

BANAVANI

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GREETINGS FROM ATLANTA!

President's Message



Dear BANA Members,

It's finally a new year. Happy New Year to all of you and your families. So, we all survived 2021 and look forward to a much better new year. We hope you are all vaccinated, boosted and keeping safe. We at the Atlanta 2022 BANA team are looking forward to later this year, when we will finally be able to meet up again and have a great convention here in Atlanta. It's been an unusually long time since we all got together. The dates are set. The Atlanta BANA Convention will be held from July 1st to 4th, 2022. We hope to see as many of you as possible in our beautiful city.

An email has already been sent out detailing the dates, venue, and hotel details. We hope you have all seen it and are making your own plans accordingly. The Atlanta team is busy getting everything organized to ensure that you have a blast in the south. This issue of Banavani will include all the details for your information. Please read and plan at your leisure. We're all awaiting y'all with tremendous anticipation.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding the convention.

Best regards,

Shirish Shetty (Ph: **404-822-6590**)

Scholarship Winners – 2020/2021

Thank you to all the candidates who submitted their scores. The BANA EC Team, along with the Scholarship Committees, have selected the following winners. Congratulations to the winners and we hope to see you at the convention to collect your awards.

KM Shetty Memorial SAT Scholarship--\$500: – 2020/2021 Winner

Diya K Shetty from San Jose, CA (daughter of Sandeep and Sunita Shetty)

Lila Shetty Memorial MCAT Scholarship--\$5,000: – 2020/2021 Winner

Alok Shetty from Kensington, MD (Son of Sudhir and Madhavi Shetty)

BANA Convention Information and Links

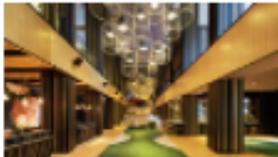
Please visit www.bana.org/Atlanta2022 for convention details.

July 1 -4, 2022, Atlanta



July 1st to 4th July 2022

Venue



[Hotel Midtown Atlanta](#)
Please click to reserve your
[hotel room.](#)

Event Registration



[BANA 2022 Registration Options](#)

More about BANA 2022



BANA Convention Registration Prices:

Tariff Card

Purchase using Credit Card

Registration Type	By May 1st	By May 31st	After June 1st
Adult	\$394.00	\$420.00	\$445.00
12 and under	\$187.00	\$212.00	\$238.00
5 and Under	Free	Free	Free

Purchase using Zelle or Check

Registration Type	By May 1st	By May 31st	After June 1st
Adult	\$380.00	\$405.00	\$430.00
12 and under	\$180.00	\$205.00	\$230.00
5 and Under	Free	Free	Free

[Click here to Download Registration form if mailing in](#)

BANA Convention Registration Form:



BANA 2022, - Registration Form
July 1st - July 4th 2022,
Atlanta, GA

Registrant's Name :		Last Name :	
Spouse Name :		Last Name :	
Address :			
City :		State :	Zip :
Phone :		Email :	
Phone :		Email :	
BANA Member (Yes/No) :			

Registration Type	By May 1	By May 31	From June 1st
Adult	\$380.00	\$405.00	\$430.00
12 & Under	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$225.00
5 & Under	Free	Free	Free

#	Attendees Name	Adult	12 & Under	5 & Under	Amount	Golf	Tennis	T Shirt S, M, L, XL
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
Total								

Total : \$ _____

- ⇒ ZELLE & Checks are the preferred form of payments. If mailing in , please return the registration form along with the check by May 1, 2022 to avoid increased rates.
- ⇒ Credit Card processing - There will be a service fee of an extra 2.50% for processing using credit cards.
- ⇒ Hotel Booking is not included in the registration fee - to book your room please visit [Hilton Midtown](#)
- ⇒ Golfers - Please note there is an extra fee involved - Contact Gautham Rai at 651-246-2592 for more info
- ⇒ Tennis is available for interested enthusiasts
- ⇒ Refer to **BANA 2022 FAQ** for more info , including Covid Policy, Cancellation & Partial Registration

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BANA Convention FAQ (See website for details):

More about BANA 2022	
01	Where is BANA 2022
<p>ATLANTA BODRIBU - We ,Atlanta Buds are extremely delighted to host the BANA 2022 , especially after the pandemic which has changed our life styles in many ways and the way we do things (we are almost virtual), so very glad we get to meet our members again and make new friends mesh values to the fest.</p> <p>f w</p>	
02	When & Where in Atlanta
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BANA Convention Day by Day Schedule Breakdown:

BANA CONVENTION 2022

July 1st (Friday)



- **BANA Registration open : 11 AM to 5 PM**
- **Youth Meetup/Networking : 3 PM to 6 PM**
- **Cocktail Reception: 6.30 PM onwards**
 - Entertainment, Drinks, Dinner, Dancing, Free Baby Sitting Services provided

July 2nd (Saturday)



- **Picnic: Location Piedmont Park (walk to park from hotel) 8 AM to 4 PM**
 - Breakfast at Park (8 AM to 9.30 AM)
 - Lunch at Park (11.30 AM to 1.30 PM)
 - Various Fun Activities for all
- **Cocktail Reception at Hotel Midtown: 6.30 PM Onwards**
 - Entertainment, Drinks, Dinner, Dancing, Free Baby Sitting Services provided
 - After Hours Lounge: Hotel Midtown

July 3rd (Sunday)



- **Breakfast: 8 AM to 9.30 AM at Hotel Midtown**
- **General Body Meeting: 9 AM to 10.30 AM at Hotel Midtown**
- **Breakout sessions and Activities: 10:30 AM Onwards**
- **Banquet: 6.30 PM onwards at Hotel Midtown**
 - Entertainment, Drinks, Dinner, Dancing, Free Baby Sitting Services provided
 - After Hours Lounge: Hotel Midtown

July 4th (Monday)



- **Checkout**

Atlanta BANA team Spring 2022 Picnic

Hey everyone. The Atlanta host families had a lovely spring picnic on March 20th, at Fowler Park. A good time was had by all. Here's the BANA Convention host team all together, to let you know we are waiting to host all of you in beautiful Atlanta for BANA 2022. Hope you're as excited as us about coming here.



YES, we are waiting for Y'All in Atlanta – BANA Convention July 1st thru 4th

Regional News

Bay Area

(Submitted by Megha Shetty, Rajesh Shetty, Regional Representatives)

We had no idea what to expect in terms of participation for our Diwali event even though it was outdoor for the very first time. We are so thankful to our SF Bay Area Bunt families for their overwhelming support. We had around 80 families and 200 people at the event. Going by the feedback we received, it seems like everyone had a great time at the event. We ensured that the usual Diwali get together hallmarks like venue decoration, performances, DJ music etc. were intact inspite of the outdoor setting. One of the special moments at the event was when we had all the SF Bay Area former reps for the last 2 decades come together for a picture. That was truly special!



New England

(Submitted by Puja Shetty, Regional Representatives)

Events



New England Bunts celebrated Diwali at Godavari restaurant organized by Kalpana Shetty and Shivram Shetty. It was so nice to see everyone after the two Covid vaccinations. Adults and kids had a lot of fun with yummy food and lots of laughter. Our very own Raghu Kinnigoly and Rashmi Shetty were the DJs of the evening and got everyone on the dance floor.

Birth Announcement

Rakshit and Sowjanya Rai, of Burlington, MA, welcomed their twins, Ayaan and Aryan on September 14th 2021. Big brother Seyan is very excited



Awards



Esha Shetty (daughter of Sapna Shetty), senior at Clark University, speaks about her passion for art and her art journey. Esha Shetty is a regular attendee of BANA and has enjoyed attending and performing at BANA events.

https://centralmasstownsquare.com/taking-colorful-art-to-the-next-level-forming-a-meaning-through-eyes/?fbclid=IwAR35es3uPbF--9iQQ7c-2gCcIDXTW06ss_tF9YsTTBz2l-knbgypV7ihA54

Sneha Shetty (daughter of Ashwin and Puja Shetty), junior at University of Connecticut, along with co- captain Maya Reddy, led her UConn Surya Bollywood fusion dance team to first place at the Maryland Minza National inter-collegiate dance competition, created to foster cultural awareness and passion for dancing. It was held at Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville, MD on Feb 19th 2022.

BANA has been a great part of her dance journey and she has always enjoyed performing at BANA events, since 2007.



Riyyan Bhandary, son of Dhruv and Sonal Bhandary won the Eastern Massachusetts All Star and Dual County League All Star in 2020 and 2021 for Soccer, while representing his Varsity Soccer team. His club soccer team, of which he was captain, won the 2021 New England Soccer Championship.

Weddings

Dr. Shaina Shetty, daughter of Mrs. Minni and Mr. Subhas V. Shetty of Rochester Hills, Michigan married Mr. Patrick Sier on Saturday, August 14th, 2021.

The wedding and reception was held at 63rd Street Beach House, Chicago, Illinois and was attended by family and friends. The young couple live in Chicago.

Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.



New Scholarship

Dr. Narayan Shetty of Pittsburgh, PA, recently donated \$100,000 (INR 75.4 lakhs) to establish the Smt. Lila N. Shetty memorial scholarship at NITTE University, Mangalore.

Interest from this scholarship fund will support four scholarships to be awarded annually to deserving graduate students and Paramedics.

Scholarships will be managed by the Board of Trustees at the University.

We would like to commend Dr. Narayan Shetty for his continued philanthropic work on behalf of BANA. He is a great role model for all of us to follow.

Announcements

Nia Shetty, 11, of Houston, TX, daughter of Mithali and Dr. Anil Shetty, held her first book signing at a panel event. She was the star author at the event and served on the discussion panel at the Page to Stage event. Congratulations Nia on being a published author at such a young age.

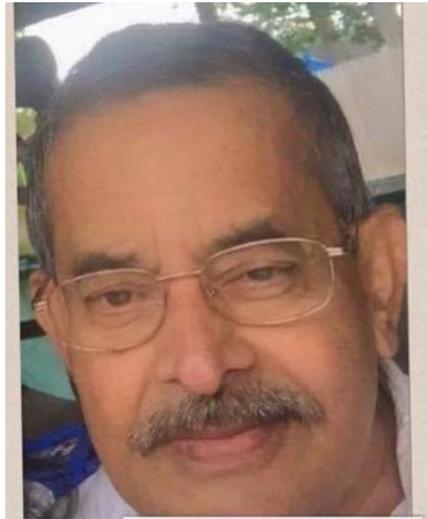


Obituary

Dr. Ramesh Subbayya Hegde, of Wesley Chapel, Florida died peacefully in his home on Thursday October 7, 2021. Dr. Hegde was born October 1, 1940 in Karkala, India. On May 26, 1969 he married Sucharitha Hegde with whom he raised two sons, Sanjay and Vikram. A devoted father and husband, he was also a gifted student of science who achieved his PhD at the age of 28 and continued on in the field of chemistry throughout his life. In 1971 he moved to the United States with his wife to further pursue his career and saw great success in the field of water purification with the Millipore Corporation.

As a husband and father Dr. Hegde showed his wife and sons the world with many trips to foreign and domestic locales, always broadening his family's horizons and reminding them how much there is to know and learn in this world. He was viewed as a father figure by many in his community, always welcoming those new to the country from India to share his wisdom and a seat at his table.

In his later years he drew immense pleasure from spoiling his four grandchildren and watching in fascination as they grew up right before his eyes. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Sucharitha Hegde, his older son Sanjay and his wife Tanya, his younger son Vikram and his wife Alexandra, his four grandchildren Miles, Anika, Nolan, and Viyona, his younger brother Suresh Hegde and his younger sister Sarala Shetty. He was greatly loved and respected by his community and will be sorely missed. He was in the BANA EC committee in 1991 as BANA Secretary, a BANA life member and great supporter and regular attendee of BANA conventions. He was loved by all.



Mrs. Lakshmi Jayaraman, mother of Vaidy and Jaya passed away in Virginia on Feb 24, 2022.

Vaidy shares his memories, "It is with deep sadness that I wish to inform you that my mother Lakshmi Jayaraman passed away peacefully this morning, She was 81 years old and in great health even last night when she went to bed. She was a lady with a lot of initiative and extremely positive about every single thing. She has always been a great support in my life and someone I have always looked up to. She was extremely simple, grounded and I have learnt so much from her, she will be greatly missed. May her soul rest in peace.

Vaidy Jayaraman and Sowmya Shetty Jayaraman, and their children Rahul and Ram live in Ashburn, Virginia. Vaidy's sister Jaya and brother-in law Sankar reside in California.



Dr. Ratnakar S. Shetty, M.D., 81, of Mt. Holly, NC, formerly of Beaver, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, November 25, 2021.

Born November 7, 1940 in Brahmavara, Karnataka India, he was a son of the late Sarvotham and Gulabi Shetty. Ratnakar began his long career in medicine at St. Xavier's College, Bombay, India in 1957. He arrived in the United States in 1964, for an internship at Samaritan Hospital in Troy, NY. Specializing in Internal and Pulmonary Medicine, he first practiced in Reading, PA until 1977, where he was Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at Community General Hospital, arriving in the Beaver Valley area in 1978.

He was a member of Tri-State Medical Group, HVHS, Beaver Valley, from 1998 until present. Ratnakar was affiliated with Ellwood City Hospital and the former Medical Center, Beaver.

Ratnakar held many professional certifications and memberships, including serving as a member of the Royal College of Physicians, and a clinical tutor at Galway Medical Centre, Ireland; the American Medical Association; and Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

In the medical community, Ratnakar had served as Director of the Beaver County Heart Association; Director of the Beaver County Medical Society; President of the Medical Staff, Medical Center Beaver; and Chairman of the Critical Care Committee, Heritage Valley Health System, along with holding several other leadership positions. He was also a member of the New Brighton Lions Club.

Ratnakar will be greatly missed by his wife of nearly 46 years, Yolan Shetty; sons, Kiran (Courtney) Shetty, Randolph, NJ, and Nathan (Bina) Shetty, Charlotte, NC; granddaughter, Sahaeli Shetty; 3 nieces, Ribitha, Risha, and Nina; and a nephew, Sarvotham; along with his wife's family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Karunakar Shetty, and sister, Lila Shetty.

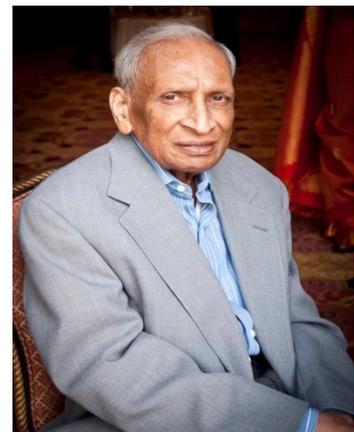
Memorial contributions in Ratnakar's name may be made to the American Heart Association, or Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH.



Hemalatha J. Shetty, beloved wife of Jayakar Shetty and loving mother to Kirti and Sudhir, passed away peacefully in Baltimore, MD, on October 20, 2021. She will also be missed deeply by her siblings, Indira, Shantharam, Saroja and Sakaram, her daughter-in-law Madhavi, and her grandchildren, Shefali, Alok, Aditi and Rohan, as well as numerous other relatives and close friends.

A puja to celebrate her rich life was held at SBAT temple in Ijamsville, MD on Nov. 6, 2021. To honor her memory, donations may be made to Gilchrist Hospice at www.gilchristcares.org.

Dr. Y. Krishna Shetty, passed away on September 12th, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Shetty served on the faculty of the College of Business Administration, Utah State University at Logan, Utah, for over 30 years, before retiring in Salt Lake City. Dr. Shetty received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Shabari, daughters, Arathi and Anila, son-in-law, Bharath Sundaram, and grandchildren, Sahil and Siona. He was a long time member of BANA and he will be dearly missed.



Shambhavi Shetty, 88, wife of late Kapu Kothwal Guthu Ananda Shetty, passed away peacefully at her home in Montgomery Village, Maryland on August 29th 2021. She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law Aruna & Suman Shetty, daughter Usha Shetty Creamer, daughter & son-in-law Hemalatha & Satish Shetty, son & daughter-in-law Santosh & Sandhya Shetty, daughter-in-law Geeta Vivek Shetty, her grandchildren Dr. Adarsh Shetty (wife Abhi), Nishith Shetty (Fiancée Kavya), Amrita Shetty, Ashley Creamer, Pranay Shetty, Nishanth Shetty & Netan Shetty, her great grandchildren Amari & Ella, and her sisters & brother in India.

In Conclusion

We wanted you all to know how excited we in Atlanta are, as we prepare to welcome you to our beautiful city. Atlanta is already prettying itself up to welcome you. Cherry blossom and flowering peach trees are in bloom everywhere right now. Please join us for the BANA convention, July 1st to 4th, 2022, in beautiful, verdant Atlanta. Please consider this your personal invitation. We're eagerly waiting to show you some warm, southern hospitality. Please join us, y'all.