

Regional NASA Event –Navaratri Celebration in Detroit, MI– Oct 3, 2009

On October 3, 2009, NASA celebrated Navarathri in the Detroit area. Several volunteers from the area worked hard to make various arrangements for this celebration. About 30 to 35 people participated in this event and we are happy to welcome 2 new life members – the Narayana family and Kumar Nanjundiah and his wife Sushma Venkatesh. The day started with Annapoorna Dhyana around noon followed by a delicious lunch prepared by local Sankethi families. After lunch, we had the children’s program. Vivek, Amith, Vighnesh, Anisha, Vinay and Anuja sang various carnatic music pieces. After snacks, coffee and introductions, Sandhya Prasanna presented shlokas from chapter 15 of the Bhagavadgeetha. This was followed by an insightful talk by Dr. Naga Narayana on our scriptures. He started with Bhagavadgeetha, then talked about the inner meaning of the Lalitha Sahasranama. After chanting Lalitha Sahasranama and conducting Bombè (Doll) arathi we all enjoyed a tasty dinner, desserts and coffee. The children’s and adults’ program was a testament to the fact that the Detroit area Sankethi families are tremendously talented. NASA thanks Arun Chickmenahalli, Naga Narayana, Sandhya Prasanna, Nataraj Mahalakshmi, and various local families who helped make this regional get together a grand success. Special thanks to Vighnesh for managing the registration desk.

