



MARCH 29, 2009

### EARLY BIRD RAFFLE!!

*APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> is approaching fast.*

*Register before April 15th, 2009 to be entered in a Raffle to win a Net Book or an 8 GB iPod.*

### FORUMS & SERVICES:

- Ø CONTINUED MEDICAL EDUCATION
- Ø WOMENS FORUM
- Ø YOUTH FORUM
- Ø BUSINESS FORUM
- Ø SINGLES MEET

Visit [www.myvpa.org/2009](http://www.myvpa.org/2009) for more info

### ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

*Chapters, Check out the new date. Please submit your programs before*

*MAY 1, 2009*

*for consideration. Program Form is available online.*

*Book your air tickets*

# VPA 11 E-Newsletter

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## The 11<sup>th</sup> VPA Convention Committee Wishes you a Happy Ugadhi

### CONVENTION UPDATE:

We are back with yet more news. No convention is complete without the big word 'FOOD'.

We are looking forward to providing you with a great fare during the upcoming convention. Our Food committee has worked hard to put together a menu that will be sumptuous and cater to every taste bud. Be part of the convention and enjoy a veritable feast.

### *We present our Food Committee:*

- ☛ *Our Food Chair says "Howdy friends, This is Asha Satish inviting you all to Houston , Texas for a warm and wonderful get together. Please come with your family and friends and experience the Houston hospitality in a big Texas way. Houston is a city bubbling with multiple cultures, filled with fascinating arts and entertainment, mouth watering Texas cuisine, and warm and cozy weather you can play outside all year long. I came here 15 years ago reluctantly, but now I don't want live anywhere else. I am enjoying my life with my two lovely boys Siddarth (11 years) and Amruth (8 years) and my wonderful husband Shiva Satish. My favorite things are Yoga and Painting. Please come and share your stories with us. Looking forward to seeing you soon, until then adios amigos.*
- ☛ *Our Food Co-chair says " Welcome Friends and Family! I am Raji Gowda , and I am so happy to be your 2009 Co-Chairman of food Committee. My life partner is Venkatesh and we have two beautiful girls, Brinda and Monica Gowda. I enjoy listening to music and reading and also love to cook and bake for my family. I am happiest when I can spend time with my family, no matter how busy I am. I love to travel with my family. I work for Stewart Title Company and I am also a Realtor. We welcome you all to Houston , Texas and invite you to have a Margarita or two and enjoy the Taste of Texas, see you all on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let us all celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> VPA and make it a grand Success! "*

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## We present à **THE INCREDIBLE INDIA FASHION SHOW**

now!!

Houston is hosting other major conventions that weekend.

## Typical Airfares at a glance

07/02/09-07/05/09

Baltimore-Houston  
Continental - \$240

NY (LGA)-Houston  
1Stop- American \$303

Atlanta – Houston  
Continental - \$264

Chicago - Houston  
Continental - \$264

Detroit - Houston  
Continental - \$264

San Jose – Houston  
Continental - \$324

SFO -Houston  
Continental - \$274

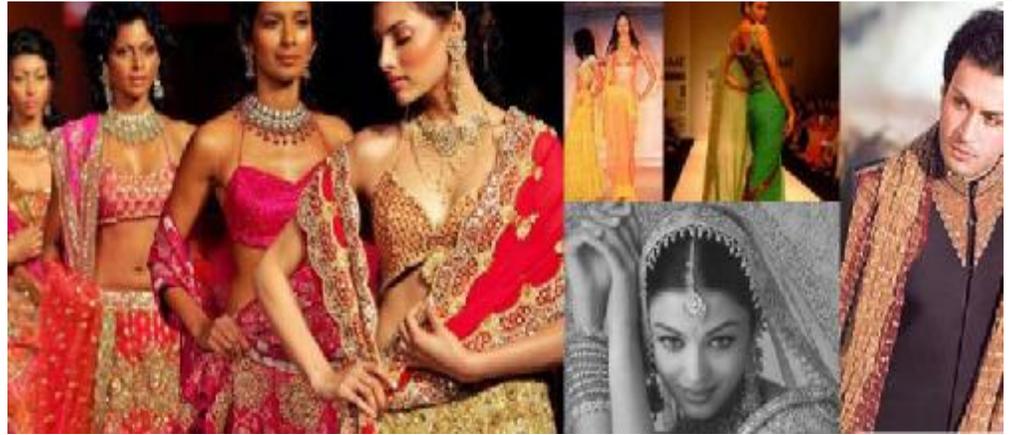
Bangalore-Houston  
Emirates - \$1000

We will keep an eye for deals

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**Check out Youth Forum on FACEBOOK**

**Group:**

**2009 VPA Youth Forum**  
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*The Incredible India Fashion show, on the occasion of the 11th VPA convention focuses on bringing the exuberance of Indian fashion tradition and heritage in vibrant colors on to the runway. Watch the young models wearing cultural costumes with exclusive jewelry and accessories catwalk to the melodious music from some of the most famous Bollywood movies. The effort is to bring the essence of women, her beauty and substance and how Indian costumes blend in embodying her soul.*

*Are you ready for it?? !!*

*Presented by: Bindu Mirle, Nandini Chandra & Chaitra Arakere.*

Presenting notes from the Fashion Show Committee.....

- "Bindu Mirle ,wife of Ranganath Gowda, soon to be a dad. I warmly welcome you all to the vibrant city of Houston on the occasion of 11th VPA convention. Our committee focuses on bringing Indian culture and heritage on to the stage in younger and brighter colors. Enjoy and get entertained by this wonderful event showcasing traditional Indian clothes in all its grandeur on the runway. We aim to make sure you will be thrilled and excited through out the show."
- "Big Hardy Texas style welcome to you all to our 11th VPA convention! Hi, I am Nandini Chandra, wife of Balu Chandra from Dallas, Texas and proud mother of Anisha, Michael and Monica. Get ready for an upbeat Fashion show at our convention this summer. We will make sure you will be entertained with our exuberant and out of this space show .Like they say in New Orleans, Laissez les Bon Temps Roulez (Let the good times role.) "
- Howdy folks! Welcome to our home away from home. This is Chaitra Arakere, enjoying life with my husband Sudhakar Arakere and our children Surya (4) and Sitara (1) in Houston, the most wonderful city in Texas. Other than being a dentist enhancing peoples smiles and enjoying the company of family and friends, I like to get involved in community work. We are excited to host "The Incredible India Fashion Show". Please join us in making this conference and the fashion show the greatest show on earth. Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention.

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## The 11th VPA Convention Committee Presents

# Youth Forum

Howdy Everyone!

Houston is a city that offers a little bit of everything for everyone...museums, beautiful parks and of course exciting night life! In addition to what you can explore on your own, we have been working hard to put together some fun activities!

Ø What's a better way to break the ice than while bowling! Meet old friends, make new ones and start off the convention with a party!

Ø Stay cool by the pool! Beat the Texas heat by taking a dip in the Hilton's pool and enjoy an old-time Texas favorite...raspas!

Ø Come check out an awesome attraction that Houston has to offer...The Moody Gardens! But make sure you put your name down if you're interested. Email the Youth Committee at [withoutmetaphor@gmail.com](mailto:withoutmetaphor@gmail.com) to save your spot!!!

We're all very excited about seeing you! So get ready to have a good time!

*Hosted By:  
Janhavi Rajagopal  
Deepa Kurian .  
Ashwini Anjanappa*

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### ***WE VALUE OUR ESTEEMED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THEIR THOUGHTS, here are a few.....***

**Sumanth Venugopal, Our BOT West Says** 'Deepika and I are very excited to support the Texas Convention in 2009. The event promises to be a great one and we are looking forward to helping the Team where we can. I hope all of you are able to make this event!'

**The President of Midwest Chapter says** ' I am Indu Vence residing in Chicago for the past 20 yrs. with my Husband Manju Vence, We are blessed with 2 children Navin and Pravin Vence. My family is actively involved with VPA ever since it was established, VPA is dedicated to organize great fun filled events to socialize, meet family and friends and also to make new friends. I am looking forward to see you all during the 11<sup>th</sup> VPA Convention in July."

**Anasuya Swamy, Our BOT East says** 'The values of ethnicity, cultural roots and family have been ingrained among first generation of vokkaligas living in North America . Our VPA is providing us the platform to discuss, maintain and promote the needed social, cultural, educational and charitable values and net-working

opportunities through community gatherings, festive celebrations and conferences. Now, focus should be on our **second generation vokkaligas through youth-led and adult guided platform** to express proud sense of their rich heritage, to meet and enjoy the company of other youth members, to set on positive pathways through networking and to be well informed of community issues facing them in today's society.'

*They said "Houston, we have a problem" I say "Houston, you have no problem" Keep up the good work you are all doing, This convention is going to be dazzling*  
- Ramesh Gowda, BOT Midwest, Michigan

**Muddappa Rangappa, Our BOT East says'** In this vast society, to keep our ethnic identity and to nurse our rich heritage is by bringing together all of our Vokkaligara families by those who have been here and settle down since a long time. Identify those new families in communities and others who are not currently being part of our Organization, enroll them as VPA members in their respective regional Chapters and establish our community network. This will enable us to broaden our Organizational base, share our strong family values, promote our ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

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