

SRUTI

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Dear SRUTI supporter,

Creetings! We like to begin by wishing you all a very happy New Year. This is the first Newsletter of the newly formed managing committee of 'SRUTI'.

The first **General Body Meeting** of 'SRUTI' took place on Dec. 5, 1987 at the Loomis School in Broomall, Pa. The function commenced with a melodious *veena concert by Vijaya Prabhakar*. She was ably accompanied on the *violin by K.S. Mani* and on the *mridangam by Satish Pathakota*. Vijaya's concert, lasting a little over an hour, was well appreciated by the large audience.

The concert was followed by brief *remarks by the convenor M.M. Subramaniam*, and the *reports by the outgoing secretary and treasurer T.S. Venkataraman and K. Ram Krishn* respectively.

The bye-laws committee then presented the **bye-laws and constitution** of the Society for adoption. Article 6, Sec 2 #5 on Page 13 was changed to read "Each membership has one vote". The bye-laws were adopted unanimously with this change.

The **elections for the managing committee** for the next two years went off very smoothly. The new committee consists of the following persons:

Dr. M.M. Subramaniam	President
Dr. T.S. Venkataraman	Vice President
Dr. P. Swaminathan	Recording Secretary
Dr. Uma Prabhakar	Corresponding Secretary
Mr. K. Ram Krishn	Treasurer
Dr. H.Y. Rajagopal	Member-at-large
Dr. Srinivasa Reddy	Member-at-large.

The newly elected managing committee, alongwith the members of the outgoing committee, including *C.P. Ramaswamy, A. Sitaram, Usha Sitaram, Srinivasan*, convened on January 16, 1988 at Subramaniam's place.

The bye-laws require that a *resources committee* be appointed as soon as possible after the elections. This is an important committee charged with recommending the best means of improving the finances of the society. It is essential that we generate funds to buy good audio system for the music programs and good lighting system for the dance programs. The resources committee will recommend methods to raise funds for meeting these and other needs of the society. It will also look at long range activities and plans for the society. We are happy to report that the following members have agreed to serve on this committee: *Dr. H. Aswathanarayana, Dr. T.S. Govindan and Ms. Prabha Maruvada*. The Vice President and Treasurer are ex-officio members of the committee.

It was felt and agreed upon in general that the *annual membership dues* be increased, in order to meet the high operational expenses, including mailing etc. It was decided that the annual membership dues for *Regular members* shall be increased from the current \$10.00 to \$ 15.00, while the dues for *Student members and Life members* shall remain the same.

Please find enclosed a 'SRUTI' *membership renewal form* for 1988. We would appreciate your quick response. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to introduce your interested friends and colleagues to become new members of 'SRUTI'. You may use the same form or a copy of the form for this purpose.

The first event of the spring season will be *Thyagaraja Aradhana* planned for Saturday, March 5, 1988. (The accompanying flyer gives the details.) This is an annual event, celebrating the music of the saint Thyagaraja, which transcends all linguistic barriers, appealing to all South Indians equally. It behooves that all the South Indian cultural associations join this effort. We look forward to having a large turnout.

An important component of the day-long celebrations is the homage paid to the great composer by *individuals singing or playing* on an instrument his compositions. The organizing committee shall try to accommodate everyone interested. In order to help us organize the event smoothly, we request that the interested persons *contact M.M. Subramaniam (215-356-5181), or Srinivasa Reddy (215-576-1392) latest by March 1, 1988*. Priority will be given to those giving their names early.

The managing committee is in touch with the *Carnatic Music Association of North America, Bhairavi* and other organizations who sponsor concert tours of artists from India. We will keep you informed of future programs as soon as plans are finalized.

HOPING TO SEE YOU ALL AT THYAGARAJA ARADHANA!

Warm wishes from 'SRUTI'!!