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- Seniors Day **July 10, 2005**
- Annual Picnic & General Body Meeting **July 24, 2005**

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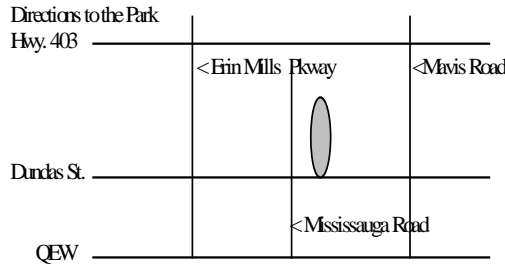
## ANNUAL PICNIC



Join us on **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 10am – 5pm**  
*Cricket game Starts at 8 am – see pg.8 for details*

Enjoy the summer sun outdoors with, friends, fun and games. Play in our **Double Wicket Cricket Tournament** (for rules see pg 8) – or win prizes in other games for all to enjoy! Then satisfy your hunger with a tasty lunch. We will then hold our annual election for the next KS Executive Committee (nomination form and information on pg 7).

### ERINDALE PARK



### Location:

**Erindale Park, Section A**  
1695 Dundas St. W., Mississauga  
(Enter from Dundas St. Just east of Mississauga Rd.)

**By bus:** route 1C or route 44. Call Mississauga Transit for further details:  
**905-615-4BUS**

**Volunteers Needed to Bring:** Neeru Majjige, potato chips, soft drinks and watermelon. If you would like to help out please contact Padma, Sunanda or Arun. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



## Seniors & Friends Day

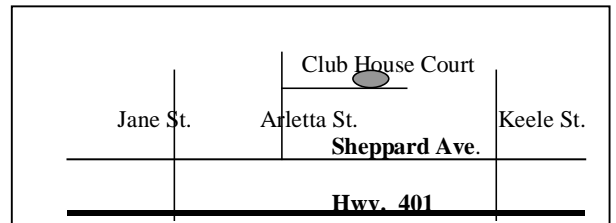


**Sunday, July 10, 2005, 11:00-3:00pm**

**Northwood Community Center, 15 Clubhouse Court, North York**

*People of all ages are invited to come and participate*

- Yoga demo for Seniors
- Health & Nutrition Tips
- Games, Light Entertainment
- Open discussion
- Networking Ideas
- Lunch



**Please RSVP** by July 8<sup>th</sup> 905-737-9040

TTC: Bus # 108 from Downsview Station

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## A Message from the President



It has been another exciting year for our committee. We believe with your cooperation and hard work of the committee, we have continued to keep the KS flag high this year as well. All our functions were well attended and financially successful. In addition, we collaborated with PNS Project Services and held a youth seminar at the prestigious Science Center. We had special music program by Sangeetha Katti, which was held at Chandu and Uma Konanur's place, we have Dr. Harsha once again sponsoring the youth scholarship. We had part of the dinner sponsored by Param Bhat at Ugadi and Pappur Shankar at our Nada Habba functions. During the cultural program we had donors buying snacks to support the youth scholarship as well. It's people like you who have to support our community's event financially and physically. Please do come forward, participate, get involved, see where help is needed and pitch in. Without your help we cannot succeed. It's your Sangha. Executive committee is there to plan events and programs. But to make it successful, we need your assistance. Be it at the back stage, the kitchen, the playground, on stage. We have over 600 Kannada families, and still growing. We earnestly thank our donors and sponsors for providing ads on the web, in the newsletter, and in program brochures. By putting up tables at our event and sponsoring trophies and games at the picnic. We thank those who have provided us quality entertainment throughout this year.

A special day for our seniors and friends is being arranged for the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Finally, we have our picnic and general body meeting on July 24, 2005. For the cricket aficionados, we have a special half-day match during the picnic. Hope you enjoyed the year as much as we did. KS is a very special group that is dear to all of us. Let's make it more prosperous and useful for our friends, families and youngsters.

**-Sharada Bhat,**  
President

### Treasurer's Report

Ugadi 2005 was a financial success. KS once again was able to make a profit, largely due to the high attendance and a large donation made from the Bhat family, who generously sponsored the Obbattu. I would like to personally thank Sharada Bhat and the Exec for all their hard work in raising funds. This year we collected record memberships and we are grateful for the continued support from all our members. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the picnic this year to review the financial results. Instead, I've handed over the responsibility to our president, who will gladly share the details of another terrific financial year. Preliminary results indicate that KS made over \$1200 for 2004-05 and has total funds now in excess of \$18,000.

**-Pradhan Prabhakara,**  
Treasurer.

### From the Editors Desk

The 2004-2005 year comes to a close with this final newsletter. I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed receiving this newsletter. I trust that everyone that wanted to contribute to the newsletter did get a chance. However this is not the end, if you still have something that you've been waiting to submit please feel free to send it to [kansangha@hotmail.com](mailto:kansangha@hotmail.com) for the future. For this issue, I decided to direct it towards the youth, so please encourage your children to pay special attention to pg.3, as it will benefit their educational choices. The KS newsletter has been a great learning experience, thank you for giving me the opportunity to explore the position of editor.

**-Laxmi Parthasarathy,**  
Editor.



### **Kannada Sangha Thanks you!**

Our Ugadi Program would not have been successful without the generous monetary and food donations from the following people.

Padma Jangamakote  
Shyla Agaram  
Shilpa Kallur  
Pradhan Prabhakara  
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Our hearty thanks to all volunteers who helped us in various areas. We raised a total of \$555.00 towards the youth seminar with lucky dip ticket sales.

# The Buzz



## Spring and Summer Babies

- Congratulations go to **Gururaj and Pannaga** on the birth of their baby girl, **Rachana** born on April 27, 2005. A little sister to **Sanjana**
- **Roopa and Ravi Gante** are the proud parents of a little baby boy born on June 1, 2005. A baby brother to **Ashish**.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

**Prof. Ramaswamy and Mrs. Rajalaxmi** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2005. Congratulations to the couple and we wish them many more happy years together.

## Upcoming Events

- **Raghavendra Swami Aradhana** on August 21, 2005. For more details please contact Sujatha Mankali at 416-321-6803.
- **Panorama India will be celebrating Indian Independence Day on August 20, 2005** from 3 to 9pm. At Sir John. A McDonald Collegiate Institute, Scarborough.
- **Chitrlekha Dance Academy** is remounting **Om Namah Shivaaya** at the Winchester Street Theatre on **July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 pm**. An evening of Odissi classical dance in honour of Nattaraaja. Also including the nine moods of Indian classical dance or Naba Rasa. For tickets call **905-335-4636**.

## Student Achievements

- Congratulations go to **Upasana Krishnadev** on her acceptance to McMaster Medical school.
- Congratulations to **Laxmi Parthasarathy** on being selected as one of 12 girls from Ontario to represent Toronto in Costa Rica, for a community work project with Canada World Youth.
- Congratulations goes to our young 11year old volunteer **Megha Rao** for being selected for a trip to Ottawa for her volunteer work at her school.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Congratulations go to **Madhu Nagaraja** for his completion of the Ottawa Marathon on May29, 2005. He raised \$2400.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

# Teen Talk

## On your way to university or college this September?

By: UTM Admissions Officer, Shilpa Gantotti

You're probably experiencing a whirlwind of emotions, everything from excitement to fear (and everything in between!). While all these feelings are completely normal, here are a few things students can do to ease into university/college life.

**Use the services available to you.** Every educational institute is powered by people who want to help you succeed. Understand who these people are, and what they can do for you. If you experience difficulties, seek help right away.

**Don't be afraid of uncertainty.** Many students are unsure of what they want to study. Since university students don't have to declare their programs until after first-year, many take a sampling of courses to see what interests them. It's relatively easy to switch or add programs after first-year if need be. Always consult a career/academic counsellor for guidance.

**Balance is everything.** While grades are important, take time to get involved on campus. Join clubs. Volunteer. Get a part-time job. These activities will build your resume, help you network, and add to your university experience. But work no more than 10 to 12 hours a week.

**Organize your finances.** In addition to social and academic transition, attending university/college is also a financial transition. Create a budget to factor all your expenses (and stick to it!). For a great resource on student finances, visit [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca).

**Don't be too hard on yourself if your grades slip.** It usually takes some time to adjust to new academic expectations and learn study strategies. Try to understand why your grades dropped, then

## Graduating from high school this year?

Annually, KS honours high school grads for their academic and extra-curricular achievements. There are three award categories:

- 1) **Excellence Award** for highest scoring student
- 2) **General Achievement Award** for the student with strong academic standing and extensive co-curricular involvement.
- 3) **Graduation Award** for students with good academic standing and co-curricular involvement.

For full eligibility information and application form, visit us on the web [www.kstoronto.com](http://www.kstoronto.com). Application forms and supporting documents must be received at Kannada Sangha address **no later than July 15/05**. Winners will be announced at the picnic.



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**KANNADA SANGHA, TORONTO**  
**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS 2005 - 2006**

I hereby nominate the following members for the positions in the executive committee, for the year 2005-06.

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Editor (one) \_\_\_\_\_  
Web Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Members - Adult (maximum of 4)

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Committee Members - Youth (maximum of 2)

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Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the nominations before July 23, 2005 to:

Elections Officer, Kannada Sangha  
P.O.Box 23545, 5899 Leslie Street  
Willowdale, ON. M2H 3R9

OR e-mail nominations with the candidate's approval to kansangha@hotmail.com

The Web Master position requires good experience in web design. Candidates should be prepared to discuss their background.

**AN APPEAL**  
***BONE MARROW DONORS REQUIRED TO HELP A TORONTO KANNADIGA***

**Dear Friends**, One of our own young Kannadiga's, Mr. Venkatesh Prasad of Hamilton, Ontario has been diagnosed with a rare blood disorder called MDS (Myelo Dysplastic Syndrome with Erythroid Hypoplasia). This disorder results in a lack of Red Blood Cell (RBC) production and causes him to have very high fevers. He also requires a blood transfusion every 2 weeks. The specialists have said that he requires a **Bone Marrow Transplant**. His siblings have been tested and their tissue has not been found to match. Tissue matching from the donor registry has been difficult because of his Asian (Kannada) origin.

We request you to join the Bone Marrow Donor Registry. By doing so you will be saving a life somewhere on this earth. If your bone marrow matches with Prasad's, you will be saving his life.

For further details on the bone marrow and to register please visit: [www.bloodservices.ca](http://www.bloodservices.ca)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Venkatesh Prasad at (905) 928-6567 or e-mail him at [venk\\_pr@yahoo.ca](mailto:venk_pr@yahoo.ca) or you may visit our web site at [www.kstoronto.com](http://www.kstoronto.com) or contact Sharada Bhat at 905-737-9040

**MAYAMRIGA (Kannada) TV Serial Video**



A Fantastic Opportunity to buy a set of 23 DVDs of one of the most popular Kannada TV serial produced by T.N.Seetharam. This serial was one of the top hits of Kannada TV and depicts the real life story of Kannadigas with humour, emotions, laughter and gravity. The show is addictive and you will want to continue watching more!

The DVD set—original—brought by Mr. Seetharam himself is available (only 6 remaining) with Kannada Sangha at a very reasonable cost of \$150 Canadian (23 DVDs). Please contact Sharada Bhat at 905-737-9040 as soon as possible.



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**SOAR 2005****Inspiration-SOAR 2005**

By: Laxmi Parthasarathy

**SOAR** (Succeed, Optimize, Achieve, Reach) 2005, was a daylong youth seminar, held on **May 7** at the **Ontario Science Centre**. This was brought to the youth through the great organization of **KS, Pappur Shankar (PPSI)**, and the **SOAR committee**. Guest speakers such as Olympic gold medallist Sami Jo Small, Karyn Gordon, Joel MacCharles, Rob Ellis, and our very own Kumar Malavalli all did a wonderful job of motivating the youth.

There were many games, activities, and even a scavenger hunt planned by the soar group. This event brought all the KS youth together and encouraged us to meet new people. The food also deserves an honorable mention as it was catered to satisfy teenagers.

Soar was a definite success as most of the youth had a positive response to the seminar. It is evident that the group's objective (succeed, optimize, achieve, reach) was reached as many individuals left the seminar much more aware, confident, and informed! Thank you to all the organizers for a day of inspiration.

If you are interested in soar 2006 please e-mail Pappur Shankar at [p.shankar@rogers.com](mailto:p.shankar@rogers.com)

**My KS Experience- Committee Member 2004-2005**

By: Gayatri Badrinath

Last July at the KS Toronto annual picnic held at Erindale Park, someone proposed my name, and another person seconded this suggestion and before I had realized, I was made one of the Executive Committee members for KS Toronto. I felt apprehension but at the same time looking at the fellow members and having Sharada Bhat at the helm as President, I felt confident that we could be a successful committee.

This led us to our first meeting to discuss the upcoming function, Ganesha Habba. It was from this meeting that I knew the rest of the year would be exciting. The planning for this function was well done and it was a success. This was not the only success that KS achieved this year; we put together a list of many memorable gatherings such as Nada Habba and Casino Rama (two melodious buses full that headed to Orillia).

Then came the KS Cultural function to fade away winter blues. This time, the ladies in the executive committee volunteered to cook delicious Khara Bath and Kesari Bath and we managed to fund raise for the KS Youth Scholarship. Not to forget, the cultural program itself was a great showcase of vocal music, instrumental groups, and dance all preformed mainly by students.

Our second last show of the year was an afternoon well spent. Workshops for youth, adults and Tiny Tots were well enjoyed. The food and entertainment was excellent and appreciated by one and all. We saw an increased participation in all the KS programs.

KS then soared into a youth seminar organized with the Mr. Pappur Shankar in May. "SOAR 2005" was held at the Ontario Science Center. It was well organized and motivated many youth that were present.

Our KS team has been very fortunate to have a great leader and President Sharada Bhat ably supported by a team of dedicated committee of adult and youth members.

Overall, I can say that I enjoyed being a part of the KS Committee. We do sincerely hope that we did succeed and that you all had a great KS experience for 2004-2005.

**Unisex Double Wicket Cricket Tournament**

Flex your cricket muscles at the KS Picnic and General Body Meeting on July 24, 2005 at Erindale Park, Section A. This will be a half-day event and we are limiting the event to 20 pairs – based on first come first serve basis. For the team registration, please contact **Mahesh.S** ([mahesh.s@simerus.com](mailto:mahesh.s@simerus.com)) or **Arun Kallur** ([arun\\_kallur@yahoo.com](mailto:arun_kallur@yahoo.com)) Visit [www.kstoronto.com](http://www.kstoronto.com) for details.

**Rules and Procedures**

- There is no fee to participate and no age limit.
- First match will start at 8:30am and all pairs are requested to arrive promptly at 8:00
- KS/Umpire's decision is final.
- KS will provide umpires, fielders, and equipment (including 'Tennis Ball'). White cricket clothes recommended.
- If there is a shortage of fielders, we will ask match players to fulfill the positions as needed.
- There will be prizes for First and Second positions.

