

Dear BTA Community,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as the Board of Directors for 2010-2011. We intend to serve to the best of our ability meet BTA goals by reaching out to as many Tamil Families from Sri Lanka living in New England as possible. We humbly request each of your support, corporation and partnership in making each and every BTA event a grand success. We request each of you to share with us, in a timely manner, if you see anything we can do better or differently to continue to improve BTA contribution to the society. We will consider your inputs and suggestions within the BoD and adapt as we see appropriate.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Board of Directors for their valuable contribution to the BTA community.

We are pleased to inform you that we plan to hold the following events during our term. Please mark your calendars. The location, time and other details will be forwarded with the event reminder.

May 29, 2010	Anniversary of the Candle Light Vigil that was observed last year to mourn the death of over 40,000 Tamils in Sri Lanka.
June 12, 2010	Tamil Class graduation day (9.30 am)
June 19, 2010	Picnic and Sports Day (10.00 am to 7 pm)
August 5, 2010	Kalai Vizha rehearsal Day (starting at 2.00 pm)
August 7, 2010	Kalai Vizha Day (starting at 4.30 pm)
October 23, 2010	Deepavali Dinner Function
December 11, 2010	Christmas Dinner Function
January 2011 (TBD)	Thaipongal Day Function and Special General Meeting to select Moderators
April 2011 (TBD)	Tamil New Year Day Function and Annual General Meeting

In order to help organize our annual Kalai Vizha, we request volunteers who wish to **coordinate programs** to email/phone us **on or before the 1st of June 2010 by 6PM-** we will call all previous coordinators. Families and **children wishing to participate** in the Kalai Vizha programs are requested to send us an email or phone a BoD member providing names with age **on or before the 8th of June 2010 by 6PM.** Shahila Navakumar from the BoD will coordinate the responses and facilitate the activities. The e-mail to the BoD is board@bostonthamil.com.

We will continue the Next Generation Initiative and the senior lunch events that were inaugurated by 2009/2010 BoD. We will send out more details as soon as we determine the details.

As situation permits, we may introduce other initiatives and/or organize other events. We will communicate as soon as we decide the details. Following are some thoughts the 2009/2010 BoD had in mind; we will build upon this list.

- Adding a Sports component to the annual Picnic day with the goal of building team spirit within the community;
- Young Adult/Youth Interaction Forum to provide a platform for the younger generation to independently engage amongst themselves;
- Business Entrepreneurial/Leadership Forum to help families learn business and educational tips and tricks; and
- Enhanced BTA website with additional capability including the new initiatives.

Please stay tuned for additional details with list of contact names, email addresses and phone numbers.

We strongly believe that the success and growth of everything we intend to do will be totally determined by the engagement, participation, corporation and support from each and every one of the members. With that realization, we extend our arms to each of you to become a BTA member and be part of what we do as Tamil society in New England.

BTA membership application is on the website <http://www.bostonthamil.com/>, also, we are attaching a copy of the membership application with this communication. We, again, humbly request you to renew your membership, become a member and be an active participant in your BTA!

Thank you,

2010-2011 Board of Directors