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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

KASC Diwali program was on Sat. Nov. 4th, 2017 in Irvine, California. The write-up describing this occasion is in this newsletter. Thanks to Jayu Bhat for submitting it.

KASC is celebrating Shivaratri Bhajan on Sat. Feb. 24th, 2018. The flyer is enclosed here. **Please RSVP via Evite by Feb. 17th and come and enjoy this celebration.** Hope to see you all there. The tentative date for Yugaadi celebration is April 28th, 2018. You will receive evite for this. Please contact any committee members, if you want to perform for the Yugaadi.

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vivek'.

Vivek Ullal

New Members:

Suresh and Nandita Kamath Cannanore, 28 Coppercrest, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
Tel. No. is (831) 236-8198

Ranjan Kudva, 608 No. Taylor Avenue # 313, Montebello, CA 90640
Tel. No. is (323) 594 5032

New Address:

Siddharth and Priya Philar, 117 Sapphire, Irvine, CA 92602.

Moved out of SoCal:

Shivanand and Manjula Kini have moved from Duarte, California. Their new address is 35984 Nickel St., Union City, CA 94587. Tel. No. is (408) 459-8377.

Kartik and Supriya Kamath have moved from Covina, California. Their new address is 2107 Society Place, Newtown, PA 18940.

K. Vasanth & Vidya Baliga have moved from Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Their new address is 2121 Columbia Pike, Apt 310, Arlington VA 22204. Tel. No. is (310) 408-0113.

Ashok and Rajalaxmi (Raju) Chandavarkar have moved from Corona, California. Their new address is 6102 Crowne Brook Circle, Franklin, TN 37067. Tel. No. is (949) 463-2912.

Vishwanath (Vishy) and Jayalaxmi (Jayu) Bhat of Rancho Cucamonga, California, have moved back to India in Jan. 2018.

Editor's Note:

Thank you to all those KASC members who have donated extra money for KASC Diwali, 25th anniversary celebrations in Nov. in Irvine and for other activities. Thanks to all KASC Committee members for working so enthusiastically for our community.

The following quiz was contributed by **Shivadev Ubhayakar** in KASC Diwali issue. The answers to this quiz is given at the bottom. How many of you could answer this quiz?

Fill in the blanks and find a common link among them:

_H_SH_L

C_A_H_N

_AG_I_

_HO_L_

_AU_W_L

Answers: They are the last names of famous female Bollywood singers:

SHREYA GHOSHAL

SUNIDHI CHAUHAN

ALKA YAGNIK

ASHA BHOSLE

ANURADHA PAUDWAL

KASC DIWALI 2017
Jayu Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

This year KASC's Diwali celebration was indeed a special one, as we were also celebrating glorious 25 years(Silver Jubilee). The event was held at senior center in Irvine, on Saturday 4th November 2017. The spirits of festival were very high with lot of members attending it. We saw a few old faces and also many new families, especially from San Diego.

As usual we began with social hour where families got a chance to catch up over tea/coffee and snacks. This year committee thought of having a Konkani cuisine, instead of Restaurant food. And so for snacks we had Phova chatni, Vada-chutney and Jalebis. We then proceeded with our tradition of Aarti to Lord Ganesh by all the attendees. We started our cultural event with a bhajan by Maya Kamath-Namandi. Then we had individual and group dances by kids of KASC followed by ladies group dance on combination of Indian and western cultures. We also had instrument performances by Om Shanbag on Piano and Archini Nayak on saxophone. A Diwali speech was narrated by Veda Baliga.

This year we organized a *Konkani Vidwan* competition to encourage kids of KASC about Konkani language. We were very happy to receive entries from 13 kids. It was amazing to see how well these kids performed. At the end it was a battle between Shreya Pai, Archini Nayak and Daksh Prabhu. Archini Nayak emerged as the winner of Konkani Vidwan and got to take home the specially designed Trophy, along with \$100 gift card. Daksh Prabhu got a gift hamper for runner up prize.

We also had Mithai, Diya decoration and Drawing competitions. The following were announced as the winners, Mithai competition: Mohini Kamath was the winner, she made *Mithai Undo*. Shrinivas Pai was runner up, he made *Kashi Halwa*. Drawing competition: Om Shanbhag was the winner, Varsha Baliga got the 2nd place and Aadhya Shenoy got the 3rd place. Aadhya Shenoy also won the Diya decoration competition. Prizes for Kids Drawing and Diya decoration competitions were sponsored by Jyothi Pradhan of *Celebrate in a Snap*. Committee also announced few Raffles and few lucky members won themselves some movie tickets, gourmet nuts, dip set etc. Congratulations to all the winners.

The grand finale was a Konkani drama "*Matsyagandha Express Returns*". This hilarious skit was inspired after the hit performance of "*Matsyagandha Express*" by the same team at Konkani Sammelan 2016 in Atlanta. The concept and the Director of drama is Vishwanth Bhat. As the drama came to an end we all proceeded towards dinner. It was delicious spread of Avre ghashi, Batata song, Val val, Moong daal Koshimbiri, Rice, Daalito, Pappad, void and Masala Taak. This Konkani food was like icing on cake. All the families had a gala time and it was time to call it a day. We appreciate the help of all the members who stayed back and helped clean up.

The event was a success and for that we cannot thank enough the committee members who took time from their busy schedules and made it possible. We would also like to thank the food committee (Nandini Rao, Shruti Shenoy, Gayatri Pai, Sangeeta Prabhu, Deepa Pai and Jayu Bhat) for delicious spread. Also thanks to our President Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu for letting us

use their Kitchen for preparing the food. Thanks to Vani Baliga for making the *Masala Taak*. A special thanks to Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat for organizing *Konkani Vidwan* and giving KASC kids a platform for learning the language.

We will be looking forward to see you all at our next event which is Shivratri Bhajan. It is not possible to mention all the participants, so please check our website for photos and videos of the event at <http://kasc.org/> . Once again thanks to all the members for your love and support to the KASC community. *Dev Barein Karon!*

Good Bye and Good Luck - Vishy, Jayu and Agastya Bhat!!

Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat and Jayalaxmi (Jayu) Bhat, Cultural Secretaries of KASC, have left USA for good in first week of January 2018. Jayu is from Mumbai and Vishy is from Bilagi in North Kanara, Karnataka. They have a four year old son, Agastya. They are truly very talented and enthusiastic individuals. Vishy wrote and directed the much acclaimed "*Matsyagandha Express*", "*Matsyagandha Express Returns*" and other skits for KASC functions and the Atlanta Konkani Sammelan. Both are very interested in sports and music. Our newly designed KASC logo is Vishy's creative entry into the contest for KASC logo last year, and was overwhelmingly chosen as a winning entry. They both were a prominent participants in the dynamic new KASC committees. We will miss them thoroughly and wish them the best of luck in their new ventures in India.

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HAPPY SHIVARATRI!



Jyothi Pradhan of Irvine has contributed this specially designed Hindu calendar tracking U.S. holidays and Hindu festivals for 2018. Thanks to Jyothi and Ashish Pradhan.

Sankranti Chaturthi Dates <i>(with moonrise timings)</i>			2018			Winter	Spring	* US Federal Holidays *		
						Summer	Fall	* Hindu Festivals *		
January 5, 2018	Fri	8:17 PM	JAN	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	FEB	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	MAR	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	January 1, 2018	New Year's Day
February 3, 2018	Sat	8:06 PM	JAN	1 2 3 4 5 6	FEB	1 2 3	MAR	1 2 3	January 14, 2018	Makara Sankranti/ Pongal
March 5, 2018	Mon	8:54 PM	JAN	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	FEB	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	MAR	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Day
April 3, 2018	Tue	10:35 PM	JAN	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	FEB	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	MAR	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	February 13, 2018	Maha Shiv Rathri
May 3, 2018	Thur	10:16 PM	JAN	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	FEB	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	MAR	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	February 19, 2018	President's Day
June 2, 2018	Sat	10:39 PM	JAN	28 29 30 31	FEB	25 26 27 28	MAR	25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March 2, 2018	Holi
July 1, 2018	Sun	10:39 PM	JAN		FEB		MAR		March 18, 2018	Gudi Padwa/ Yugadi
July 31, 2018	Tue	9:47 PM	JAN		FEB		MAR		March 25, 2018	Ramnavami
August 30, 2018	Thur	9:27 PM	AUG	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	MAY	1 2 3 4 5	JUN	1 2	April 18, 2018	Akshaya Tritiya
September 28, 2018	Fri	8:37 PM	AUG	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	MAY	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	JUN	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	May 28, 2018	Memorial Day
October 27, 2018	Sat	8:41 PM	AUG	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	MAY	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	JUN	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	July 4, 2018	Independence Day
November 26, 2018	Mon	7:24 PM	AUG	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	MAY	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	JUN	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	July 27, 2018	Guru Purnima
December 25, 2018	Tue	8:27 PM	AUG	29 30	MAY	27 28 29 30 31	JUN	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	August 15, 2018	Nag Panchami
<i>* Moonrise timings are for Irvine, CA</i>										
Notes:			JUL	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	AUG	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	SEP	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	August 24, 2018	Varalakshmi Vrat/ Onam
			JUL	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	AUG	1 2 3 4	SEP	1	August 26, 2018	Raksha Bandhan
			JUL	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	AUG	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	SEP	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	September 2, 2018	Krishna Janmashtami
			JUL	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	AUG	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	SEP	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	September 3, 2018	Labor Day
			JUL	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	AUG	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	SEP	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	September 13, 2018	Ganesh Chaturthi
			JUL	29 30 31	AUG	26 27 28 29 30 31	SEP	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	October 8, 2018	Columbus Day
			JUL		AUG		SEP	30	October 10, 2018	Navarathri Begins
			OCT	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	NOV	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	DEC	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	October 18, 2018	Dushera
			OCT	1 2 3 4 5 6	NOV	1 2 3	DEC	1	October 27, 2018	Karwa Chauth
			OCT	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	NOV	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	DEC	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	November 5, 2018	Dhan Teras
			OCT	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	NOV	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	DEC	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	November 7, 2018	Diwali
			OCT	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	NOV	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	DEC	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	November 11, 2018	Veterans Day
			OCT	28 29 30 31	NOV	25 26 27 28 29 30	DEC	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	November 12, 2018	Veterans Day (observed)
			OCT		NOV		DEC	30 31	November 20, 2018	Tulsi Puja
									November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving Day
									December 25, 2018	Christmas Day

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KASC Presents

Mahashivratri

Bhajan Sandhya

As we offer prayers on Maha Shivratri, may Lord Shiva
remove all our obstacles and make our wishes come
true. Have a a blessed Maha Shivratri!

Date: Saturday, February 24th from 4:30 - 9:00 PM

**Address: Recreation room, Moneta Gardens,
18369 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA - 90504**

**This is a pot-luck event, so please write to Deepa Prabhu at
kascemail@gmail.com or call her on (323) 893 2754 for details**

