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New Year Celebration

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome 2010

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Dear Sangama Members,

Sangama welcomes you all to greet the New Year 2010 and celebrate the first few minutes of the coming New Year in the company of friends and families.

Event Date, Location and Timings:

Date: Thursday 31st December, 2009

Place: Creve Coeur Community
Center's Multipurpose Room
300 N. New Ballas Rd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

8PM to 8.30PM: Snacks served
8.30PM to 11PM: Games for
children/adults
11PM to midnight: Dance floor open



"Happy New Year!"That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

The earliest known record of a New Year's celebration dates from 2000 B.C. in Mesopotamia. The Babylonian New Year begins with the first New Moon (first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring) as a season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and new blossoming. They celebrated the beginning of the New Year and the end of an old year with a religious, social, and cultural observance. That is how it is celebrated in many countries today.

New Year is usually associated with the calendar which has changed several times during the ages. During the Middle Ages, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, the date Mary, Virgin Mother of God, was told she was carrying the Son of God, was New Year's Day. The Gregorian calendar and the Roman Catholic Church chose January 1 as the beginning of the year. However, wherever the Julian Calendar was observed January 14th was New Years. So, the calendar was fundamental in the determination of the New Year, as was the Autumnal Equinox, the Winter Solstice, and the appearance of the new moon closest to the spring equinox. Babylonia celebrated the New Year when the first moon appeared after the Spring Equinox, usually mid March. Assyria held theirs in late September closest to the Autumnal Equinox and the Greeks chose the winter Solstice December 22 and 23 as their new year.

New Year's Day falls on January 1 in the United States and is the first day of the new calendar year. However, it is on the eve of the New Year, December 31 that the majority of celebrations occur. The celebration begins on December 31 with a farewell to the year ending and continues throughout the day on January 1 with parades and football games.

The settings of New Year's goals or New Year's resolutions are part of the letting go of the old and the ushering of the new. It is hope of future success spiritually and financially.

Some interesting facts about New Year Traditions:

1. The Hindu New Year is celebrated differently in the different parts of the country. The customs of the New Year vary from region to region. There is the Tamil New Year, Bengali New Year, Maharashtra New Year and the Diwalian New Year.
2. Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

3. Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the New Year by consuming black-eyed peas. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

4. The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

5. In Germany people would drop molten lead into cold water and try to tell the future from the shape it made. A heart or ring shape meant a wedding, a ship a journey, and a pig plenty of food in the year ahead.

6. Japan celebrates January 1 through the 3rd. The entrances to homes are decorated with ropes made of straw to keep out evil spirits. By using fern, bitter orange and lobster to decorate they believe good fortune, prosperity and a long life will be their reward.

The Jewish New Year Festival is called Rosh Hashanah. The date varies each year, as they have their own calendar which is lunisolar in nature. The people of Cambodia use the Indian Calendar to calculate the start of the New Year festival. The Chinese New Year Yuan Tan takes place between January 21 and February 20. Muharram is the first month of the Muslim year. Its first day is celebrated as New Year's Day.

[A note from Editorial Board of 'Sangamada Rajathosthsava Smarana Sanchike':](#)

Previously announced deadline to submit articles for 'Sanchike' has come and gone. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to those who already have sent articles and as requested, also have suggested names for the 'Sanchike'. For those writers and poets who missed the dead line, Good News! The dead line has been extended until the end of year 2009. You really do not want to miss this opportunity of having your article in a keep-sake Souvenir that you and your family will cherish for years to come. Send your article by e-mail to stlsangama@gmail.com. For more information contact any member of the executive committee or Aswath N. Rao at GSV1415@aol.com.

[A note on Nada Habba:](#)

The Nada Habba celebration this year was a grand success. With over 200 members in attendance it was one of the largest turnouts of Sangama Members. We as a committee would like to extend our appreciation to all Sangama Members for your continued support and enthusiastic participation. The programs reflected the rich cultural and literary heritage of Karnataka, and especially the talents of our members and their children. Sangama expresses sincere thanks to all the participants in the program for their valuable time and effort in staging a memorable performance.

Our special thanks to Venugopal Talkad for taking beautiful pictures and to M. K. Sateesha, Shankar Devanahalli for nicely video graphing the whole event and Shekarappa, father of Sangama member Rekha Sunil for getting the Kannada mathe Bhuvaneshwari picture for the event. Their valuable time is really appreciated. Please

visit <http://www.sangamastl.com> for the pictures of event from Venugopal Talkad and/or search for "STL Sangama 2009" on <http://youtube.com> for Shankar Devanahalli's videos of the event. The delicious food prepared by Sangama Members and Executive Committee was appreciated by most people.

A special note on Sangama's 25th Anniversary Celebration or Rajathosthsava:

As you are aware, **Sangama** is planning to celebrate its 25th Anniversary in a grand scale, with a daylong celebration with special guests, with various cultural activities and delectable authentic Karnataka cuisine, at the forth coming Ugadi time. We are commemorating this very special occasion by releasing the '**Rajathosthsava Smarana Sanchike**', which we think will be a collectors' item for all St. Louis Kannadigas.

To successfully accomplish this Extravaganza, we need everyone's participation and help. As a part of fund raising effort, we are soliciting advertisements from business owners, professionals and entrepreneurs, for the 'Sanchike'. We also welcome congratulatory announcements and publishing business cards by our sponsors, Sangama friends and members (past and present). For more information and details, please visit our website or contact any one of the executive committee members. We really appreciate your participation and help in 25th Anniversary Celebration. It is very vital and valuable for the success of this momentous event. Thank you.

Sangama is mainly run by the contribution of Sangama Member's annual membership fee. Those who have not paid their membership fee for this year please send it to Mohan Hebbar, #1549, Hanna Road, Valley Park, MO 63088.

Finally, please mark your calendar for Sangama's 25th year celebration on Ugadi of 2010 (April, 2010) and we would appreciate your continued involvement in Sangama.

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The Sangama Executive Committee (2009-2010)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Snack/Refreshments for New Year Eve

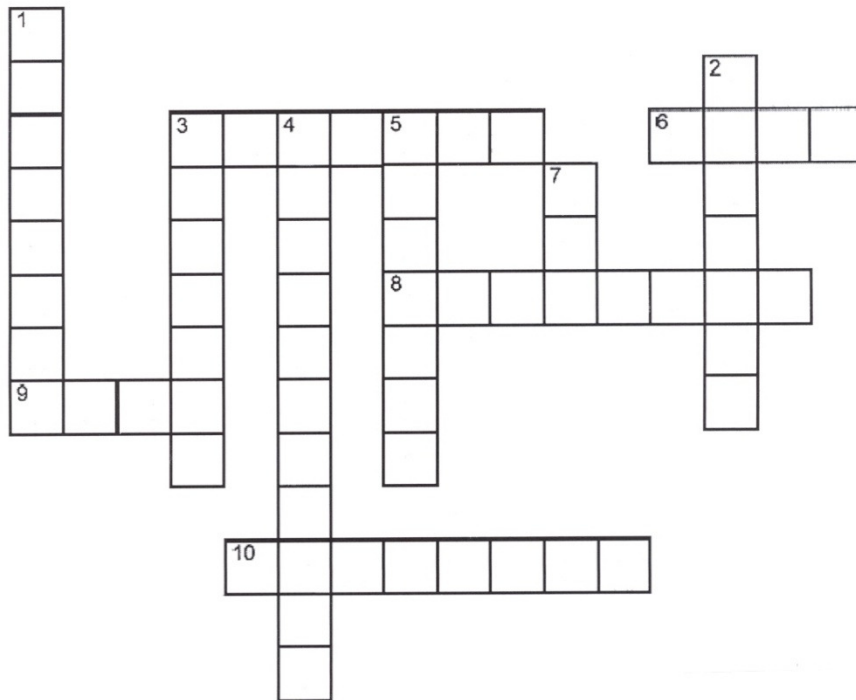
Vegetable Upma/Uppittu (from three cups of rava)	Vegetable Puff (75 each)	Gojavalakki (from 2 lbs Poha/avalakki)
Nagarajan Gururaj and Madhuri, Pandurangi Raghu and Sandhya, Bagevadi Basavaraj & Patil Shilpa	Nagabhushan Uma, Venkatesh T V and Gayatri, Dodabele Ananth and Jyothi	Srikanta N S and Hema, Subba Rao Baskar and Shubha, Hariprasad S and Jayanti
Pie (Sam's size)Pecan or Apple	Cocktail Samosa (50 each)	Macaroni and cheese (from 4 boxes)
Sastry Shankar and Jaya, Ramamohan G and Rama N, Krishna Naveen and Lakshmi, Pai Vasantha and Sudha	Ramgounda Rakesh P and Sheetal, Sarkar Rajarsi and Sindhu, Betnag Prabhakar and Kumuda, Muralidhara B and Shobha	Anchan Veena and Amin Vasanta, Prakash S and Lakshmi, Sanjeeva Nagendra and Anitha
Cheese Cake	Brownies (50 each)	Fresh Cut Fruits (4 quarts each)
Pergadia Sadananda & Jayashree, Milli Laxman and Suma	Venkatesha Harsha and Manasi, Chandrashekar Dattatri and Sushma	Manjunath S and Sujata, Sharma Vinayaka and Anitha, Gopalan K and Chaya, Gopalan Srikanth and Shwetha
Chakli (2 lbs each)	Soda (4 each)	Ice cream (1gallon each)
Gadicherla Pavan and Preethi, Mayenkar Jyothi and Prasad	Bijoy Hegde and Vani Pergadia, Anil Kumar and Indumathi, Hosahalli Somaprasad R and Anita	Nayak Ravi and Tejaswini, Santosh and Ashwin Kulakarni
Green Chutney (3 quarts)		
Gowdara, Shadaksharappa and Tara		

Salsa and chips will be served by Sangama Executive Committee

The US dry quart is equal to 1.1 liters; The US liquid quart equals to 0.95 liters

Please Note: If you have been assigned food items and cannot make it to the event please try to make alternative arrangement or call one of the committee members to make other arrangements.

New Year Cross Word



Across

- 3 Marching bands perform in these
- 6 Welcome in New Year Symbol
- 8 Tracks months year
- 9 Father _, symbol of old year
- 10 Sport played on this holiday

Down

- 1 At stroke of 12:00 p.m. it is_
- 2 Month starts right after December 31
- 3 Celebrate at these
- 4 Changes to make in the New Year
- 5 Ballroom Activity
- 7 December 31st is New Year's _

NEW YEAR'S Day Word Search

A Z M W A R O N D I E L E L N B E E
E O W Q A U O B O W L S L N T F C T
C F H E C T L G S N C A H N S N W D
O H Y I T G N D H N B O G K A I T O
U N H O N O C Q L T H I N D E Y O O
N G C I A R B A O A N I O F R E A A
T G S E A A R O L D N R A A E E S Y
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RESOLUTION

BOWLS

ORANGE

ROSE

CELEBRATE

TOAST

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NEW

AULD LANG
SYNE

COUNT

FOOTBALL

YEAR

CHAMPAGNE

FIRST

FATHER

EVE

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To: