

VSNA Ohio – News Letter

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Save the Date!

*Aug 22nd – Summer Picnic @ Put
In Bay*

Aug 30th - Meals on Wheels

Did you know?

Basava Samiti translates 2,500
Vachanas into 10 languages

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Message from the President

Dear Readers,

Hope you are soaking up all of the sunshine you can get amidst the frequent rains, erratic weather. Whoever thought we would be bundling up in June/July!

Most members have been busy with summer plans – vacationing in India, Outer Banks and in my case, a cruise! So our get-togethers have been scaled back but it will pick up in the coming months.

We have been able to raise \$766 this year to support meal hosting for displaced people in our community. Thank you for your generous contribution!! My challenge to each of you now, is to volunteer and discover the satisfying and grounding experience that it offers. Most activities take very little time and effort on your part and but is integral for supporting our collective mission.

We will now be turning our attention to membership drive. There is power in numbers! - Expand our community, gain new friends, new perspectives and add to our diversity! So get the word out, dear members and show them how awesome a club that VSNA Ohio is!

Rashmi Naikar

Basava Jayanthi



Annual Drive : Funding the YWCA Meals

One of the highlights of the Basava Jayanthi was the Annual drive to collect funds for providing meals for homeless families through YWCA Meal Program. Thanks to your generous donations we are now able to offer lunch for 150 people three times an year! This is a true reflection of Basavanna's one of the key principles, i.e Dasoha

The biggest festival for the Veerashaivas, Basava Jayanthi was hosted by Anu & Ravish Eshwarppa on April 25th. The celebration started off with the "Linga Puja" followed by Vachana recitation by Bevinahally kids. All kids participated enthusiastically in the quiz on Basava Jayanthi.

We had sumptuous dinner and shared the volunteer experiences as well as sneak peek into our future events. The kids put together an impressive presentation based on their learning's from the YWCA meal hosting and baking at the Ronald McDonald home.

p.s - It never ceases to amaze us how tidy the Eshwarappas keep their home. Our chitchats also included grilling them on the secret behind this!



Meals On wheels

This May, our VSNA families delivered the meals to the needy in the community of Dublin & Hilliard. Kids loved the experience and are rearing to go back! Can you think of a better way to spend couple of hours on a Sunday?



YWCA Meal Program

We have served meals several times at YWCA however, this was our first opportunity for providing meals! YWCA relies on the community to provide meals to families every day of the year. This time a group of 15 volunteers prepared a delicious lunch consisting of Salad with Ranch dressing , Italian dinner rolls with butter and Penne Pasta with tomato cream sauce, chicken and aged Asiago Cheese. It

was capped with home made chocolate chip cookies all within a modest budget of \$250 for 150 people



Community Corner

MENS Night Out:

Men's night out was held in late May and the men had a blast at the Powell's Buffalo Wild Wings. The event was capped by a movie in Polaris.

Recent Graduate!

Congratulations to Dr. Deepa Ujwal on completing her Psychiatry residency @ The University of Toledo Medical Center in June 2015.

During her residency, Deepa was elected to serve as Chief Resident and has graduated with several accolades including the prestigious "Ali Mamun Award" for excellence in Community and Geriatric Psychiatry, "Outstanding Resident Service Award" and the "William J Lenz Award" for excellence in General Psychiatry.

Dr. Ujwal will be starting outpatient practice in the Columbus area and is looking forward to being actively involved with VSNA

Gita Recital

Neil Parameshwarappa participated in Gita chanting competition this summer at Chinmaya Mission in Powell Ohio. His recital impressed Sri Siddalinga Swamiji of Siddaganga Matt of Tumkur. Swamiji was

floored hearing fluent Sanskrit from this 9 year old boy!

The Swamiji featured in the picture with Parameshwarappa family is Sri Sri Shivakumar Swamiji who is 108 years old.

Neil's mom Madhu matched his talent by winning 1st place in Gita chanting. She will be participating at national level in Chicago!

For those who are curious, Gita Chanting is a competition held by Chinmaya mission. It is open to public and held annually with different chapters of Bhagavat Gita to

Karate Kids

Neel & Kunal both have been doing Taekwondo for last 4 years & their hard work, determination & rigorous training made them reach their goal this summer. Finally they are 1st degree Black belts. We are very proud of them.

Kunal is working towards his next degree & also has volunteered his time to help kids in the Taekwondo class. That's right! You read this correctly. Kunal at the tender of 10 is volunteering to teach other kids!!

