

Telugu Association of San Antonio

(TASA)

Kids Achievements

TASA children participated in the regional North-South Foundation (NSF) Championships held in San Antonio on April 1, 2006. It is to be noted that there were 41 registrations (about 48%) from our Telugu community out of a total of 86 entries. Several other Telugu Community children participated in other categories such as Essay writing, Public Speaking, Geography in addition to the categories for which prizes were awarded. Based on the national averages, several of these winners are expected to be invited to the NSF National Championships 2006 where the winners can earn scholarships from \$250 - \$1000.

TASA Kids Winners:

Math Bee Level :

1 Karthik Reddy Meka - 1st Place; Subhash Venugalla - 2nd Place; Teja Ambati- 3rd Place

Math Bee Level 2:

Pavan Patamalla - 1st Place; Sai Annaluru - 2nd Place;

Jr. Spelling Bee: Abhinav Sangisetty - 1st Place;

Sr. Spelling Bee: Ankita Veta - 1st place

Achievements by TASA children in other events:

Anurag Papineni: 5th Grade, School of Science and Technology

★ 1st Place in Annual Math contest conducted by the School of Science and Technology (SST) on Feb 11th, 2006.

Seshidar Rao Tekmal: 7th Grade, Stinson Middle School

★ Grand Prize winner at Alamo Junior Academy Science and Engineering Fair in Medicine and Health Category (February 2006).

★ Grand Prize winner at Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Medicine and Health Category (March 2006)

★ Nominated to participate in Texas State Science Fair and National Discovery Young Scientist Science and Engineering Fair.

Kartik Kumar Addanki: 8th Grade, Bush Middle School

★ Won the Reflections Competition in Literature. Kartik's poem entitled 'Peace' is currently pending at the state level after he won the school, district and city reflections competition.

Aditya Gosala: 7th Grade, School of Science and Technology

★ 1st Grand Prize in Alamo Regional Science Fair. Nominated to Discovery channel young scientist challenge.

★ 2nd Place Team award in State wide Science Fair on April 1, 2006.

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A Report On Sankranti/Fund Raising Event 2006

The first ever Telugu Family Directory and Souvenir issue was released at the Sankranti function conducted on January 14, 2006. This grand event was commemorated with a melodious musical program. With over a 100 families, hundreds of IT consultants and scores of students, it was time to compile the names and addresses of the Telugu community to make it convenient for everyone to communicate with each other.

Collecting names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and professional occupation information for all TASA members and for as many non-members as we could obtain proved to be a daunting and painstaking undertaking. TASA's Directory Committee members spared no effort to ascertain accuracy of information. Several emails were sent to the community at large to solicit information; the TASA website provided a form for contact information; and finally, we called all the families to verify their information. Another dimension to the directory was the advertisements solicited from families and businesses - this would provide a big portion of the funds raised. As a non-profit organization, we are required to conduct several charitable events every year, and these events would require funds over and above the monies collected at cultural events. TASA thanks all the donors who contributed to our fundraising and made our maiden venture a grand success. TASA would like to express regrets for any unintentional mistakes in names or addresses or phone numbers published in the Directory.

Sankranti 2006 was celebrated at the Mahalakshmi Hall with a performance by Lavanya, Raja, both well known to the San Antonio Telugu community, and Vara. A delightful mix of old, new, fast and slow songs enthralled the audience. The talent and enthusiasm of the artists was captivating and endearing. Invited guests were also treated to a delicious dinner prepared by Sarovar Restaurant, and catered by a staff hired by TASA specially for this occasion. As part of the program, TASA Executive Committee members unveiled the Telugu Directory and distributed copies to the guests.

Memories of this event are preserved for your enjoyment on the TASA website at <http://www.tasatexas.org>.



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Presents

"Ghazal Maestro" Dr. Ghazal Srinivas



TASA is pleased to announce the hosting of a special program by
Telugu Ghazal Maestro, Dr. Ghazal Srinivas.
Please come and enjoy the Ghazal prowess and unique
renditioning style of this gifted genius of international
fame in our very own city.

Event Information

April 16, 2006 (Sunday), 2-4 PM

Saraswathi Hall,

Hindu Temple of San Antonio

Admission: Free to TASA members: Donations Appreciated

Contact: TASA Executive Committee Members

Visit Dr. Ghazal Srinivas online at: <http://ghazalsrinivas.com/>