

India Association of Tallahassee

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The last few months have been eventful ones for many of us as well as for the India Association of Tallahassee (IATLH). Building on the enthusiasm amongst members and support from the community, several quality events were successfully organized over the last 7 months. The associated coverage in the media and the participation of members in IATLH's activities has been helpful in our efforts to enhance visibility and awareness within the local community. Also, a milestone was reached in IATLH's history when in a letter dated March 8, 2009 the IRS formally granted us federal tax exempt status under the provisions of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The immediate upcoming event is **Utsav (Saturday, August 29th, 2009, 2:00 PM at Moore Auditorium, FSU)**, a variety entertainment program aimed at highlighting the rich Indian traditions in music, dance and drama. As in previous years we will observe the Indian Independence Day by unfurling the Indian tricolor and singing the national anthem prior to the start of Utsav. Socializr invites for the occasion have already been sent – please attend the function with family and friends and encourage all performers whose hard work enabled us to host the event.

IATLH as one of the charter members of [Asian Coalition of Tallahassee](http://www.asiantlh.org) (ACT) will participate in the **Experience Asia 2009 Festival** to be held on **Saturday, October 03, 2009 - 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM @ the Lewis & Bloxham Parks located in downtown Tallahassee**. IATLH will have a booth and participate in the entertainment program. Last year our programs were crowd-pleasers. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in this event, please contact Thayumana Somasundaram before Friday, September 4, 2009 (GenSecretary.iatlh@gmail.com | (850) 219-9799). A separate Socializr invite will soon be sent to all those on the e-mailing list. Please visit www.asiantlh.org for more details.

In the past IATLH has had a get-together on the occasion of Diwali. This year we have been able to resurrect that program and will be hosting **a dinner and a show on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 (Union Ballroom, FSU)**, featuring the singer Nibedita Chatterjee from Charleston, SC accompanied by a tabla and a keyboard player from Washington DC. The costs of tickets for the occasion have been fixed at \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids and students. Children below the age of 6 will be admitted free of charge. Tickets will go on sale shortly and will be available at the door as well. Please help make the function a resounding success with your presence.

Our 12th **Cultural Glimpses of India** is scheduled to be held in the month of November (most likely 7th or 14th) at the Chiles High School Auditorium. On the day of this premier event presented by IATLH, like earlier years, we will include variety of entertainment programs like, group dances, group songs, dramas, and skits – details will be circulated as soon program items are finalized. *As in prior years,*

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participation is restricted to members and their families – IATLH membership must be valid for 2009. The 2009-10 IATLH Member Handbook will be distributed to members during the Glimpses program¹.

If you want to coordinate an item for Glimpses, please send an email to President.iatlh@gmail.com or JtSecretary.iatlh@gmail.com, giving full name, event name, a brief description, contact phone number and email id. We also need volunteers for this event. Interested in helping us? Please send an email to VicePresident.iatlh@gmail.com, with your name and contact number. Deadline for signing-up to be a volunteer: October 20, 2009.

Organizing a big event like this in a large auditorium means that we will incur sizable expenses. So we need sponsors to help us cover at least part of cost of the event. If you are interested in sponsoring, please send an email to President.iatlh@gmail.com. We will get in touch with you. Various sponsorship levels and benefits are available and the sponsor forms can be downloaded from www.iatlh.org, or obtained from executive committee members.

We want to take this opportunity to stress the importance of membership renewal. We have limited sources of revenue on the basis of which we organize events for the community and without a sufficient number of dues-paying members the association cannot continue to exist. We have been fortunate that some individuals have generously donated funds so that events such as the “Glimpses of India” could be organized without incurring debt. However, membership from a larger cross-section of the Indian community in Tallahassee is a prerequisite for future growth and expansion of activities of the association. **A membership renewal form is enclosed with a self-addressed envelope – please renew your membership for 2009 as soon as possible if you have not already done so (envelope shows membership year next to name).**

As you may know, the two-year term of the current Executive Committee of IATLH and the 3-year term of a trustee will expire at the end of this year. A nomination form is enclosed for members to nominate new committee members and a new trustee for 2-year and 3-year terms respectively. In the event that multiple nominations are received for any positions, an election will be held for the positions at the Annual General Body meeting in January 2010.

The current committee would like to thank the members for their support throughout its 2-year term and feels certain that with the same support, the next committee will take IATLH to greater heights.

Thank you.

The Executive Committee, India Association of Tallahassee

¹ If you don't want your information to be included in the handbook, please notify us by email at President.iatlh@gmail.com.

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“Elections- 2009”

Nomination form

Guidelines for Nominations:

- Nominations are invited for the positions, as listed on the nomination form.
- Only nominations from members with membership status current as of closing date will be valid.
- Current members can send nominations for one or more positions but are restricted to one nomination per position.
- Please use the tear-off form below and ensure that all necessary details are duly filled out.
- Nominations without the name of the nominating member will be considered invalid.
- Nominations must be postmarked no later than **Friday, October 09, 2009**.

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Mail this form in the addressed envelope postmarked no later than Friday, October 09, 2009

NOMINATION FORM
FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEARS 2010-11
And ONE TRUSTEE (2010-12)

Name of the nominating member (*Required*):

Nominee for the position of **PRESIDENT**:

Nominee for the position of **Vice President**:

Nominee for the position of **Secretary**:

Nominee for the position of **Joint Secretary**:

Nominee for the position of **Treasurer**:

Nominee for the position of **Trustee - I**:

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