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SKS “ SUVARNA KARNATAKA “– Pennant Hills Community Centre, 28 October 2006



Dr Nagamma & Dr Madhusudana

Coordinator for the Kannada Associations in the Asia-Pac region in bringing them together on programs of common interest in the last 3 years.



Pushpa Jagadish

community capitalised on every opportunity to bring families together to celebrate festivals, participate in drama, music, sports, cooking etc.

He asked the Sydney Kannadigas to be mindful of the valuable contributions made by our younger generation who will shape the future of SKS and the community. Further, he emphasized the dedication, selflessness and the enthusiasm that have characterized the service to SKS by its committee members and the persons or groups responsible for producing the items of entertainment in the cultural programmes.

Saturday October 28, 2006 was a red-letter day for Sydney Kannada Sangha (SKS) as it marked the celebrations of “ SUVARNA KARNATAKA 2006 “ coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of formation of the state of Karnataka, India. The Sydney Kannada Sangha program came alive with the participation of talented sections of the community in presenting a unique cultural program.

The program started off with the welcome speech by Dr (Mrs.) Nagamma Prakash, the first woman President of Sydney Kannada Sangha. Dr Nagamma while extending a warm welcome to all touched upon the achievements of SKS in the last few years and the plans that it has for this year as well as leading upto the Silver Jubilee in 2008. The Kannada School that has been growing in Liverpool is now moved to a new premises Liverpool Community Complex, Mill Road, Liverpool. There is a request from the community to start another branch in Blacktown. Dr Nagamma informed the audience about the creation of an autonomous position of a Project Officer in Sam Gopinath to provide dedicated concentrated efforts on funding, community projects etc. Dr Nagamma also touched upon the efforts of Onkaraswamy Goppenalli, Asia-Pacific

The program started off with the song “ Hachevu Kannada Deepa “ rendered melodiously by Pushpa Jagadish as a prelude to the traditional lighting of the lamp by Dr Madhusudana, the Chief Guest and one of the most senior members of the Sydney Kannada Community. Dr Madhusudana presented the “ Evolution of Sydney Kannada Sangha “ recounting the history of Sydney Kannada Sangha since it started small in the early eighties to its present large incorporated organisational status. This brought nostalgic memories of those early years when the small Kannada



Chief guest Dr Madhusudana

This talk was well received with the audience responding spontaneously with applause whenever a significant achievement was highlighted.



Mr. Chandrashekara Devudu
Mrs. Shubha Ravi

The program compeered brilliantly by Mrs. Shubha Ravi and Mr. Chandrashekara Devudu presented “Karnataka Pragathi Patha “ devoted to the achievements of Karnataka in the last 50 years in the fields of Sahithya (Literature), Drama, Films and Technology. It was truly an eye opener for most in the audience to listen to such an extensively researched presentation. There was an audio-visual contribution by



Miss Deepika Kumsy

the renowned Dramatician Mr C R Simha, Kannada Film Writer, producer, director C V Shivashanker and journalist Mr Sanath Kumar all from Bangalore, India. They also sent their best wishes to the Sydney Kannada Sangha on the occasion.



The cultural segment started with a Bharathanatyam dance “KADAGOLA TAARENNA CHINNAVE”, a Purandara Dasa Kriti by Ms Deepika Kumsy, a student of the Mrs Jayalakshmi Kandiah, a very well known dance teacher in Sydney. It was wonderfully choreographed that highlighted the poise, elegance, facial expressions and grace of Deepika. Deepika is actively involved in transferring her Bharathanatyam dancing skills to the next generation in Sydney.

Apoorva accompanied by Sanchi, Vaishnavi, Tanu, Chandni, Meghana, Bhavana, Roshni presented a dance number to the kannada song “Kannada Naadina Karaavali “ from the film “Masanada Hoovu”. Apoorva just in the country for a few months demonstrated her skills in choreography and directing the keen group to such a well-received dance sequence.



President Dr Nagamma, Counsel General
Mr Sujan Chinoy and Mrs Vidya Chinoy

Mr Sujan Chinoy presented Award Certificates to members of the Sydney Kannada Community who have contributed to the growth of Kannada, culture and in other areas. This was a pioneering effort on the part of the present Sydney Kannada Sangha Executive Committee for having initiated such a move. The community was very appreciative of this sentiment.

The Sydney Kannda Sangha was very fortunate to have the Honourable Counsel General Mr Sujan Chinoy and Mrs Vidya Chinoy as the Guests of Honour on the occasion. The Honourable Counsel General Mr Sujan Chinoy in his address spoke of the great achievements of the State of Karnataka and also thanked Karnataka for the special person in his life – his wife Mrs. Vidya Chinoy who hails from Karnataka.



Award recipient Mr Vasudev Badethalav and
Nagaveni

The next item "Ondanondu Halliyalli" based on Janapada music written and directed by Mrs Anusuya Shivaram depicted the way of life in villages in Karnataka filled with music and dance. The drama included 25 characters from the children, youth to the elderly in the brilliantly constructed village setting by Gautam Bangalore, Veena and Sudarshan. The dances artistically choreographed by Mrs. Hema Sudhkar added to the colour and elegance. The well-written dialogues pre-recorded with the assistance of Aparna and Nagashayana Bellave were very well dramatised by the artists on stage. This was concluded by the rousing applause from the audience who thoroughly enjoyed it.



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“KOLATA“ is a very popular art form in Karnataka. The audience raised the roof when 6 couples came up on stage to present “Pata Pata Gali Pata “ song from the Kannada film “Aptha Mitra“. This dance was presented by Sam & Geetha Gopinath, Jagadish & Pushpa, Mukund & Ranjana Kulkarni, Raj & Prathima Natarajan, K R Rao & Dr Savitri Rao, Ramesh & Anu Ramesh. The credit for selecting such a beautiful song and excellent choreography goes to Mrs. Geetha Gopinath.



It was then time for a sumptuous Dinner catered from Mr Murali Krishna consisting of traditional Karnataka Cuisine Bisibele Bath, Mosaranna, Burfi sweet. Everyone enjoyed a homely food.

Karnataka is extremely well-known for its rich literature, light music and film songs. It was very apt to present a music segment that was devoted to highlighting the glory of Karnataka. The singers drawn from the Sydney Kannada Community poured their hearts out to her rich heritage. D V Srinivasa, Apporva, Prakash Rajashekar, Chowdappa Narayan, Kedarnath, Nataraj Rajashekar, Nagaraj and Sreenivasa Rao presented an excellent collection of film songs to Karaoke music. This was hugely applauded by the audience.

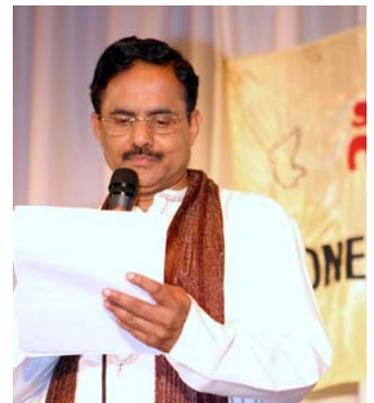


Mr Nakul Chand, Regional Manager, Air India, Sydney handed over Award Certificates for the rest of the members.

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President Dr Nagamma, Mr Nakul Chand, Regional Manager, Air India,

In his Vote of Thanks, Jagadish Sury Vice-President SKS thanked the Chief Guest Dr Madhusudana, Guests of Honour Mr Sujan Chinoy and Vidya Chinoy, Guests Mr and Mrs Nakul Chand, sponsors, volunteers Audience and all those who worked tirelessly for the successful program. Our special thanks to Sham Singh for the Video coverage and Mr Vikram Bekal for still photography. The Executive Committee Members Dr Nagamma Prakash, Sam Gopinath, Jagadish Sury, Suresh Bangalore, Onkaraswamy Goppenalli, Sreenivasa Rao, Chaya Suresh helped out with all the arrangements to make the event so enjoyable and memorable to the delight of the attendees.



**Jagadish Sury
Vice-President**

Mr Jagadish Sury

Program Photo Gallery

