

Note from the President: June 2026

By Professor Charlotte Benson, ACVA President



Dear Friends of ACVA –

Welcome to the Solstice edition of The ACVA Comet.

Jupiter exalted in Cancer does not disappoint! In the past few weeks, I’ve observed a justified increase in optimism, and renewed faith in the unknown future – both personally, and with clients in my consulting practice. Some worldview has improved, it seems. Somehow – thank Heavens! I hope you can make the most of this special Jupiter.

Speaking of this special Jupiter blessing, we hope that you will enjoy and benefit from the ideas in the excellent articles offered here. We are especially pleased to present to you our guest contributors: Aditi Sinha, Sandeep Tyagi, Peter Dawson, and Dhruv Singh. I learned something from each of their articles!

Pratik Mehta, ACVA’s Director of Social Media and Community Engagement (aka the “Sherlock of the Skies”) has written a bit of a lighthearted treatise on rational speculation of the birth rasi. Dr. Lynn Bootes also offers “The Observatory,” succinct and useful as ever. Our Provost and Dean of Academics Juliana Swanson has written an illuminating article about the solstice.

So, you have some wonderful summer reading in this edition. Thank you all!

ACVA is also busy preparing for the rare and wonderful UAC conference, being held in Chicago in less than three months. We are very proud to be the sole sponsor to represent Jyotish at this American/International Kumbha Mela for astrologers! We expect to have 1,500 participants

including Dr. Lynn Bootes, Gizem Heukelom, Ronnie Gale Dryer, Komilla Sutton, Joni Patry, Ksanati Nakshatra, Sam Geppi, Simon Chokoisky, Freedom Cole, Dr. Dennis Harness, and many others. I will be delighted to meet you in person, there on the Miracle Mile!

Here is the link for registration: <https://uacastrology.com/uac-2026-registration/>

ACVA has presented some wonderful webinars recently. Look for more information about scheduled webinars on our social networks and here in the quarterly ACVA Comet, or monthly ACVA Asteroid. When you become an ACVA member these monthly webinars are free! You can read about the benefits of membership, and sign up here: <https://acvaonline.org/membership>

Finally, thank you to our recent donors. You help make ACVA, our labor of love, manifest!

With all best wishes to you and your families,

Charlotte Benson (Jyoti Devi)