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First Quarter 2011: Rear View!

It had been the Association's first full quarter and had been hectic.

The Association was formally incorporated on Bhogi day.

Members of the Association created a meaningful logo complete with a story to tell about various elements of the logo.

A calendar of events was created identifying the events in which WATA and its office bearers will participate for the next year. A copy of the calendar can be found on the Association's web site

The Association celebrated its first public function on January 26th by combining Australia day, Indian Republic day, Sankranti and School opening celebrations.

Celebration of Mahashivaratri was a low key event on 2nd March. However, those who participated learnt the meaning of that celebration from our Astana Guru Hari Chillappa garu. Hopefully, next year would bring in more participants.

On April 3rd, Ugadi was celebrated complete with Panchaga sravanam, Kavi Sammelan and various cultural programs presented by children. Our ancestors have been celebrating dawn of New Year as Ugadi for ages. We are honored to have brought that tradition to this part of the world. In time we will find out how to make Ugadi pachhadi with

local ingredients.

On April 17th the Association continued on with the tradition of joining forces with the Hindu Association of Western Australia and many sister associations to raise funds for the Hindu Temple. As usual Hyderabad delights was a star performer.

April 3rd week also saw epic cricket battles for the WATA cup and the Cup of Council of South Indian Associations of Australia. Hoping that next quarter would be as exciting!.

Vedic Discourse and Devotional Enlightenment By Sri Samavedam Shanmukha Sarma garu

Mandala Hall Bill Elson Reserve Mandala Crs Bateman

May 1st -5th 2011 0630 PM-0930 PM Admission Free



Kuchipudi Natyam $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ Smt. Sonia Bimal

May 7th 2011 0630 PM Don Russell Performing Arts Center **Thornlie**

> Admission \$25 pp Contact Bimal 0423 248 849



Membership Drive

The Association was formed with founding member families each paying \$1,000 to enable the Association start financially strong. All the membership fee was placed in long-term fixed deposit, with only the interest used for running the Association.

On April 16th, several more families have been admitted as lifetime financial members of the Association with many more waiting for their applications to be processed in the next EC meeting in May.

WATA has extended the concessional fee of \$250 for the lifetime financial

members joining until July 2011. The Association is as much for us as it is for our next generations. Young individuals and families are specifically requested to consider joining as lifetime financial members and lay strong foundation for next generations. Both the constitution and the application form are available on the Association's web

Come and Join!

