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Yellarukku Namaskaro!

Jaya nama Samvatsaratte Shubhashayange. The NASA BoD wishes all of you a very belated happy Ugadi greetings and best wishes. May the coming year bring all of you and your dear and near ones health, wealth and happiness.

As intimated to you earlier, our 2014 annual NASA Meeting and Retreat will be held at the Vanderkamp Center near Syracuse, NY over the July 4th long weekend, between 12:30 PM Friday, 4 July and 1 PM Sunday, 6 July. We trust you have made plans to attend the gathering.

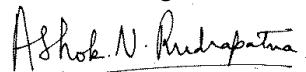
Please note that the *Vanderkamp Center can provide overnight accommodations for 90 people. In the event that we receive registrations in excess of 90 individuals, you will have to arrange for your own accommodations at local facilities.* Registrants will be provided accommodations at Vanderkamp Center on a first come, first served basis. So please be sure to send your registrations in early. ***Please also note that the early registration deadline is June 14, 2014.*** The registration material is provided in this issue of *Chiguru*. ***Please print out and complete the registration forms and mail them along with your check ASAP.*** Please feel free to forward the Newsletter/*Chiguru* to any other Sankethis as we welcome all community members to attend and to become members of NASA. Details and updates about the 2014 NASA Retreat will be posted on our NASA website ([www.sankethi.org](http://www.sankethi.org)), so please check our website regularly.

As noted in our earlier correspondence, ***we will no longer be mailing the Chiguru/Newsletter via US Post.*** Instead, ***we will distribute the Chiguru/Newsletter only via email.*** Please keep your contact details up to date with our secretary so you will be sure to receive the latest Sankethi community news and the most current information about all NASA events.

The NASA BOD and the Cultural Committee are working very hard to coordinate an excellent program that holds broad appeal for all of our community members. We strongly encourage you and your children to showcase your talents at this event. Please include details about the program in the enclosed registration forms. You are invited to contact our cultural secretaries if you have any questions or need additional information.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting!

With Best Regards and Best Wishes,



Ashok N. Rudrapatna, PhD  
President, NASA

## 1. NASA 2014 Annual Meeting Program

### *Celebrating 30 Years of Culture, Community and Charity July 4-6, Vanderkamp Retreat Center*

This year NASA will host its annual retreat from Friday, July 4 (12:30 PM) through Sunday, July 6 (1pm) at the Vanderkamp Retreat Center (<http://www.vk.org/>) located in **Cleveland, NY**.

#### ***Friday July 4, 2014***

12:30 PM-2 PM	Arrival/Check-in/Lunch
2:00 PM-4:30 PM	Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Sports, swimming) / Video screening (LIFEGUARD ON DUTY)
4:30 PM- 6:00 PM	Kolaata & Karaoke / Kids activity: Carom, Pagade, Aliguli mane
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Sankethi Jeopardy
8:00 PM- 8:45 PM	Dr. Jayaram -Stories from Ramayan & Mahabharat
8:45 PM- 11:30 PM	Kannada Movie Screening/ Childrens Bingo/

#### ***Saturday July 5, 2014***

7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Nature Walk/ Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	GBM & Elections/ Childrens Crafts
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	NASA Scavenger Hunt
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	NASA Skit
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Rangappa Uncle - Compilation of Videos from NASA previous years
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	*Snack Break*
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	"Sankethi Got Talent" Show (Open Mic)
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Bhagavad Gita for all ages - by Sri Anand Shastri
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	*Dinner* (Banana Leaf/traditional)
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Main Concert--Soudamini.Venkatesh
9:30 PM- 11:30 PM	Bonfire

#### ***Sunday July 6, 2014***

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Veda Parayana
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Light breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00AM	Outdoor Activities / Video Screening (LIFEGUARD ON DUTY)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	"Sankethi Iron Chef" / Screening movie
11:30 AM	Lunch and Departure



Photos of NASA's 2013 Annual Meeting, at Vanderkamp Retreat Center

If you or a member of your family is interested in performing at NASA, or participating in any other way, please contact cultural secretaries Sheela ([sheela71384@gmail.com](mailto:sheela71384@gmail.com)) or Sujaya ([15sujaya@gmail.com](mailto:15sujaya@gmail.com)). We look forward to spending the July 4th long weekend with you!

## **2. Notification of the 2014 NASA Annual General Body Meeting (GBM)**

**\*\*\* Copies of the 2014 GBM Agenda, and the 2013 GBM minutes will not be available during the 2014 GBM, so please bring a copy of this edition of the Chiguru. \*\*\***

Dear NASA Members,

This is to **formally announce that the 2014 Annual General Body Meeting will be convened on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Commons Room at the Vanderkamp Retreat Center, 337 Martin Road, Cleveland, New York, 13042**, our 2014 annual meeting venue.

The order of business (per Article III, Clause 7 of the By-laws) will be as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting (see enclosed)
3. Reports of committees
4. Reports of officers
5. Old and unfinished business
6. New business

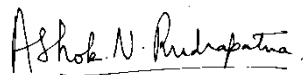
*Note that the By-laws stipulate that "Any member in good standing may introduce a motion from the floor with the permission of the Chair. Such permission shall not be denied if the member has given written notice of such motion to the corporation at least ten days but not more than fifty days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Provided, however, that the advance notice requirement may be waived if the estimated additional financial exposure to the corporation from the proposed motion is less than US \$500 in the relevant fiscal year(s)".*

7. Good and welfare
1. Adjournment

Please also note that **only members in good standing may vote** on any formal motion. For the 2014 Annual GBM, the NASA BoD has fixed the Record Date to be 20 June 2014 for the determination of membership.

If you have any questions regarding the GBM, please feel free to contact me or the Secretary. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual GBM.

Yours Sincerely,



Ashok N. Rudrapatna  
President, NASA

## **3. Notification of Elections to the NASA President and Board of Directors**

As per the NASA bylaws, we are required to hold elections for the President and a new slate of eight NASA Board of Directors (BoD) at this annual meeting. This will be for a two-year, 2014-2016 term. The elections will be held at the conclusion of the GBM. We invite you to be a candidate for the office of the President or as a member of the BoD. If you would like to serve in one of these capacities or wish to nominate a member (with their consent), please contact Dr. Y. N. Jayaram (yjayaram@yahoo.com), who has graciously consented to serve as the elections returning officer. Please note that in order to exercise your vote in the elections you must be a member in good standing as of the record date indicated above.

## 4. 2013 GBM Minutes

**26 May 2013, Vanderkamp, Cleveland, NY**

Start time: 9:18am

Roll Call: Quorum confirmed (23 Members signed in).

Invocation: Smt. Geetha Dathatri

Dr. Jayaram shared the “Flowchart for Conflict Resolution” – as a humorous start to the meeting.

Presentation of last GBM’s minutes: Ashok Rudrapatna presented  
Sundaresan moves to approve minutes.

### **Unanimous approval of minutes from General Body (9:27am)**

K. Sundaresan asks about bi-law committee: was it a resolution from the last GBM to form a committee? Ranjini says: not a resolution, but a recommendation from outgoing GBM.

- Bi-law committee in the process of being formed:
  - From General Body: MS Nataraj, Jayashri Shastri, Ranjini Srikantiah, and Natesh Magge have accepted. One more slot needs to be filled.
  - From the Board of Directors (BoD) ex-officio members: Nagaraj Ananthashesha (NASA VP with By-laws role), Ashok Rudrapatna (NASA President)
  - K. Sundaresan has offered to an outside Advisor
- We will return to the topic of by-law amendments later in the GBM

### Ashok Rudrapatna Shares President’s Report (ppt)

Highlights:

- New Charity Policy
- New Life Members
- Bylaw amendment to use email as official communications means
- Two new Annual Members
- Descriptions of Roles and Responsibilities on GBM
- Organized Events from 2012/2013
- Query around ski trip “Loss” – Sundaresan recommends that we deem this as “higher than expected expense”, not “loss”
- Bylaws: question by Sundaresan: what is protocol – can BoD pass bylaw amendments, and what is the requirement to notify GBM? GBM has the right to amend or repeal any bylaws. K. Sundaresan says: “how will members know that amendments have been changed in order to approve or repeal?”
  - Does BoD need to bring new amendments to the GBM for ratification? Or for Notification?
    - Y. N Dathatri says “we don't need ratification, but we should have notification” and this should be written into the bylaws explicitly
    - Ashok recommends that “Notification” of any bylaw changes be explicitly written into bylaws – this should be examined by Bylaws committee
  - **FOR RECORD: GBM would like for all bylaw amendments passed by the BoD to be placed before General Body and, if GBM members would like to, they have the right to debate the issue. This should be examined by the bylaws committee in the review of bylaws.**
- Ashok Rudrapatna brings up the issue of longer term strategic vision for NASA
  - Formation of an Advisory Committee or Trustee Board?
  - What should be the vision for NASA, moving forward?

### Nagaraj reads Dinesh Rao’s Secretary Report

Highlights:

- Strides in email communication
- K. Sundaresan asks: how many life members, how many annual members, how many partially paid?
- Lalitha Hansoge answers: There are no partially paid or unpaid life or annual members
  - As of Dec 31, 2012:
    - 209 Life Members (6 new as of 2012)
    - No Annual Members
    - K. Sundaresan asks for a list of all members (as auditor)

- **Lalitha will provide with list.**

**Motion to accept Secretary's Report: Seconded and Accepted.**

Lalitha Hansoge reads Treasurer's Report:

- This is the provisional report rather than final report
- matter of missing check #1220
  - this may ultimately affect our IRS filings
  - there is no uniform date for "stale date"
  - Treasurer does not have any information on status of check
- Ganesh recommends "stop payment" on check
  - Lalitha Hansoge (as of August 2012), now has check-writing authority on account
  - She can now issue a "stop payment" on check
- Moving forward, Lalitha Hansoge also has counterfoils for all future checks
- OK for IRS Filing, and OK to present provisional report to GBM. IRS filing will happen within the next few weeks
- Question of ICICI transaction fee of \$2
  - NASA currently bears this expense as a service to members
  - If we want to pass this expense on to members, we need to pass a resolution
- Lalitha Hansoge raises other "larger" concerns
  - Based on IRS regulations of domestic Non Profit (501(c)(3) and giving to international organizations:
    - Can we accept donations for BSS and KSS and send them there?
    - She brought out IRS rulings going back to 1963 that may have bearing on this
      - Questions about "passive conduit" were raised
      - We do not have any legal control over funds transferred
      - We do not have any logistical control over funds transferred
    - IRS at various times has indicated:
      - The board has the duty of monitoring the actual use of an earmarked donation. If the board doesn't, this is not acceptable
        - In the past, we have either talked to BSS / KSS through the board or the member has talked to them directly to express earmarked donation intent
        - From IRS's point of view the latter may not be acceptable
- **It is recommended that the NASA board engage a tax attorney who can bring expertise advice to this situation**
- Y. N. Dathatri asks: what about line item re: checks from 2007 / 2009? Why are these still outstanding?
  - The Payees have been contacted and have indicated that they have no intention of cashing it
  - **BoD needs to decide to clear the checks and mark them as a donation to NASA**
  - **Action item has been assigned to the Treasurer to bring the following matters to the BoD for action:**
    - Fidelity Money Market: \$10.37
    - Outstanding Checks from 2007 / 2009: \$264.91
    - And other matters as outlined in the auditor's report.
  - **Treasurer to Re-word "Priest Fee" line item as "Sundry Expense"**

Auditor's Report:

- Can vouch for the accuracy of the report, but not necessarily the completeness of the report

- Balanced summary for receipts and payments, ready for submission to Tax authorities
- Unfinished tasks:
  - Long outstanding checks should be liquidated and not tolerated in account. This will now be done in 2013.
  - Honest mistake to not keep proper record of everything spent during the annual meeting of an amount of ~\$100 – unaccountable expense
    - Small amount to absorb, we can afford it
  - We need a transaction journal in addition to a trial balance.
    - What we have here is a statement of income and expenses
    - A trial balance has an account of money owed to and by NASA
    - However, we do not have a transaction journal of all transactions. NASA management for past 10 years has not kept a transaction record, and has reconstructed accounts from bank statements – so if the transaction does not make it to the bank, it does not get recorded. This is not acceptable.
    - This is why Auditor cannot vouch for completeness unless the management takes up the practice of transaction journaling
  - Auditor asks the question:
    - Is there an argument for downsizing?
    - E.g., the building fund: how realistic is it that we will have a building?
  - Regarding the controversial charitable donations:
    - Is 501c3 status really worthwhile for us?
      - What would happen if we get rid of it?
      - We'd still maintain simple accounting
      - We wouldn't give the donor an assurance of deductible expenses on their personal taxes
      - Looking at the West Coast Sankethi organization (Sankethi Vaahini) as an example - once a year when they meet, they simply say: "this is how much we collected, this is how much we spent, and how we spent it"
      - BUT this would mean that we cannot accept donations on a charitable basis for any organizations, foreign or domestic
  - Reading from the IRS publication:
    - You (a personal taxpayer) cannot deduct any donations made to a qualified organization earmarked for a foreign charity
    - However, you can deduct donations made for programs that support foreign donations as long as you don't earmark it
      - The qualified organization needs to maintain "control" over the funds
  - Lalitha Hanasoge says that she does not agree with K. Sundaresan's observations.
    - Need to look into donor advised funds
    - She agrees that we need an expert to weigh in on our options
  - **Ashok Rudrapatna: We are not qualified to address these issues today. Let's bring in the correct expertise to look at these issues more carefully and come to a proper resolution in due course.**
  - **Action Item for Board: we look into this and present the options and consequences (per expert advice) in 2014**

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as provisional:**

**MOVE to accept Provisional Treasurer's Report, SUBJECT to cancellation of missing check after due inquiry**

Any old and unfinished business?

- Nothing Raised.

Any new business?

Bylaw amendment passed by the BoD to permit email as a means of communication was discussed.

- Recommendation: Some members of NASA would like to have the option of receiving a hard copy of NASA communications via US mail. In that case, the concerned member needs to make such a request via a signed letter to NASA by US post.



- **Motion to approve the amendment with specific changes: ADD the word “Valid Email Address” and add in “OR Unless expressly requested by the member, in writing.” The BoD to appropriately amend the bylaws.**
- **The motion was officially passed.**

Good and Welfare:

Moment of Silence Observed for the following community members who passed away recently

- Sivashanker’s Brother-in-Law 15 days ago
- Keshav Kumar’s brother in Bangalore 15 days ago
- George Rao 2 days ago in Tampa Florida.
- Bhagyamma – Mother of NASA life member YV Jagannath
- HV Badrinath, Father of life member Padmini Rao
- Sheela Nagaraj’s grandfather
- Shankar Magge’s Mother
- Andy, friend of Rangappa – supported many water-skiers.

**Action Item: Upload NASA’s full Constitution to Website**

**Action Item: Titles of BoD members: Should be in conformity with Bylaws.**

**Motion of Thanks to the Chair and to the BoD for a job well done was unanimously passed.**

**The 2013 GBM was Adjourned.**

## **5. Amendments to the By-Laws Approved by the NASA Board of Directors at its 2014 Meetings**

Several amendments were approved at the BoD meeting on 27 April 2014:

- (1) Gender neutral terms were substituted (his/her and he/she) in the place of masculine terms (his and he) in article III Clauses 8 (c)
- (2) In compliance with the direction of the annual general body meeting of the members in 2013, Article VIII was amended to ensure that any by-law adopted, amended or repealed by the board, is set forth in the notice of the next meeting of members, together with a concise statement of the changes made. In this Article, the restriction of the notification to only when “regulating an impending election of directors” was removed
- (3) In Article III, clause 2 (a), per the direction of the annual general body meeting of the members in 2013, provision has been made to enable members to explicitly request in writing NASA communications to be sent to them by mail instead of via email
- (4) In Article III, clause 2 (a), per the direction of the annual general body meeting of the members in 2013, the qualifier “valid” has been added before “email”
- (5) Error in Article III, clause 2 (a), first sentence has been rectified. It now reads, “The annual meeting of the membership of the corporation shall be held once each calendar year with the gap between two such meetings of no less than six months and no more than one year and six months”
- (6) The definition of Sankethi, which was incorrectly stated in the “RECORD OF CHANGES” Appendix A, item 4, table, has been rectified.

These changes were verified by external reviewers Mr. K. Sundresan and Ranjini Srikantiah. The BoD sincerely thanks them for their efforts.

The approved NASA By-laws are posted on our website (<http://www.sankethi.org/Policy/mission.html>).

## **6. Update on BSS / KSS Charitable Contribution Agreements**

As you may recall, NASA developed a new Charity Policy last Aug to bring it in compliance with IRS requirements. It was covered in the Vol. 30, No. 3, Chiguru/Newsletter, Sept. 2013 issue. Based on it we developed an agreement on executing Charitable contributions from our members intended for BSS and KSS. This was sent to BSS and KSS for their comments/approval.

KSS and BSS have reviewed NASA's proposed agreement and requested modifications. These modifications are currently under review by the NASA BoD and the audit team to ensure compliance with IRS regulations. We are still working through these issues so that they simultaneously meet IRS, and BSS/KSS requirements. We still have some more work to do on this front.

## **7. NASA on the World Wide Web!!!**

Have you visited [www.sankethi.org](http://www.sankethi.org) recently? If so, thanks and please keep surfing to our website! If not, please visit NASA online where you can find news and information about our events and activities, the latest information and updates on our upcoming Annual Retreat, as well as interesting reading about the Sankethi heritage and traditions. You can also read this and previous editions of Chiguru online.

We are in the process of revitalizing our website and online presence, with an emphasis on centralizing all member communication and community news. We welcome your suggestions in moving this revitalization effort forward. Specifically, we welcome your contributions to the section on the webpage titled “Sankethis in the News” in which “Famous Sankethis” are described. We know there are many notable Sankethis (many of whom are in your families) and their cultural and societal contributions to recognize on our website. So please send a brief write-up about these individuals along with relevant photos to be included on this page of our website to the NASA Secretary. In the meanwhile, stay tuned for a more dynamic [www.sankethi.org](http://www.sankethi.org)!

## **8. Helping NASA Better Communicate with You**

NASA is committed to keeping in touch with members and sharing community news in a timely and efficient manner. Please help us stay in good touch with you by keeping us apprised of any changes to your contact information (i.e., email addresses, postal mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc.). Our renovated website will provide you with a mechanism to update your contact information independently, but until those renovations take effect, please send this information to the NASA Secretary.

We have moved to an entirely electronic mode of communication, particularly with respect to sending you the *Chiguru* / NASA Newsletter. If you are not yet receiving electronic editions of the *Chiguru* / NASA Newsletter, please help us to include you on our electronic mailing list by providing an email address at which you wish to receive such correspondence.

## 9. Recent Events – Navaratri and Deepavali Get-together, November 2013

The North American Sankethi Association's 2013 Navarathri and Deepavali program was held on Sunday, Nov 3, 2013 in Pennington, NJ. The event began with delicious Indian savories and coffee. It was followed by Lalitha Sahasranama chanting in front of a beautifully decorated Gollu with lots of gombes! Following the chanting, the group sung bhajans and an Aarti was performed. Children decorated traditional clay deepas that were arranged in front of the Gollu. Because there were so many new faces at this year's Navarathri event, there was an introduction session in which each family gave a little information about their background - it was fun and it was great to see many new members as well as those who have not attended in a long time! A children's talent show was held next and it was awesome to see so many talented kids within the community. Lunch consisted of a huge home cooked potluck with a variety of snacks, multiple courses and deserts- it was truly a feast that everyone enjoyed! The afternoon concluded with a video on the history of Mysore Dasara and common Navarathri practices in Karnataka. The 2013 NASA Navarathri event was surely one to remember!



## 10. Community News

NASA members appreciate being able to keep up with news about fellow Sankethis all over the world, so please send any news you wish to share to the NASA Secretary to be included in upcoming editions of the *Chiguru / NASA Newsletter*.

*You will find community news highlights in the Chiguru / NASA Newsletter as provided below. Please visit our website ([www.sankethi.org](http://www.sankethi.org)) for more detailed information regarding these community news items\*.*

### Congratulations!

**Professor Y.N. Dathatri** has been recognized as a Lifetime Achievement Award winner from Farmingdale State College, for his pioneering efforts in sustainability and alternative energy. He was honored at Farmingdale's Annual Alumni Awards dinner – a major event for the college – on February 28, 2014. Professor Dathatri, we heartily admire your passion and dedication to this incredibly important field, and we congratulate you on this accolade!

**M.S. Nataraja** has completed writing Lyrical Ramayana ("sirigannaDa geeta-rAmAyaNa" consisting of more than 600 chatuShpadis's --four-line stanzas), which he offered at the feet of Lord Rama on Rama Navami day. He dedicated the pre-print version at the Sri Rama Sannidhi at the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple during Seeta Kalyaana. We look forward to enjoying this latest publication in print!

**Dinesh and Soudamini Rao** welcomed their new baby girl, Mythili Kaushik Rao, on February 2, 2014. We wish the new family all the best!

Our own **Dr. Hosahalli Ramaswamy** has been given the Hind Ratan Award – an award recognizing eminent NRIs for outstanding services, achievements and contributions in their respective fields. He was honored on India's Republic Day, January 25, 2014. Dr. Ramaswamy is a Professor in the Department of Food Science at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and was only the third Canadian to receive this highly prestigious award. Well done Dr. Ramaswamy!

### Condolences:

**R.K. Srikantan**, renowned Carnatic vocalist, Padmabhushana, Sangeetha Kalanidhi, and truly one of the great Sankethis, passed away in a private hospital in Bangalore on Monday, February 17, 2014. He was 94 years old. The Hindu did a profile on him on the occasion of his 94th birthday on January 14, 2014. You can read it at <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/going-strong-at-94/article5574435.ece>. You can listen to a sample of R.K. Srikantan's music at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeqoPYe1iDU>.

**S.R. Subba Rao** passed away in Mysore on December 17, 2013. NASA expresses our condolences to his family. He is truly an exemplary individual who will be missed by many in the community. Please read the <http://sankethi.org/Members/Famous/S%20R%20Subba%20Rao%20Jeevana%20Darshana%20-%20e-Circulation%20Copy.pdf> about S.R. Subba Rao, written by S.G. Seetharam of Mysore.

# NASA 2014 Conference Registration Form

Vanderkamp Retreat Center  
337 Martin Road, Cleveland, New York, 13042  
Phone: 315-675-3651, <http://www.vk.org>

**Friday, July 4, 12:30 PM – Sunday, July 6, 2014, 1 PM**

*Vanderkamp Center has reserved 90 beds for our NASA group. Register early to secure your on-site accommodations<sup>#</sup>.*

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Participants:**

Adults (Ages 21+) \_\_\_\_\_

Young Adults (Ages 13-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages 5-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Young Children (Age <5) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* By this signature and registering for this event, you agree that NASA will not be held liable for injuries or damages, if any, received in connection with any NASA Function.*

**Payment:** *Please print and complete these forms and make checks payable to NASA Inc. per the following schedule, and send by mail to:*

NASA, Inc.  
c/o Ashok N Rudrapatna  
34 Knollcroft Rd.,  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-1971

## Fee for Members (Non-Members add \$60/person)<sup>^</sup>

		Any Person Age 12 & over	Older Children Age 5 – 11	Younger Children Age 4 & under♦
<b>Full Program Registration</b>	Registrations Postmarked Prior to <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$200	\$150	Free
	Registrations Postmarked After <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$240	\$180	Free
<b>Partial Registration (One day, no accommodations)</b>	Registrations Received Prior to <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$110	\$80	Free
	Registrations Received After <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$140	\$110	Free
<b>Partial Registration (With one night accommodations)</b>	Registrations Received Prior to <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$170	\$130	Free
	Registrations Received After <b>June 14, 2014</b>	\$200	\$160	Free

♦ Children 4 years and under will have to share a bed with their parents or siblings per the venue's pricing policy. If you wish to have a separate bed for children four years and under, please register them as older children with the corresponding fee as above. No separate bed, linens, or towels will be provided for children 4 years and under unless they are registered in the older category.

<sup>^</sup> Please contact Ashok Rudrapatna (908-647-8469 or email [events.nasa@gmail.com](mailto:events.nasa@gmail.com)) with any questions or if you have a special circumstance. Non-members are invited to become members of NASA and avail of the lower member fees for this event. Family Membership dues: Life membership - \$200, Annual Membership - \$25.

<sup>#</sup> Please note that in the event that the NASA 2014 Retreat attendance exceeds the 90-bed capacity at the Vanderkamp Center, registrants beyond that on a first come first served basis will need to arrange their own accommodations at nearby facilities (information about them will be provided later), in which case \$35/night/adult (>11yrs) and \$25/night/older child (5-11 yrs.) will be reduced from the above charges.

**Please indicate your interest in participating in the following activities:**

☐ Children's Talent Showcase

*Please indicate name of participants, age, and talent(s) to be shared/performed*

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☐ Cultural Programs, Special Presentations, etc.

*Please indicate name of participants and provide a brief description of the program, presentation, etc.*

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☐ Would you be interested in childcare services (Approx. fee of \$15/child/hr.)?

*Please indicate names and ages of children.*

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**High School Graduation (HGA) and College Graduation Award (CGA) Candidates:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate HGA or CGA: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who will speak about the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate HGA or CGA: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who will speak about the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate HGA or CGA: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who will speak about the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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***For questions regarding the NASA 2013 event, please contact:***

- Sheela Nagaraj (201-543-9434, [sheela71384@gmail.com](mailto:sheela71384@gmail.com))
- Sujaya Rao (609-750-1340, [15sujaya@gmail.com](mailto:15sujaya@gmail.com))



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We request your generous support for the NASA 2014 event. If you would like to sponsor any of the activities occurring at the NASA 2013 Annual Retreat, please complete this form, make checks payable to NASA, Inc., and mail both to:

Ashok N Rudrapatna  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:**

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**Amount of Donation\*:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your kind donation/sponsorship may be used to cover the costs of the following items/services. If you would like your donation to be used for a particular purpose listed here, please check the box next to the relevant items/services below.

*(Please note that it is not required to cover the full cost of any of the items, partial sponsorships are most welcome.)*

☐ Snacks/Coffee/Tea/Cold Drinks/Fruits for all days (\$300)

☐ Late Night Snacks (\$150)

☐ Lunch or Dinner any day (\$1000 each)

☐ Breakfast, Saturday, 7/5/14 (\$750)

☐ Brunch Sunday, 7/6/14 (\$1000)

☐ Featured Music Concert (\$1500)

☐ Children's Materials / Equipment (i.e., balloons, art supplies, games, sports equipment, moon bounce/climber) (\$300)

☐ Other (please specify item): \_\_\_\_\_

***Many Thanks!!!***



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## FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FORM

\_\_\_\$200 Life Membership

\_\_\_\$25 Annual Membership

### Member Information

	First Name	MI	Last Name	Home #	Mobile #	Email 1	Email 2
Member							
Spouse							
Child 1							
Child 2							
Child 3							
Child 4							

### HOME ADDRESS

Street Address	City	State/ Province	Zip Code	Country

Special Talents/Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to help NASA? If so, how?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have any questions, please contact [President@sankethi.org](mailto:President@sankethi.org) or [treasurer@sankethi.org](mailto:treasurer@sankethi.org).



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