening prime time in Gemini TV which is coming for the last 7 years indicating its popularity



Mr Harikishan started doing mimicry at the age 8 years and has given over 10000 performances till date from 1971 all over the world. He has established World Record in Mimicry on 24th March, 2000 by imitating 100 human voices in One Hour and awarded the title of "SATA KANTHA DHVANYANUKARANA DUREENA"

He recreates scenes from Jurassic Park and Anaconda, EVIL DEAD, Mecannas Gold, Mummy, Mummy Returns Etc., using his vocal chords and give you the feeling that you are watching one of Spielberg's greatest hits.

He is widely traveled and extolled in NRI circles in UAE, US and UK. Spontaneity, Creativity, Instant imitation, Effective communication and presentation etc., are his highlights.

With a lot of practice, training and dedication he reached the stage to be recognized by one and all. He presented in Eenadu Television a program called "NAVVITE NAVARATNALU ". And also he is presenting program in FM Rain bow, a famous radio channel.

Date has been extended to October...

Telugu Fine Arts Society is pleased to honor the memory of Dr Yellapragada Subbarow with an essay writing contest for high school students.

First Prize: \$500 - Second Prize: \$300 - Third Prize: \$200

Topic: "The introduction and advances of modern western medicine and pharmaceuticals in the developing world are a threat to traditional medicine"

For further details please visit their web site at www.tfas.net or call Ramakrishna Eleswarapu (732.390.5776) or send email to president@tfas.net

Bharitya Temple cordially invites you to MAHA CHANDI YAGNA-Memorial Day Weekend: 25,26 & 27th. His Holiness Jagadguru Swami Siddheswarananda Bharathi will lead the Yagna and initiate seekers in Dhyana/Meditation. Learned priest will recite Devi Saptashati/Chandi Paath during Yagna. Daily Spiritual lectures in English on Devi Bhagawat. Swamiji's Q&A with Children and much more. Please visit the website for additional details at b-temple.org

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Please send Comments and Contributions to president@tagdv.com

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Directions to Colonial Middle School

716 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

From Western Suburbs:

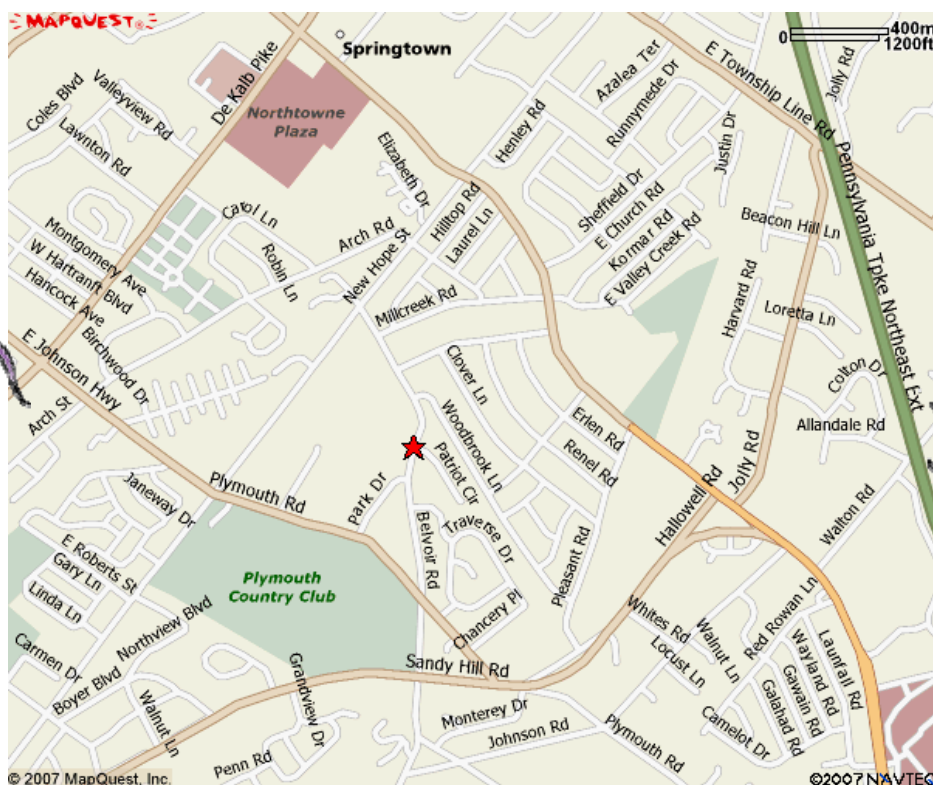
- 1) Traveling east on PA Turnpike, take Exit # 333, the Norristown/Plymouth Meeting Exit.
- 2) After tolls follow signs for Plymouth Road; left at light and right at next light and proceed west on Germantown Pike, pass the Plymouth Meeting Mall.
- 3) Pass the traffic light at Walton Road, at the top of the hill.
- 4) Left on to Sandy Hill Road and at 3rd traffic light turn right onto to Belvoir Road.
- 5) Colonial Middle School is on your left, adjacent to the Plymouth Township Municipal Building.

From Philadelphia and South Jersey:

- 1) Traveling on 76 East (Schuylkill Expressway) towards Valley Forge, after about 11 miles, take exit for 476 North towards Plymouth Meeting.
- 2) Travel about 4 miles and take exit for Germantown Pike West (last exit before PA Turnpike toll booths).
- 3) Proceed west on Germantown Pike, pass the Plymouth Meeting Mall; Pass the traffic light at Walton Road, at the top of the hill.
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From North Jersey:

- 1) Travel south on NJ Turnpike and take exit #6 to PA Turnpike;
- 2) Travel west on PA Turnpike (276 W); take Exit # 333, the Norristown/Plymouth Meeting Exit;
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