

President's Letter

Spring 2018

Hello dear lover of Astrology. I hope that this edition finds you and your family doing well and prospering. We here at ACVA are re-adjusting and bearing up well enough, after the losses of our dedicated board members, Jessica Sayles, and Bill Levacy.

Thank you to all my friends and colleagues who have contacted me to offer their support of my position as the new president of ACVA. I appreciate the gestures and will rely on your good will and generous offers of help, in the future. It is apparent that I have some very big shoes to fill, and I promise to do my best to carry on the excellent legacy of our previous three presidents.

Of course, the board of directors has done the actual work of maintaining ACVA's educational mission. Christina Collins, Shoba Mohan, Angela Pennington, Swati Tipnis, and Karina Weil – thank you so much! Your brilliance, creativity, and beautiful spirits are a blessing to the world of contemporary Jyotish. Your energy and sacrifices are carrying forward the legacy of the great minds and hearts of those who came before. It's an honor to work with you.

The American College of Vedic Astrology is now positioned to be even more accessible to even more learners. We have the state of the art infrastructure in place to expand our course offerings. ACVA is training the next generation of successful professional, practicing jyotishis! Our predecessors would be proud. Thanks to all of you who have made this possible, so far.

ACVA is also honored to have earned the distinction of having been chosen to be the only organization representing Vedic Astrology at the United Astrology Conference. ACVA's impeccable reputation has earned us a sponsorship position along with four other Western Astrology organizations. This UAC conference is the largest Astrological meeting in the world, taking place in Chicago in May 2018. Angela Pennington and the rest of the ACVA board have been working diligently for the past two years towards representing Jyotish at this remarkable international event.

Information and UAC registration here: <https://www.uacastrology.com/>

ACVA will be hosting an all-day workshop at UAC, "Facets of Vedic Astrology: Systems and Methods" on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, from 10 am – 5 pm. Presenters include: Shoba Mohan, Christina Collins, Dennis Harness, Gary Gomes, Charlotte Benson, and Ronnie Gale Dreyer. US\$45 for the entire day. [Register for this event directly through ACVA](#). This is our ACVA fund-raiser, so please participate by registering now. Or please forward this to those who may be interested.

Happy Vedic New Year – Happy Ugadi to all! This fresh energy for the coming year began at the new Moon of March 17, 2018. Christina Collins has offered some thoughts on this, in this edition.

ACVA is expanding. If you are looking for a worthy venue for your seva, and would like to be considered as a member of our creative team, please contact me directly: cb@charlottebenson.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Again – thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your interest in, and for your support for, the labor of love that is The American College of Vedic Astrology. Keep looking up! Charlotte

