



# KAW

Kerala Association of Washington

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Dear Friend,

Warm Greetings from **KAW 2011 Team!!!** We would like to start this email with our thanks to last year's committee headed by Santhosh Nair & Santhosh Pillai for their contributions to our community... The 2011 Team led by President Tom John met and discussed the Vision & Goals for the year at Mercer Island Library last weekend. While we will continue to support and stage more cultural events and sports activities, here are five important areas EC'2011 team would like to also focus attention on:

#### Value-Added Services:

KAW 2011 EC is forming FOUR forums to serve you:

(Kickoff/Details to be announced at the **Educational Seminar on April 2nd**)

- **Legal/Immigration** - to assist with various Immigration issues, Will preparation etc
- **Medical Services** - to assist with your non-urgent Medical-related queries
- **Career Center** - to assist with Job search, test/interview preparation
- **KAW Helpline** - to assist with any support KAW members may need

#### Ensure Youth Representation:

- KAW Youth & Teen has to play a bigger role if we are to sustain this great organization. With this in mind, EC 2011 would like to constitute a Youth and a Students Wing. If you are student aged between 15 & 21, **let us know if you would like to join the Students Wing** and you may **join the Youth Wing** if you are 30 or below. EC 2011 envisions the youth and student wings independently planning & coordinating activities in their own spheres. e.g. : SAT Preparation/Maths classes, Nature Hikes, Bowling Nite etc...

#### Facilitate Malayalam Classes:

- The one bond which connects us back to our great motherland...We are working with various libraries in Seattle to resume Malayalam classes. If your child cannot talk to your grandparents/elders in Kerala in Malayalam, please do not look further for a nobler motive for enrolling them...

#### Give back to our local Community:

- While charity efforts for the needy in our homeland will always be dear to our heart, we would like to extend our hands to the less fortunate humans in our beautiful adopted land too. We envisage

supporting local Food Banks, Cancer Walks, Blood Drives etc to name a few. Our fine Youth, put your best foot forward!

### **Better the Financial Health of KAW:**

- EC 2011 ideates that growing the KAW savings will help us in setting worthwhile long-term goals like having our own community center in say, 10 years time or if any major financial help had to be offered to any KAW members.

I know this a long e-mail, but we feel so passionate about the new initiatives that we couldn't wait to tell you...

### **Now, announcing the two Upcoming Events:**

- **Mammootty-starrer "Best Actor" on March 26th 1.30 pm at [Totem Lake Cinema](#).** Let's start with this hilarious hit movie which revolves around a School teacher who wants to become a film star. Cast includes Mammootty, Shruti, Lal, Nedumudi Venu, Suraj Venjaramoodu, Salim Kumar, Sreenivasan etc. Kids less than 8 year old get free entry. KAW members will need to pay only 8\$ while non-members rate is \$12. (As you may know, this year's KAW Membership runs from March 1 2011 to February 29, 2012. You may renew your membership (15 dollars for a family for a whole year!) via [Paypal@KAW Website](#) or at the Movie Venue or anytime directly with any of the KAW EC members... The Membership/Ticket counter will be open from 12.30 pm on March 26th for your convenience.
- **World Cup Cricket Prediction Contest.** With Cricket fever on the rise, predict the winners and runners-up and win fabulous prizes... Check [KAW Facebook](#) page for details.

### **Please mark these Dates in your calendar:**

- March 26th Saturday - Mammootty Movie "Best Actor" at Totemlake Cinema
- April 2nd Saturday - KAW Learning Series Seminar
- April 29th Friday - KAW Mega Stageshow
- June 25th Saturday - KAW Annual Picnic

Requesting only one action... your Whole-hearted co-operation...That's all we will ask for...

Cheers!!!

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