



Q3 2022 Newsletter

Dear Agrawal Association of America - Houston Members,

Greetings of the season, and hope you and your family are healthy and safe.

The year seems to be rushing very fast. It was earlier this year when we were hesitatingly coming out after COVID lockdowns. And now it is already fall season, and lockdowns seem like a memory. At the same time, just a reminder, while we no longer have any lockdowns or even mandatory masks, COVID is still very much around. Make sure you all stay safe, get vaccinated and get booster doses as appropriate. Safety and health of our members is our heartfelt wish and prayer. We also heard that federal government may stop funding the COVID vaccines later this year, and we may have to pay for it in future. So if any of you are still on fence on vaccination, this could be another small incentive to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

We also had a few new members join us. Their initial questions are common but made us realize that we should have a regular section highlighting our engagement and community outreach programs. They can go a long way in helping our new members, as they settle down for a life in our community. We are introducing such a section in the newsletter starting this time. We will also add this as a section on our website.

We are also very pleased with your responses and engagement on the newsletter. We even had Agrawals reach out to us from California, asking if they had a similar association locally. But of course, there is nothing as good as the association set up by all of you in Houston. However, not to rest on our laurels, if you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter, or even the association, please send us a quick email..

Thanks

The News Letter Editorial Committee
newsletter@agrwalamerica.com

General Announcement

Taking a precautionary approach due to COVID, we were unable to organize an association led Teej Celebrations this year.

However, our members arranged smaller Teej celebrations with some of the other members from the association. They were kind enough to send us some pictures, as given below. It does look like our ladies are not only blessed by Goddess of wealth, but are also the loveliest ones on the planet. What do you think?







We also have Diwali & Ganapati Pooja coming up soon. We would love to showcase any members only celebration pictures in the next newsletter. Please send us an email. Do make sure to get permissions for those who are in pictures though, first.

Special Mention

This year, we are celebrating the 25th year of our association. Most of our 25 year olds have been shy to come out of closet. But we are showcasing a very handsome member who has turned 25 years this year!!

He is Yash Bansal. He is MS in Marketing from UT Dallas, with a Bachelors in Marketing from Texas A&M University,

Wishing you a very happy 25th Yash Bansal!!

Shhh.. we also hear that he is a very smart and handsome eligible bachelor in Houston. If you want to reach out to him, go thru his father - Mr Amit Bansal.



Also, there are a few accomplished Agrawals who are making a difference in our community.

Agrawal Association of America supporting Indian Students in University of Houston

Agrawal Association of America has made a commitment to University of Houston for raising Scholarship funds for Indian Students coming from India or from any State outside the state of Texas. If a resident of Texas gives a scholarship of \$1000 to a Foreign Student, the tuition fee of the student receiving such scholarship is reduced, so he/she will only have to pay in-state Tuition Fee rather than a Foreign Student Tuition Fee, which in real terms means savings of approximately \$8000 per year for the student. Students have to maintain a certain level of point Average in their tests to qualify every year for these savings, and of course, are subject to the availability of Scholarship funds.

Last Year following member of Agrawal Association committed to give below mentioned funds for these Scholarships to University of Houston and most of the funds have already been made to U of H.

Sh Murari Agrawal	\$10,000
Sh. Mukesh Mittal	\$5,000
Sh Sanjay Aggarwal	\$4,000
Sh. Anil Aggarwal	\$5,000
Sh Ajay Gupta	\$5,000

Agrawal Association of America thanks the above-mentioned members for making these commitments and making AAA look good in the eyes of the University and benefiting students. AAA also ENCOURAGES participation by as many members as possible to join the group of these donors. The members, especially who have gone to Colleges in US and paid the Foreign Student Tuition can appreciate the immense Savings of \$8000 in one year Tuition Fee. Anyone who wants to participate in this good cause, Please contact Anil Aggarwal on his email anilaggarwal53@gmail.com or on his cell no. is (281)682-7402

A new members guide to association

Our Agrawal Association was established in 1997, and we are 25 years old this year!!!

Did you know that our association is run entirely by the efforts of volunteers. The membership fees go part of the way to meeting the organization event costs. We rely heavily on donations from our sponsors. All paperwork and events are planned, executed and managed of by volunteer members from the community. Every event we organize, is solely the outcome of their imaginations and efforts.

The organization is overall led by the Board. They are generally the original founders of the association and sponsor a lot of expenses of the association. However, the arranging of events and various activities is taken care of by the Executive and various sub committees. Since members of the committees are volunteers, and as life moves on, we always need and appreciate more volunteers in the various committees. If you would like to volunteer for any committee, please email us (info@agrawalamerica.com) and we will get you involved.

Some of the more active committees and their activities are:

Youth Committee- takes care of all youth related activities like youth camps, youth night out, games during picnic and Diwali function. We need an active youth leader volunteer to lead the youth committee

IT Committee - Responsible for maintaining the member list, website and general communication.

Newsletter Committee - Responsible for setting up and sending this newsletter.

Decoration Committee - Responsible for decorating at various events

Cultural Committee – Responsible for cultural programs during different events

We also create committees for various events:

- Scholarship Committee
- Matrimonial Committee

Did you know that we also have our very own Romeo Club for senior citizens!! It is led by Shri Kishan Goyal ji. Please feel free to reach out for more information.

If any of you would like to start out a new activity engaging members of broader association, please send us an email and we will be happy to announce it in our following newsletter.

The website for our association is : <http://agrawalamerica.com/>

You can also register, pay for membership, sponsor association, or search for members or old pictures/newsletters on the website. Please check out the website, and let us know if you find improvement opportunities or broken links; send an email: it@agrawalamerica.com Team is continually updating the content.

Did you know that our association also has a Facebook Group? Please join the group, and stay in touch with group members. Search for "[Agrawal Association of America](#)" Facebook group and request to be member.

We also have two Whatsapp groups, where members regularly exchange tips and seek help. If you would like to join those groups, please send us an email: it@agrawalamerica.com

Sponsor Section

It is believed that Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, had blessed Maharaja Agrasen that she will always be with his descendants. We are showcasing some of their businesses. We encourage all members to engage them and support them grow their business.

Please also note that the advertisements in this section will only be limited to the paid members of the association. So if you have not yet registered, please do so.



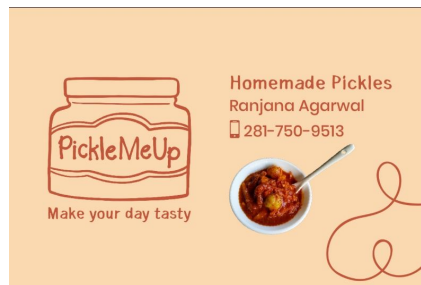
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Nita ji is also our newest member who has just moved into Sugarland. Feel free to reach out to her.

Fun Corner

Wishing you a very happy Ganesh Chaturthi. Ganpati Bappa Maurya!!

We got feedback that some of our younger members found the puzzle difficult last time. So this time we have a puzzle with clues given below. We just need our members to find it and send us a picture of solution with names (it still takes time!!). The names of winners will be published the next time.

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Obstacle Remover	Trunk	Mouse
Ganapathi	Mooshika	Modaka
Gajanana	Vighnesa	Vinayaka
Ganesha		

Just reply back to this email with a picture of your solution.

Fun Fact

Did you know that Goddess Parvati had given Lord Ganesh to Goddess Lakshmi as adopted son? Goddess Lakshmi had blessed Ganesh on adopting him and said "From today onwards I'm giving my all accomplishments, luxury and prosperity to my son Ganesh. Those worshipping Lakshmi for wealth would first have to worship Ganesh to seek her blessings. Those who will worship Lakshmi without Ganesh will not be blessed by the Goddess".

Also per Hindu traditions, during prayers, wife is always seated towards left of husband. And since Ganesh is son of Lakshmi, Goddess Lakshmi should always be seated towards right side of Lord Ganesh!!

Would you like to help ?

Our association is run by volunteers and members. We would like to invite our association members to volunteer for the association activities.

Call for Volunteers!!!

We were checking with the association and some of our active volunteers have moved on. There are activities that we would like to start, but we cannot do them unless we find any volunteers to organize/support these. We need active volunteers for:

Youth Committee Leader <- Responsible for identifying and leading the team to carry out youth activities

Youth Camp Leader <- Responsible for Camping night-outs for our youth

Kids Activities/Night Out leaders <- To help leaders above

And do remember that we also award High School Volunteer Hours, that you may need for your school clubs/activities.

25th Anniversary Celebration!!!

Executive team is busy discussing with board and planning a 25th anniversary Gala. However, we need volunteers and sponsors for various sub-committees for the 25th Anniversary Gala. If any of you are willing to help, please send an email to it@agrawalamerica.com

This newsletter is an attempt by some of our members to connect with the community. Current editorial committee consists of:

Mr Sudhir Goel & Mrs Varsha Goel

Dr Ritwick Agarwal & Mrs Sanchita Agarwal

Mr Deepak Agarwal & Mrs Poonam Agarwal

You can reach any of them for suggestions/ideas by emailing newsletter@agrawalamerica.com

And lastly, do you know someone who is not getting this newsletter:

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