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President's Message

We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Gujarat State together with the Gujarati Samaj of Washington and the Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj of Washington D.C. Feedback that we have received from community has been excellent and very encouraging. Community for the most part would love us to arrange similar events that encourage unity. I could not thank enough all the volunteers and the participants to make this event a GRAND SUCCESS and the one that we all will remember for a very long time.

Celebration started at 1 p.m. and went on till midnight. It started with the cultural performances where all entries were excellent and showcased local talents. Kids' activities were also arranged nicely. Cooking Competition, Rangoli Competition, Mehndi Competition, Painting Competition, Food Carving Competition, together with the live evening program offered so much to the community where they could witness the culture and heritage of Swarnim (Golden) Gujarat. Aishwarya Majmudar performed memorable performance and is truly an artist who is gifted and will make Gujarat proud.

We also would like to thank Shah Associates for their Platinum/Grand sponsorship and also SPCS and other donors who truly contributed in a grand way to help make this event a Golden one. See elsewhere in the Newsletter for feedback from the community members.

On August 28, 2010 we will have our picnic (MEMBERS ONLY) at Cedar Lane Park Pavilion West located in Columbia, MD. Please register at your earliest convenience online or by calling committee members. For details, see elsewhere in the Newsletter.

We sincerely appreciate and thank the generous support from Rupal & Dharmesh Shah, Priti & Nimesh Shah, Bhavna & Shailesh (Sly) Patel, Binita & Bhavin Shah, and Sonal & Rohit Patel for enabling us a trip for our seniors to Vraj on April 25, 2010. With their support we were able to take 5 buses (around 250 people) to Vraj.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all volunteers and committee members for their support and help.

Payesh Jhaveri
July 2010

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Community Feedback on Swarnim Gujarat Celebration

Recent example of celebration (Mela) by all Gujaratis in Metropolitan Washington (at Roosevelt High School, Maryland on May 8, 2010) was among the most colorful and cultural, in the history of Gujarati Samaj in over 30 years of its existence. Some of us among its founders, saw our dream of the future, come true and very well fulfilled. We now are in the beginning of our Fourth Generation abroad, seeing performances of U.S. born and brought up, living and proving the existence of our culture and heritage spreading un-interrupted with full-blown vigor and pride. We are making the invaluable contribution, 'Jyan Jyan Vase ek Gujarati, Tyan Tyan Sada-kal Gujarat' literally as said by poet Khabardar.

Fakirchand J. Dalal (Lanham, MD)

Dear

Ashok - President, Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj of Washington;

Nipa - President, Gujarati Samaj of Metropolitan Washington;

Payesh - President, Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

Surely, it takes the commitment of very dedicated people, like you, to organize and execute the celebration of the type and size of 50th Anniversary of Gujarat State formation. The Celebration Day was filled with not only fun and festivities but also with the finales of a very young and energetic singer Aishwarya. Organizing such Celebration is a tough and challenging in the view of limited resources and the diversity of the organizations and the people involved. It is indeed a "thankless" undertaking, but it does provides a road-map, not only for the future undertaking of this size, shape and form, but also for the lasting unity of a vibrant organizations, like Washington Metro Gujarati Samaj, Baltimore Gujarati Samaj and Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj of Washington DC.. In the end, our "Motherland" in general and Gujarati community in particular benefit from the display of unity on such celebration. By organizing celebration jointly for the first time in Washington Metro Area, the leaders of three Samaj have demonstrated, not only their open-mindedness in working together outside of the personality boundary box but their commitment in helping take their respective Samaj one notch higher in credence. The superb, smooth and flawless execution of the Gujarat 50th Anniversary Celebration demonstrated, without any doubt, the courage, character, commitment and credentials of dedicated organizers, like you, which comprise of all stripes of pride, preferences and profession. It was a rainbow of the people, represented by each one of you, who brought forward the distinct flavor and color of a success story. And, the real success story is the fact that the strength and resiliency of an organization, like your respective Samaj, has been displayed through the harmony of people working together. Working together shows how much we all can accomplish as a TEAM. The 50th Anniversary celebration has shattered the myth, or notion about lack or absence of unity in our Gujarati Community. Individual personality was present but at the same time, the leadership endeavor of each President was also very evident at every step of celebration, demonstrating the maturity of leaders and their leadership. The strong leadership and their agenda are going to shape the size, scope and substance of unity for our Gujarati Community for many years to come. Teaming up for the celebration on such vital occasion is really a true contribution and legacy of the three leaders of respective Samaj. Kudos to you for the job well done.

The second success story of the celebration is the fact that this celebration brought forward the hidden talents of many youngsters who participated in one form or other. It also convincingly proved that if given an opportunity, our second generation and third generation youngsters can excel in any endeavor they willingly undertake and do much better job than we first generation adults, like me. I think, these new generation are a real asset to our growing Gujarati community, who could in tangible way, bring fresh ideas and energies to the organization. We need to groom the youngster for broader scope, task and purpose as they are our leaders of tomorrow.

The third success story of this event was the fact that people came to celebration with expectation but all left with a feeling of enthusiasm and encouragement; a sense of exultation and good feeling that may linger for some time to come.

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulation and sincere thanks for a job well done. Your entire operation was exemplary to the community at large and did pick up few important lessons on the way. We appreciated your hard and dedicated work. So long and God bless you all.

With Best wishes always,
Rateebhai Patel, Vice President, Vishwa Gujarati Samaj – North America.

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DINNER: 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM
KHICHADI, CHASH, POORI, SHAK, PAPAD, PICKLES

OTHER FOOD ITEMS:
CHIPS, CORN, WATERMELON, SOFT DRINKS & TEA

(Menu subject to change)

CHARGES: Ages 5 and over: \$5 per person (Members Only)
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2010 PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

Ski/Snow Tubing Trip to Ski Roundtop.....	February 13, 2010
Management & Team Building Training	March 06, 2010
Dinner & Drama – Chitkaar	April 10, 2010
Vraj Trip	April 25, 2010
50 Years' Celebration of Gujarat Statehood	May 08, 2010
Picnic	August 28, 2010
Navratri	October
Diwali.....	October or early November
General Body Meeting.....	TBD

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