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Picnic Preparation in Full Swing

Preparation is underway for the upcoming picnic on Saturday, June 18th. A variety of activities is planned including the typical games like Cricket and Volleyball. There will be sports competition in various categories and in different age groups. Kids will have the usual water bouncy house with many other interesting games. Later in the day, there will be assembly where quite a few presentations are planned including the popular "New Member Introduction". The finale will have JAM, Antakshari and a new quiz-game.

Mandaara New England Kannada Koota
Invites you and your families and friends to the
Summer Picnic 2016 ಬೇಸಿಗೆ ವನವಿಹಾರ

NEKK Summer Sports! Food Attraction!
Udupi Corner to Lalbagh Corner to Street Corner

Race, Relay & More Games - Youth and Adult Categories | Antyakshari, Just a Minute | Selfie Scavenger Hunt and many more exciting games

Dosa Varieties, Mandakki-Mirchi, Goli Baje, Rasayana, Khara Majjige and many more specials
Individual items priced at nominal cost

Saturday June 18, 2016, 12 – 8 pm
at Poms Pond Recreation Park, 147 Abbot Street, Andover, MA
www.nekk.org Email – koota@nekk.org

You just cannot miss this event!

This year there will be various food corners – fully serviced by our enthusiastic volunteers. Each corner will have different specials like Masala/Onion Dosas in Udupi Corner, Mandakki-Mirchi in Lalbagh Corner and Goli Baje in Street Corner to name a few. Feel free to join hands with our volunteers to show off your culinary skills.

From the RSVPs received so far, it appears that we will have another record-setting turn out. Please note that the venue has additional parking spaces on the rear end of the park. Checkout our FB page for more details on this.



NEKK sponsors Mysorean Sculptor Gopinath Subbanna

9th International Sculpture Symposium was held from May 12th to June 4th in Nashua. Three sculptors of repute were invited from three countries. Mysorean sculptor, Gopi Subbanna, was one of them. Gopi created "Ali Guli Mane" from granite during this symposium and it was dedicated to the city on 4th of June and was installed in the Soccer Field grounds near the Maplewood Residential area of Nasuha. NEKK is very proud to have been one of the major sponsors of this activity.



On 22nd May, NEKK had organized a Walkathon to raise funds toward this goal. It had also setup an online fundraiser on youcaring.com. Together, we could raise a little over \$2000 and we sent a combined check for \$2000 to the sculpture organizers. We take this opportunity to



thank those of you who pitched in with your generous donations to the sculpture cause. Don't miss to take a look at the Ali Guli Mane sculpture and possibly even play the game when you are in the area.

Veteran Member Remembered

One of the veteran members of our community, Alagawadi Jagannath, affectionately known as Al, passed away on April 16th. He had been an avid Tennis player & coach and a big contributor to NEKK over several decades. The NEKK community will miss his lively presence. Our prayers and community support is always with his family. Fond remembrances from several members filled our Facebook pages which show what a lasting impression he made on adults and children alike.



"Dear Uncle,

I am on my way to China right now but I wanted to send you a note. It has been decades now that you've been part of my life either directly or through all the stories that my parents are sharing. I want you to know that you've been a wonderful figure for me and my family. The guidance you've provided for me when I was younger and for all youngsters over the years has been so wonderful and a blessing. For me, I've been so inspired by your energy and excitement to do things especially your passion for Tennis. I saw my dad become transformed before my eyes through your friendship and adventures. I can honestly say, that you have been one of the best friends our family has had. You have brought so much joy and happiness to my parents and our family and for that I will be forever grateful. Please take my warmest thoughts with you. Not many people affect the lives of others the way you have.

May god bless you and your wonderful family. You are with us forever." Love.

-Varsha Rao, NEKK alumni and Airbnb Corporate Executive on Alagawadi Jagannath's Celebration of Life.

Class of 2016 Profile

It's that time of the year – month of graduations and graduation parties. We have about 30+ members from our community that belong to the 2016 graduating class. It's a matter of pride for all of us to congratulate these freshly minted graduates as a community. Those belonging to the class of 2016 are:

Akarsh Vijay	Prayuth Naduthota
Akash Purohit	Rakesh Krishna
Anirudh Nagesha	Rithvik Kiran
Bharath Kesari	Sanjay Ganeshan
Harihar G. Subrahmanyam	Shachi Risbud
Hrishi Somayaji	Shashank Madhu
Karthik Karnik	Shishir Jakati
Kartik Dwarki	Shriya Srinivas
Krishna Raghavendra	Shrunotra Ambati
Mamtha Rajeev	Siddanth Navali
Megha Sudheendra	Srinivas Setty
Mukul Kudluga	Sudharshan Tirumalai
Neel Dhanaraj	Vijeth Aralaguppi
Nikhil Srinivasan	Yashas Navaratna
Padmini Pillai	Yashaswini Makaram

Some interesting facts about the 2016 class are:

- 23 males and 7 females
- 2 MDs, 1 PhD, 1 MBA, 1 MS, 4 Bachelors, 21 High School graduates
- 2 came from India to do their masters here
- 2 MITians from a single family; one getting in and one getting out
- One welcomed into Wellesley College, probably a first in our community

Kodandapanis and Puraniks become Life Members

In the first half of 2016, two families (Girija & Kolar Kodandapani and Lakshmi & Krishna Puranik) have opted to upgrade their NEKK membership to life! We sincerely appreciate their support.

It is gratifying to hear such feedback from our members as this – “We just renewed our membership to Life Membership. We have been attending NEKK regularly for the past five to six years now and we are very pleased with commitment of all the team members to bring the

Kannada community together. We would like to be part of this thriving NEKK community for years to come”.

Vani Lingadal takes charge as Head of President's Award Selection Committee

The process of selecting President's Award winner for the year 2016 has begun. Past NEKK president, Vani Lingadal, has agreed to lead the selection committee for the year. Per the recently adopted Presidents Award Selection guidelines, Vani has completed selecting the other members of the committee; they are: Rajendra Rao, Keshava Prasad, Suma Vijayashankar and Ashwini Dhanaraj. You will soon hear from the committee inviting nominations for this year's award.



NEKK Members to participate in major Kannada/India events

- NAVIKA is holding Navikotsava 2016 at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bangalore on July 16th and 17th.
- ISW will be celebrating India Day on 13th of August at DCU Center, Worcester with the active participation of representatives from more than 20 states.
- IAGB will be celebrating India's Independence Day on August 14th in Hatch Shell.
- AKKA is organizing the 9th World Kannada Conference on September 2nd, 3rd and 4th at Atlantic City, NJ.

Several NEKK members are participating in these events. Attend these mega shows in large numbers and support your brethren.

AKKA Offers Discount to Picnic Attendees

AKKA is pleased to announce special discounted registration fees to all our members who will be attending this year's father's day picnic!

Adult registration: \$150/person
Kids Registration: \$75/person

If you would like to make use of this special offer please make payment by check to “AKKA”, which we will collect at our picnic reception desk.

Myriad Utsavas Planned for 2016-17

NEKK is proud to bring several special programs in the next calendar year. NEKK is collaborating with many other organizations to bring quality shows for the community in diverse categories of Art & Literature such as Nrityotsava, Natakotsava and Sahityotsava. We appreciate your fullest cooperation in successfully carrying out these events.

Upcoming Events Calendar¹

Jun 18, 2016	Picnic, Poms Pond Recreation Park, 147 Abbot Street, Andover
Aug 13, 2016	NEKK participates in ISW India Day 2016
Aug 28, 2016	Bhakti Sinchana – Dasapadas and Vachanas by Jayateerth Mevundi
Sep 17, 2016	Ganeshotsava
Oct 15, 2016	Nrityotsava By Rasaranga in collaboration with NEKK
Nov 5, 2016	Natakotsava – in collaboration with Ranga Taranga
Nov 12, 2016	Children's Day ²
Dec 10, 2016	Seva Kuteera ^{2,3}
Jan 14, 2017	NEKK Winter (Indoor) Games ^{2,3}
Feb 25, 2017	Dasa-Vachana Day ²
Apr 29, 2017	Sahityotsava – in collaboration with Kannada Sahitya Ranga
Apr 30, 2017	Yugadi, Election

¹There might be additional events arranged based on public requests and availability of artists/stalwarts touring from time to time. ²Dates for these programs are tentative. ³Events at conceptual stage only.

NEKK Receives \$500 Corporate Sponsorship

NEKK just received a Corporate Sponsorship of \$500 from a local technology company, Trigent Software. The VP of sales at Trigent, Nagendra Rao, has diligently worked on this sponsorship and the NEKK community thanks Nagendra and everyone at Trigent for this generous sponsorship.



Trigent with 1300+ employees is based at Southborough and has 2 offices in Bangalore and one in Pune. The company provides IT services and technology solutions to several companies in New

England and all over the US. Trigent's solutions help clients overcome budget, schedule and resource constraints. Trigent is a fast growing company and recognized as a "Rising Star" in IAOP's 2016 Global Outsourcing 100 List. Trigent says, "Trigent is happy to be a sponsor of NEKK."

NAVIKA Disburses Profit from Uppi Event to NEKK and VSNE

NAVIKA in collaboration with NEKK and VSNE organized a successful Uppi event in July 2015. The profit from the event has recently been disbursed. While doing so, Dr. S. Rajur of NAVIKA expressed his gratitude: "I would like to congratulate you all for successfully organizing a wonderful Uppendra event. We have \$1170 surplus in the account. On behalf of NAVIKA board and the executive committee it is my pleasure to distribute the amount equally between the two organizations, NEKK and VSNE in appreciation of their help in pulling this together. We look forward to working with you again for such programs in the future."

Solicitation to All Members to Renew their Memberships

We would request those of you whose membership has expired or about to expire to take a moment to renew your membership. Even if your membership is in good standing, you may want to consider extending it by a few more years as the membership rates are due to go up on 1st of September. The major source of funds for NEKK's operations comes from the membership dues and it is imperative that we receive the dues from all members in time to sustain the smooth operation of all events.

Current membership rates are:

1 Yr Family	\$ 50
1 Yr Single	\$ 30
1 Yr Student	\$ 20
5 Yrs Family	\$ 200
Life Membership	\$ 1000
Life Patron Membership	\$ 2500

***Please consider renewing at the highest level possible.**

You may renew/extend your membership online using the link

<https://mycity.sulekha.com/nekk/registration.aspx>

Or if you prefer, you may mail a check drawn in favor of NEKK to the address:

Sudhakara Rao
12 Baker Road
Medfield, MA 02052

If you are planning to attend the picnic and if you choose, you may opt to pay your dues on that day in person.

P.S. Please be advised that it would be beneficial to you to renew/extend the membership at the earliest because from 9/1/2016 the membership dues are going to go up as below.

1 Yr Family	\$60
1 Yr Single	\$35
1 Yr Student	\$25
5 Yrs Family	\$250
Life Membership	\$1000
Life Patron Membership	\$2500

NammaSuddi seeks your Poems, Articles, Art work and other Contributions

We welcome you all to contribute your articles to NammaSuddi. It can be on any topic relevant to the community in English or Kannada – poem or prose. You can also submit art, puzzles, jokes etc. Kids are most welcome to submit. Let's make this a fun, yet informative platform for all of us. Send your items to nekk.ec@gmail.com.

Yaava Day?

~Rajesh Pai

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