

2007 VPA Convention

June 29, 30 & July 1

Palo Alto, California



10th Annual VPA Convention

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Event Schedule

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Namaskara,

Welcome to the San Francisco Bay Area! It's been almost 10 years since California played host to a VPA National Convention and we could not be more proud to host this year's milestone 10th Bi-Annual Event.

Like past Conventions, the event promises to be fun-filled and exciting. Over the next few days we will celebrate this landmark event with a host of programs intended to inspire, motivate, and educate our Community to achieve its full potential.

Indeed, our Community members have time and time again demonstrated their leadership and capabilities in a number of areas and have contributed to the success of "Mother India" as well as our adopted homeland of the United States. It is the intent of our Convention to celebrate our achievements, identify the success stories, and ensure that the legacy of our first generation immigrants inspires our children to match, if not exceed, our own accomplishments.

We really feel this year's Convention is going to be nothing short of a grand success. From the various breakout sessions - Community, Women's, Business, and CME programs - to the choice of Keynotes and entertainment programs. Our volunteers have worked hard to craft an agenda that will leave our delegates nothing short of proud to have attended.

Two years ago the Community elders passed the honor of hosting and leading the 10th National VPA Convention over to us. Over those two years we have made new friendships, re-established old ties, and have gained a deeper appreciation for the bonds that bring our Community together. It is not a responsibility we have taken lightly and we want to thank you for your trust and support – without it, we could not have succeeded.

We want to also take this opportunity to thank all of our Committee Leads and Members for their generous support over the past two years. They have spent a countless number of hours preparing for the Convention - sacrificing weeknights, weekends, and vacation time – to take a dream that started in Detroit and turn it into "California Gold."

Again, we appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the Convention this year and for your generous support.

B.J. Arun
National President

Sumanth Venugopal
General Secretary
Convention Chairman



Friday, June 29th

6:00 – 7:00	Cocktail Hour	Grand Mediterranean Room
7:00 – 8:30	Light Music – Sangeetha Rasa Sanje - Anand and Ranjani	Grand Mediterranean Room
7:00 – 12:00	Rummy Tournament	Portofino Room
7:30 – 9:00	BBQ Dinner	Hotel – Outside Area
10:00	Youth Event – Late Night Bowling	Hotel Lobby

Saturday, June 30th

Morning Session

Grand Mediterranean Room (all)

7:30	BREAKFAST
8:30	Procession by all VPA Chapters
9:00	Invocation and In Memoriam
9:15	Classical Dance - Kids - (Ganesha-Lakshmi Stuti)
9:30	Inauguration – Lamp Lighting, Keynote Address, President's and Chairperson's Address, Magazine Release
10:30	Kids Drama - Upaayadinda apaaya Parihara
10:45	Mohini Bhasmasura (PAMPA)
11:45	Folk Dance - Suggi Kunita
12:00	Comedy Skit - Adalu Badalu
12:30	Kamsaale Dance
12:40 – 2:00	LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon Session

2:00 – 5:00	Business Forum	Cyprus Room
2:00 – 3:00	South Asian Heart Center Presentation & AAPIO	Grand Mediterranean Room
2:30 – 4:00	Youth Event – Poolside Games and Ice Cream Social	Swimming Pool
3:00 – 5:00	Continuing Medical Education (CME) – Physicians	Mykonos Room
4:00 – 5:00	COFFEE / SNACKS	Grand Mediterranean Room
5:00 – 6:00	COCKTAIL HOUR	Grand Mediterranean Room

Evening Session

5:45 – 6:00	Doll Dance	Grand Mediterranean Room
6:00 – 6:30	Comedy Skit - Shanka Naada	Grand Mediterranean Room
6:30 – 6:45	Group Songs -The Midwest Malliges:Raaga Raagi Hits(VPA Midwest)	Grand Mediterranean Room
6:45 – 7:30	Comedy – Prof. Krishne Gowda - Part I	Grand Mediterranean Room
7:00 – 12:00	Rummy Tournament	Portofino Room
7:30 – 9:00	DINNER BREAK	Main Ballroom
9:00 – 11:30	Prithvi – Indian Rock Band	Grand Mediterranean Room
11:30	Wrap-up	



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Sunday, July 1st

Morning Session

6:30 – 8:30	Yoga Session (Meera Nagaraj)	Portofino Room
7:30	BREAKFAST	Grand Mediterranean Room
8:30	Welcome Speech by VPA West President	Grand Mediterranean Room
8:40	Bhajans – Narayana Swamiji	Grand Mediterranean Room
8:55	Keynote Speaker – Day 2	Grand Mediterranean Room
9:10	Thillana Youth – Jyoti Lakkaraju Students	Grand Mediterranean Room
9:25	Folk Dance - Jalle Kabbu	Grand Mediterranean Room
9:40	Bollywood Dance - Kids	Grand Mediterranean Room
9:55	Light Music - Sugama Sangeetha – Hema & CH Gowda (VPA – East)	Grand Mediterranean Room
	Violin Instrumental – Pawan & CH Gowda	
10:35	Bhajan in Hindustani Style - Babu & Tejasvi (VPA-East)	Grand Mediterranean Room
11:00	Variety Entertainment	Grand Mediterranean Room
11:20	Hindustani Vocals - Ganjam Brothers	Grand Mediterranean Room
11:50	Bharatanatyam - Ashwini Raagam	Grand Mediterranean Room
12:15	Youth Bollywood Dance – Aham Premasmi Dance – Nishita	Grand Mediterranean Room
12:20	Onake Obawa – Mono Acting Tanmayi	Grand Mediterranean Room
	Chitra Geethegalu – Dinesh K (VPA Midwest)	
	Film Songs – Midwest Chapter (Dinesh K)	
12:40 – 2:00	LUNCH BREAK	Grand Mediterranean Room

Afternoon Session

1:30 – 3:00	Women's Forum	Mykonos Room
1:30 – 3:00	Community Service Forum	Cyprus Room
2:00 – 4:00	Youth Event – Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream Social	Swimming Pool
3:00 – 4:00	General Body Meeting	Grand Mediterranean Room
4:00	Raffle Draw for iPod Nano (must register)	Grand Mediterranean Room
4:00 – 5:00	COFFEE / SNACKS	Grand Mediterranean Room
5:00 – 6:00	Indian Youth Classical Dance - Nruthya Manjari	Grand Mediterranean Room

Evening Session

5:15	Group Dance – Sahadev / Dinesh	Grand Mediterranean Room (all)
5:20	MajaMix Dance	
5:30	Dance/Drama – Yakshagaana	
6:00	Kids Peacock Dance Drama (Kuchupudi)	
6:15	Comedy – Prof. Krishne Gowda – Part II	
7:00	Fashion Show	
7:30	Recognition Awards Ceremony, Announcing New Board Members, and Passing the Torch VPA South	
8:00 – 9:30	DINNER BREAK	
9:15 – 11:00	DJ Music – Dimple	



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10th National VPA Breakout Sessions

Business Forum: Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m. Cyprus Room

- **Kumar Malavalli – Business Keynote Speaker**

Cofounder, Brocade Systems and member of the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.
Awarded the Karnataka State Rajyotsava Award for 2003.

- **B.J. Arun. “Starting Your Own Business. Taking the Leap of Faith”.**

Serial Entrepreneur, Founder, Chairman & CEO:
California Digital Corporation and EverGrid, Inc.
Awarded the Karnataka State Rajyotsava Award for 2004.

- **Sudha Dev – “Moving Up in Corporate America”**

Business Development Executive, IBM United Kingdom
Recipient of numerous Awards of Excellence

- **Bharath Gowda – “Outsourcing – Opportunities and Pitfalls”**

Director at Human Interface Consulting in Bangalore and currently incubating companies in India.
Held executive HR position at Hewlett Packard and holds MBA in Human Resources.

- **Abi Kariguddaiah - “What Does it Take to be an Entrepreneur?”**

Mr. Kariguddaiah successfully co-founded a number of startup companies, raised investment capital and served on the board of technology companies.

CME: Saturday, 3 - 5 p.m. Mykonos Room

We are proud to announce that we have partnered with El Camino Hospital's South Asian Heart Center (SAHC) and the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPIO) to provide a CME Program at our Convention.



Targeting heart disease within the South Asian Community, we are proud to have secured these two organizations to participate in our event and in turn educate us on what we can do to reduce the rate of heart disease within our Community.

Note – The SAHC will address the General Body between 2-3 p.m. in the Grand Mediterranean Ballroom.



10th National VPA Breakout Sessions

Community Service Forum: Sunday, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Cyprus Room

- **Ravi Channahalli** – “Setting up Schools in India”
- **Dr. M.P. Divakar** – “Leadership and Entrepreneurial Vacuum in Indian Educational System.”
- **G. Lakshman** – “Lancaster West Rotary Projects in India”
- **Lakshmi Prasad** – “Make a Difference: Experiences as a AmeriCorps Volunteer.”
- **C.T. Ravi** – MLA, Chickmagalore – “Helping Rural India Grow and Develop”

Women’s Forum: Sunday, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Mykonos Room

- **Deepka Lalwani** - Alternative Career Planning and Aligning with Mainstream America
- **Nithya Ruff** - Life Balance and Dressing for Success – With an “Asian Flair”
- **Sudha Dev** - Women Leaders – Path to Success
- **Thanh Nyguen** - Ikebana Demonstration and Japanese Floral Arrangement Seminar



Did you know about these fun activities?

Yoga

Portofino Room

Hour long Yoga sessions for the age groups of: 20 to 80 years and Teens

Timing: Sunday 6:30 to 8:30 AM.

Sponsored by the Art of Living, these yoga sessions are best offered in the morning hours before any of the convention events begin. It is recommended that the session participants come in light stomach to enjoy the best benefits the session has to offer.

Child Care Option

St. Tropez Room

It is tough on the young ones to sit through the convention for a long time. So we have set up a child care facility at the hotel for kids over 2 years for Saturday and Sunday. There will be lots of kid's activities organized and it will be a safe place for the young one to have fun under adult supervision.

Timing: 8 AM to Noon
5 PM to 11 PM

Rummy Tournament

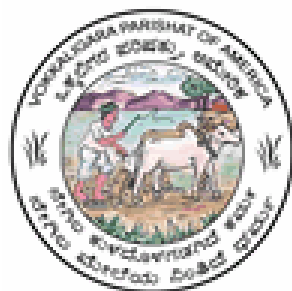
Portofino Room

For most of us cards, fun and family go hand in hand. To recreate that, we plan to have a Rummy Tournament here at the VPA Convention. Pre-Registration is highly recommended and is still open. There is a limit on the number of entries, so please register before the event. There are no entries once the game starts on Saturday evening.

Entry : Please inquire at welcome desk for details
Time : Played over two days. First round on Saturday and Final on Sunday
Capacity: 48 participants
Registration: Welcome desk will facilitate all entries



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