



## **AGENDA for CARTHA Aspirations Gathering**

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm US Central Time

**Join Zoom Meeting (which will be recorded): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82891817142>**

### **CARTHA Board Members**

Usha Balakrishnan (Board Chair), Iowa City, IA  
Lois Bartelme, Iowa City, IA  
Nancy Halder, Iowa City, IA  
Linda Harrar, Boston, MA  
Luke Juran, Blacksburg, VA  
Judith Leavitt, Iowa City, IA  
Roger Williamson, Iowa City, IA

*Cultivating Collaborative Doers for Humanity*

### **\*A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF KEITH GUILLORY OF IOWA CITY WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCT. 7, 2022\***

#### **A. Focus Areas for CARTHA: Social Innovation, Fusion Philanthropy, and Healthfulness**

**1:30 - 1:40 pm** Self-Intros by CARTHA Board Members present: **Usha Balakrishnan** (Board Chair), **Nancy Halder; Judy Leavitt; Lois Bartelme; Luke Juran**

**1:40 – 1:45 pm** Updates on Past CARTHA Fellows: **Ajai Niumai** (2006); **Akash Gururaja** (2018)

#### **B. Programs (Glocalizers, Fellowships): Socializing Singing Memories in Musically-Diverse Ways**

**1:45 - 2:00 pm** Iowa Corridor Sangeet: Update (Post-COVID event held on Aug 25!) **Nitin Karandikar**

**2:00 - 2:30 pm** Healing thru Musicality in Parks: Singing Nooks as Social Innovation in Urban Planning  
THANK YOU to **Trevor Harvey, Roger Williamson, and Assata Caldwell Worrell** for brainstorming in 2018! To City of Iowa City (**Geoff Fruin; Juli Johnson**)! To broader community: **Aida Mengistu; Rahul Rastogi; Ute Grimlund; Christie Marian; Anitha Gururaja; Kay Seery; Shalini Kapoor; Odalys Campagna; Humanities Iowa (Heather Plucar; Linda Shenk); C.A. Mahoney; and others!**

#### **Sharing first-year of experiences after pilot program in Oct 2021 at Singing Nook-Willow Creek Park**

- Sponsoring musical events through nonprofits, **Jean Littlejohn**, The Family Folk Machine
- Inspiring Creativity curricula for children at NCJC. **Tessa Musa; Rachel Rockwell**
- Urban Planning Course-**Jerry Anthony** (Feb. 2022). CARTHA Fellows (**Alexa Hunt; Joshua Engelbrecht; Emani Brinkman**)
- Conference session at Rotary-Thank you to past District 6000 Governor **Alka Khanolkar, Bill Koellner** (Apr. 2022). Table Display: **Nancy Halder; Anthem-Tejas Gururaja; Sam Strathearn** Tipton Rotary Club (Jul 2022), **Larry Hanon**; Community Leadership Prog. (Sep. 2022)-**Ryan Bell**
- Open-Air Karaoke in Parks: “Rotoraoke” Sep. 2022. **Richard Campagna**
- Pop-Up Singing Nook Program at Rotary Music Park at Camp Courageous: Joyful singing breakthroughs with Special Needs individuals and caregivers (Aug 13 & Oct 2). **Paddy Puthige, Ram Sompallae, Seetha Nagarajan, Elizabeth Hoover de Galvez**—*Carthans who came with their musically-talented school-aged children!* Thank you to Camp Courageous (**John Geyer, Kaite Ryan**); Monticello Rotary Club (**Creighton Randolph**); 2012 CARTHA Fellow **Rodney Maiden**
- Outreach presentations (Leadership Iowa Alumni-Jan. 2022; and LI Current Class: May 2022)

### **\*USHA SINGS TO SEND GOOD VIBES FOR JOHN BUKACEK OF CHICAGO WHO IS VERY ILL SINCE OCT. 8, 2022\***

#### **C. Emerging Program Ideas for 2023 and beyond**

**2:30 - 2:40 pm** **Ananya Sen Gupta**

**2:40 - 2:50 pm** **Brigitte Muehlmann; Judy Leavitt; Lois Bartelme**

**2:50 - 2:55 pm** **David Gonzalez**

### **\*POETRY “MY BECKONING” FROM *SOUNDINGS*, RECENT PUBLISHED COLLECTION BY DAVID GONZALEZ \***

**2:55 - 3:00 pm** Wrap-Up/Adjournment [*Informal Conversation Continues: Linger On, Share Ideas!*]