



A Thank you Note from TASA EC Team



The executive committee members of Telugu Association of San Antonio (TASA) would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to all TASA members and well wishers for making the 2011 *Ugadi Vedula* a grand success. We would like to especially thank the following sponsors:

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TASA thanks the Singers Sri. Viswa Mohan Ammula (Kansas) and Smt. Sarada Akunuri (Houston) for putting up a grand musical show. Everyone attended loved the quality of the program and especially when Sri. Viswa Mohan jumped off the stage and mingled with the audience in the auditorium, while singing the songs was very appealing and he seemed to have connected with the audience and engaged them. It was very refreshing to hear old and new songs and inviting our youngsters to dance on the stage was a big hit.

TASA sincerely thanks all volunteers who contributed their time and efforts in making this program a grand success. We thank Smt. Sharada and her daughter Jahnvi for the colorful muggu at the front entrance welcoming the new Telugu year. We want to appreciate and thank all the food coordinators and volunteers for the delicious *pandaga bhojanam*. Our warm appreciations to the students from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), who helped us with all the arrangements including setting up hall and decorations/banners, food serving, taking pictures and cleaning at the end.

We would like to thank our HTSA priest Sri. Lanka Ramalinga Sastry garu for the Panchanga Sravanam and giving us the *Rashi Phalaalu* for the year 2011. We want to thank volunteers for judging the *Essay competition*. This competition is for the age group of 11-17 years and the Topic is “*Significance of Ugadi in Telugu Culture*”. We congratulate all the 7 participants who demonstrated their interest in learning our culture and traditions.

We had 7 entries for the *Essay competition* and the Top three winners were awarded Trophies at the event. Their *Essays* will be published in upcoming News Letter.

Results of the *Essay Competition*:

- 1st Place – Mounika Vennam
- 2nd Place – Varun Patamalla
- 3rd Place – Suma Ganji

We like to thank Dr. Sudhir Gogu for preparing a information sheet “Stress: How to Cope Better with Life’s Challenges” as part of healthy information that TASA provides at each of the events. TASA EC also expresses its gratitude to so many of our community members for their help at the food serving. (*We regret if we miss thanking or acknowledging anyone who contributed to the program’s success, it is not intentional*).

Finally, we would like to thank GVG Foundation for helping us launch our new website (www.tasatexas.org) which was liked by everyone at the event. We like to request every one to go check out our web site and let us know what you think at webmaster@tasatexas.org. We thank those TASA members who renewed their membership and in particular thank Life Members for their continued support. We sincerely request all other members, who could not renew their TASA membership at Sankranthi event and/or Ugadi event, to renew their membership through postal mail, online at our website. TASA requests members to share the photos/videos they have taken at the Ugadi event with others. Please send your photos/videos or links of the pictures/videos to culturalcommittee@tasatexas.org.

With best wishes,

TASA Executive Committee