



Boston Tamil Association of New England Inc
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Charitable / Non-Profit Organization. (Tax ID 20-0862775)

May 4, 2009

Dear BTA Community,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Board of Directors for 2009-2010. We intend to serve to the best of our ability with the goal of reaching out to all the 300+ Tamil Families from Sri Lanka living in New England.

May we also take this opportunity to thank the previous Board of Directors (BOD) for their valuable contribution to the BTA community. We met the previous BOD members and they were very helpful and we are in the process of transferring past BTA records.

We are pleased to inform you that we plan to hold the following events during our term. Please mark your calendars. The Board of Directors 2009/2010 would like to welcome all of the Sri Lankan Tamils who live in New England to participate, volunteer, and support the upcoming BTA events.

June 6, 2009	Tamil Class graduation day (9.30 am)
June 27, 2009	Picnic and Sports Day (9.00 am to 6.00 pm)
July 24, 2009	Kalai Vizha rehearsal Day (starting at 2.00 pm)
July 25, 2009	Kalai Vizha Day (starting at 4.30 pm)
October 17, 2009	Deepavali Dinner Function
December 5, 2009	Christmas Dinner Function
January 2010 (TBD)	Thaipongal Day Function and Special General Meeting to select Moderators
April 2010 (TBD)	Tamil New Year Day Function and Annual General Meeting

The location, time and other details will be forwarded with the event reminder.

Kalai Vizha 2009

To help organize our annual Kalai Vizha, we are pleased to appoint **Kumar Ponnampalam (Ruban) as the Lead Program Coordinator**. We request volunteers who wish to coordinate programs to contact Ruban (H-978.447.1550, C-978.319.0455) by May 18, 2009 - 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 and special talents. The BOD will forward guidelines in a separate email.



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Since the Sri Lankan Tamil community is growing in New England, we plan to introduce new exciting initiatives to engage all the Tamils. The new initiatives include,

- 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 assist BTA community with start-up guidance, funding opportunities and business leads, 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.

Please renew your membership, for the new fiscal year beginning on May 1, and be an active participant in your BTA! Encourage other Sri Lankan Tamils from the New England area to become members and help enrich our BTA. Please visit the website www.bostonthamil.com for additional information.

Thank you,

2009-2010 Board of Directors

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