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#### **Spring festival by Indian Association of St. Louis.** Venue : Mahatma Gandhi Center.

**Date** : **May 3**<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

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Indian association of St. Louis organized spring festival on May 3<sup>rd</sup> evening at Mahatma Gandhi Center. Program started with socialization from 4:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. Cultural programs started at 6 P.M. with many classical dances, classical singing. Singing movie songs, dances for movie songs and many more items kept audience in their places till the end of the program.

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### Message of Mandodari to the mankind by Dr. Goli Anjaneyulu. Date : May 18th, 2008 Time : 5 P.M. – 7 P.M. Venue : Vedic Temple of Saint Louis.

Dr. Goli Anjaneyulu, who is visiting St. Louis, allocated few hours of his time to share the knowledge of Ramayana. The topic he selected was "Mandodari's message to the mankind". Getting a doubt "What message did Mandodari (wife of Ravana) give to mankind?" is not unusual. Anjaneyulu garu expressed saying - Mandodari, wife of Ravana, taught Ravana what not to do. He never listened to his wife. Our scriptures says about some women, who should be remembered everyday in the morning, Mandodari being one of them. She depicted that Ravana was doing things which were against Dharma. She knew that he was doing those acts out of his ego and lust. She warned him in many situations, but he never cared. Finally he lost his life because of those mistakes he committed. Because of him the City of Lanka was ruined. He explained different situations and quoted those slokas. Vedic Temple of Saint Louis thanked him for his valuable time.

#### **Discourse on Bhagawat Geeta by Dr. Goli Anjaneyulu.** Date : May 26th, 2008 Time : 5 P.M. – 7 P.M. Venue : Hindu Temple of Saint Louis.

Dr. Goli Anjaneyulu garu blessed St. Louis community by giving discourse on Bhagawat Geeta. Starting May 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday, being a long weekend), he gave discourses every Sunday covering one chapter at a time. Audience enjoyed listening his unique style of explaining. Listening to Bhagawat Geeta surely improves ones ethics and allows that person to live a quality life. It helps kids in improving their attitude and build strong relation in the society. In reality, Maha Bharat war happens in every ones life. To win the war, Krishna gives variety of techniques in the name of Bhagawat Geeta. He delivered discourse in ATA conference also. He wrote many articles for various magazines and read by many readers.

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## Walk for Values.

 Date : June 20th, 2008
 Time : 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

 Venue : 1455 E. College Ave., St. Louis, MO 63107.

Neighborhood houses, A united church after school program has adopted Sathya Sai Human values program for over 5 years, and have been tremendously successful in making a positive change in the lives of those wonderful young children.

Participation in this program is to raise awareness of the 'Sathya Sai Education in Human Values' (SSEHV) program and importance of practicing these values in our daily life. SSEHV program volunteers built a 'Walking Boat Float' with 'Values Sails', 'Values Banners' for the march. Values games, face painting, dancing at the walk of the parade. The parade started in the morning around 9:15 A.M. from E. College to Fairgrounds park, roughly around 1.3 miles.

# International Kuchipudi Dance Convention

**Date :** June  $20^{\text{th}} - 22^{\text{nd}}$ , 2008.

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Kuchipudi sobha Yatra in Cupertino

#### Highlights of the convention:

- Generations of dancers at one place.
- Red carpet welcome in traditional way.
- ➢ Guru Pujotsavam.
- Kuchipudi sobha Yatra.
- > Rathotsavam.
- Scintillating Kuchipudi Ballets.
- > Kuchipudi name getting into Guinness World Record.
- ➤ Kuchipudi Vyjayanthi ballet with 60 dancers from all over the world.
- ➢ First ever Yaksha Ganam in America.
- > Thought provoking Lecture Demonstrations.

Cupertino, California. Silicon Andhra organized Kuchipudi dance convention in association 'Department of Culture, with Government of Andhra Pradesh' and 'Potti SriRamulu Telugu University'. As usual Silicon Andhra attempted a feat by bringing hundreds of Kuchipudi artists from all parts of the world.

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