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Friends,

WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thanks to your encouragement, co-operation and support, SRUTI had a highly successful 1989. It is entering the new decade with renewed confidence and pride.

On December 9th 1989, SRUTI convened the general body meeting at the Loomis Elementary School, Broomall PA. The activities commenced with an entertainment consisting of superb dance performances by Ms. Jyothi Rao and Mrs. Sridevi Sarat. Dr. M.M. Subramaniam outgoing president of SRUTI then presented his report. Dr. T.S. Venkatraman briefed the audience on the activities of SRUTI during 1989 and 1990, and Mr. Ram Krishn submitted the financial statement for these years, which was seconded by Sitaramiah. Elections were held to form a new managing committee. The following members were elected unanimously to serve the managing committee for the years 1990 - 1992, as there were no other nominations.

Dr. P. Swaminathan President (215) 449-0774
Ms. Indira Rajan Vice President (215) 698-2064
Mr. N.V. Raman Corres. Secretary (302) 475-5497
Dr. G. Sridhar Rec. Secretary (215) 244-1181
Ms. Prabha Maruwada Treasurer (215) 670-2057
Dr. H.Y. Rajagopal Member at Large (215) 566-7820
Ms. Lalitha Krishnan Member at Large (215) 446-3008

Our special thanks are due to the election committee formed by Dr. C. Prabhakar, Dr. T.S. Govindan and Mr. H.S. Aswathanarayana, who helped a great deal in conducting the election proceedings.

On January 7th 1990, the newly elected managing committee met with the outgoing committee of SRUTI at Dr. Swaminathan’s residence to discuss the transfer of accounts and inventories. After Dr. Subramaniam and Dr. Swaminathan jointly
examined the inventory list, it was handed over to the new committee. Ram Krisn presented a detailed financial report and agreed to help Prabha Maruwada in transferring the accounts to the new committee.

As required by the by-laws, appointment of the resource committee was discussed. Resource committee will be made up of vice president, treasurer and three other members of SRUTI appointed by the president. In order to meet the rising costs of operation due to inflation, managing committee has decided to raise the cost of the life membership to $75.00 starting April 1st 1990. If you are not already a regular member or a life member, become one and save!

In keeping with the tradition, SRUTI's activities for this year will commence with the celebration of Thyagaraja Aradhana on March 3rd 1990 at the Hindu Temple in Berlin New Jersey. We invite all of you to attend and particularly urge all youngsters interested in carnatic music to participate in this function. Those individuals interested in participating can give their names to Swaminathan at (215)449-0774 or Indira Rajan at (215)698-2064 before February 23rd 1990. We would like to reiterate that only Thyagaraja krithis are allowed, and since we expect a large number of participants, in order to give each one a chance to perform, we strongly recommend that you limit your performance to one krithi only, preferably without much of alapana and swaras.

SRUTI is arranging a Bharatha Natyam performance by Smt Ramya Harishanker for April 14th, 1990. While the details of this event will be announced later please mark your calendar to avoid missing the performance.

If you have any specific suggestions or ideas to help improve SRUTI please feel free to call any one of the members of the Managing Committee to share your thoughts.

See you all on March 3rd at the aradhana celebration.

Managing committee.