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April 2008

Namaskaram TAGDV members,

Mee andariki Sarvadhari Naama Samvatsara Subhakankshalu. We put in a lot of effort to bring special cultural programs this year for your enjoyment. The following are some of highlights of the program: Bhriгу Garva Bhangam, a dance ballet by Kuchipudi Art Academy, a mesmerizing magic show by Cheruvu Ravi Chandra, a Limca record holder and a third place winner in the World Deaf Magicians competitions held in California recently, Sri Krishna Arjuna Dhuryodhana Samvadham, a pouranika skit by local artists Ankineedu Prasad, Ashok Kumar Chintakunta and Venkaiah Dama. We will also have our regular cultural competitions by participants from the neighboring states starting at 10 AM.

Our chief guest this year is the popular Tollywood Actress Aarti Agrawal. You will also enjoy mouth watering Andhra Bhojanam on that day, specially made for the occasion, by Uduppi Restaurant. We are looking for volunteers to help us organize the program successfully, if you are interested in helping, please contact any TAGDV Executive Committee member immediately or send me an email expressing your interest. I am proud to bring to your attention that during the present term of the Executive Committee (2006 to 2008), we successfully organized every Telugu function we traditionally celebrate, without cancelling a single one for any reason. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming 10th ATA conference and Youth Convention at Prudential Center, Newark, NJ on July 3rd, 4th & 5th. Please register early and enjoy the program. I am happy to inform you that ATA donated \$1,000 towards our Ugadi 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:

- Shreya Adiraju, daughter of Renuka and Ramesh Adiraju received the CIO young achievers awards at the CIO Republic Day Banquet 2008 held at Blair Mill Inn, Horsham, PA on February 2, 2008.
- Harsha Kanumalla, son of Santi and Ramana Kanumalla, received the CIO young achievers awards at the CIO Republic Day Banquet 2008 held at Blair Mill Inn, Horsham, PA on February 2, 2008.
- TAGDV life member Damu Gedala became the president of TFAS for the period of 2008-2010.
- TAGDV life member Ramakrishna Seethala became the vice president TFAS for the period of 2008- 2010
- TAGDV life member Indira Yalamanchili became the Treasurer TFAS for the period of 2008-2010
- Bobby Parchuri graduated from Penn State University and is joining GE in Allentown.
- Sai Simha Rachoor, son of Hanuman Rachoor & Jayalakshmi Rachoor graduated from Cherry Hill High School East in 2007. He is National Merit Finalist, Summa Cum Laude - Top 2% Grade and Top 7 in the High School out of 562 in the class of 2007. He is attending New York University (Stern Scholars Program).

Celebrations:

- Krishna Prasad Varada & Annapoorna Varada are proud grand parents of Tejal born on Feb 29, 2008.
- Ramesh Parchuri & Maya Parchuri are proud grand parents of Neena Shree born on Dec 9, 2007.

Condolences:

- Beloved father of Maya Paruchuri garu, a life member and supporter of TAGDV, Sri Duggirala Parthasarathi garu passed away on 1/4/08 at his residence in Kasaraneni Vari Palem in Vijayawada, AP, India. We express our deepest condolences & heart felt sympathy to Maya Paruchuri garu and her family members.

Dr. Sudhakar Rao, a TAGDV life member, recently won two prestigious awards and was recognized for his professional achievements:

1) 2008 Asian American Engineer Of the Year (AAEOY): This award is given annually by the Chinese Institute of the Engineers (CIE) and the National Engineers Association recognizing the outstanding engineering contributions of Asian Americans. This year 14 engineers from high-tech companies across USA, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Microsoft, IBM, GE, BP, Northrop Grumman, Texas Instruments etc., received this award during the award ceremony held in Dallas on March 01, 2008. About 600 people across USA attended the ceremony.

2) IEEE Delaware Valley Electrical Engineer of the Year Award: He received this award on April 12, 2008 during the ceremony organized by the IEEE Philadelphia section in the Union League Building. The description of the award is: "***This is the most prestigious individual award sponsored by the section. The person selected should have an engineering or related degree and a career of contributions of the highest professional order. The selected individual should be a person of stature and visibility who represents the profession well and projects a strong positive image***". This is one of the two awards that the IEEE gives each year (other being the IEEE Benjamin Franklin Key Award which he received in 2006). Congratulations to Dr. Sudhakar Rao garu and his family.



Bharat Youth Group Fundraiser Event—FUSION OF THE ARTS

Bharat Youth Group, run by young adults from our local community organized a fund raiser at Calvary Vision Center on April 5, 2008 by conducting cultural competitions in Dance, Music and Instrumental. Awards were distributed to all winners. All proceedings go to ASHA for Education. In turn the funds will be diverted to Child Labor Project in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. They have raised funds through donations from corporate sponsors such as American Solutions, Johnson and Johnson, Telugu Association of Greater Delaware Valley, and personal donations from the local Indian community. Parent volunteers have donated food for the Bharat Youth Group food stall and the money was also added to the donation. The total amount raised through such event is \$5000 said Keerthana Setty, President of Bharat Youth Group. She says this project has turned her into more confident person and she is glad that the Bharat Youth Group could make a difference in the world.

The current members of BYG are President Keerthana Setty, Jaisheela Setty, Harsha Royyuru, Pavan Gedala, Vamsi Vuppala, Abhinav Gabbeta, Anuja Gedala, Avinash Gabbeta, Bhaskari Budhavarapu, Chitra Mosarla, Megan Reddy, Mounika Muttineni and Arun Pidugu.

The youth group is looking for active volunteers to join the team! Membership is open for ages 11-18 years. For more information please contact: Keerthana Setty (President): kuchipudi10@yahoo.com

Telugu Association of Greater Delaware Valley

Cordially invites TAGDV members and well wishers to the
15th Annual North America Telugu Cultural Competitions
and Ugadi Celebrations on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 10AM to 9PM
at Colonial Middle School, 716 Belvoir Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Chief Guest Aarti Agrawal



A Sensational Tollywood Actress



Bhriгу Garva Bhangam
By
Kuchipudi Art Academy
Hyderabad



**Performance by
Magician Ravi Chandra**
(3rd Place Winner in the
World Deaf Magician Contest
& Limca Book Record Holder)



Sri Krishna Arjuna Dhuryodhana Samvadam

**Colorful Classical,
Folk and Movie
Dances**

Singing And Drama

Fine Andhra Bhojanam

Members: \$40 (Family of 2 adults and 2 children), Non-Members: \$15 per person
Children (5 years and younger): Free



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Directions

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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Thank you very much for making Deepavali program a success. We would like to thank Vasu Deva Reddy for giving a break of \$2,000 on the artist fees of \$5,000. With the American Solutions support with \$2,000, the artist cost TAGDV only \$1,000. We received additional donations from Seeta Garikapati, Sudha Palepu and Rohini Adhikarla for the classical dancer from India. We recognized Sreya Saladi and Vandana Rao for their Bharatanatyam Rangaprasam. All the members enjoyed delicious Andhra food.

Our EC organized a free Sankranti program for all the TAGDV members on January 26, 2008 and charged only \$5 per person for non-members. All the guests enjoyed good Indian food and the children enjoyed pizza. We organized Muggula Poteelu for ladies, Art competitions for children and Bommala Koluvu Poteelu for all. We introduced Bhogi Pallu for the first time and gave \$5 gift cards to the participating children. Excellent entertainment was provided by artists from NY, NJ.



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