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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the 36th year of existence for Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. We are proud to be the largest, well organized, ethical and vibrant association for the Gujarati community in Maryland. I want to thank our members, committee members, volunteers, donors and advertisers for their unconditional support and cooperation. Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore has organized numerous cultural and other events every year for all these years and they are well received by our members and their guests. We plan to continue such events in the coming years and with your suggestions and cooperation we will organize even more events in the future. Our last Diwali dinner and Music program on November 13, 2011 was attended by more than 440 members who praised the delicious dinner catered by Chowpati restaurant and enjoyed an outstanding musical performance 'Ek Shaam Rafi Ke Naam' brought to us by Mr. Natvar Thakkar of 999 Enterprises. I want to thank the committee members and volunteers for their hard work to make every event successful and enjoyable. We also appreciate the unwavering support and attendance of our members at all our events. We hope to continue our rich tradition, our cultural activities and our success for years to come.

My special thanks go to Mr. Payesh Jhaveri, our past president, who has worked extra hard, has made numerous improvements and has always acted with dignity and integrity.

The General Body meeting and Elections of Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore were held on December 10, 2011 at Meadowbrook Athletic complex. It is my pleasure to introduce year 2012-2013 executive committee and volunteers, who are listed on this page. All members of the executive committee were the sole nominees for their positions and were elected uncontested. If you would like to be a volunteer for Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore events please contact me.

We are bringing to you a very famous Gujarati Natak 'Tu Che Lajawab' in association with Gujarati Samaj of Washington and Udeshi, Inc. on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Laurel High School. Once again we were not able to find any High School auditoriums in Baltimore area and, therefore, this was the best alternative available to us. For more details, please see elsewhere in the Newsletter.

We are very thankful to Mr. Sureshbhai, Indiraben and Ketanbhai Patel of Days Inn, 9860 Washington Blvd N, Laurel, MD 20723 for providing six rooms and dining facility at no charge for the artists.

Vraj Yatra: We are planning a Vraj Yatra in the near future. It is very popular with our members, especially, our seniors. We usually charter four buses which can accommodate 200 people. The cost of buses, food and donations to temples is over \$5,000. Again this year, we would like to provide this Vraj Yatra to our seniors for free. We need your donations to make this trip possible.

If you would like to donate any amount from \$ 100 to \$ 1,000 or more for this worthwhile cause please contact me or any committee members. Thank you.

Hament Patel

Inside this edition of Navneet:

- * More information on upcoming Gujarati Natak 'TU CHE LAJAWAB' starring Sarita Joshi and Bakul Thakkar on April 7, 2012.
- * Other events in Baltimore Washington area.

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> Youth Committee Members Ravi Bhatt

Outgoing President's Message

As President of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore for the past 2 years, I have many reasons to express my heartfelt thanks to the officers and their spouses, volunteers and their spouses, past Presidents, sponsors, members, and friends of our association. We have accomplished much together in these last two years and they have passed too quickly for me.

Together with Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj of DC and Gujarati Samaj of Washington DC, we hosted an outstanding Swarnim Gujarat celebration with unprecedented member attendance and support. We were able to overcome the challenge of finding new location to host our Navratri program, one of our premier events. We also played an important role in working with Baltimore County Public School System to change their Rule 1300 to allow them to rent the school facilities to organizations like ours.

We established transparency and significantly improved quality of our Newsletter. Obviously, there is much more work that remains to be done as I look back and ahead such as simplifying the bylaws and further improving the design and content of our Website. But let us not forget that we have achieved a great deal since the creation of our association back in 1975 and I look forward to an even stronger and better future.

It is also my great pleasure to turn over the affairs of the association to our elected President, Hament Patel and I want to assure you that this transition will be a smooth one.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of the Board members, volunteers and their spouses who served so willingly, unconditionally and faithfully. I will forever cherish their friendship and out poring of the support I received. And, to all our members, thank you for giving this opportunity to serve you. It has meant a lot to me.

Wishing everyone all the best.

Payesh Jhaveri

ફોળી - રંગોનો તફેવાર - વસંતોત્સવ

દર વર્ષે ફાગણ માસની પુનમના દિવસે, માર્ચ મહિનામાં આવતો લોકપ્રિય હિંદુ તહેવાર એટલે હોળી.

હોળી માત્ર ભારતમાં જ નહીં, અન્ય દેશોમાં પણ ઉત્સાહ અને ઉલ્લાસથી મનાવવામાં આવે છે. હોળીને 'રંગોનો તહેવાર' (Festival of Colors) પણ કહેવામાં આવે છે. ગુજરાત અને ખાસ કરી સૌરાષ્ટ્રમાં, હોળીને 'હૃતાસણી' થી ઓળખવામાં આવે છે. હોળીના બીજા દિવસ ધુળેટીને 'પડવો' કહેવામાં આવે છે.

હોળી આવતા લોકો ખુબ ઉત્સાહિત થઇ જાય છે. વર્ષનો આ સમય વસંત ઋતુના વધામણાનો સમય હોય છે. ખેતરો પાકથી લહેરાતાં હોય છે. યુવાન હૈયાં વસંતની સાથોસાથ ખીલી ઉઠે છે. કુદરતમાં પુષ્પોનો પ્રસાર અને એક જાતની માદકતા છવાઈ જાય છે જે ઢોલીના ઢોલ સાથે ગવાતા ફાગણના ફાલ્ગુન અને ધુળેટીના રંગોમાં રંગાઈને ઝૂમી ઉઠતાં જુવાન નર-નારીઓમાં જણાઈ આવે છે. એટલે તો હોળીને 'દોલયાત્રા' કે 'વસંતોત્સવ' તરીકે પણ ઓળખવામાં આવે છે.

હોળીના દિવસોમાં ઘણા વિસ્તારોમાં ગામ લોકો વાજતે ગાજતે ગામમાં બધા જ ફળીયામાં કે વિસ્તારોમાં ફરીને હોળી માટેનો ફાળો (ગોઠ) ઉધરાવવા નિકળે છે, આ લોકોને ઘૈરૈયાઓ કહેવાય છે. સાંજે ગામના પાદર કે મુખ્ય યોક જેવા સ્થાન પર છાણા, લાકડાંની 'હોળી' ખડકીને હોળી પ્રગટાવવામાં આવે છે.

લોકો પ્રગટાવેલ હોળીની પ્રદક્ષિણા કરે છે તેમજ શ્રીફળ વગેરે પવિત્ર મનાતી વસ્તુઓથી હોળીનું પૂજન કરે છે. ઉજવણીની રીતો અલગ હોઈ શકે એમ છતાં દરેકની ભાવના એક જ હોય છે, અને તે એ કે હોળી પ્રગટાવી આસુરી તત્વોનો નાશ કરવો અને દૈવી શક્તિઓનું સન્માન કરવું.

હોળીના બીજા દિવસે ધુળેટી મનાવાય છે. આ દિવસે સવારથી સૌ કોઇ નાના મોટા એકબીજા પર અબિલ, ગુલાલ તેમજ કેસુડાનાં રંગો છાંટી, રંગોની વર્ષામાં તરબોળ થઈને પોતાનો ઉત્સાહ અને આનંદ વ્યક્ત કરે છે. કેટલાક લોકો આ દિવસોએ ભગવાન શિવને યાદ કરી ભાંગના નશાનો આનંદ લઈને મસ્ત બનીને નાચે છે. બોલીવુડની ફિલ્મી દુનિયાની જાણીતી હસ્તીઓ પણ ધુળેટીના રંગોમાં રંગાવાથી બાકાત રહેતી નથી. "રંગબરસે, ભીગે યુનરવા" જેવાં ગીતો ઘણી હિન્દી ફિલ્મોમાં જોવા મળે છે.

રતિભાઈ પટેલ ડો.રીતા મહેતા-પટેલ

Treasurer's Report - Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010 And January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

	Calendar Year 2010	Calendar Year 2011
Balance on Hand January 01, 2010 and January 01, 2011	\$153,059	\$161,884
	Total	Total
Receipts - Events and Program Specific		
Navratri	\$29,208	\$29,784
Diwali	10,284	10,530
Drama	9,865	9,234
G50 Proceeds from Evening Program	6,988	-
Events & Program Specific Donations/Contributions Received		3 600
• • •	5,558	3,600
G50 Souvenir Advertisement Proceeds	5,517	-
Other Receipts (Vendors, etc.)	2,956	-
Youth and Other Events (Bowling, Ski trips)	1,795	-
Temple & Other Field Trips	1,494	760
Picnic	1,139	1,321
	\$74,803	\$55,230
Disbursements - Events and Program Specific	<i>\$14,003</i>	733,230
Professional Fees and Other Payments to Independent Contractors	\$20,937	\$18,185
(Includes Payment For Drama, Caterers, Artist for Navratri/Diwali)	, -,	, -,
Event Fees & Supplies (Fees, Misc Food & Supplies)	14,770	14,569
Occupancy, Rent (School Facilities), Utilities, and Maintenance	11,911	11,145
Transportation & Related (Contractors)	6,000	3,600
Event Specific Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	2,712	_
Music System Rental & Audio Technicians	2,300	2,800
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Custodial Service Fees (Janitorial)	2,282	1,320
Donations Paid	1,500	2,503
Event Specific Office and Administrative Expenses	350	-
	\$62,761	\$54,122
Receipts Less total Disbursements - Events and Program Specific	\$12,042	\$1,108
Management Training and Team Building Donations - General Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping Professional Fees Office Supplies Liability Insurance Meetings and Administrative Costs Management Training and Team Building Bank Fees Donations Paid - General	\$2,829 \$6,493 950 443 342 436 363 18	\$2,992 \$4,448 - 19 287 245 - - 1,200
	\$9,045	\$6,199
Receipts Less total Disbursements - General	(\$6,216)	(\$3,206
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Receipts - Membership Dues	¢2.000	62.250
Members' Dues - Life Membership (14 - Year 2010; 12 - Year 2011)	\$2,800	\$2,350
Members' Dues - Annual Membership (4 - Year 2010; 6 - Year 2011)	200	300
Total Membership Dues Received	\$3,000	\$2,650
Net Increase or Decrease in Cash Balance	\$8,826	\$551
Balance on Hand December 31, 2010 & December 31, 2011	\$161,884	\$162,436
Prepared: 1/6/2012 Audited: 12/03/2011 (Audit completed through Nov 2011) Audited By: Atul Patel & Shailesh (Sly) Patel Note: Clarification of expense categories subject to change based on any additi	onal information made available aft	ter the report date.

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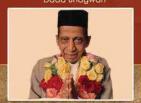
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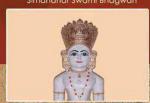
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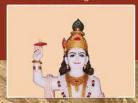
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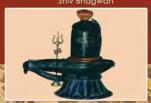
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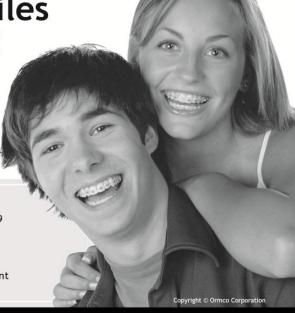
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Dr. Patel, then practiced General & Cosmetic Dentistry for 4 years treating all phases of General Dentistry. Dr. Patel, formerly, served as a Clinical Instructor, Department of Oral Medicine, Temple University, School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Patel, completed his Specialty training in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics in 1994 at the Howard University, College of Dentistry, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Patel has been published in the "American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics" and the "Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery".

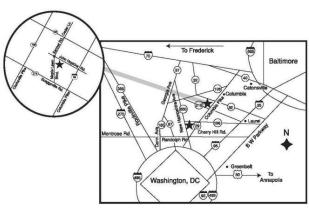
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