

Greetings ACVA Family and Friends,

I know it's cliché, but it feels like each passing year goes by faster than the last. As 2018 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the past year and what's to come.

This year has been the most transformative year ever for ACVA. As we rang in the New Year 2018 we were confronted with the loss of our Vice President Jessica Sayles. Her knowledge of Jyotish, Hindu Studies and education shaped and infused the ACVA curriculum with light.

While still mourning the loss of Jessica, six weeks later, we said goodbye to our Commander-in-Chief Dr. Bill Levacy. Dr. Levacy created Vedic Astrology Coaching™, bringing a modern influence to this ancient science.

In March, Charlotte Benson was appointed as President of ACVA. A long time board member, she *"hit the ground running"* bringing her own remarkable talents to outreach and leading the way at the United Astrology Conference 2018 in Chicago last May. Charlotte organized a wonderful blessing for ACVA at UAC and we've been on an upward trajectory since then.

UAC was a phenomenal event. Three years in the planning, hosted by five astrology organizations. Truly a labor of love demonstrated by the highest attendance on record.

Throughout the year, our new LMS has been painstakingly guided and built by Karina Weil, Swati Tipnis and Shoba Mohan.

Jyotish is having an impact. Throughout the year, opportunities have opened up to share the light of the Jyotir Vidya. In March, I was invited to share some age-appropriate Astrology with grade school kids through the Washington State Parks & Rec department. That was a first for them! In August this same Municipal group invited me back, to share Vedic Astrology Coaching techniques with them. Charlotte presented a lecture "An Introduction to Vedic Astrology" to a standing-room-only (paying) crowd at the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art in New York City in August. It seems that people are becoming much more familiar with profound and fascinating Vedic Astrology.

Presently, ACVA is testing the new LMS with volunteer learners. We are preparing for a full scale launch in 2019, guaranteeing high quality education for serious astrologers all around the world.

Although difficult at times, the ACVA Steering Committee and Board of Directors have surmounted and embraced unavoidable change. A true testament to the quality of individuals at ACVA. I know Dr. Bill and Jessica are smiling on us.

We look forward to a new and exciting year of growth. Happy New Year!