

## Kaveri 2013 Highlights

Kaveri 2013 was a very colorful, vibrant year filled with activities throughout the year involving every member of the community from youngsters to Seniors actively.

We successfully conducted 15 major events including cultural, sports, youth and service events:

- 1) 7 programs/festivities : Sankranthi, Yugadi & Natakotsava, P.B.Srinivas Tribute, Picnic, Ganesha festival, Deepavali/Rajyotsava/Childrens day.
- 2) 2 traditional art events – Yakshaghana and Gamaka with visiting artists from India
- 3) 4 sporting events, 4 KYC kids events, 3 volunteering events including KYC's Mysore Eye Camp Visit
- 4) Talent Shows and Kid's Competition (Writing, dancing, speaking)
- 5) Produced Bhavanadi 2013 – a literary collection - ESanchike with various members of the community contributing articles.

### Major Cultural Events:

- 1) **Sankranti Festival: A whopping 375 people attended the event, enjoyed the programs and sumptuous festive dinner.**
  - **Namma Katte** – Community centered programs for the year was introduced. In this series Finance forum was introduced
  - Guru Vandana classical music program and bharathnayam dance – programs inaugurated by Kaveri Seniors, cultural programs and Kaveri idol



- 2) **Yugadi and Natakotsava**

- A very vibrant Yugadi & Natakotsava was attended by over 500 people! T.P Kailasam's Kailasamsara by Famous Theater artists : Sri.Sunder & Smt.Veena Sunder performed
- Comedy artist Sri.Narasimha.Murthy Nakku nali
- Extravagant Dance forms of India (ಭಾರತದ ನೃತ್ಯ ಶೈಲಿಗಳು) which included dances including Kathak,Punjabi, Manipuri, Gujarathi, Kashmiri, Kamsale, Tippani, with more than 100 participants!

- **Namma Katta** – Doctors giving a talk on Healthcare topics, Community leaders giving a talk on community relevant issues.
- **Light music** by Shrutilaya group and Nadakokila group by Guru Usha Char
- Yuvashakthi - Youth programs including Dashavatara, Kannada Kaliyona program and bake sale
- Holige oota topped the celebrations!
- **Drama, Comedy show, vibrant dance forms of India, Youth committee drama, music and dance marked the event.**



**3) P.B. Srinivas Tribute: A fitting tribute to mark the passing of legendary singer P.B.Srinivas by Kaveri members and singers in Potomac Community hall.**

**4) Picnic: June 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 200 people attended!
- Kaveri 5K walk/run – over 50 registrants
- Youth cricket, sports for small children
- Cooking competition!



5) Yakshagana and Gamaka : August 17 th SSVT

- Over 100 people attended traditional Yakshagana and Gamaka program
- Gamaka Vidushi: Smt.B.H.Nagarathna & Smt.Vasantha Venkatesh.

6) Yakshagana by Yaksha Manjusha troupe creative director Smt.Vidya Kolyur

- Sri.Ramakrishna Hegde and Troupe from Mangalore



7) Ganesha Festival :

- 500 people attended the event
- Famous Singer/actress M.D.Pallavi & her Desi band with 16 member music band touring the U.S for the first time!
- Involved local talent by conducting workshop
- Ganeshana Mahime – Kids dance drama



- Music and Classical Dance performances by Sindhu Vasanth and cultural programs by various Kaveri artists



**8) Deepavali/Children's Day/Rajyotsava : November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Event dedicated to kids and youth
- Talent Shows and Various Kid's Competition (Writing, dancing, speaking) for kids to show case their talent



## **Kaveri Sports events:**

**4 sporting events: Ski trip, Kaveri Golf, Picnic including 5K, Badminton, Tennis & Cricket tournaments**

**1. Kaveri Ski Trip : March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- For the first time in Kaveri Ski Trip was arranged as a group to White Tail resort
- 25 members and including many youth came to the ski trip and had a great time!
- New members inclined to outdoor activities joined Kaveri

**2. Kaveri Premier Cricket League**

- KPCL tournament (sponsored by Narmada & Ravi Dankanikote) went very well with a competitive cricket amongst our community members with five teams and more than 75 participants.

**3. SA-Kaveri Golf tournament**

- This event (Sponsored by Setty & Associates) took place at Reston Nationals and brought around 40 Kannada - golfers, entrepreneurs together and made it a business networking event
- Part of the funds raised was donated to Kannada Kaliyona

**4. Tennis Tournament:**

- **More than 30 people participated in the tournaments**

**5. 5K during picnic**

- Annual 5K walk/run was organized with more than 50 participants

## **KYC Yuvashakthi Events:**

**KYC 2013 gave a new name for the year “Yuvashakthi”**

Several KYC unique volunteering opportunities were organized by the KYC Yuvashakthi team:

- Visit to Library of Congress
- unique opportunity to have dinner with Indian Ambassador by Kaveri Senior Youth representatives
- Mysore Eye Camp Visit
- Kaveri college mentorship, along with annual Youth service day and Kannada Kaliyona Graduation ceremony.

## **Unique Concepts and Achievements:**

- 1) Open Concept Inclusive Programs: Every event had multiple open concept programs where everyone interested could participate.**
- 2) Namma Katte:** Forums to help our community address various social issues. During Sankranthi festival held in January, there was a finance forum addressing our community concerns regarding 401k, personal finance & college funds planning by financial advisers.  
**Yugadi –** Medical forum by community doctors addressing senior care, alternates for people without insurance, Obama care!  
**Kaveri market: Introduced Kaveri Marukatte - A Great way to socialize, vendors shops & food – A great way to get people to come on time to programs, generate income! This included Early Bird Appetizers with Early Bird Raffles!!**

**3) Produced Bhavanadi 2013 – a literary collection - ESanchike with various members of the community contributing articles.**