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EDITORS SPEAK:

This January issue of the Newsletter has varieties of interesting articles and we are delighted to receive articles from new contributors. We thank and appreciate the continuing patronage by our regular contributors but we repeat the need for more participation by other members as well which will make our Newsletter more interesting. In view of the Centenary Celebrations we had in January and February, publishing of this issue has been delayed.

Happy reading

AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. R. Prabhakar, former Director, Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award for his professional achievements by the Chief Minister Ms. Jayalalithaa at the 22nd convocation of Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University in November 2011. Dr. Prabhakar is a Life Member of the Sabha.

The Sabha is proud in his achievement and wish him many more such laurels.



**Dr. R. Prabhakar receiving Life time
Achievement award from Hon'ble Chief
Minister**

PRESIDENT OBAMA HONORS NATION'S TOP SCIENTISTS AND INNOVATORS

President of USA Mr. Obama on November 27, 2011 named seven eminent researchers as recipients of the National Medal of Science and five inventors as recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the highest honors bestowed by the United States Government on scientists, engineers and inventors. The recipients to receive their awards at a White House ceremony in end December 2011.

Each of these extraordinary scientists, engineers, and inventors is guided by a passion for innovation, a fearlessness even as they explore the very frontiers of human knowledge and a desire to make the world a better place. President Obama said "their ingenuity inspires us all to reach higher and try harder, no matter how difficult the challenges we face".



Mr. B. Jayant Baliga of North Carolina State University is one of the recipients of this highest honour for the development and commercialization of the Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor and other power semiconductor devices that are extensively used in transportation, lighting, medicine, defense and renewable energy generation systems. He is the son of Sri B.V. Baliga.

We are all very proud that one of our community members has earned this rare honour and has made us proud.

Collection –Odds & Ends

Money is D. Hemchandra Rao's (a long standing member of our Sabha) passion, but his choice is restricted to currency only if its got a ship or a lighthouse on it. The 72 year old has over 17 bank notes and 1800 coins all depicting ships, lighthouses or maritime history.

Rao, a retired civil engineer started the collection at the age of eight. Rao had a lot of ship themed collection of stamps especially issued by Poland. Stamps displayed at Rao's office in the 70s won quite a few accolades. Sometime in the late 80s, Rao came across a currency note issued by Singapore which induced him to commence collection of banknotes tracing maritime history. Rao says that Indians were great seafarers but the Government has not documented this aspect on our currency barring a single isolated instance.

Rao's hobby has provided him an in-depth knowledge of maritime heritage. Rao opines that unless one specializes and gains knowledge on your collection items, one cannot graduate to become true collector.

Of Rao's favourites is a 1 Pound note issued by New Zealand as a tribute to the British Explorer, Captain Cook, who mapped most of the world on the 1700s.

We wish Mr. Rao many more years of this unique and impressive hobby.

(Courtesy Times of India, November 11, 2011)

RANDOM THOUGHTS

This happened some years ago. I was in an audience listening to a motivational guru. As I watched him pull out a five hundred rupee note and hold it up for all to see, I thought I knew what he was going to do next. But he just

asked a simple question. "How much is this worth?"

"Five Hundred rupees!" the crowd yelled in unison.

"Right," said the speaker. He then took the note and crumpled it into a ball and asked "How much is it worth now?"

"Five Hundred rupees!" screamed the audience.

He then threw the note on the ground, stamped all over it and picked up the note and asked one more time: "And how much is it worth now?"

"Five Hundred rupees!" was the response.

"I want you to remember this," said the speaker.

"Just because someone crumples it, or stamps on it, the value of the note does not diminish. We should all be like the five hundred rupee note.

In our lives, there will be times when we feel crushed, stamped over, beaten. But never let your self-worth diminish. Just because someone chooses to crush you -- that doesn't change your worth one bit!

Don't allow your self-worth to diminish because someone says something nasty -- or does something dirty -- to you."

- from "Management lessons from a 500-rupee note" by Prakash Iyer, MD, Kimberly-Clark Lever and Executive Coach, on <http://www.rediff.com/getahead/slide-show/slide-show-1-career-management-lessons-from-a-500-rupee-note/20120110.htm>, January 10, 2012.

I have something to add to the above lesson: even if a lot of praise is lavished on it or if it is kept in a very expensive wallet or if it is in the possession of an extremely wealthy person, a five hundred rupee note will be worth five hundred rupees only!

The following quotations are from one person. If you cannot identify the person, but want to know her/his name, please contact me at kamath.dj@gmail.com I will provide you the

name of the person and the source where more such quotations may be obtained:

- Are you unselfish? That is the question. If you are, you will be perfect without reading a single religious book, without going into a single church or temple.
- Astrology and all these mystical things are generally signs of a weak mind; therefore as soon as they are becoming prominent in our minds, we should see a physician, take good food, and rest.
- To believe blindly is to degenerate the human soul. Be an atheist if you want, but do not believe in anything unquestioningly.
- Please everyone without becoming a hypocrite or a coward.
- So long as millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every person a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them.
- The great secret of true success, of true happiness, is this: the man or woman who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person, is the most successful.
- There cannot be friendship without equality.
- Watch people do their most common actions; these are indeed the things that will tell you the real character of a great person.

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IS'NT ENGLISH CONFUSING AT TIMES

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.

- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove doves into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

MEERA SHENOY

Meera Shenoy is the Founder CEO of Youth4Jobs, which focuses on market-linked vocational training of young persons with disabilities from rural underprivileged families. In Andhra Pradesh, the Centre for PWD Livelihoods (CPDL) has been set up in a public-private partnership, with Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) which is part of the Rural Development department of the Andhra Pradesh government.



In a pioneering fashion, 20 training centres have been set up exclusively for disabled people. In one and half years, 1500 rural young persons with disabilities have been trained, with 80% being placed in organized sector jobs. 40% of them are girls. 700 youth are presently undergoing training. Incomes range from ₹48,000 to over ₹1,00,000 per annum. The distinctiveness of the work is that it is market driven. Curriculum is tailored to the special needs of different disability categories and customized with companies. This involves working closely with companies to persuade them to employ disabled people, sensitization workshops for CEOs and supervisors, and helping make work place corrections. 90% are first time employers of people with disabilities. These range from McDonalds, HDFC rural BPO to Tata Teleservices, Shoppers Stop and Aegis.

This market-linked vocational training of disabled persons leverages Meera Shenoy's earlier experience of setting up and scaling innovatively the country's first Jobs mission for rural underprivileged youth in Andhra Pradesh. She has been invited to talk in national and international forums. Her work was featured in Knowledge@Wharton and the Wall Street Journal. She works with the World Bank, as their expert in the field of youth and employment. Her previous work experience is in the corporate world, and media, both print and television.

The NCPEDP Shell Helen Keller awards have come to be recognized as the most prestigious benchmark in India for honoring people and organizations that have worked towards a barrier free, non-discriminatory and inclusive India. Instituted in 1999- this is the 13th year of the award. Ajay Maken, minister for youth and sports said when hiring the employer looks for loyalty, honesty and ability. The disabled have all three - they are loyal, if the employer is sensitive; they are honest to themselves and therefore others and focus on their ability.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

- K.R. Baliga

The article which appeared in our Newsletter of July 2011 negated all the usually known things as aim of life. It did not indicate what then is the aim of life. It had been mentioned that the article was intended to kindle the thoughts of readers and a sequel will be brought out based on the response from our readers. These are still awaited by me.

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TRAVAILS OF OLD AGE

This Konkani poem, in the tune of Sri Purandara Dasa's composition "Udara Vairagyavidu" has been written by Smt Kalavathi Anantha Prabhu of Bangalore, aged, 81 years. Although not highly educated, she has composed several poems in Konkani and she is skilled at handicrafts such as crochet, knitting etc.

Chinteche Vistara pattana, hein
mhaantaarpana chinteche vistaar pattana

Ghongo ayila Ghongo,samsara naakkaa
bhongo
Dolyan distaa haattaa melna,nhayee mhonu
konai saango devaa

Mooga yedde maatte, saasmaa yedde doley
Keesaan sapoor galo, yembyaa muyyiae
koortu jallo devaa

Kaesa pikle, daanta palle, dolyaa drishti
teevayi gelli
Pottachi bhookayi gelli devaa

Jeevaka bejaaru mhonu,kuntaanu kuntaanu
boddo dhornu
Sejjaaraantu vochhunu basil devaa

Sattari jaavnu asshi ailae,vara varsa dhavnu
gelli
Aakhri devaa tukkaa udgaasujaayina devaa

Sejjaraantu vochunu chaadi nindaa aikunu
ailee

Haattaantulo boddo visornu , paaya gondolnu
Phondantu palli, Devaalaggi mhantari pavli
devaa.

PRAFULLA SHENOY PASSES AWAY

Prafulla Shenoy, 62, wife of Sri P.B. Athulendranath a Life Member of the Sabha, passed away on 3rd November 2011.

She was a freelance writer and contributed articles for Sabha Newsletter; and short stories, poems and articles in Kannada and Konkani to magazines and periodicals such as Sapthagiri, Goa Kesari and Saraswath Vani.

She also translated the works of Subramania Bharathi from Tamil to Kannada in the book "Bharathi Triveni" and was honored by the Governor of Pondicherry for her accomplishment. She was a regular speaker at the 'satsangs' organized by Kashi Math, West Mambalam and other forums.

Prafulla during her earlier stay at Thiruvannamiyur played an active part in organizing and conducting religious and community events at Subramaniam Avenue, Valmiki Nagar.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

EXPRESS YOUR LOVE, NOW

We have so many persons close to us who we love, who love us, who care for us and have contributed in a great measure to what we are today or what we have achieved. Yet, how often do we express our appreciation of this to them. Do we take them for granted? Do we not run the risk of waits until it is too late? This was also covered in the article "Family Ties" in our January 2009 Newsletter.

Dr. Sushila Rao was lucky to see that her mother was able to read the very appreciative letter she wrote after what her mother passed through. That letter is reproduced below. What we have to remember is to be very prompt and frank in expressing our thanks or

love to people who care for us or who we care.

“August 15 will never be the same.

On the evening of India’s day of independence, after dinner, my beautiful, effervescent fun-loving mom had to be airlifted from Mecosta County to Devos Medical Center. As we rushed down U.S. 131 with images of a hemorrhagic stroke progressing rapidly, the neurosurgeon called us.

My mom has a malignant brain tumor.

It has been a long few weeks, and yet this has been a time of growth for me as a daughter. Mecosta County Medical Center and Spectrum Health have been amazing. I have thanked God every step of the way that mom is alive and doing well. She has had several near death experiences, but as her neurosurgeon said, “God has kept smiling at you.”

We are all going to die someday and God has given us time to savor. He could have taken her from us that day, and yet, He has given us the opportunity to love and hold and enjoy.

My parents will celebrate 53 years of marriage this Christmas Day. As my father philosophizes, “We have had over 50 wonderful years together. We have loved each other. How many people can say that?”

Mom and dad want to go to India next week. God-willing they will be back this spring. These past two months have shown me how much we love them. Gratitude and love overcome me and a wave of protectiveness washes over me as the physician in me wants to protect them. I thought I would feel helpless if I was put in a situation so terrifying. God and my parents; love has stood by me and it will stand by Arya through her life. Love is immortal.

And so to my dear parents Sharada and Pubby Baliga, this grateful daughter presents a lifetime achievement award for the love,

kindness and generosity of spirit they have shown their family and friends.

Thank you for being the best parents and grandparents in the whole wide world. I love you!

Sushila Rao, M.D., Pediatrics Associates, Big Rapids”.

ON LENDING

-K..P. Ramesh Rao, Bangalore

The word lending means giving of a loan either against security or on personal credit and expecting repayment on the due date. For the purpose of this article, lending means the lending of household items sometimes on non-returnable basis, by helpful neighbours. When I was in service I was transferred by the bank once every three years. So, my wife had plenty of opportunities to interact with neighbours of different types. Being a helpful person by nature, she would go all out to oblige neighbours having ‘problems’. In fact, she could hardly say ‘NO’ to any appeal for help. This article contains a narration of some of our unforgettable lending experiences.

Bombay is the right place to start, as its citizens lived in flats and housewives could not help bumping into each other frequently as their husbands left for their offices early in the morning and returned home late. It all started with requests by a particular neighbour for a few chillies and curry leaves. It gradually extended to a little milk, sugar and coffee powder over time. As these items were borrowed in small quantities, my wife did not expect them to be returned. Neither did the neighbour harbour any intention to return them. Over a period of time the frequency of such ‘borrowing’ increased and it covered almost all items. She would ‘borrow’ wheat flour (atta) in bigger lots and return them in one large lot at her convenience to ensure that our relationship did not break, in the interest of maintaining her line of credit. So much so, our expensive crockery set became part of their home and

we would ask for it when we had guests over! During this period I noticed a sense of relief on the faces of our other neighbours with the discovery that a new and obliging lender had been located in the apartment.

My children started to notice all that was happening and kept a secret record of the transactions. They confirmed to us that almost every item had been borrowed excepting a tooth brush. They also mentioned two noteworthy instances. The first one related to the loss of their skipping rope which was being used by the neighbour for tying their dog. They had left it in the neighbour's house accidentally one evening after play, only to discover in dismay that it had been used to tie their pet dog. The second one related to the loss of a jelly setting bowl which was used as a feeding bowl for the same dog!

The persistent borrowing slowly began to irk the household and my wife started occasionally rebuffing the requests stating that the item was not available. Not to be deterred, the neighbor found a new penetration strategy. She started bringing her 2 year old granddaughter over to our house to visit. On the pretext of entertaining her grandchild, she would open the fridge and various grocery boxes with accompanying statements like "look baby, lemons; look baby coconuts". Shortly after the 'visit', the neighbour's servant would duly arrive asking for one of the items spied in the fridge/store room! This was a catch 22 as we could no longer use the ploy of stating that the item was not in stock! What enterprise!

As my worries about supporting two households with my 'not so extravagant' salary were reaching a crescendo, God heard my unsaid prayers and we were transferred to Delhi! My wife was happy as she would be rid of the neighbour and I was happy, for our household expenditure would come down considerably. It is worth mentioning in this regard that many neighbours (including the borrowing one) did volunteer to get my transfer order cancelled.

Having gained some experience in Bombay, we were very careful in Delhi and were happy to be rid of the pestilence. Alas! Our joy was short lived as we found another similarly experienced borrower as a neighbour! Just as we let our guard down a bit, our next door lady managed to borrow a baking oven from my wife. The oven was not returned for days together and my wife had to call on her to seek its return. She returned it after apologizing for the inordinate delay. However, my wife found it was badly damaged with burnt cake batter residue. This upset her and she came back after expressing her displeasure.

The lending activity subsided temporarily thereafter. The neighbour was careful not to impose again after the baking oven episode. However, one day, knowing that my wife was out of station, she decided to make another foray. She knocked on our door asking apologetically for a coconut which she promised to return the same evening. I replied that I did not know whether a coconut was available at all. She said that she knew where the coconuts would be kept and straight went to a corner of our kitchen, picked up a coconut from the basket, thanked me and left. I was dumbfounded. I started worrying as my family was expected to return the next morning and I was sure my wife would discover that the coconut was missing. However, much to my relief the lady returned with a coconut the same evening, replaced it in the same location and left.

Next morning my wife returned and in no time complained that the house was a mess and started setting things right. After she completed the task she came back to me with a very small coconut in her hand and asked me where I got it from. I explained to her in detail what had happened the previous day. She was furious and told me that I had allowed myself to be cheated so easily by the lady who took a large sized coconut and returned a very small one, in its place. I was stumped for an answer. I could only say that the lady borrowed one in the morning and returned it the same evening and I knew nothing more. My wife told me curtly that I should limit my lending activities to the Bank's

credit operations, and under no circumstances, extend it to the house. I meekly nodded my head. What else could I do?.

A GOOD GESTURE

Mr. R. Sarvothama Shenoy, Kochi, father of Sandeep S. Shenoy wrote on 20-10-2011

“I am glad to inform you that my son, Sandeep S. Shenoy who has completed his B.Tech. from ToCH Institute of Science and Technology, Arakkunnam, Ernakulam Dist. in April 2007 is currently working with Computer Sciences Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. (CSC India), Bangalore.

Sandeep could not have completed his engineering studies without the help of charitable institutions like Samyukta Gowda Saraswata Sabha. As a matter of good gesture, I am glad to enclose a Demand Draft in your favour which can be utilized for the studies of deserving students like my son. I thank you for your help and extended support which helped my son to achieve his dream of being an Engineer and I humbly request you to acknowledge the receipt for the enclosed draft.”

Mr. R. Sarvothama Shenoy sent us Rs.5000 with his letter. We wish his son Sandeep S. Shenoy all success in life.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

The Sabha received 184 Free Scholarship Endowments from 1st April 2011 till 31st January 2012 of `2500 each. The highest number of endowments with `1,95,000 was donated by Mr. K.P. Janardhan Rao, Chennai followed by `1,00,000 from Mrs. Pramila Rao, Cochin.

Hastinapur, the city of wisdom, in Argentina

- Dr. Ramakrishna Nayak, USA

Hastinapur (HPR) has a total area of twelve acres. Its population consists of a dozen Indian gods and an equal number of Argentine human beings. Some are sitting or standing on the pedestals and others hang on the sides of walls and pillars. The gods who have their own temples include Ganesh, Krishna, Surya, Narayana and Siva. Since it is HPR there is a temple for Pandavas too. Then there is the soft music of the devotees who sing Bhajans. It is indeed a divine place which inspires sacred thoughts and holy spirit.



The dozen Argentines who live there look after the gods and the place. During weekend, the human population increases to over one hundred. They go there for wisdom. This is why HPR is called as the City of Wisdom (ciudad de la sabiduria). Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning blesses the students through the sculptures all around the compound. The Argentines learn philosophy, read in the library, practise yoga and meditation and sing Bhajans. The inmates cook vegetarian food and share it with the children from poor families in the neighbourhood.

HPR is an institution to pursue pure wisdom, peace and divinity. The founders and directors of the Hastinapura Foundation do not seek publicity. They are humble but devoted people. They have their professions as company managers, engineers or professors. HPR respects all the religions and beliefs. Their ten temples include one for Buddha, one for Virgin Mary, one for the Greek god Demeter and another one called as the Temple of All Faiths. Their library has books of all religions and schools of thought. HPR simply helps people to seek, find and pursue their own path to wisdom. They conduct classes in yoga, meditation, philosophy, devotional singing and sacred drama. They organise workshops, seminars and retreats. They also provide community service. They celebrate festivals such as Ganesh Chaturthi and Baishaki. Hastinapur temples do not have priests.

Meditation Hall



HPR has a post graduate course in yoga which takes three years to complete. The classes are held in the weekends only. There are 2500 students studying yoga and philosophy in the HPR centres. The students are being taught by 100 teachers on philosophy and 120 teachers on yoga. Many Argentines go

to HPR as a retreat from the hectic city of Buenos Aires which is just fifty kilometres away. They practise meditation in the quiet natural environment.

Hastinapur Foundation has published a number of books on Indian philosophy and translated Bhagwat Gita, Bhakti Sutras, Upanishads, Srimad Bhagwatam and Yoga Sutras. Their latest publication is Mahabharatha in Spanish.

Main entrance to the Hastinapur City



Hastinapura Foundation was established by Ada Albrecht in 1981. She introduced Indian philosophy and became a Guru for the Argentine



seeking wisdom. She wrote a number of books such as "The Saints and teachings of India" and "The teachings of the monks from Himalayas."

The architectural and sculpting work of the Hastinapur complex has been done entirely by Argentines. The architects and sculptors have studied Indian temples and have done their work professionally and aesthetically.

Pillars of the entrance to Ganesh temple below:



The pond in front of the temple has fresh water and fish



A small outdoor Ganesh Temple in the garden



Hastinapura Foundation has sixteen centres in Buenos Aires and three more in the rest of Argentina. They have also established centres in Uruguay, Bolivia and Colombia. Information on the Foundation and its activities can be seen at their website

<http://en.hastinapura.org.ar>

OUR REPEATED REQUEST

We repeat our request to inform Sabha Office as soon as there is any change in your address to avoid inconvenience of non-delivery of letters. We still receive quite a large number of communications address to our members returned undelivered for want of information of change of address.

We also request you to furnish us with your email address with mobile number to update records.

PREVENTION OF CREDIT CARD FRAUDS

- P.R. Shenoy

Credit card frauds are on the increase these days. Being vigilant while using your card is the only way to prevent frauds. Here are some practical tips.

CARD VERIFICATION VALUE (CVV)

The CVV number is a security feature for credit or debit transactions, giving increased protection against credit card fraud. It is not embossed like the card number, and is always a group of numbers printed on the back signature panel of the card. This provides a level of protection to the card holder, in that a corrupt merchant cannot simply capture the magnetic stripe details of a card and then use them later for "card not present" purchase over the phone, mail order or the internet. Please do not provide photo copies of both sides of the credit card to anyone. The CVV which is required for online transactions is printed on the reverse of the card. Anyone can misuse the card on line if the information is available with them.

USING CARDS ON LINE

When using your credit cards for making purchase on line:

Ensure that the website is a secure site. This can be done by checking whether the site is secured by a reputable net authorization agency like Verizon or by simply installing the Norton Internet protection software.

Do not click on links in the E mail seeking details of your account, they could be phishing E mails from fraudsters. Most reputed companies will ask you to visit the website directly.

Do not furnish your credit card details on unknown or suspicious sites.

STOLEN CARD AND SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS

The first and foremost thing to do, after you have confirmed that you have lost your card or have noticed suspicious transactions on your credit card statements, is to call up the bank's call centre and deactivate the card. The bank will help you file a FIR in this regard. Please check on line if the card has been transacted and immediately inform the bank about the ones that are not initiated by you.

SOME GENERAL TIPS

On receipt of a new or renewed card ensure that it is in sealed condition and the seal has not been tampered with.

Sign on the back of the card as soon as you receive it.

Monitor your account regularly either on the internet or from call centres. Also subscribe to mobile alerts to track the card usage.

Erase the CVV number and preferably memorise the same with PIN number. Please also maintain useful information such as card number, expiry date etc. However, this does not mean that you keep the information in places where it is easily accessible. Protect your card information akin to your money.

Destroy and dispose all documents that mention the card number, such as copies of receipts, etc.

Personal account information should never be shared with anyone unless payment for the purchase is being done from that account.

To sum up, credit cards, though an easy way to have access to funds can become a big liability if not used prudently and carefully. Ensure that you use the card responsibly.

SGS SABHA CHARITABLE TRUST

-U. Prabhakar Rao, Managing Trustee

The number of residents at present in the Old Age Home is seven. Enquiries are received for new admissions. New admissions are likely to happen very soon. We hope to increase the number of residents to twelve.

You are aware that the First Floor of Dr. K.P. Mahale Centre is let out as a Marriage Hall. This Hall has a space of 4000 sq.ft. and can accommodate approximately 300 people. The Hall has all facilities for conducting Marriages, Upanayanams, etc. In addition to the Main Hall there are two A/C rooms and a separate well-furnished and clean Dining Hall. Car Park is an added advantage. The rates for hiring the Hall is very reasonable. Members are requested to make use of the Marriage Hall which will go a long way to increase the income of the Old Age Home.

During the period April 2011 to January 2012, 165 days were sponsored by our Members. The Trustees express their thanks to those donors. We appeal to the respected members to kindly contribute under this scheme to achieve the target collection of donations for 365 days during the year 2011-12.

Mr. K.R. Baliga and Mrs. Deepa Shenoy continue their good work of lecturing to the residents on religious matters. Bhajan classes are conducted by Mrs. Vijayalakshi R. Pai. Dr. (Mrs.) Shantha Kamath has been advising the residents on health care regularly. Our thanks to all of them for their excellent contribution.

We repeat that the donations to the Trust are eligible for Income Tax concession under sec. 80G. Cheques drawn in favour of "SGS Sabha Charitable Trust" may kindly be sent to the Trust Office, Dr. K.P. Mahale Centre, New No.17 (Old No.3), Ujjini Devi Street, Ayanavaram, Chennai 600 023. Telephone: 26443 9585.

PARIHARA MAHOTSAV

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.....

It is the wish of our Dharma Guru His Holiness Shrimad Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji, Mathadhipati of Shri Kashi Math Samsthan that all members of our community must participate in this **Sacred Mahotsav that would be held at Sri Venkataramana Temple, Car Street, Mangalore from 9th to 13th June 2012** by contributing their might. Cheques/ DDs made in favour of "**H.H. Shrimad Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji**" may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Madras Shri Kashi Math, 26, Kuppiah Chetty Street. West Mambalam, Chennai 600 033. Those who wish to donate in cash can do so at the Madras Kashi Math Office against receipt.

WE MISS THEM

Since the publication of the last Newsletter No.38 in July 2011 the Sabha has come to know about the sad demise of the following members:

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| Miss M. Pushpa, Chennai | 18-09-2010 |
| Mrs. Chandravathi P.Prabhu, Belgaum | 15-12-2010 |
| V. Kesava Sarma, Chennai | 09-08-2011 |
| N.Venkatesan, Chennai | 27-08-2011 |
| R. Balakrishnan, Trivandrum | 31-08-2011 |
| Mrs. Radha Mahale, Chennai | 06-09-2011 |
| Hattikudur Vasanth Rao, Chennai | 10-09-2011 |
| P. Ramananda Shenoy, Chennai | 25-09-2011 |
| V. Babu, Chennai | 10-10-2011 |
| K. Keshav Kini, Chennai | 22-10-2011 |
| H.B. Dattatreya Shenoy, | |

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| Chennai | 22-10-2011 |
| Mrs. Vinodini Nayak Sujeer, Mumbai | 13-11-2011 |
| M.B. Bhat, Chennai | 18-11-2011 |
| K. Dinkar Nayak, Chennai | 02-12-2011 |
| K. Surendra Shenoy, Kochi | 24-02-2012 |

