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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

KASC Diwali was celebrated virtually on Saturday Nov 7th, 2020. A very warm thank you to everyone who joined us on YouTube to celebrate this event. Although it was a different experience this time, we hope everybody enjoyed the program from the comfort of your homes.

We wish you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with peace and happiness.

**Your membership of \$25 could be paid by check or paypal (kascemail@gmail.com) to our Treasurers Latha and Bharath Prabhu.*

Yours truly,

*Priya Gadiyar
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KASC Diwali Function 2020

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2020 has been a year like no other! All of us have had to learn new ways of connecting and being engaged with our community. KASC too did not fail in these trying times and rallied together to celebrate our Indian and Konkani culture on a virtual platform.

So what if we did not physically meet each other, Diwali 2020 was as fun as it ever could be with music, dance, comedy and lots of chatter! It was a new way of celebrating with all the families joining together to watch our pre-recorded entertainment program on YouTube with live commentary from the committee hosts.



Daksh Prabhu introduces KASC Committee

All members old and young sent in clips that showcased their talent. As we do at every KASC event, we commenced our virtual Diwali with the ceremonial Aarathi, a video clip showing all KASC families venerating the Gods at their home while a beautiful Bhajan sung by Veda Baliga played in the background.



Aarathi Bhajan by Veda Baliga

Diwali speech by Mihir Shenoy



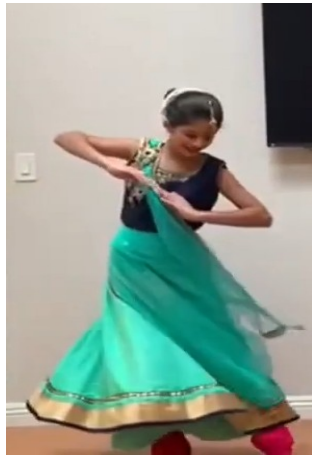
Then followed a string of musical and dance performances, one as entertaining as the next. There were piano performances by Kiran Pelley and Aadhya Shenoy and a musical number on the Clarinet by Daksh Prabhu.



Senior KASC members Nandini Rao and Ravi Joshi enthralled us all with their vocals.



3 year old Baby Sia Prabhu delighted us all with her rendering of the beloved konkani story of kakkamamu and Gurbanjiakka and a Konkani children's song.



On the dance side we had Tanusha Shanbhag with a graceful Kathak dance and the talented sisters Veda and Varsha Baliga who made us groove to their hip hop number!



Mrs. Vidya Kudva, a well established nutritionist from our SoCal Konkani community provided us with valuable tips on healthy eating.



Peppered throughout the performances were short Tik Tok style comedy clips by kids and couples, each more hilarious than the next. 5 of the submitted clips were then subjected to an audience poll to choose first, second and third places.

The first place was bagged by Gayatri/Srinivas Shenoy for their husband wife gag and impeccable comic timing. Coming in at a close second and third were Reshma/Gautam Shanbhag for their hilarious take on marriage and Deepa/Rajesh Prabhu for their original content on peaceful living at home.



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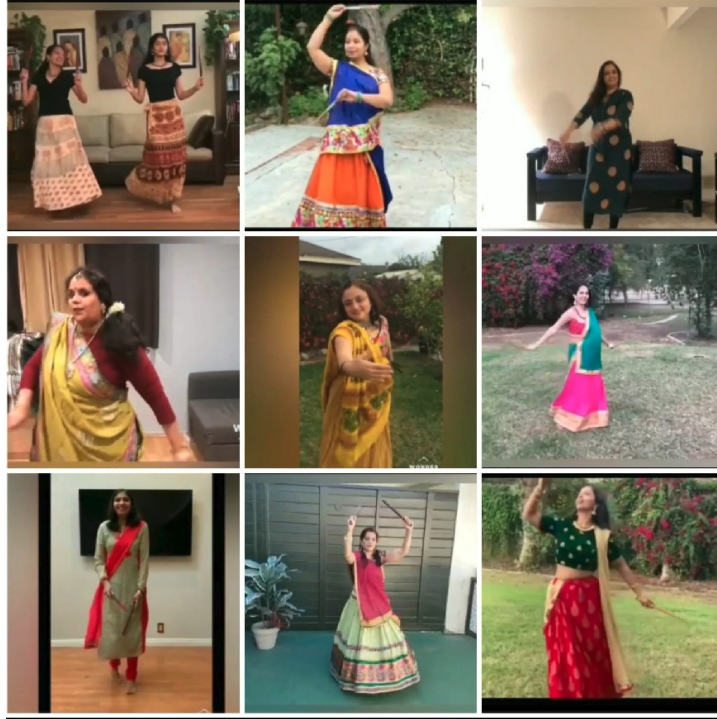
The virtual program ended with a song quiz hosted by President Venu Baliga, a comedic routine by Mom-son duo Prafulla and Aditya Shenoy and a virtual group dandiya performance by the gorgeous ladies of KASC.



Mom-son duo



*Song Quiz –
A tribute to SP Balasubramaniam*



Dandiya by the gorgeous ladies of KASC

Putting together such a program and having it roll out smoothly is no small feat. We were successful only and only because of our in house techie- the whip smart Archini Nayak and her Father Nataraj Nayak who helped us seamlessly coordinate the whole program on Zoom and YouTube.



All in all, it was as fun as Diwali could be in 2020! The only thing missing was the sumptuous meal that we enjoy every year. Hopefully we won't miss it next year!!!!

MC - Priya Gadiyar



Editor's Note:

Thanks to all the KASC members who sent us Aarhi clips, Tik Tok style comedy clips, music, Bhajan, dance and other very entertaining clips. Thanks to Mrs. Vidya Kudva for a very informational video clip on nutrition and healthy living. A special thanks goes to Archini Nayak, daughter of Nataraj Nayak for helping us stream our program seamlessly through zoom and YouTube.

Program video is still available on YouTube for members to watch. Type in 'Konkani Association of Southern California' in YouTube and click on 'Diwali 2020 Special'. Or use this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlINxfiti5E>.

Konkani Sammelan 2021:

North American Konkani Association (NAKA) has postponed the 2020 Sammelan. It will now be held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center in San Jose, CA from July 2nd- 4th, 2021.

For more information please follow this link:

konkanisammelan.org
