

NEWS LETTER 2013

Sree Narayana Association

SREE

NARAYANA

ASSOCIATION

TORONTO, CANADA

FROM“GODS OWN COUNTRY”

OBJECTIVES

ORIGIN AND GROWTH

In 1854 a great ideology was born in the Princely State of Travancore and after 150 years, in 2004 that name was put forward to unite a group of people in Canada. The founding members proposed the name **Sree Narayana Mission** for this union, inspired by the ideology and philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru's works.

With the increase in members and the need to broaden its activities in accordance with the philosophy of its inception, by Aug 12, 2010 the organization was registered with the Ministry of Government Services, Ontario as a non-profit organization, **Sree Narayana Association**. Along with its registration the organization developed its

constitution and operating bylaws through a series of sessions. The functional structure of the organization constituted of Board of Trustees, Executive committee and various sub-committees for its operation.

Sree Narayana Association (SNA) witnessed noteworthy changes in 2013 like

- A significant increase in membership.
- A stronger representation and acceptance in the community.
- Support from various quarters including sponsorship of our activities.
- Revision of our constitution to reflect on our objectives.
- Stronger community service activities.

- ✚ To do good to the world by improving the physical, spiritual and social condition of mankind.
- ✚ To work for new social order and world brotherhood based on the principles of one caste, one religion, one god for humanity
- ✚ To undertake social service activities for the betterment of poor and the needy without considerations of caste, creed, religion or language
- ✚ Transfer the cultural and philosophical heritage to the next generation
- ✚ All ought to be treated with love; justice and due regard to their merits.

FOOD BANK DONATION

As we are aware Food Banks find it hard to meet the food demand in winter months.

As one of our major social Responsibility activities, SNA donates non perishable food to Food Banks.



SNA holds food drives for non-perishable food and/or funds for the procurement of the same, conducted in December of every year. We were able to donate **422 lbs** of non-perishable food to **Knights Table Food Bank** in Brampton from our December 2013 food drive compared to our previous year's contribution of **315 lbs** to **Mississauga Food Bank**. Sree Narayana Association is proud to appreciate the steady and increasing support from the donors, in this gesture towards brotherly compassion towards all life forms.

VISHU&AGM

Annual general meeting was one of the major events conducted by SNA. Around 80 people participated in that meeting. AGM was a unique and important opportunity for the Executive committee to share SNA's 2012 achievements, governance and financial highlights with our members. The afternoon was filled with presentations, social interactions, dialogue, and discussions about future years. The discussions were excellent and created a knowledge base for planning SNA Canada's future

2013 AT A GLANCE

- ✚ FOOD BANK DONATION
- ✚ VISHU/AGM
- ✚ SPRING PARK CLEANING
- ✚ SUMMER PICNIC
- ✚ ONAM
- ✚ FALL TREE PLANTING
- ✚ FALL PARK CLEANING

activities and direction. Saritha Asokan (President), Sini Pengat (Vice-president) and Udayan Purushothaman (Treasurer) completed their term of service in 2012. SNA members acknowledged their dedication, hard work and commitment.

During the AGM, nominations from members for the Board of Trustees, Executive committee, Youth committee and sub Committees were received by SNA's General Secretary. Based on the nominations and consent received from the General body and as per the SNA's constitution, the elected Executive Committee members are to nominate/elect SNA's office bearers. As such, following the AGM, the newly nominated/elected Executive Committee members held a meeting at Quality Inns & Suites and nominated/elected the following office bearers (ref:page3) through consensus to serve SNA Canada in 2013.



STRUCTURE OF SREE NARAYANA ASSOCIATION

SNA Board of Trustees

N. Ravindran (Chairman)

R. Sadasivan

Divakaran Kallidumbil

Ananda Bose

(The SNA Board of Trustees will provide strategic direction and guidance to SNA's executive committee)

Internal Auditor

Asokan Sadasivan

(The internal auditor will report to SNA's Board of Trustees)

SNA Executive committee

Udayan Purushothaman - President

Sreekumar Janardhanan - Vice President

Vinod Surendran - General Secretary

Sajeew Khodhot - Joint Secretary

Sanu Sahadevan - Treasurer

Praveen Haran - Joint Treasurer

Pravilal V Pravibhavan - Entertainment Convener

Suresh Ponnann - Website Coordinator

Sanal Kumar Gunavathy - Event Coordinator

Asib Kumar - Event Coordinator

Biju Mundakal - Event Coordinator

Sini Pengat - Legal Advisor

Saritha Asokan - Ex. Officio Committee Member

Mala Kelangath - Committee Member

Prasoon Sivadas - Committee Member

SNA subcommittee

Sujith Sivanand - Website Review

Tarun Biju - Website Review

Manoj Kottiyur - Website Review

Shiju Sasidharan - Website Review

Salini Das - Entertainment

Cynthia Vinod - Entertainment

Suhara Sreekumar - Entertainment

Lekha Suresh - Entertainment

Smitha Jayadas - Entertainment

Manju Udayan - Entertainment

Divya Sajeew - Entertainment

SNA Youth committee

Dhasiya Prasoon - Youth

Coordinator

Aiswarya Sanal Selina - Youth

Coordinator

Surya Kumar - Youth Coordinator

Veena Vidyadharan - Youth

Coordinator

SPRING PARK CLEANING

In keeping with the philosophy of cleanliness of body, mind and environment, SNA undertakes Spring Park cleaning as a promise to protect the world from pollution.

It gives motivation to the young generation to keep the environment clean and safe. On May 19, 2013, around 40 young members of SNA participated in the cleaning of Throncrest Park. Park authorities expressed their whole hearted gratitude for the enthusiasm and commitment SNA youth towards this program.



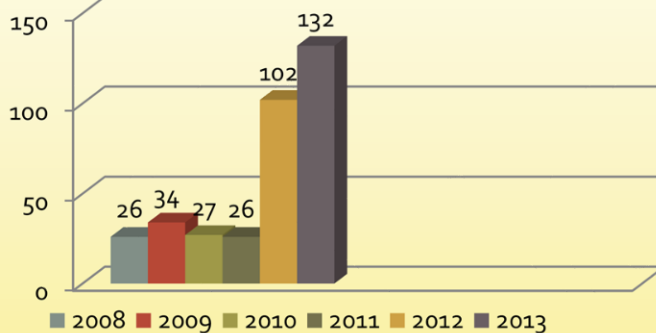
SUMMER PICNIC

July 27, 2013 turned out to be the perfect fun filled SNA summer picnic day. It was an all day affair with lots of thought sharing among members as well as sporting activities like athletic events, football etc, with exceptional enjoyment of all ages.

SNA Representatives got a chance to spend some time with the *Cardinal Baselios Mar Cleemis* from Kerala, and discussed about SNA's activities like helping newcomers, families facing unexpected tragedies, community service by our youth members etc. The Cardinal expressed his appreciation for our community support and initiatives, and requested them to communicate his well wishes to all the SNA members.



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

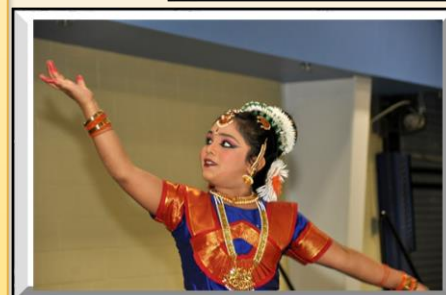


For any organization, human potential is a decisive factor in accomplishing its goals. SNA is no different and we are happy to see this sort of a growth pattern. Year 2013 seems to be very promising by welcoming 30 new members to SNA.

ONAM

'Onam' the harvest festival is celebrated by Malayalees all over the world. SNA celebrated Onam on Sept 28th 2013 with 210 participants.

Onam celebration was a very colorful one, especially the unexpected visit of 'Mahabali' that surprised everybody present at the hall. Another program that caught all eyes was Thiruvathirakali, which is a traditional Kerala group dance. The other main attraction was "Onasadhya" with all the traditional Kerala vegetarian feast.



FALL TREE PLANTING

SNA is an organization which always motivates young generation. An active youth committee is there to coordinate the programs. Through tree planting, the association aims to have

- A green neighborhood essential for a healthy society.
- An environment conscious young generation.

SNA participated in the ongoing goal of the City of Mississauga's strategic plan of planting one million trees by 2032. We were able to plant 130 trees with 45 members. Out of 40 small organizations, we were listed 15th in www.onemilliontrees.ca. With the guidance and support of adult members of SNA alongside the ever enthusiastic SNA youth, tree planting was a big success.



FALL PARK CLEANING

Environmental pollution is a common problem in public places and proper waste disposal plays a vital role in reducing pollution.

Park cleaning during the fall season is yet another social responsibility, which aims to clean at least one park from harmful waste. SNA members were able to do cleaning of Throncrest Park in Mississauga on October 19, 2013.

In 2013 SNA members spend a total of 196 hours for social service.



One of SNA's major objectives is, to undertake social service activities for the betterment of poor and the needy without considerations of caste, creed, religion or language. So charity is one of the important activities of SNA. In 2013 SNA was able to donate around \$4400 for two different families to overcome their tragedies.

Sree Narayana Association, which came into existence on 2004 is getting ready to celebrate its 10th anniversary. So year 2014 will be another busy period for SNA. An organization is like a mirror through which everyone can reflect and share their thoughts, happiness and pain. Sree Narayana Association's door is always open to everybody who wishes to be a part of a strong organization based on equity and diversity. Members can contact through its website www.snacanada.com and also members can join in SNA's Facebook: **SNA Canada - One Caste One Religion One God for Mankind.**

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