



VPA 11 E-Newsletter

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EARLY BIRD RAFFLE!!

We have some exciting news for our members

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 for more info

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Chapters, Please submit your programs before

MARCH 24th, 2009

for consideration. Program Form is available online.

A note from the convention committee:

Dear VPA Members,

Warm Greetings!! We are writing to you on behalf of the VPA Convention 2009 fund raising team to request your support in the form of a tax-deductible donation for the upcoming 11th VPA National Convention 2009 to be held in Houston during the Independence day Weekend.

For those of you who are not familiar with our bi-annual convention, VPA celebrates its culture and heritage during the convention. It will be a great time to meet family and friends under one roof for a whole weekend and also enjoy the southern hospitality. It also provides an opportunity to widen your prospects in providing several forums and services during the convention. The offerings other than the main event are: Business Forum, Continued Medical Education, Women's Forum, Youth Forum and Singles meet.

We have already received a few commitments from our members and are very encouraged by it. Though we have a long way to go. VPA being a not for profit organization depends on you and corporate sponsors for funding the convention. We personally thank all our sponsors and donors who have been very magnanimous in giving us funds previously. We thank you for your continued support and the reason that makes this all possible.

Consider placing an advert of your business or your family greetings in our colorful 'VISWAMANAVA' magazine to be published for the 2009 convention. A sample of the 2007 Magazine is available online on our website www.myvpa.org. Please know that the donations you make will positively impact us in organizing a successful convention.

We thank you for your time and consideration. With your permission, one of our fundraising team members will be calling you soon to obtain your support and donor ship. If you require additional information about the convention, please contact us and We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also visit www.myvpa.org online. We work very hard to organize a successful convention and We hope we can count on you for a generous donation or a sponsorship and Please remember the convention cannot happen without the generosity of donors like yourself.

Sincerely,

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CONVENTION UPDATE:

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

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

It is exciting to be updating you with yet more news about the upcoming convention. We recently received a spate of registrations, sponsorships and Hotel Registrations. It is a very encouraging response for us in moving forward with our preparations. Consider Registering early. It helps us plan things better.

Consider booking your air tickets and hotel rooms earlier to avoid high fares and last minute rush. Make it a family vacation and consider extending your holidays while attending the convention to enjoy the places and things Houston has to offer. **SAN ANTONIO**, a historical town WITH A TEX-MEX Flair is a 3 hr drive from Houston. It is a place you need to visit. Contact Hospitality Committee to get further information on attractions of Houston. We have blocked about 150 rooms each night under VPA at a discounted price and we request you to reserve rooms as soon as possible.

The 11th VPA Convention Committee Presents

Women's Forum

Whether you're a busy mom, career-blazer, or superwoman trying to do it all, you're in the right place. Our motto is come as you are and throw perfection out the window. So please come and join the action.

Our Mission

Educate Empower Enlighten

Let's learn to live in harmony with our kids, be aware of our health and take charge of our finances!

Let's empower ourselves listening to the leaders in the business world and entrepreneurs in our community.

Finally, let's lighten up and have some fun. Ladies..... let's do the Banghra/Bollywood and look beautiful doing it. We will have some make-up artists and dance teachers to show us how. So put on your dancing shoes and celebrate, it's a celebration! Come on!

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LADIES FIRST! This Newsletter We present our Women's Forum team and their messages.

Hi Y'all, I am Nalini Swamy , proud mother of Deepa Kurian and Priya Swamy and sister of Mr. Venkatesh Gowda, Chairman of the event. My motto...CARPEDIUM (seize the moment). I have lived in Houston for 30 some years. I would love for y'all to come over to Houston and let us show our Texas hospitality. I promise that you will have a great time. Come on, Let's Celebrate our Heritage

"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!"

Hello Everyone, Shashi Gowda, here. A Houstonian for the past 29 years, my life revolves around my children Maaya and Sanjay and my work at NASA's Johnson Space Center. We welcome all the Gowdathis and Gowdas to visit the Space City, USA!!! Come and enjoy behind-the-scenes journey through Johnson Space Center, visit the Historic Apollo Mission Control Center and the current Shuttle and Station Control Centers. You may even get to see some astronauts training!!!

Hello All, I am Veena Vasudev and I live in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land with my husband, Vasudev Bommana and two daughters, Pooja and Sanjana. I have a Master's degree in Electrical Engg., though now, I assist in managing my husband's medical office. Although still a novice at playing the sitar, I find playing it in my spare time is incredibly relaxing. I invite you all to come on down to Houston this July, to keep the connection to our ancestral roots alive, especially amongst our children!

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