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Dear Vokkaligara Parishat of America Members,

On behalf of the 2013 VPA Convention Committee, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. First and foremost, we would like to congratulate the Baltimore VPA team on a job well-done during the VPA Convention last year. Over the past 20 years, VPA has grown to include hundreds of Vokkaliga families from all corners of the United States. But what makes VPA extra special is the close bonds that we have formed amongst ourselves; bonds that we are passing to our children.

Every two years we have the opportunity to reunite with old friends and family, and create new long-lasting friendships. However, our conventions have been more than just a family reunion. They also give us a chance to showcase the talents of our fellow Vokkaligas, whether it be on the dance stage in an after-dinner program, accomplishments discussed during the Women's and Business Forum, or achievements in the science lab displayed in a CME panel.

We have arranged for the next VPA Convention to be held at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, Illinois on July 4-6, 2013. The location is great—merely 10 miles away from O'Hare International Airport. The venue is world-class, offering our guests tennis courts, bowling alley, 18-hole golf course, an indoor pool, and numerous salon and spa amenities. In addition, the hotel rooms and convention activities are all located under one roof. We were able to secure an affordable hotel rate for VPA guests at \$99 per night (plus taxes and fees). Please take a look at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa website for more details and pictures: <http://www.eaglewoodresort.com/>.

The Convention Center is also in close proximity to downtown Chicago so we encourage you all to take advantage of an extended stay to pay a visit to some of the famed locations and activities in Chicago such as boat rides on Navy Pier and Lake Michigan, shopping on the Magnificent Mile, or looking out from the top floor of the Willis (Sears) Tower.

Our committee members are already hard at work to make this a memorable convention for you all. Please check our website at <http://www.myvpa.org/2013/committees.html> for contact information for various committee chairpersons if you would like to bring a program from your home state, write an article or submit an advertisement for the Souvenir, or to get involved in the numerous other convention activities such as CME, Women's Forum, or Business Forum.

We are confident that you and your family will enjoy your long weekend here in Chicago. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you all next July.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda
Chairperson, VPA Convention 2013

Mr. Shiva Shankar
President, VPA