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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Executive Committee and the Volunteers of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. On behalf of my team, I hope you are having a prosperous year thus far. I would like to take a moment to thank all of our members for their generous and continuous support. I would also like to thank all our volunteers, their spouses, and their families.

As we strive to bring you the best programming possible, it is my honor to present, "Bhari Lau Aankhma Zindagi" as our next hilarious Gujarati play. The play will be on May 1st at New Town High School from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. You can purchase your tickets for this event on our website, www.gsbaltimore.org, or by contacting one of our committee members. You can find more information about this play elsewhere in the newsletter. We cannot wait to see you there!

The Treasurer's Report for 2015, available on file, provides comparative analysis for the past two years. For the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2015, the event related **receipts** exceeded the **disbursements** by \$25,666 and for the last two years combined, the Samaj **receipts** exceeded **disbursements** by \$40,075.

We have also begun planning for our annual Yatra. We are very excited to take you on a Yatra that will visit some very delightful religious destinations. If you are interested in donating for this event, please contact any of the committee members for more information. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Along with the play and Yatra, you can find other information about our future events on our website and through our periodic email blasts. We encourage you to please sign up for our email list as this provides the most up to date information regarding our programs, important community news, etc. You can subscribe to our email list by clicking on the subscribe button on top right corner of our web site. I would also like to encourage you to become a GSB life member if you have not done so already. Our membership will provide you with member only accolades and discounted prices at many of our events.

If you would like to advertise through the GSB, then please contact Raj (Bunty) Patel, and if you would like to sponsor any of our future events or would like to provide donations, please contact any of the committee members.

One of my main goals while serving you is to develop more youth oriented events and to gain more youth involvement. I urge you to contact any of the members of my team to help make this happen.

Once again, thank you so much for continuing to support the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. It is my honor to serve you and I am very excited to be able to bring many events that are to come. Hope to see you soon!

Manisha Bhatt

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Drama - "Bhari Lau Aankhma Zindagi" –May 1, 2016 @ New Town High School

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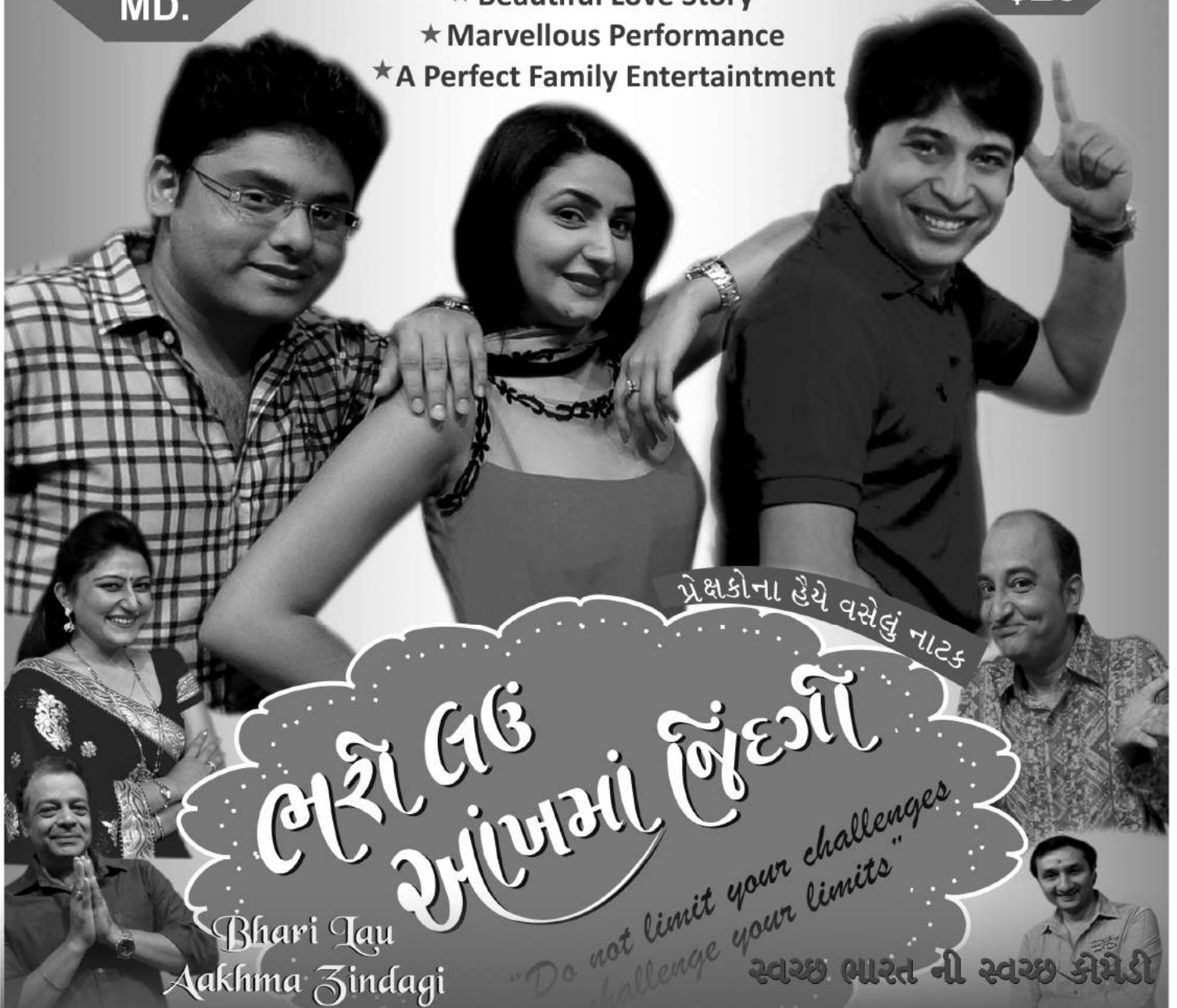
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Report on General Body Meeting

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore General Body Meeting was held at Greater Baltimore Temple, Finksburg on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

Shailesh (Sly) Patel presided at the meeting. Raj Patel presented unaudited Treasurer's report and provided summary of bank balances as of Dec 11, 2015.

Election Committee presented its report. Nominations were received and the following members were elected for the respective positions:

As per GSB Bylaws, Shailesh (Sly) Patel will become Chairman and Manisha Bhatt will become President for 2016-2017 term. Following members were elected for the respective positions:

Nilesh Desai, Vice President

Rupal Shah, Secretary

Manu Shah, Joint Secretary

Raj (Bunty) Patel, Treasurer

Kanu Patel, Joint Treasurer

Atul Patel, Auditor

Manisha Bhatt, as incoming President, appointed Jayesh Jani, Ashish Parikh and Bhavin Shah new members for the Board of Trustee. She requested Vakulkumar More to maintain GSB web site.

અરીસાઓનું નગર

એક દિવસ સુગરીના માળા જેવા સાફસૂથરા ઘરની હૂંફાળી હથેળીઓમાં બેસી તમે... અરીસાઓનું નગર જોતા હશો ત્યારે ક્યાંક દૂર કોક અજાણ્યા વૃક્ષની... અજાણી ડાળી ઉપર ટ્રેટિયું વાળી સૂતેલા કોક અજાણ્યા ફૂલની ચપટી જેવી ભીનાશ..... જો તમારી....કોરીકટ હથેળીમાં ઉગી આવે તો....સોફાના હાથા ઉપર... તમે તમારી હથેળીઓને લૂછી ન નાખતા....તેની છાપ એક કાગળ ઉપર ઉતારી કોક અજાણ્યા ઘરના.... કોક અજાણ્યા સરનામા ઉપર તેને મોકલી આપશો.

ઓળખ વગરનો ઇતિહાસ....

સરનામા વગરના બંધ પરબીડીયામાં આવેલો માણસ.....સાવ ઓળખ વગરનો નથી હોતો. તેની અંદરથી નીકળી આવે છે કેટકેટલા કાચા પાકા રસ્તાઓ.....રસ્તાઓની ઉપરથી ચાલી નીકળે છે કેટલીય પગલાંની છાપો. પગલાંની છાપો ઉપરથી મળી આવે છે કેટલાય દફનાવાઈ ગયેલા ઇતિહાસના પાનાઓ.અને એ પાનાઓને અશ્મી બનાવી દેતા બે કંપતા હાથો.....અને એ જ કંપતા.... કરમાતા હાથો પરબિડિયામાં બંધ કરે છેએક ઇતિહાસ... એક માણસ.... એક.....



Treasurer's Report - Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore
January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 And January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

	Calendar Year 2014	Calendar Year 2015
Balance on Hand January 01, 2014 and January 01, 2015	\$171,941	\$186,350
Receipts - Events and Program Specific	Total	Total
Navratri	\$39,690	\$44,433
Diwali	9,280	7,319
Drama	5,150	-
Janmashtami Program	-	-
Events & Program Specific Donations/Contributions Received	1,813	351
Music Program	-	4,705
Other Receipts (Vendors, etc.)	-	-
Youth and Other Events (Bowling, Ski trips..)	-	-
Temple & Other Field Trips	2,895	500
Picnic	4,801	1,625
	\$63,629	\$58,933
Disbursements - Events and Program Specific		
Professional Fees and Other Payments to Independent Contractors (Includes Payment For Drama, Caterers, Artist for Navratri/Diwali)	\$12,234	\$15,165
Event Fees & Supplies (Fees, Misc Food & Supplies)	19,917	9,896
Occupancy, Rent (School Facilities), Utilities, and Maintenance	6,603	6,019
Transportation & Related (Contractors)	4,152	160
Event Specific Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	-	-
Music System Rental & Audio Technicians	2,050	-
Custodial Service Fees (Janitorial)	40	-
Donations Paid	2,652	-
Event Specific Office and Administrative Expenses	-	-
	\$47,647	\$31,240
Receipts Less total Disbursements - Events and Program Specific	\$15,982	\$27,694
Receipts - General		
Advertisement Proceeds	\$2,950	\$1,700
Investment Income	384	384
Management Training and Team Building	-	-
Donations - General	-	-
	\$3,334	\$2,084
Disbursements - General		
Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	\$4,450	\$3,235
Professional Fees	-	-
Office Supplies	248	795
Liability Insurance	291	348
Meetings and Administrative Costs	2,368	2,860
Management Training and Team Building	-	-
Bank Fees	213	141
Donations Paid - General	-	-
	\$7,570	\$7,379
Receipts Less total Disbursements - General	(\$4,236)	(\$5,294)
Receipts - Membership Dues		
Members' Dues - Life Membership (8 - Year 2014; - Year 2015)	\$2,612	\$3,216
Members' Dues - Annual Membership (2 - Year 2014; - Year 2015)	51	51
Total Membership Dues Received	\$2,663	\$3,267
Net Increase or Decrease in Cash Balance	\$14,409	\$25,666
Balance on Hand December 31, 2014 & December 31, 2015	\$186,350	\$212,017
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Note: Clarification of expense categories subject to change based on any additional information made available after the report date.		

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2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

Drama - Bhari Lau Aankhma Zindagi	May 1, 2016
Music Program.....	TBA
Picnic @ Centennial Park East Pavilion H.....	Sunday, August 7, 2016
Temple Yatra	Sunday, September 11, 2016
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	TBA
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	TBA
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	TBA
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	TBA
Diwali Dinner, New Town HS, Owings Mills.....	Saturday, November 12, 2016
General Body Meeting.....	TBA