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From the Desk of President ...

I am happy to bring the second Quarter VSNA e-Newsletter. This news letter brings lots of information on Maryland convention, VSNA Awards, new BOD and BOR members, 2005-06 VSNA projects and their current status, 2006 convention etc.

I thank you all for helping Maryland Convention a great success. My special thanks to Maryland Chapter for conducting such an excellent convention. Maryland Chapter under the leadership of Mrs.Jayashree Jagadeesh, Chairperson of convention, Mr. Shiva Anand, Vice Chairperson of convention, Mrs.Leena Paul, Chapter President done an outstanding convention. Thanks to all.

I encourage you all to contribute to the e-Newsletter in the form of articles, vachanas etc. I also highly encourage articles from the youth. Please visit our website at <http://www.vsna.org> for the newsletter, updates, forms and other resources. We are going to update the website on regular basis and your thoughtful suggestions are most welcome!

- Prabhu Patil

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Maryland 600 Convention – A Great Success



(Standing: Prabhu Patil, President of VSNA, Sitting from Left: Mrs.Leena, Cabinet Minister M.P Prakash, Siddeshwar Swamiji, Bijapur, SHivamurthy Swamiji, Chitradurga, JSS Swamiji, Mysore, G. Shankar, Mrs.Jayashree)

During July 2nd and 3rd of this month, Maryland, USA has National Convention of Veerashiavas residing in America. The convention is attended by around 700 Veerashiavas. This convention is addressed by the Chief Guest Minister

M.P.Prakash, Siddeshwar Swamiji, Bijapur, SHivamurthy Swamiji, Chitradurga, JSS Swamiji, Mysore. Mr.Prabhu Patil, the President of Veerashaiva Samaja in America addressed the gathering and outlined the vision of Veerashaiva Samaja for next 2 years. This convention is 28th year celebration. There were lots of activities that include the Health workshop, Business workshop, Anubhava Mantap, Vachana Discussions, and Matrimonial session for the members of Veershaiva samaja.

Feedback from 2005 Convention

Here are some endorsements

Monday, July 04, 2005

"Dear Shiva Anand, Mrs Jayashree Jagadeesh, Mrs Leena Paul.

Congratulations ! for conducting a superb convention. This was the best convention I have ever attended past 10 years. Your team did excellent job and you really took care of every body nice. I take this opportunity congratulate you and your chapter members.

I also Congratulate Mr Prabhu Patil for his leadership and nice coordination of the " 600" target.

Ravi.Bhooplapur

Past President VSNA"

Tuesday, July 05, 2005

Dear Maryland Chapter members and central VSNA officers:

Please accept my congratulations for setting up such a wonderful 2005 annual VSNA convention at your place.

The theme of the convention was excellent, the entertainments were heart warming, the children programs were well thought of, the speakers were scholarly, the food was tasty and the hospitality was beyond expectations.

All the members of the Maryland VSNA chapter went beyond the call of duty to help the attendees and make them feel at home.

Please accept my heart felt congratulations for the job very well done and highly successful convention.

Sincerely

T.R.Shantha, MD, PhD, FACA

President's Speech

Mr.Prabhu Patil presented the "**State of the Samaja**" during his speech at Maryland convention. You can see the presentation at <http://www.vsna.org/president.mht> (please be patient, it takes long time to download...takes 5~10 minutes on broadband)

BOR Chairman's Speech

Mr.G. Shankar presented the BOR speech during his speech at Maryland convention. You can see the presentation at <http://www.vsna.org/bor.mht>



VSNA Award Winners

Mr.Gadigeppa Doddamani has received "Outstanding Service Award" for his contribution to VSNA.

Mr. Gadigeppa Doddamani's association with the VSNA goes back, at least twenty years. He has served the VSNA in various capacities.

He has served as the President of the Detroit Chapter. To those, who do not know about the background history of the Detroit Chapter, let me state that it has the distinction of having served as the Model Chapter for the VSNA Organization. At one time, it was the most active and energetic chapter in the VSNA.

He has served as the Member of the VSNA's Executive Committee (the current Board of Directors) for at least two terms. He has been a Life Member of the VSNA for a long time. He has served as the Vice-President of the VSNA for two years.

Then he admirably served as the President of the VSNA for two years and initiated several novel activities. To cite an example, he single-handedly struggled hard to get the VSNA Corporation Charter established. Thanks to his tireless effort, the VSNA is now a fully functional corporation with all the rights and privileges appertaining unto.

During the last eight years or so, he ably assisted in the writing, not once but twice, of the By-laws of them VSNA Corporation and getting them approved by the

General Membership of the VSNA. Since the creation of the Veerashaiva International Resource Center, he has been serving as its Director. He has produced attractive brochure describing its activities. If the general membership of the VSNA extends its generosity and support, this Center would serve as an international treasure house of the Veerashaiva religion and its literature.



Dr.T.R. Shantha has received “Professional Achievement Award”

Dr. T.R. Shantha has contributed immensely to basic medical science and finding therapies for many incurable health conditions. During his research work in collaboration with CDC of Atlanta, rabies center research division, he almost died of a rabies infection. The incidence

of this deadly virus injection is as follows:

Dr. Shantha was working in collaboration with the CDC in Atlanta, on the mechanisms of the rabies virus transfer to the central nervous system in the mid nineteen sixties. He went to the New Mexico Rabies Lab to conduct the experiments initiated by the CDC of Atlanta. While injecting the rabies virus under the microscope into the tiny nerves of the mice legs, he accidentally injected his left hand finger with the live rabies. He was immediately flown to Atlanta, inoculated with a duck anti-rabies vaccine at CDC. He survived the accidental injection of rabies virus infection. Out of this work, Dr. George Bear from CDC and Dr. Shantha published two research papers in the WHO Medical Journal which showed how fast the rabies virus is transmitted to the central

nervous system and the role of nerve membranes on rabies virus transmission to the CNS. Due to duck anti-rabies vaccine he received, he developed severe autoimmune type allergic skin reaction. Even today he suffers from severe psoriatic type of allergic reaction on the skin. Perhaps, he is the only scientist on the record who survived the live rabies virus injection in the annals of recent rabies research. Please visit the visit www.iptmd.com and www.lymelink.com . www.wehealcancer.org , www.helpfulhealing.com to see all his research publications under CV.

Mr. Shiva Prakash has received "Professional Achievement Award".



Dr. Shiva Prakash is the president of STEM technologies, a Maryland-based Government contracting firm, providing technical, engineering, environmental, and management services to the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. With nearly 150 employees and six regional offices nationwide, STEM provides logistical, operational and management support for the U.S. Army's chemical demilitarization efforts, as well as to train first responders in chemical emergency preparedness. Several of STEM employees formerly served in military and have specialized in chemical defense programs.

Dr. Shiva Prakash and his family have contributed immensely towards building the Veerashaiva community. His wife Suman was a vice president of VSNA Maryland chapter from 1997-1999. His children Priyanka and Neha have been actively involved in VSNA youth activities. Their daughter Priyanka drives in from Penn State University to attend chapter functions. Every year they host the Shivaratri function and they make sure everyone performs mass Linga pooja with all the children and explain the meaning behind it. They are also very active in our chapter's Basava Jayanti celebration, which is held annually in the local temple in conjunction with the local Kannada association and Basava Samiti of Virginia. One year, Priyanka and Neha did an immense amount of research to present "Kalyana Pranati", a collection of information about more than 25 Sharanas. It is heartwarming to see a family that not only studies and follows Veerashaiva principles, but also encourages other families to do the same. Dr. Prakash has done an excellent job of instilling our Lingayat values in his family and community.

VSNA BOD Election

Here is our newly elected BOD.

1. G. Jagadeesh:

G. Jagadeesh, B. Pharm., M.Sc., Ph.D., work at the US Food and Drug Administration at Rockville, Maryland, as an Expert Pharmacologist in the Division of Cardiovascular and Renal Drug Products. He is also an Adjunct Scientist at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. His wife Jayashree is a molecular biologist at NIH, Bethesda, and the past Chapter president and presently, the 2005 VSNA Convention Chair. He has a daughter and a son. Shilpa is a graduate and works at the Montgomery county TV channel and Neetal is a senior at University of Maryland at College Park.

2. Mr.Vijay Gowda:

Vijay is currently working as a Technical Manager in Philadelphia. He is in the industry for the past 15 years and worked in reputed companies like, Comverse, Vanguard, DuPont, IBM, General Electric and Wipro. He has graduated with First Class in Executive MBA from New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark. He has basic Engineering degree in Electronics and Communications from Karnatak University. Vijay has 7 year old daughter Maithri, 2 months old son Vishal and a loving wife Mangala. Currently, Mangala is also working in Comverse. She possesses MS in Marketing Management from University of Maryland .

VSNA BOR Election

There are 3 positions open to serve BOR. We need to fill them for two years 2005-2006.

1. Mrs.Manjula Sankarappa:

Mrs.Manjula is one of the key members of VSNA. She has been contributing to the success of VSNA since many years. She is re-elected to BOR once again.

2. Mr.Rudresh Bihalli:

Rudresh is a Civil Engineer by profession. Currently, he is working for the Gwinnett County Government. Prior to this, he worked for an Environmental Consulting Firm in the US and for the Karnataka State Government in various

capacities. He has acquired both the Bachelor's and the Master's Degrees from reputed colleges affiliated to University of Mysore. He has also acquired higher education in the US from the Georgia Institute of Technology and from the Georgia State University. Since his arrival to the United States in 1989, he is actively involved in the VSNA activities including Founding of the VSNA Georgia Chapter in 1992.

3. Mr.Sateesh Kavi :

Sateesh is a Mechanical Engineer by profession. Currently, he is working as a Lead in Performance Management at GM OnStar. He has acquired both the Bachelor's and the Master's Degrees from reputed colleges MS-Mfg., MBA from IU BE-IE from BMS, Blore. He is married to Mamtha and he has two lovely children Son - Suchir (5 years), Daughter - Sia (1 year). Sateesh is served as president of VSNA-MI from 2000-2002. Results: Net Balance of VSNA, MI from \$400 to \$3300, Membership up by - 10 families (+20%), Fund raiser for a VSNA family in need - \$3300 collected, Launched the first of its kind philanthropic activity by VSNA for local people in need (capuchin soup kitchen, gleaners food bank, etc.), Organized 6 swamiji visits/leaders speeches, VSNA-Contributed \$2000 towards the VSNA Convention, Organized two new events (new year's parties).

2005 BOD Meetings

The following BOD meetings will be held in 2005. [More details ...](#)

VSNA 2006 Convention

2006 VSNA convention is proposed to be held in Cruise through Florida chapter. During the convention at Maryland, VSNA conducted the survey led by Dr.Somashekhar Palegar. Based on the initial results, 90% of members who participated in the survey voted for the convention on Cruise. Dr.Somashekhar and Prabhu Patil are working on this proposal from cost and alignment to VSNA philosophy stand point. The final decision will be made by end of August.

Vachana of the Quarter

Give me Focus - basavaN Nanavara vachana

attalitta hOgada.nte heLavana mADayya ta.nde,
sutti suLidu nODada.nte andhakana mADayya ta.nde,
matto.nda kELada.nte kivuDana mADayya ta.nde,
nimma sharaNara pAdavallade
anya viShayakkeLasada.nte irisu,
kUDalasa.ngamadEvA.

Meaning:

Not digressing here and there, make me a lame person, my Father!
Not letting sight around and away, make me blind, my Father!
Not letting hear something else, make me deaf, my Father!
Other than Your refugee's feet, keep not getting dragged
Into anything else, Oh the Divine of kUDalasangama!!

Notes:

1. The one who would be an achiever would be the one with focus - on the right target. Having got to know the Glorious Lord shiva, one needs to keep the mind fixed in God to continue to enjoy the Bliss the Lord showers. Digressing in focus would make one find at a much displaced location from the path towards the target.

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2005 -2006 Projects

Project	Objectives	Project Manager	Status
1. Rejuvenate	1. Induct New York Chapter	Prabhu Patil	Achieved

VSNA	<p>2. Improve Communication between BOD and BOR</p> <p>3. Improve Communication between BOD and Chapter</p> <p>4. Improve Communication between BOD and general members</p>		#1, #2. #3, 4 in progress
2. Membership Drive	Increase our membership by at least 20%.	Raj Adapur	Achieved
3. Maryland 600	Bring at least 600 people to Maryland convention	Leena, Jayashree, Shiva Anand	Over achieved
4. Program for Kids		Deepak Kenkeremath	Initial Stage
5. Membership Kit	<p>Develop Welcome Kit that includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Material like brochures, programs - Help, CDs etc 	M D Patil & Vijay Gowda	Initial Stage
6. Program for Youth	Develop compelling youth program that attracts and retain VSNA youth.	Yet to be identified	Initial Stage
7. Regular News Letter	Rejuvenate VSNA News Letter	Mrs.Rohini	Initial Stage
8. Helpline	Provide hempline to support the needs of VSNA members.	Dr.Chandramouli	In Progress
9. VSNA Fund Raising	Raise funds for VSNA with plan to achieve \$1 MM	Mrs.Manjula Sankrappa	Initial Stage
10. VSNA Fund Investment	Analyze the current portfolio investment and make proper investment for growth without losing the principle.	TBD	Initial Stage