IAFC hosts reception for mountaineer

Dallas - The Texas State chapter of the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) a non-profit organization hosted a community reception to Malli Mastan Babu on August 27, 2006, at Bhemas Restaurant in Irving, Texas.

This event was supported by the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), India Association of North America (IANT), Telugu Association of North Texas (TANTEX), Corpus Company, and FunAsiA Bhemas Restaurant. Prasad Thotakura, Texas State Coordinator of IAFC welcomed the gathering and introduced Malli Mastan Babu to the audience.

Malli Mastan Babu was born in a middle class agricultural family in a small village called "Gandhi Janasangam" in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh, India. He did his primary schooling from Sainik School Korukonda, Andhra Pradesh. Graduated in Electrical Engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur (1992-1996), Master of Technology in Electronics from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (1996-1998) and Post Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (2002-2004).

In 2006, he embarked on an audacious odyssey of climbing the tallest peak of each continent and set a new world record by climbing

all of them in the shortest span of only 172 days. He also became the first Indian to accomplish the seven summits mission.

Malli Mastan Babu thanked Prasad Thotakura, Dr. Yogi Chimata and all organizations involved for taking initiative to coordinate this reception and the felicitation.