

2009 Annual General Body Meeting

2008 Events and Activities

Delivered by Thayumanasamy Somasundaram at the 2009 Annual General Body Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 3:00 PM

Meeting Room A, [Leon County Public Library](#), 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Good Afternoon,

I welcome the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee members, general members of the [India Association of Tallahassee](#), and their families to the Annual General Body Meeting.

It is my pleasant duty to report to you about the events and activities of the last year (2008). I am sure all of you will agree that India Association had a successful year. Considering the general mood of the state of Florida and the nation in particular, I think we have provided you a diversion with several venues to express your artistic talents and abilities. In response, all of you have participated and attended the events in great numbers. For that I want to thank all the participants, the coordinators, and the volunteers. Without you events like those will not exist. Now I will quickly summarize last year's activities and their highlights.

IATLH Events

1. January 2008: Republic Day and Book Donation
 - 50-75 people attended; \$900 books about India were donated to libraries and schools
2. March 2008: Holi Festival
 - 150-200 people attended; 13 groups volunteered to prepared food
3. April 2008: IATLH Sports Day
 - First ever (the idea came from you the members) 120 adults and children participated in about dozen events
4. June 2008: Financial Planning Seminar

- 25 people attended and WCTV TV-6 covered the event
5. July 2008: Classical Music Concert
 - About 50-60 people attended the concert. Visiting artist and local talent
 6. August 2008: Utsav/Art Contest / Independence Day
 - About 125 people attended the event; 15 individual items were presented; four age category prizes were awarded for art contest
 7. November 2008: Glimpses
 - Over 1000 people attended the event; there were 21 individual items; over 150 people from ages 2+ performed.

IATLH Co-sponsored Events

1. February/March 2008: Global Gathering & International Bazaar (with FSU-IC)
 - IATLH booth and henna table
2. March 2008: Springtime Tallahassee Parade (with ACT)
 - Half a dozen members participated and we won a 1st prize
3. May 2008: Asia Awareness Month & Mayor's Proclamation (with ACT)
 - Three groups performed
4. September 2008: Experience Asia (with ACT)
 - IATLH booth; Our Association was given the prime time and our cultural performances were well received
5. October 2008: Navaratri Music (with Gujarathi Samaj)

General Items

1. 2007-08: India Association website established. Minutes of the meeting were published
2. IRS 501 (1) (3) work has been started
3. IATLH Newsletter published
4. Socializr e-mail invitation
5. Good working relationship was established with other associations
6. Publications in print, radio, and TV were produced and disseminated about our Association's activities.

Sponsors

1. Six Diamond Level sponsors (1 personal sponsor)
2. Six Gold Level sponsors (1 personal sponsor)
3. 13 Personal Patron level sponsors

Finally I want to thank the IATLH Members with out whom we neither exist nor prosper. I request your continued participation and financial support. I pledge to continue the work of the Association and now Vice President will speak about the current year's events

Sincerely,

Thayumanasamy Somasundaram

General Secretary of IATLH (2008-09)