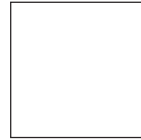


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To promote and preserve heritage, language, social and cultural awareness by providing a platform to Gujarati community while serving the community needs

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President & Chairman Message

Hello Members:

As we all enjoy this wonderful wild winter, I'm sure you are all as anxious as I am, waiting for spring to enjoy the blossoms and the smell of spring flowers. The Executive Committee members have rolled up their sleeves and are working hard to make sure that the 2006 Gujarati Samaj events are exciting and fun-filled. The two upcoming events are - Health Fair (with Jain Temple) and Holi Celebration. More details on these two events are included in this Samaj Darshan. GSY hosted their Valentine Dance at a new venue - Club Inferno.

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to provide us your feedback on the changes in the Holi Celebration. We have received suggestions on how we can improve from our members. These comments will help us to understand and provide better entertainment to our members. All the participants and choreographers are busy preparing for our colorful Holi Celebration. This year, for the first time we are inviting some local performers to perform at the Holi Celebration. Stay tuned for more details. We are enforcing **NO VIDEOGRAPHY** at this year's Holi Celebration event. We have contracted services of a professional videographer to video the entire event. All the participants will receive the entire Holi Celebration on DVD to enjoy at home. Your cooperation in our decision to enforce 'No Videography' is requested and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

When you listen to the news or read the papers, or discussions around the water cooler at work, Health is one of the number one topics of discussion. Recognizing the importance of good health, Gujarati Samaj along with Jain Temple has joined forces to organize a Health Fair on Saturday, March 11th at Jain Temple in Farmington Hills from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. We will have community doctors who will provide free consultation, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and bone density check up. One-on-one discussion with dietician, physical therapist and dentist will also be available. We will not require any medical insurance or other personal information. Please note that we will be able to accommodate only 110 participants on first-come-first basis. Those members who are interested in taking advantage of this free health benefit must **pre-register** to avoid any disappointment on the day of the event. I encourage members to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Many of you had wondered why the Scholarship Form was included in the first Samaj Darshan. Our aim is to raise the awareness among the membership and encourage more participation for the scholarships that are available. We have listed the criteria and requirements on this form. This should help prospective applicants to gather necessary information and be ready. **WE PLAN TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIP AT THIS YEAR'S DIWALI CELEBRATION.** We have created a link on www.gsod.org website to provide more additional information.

We will update the information as required. In an effort to continue supporting our mission statement, in promoting our Gujarati language, we have included a short story in Gujarati in this Samaj Darshan. Our goal is to include a page or two in every Samaj Darshan. There is tremendous talent within our community. We are urging members to contribute their poems, short stories, or articles in Gujarati. We will try to publish them in future Samaj Darshan.

Thank you to those members who have elected themselves as volunteers. I request all members to renew their 2006 membership. Please encourage your relatives and friends to become members as well. PLEASE HELP us increase our membership this year.

And in closing, we remain hopeful and anticipate an early spring this year. With that in mind, here is a short poem for all of us to enjoy!

Mayank Parikh
 2006 EC - President

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(From www.kesuda.com)

Samaj & Community News

Holi Program

To all Choreographers:

The last day for submitting items for Holi Celebration is **March 10th 2006**. We would like all Choreographers to submit their entry form online, but if you like to mail in your entry form, please mail to

Nirav Patel,
36030 Verdant Circle,
Farmington Hills, MI-48335.

For more information and to download entry forms, go to www.gsod.org.

Holi Celebration MC Tryout:

All youths of our community between ages of 13 to 18 are invited to show off their public speaking skills and learn additional skills at our Holi Celebration event. Please email us at Holi@gsod.org before **March 1st 2006** to reserve your spot. First MC tryout selection/meeting is scheduled for **Sunday March 5th at 2.00 pm** at Rakesh Patel's residence in Sterling Heights. Please visit www.gsod.org for more details and directions.

Holi - Rang Berangi Celebration Ticket information:

To purchase your tickets for the Holi Celebration, please find the form in last month's Samaj Darshan. If you do not have one, please download it from www.gsod.org.



ALL EVENTS ARE FOR SAMAJ MEMBERS ONLY.

Other Events

GSY News

Thanks to everyone who came to the Valentine's Extravaganza at Club Inferno!

Upcoming Event

GSY Annual 3-on-3
Basketball Tournament
Date/Location TBD

Start putting your team together!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

E-mail us at gsy.board@gmail.com

The Hindu Temple of Canton is planning a Breast Cancer Awareness session for women. It is open for the entire community to attend, including spouses and parents. It is tentatively planned on Saturday, April 1st, during morning hours. Stay tuned with the Hindu Temple for further details.

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Mohandas Gandhi



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Due Date for Renewal is February 28, 2006

I, _____ undersigned understand that this membership application will be reviewed by the Secretary of Gujarati Samaj of Detroit. Above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification will result in cancellation of the membership and I will be responsible for guest fees if the membership was used during any of the Samaj's programs such as Holi Celebration, Navratri, Diwali and other events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make check payable to: **Gujarati Samaj of Detroit**

Nirav Patel, 36030 Verdant Circle, Farmington Hills MI 48335 (Email: membership@gsod.org)

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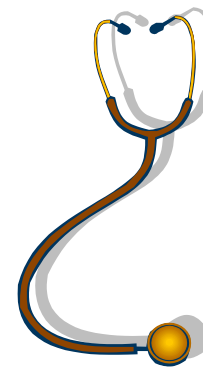
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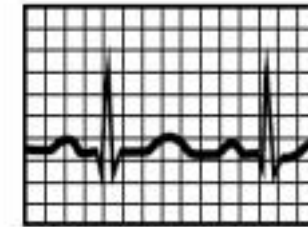


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