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President & Chairman Message

Hello Members:

Spring has finally arrived. The sight of green grass, and blooming flowers reminds me of a poem by the poet Ramesh Parekh – Taru Pahela Varsad Samu Avavu. As the weather gets warmer, we are planning some exciting events for our Samaj members. Before we dive into all the upcoming events, I want to update all of you on all the events since my last message.

The year 2006 has begun well for the Gujarati Samaj. We had two back-to-back successful events. The first event....The Samaj's first attempt at Health Fair was well attended. The second event....2006 Holi Celebration was a big success. We had 280 children performing with 14 choreographers working very hard to offer the most outstanding performance. Four invited guest groups added variety and excitement to the show. On behalf of EC & BOT, we would like to congratulate all the participants, their parents and choreographers for making 2006 Holi Celebration successful. During the past two months we also had Senior and Youth events. Our Seniors had their first get together of the year at Krishna Catering on April 30th, while GSY had their annual basketball tournament at

Cross of Christ Church on April 22nd. Both of these events were successful. Please read more details of these events in this issue of Samaj Darshan.

As you all know that Samaj has been very fortunate to have patrons in our community who have always helped us during the events and through out the entire year. We would like to recognize the contributors who have donated for 2006 Holi Celebration – Mrs. Pina Shah, Rita Shah and Alka Shah for the trophies, Dr. Akshay Shah, Dr. Avinash & Hema Desai and Mr. Iqbal Singh from Detroit Energy for their donations. Thank you all for your generosity.

Last month, as the President of Gujarati Samaj of Detroit, I was invited to meet the honorable Governor Jennifer Granholm. I was joined by leaders of other leading ethnic groups from Southeast Michigan to Governor's residence to discuss the topics ranging from ethnic diversity to state's economy & initiatives for revival to education. It was a very pleasant and informative meeting. I have personally extended an invitation to her and her family to attend our Diwali Celebration.

Now, for the upcoming events over the next few months....Gujarati Samaj Seniors have organized a 3-day tour to Vraj Haveli

beginning on Friday, June 9, 2006. On the way to and from Vraj Haveli, they will also visit temples in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Allentown. It will be a guaranteed fun filled event. Please note that one bus has been sold out already and space for the second bus is filling up quickly. Gujarati Samaj Youth is also planning another community event on May 13. See inside for more details. And for those who have been waiting for ... Our **Annual Picnic**, we will have this year's annual picnic at Kensington Park on Sunday, July 16th. Please mark your calendar to have fun at the park. More details will follow.

Friends, Samaj flourishes with the help of the members. Please encourage your friends to renew the membership if they have not done already. The forms are available online. Thanks for your continued support. And as always, we would love to hear from you, so please send your comments.

Happy Spring and enjoy the summer!!

Mayank Parikh
President, EC

Harendra Patel
Chairman, BOT

Vraj Yatra

From Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11, 2006

Samaj & Community News



Friendship that insists upon agreement on all matters is not worth the name. Friendship to be real must ever sustain the weight of honest differences, however sharp they are.

Mohandas Gandhi

Holi Celebration 2006 Rang Berangi DVDs

Bombay Video is offering complementary copy of complete Holi program DVD to all participants. Thanks to Anil Relan for excellent video recording and providing complete program on DVD. Holi program DVD's will be distributed to all Choreographers. Please contact your Choreographer for your copy.

Additional copies will be

available at a nominal charge. Please contact Bombay Video for additional copies.

Anil Relan
(586) 604-6881 or
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We would also like to thank Ketan Nagar for taking pictures during 2006 Holi Celebration. Please contact Ketan Nagar (248) 891-0919 if you interested in ordering photographs.

Obituary

Lilaben Patel, wife of Mohanbhai passed way. Mohanbhai is the Director of Gujarati Samaj Seniors). Our heartfelt condolences to Mohanbhai and family,

Please note that –

ALL EVENTS ARE FOR SAMAJ MEMBERS ONLY.

Membership New/Renewal Guidelines

Online Renewal

- 1) Visit www.GSOD.Org and click Membership Login link on left side of the menu bar.
- 2) Enter your membership number found on the mailing address label of this Samaj Darshan. If you cannot read or find the membership number then please call Nirav Patel at 248-478-7156.
- 3) Enter your Home Number or Telephone number you provided last year to GSOD.
- 4) Select Membership Renewal.
- 5) Select by form, by check or by credit card.
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- 3) Enter all required information and continue to complete the membership.
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- 5) Verify all information and continue to renew membership.

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2006 Scholarship

As the school year is coming to end very soon, keep in mind that Samaj is offering scholarship to outstanding students of Samaj members. Please read the scholarship guidelines and prepare all the necessary documents. We are requesting and urging parents to encourage their children to apply for the scholarship. We will be awarding the scholarship at this year's Diwali Celebration on October 28th. For additional information and application form, please visit www.GSOD.org.

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Shanti Project

The Shanti Project aims to end domestic violence in the Gujarati community of Southeast Michigan. With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), they are launching a campaign to promote nonviolence and ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

The Shanti Project is led by Community Action Team of Gujarati residents and supported by project staff. We are affiliated with the University Of Michigan School Of Social Work. There are many ways for you to get involved and join our efforts. For additional information, please visit their website - www.ssw.umich.edu/shantiProject/

Gujarati Samaj of Detroit is forming an Ad Hoc committee (4 -5 members) to work as a liaison between Shanti Project and the Samaj. We are requesting Samaj members to join the Ad Hoc committee. If interested, please sent e-mail to Mayank Parikh (mparikh2@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support.

Gujarati Sahitya Vartul

Sahitya Vartul is an organization formed, in September 2002, by some friends in the Metro Detroit area interested in the Gujarati literature. Its sole purpose is to provide a platform to share and enjoy creations in Gujarati – either original or what one has read. There are 18 couples and 4 individuals as members, though non-regular members also can and do participate in these activities. The group meets approximately every 10 to 14 weeks, at a member's home. One very welcome feature of this organization is there are no office bearers: no president, secretary, or treasurer! There are no regular fees to join this group. Someone interested in the activities of this organization may contact Chandresh Thakore at 248-344-7895 or at cthakore@comcast.net

Sahitya Vartul tries to invite some prominent poets/writers every year for a special program. Accordingly, in the last four years, following individuals of renown have given programs that were very well received: Panna Naik, Madhu Rye, Kishor Raval, Rajesh Maniar, Suresh Dalal, Shobhit Desai, and Anil Joshi. ... On 8th of July this year, Sahitya Vartul has invited Vinod Joshi, another prominent literary figure from Gujarat.

Gujarati Matrimonial Convention (Hindu) South East U.S.A. August 4th & 5th, 2006 at Sardar Patel Bhavan

Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta offers a unique opportunity to spark that initial flame which can lead them to find a lifetime partner, successfully. If you are a Hindu, Gujarati speaking bachelor, this is your event!

Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta brings all Gujaratis on a platform that cherishes common language, heritage and culture of Gujarat, India, barring all castes and creeds. Marriage is very vital institution of society. To hold, to cherish and nurture this institution is essential for the future of our society. Let me invite all the well meaning Gujaratis to join hands with Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta in this effort. The title of this program is 'Gujarati Samaj Matrimonial convention (Hindu) SE'; candidate could attend this convention from anywhere as long as he / she meet our criteria. Lodging, boarding, transportation are candidate's responsibility. Only candidates will be allowed to participate in all the activities, their guardian may enjoy the food and entertainment, at a cost.

All the candidates are required to complete the matrimonial form appropriately and send them back with a photograph and **by July 28th 2006** to guarantee that your name appears in the matrimonial attendee's book. This will ensure that we have sufficient time to plan each of the events effectively. Candidates' understanding and cooperation would be highly appreciated.

More detail and form available at www.gujaratisamajatlanta.org
Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta, 770-496-0081 Amit Shah 770-875-5888
Gujarati Samaj of Detroit - Pratik Shah 248-943-2220



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Gujarati Samaj of Detroit – GSS Members only
Pack your bags for fun filled 3 day outing to



Haveli, Vraj – Pennsylvania

(June 9th to June 11th - Friday morning to Sunday evening)

Participant Name: _____

Current Member Name: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Age: _____

Nootan Nadalaya (Temple), an abode for Lord ShriNathji is built on 300 acres of bountiful land of “Vraj” surrounded by the mountains, wooded valleys and lush green meadows. Vraj is situated on the banks of Chandra Sarovar (lake) and has the rich tradition of the royal Rajastani architectural mystique. Hindus of all sects come to experience not only the spiritual serenity uniquely bestowed over Vraj, but also to celebrate their cultural and social events.

We are expecting a heavy turnout for this event and thus request all interested participant to mail their forms as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Cost - \$140 per person (to be paid in full with this form)

Rules and Guidelines

1. This trip is limited to first 105 people who will be selected on First-come-first-serve basis
2. To participate in the outing you **must** be eligible member of Gujarati Samaj of Detroit or the parents of the current Samaj member.
3. New members will be put on waiting list and will be accepted as seats become available.
4. Senior citizen (55 years and older will be given first priority)
5. Participants must be in good physical health, as no personal health care will be provided.
6. No refund on cancelled reservations or no shows.
7. Once you reservation is accepted, you will receive a package providing detailed information on the trip and you will be asked to sign a waiver of liability form.
8. No phone reservation will be accepted.
9. Postmarked date on the envelope or hand delivery date will be used for prioritizing of selections.
10. All decisions made by Samaj committee will be final.
11. This committee reserves the right to cancel the trip or reject any application without prior notice.

I have read and understood the above guidelines and agree to abide by them,

Signature

Date

Mail the completed form along with a check made payable to:

Gujarati Samaj Inc. before Friday, May 12, 2006 to

**Pankaj Shah
1077 Dundee Dr,
Canton, MI 48188**

For further information, please call:

Mohanbhai Patel: (734) 451-2199 Mayank Parikh: (734) 844-0122 Ashish Tikiwala: (248) 895-3926

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April 10, 2006

Mr. Mayank Parikh
President
Gujrati Samaj of Detroit
42312 Metal Line Drive
Canton, MI 48187

Dear Mayank:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for taking the time to join me in Lansing last week to talk about the work you are doing on behalf of your ethnic community. I applaud your efforts to help create a better understanding and a greater awareness of your culture and your people in Michigan.

Thanks to you, we have accomplished some great things; but we know we have much work we can do together. We have a terrific plan to ensure that every citizen has the opportunity for a great life in Michigan: a great job, access to affordable health care, affordable higher education for all of our children, and a quality of life we can treasure.

I look forward to working that plan with you and have every confidence that with your help, we will continue to do great things for Michigan and for all the people who call this amazing state 'home.' My Cabinet members and key staff are available to assist in any way that they can.

Thank you again for being part of this discussion, and for your commitment to Michigan's future.

Sincerely yours,


Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

P.S. I've enclosed a "pocket card" that contains a few facts on the work we've done together. I hope you'll find it useful as you share your work with friends and family.

GSS Corner

Gujarati Samaj Seniors hosted a successful event last week. They had their first get together at Krishna Catering on Sunday, April 30th. There were 62 senior members and 2 EC committee members who attended this event. The event started with brief introductions by everyone, followed by Bhajans, songs and Bingo game. The event ended with a sumptuous dinner catered by Krishna Catering. There were also two door prizes.

Special thanks to Mohanbhai Patel and Sureshbhai Shah for organizing this event. Thanks to other GSS committee members for supporting the efforts. The get together pictures will be posted on the Samaj website (www.GSOD.org) on GSS page.

We would like to thank to Krishna Caters for a wonderful dinner, Ashish Tikiwala and Rakesh Patel from EC, Dhirubhai Patel, Arunbhai & Bhartiben Bhavsar, and Daxshaben Pandit and other senior members who made this event wonderful.

GSS Events:

If you are interested in sponsoring or sharing any cost of GSS events, please contact Mohanbhai Patel.

Please mark calendars for other seniors' events:

Event	Date
Vraj (2 - nights) (Information included in this flyer)	June 9th – 11th
Sangeet Sandhya	June / July
Niagara Fall / Toronto (Overnight)	August

For details, please contact:

Mohankaka Patel	734-451-2199	Bhartiben Bhavsar	734-459-1336
Manubhai Naik	248-740-2275	Sureshbhai Shah	734-729-7955
Ashish Tikiwala	248-895-3926	Mayank Parikh	734-844-0122



GSY Corner

Thanks to everyone who came out to the basketball tournament!

GSY had a successful tournament on April 22, 2006 with about 12 teams of three or four players competing for some prizes and an engraving of their names onto the all-new GSY Basketball Tournament Trophy of Winners!

Finally, team "Desi Stunnaz" made all the way up to our Brand new Basketball Cup. The winners are Amit Parekh, Hassan Sheikh, Ali Choudhery, and Hummus Babar. Go Desi Stunnaz..

We would like to thank EC committee members for attending this event and cheering GSY members and players. In addition, our special thanks to Nimi and Kimi for bringing cookies.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Canton

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease.

During the event, GSY will be camping out overnight and taking turns walking or running laps. We will most likely have a booth set up to sell different types of items. If you'd like to join us, please e-mail us at gsy.board@gmail.com. Welcome to anyone who would like to spend some time to donate to a good cause.



GSY Basketball Tournament winners



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Day/Date: **Saturday, September 16th, 2006**
Time: 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Location: Novi Civic Center
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

For additional information, please call:

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Mission

To promote and preserve heritage, language, social and cultural awareness by providing a platform to Gujarati community while serving the community needs

Vision

To preserve the cultural and linguistic heritage for the upcoming and future generations of the Gujarati community by creating a perpetual identity involving children, youth, women and seniors through a sense of belonging with social, cultural and educational activities



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