



**2010 – 2011 Volume 4
New Year's Eve 2010**

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Event Date, Location and Timings:

<u>Place:</u> Creve Coeur Community Center's Multipurpose Room 300 N. New Ballas Rd Creve Coeur, MO 63141	<u>Date:</u> Dec 31 st , 2010 <u>Programs:</u> 8:00 pm to 12:15 pm <u>Food:</u> Light Refreshments
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Happy New Year Sir/Madam! Happy New Year Rii! Happy New Year Maga! Happy New Year Kane! Happy New Year Sweetu! Happy New Year Dude...Boss! Lo Happy New Year Kanoo. You will hear this many times just after 12:00 mid night on Jan 1, 2011. Have you ever thought of significance of this day except that it's start of the new Calendar Year?

You will be surprised to know that New Year Celebration is one of the oldest holiday celebrations and it dates back to 4000 years when it's believed to have started in **Babylon**, which was a city in ancient Mesopotamia. Babylonian New Year coincides with first new Moon day followed by first day of Vernal Equinox. Vernal Equinox is the day when Sun crosses directly over Earth's equator causing day and night to be of equal length all over the year. It's considered that beginning of spring is appropriate time to begin a new year given it's the time for planting new crops, start of new season, and time of blossoming.

Due to tampering of dates by various Roman emperors, Roman Senate first adopted to follow Jan 1 as the official start of New Year in 153 BC and then reaffirmed that date after Julien Calendar is introduced in 43 BC. Still many countries celebrate New Year on different occasions. For instance, China and Israel follow Lunar Solar Calendar. We in India celebrate New Year on different days based on customs in practice in various regions. In Karnataka (and in Andhra Pradesh), we celebrate New Year day on Yugadi (falls in March – April) on the first day of Chaitra Masa, which's the first month as per **SAKA** Calendar. In Punjab, New Year is celebrated as Baisakhi festival; In Kerala, as Vishu Festival; in Maharastra, Gudi Padwa. In agriculturally rich country like India, most of these New Year festivals fall during spring when farmers celebrate them to coincide with crop harvest season around Mar – April.

As with the majority of the world, we have chosen to celebrate New Year on Jan 1. This is the time to focus on arrival of Jan 1st 2011 with Spirit and Joy. Modern day New Year Eve celebration times vary from region to region depending on the time zone when Jan 1st arrives. Around the famous places of the world, people gather in thousands to celebrate the eve. Some famous destinations include Sydney Harbor, Australia; Eiffel Tower, Paris; Times Square, New York, USA; Niagara Park, Canada; Goa, downtowns of most cities in India (MG Road @ Bangalore) and so on. Big celebrations with dance and music, fireworks, continue throughout the night of Dec 31st and Jan 1st at these hall mark places, other city centers, and party halls. While most St Louis people witness famous ball drop at Times Square on TV and some others join live events at Bars or Rock band at St Charles Family Arena, Sangama members will celebrate with bang at Creve Coeur Community hall where we plan dine, sing, dance and of course, make all those new resolutions of not making the same old mistakes but new ones.



People believe that they will preserve the same luck and fortune (good or bad) depending on how they live, what they do, or act, or eat on 1st day of a New Year. It's very common that people take oath or resolutions to break bad habits and start good ones. These include quitting smoking, drinking, certain food habits, start new exercise routine, diet routine, start reading good books, increase love for family, and so on. As Sangama members, let's make resolution to enjoy the eve with family and friends, and do our best to keep Kannada traditions and value alive for generations to come. We wish you all to have a very happy and prosperous year ahead and hope to see you all at the event. For those who can't make it, we sincerely request you to remember your friends and community on the day, and make one of your resolutions to strengthen and grow Sangama Community.

Jai Karnataka and Jai Kannada.

Events planned for the New Year's Eve:

Time	Event
08:30 – 09:30	Photo Shot for your souvenirs from Sangama – St Louis Kannada Association
08:30 - 11:00	ChokaBara (5x5) and Cards - Rummy championship run in parallel with other events
09:00 – 09:30	Show on the Ramp: Fashion show for kids & Adults
09:30 – 09:50	Bingo
10:00 – 10:30	Adarsha Dampatigalu
10:30 – 11:00	Karaoke by Prasanna and Sandhya
11:15 – 12:00	Dance Floor opens

We have published the menu in the news-letter but will assign members during the last week of the month depending upon your response to the event's evite.

Congratulations:

Sangama – St Louis Kannada Association congratulates Sri Naveen Krishna on his election to AKKA Board of Directors. With his involvement with AKKA, we are sure Kannada and its heritage will be well served during his term.

A Note On Past Events

Sangama Celebrated our Nada Habba, Kannada Rajyotsava, on Sunday, 21st November at Mahatma Gandhi Center, St Louis. Big thanks to all Sangama members who turned in big numbers and participated in many cultural events to help make Nada Habba – true to its name – a big success. Program started with Prarthana by Shruti Nataraj followed by President's address. Highlight of the event was undoubtedly our hosts – Anu Hukeri, Anisha Gururaj and Madhuri Gururaj, who presented the proceedings in a lively manner by exchanging jokes and humor using various Kannada Dialects including the ones from Hubli Dharward, Kalburgi, Mangalore and Mysore Kannada.

Sangama members presented close to nine different cultural programs including 3 Kids Dance programs with representation from all the age groups; Adults Dance by 8 families to the famous tune of Innu Yake Baralillava HubballiYava; Robot Skit by trio from Venkatesh's family; Violin by Anusha Manjunath; Adults Group Song; Kids group song Kolu Kollana Kele; and lastly, highlight of the night, captivating PunyaKoti Dance Drama by kids with help from our Dance Guru Asha Prem. Event was concluded by Karthik's speech and Mangala from all the Committee members.



Thanks to Padmini Prabhu and Meera Vasudevamurthy for taking initiative, choreographing and coordinating the dance event for kids between 3-5yrs age. Kids 7-12yrs danced to the patriotic Kannada songs medley which was possible because of Lakshmi Naveen's initiative and choreographing the event. Men participating in this event were more enthralling and the element of surprise it was to be was a big surprise. Other parents enthusiastically volunteered to help with various other activities for the event. Kids dancing to a contemporary song choreographed by Nagendra Sanjeeva made us feel we were watching a new Kannada movie song live. Best part of the group song this time were with the participants which included new Sangama members - Adarsha, Pushpa, young generation - Anusha and Girija, experienced artistic generation - Srinivas, Hari and Raghu, Roopa's mom and most of the regular group song participants forming the common thread between the Sangama events. Thanks to each of you for helping in making a successful event.

Thanks to all Sangama members who brought food in good quantity which helped to serve 100+ Sangama Family members who turned up for the event. Our sincere thanks to all volunteers who participated and directed all kids programs with ample preparation during all the weekends and even week days leading up to the event. All the efforts helped to make the event a big success. Hard work from our volunteers is evident from that fact that quality and surprise content of cultural programs is going through leap improvements event after event. Sangama members now eagerly wait for the even better ones in the coming days. Thanks to Venugopal for helping with taking pictures.

Report by the Committee

Your enthusiastic presence in all the Sangama events, volunteering to help with the events is making each of the Sangama events grand and more festive.

We have been actively pursuing "Go Green" effort we promised to implement. News letters are emailed to all members and posted online in the Activities section of website. Members can print the pages they feel necessary. Evite and Facebook are proving to be handy for events notifications.

Snehada Sammilana (April 23rd, 2011): We are getting lots of favorable responses and encouragement from community for the event. We are confident it will turn out to be an outstanding event with well wishes and willing to help volunteer for the cause from all Sangama community.

We look forward to have your continued involvement with Sangama and it is really appreciated by the whole Kannada community in St. Louis.

Based on your contributions this year, your Committee has decided not to collect guest fees from visiting parents of members, grandkids accompanying members, visiting brothers/sisters and their families of members for the upcoming two events for this year.

Note: - 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 mail your checks payable to "Sangama" at:

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The Sangama Committee (2010-2011)



MENU FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Vegetable Puffs (50 each) Jaya Sastry Suguna Sateesha Sujatha Manjunath	Vegetable Upma (1/2 Tray each) Swarna Devanahalli Bharthi Hebbar Jayanthi Hariprasad
Cocktail Samosa (50 each) Kumuda Prabhakar Rekha Megharaj Ashwini Kulkarni	Pies with Whip Cream (1 each) Jyothi Hullooli Sandhya Kumar Smitha Anand
Bean Dip (1 /2 tray each) Gayathri Venkatesh Anitha Somaprasad Tejaswini Nayak Seema Kasturi	Cut Fruits (1/2 tray each) Preetam Desai Padmini Prabhu Kavitha Upadhya Reshma Kumar
Chips (2 Bag each) Shipa Patil Shobha Dixit	Soda (Two 2 liter bottles each) Hemalatha Arkachar Indumathi Kumar
Ice Cream (1 gal Vanilla) Sheetal Rakesh	Mysore Chat will be prepared by the committee members



Critical Thinking Section for Kids

NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH

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Words to Find

BALLOONS
BEGINNING
CLOCK
COUNTDOWN
EXCITEMENT
FAMILY
FIREWORKS
FUTURE
GOALS
LOVE
NOISE
PARTY
PEOPLE
RESOLUTIONS
SOULSEARCHING
TIME SQUARE
NEW YEAR



Quiz on New Year

Answer the questions below and have a great time:

1. Where is the celebration of the New Year believed to have started in?
2. In which year did the Roman senate declare January 1 to be the beginning of the New Year?
3. Where did the tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year start?
4. The Dutch people believe that eating this on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.
5. Where is 'Auld Lang Syne', the famous New Year song, believed to have originated in?
6. What is the Indian New Year called?
7. In which year did Russia adopt January 1 as the beginning of its New Year?
8. The ancient Roman calendar started a new year on this date.
9. Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in this year.
10. The Indian New Year is celebrated in this season.

UNSCRAMBLE THE NEW YEAR'S WORDS

1. TOEUNRIOSL: _____
2. MTIE ASRUQE: _____
3. TMHIGDNI: _____
4. YUJРАНU: _____
5. OENCATRILBE: _____
6. EPDAAR: _____
7. NORH: _____
8. TCEOYNF: _____
9. SEIKFORRW: _____

Answers:

Babylon, 153 BC, Greece, Donuts, Scotland, Ugadi, 1700, March 1, 45BC, spring

RESOLUTION, TIME SQUARE, MIDNIGHT, CELEBRATION, JANUARY, PARADE, FIREWORKS, CONFETY, HORN



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- * Schedule mentioned in the flyer is just a suggested timing and may vary due to various factors.
- * Please print only those pages that you feel necessary.



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To:
STL Sangama Families