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Actions
Next Steps..

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Generational Spectrum, not a Gap?



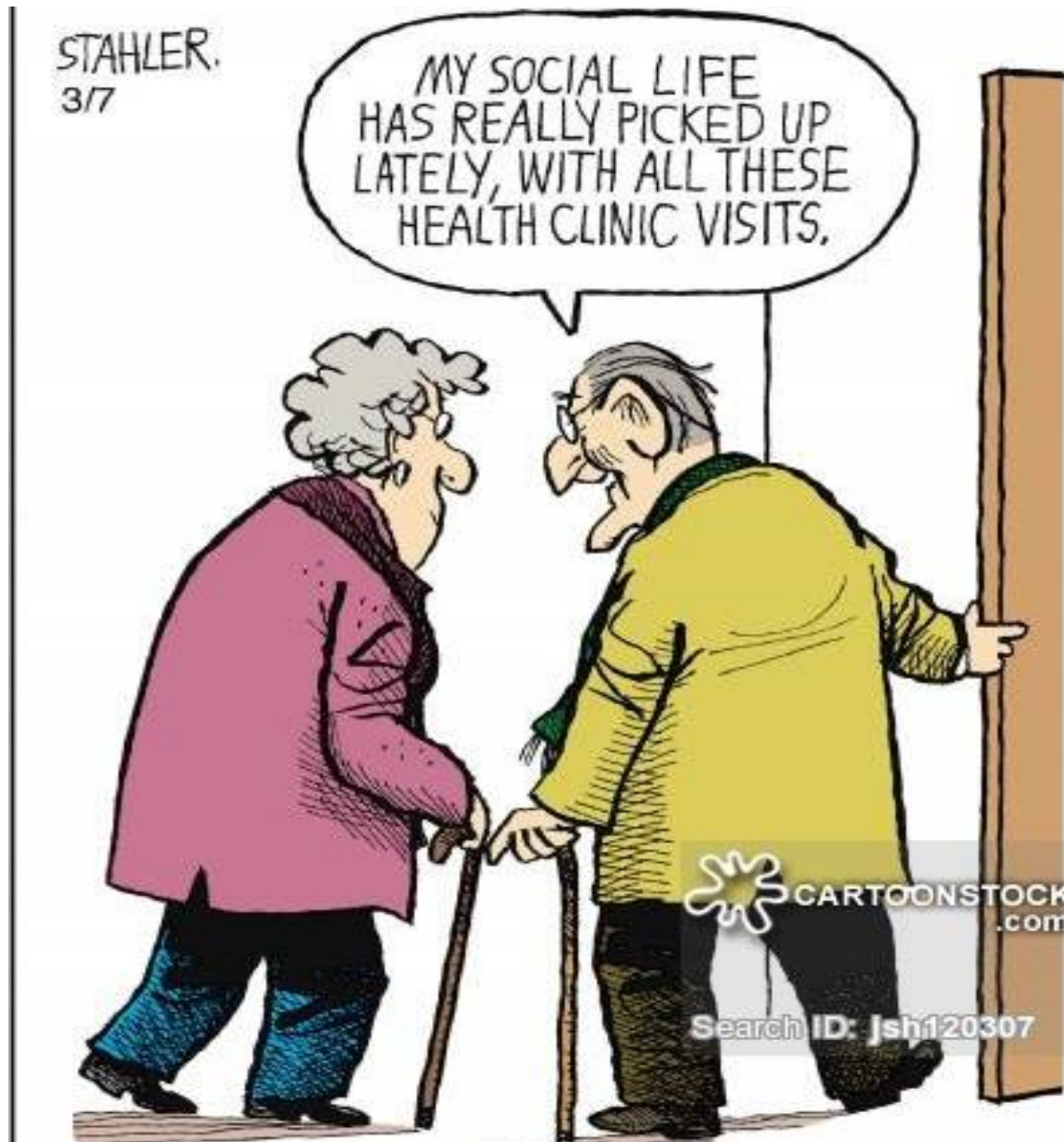
Generation A

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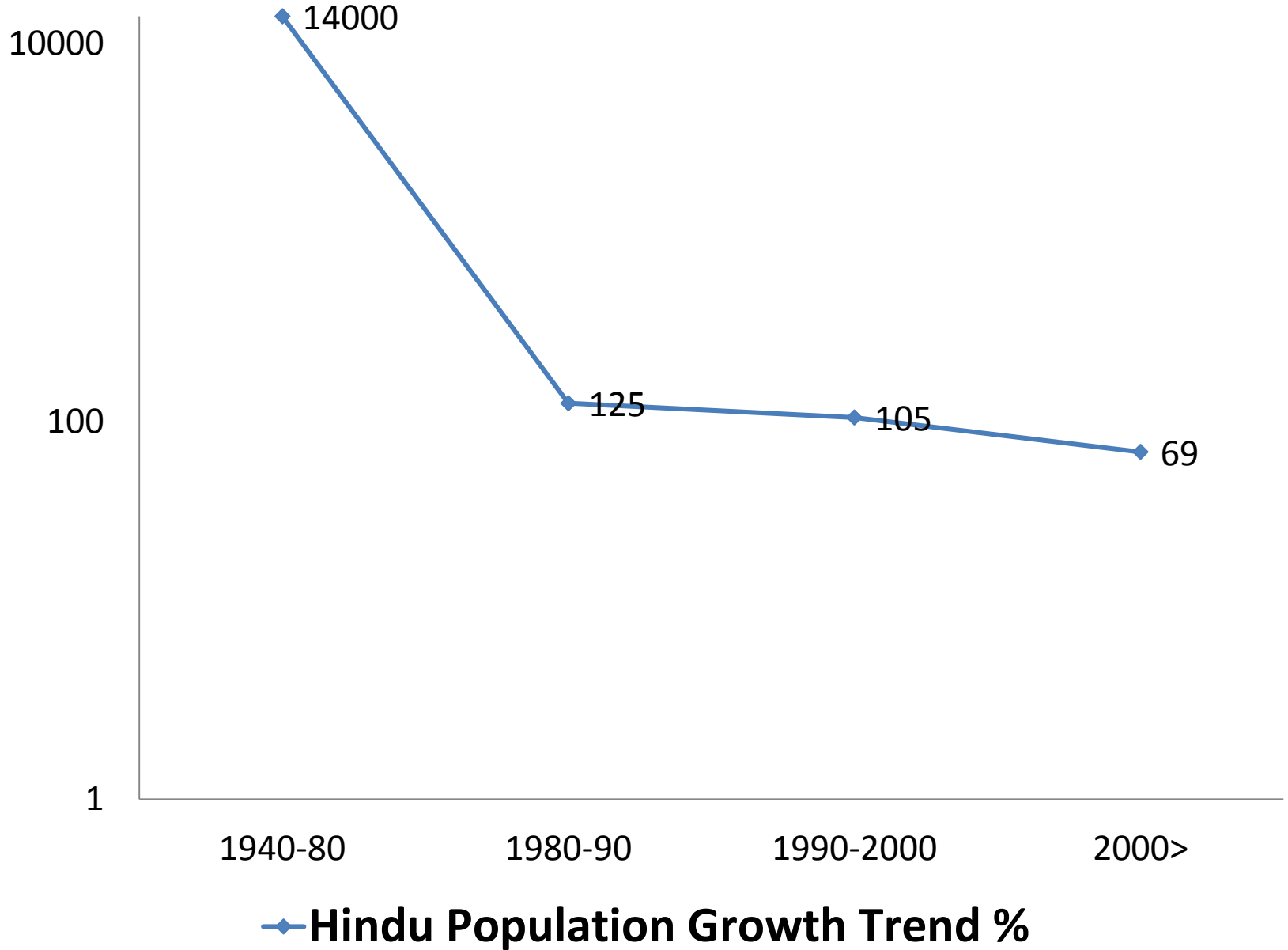
Do they really lack strength / vision?



Vanaprasthis Social Life!!!!



Legacy Challenge



Next Steps?

Treasure to Legacy

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Engage Vanaprasthis in meaningful Activities

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Come up with suggestions for a dynamic working model that helps shift the focus of our groups/temples/spiritual institutions

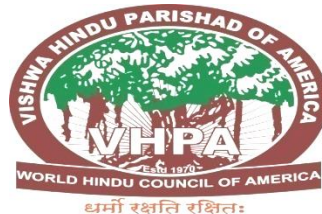
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just rituals/meetings/celebrations

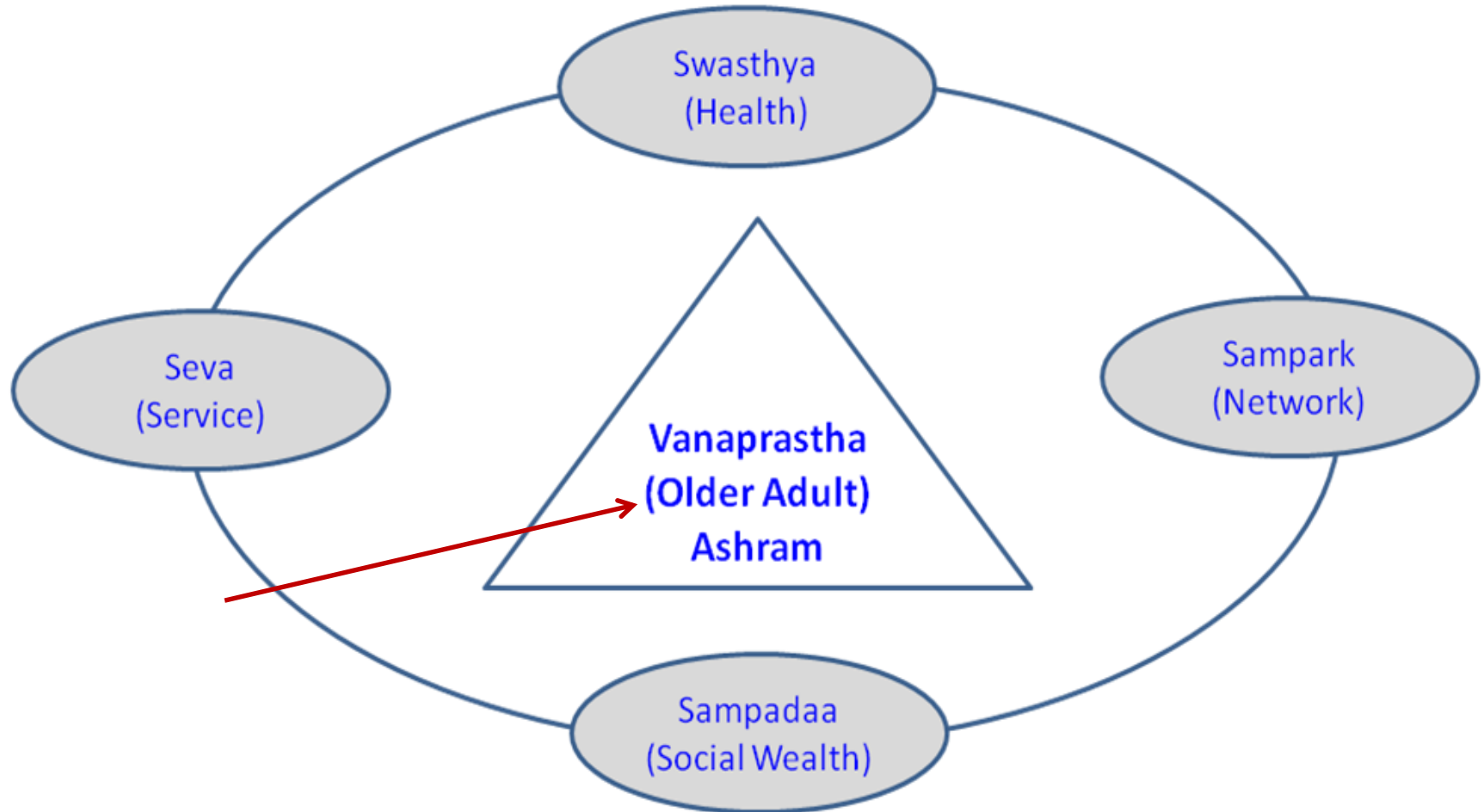
to

- Creating - 'institutions of learning'
- Planting - 'roots of pride' for our younger/future generations

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Areas of work



Summary

- Conflict Free Life
- Transition to life of Service and Wisdom (YL)
- Leave the world better then inherited.
- Vanaprasthis can be preachers.
- We do not want to be burden to our children.
- Most misunderstood tradition in North America (by Hindus themselves. What about Future gen?)
- Enhance role of Vanaprasthi Women
- Traditional family setup alleviates Mental illness.
- Create a living will. Protect your spouse.

Action Items to Move forward

- Strengthening HAVAN: Create a national structure. Communication, Members database.
- Seva Projects (Hindu Seva Divas, Support a child/EKAL, Health clinics etc.)
- Help in Organizing Future HAVAN Seminars
- Help Youth groups in their development and growth: Creating resources for youth and future generations
- Creating a library of useful material: Hindu History in North America.

History of Hindus in NA project

- Mission: To capture, preserve, and share history of Hindus in US (electronically). A peek into deeply personal stories, shared for posterity!
- **Story / data points:**
 - Why did you come to US: Immigration journey
 - How did your family and community was formed?
 - Professional achievements
 - Social challenges and learnings
 - Generation gap and challenges
 - Future ahead

Pass the Baton of Heritage at right Time to be in the race!



Generation to Generation

VISION

A dynamic, vibrant Hindu society inspired by the eternal values of Dharma and the lofty ideal of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam" - The entire creation is one family.



Chapters:

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Hindu Mandir Executives' Conference (HMEC)

Hindu Mandir Executives' Conference is an annual initiative seeking development of network between the executives of all Hindu *mandirs/Institutions* of America



Publications

Hindu American Vanaprasthi Network (HAVAN)

To serve the self development and identification of service fields need for retired and to be retired members.



SEVA: Support A Child, Ekal

Give gift of education to those who can't afford.



Hindu Awareness Yatra

Youth Camps, Bal Vihars

Coalition of Hindu Youth (CHY)

To develop a coalition among Hindu youth and Hindu youth organizations.



Hindu American Women Network

AHAD/ International Connections

Science and Santan Dharma Scholarship

PRACHAR (Awareness) * SAMSKAR (Values)
SEVA (Social Service) * SAMPARK (Network)