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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

KASC Yugaadi celebration was on Sat. April 15th, 2017 in Artesia, California. The write-up describing this occasion is in this newsletter. Thanks to Jayu Bhat for submitting it. The KASC Income Statement is prepared by Treasurer, Gautam Shanbhag. Thanks to him.

This year the new committee has decided not to have KASC Summer Picnic. Instead we will have a Karaoke with buffet lunch get-together on Aug. 27th, 2017 in Artesia. The flyer is enclosed here. **Please RSVP via Evite by Aug. 19th and come and participate in this unique opportunity to sing and listen to other members too.** Hope to see you all there. Please contact any committee members, if you want to perform for the Diwali.

Those who have not paid their yearly dues, please mail the dues to KASC treasurer or give it to one of the committee members at this event. Soon we will be mailing the new Konkani Directory of Members to all paid members. **We welcome more members to contribute the material for the newsletter.** Please send us any updates/corrections and information about new Konkanis in Southern California.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE SUMMER!

Yours truly,

Vivek Ullal

Editor's Note:

THANK YOU KASC COMMITTEE 2015 - 2017!!

Since its inception, there has been a feeling of continuity and improvement in the functioning of KASC, with each committee bringing new ideas and new talent. Likewise, the outgoing committee was one such committee, with lot of talented individuals, great idea, a lot of enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication. We had a lot of new cultural programs, including Konkani skits, dances, singing, games, Karaoke, Holi, good food and even a brand new logo.

We will miss them all and thank them sincerely for serving us so well. We also thank and welcome the new committee members, who have promised to continue the tradition of KASC which is celebrating its silver jubilee (25 years) this year (1992-2017). Please check out KASC new website: www.kasc.org . Thanks to Nataraj and Shashikala Nayak.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES:

Graduates:

Kedar Gulvady, son of Pradeep and Uma Gulvady of Saugus, California, graduated with B.S. degree in Physics from University of California, Santa Barbara. Best wishes for his bright future!

Nishad Gulvady, son of Pradeep and Uma Gulvady of Saugus, California, graduated with B.S. degree in Public Health and Economics from University of California, San Diego. Best wishes for his bright future!

Nivedita Keshav, daughter of Indira and (Late) Prakash Keshav of Simi Valley, California, started her medical school in University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in their *Prime program* from July 2017. The UCLA Prime program is a 5-year dual degree program focusing on the development of leaders in medicine who will improve health care delivery, research, and policy in underserved communities. Masters degrees may be completed in areas that complement the mission of the program, generally an MBA, MPH or MPP. Best wishes for her bright future!

Dr. Ajay Ullal, son of Vivek and Jyoti Ullal of Simi Valley, California, has finished his residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, NY. He started his Cardiology Fellowship in Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California from July 2017. His wife, **Dr. Meera Parbhakar Ullal** finished her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fordham University in Bronx, NY in May 2017. She will be starting her *Post Doc* in her field in Harbor UCLA Medical Center from Sept. 2017.

New Addition:

Karthik and Priya Gadiyar of Irvine, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, **Trisha Gadiyar** on **June 3rd, 2017**. The proud paternal grandparents are Kavitha and Chandrakanth Gadiyar, Mangalore and the maternal grandparents are Suchitra and Sudhir Nayak, Mangalore. We congratulate all of them.

Moved out of SoCal:

Chinmay and Sangita Betrabet, 2989 NW Acacia Place, Corvallis, OR 97330
Tel. No. is (541) 753-7220

New Addresses:

Vishwanath (Vishy) and Jayu Bhat, 9200 Milliken Avenue, # 1209, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. Tel. No. is (972) 765-2111

Kishore and Sheela Udipi, 2837 Rancho Rio Chico, Carlsbad, CA 92009
Tel. No. is (707) 477-0380

Anand and Sheila Savur, 815 Seco Verde Ave, Henderson, NV 89015

New Konkanis:

Vinayak Mallya, 240 Giotto, Villa Coronado Apartments, Irvine, CA 92614
Tel. No. is (510) 240-0524

Ashutosh and Ruta Trasi, 13752 Freeport Road, San Diego, CA 92129
Tel. No. is (614) 266-7513

Golden Wedding Anniversary:

Vijaykumar and Jyoti Kolpe of Simi Valley (ex Saraswat Colony, Santacruz - West), had their **50th Wedding Anniversary** (Golden) on **May 24th, 2017**. They are parents of Vivek Kolpe of Simi Valley and Vaishali Sabherwal of Dubai. Being intrepid travelers, they have travelled extensively throughout India and many countries around the world. They fulfilled a life's dream and celebrated their anniversary in Big Island, Hawaii. Over the last couple years, they have adjusted well to their new retired life in Simi Valley, enjoy bingo, pokeno and other activities; Jyoti has found new hobbies in painting and crochet. We congratulate them and wish them best of everything.

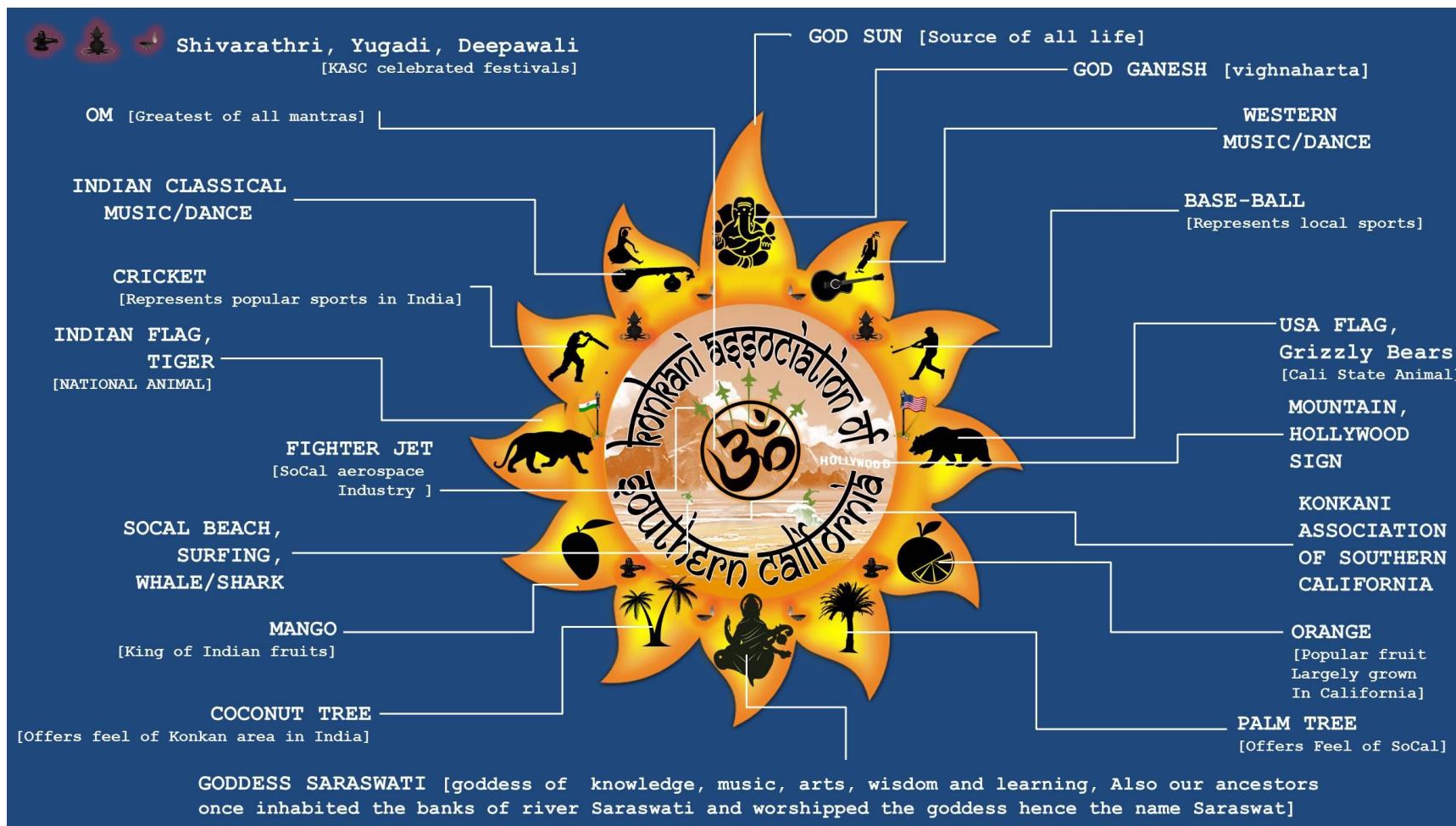
Obituary:

Vidya Alekal, wife of Yogesh Alekal, mother of Prashanti Alekal of Irvine, Pragnya Alekal of Lakewood, and Pranava Alekal of Oregon, passed away peacefully on **Apr. 28th, 2017** in Lakewood, California. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, a son-in-law and the grandchildren. We extend our condolences to family members and friends, and pray to the Almighty to bless her soul with everlasting and blissful peace, and give strength to her family members to overcome this colossal loss.

The KASC Logo winner was **Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat**. The logo is displayed on the top of the newsletter as well as here with its description given by him. Congratulations to the multi-talented Vishy who writes plays, is a great actor, an artist and a tabla player. Keep it up, Vishy!

EXPLANATION OF OUR NEW KASC LOGO

Designed and created by Vishwanath Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA



KASC YUGAADI 2017

Jayu Bhat,
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The New Year festival, Yugadi was celebrated with great joy by KASC members at *Tara's Himalayan cuisine*, Artesia, on April 15th from 5 to 10 pm. The evening started with warm welcome of all our members and their guests by our committee members. Everyone got an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new families, while enjoying some yummy pakoras and paneer appetizer with chutney. After an hour of socializing, we began the event by offering our prayers to Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings with aarti, performed by all the attendees.

Now was the beginning of entertainment part of the evening. It started with Om Shanbhag, son of Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag, showcasing his talent on piano. He played some Bollywood tunes, which pleased the crowd. Tanusha Shanbhag, Om's younger sister did a dance on *Zingat* song (a hit Marathi song). Next performance was by Daksh Prabhu, son of Bharath and Latha Prabhu, on the famous Bollywood song, *Selfie le re*. Atul Prabhu, son of Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu, had fusion dance performance on songs, *Can't stop the feeling* and *Zingat*. Aadhya Shenoy, daughter of Srinath and Nisha Shenoy gave her performance on *Disco Deewane* song.

The evening continued with Tilak Shenoy mesmerizing the crowd with *Dooba Dooba Rehta Hoon* song. Next came in the ladies of KASC. Deepa Prabhu, Divya Kamath, Jayu Bhat, Ramya Mallya and Reshma Shanbhag did a dance performance on Bollywood mash up. The dance was choreographed by Ramya Mallya. Our emcee, Priya Nayak, also conducted few games and one of them was based on Konkani language. Finally, like icing on cake, our President Srinivas and Gayatri Pai performed a hilarious Konkani skit, "*Rulaav*".

Vice-President Rahul Kamath had a few words to say about the work done by their team in the past two years. It was also time for a new committee to be formed for the year 2017-2019. The outgoing committee handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected committee. The new committee consists of:

- ❖ Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu: President
- ❖ Anand and Mohana Mahale: Vice-President
- ❖ Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag: Treasurer
- ❖ Sandesh and Ramya Mallya: Secretary
- ❖ Vishwanath (Vishy) and Jayu Bhat: Cultural secretary
- ❖ Vivek and Jyoti Ullal: Editor
- ❖ Nataraj and Shashikala Nayak: Webmaster

This Yugaadi was special for KASC, as it revealed its logo. An open competition was held in search of logo befitting the community and the members were allowed to vote for the best. The proud winner of KASC logo competition was Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat, our current cultural coordinator. The logo was thoughtfully designed, keeping in mind the guidelines of competition. As the night was coming to an end, all the attendees proceeded for dinner which included of Indian delicacies. The committee members also made the Konkani sweet dish, Madgane as their gesture to the KASC members. The event ended at around 10 pm and everybody left with good memories for a new year. A big thanks to all the committee members for their efforts in putting together a successful event. Looking forward for next KASC event to create more memories and friends for life.

KASC Income Statement - 2016-2017

By: Gautam and Reshma Shanbag
Laverne, CA

Receipts	General	Picnic	Diwali	Holi	Yugadi	Year to Date
Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Membership	\$265				\$620	\$885
Receipts/Donations	\$480		\$1,392		\$1,150	\$3,022
Raffle/Bingo						\$0
Additional Donations			\$0			\$0
Advertising Revenue						\$0
Interest Income	\$8					\$8
Net Receipts	\$753		\$1,392		\$1,770	\$3,915
Expenses	General	Picnic	Diwali	Holi	Yugadi	Year to Date
Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Rent/Facilities Expense/DJ			\$0		\$350	\$350
Catering			\$1,400		\$1,250	\$2,650
Event Supplies	\$29		\$65		\$521	\$94
Directory, Envelopes, Mailing	\$227					\$227
GoFundMe Vidya Pai Donation	\$501					\$501
						\$0
Total Expenses	\$757		\$1,465		\$2,121	\$4,343
Difference	(\$4)		(\$73)		(\$351)	(\$428)
Balance						Year to Date
Amount						Amount
Opening Bank Balance						\$10,582
Year End						\$10,154
Difference						(\$428)
Ugadi Event Expenses						
Gift Cards & other Exp to Divya	270					
Expenses to Srinivas	148					
Expenses to Shruthi	5					
Total	521					

Konkani Association of So. California (KASC)

New Committee Member: Fun-Facts

Compiled by: Deepa Prabhu
Walnut, CA

President - Deepa and Rajesh Prabhu



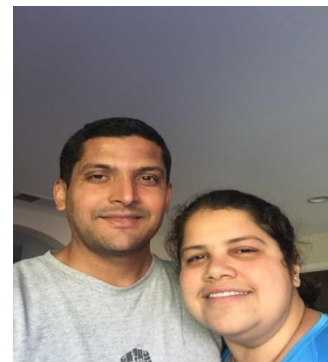
They have been part of KASC family since 2002. This is an organization through which they made a lot of Konkani friends. Rajesh is always young at heart and helpful to family, friends and strangers. He likes to watch Bollywood song videos and animated Pixar movies 24x7, He is a foodie, and keeps himself busy by active participation in lot of non-profit organization fund-raising events. Deepa likes to cook various ethnic and

international food and an enthusiastic host, and ardent "TV serials" consumer. Together with their son Atul (8 years old), they like to travel, hike, and walk long distance.

Professionally, Rajesh is in IT and Deepa an educator. Deepa continues to mentor lot of LAUSD students even though she has left the district four (4) years back after 10 years of active service.

Vice-President - Mohana and Anand Mahale

They got engaged in 7 days, and married in 15 days. Mohana does not like Nana Patekar. The picture that Anand's parents sent to her during the alliance process was the one with Anand meeting Nana Patekar. Perhaps that was the only recent picture they had of Anand. Somehow it worked !!! Anand loves shrimp and Mohana is allergic to shrimp. Anand's favorite movie is "*Gangs of Wasseypur*" and Mohana's favorite movie is "*Dilwale Dulhaniye Le Jayenge*".



Professionally, Anand is software engineer and Mohana a physician. They have two lovely daughters Aarna (age 9 years) and Indra (Age 5 years) who keeps them busy 24x7x365.

Treasurer - Reshma and Gautam Shanbhag



To introduce them, it would be apt to say, (In their own words) "In the ocean of life Gautam is the sail and Reshma is the wind." They are partners that complement each other. They were introduced to KASC couple of years ago by the Baligas. Instantly KASC became the family to them. They feel at home, enjoy the festivities and the *amchigele* food. They are happy to be of help to a wonderful association called KASC. Their two kids- son Om (9 years) and daughter Tanusha (7 years) will benefit a lot from being part of this KASC.

Secretary - Ramya and Sandesh Mallya

They have been married for 3 years. They have been hopping places from Dallas to Bangalore to San Diego and now settled in Southern California. They both love meeting new people, trying new food and seeing new places. They both have a lot of positive energy, and they have decided to bring it to KASC and make the community events more exciting.



Youth Coordinator -Ajay Shenoy



Born and raised in Karkala, Ajay is an engineer by profession, a sportsman by passion, and a true GSB by heart. Currently, he lives in Fullerton, California. He looks forward to meeting all Sothern California Konkani in future KASC events.

Cultural Secretary - Jayu and Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat

Jayu is from *aamchi Mumbai* and Vishy is from Bilagi, North Kanara. They are married for almost 10 years now. They have a 4-year old boy, Agastya. He means the world to both of them. They moved to California in 2015 and wanted a bit of our Konkani culture back in their lives, especially for Agastya. That is when they found KASC through Facebook and decided to be part of the association. In these two years, they have felt so close to the Konkani community. We also attended *Konkani Sammelan, Atlanta 2016*, and it was a wonderful experience. Their journey with KASC has been beautiful and now as part of committee. KASC has not only made them feel closer to the Konkani community but has also made them some good friends. It's a home away from home. They are looking forward for some wonderful times ahead.



Vishy - Has the fame of designing the first logo of KASC. He has directed the KASC drama, "*Matsyagandha Express*", which was performed at Atlanta Konkani Sammelan 2016. He is interested in sports and music. Badminton is his current passion.

Jayu - Loves music, cooking and socializing. Baking is the newly found passion after moving to USA. She likes to watch movies and spend quality time with Agastya.

Webmaster - Shashikala and Nataraj Nayak



Nataraj is from Karkala and Shashikala from Moodabidri. We got introduced to KASC in 2005 by Baliga maam. We live in the beautiful city of Burbank and keep ourselves busy with many activities at home and community. Our two daughters are Archini (13), who just started producing her own music and Chinmayi (7), who keeps us always busy.

Nataraj is in IT and is a certified Kundalini Yoga teacher. He is a devoted volunteer at Sri Krishna temple since its beginning. His interests are traditional Indian music and gardening. According to Archini, he is an 'encyclopedia of cricket'.

Shashikala is a website developer and a certified healer of 'Sat Nam Rasayan', an ancient art of meditative healing originated from India. She also volunteers in schools and senior centers. She enjoys to cook and eat authentic food. Loves parks, walking, travelling and likes to explore new things. She practices contemplation and meditation every day.

kasc.org was conceived, designed, developed, and maintained by Nataraj and Shashikala. Archini also helped them in compiling articles and pictures.

Editor - Jyoti and Vivek Ullal



They live in Simi Valley. We have been writing and compiling from many sources, the KASC Newsletter. They are glad to provide news, articles, reviews, about individuals, families and events articles related to the Konkans in Southern California for the last two decades. Vivek is a physician by profession and a music lover. He plays flute, harmonium, tabla, harmonica, and piano accordion. They have grown up kids, son Ajay, a physician and his wife, Meera, a clinical psychologist, and daughter Seema, a software engineer.

OUR OWN RENAISSANCE MAN: SHYAM AMLADI

*By: Vivek Ullal
Simi Valley, CA*

I first met Shyam, who was formerly a resident of Chicago, at the very first Konkani Sannelan in New Jersey, in 1996. He presented songs and a brief one man skit. I was very impressed with his talent and creativity. Since then, we met at every Sannelan, where he presented interesting skits, songs, etc., and my admiration for him has grown considerably with each encounter. In our own Los Angeles Sannelan in 2004, he was a part of a short skit put up by him and fellow Chicago Konkani. A few years ago, Shyam and his wife Meera moved to Southern California, to be near to his son Sanat and his family. Jyoti and myself got to know them very well, and they became our close friends. Shyam graciously invited me to accompany him (singer) and *tabla* player Maitreya Padukone of New York City, to present a musical presentation composed by him at the New Jersey Sannelan in 2010, and the Atlanta Sannelan, last year. The music and lyrics were composed by him, and I accompanied him on *bansuri*, with able and expert *tabla* accompaniment by Maitreya. Nina Padukone, Maitreya's wife gave the commentary. Both presentations were well appreciated by the audience. Shyam's original compositions (lyrics and music) have been presented and even recorded on CDs by professional singers, such as Ajit Kadkade and Upendra Bhat. Shyam and Meera live in a beautiful home in Malibu, California. The home is tastefully decorated by them with artifacts from all over the world, and the home has a spectacular view of the Malibu coastline. Meera is an excellent gourmet cook, and treats guests with delicious snacks and meals.

Shyam Amladi, a resident of California (Los Angeles area), is a versatile professional, accomplished in both his chosen field of finance and banking, as well as his other passion: music and writing.

His banking career includes senior and executive positions with major and smaller banks and industry giants such as Bank of America, Lloyds Banking Group (U.K.), OneWest and General Motors. Shyam has also held board positions with companies, and is currently an investor and an advisor to an IT company and part of a group of professionals which sources capital for businesses in the US and India. He has also taught a class on loan management at the Commercial Finance Association, a NY association of lenders.

His writing career includes two books on American humor (“*Why Me*” and “*Anecdotes of a Confused American Male*”) and several articles on wide-ranging subjects such as finance, musicology, I.T., humor and social issues. He has developed, frequently writes for and currently maintains a website focused on positive lifestyle (travel, cuisine, culture and health matters) called www.briskwalkers.com.

Shyam’s music career includes two music CDs (one released in June, 2017), music performances at cultural and fund-raising events and hundreds of original musical pieces in 4 Indian languages. These include classical compositions, ghazals, quwalis, bhajans, abhangs, comic songs and lyrics for plays and dance drama. Shyam is a very creative artist and can write and perform in Hindi,

Urdu, Marathi and Bhojpuri. He is also an accomplished composer and his works have been choreographed. He has an in-depth understanding of Hindustani and Western classical styles of music.

His son, Sanat is a senior manager at an international bank. His daughter-in-law, Priya is a Homeopathic consultant. Sanat and Priya have two children, Arjun and Anika. Sanat and his family also live in Los Angeles area.

When not writing, working or composing music, Shyam and Meera (Kalyani) spend time traveling globally. They are world travelers.

Shyam's latest work (10 songs in Hindi and Urdu, created and performed by him) is tabulated below. Please explore.

GULDASTA (a Hindi word meaning a bouquet of flowers) is a new Music CD featuring 10 of his select Hindi and Urdu songs which is now available online globally.

Like flowers of different color and fragrance, the songs in Guldasta represent the best in light and folk music of North India-- Ghazal, Qawali, Bhajan and Motivational Theme.

You can sample and download individual song or the album, or order the CD itself by going to any one of the following sites and entering Search Words: "guldasta treasure of hindi and urdu melodies"

<https://play.google.com/store/search?q=guldasta%20treasure%20of%20hindi>

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=guldasta+treasure+of+hindi

https://open.spotify.com/album/7quWQjAKVcB1XE98PTYXZ9?play=true&utm_source=open.spotify.com&utm_medium=open

We consider Shyam a renaissance man and an asset to our Konkani Community of Southern California. Well done Shyam and keep it up!!

Calling all
SUPERSTARS!

KASC Presents

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Join us with friends and family for a
fun filled day at

Tara's Himalayan cuisine,
17221 Pioneer Blvd, Artesia on
Sunday, August 27th
from 11 am to 3 pm

(This is not limited to KASC members, please invite your friends too)

