

## President's Message

Telugu Kala Samithi sabhyulaku, mithrulaku na namaskaramulu:

First I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous vikruthi nama *samvasara Shubakanshalu*. I still cannot believe that two years have passed since the current TFAS Executive Committee came on-board. I guess it is true that time flies when you are having fun. Honestly, it has been lot of fun, but not without much hard work and sometimes heartburn.

I want to thank each of you and especially the members of the TFAS Executive Committee and several others who have helped tremendously to make sure that the organization has reached a new level in all aspects. I am extremely proud of some of the accomplishments the organization has realized over the last two years. We have increased the membership and revenues, attendance at our meetings have consistently increased to over 1200, the organization has become well known among many other organizations in the area and across the country. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a major success and has given the organization its well deserved exposure in the Telugu Community. There is still a lot that can be done. I have no doubt in my mind that the new Executive Committee elect will continue this path of success and serve our community and provide quality cultural, literary and art programs.

The strength of an organization is its membership. When the members become active and more and more people get involved, the organization realizes success. That was certainly the case over the last two years where all the nine EC members have one worked as one team and several others have spent their valuable voluntary time to serve the community and the organization. As you are all already aware, we have embarked on the journey to provide an address to TFAS and a home that Telugu Community can call its own. Several prominent community leaders have come forward to create a TFAS Fine Arts Center Building Committee. This committee is exploring various properties and creating a financial model that can be implemented once a property is acquired and can self sustain. I am looking for all of you to actively participate and provide your generous support to this project.

I want to wish the new Executive Committee the best in safeguarding the organization and build upon the 25-years of tradition. There are lot of challenges and opportunities facing the new committee. I know all the nine new members very well and some of them have worked on the previous committees. This mixture of experienced and new committee members will be a great asset to the organization to try new ways to energize the community.

We celebrated Thrimurthy Day on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bridgewater Temple along with several other local organizations. Over 500 people attended this event and it was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who have worked hard to bring this program together.

As I am writing this article, plans to celebrate Ugadi function on April 24<sup>th</sup> is underway. We have combined the local talent with talent from India. We have invited the finalists from Super Singer competitions to recognize these youngsters of their achievement. I hope you all enjoy the program.

As my term comes to an end as the President, I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve. I will continue to assist our incoming President Anand Paluri and his team and serve the community as I know best. I also want to thank my family for allowing me to spend the time and giving me the motivation when I needed the most. Regards,

■ **Dhamoder Gedala**

## Report on the Elections for the Board of Trustees for the term April 2010 – March 2012 Results of Phase II Election Process

I, V. Rajarao Bandaru, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, certify that the following Trustee-Elects, duly proposed and seconded, elected to the positions named below, today in the meeting held in the Library, Cranbury Township, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey. They met the requirements of the Trusteeship of TFAS and duly elected, unopposed, as Trustees, to run the affairs of TFAS, for the period April 2010 – March 2012.

	Trustee-Elect		Position
1	Akella	Usha	Trustee - Annual Events
2	Anand	Paluri	Trustee – President
3	Bhargava	Manju	Trustee - Secretary
4	Chinna	Vasudeva Reddy	Trustee - Vice President
5	Kolluri	Girija	Trustee - Youth Services
6	Kureti	Jayanarayana	Trustee - Community Services
7	Makam	Suresh	Trustee - Treasurer
8	Tanna	Vasant Naidu	Trustee - Membership Services
9	Uppala	Ananta Sudhaker	Trustee – IT Services

■ **Alternate Candidates in order**, will be selected to fill any vacancy during the term.

1	Madiraju	Bindu
2	Thati	Gopi
3	Ganagoni	Srinivas
4	Medicherla	Murali Krishna
5	Vemula	Rohinikumar

The Committee would like to congratulate every one of the successful candidates and extends their appreciation to the General Body for the privilege of serving the Association.

  
March 07, 2010  
Dr. V. Rajarao Bandaru (Chairperson)

■ Nominating Committee: Dr. Satyaveni Rao, Shri. Sankararao Polepalle, Dr. V. Rajarao Bandaru

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