



APRIL 30, 2009

**THE COUNTDOWN HAS
BEGUN!!!! 9 more weeks to go.**

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE!!

Extended -----

***One Final Chance to win a
Net Book or a 8 GB IPOD -
Register before***

MAY 15th, 2009.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

**Hurry in your entries, It is
time.**

**Program & MC entry deadline
is almost here.**

VISWAMANAVA UPDATE:

We are dedicating our magazine to

SRI.K.P.POORNA CHANDRA

TEJASWI

**He had a distinguished style of
writing which heralded a new era
in Kannada Literature.**

**Our Art Editor is busy designing
our cover page.**

We would love your input !

**SEND IN YOUR Stories, Articles,
Humor, Poems to**

VPA 11 E-Newsletter

CONVENTIONCHAIR@YAHOO.COM

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THE 11th VPA Convention 2009 Presents

Singles Meet

Howdy ya'll and welcome to H-town! The VPA singles committee would like to extend a warm invitation to our events. Meet other fun-loving, like-minded singles from the Vokkaligara community. We also have a new website www.vpamatch.com, where you register yourself and view profiles of other singles from the VPA community. It is a great way to get you involved in the community. You never know who you are going to meet. Do you believe in Destiny? May be you are destined to meet that special someone during the meet.

We are eagerly waiting for your arrival at Houston. Our goal is to provide a warm and relaxing environment that fosters casual but effective communication that will help our singles to find a life partner who fits their taste. It is a wonderful and exciting opportunity to meet, greet, and steal a heart that matches your needs. This is a pioneering attempt to bind our Vokkaliga's together in order to cherish and maintain our evergreen culture. Do not miss out. You are guaranteed a warm Texas-sized welcome!

Register yourself for the convention and the Singles meet and make use of the opportunity.

Planned Singles Meet Events at the Convention:

Singles Meet and Greet

- Ice Breaker and Socializing Event - July 3rd, Friday night from 9.30pm to 11:00pm

Singles Meet – Mix, Mingle and Coffee Talk

- Casual event - July 4th, Saturday morning 10.00am to 10.45am

Singles Meet - Wine and Cheese Event

- A chance to know your potential partner. Speed networking mix event - July 4th, Saturday afternoon 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Singles Meet Website: www.vpamatch.com

We have developed a dedicated Singles Meet website for our VPA members. The website www.vpamatch.com is open now to enter your profile. You can search, chat, and blog in this website. It's FREE!!

Please fill in the referral field in your online profile with a current VPA member name and contact information to activate your profile. Once you submit your profile, you will receive an email. Please click on the link in the email to verify your profile. After we confirm with your referral, your profile will be activated. Non-VPA members are welcome too! They will need a referral from a current VPA member.

We hope that you have a wonderful and memorable time in Houston and we looking forward to

conventionchair@yahoo.com.

Book your air tickets 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**

**Check out a new deal at
Travelocity for travel
between Chicago and
Houston at \$213.65**

**Detroit - Houston
Continental - \$264**

**San Jose - Houston
Continental - \$324**

**SFO -Houston Continental -
\$274**

**Bangalore-Houston Emirates
- \$1000**

We will keep an eye for deals

**Check out Youth Forum
on FACEBOOK**

Group:

2009 VPA Youth Forum

meeting you all at the 2009 VPA convention.

"Don't forget your cowboy (or cowgirl) boots and ten gallon hat...this is Texas after all!"

Sincerely,

Singles Meet Committee

Dinesh Gowda, Jayanthi Ramu, Vanitha Reddy, Krishna Rudraiah

www.myvpa.org/2009/singles.html

Message from Singles Meet Committee

Dinesh says *"Dear Friends, I welcome you to Texas, known for its Southern Hospitality!. I live in Dallas , TX with my wife Roopa, children Shardul and Anshul. We have lived in Dallas for the past 4 years and have loved every minute of it. Great Weather, Great Outdoors! What more to ask for? We invite you to be a part of the convention and make it a memorable vacation.*

Jayanthi says *"Fellow Vokkaliga baandhavare. I am Jayanthi, a physician and last but not least a mom. My little family includes my husband Ramegowda, a physician, my son Akash (a teenager!) and my baby daughter Moha, a first grader. Our current home is in Sugarland, TX. However, our roots are still firm in Bangalore Rural District. Please come and meet our fellow Mannina Maga's/Magalu's."*

Vanitha says *"Hey all! I'm Vanitha Reddy and am married to Bharat Pothuri. We joined VPA in Houston a couple of months ago. Even though I'm a newcomer, I already feel like part of the gang. I've had the pleasure to live in Houston for about 4 years now and love all that it has to offer. We have a diverse variety of cultural activities, year round, and some of the best restaurants in the country. Hope you enjoy H-town as much as we do!"*

Krishna says *"Priya vokkaligarige, hello mathu Namasakara. I am Krishna, your website host for now. My Wify Suhasini Mahadev, cutie kid Veedha, and I would like to welcome you all to our mighty Texas for loads of activity and fun at our Singles meet event. Come one, come all and let's have fun"*

Dinesh & Krishna are also responsible for our beautifully designed convention website. Our Kudos to them.

Guess who just walked in, Our greeters & Meeters !! Theirs will probably be the first faces you will see as you join us for our convention.

Dr. Daya Dayananda, our Registration Chair, also our overworked treasurer says.... *Hello friends, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to Houston and to Texas on the occasion of 11th VPA Convention. My name is Daya Dayananda and serving the convention as the Treasurer and Chairman for Registration Committee. I encourage each one of you to attend the convention in big numbers and make the convention a grand success. All committees are working hard to bring you the best ever VPA convention. I have beautiful wife Kshama and two lovely sons Kishan (10) and Dhavan (7). I love to spend time with my family and travelling with them. Being a public servant by profession, I love serving our community and promoting our culture. I love Kannada and enjoy listening to music and watching movies.*

Mrs. Kshama Dayanand, his better half and also our Registration Co-chair says, *Howdy!! Welcome to Houston, Texas. My name is Kshama Dayananda. I am helping my husband, Daya Dayananda with Registration and serving as Co-Chair of the committee. We have two lovely sons, Kishan (10) and Dhavan (7) who keep me busy with their activities after my busy work as Senior Business Architect at First Data Corporation. I love cooking and get immense pleasure by volunteering for social causes. I am a spiritual person and love to go to Chinmaya Satsangs on Sundays. I like practicing yoga and bollywood dancing. I love socializing and enjoy the company of family and friends. Can't wait to meet you all and make new friends during 11th VPA Convention in*

Houston!!

Register soon and keep them HAPPY.....!

Last but not the least, They are here for you, our Hospitality committee.

Ranganath Gowda, Our Hospitality chair says,

" Namaskara. This is Ranganath Gowda welcoming y'all to the VPA convention in Houston, Texas where "Everything is Bigger". You gotta see it to believe it! I promise you will have a great time. I live here with my wife/best friend Bindu. We are expecting our first baby anytime now J I invite you all once again to the "Energy Capital of the World" and help us make this a memorable event."

Kavitha Gowda, Our Hospitality Co-chair says,

"Howdy! I am Kavitha Gowda, proud mommy and wife. I get two salaries, the best one pays in hugs. My children, Rohan (10) and Anya (6) –they are life's precious moments. My husband, Rohit Robinson when he is around there is never a dull moment! I celebrate family and friends! I love watching movies, reading books, and chatting. I am looking forward to chatting with you all!"

We will be back with more soon.

***Newsletter compiled by Roopa Gowda & the Singles Meet Committee. Please send your thoughts & suggestions to conventionchair@yahoo.com