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"Bringing dedication, courage and unity into our community. This is Samuha Shakti"

President's Message

Dear Community Members, Saadar Pranam!

Shubha Diwali and Nutanvarshabhinandan wishes to every one of us for the coming New Year.

The season of festivities is truly here as the singing and swinging of Navratri raas garbas are heard in all the mandirs and preparations for Diwali celebrations are under way with fervour.

As the year comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the year passed. And, what a pleasantly eventful year it has been for MGM. We have had our two-term elections of a new committee, a bhajan sammelan, two summer picnics, the very first Mahila Mandal potluck evening, our soccer sports event and all this is not over until we enjoy a grande finale with our ritzy *KESARI* Diwali show! Stay tuned!

Our Election event on May 18th together with a bhajan program was very successful. It is encouraging to see so many experienced, young and new members willing to offer their support and generosity with such open-hearted dedication. This kind of community spirit is a continuous nurturing that happens over a period of time. It is the vision and the dedication of our past committee members, together with our past president Sri Dharmeshbhai Amalsadia's leadership that we can now enjoy the fruits of such service. Our sincere appreciation to:

Dharmesh Amalsadia, Anupama Parmar, Rina Arya, Ramesh Parmar, Pushpa Chauhan, Meena Zala, Rickin Chauhan, Neela Chauhan, Dharmesh Dayabhai, Kirit Parmar, Resha Chauhan, Mayank Chauhan, Jitesh Bilimoria.

Last year's committee successfully and graciously led us through, perhaps the most challenging year of our MGM history, as we hosted the GKA International Convention. It was a magnificent success only possible with a united, like-minded and service oriented group of people. It is now the duty of the next generations of committees to continue to accept challenges and changes and strive for even greater heights. We ask for the guidance and the blessings of our respected elders to help us fulfill our duty.

I am very proud to announce that our very first MAHILA MANDAL was established during the Ladies Potluck dinner which was held on September 13th. I can say without exaggeration that the enthusiasm and energy that we all enjoyed that evening was tremendous. The MM will act as an extension of the MGM Committee and will be a most valuable source of support and creative initiatives for us. Mala Sondagar, has been chosen as our new Mahila Mandal's president. Please read Mala's article for details of the vision and mission of the Mahila Mandal.

Let us now look forward to an exciting Diwali season ahead and I urge you all to read the newsletter closely for details of all events. Our thanks goes to all the contributors to this newsletter.

A true spirit of SAMUHA SHAKTI is in the making so let us believe it, live it and have fun with it.

Best wishes,
Anupama Parmar

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In life, to handle yourself, use your head; but to handle others, use your heart.

MGM'S VERY FIRST

~~ MAHILA MANDAL

Namaste and Jai Shri Krishna.

Our long awaited **Ladies Night Potluck Dinner** was a great success held on Saturday September 13th. We enjoyed culinary delights of all kinds, great company, great spirit and a wonderful night all round. In all, the attendance was around 80 people !! Thank you all for your spirited support.



There were two main objectives for this Mahila get together. First, to build a relationship, rapport and recognition between families, especially now that we have so many new members. And second, to establish a **MAHILA MANDAL** as our community is growing rapidly and there is a true need now to focus on **samaj seva**. Both were achieved successfully, following an open and very enthusiastic discussion. Every one of our ladies had the opportunity to introduce themselves to all. Our vadeel members too participated actively and proudly. An overwhelming majority voted for the set up of this Mahila Mandal with various officers taking on responsibilities for its management

Our vision for Mahila Mandal:

- To be an extension of our MGM Committee and to support and participate actively.
- To promote **SAMUHA SHAKTI** in action for the interests of all generations of our community.
- To encourage learning through classes in language, arts and other workshops. We have an excellent resource of talent to draw from.

I am proud to report that with all the excitement, enthusiasm and generosity of the ladies who attended we raised just **over \$200 dollars**. I am sure that this is just the beginning of some exciting times ahead. At this point, allow me to introduce and congratulate our new committee of the Mahila Mandal.

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I am proud to say that so far we have about 25 volunteers who have offered their time, thoughts and energy for samaj seva. **Welcome to you all and a heartfelt thank you.**

If you are inspired to join us in any capacity, please call any one of our Mahila committee.

We believe that Mahila Mandal is indeed a beginning of a new era. Your support is and will be appreciated. You make the difference in our community.

Mala Sondagar
President of MGM Mahila Mandal

Diwali Celebrations for 2003

Welcome to another fantastic and fun-filled show for our "DIWALI 2003"! This year we have chosen KESARI as our theme. Let's kick off our Diwali celebrations with this beautiful theme of KESARI in mind. As mentioned in the MGM June 2003 newsletter, our Diwali function is being held at:

Place: Taj Banquet Hall

4611 Steeles Ave. West
DOWNSVIEW, ONTARIO
(Steeles & HWY 400)
Tel: 416 742-9787
(SEE MAP ON PAGE 8 FOR DIRECTIONS)

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2003

Time: 4:00 pm to 1:00 am

We would like all our young talents in the community to showcase your performances based on the theme of KESARI and let's bring the community together for an evening to remember...

DIWALI PROGRAM (Time schedule)

4:00 - 5:45 pm	Arrival/Socializing
5:45 - 6:30 pm	Prayers/Vadeel Swagatum Welcome Speeches Presidents Reports Other Announcements
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Cultural Program
8:30 - 9:30 pm	Dinner
9:30 - 10:00 pm	Awards Presentation
10:00 - 10:30 pm	Closing Announcements
10:30 - 1:00 am	Bhangra & Disco (DJ)

WHAT IS *Kesari*?

KESARI is a Sanskrit word for the colour saffron/ deep orange. This color traditionally represents dedication, courage, unity and selfless sacrifice. Hindu Swamis wear saffron colored clothing to represent sacrifice and detachment. Not only is KESARI a bold, beautiful, bright and vibrant color but it invokes inspiration...to reach newer heights!

If you are interested in performing an item for the show, please contact the following cultural coordinators before Monday, October 6th to avoid any disappointment. Items will be booked on a first-come first-serve basis. Late entries may be declined due to time constraints. So please let us know of your committed items on time.

East/Central Territory:

Meena Parmar at 416-284-3528

West Territory:

Bhavini Amalsadia at 905-855-7644

~ Meena Parmar and Bhavini Amalsadia

Navratri Raas Garba

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2003

Everyone is cordially invited to our fun-filled Navratri Garba held with the Khatri Samaj on Friday, October 3rd at the Hindu Sabha Mandir, 9225 The Gore Road, Brampton.

The Garbas feature live music by the professional and popular band JALAK JALARAM.

Please bring your family and friends to a night of music, magic and worship. Those who would like to bring Prasad – please call Mala Sondagar, Mahila President. Look forward to seeing you all there.

GUJARATI CALENDAR

26 September	- Navratri starts
03 October	- Durgasthami
04 October	- Vijaya Dashami (Dashera)
09 October	- Sharad Poonam
23 October	- Dhan Teras
25 October	- Diwali
26 October	- New Year-2060
26/27 October	- Bhai Bij

One single ideal can transform a listless soul into a towering leader of men.

FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT! OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL PICNICS TO DATE!



Sunday, July 6th was our first picnic of the year and the weather could not have been hotter! About 180 people gathered at Wildwood Park in Mississauga, which made this our most successful picnic ever. During the day the adults were busy chatting and barbecuing away, while all the children were invited to participate in various activities planned out by the MGM committee, such as sack race, 'twist and turn' and the popular tug-of-war. Water fights were happening everywhere, to cool off from the hot, sticky weather. MGM was also on hand to welcome the many visitors from near and far who came to join us at our annual picnic. The evening then ended perfectly with a full khichadi and tomato chutney dinner. Our MGM community was so generous in donating funds for our mandal, which concluded in amazing results! Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for more information. Parmanandabhai Vallabh proposed an excellent idea, in the spirit of fundraising, by suggesting that in lieu of the FREE park entrance, members may wish to donate \$5 to the samaj. The response was tremendous. Thank you Parmanandabhai and everyone for supporting MGM generously!

The weather was much bearable for our second picnic, which was also held at Wildwood Park in Mississauga on Sunday, August 10th. Approximately 160 people came out to join in all the festivities. The children were busy all day in the jumping castle, which was funded from the generous donations from the first picnic. Many got to relax during the day from barbecuing since a full vegetarian and non-vegetarian meal was cooked and provided onsite. The cooperation and help from all ladies was greatly appreciated! The East African Association picnic was also held at the same park. Mr. Narendrabhai Panchal, president of EAA, took the time to visit us and brought a gift of their very own, cooked-on-site mogho and channa – what a treat! It was enjoyed by all. Our President, Mrs. Anupama Parmar too, took the opportunity to visit the EAA picnic and greeted warmly by their members. Mr Hiteshbhai Zhaveri who has recently set up business in Canada (from India) presented some his merchandise of jewellery and murtis, and kindly offered to donate 5% of his sales that day to MGM. We thank him for his generosity and wish him success with his new venture. Along with that, many adults were participating in various sports throughout the day, ending it all with a very long and competitive volleyball game while the picnic was clearing out. Everybody had a great time and a great workout! See you all at next year's picnic!

~~ Rina Arya ~~

MGM SPORTING EVENTS.....TODATE 2003



Over the two picnics this summer, we have achieved a lot in sports. Believe it or not we have formed our first ever SOCCER TEAM OF MGM. We have held two practices already this year. Early next summer I am hoping to get some games arranged against other teams. I would like to thank everyone who has helped to form this team. We still need more young adults to come join us, so we can have a strong team to compete.

I would like to thank all of you who have filled out the sports survey forms in the first picnic. This survey gives me an idea of what other sports activities we can arrange in the future. For now, I am looking into arranging some lawn tennis and a round of golf games, early next summer. We are open for suggestions if anyone has any.

Winter will be here soon, so let us make it fun with some darts and karamboard nights. If anyone is interested please let me know (416 283 6520), so I can arrange for a night of fun for the guys.

~~ Kirit Parmar

You are successful and creative only when you see an opportunity in every difficulty.



Creative Hands Talent Showcase

Calling all our creative people out thereRead On!



On behalf of all our members, I would like to welcome you to enjoy our very first **Creative Hands Talent Showcase**. The purpose of this showcase is to encourage and bring forth all the artistic talent that is latent in our community. We already do this with our Diwali variety dance performances but we had not until now, addressed other forms of visual arts, such as painting, drawing, rangolis and craftworks. So here is your chance. Your artwork will be showcased and displayed around the Banquet Hall for all to see and appreciate. Your expression is very much valued and welcomed and for those who are looking for a theme, you may want to consider our KESARI Diwali theme this year. **Let your magic fingers create and tell a story.**

Your artwork will inspire, and motivate many of our artists to share their unique gifts with confidence – so don't hesitate or delay. Please call me, Ajee Chauhan at (905) 508 0625 or e:mail hamant.chaohan@3web.net with your art display information. **Please call me before October 10th** to book your space.

Call me NOW. Book your Space NOW and WOW everyone.

~~ Ajee Chauhan ~~

NOTICE TO NON-MEMBERS

For those who have not paid their membership fees please forward all outstanding payments to Resha Chauhan or Ramesh Parmar as soon as possible. Expired membership will result in the cancellation of your MGM newsletter subscription and you will also be liable to pay the non-member fee for any of our upcoming social events. Call your area rep if you have any questions or concerns.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year we have had many successful events, and evidence of our great community support and cooperation. During the election, we raised \$755.00 and a valuable easel much needed by us. Thank you to all. What a bonus we enjoyed this summer when we raised \$1088.00 in donations and with our expenses at only \$353.42 - this left a healthy surplus of \$735.00. We extend our gratitude to all our donors for their continued generosity.

A very important thing to note is that both the picnics were self-financed in that not only were our expenses fully met but also overall we ended with a surplus. This is our mandate – every event should be self financed! This is the only way we can build a strong financial foundation for the sole purpose of investing back into our community – our people.

Diwali is around the corner and this is the season to catch up with your unpaid membership dues. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. Remember, Diwali tickets cost more for unpaid members so please be sure to send your membership fees to Rameshbhai Parmar ASAP.

As your Treasurer, I urge you to find in your hearts and pockets for valuable dollars and cents to build our accounts. It is with this asset that we can serve ourselves. **DONATIONS REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY.** Thank you to everyone for **your great support** this year. Here's to a another fantastic year!

~~ Ramesh Parmar and Resha Chauhan

Great minds discuss ideas, mediocre minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.

GRADUATION AWARDS PRESENTATION 2002 – 2003

MGM recognizes the scholastic achievements of its members. Please inform us of any graduates from the school years 2002 to 2003. We wish to present scholastic awards at our annual Diwali celebration. Graduating classes are:
Grade 8, Grade 12, College, University.

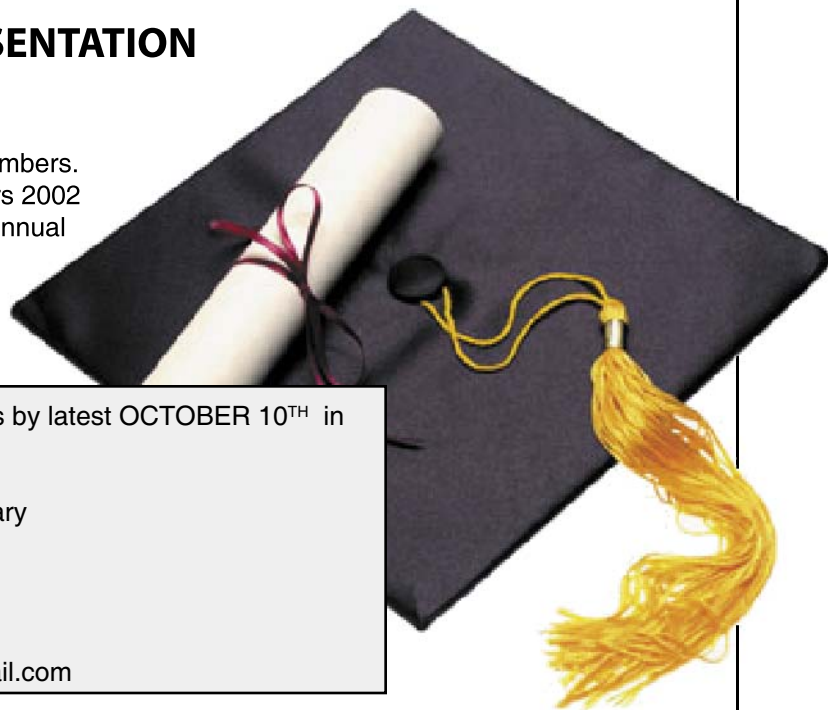
We will require the following information from you:

Full Name
Name of School
Grade graduating from
Name of Diploma / Degree
Year of Graduation

Please submit your details by latest OCTOBER 10TH in writing to:

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GKM International Convention 2004 ~ A CARIBBEAN CRUISE EXTRAVAGANZA ~

Where has a whole year gone by since the GKM Convention 2002 in Toronto last year? We are now already looking to the next GKM Convention 2004! This promises to be yet another great event; one of its kind! So far, we have some preliminary but important information regarding this event and will receive more as the arrangements progress.

PLACE: Caribbean Cruise from Miami to CocoCay Private Island, then on to Nassau, Bahamas and back to Miami

DATES: Depart Miami, Friday, July 2nd - 5pm return to Miami Monday, July 5th – 8am.

COST: cost per person depends on the category of cabin you wish to select and is between US\$372 and US\$413 per person which includes \$89 port charges and \$28.45 government fees. The cost for 3rd and 4th passengers is reduced by approx \$50.

Deposits are fully refundable by February 15th, 2004 at which time additional deposits will be required and cancellation fees will apply. Royal Caribbean Cruise requires deposit of \$50 per person for double occupancy cabins and \$100 per person for triple and quad occupancy cabin because triple and quad are in short supply. Please note that we need to act fast.

CONTACT: For bookings Annette Deasy Tel: 1 800 777 0707. ext 82202 or email at Annette.deasy@cruiseonly.com For further details please visit www.royalcaribbean.com.

Annette will also help with Airline bookings and hotels in Orlando and Miami.

Ref: GKM MEMBER

GKM PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Convention Meeting, Singles Youth Sammelan and Cultural Events. East Indian and other variety of foods will be available during the cruise.

If we do not secure sufficient cabins within the next 45 days, we will lose our group bookings. On the same token we only have 100 cabins which will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Already more than 25 cabins have been booked.

For those of you who would like to arrive early or stay longer, GKM is negotiating favourable hotel rates and will inform us in the near future.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCITING HOLIDAY AND A GREAT GKM FAMILY GATHERING - SO BOOK NOW AND HAVE FUN IN THE SUMMER OF2004 !

~~ Anupama Parmar~~

Prayer should be done in the depth of your mind and in the silence of your personality.

In memory of Ba

Ganga Swaroop Parvatiben Atmaram Chauhan



Subashbhai & Neelaben Chauhan and Rameshbhai & Prafulaben Parmar and their families wish to thank the whole MGM community for their unconditional support and kindness at this sad time – the loss of their beloved Ba so unexpectedly. Ba will always be in our memories. Thank you.

DONATIONS LIST

A heartfelt thank you to all our donors for their generosity and continued support.

ELECTION & BHAJAN:

Ajay & Smita Solanki
Bhupendra & Kokila Kuntawala
Dhansukh & Manjula Chauhan
Dhirubhai & Shantaben Amalsadia
Dinesh & Jyoti Amalsadia
Jitesh & Nalini Amalsadia
Kirit & Ranjan Parmar
Laxmiben Chauhan
Shantaben J. Parmar

Bharatbhai & Pushpaben Chauhan
Dhansukh & Ajee Chaohan
Dharmesh & Bhavini Amalsadia
Dinesh & Anita Parmar
Harish & Anupama Parmar
Kanchanben & Meena Zala
Kishore Champaneri
Rajesh & Jyoti Solanki
Umedbhai & Jayaben Parmar (UK)

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Alpesh & Avni Mistry
Anane & Rina Thomas
Arvind & Harsha Solanki (USA)
Babubhai and Damyantiben Chauhan
Bharat & Pushpa Chauhan
Bhartiben Champaneri
Bhupenrabhai & Kokilaben Kuntawala
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Dinesh & Jyoti Amalsadia
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Hiteshbhai Zaveri
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Laxmiben Chauhan
Mahesh Champaneri
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Shantilal & Mala Sondagar
Surajben R. Bechar
Vinod Chauhan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MGM WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME:

Dipak Govindbhai and Priti Chavda, who are residing in Scarborough (416-431-3470).

OBITUARY

MGM would like to offer our deepest condolences to all the following families. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

Shree Ravjibhai Nathubhai Parmar, mama of Chandramani (Damayanti) Babubhai Chauhan, passed away on August 8th, 2003 in England (905-846-1921).

Shreemati Nitaben Sudhir Vithal, sister of Trupti Jayesh Champaneri, who passed away on August 20th, 2003 in Zimbabwe (905-799-6195)

Shreemati Shantaben Hargovindbhai Chauhan, fo of Babubhai and Ishverlal Vanmali Chauhan passed away on August 22nd, 2003 in Leceister, England (905-846-1921/905-495-1402).

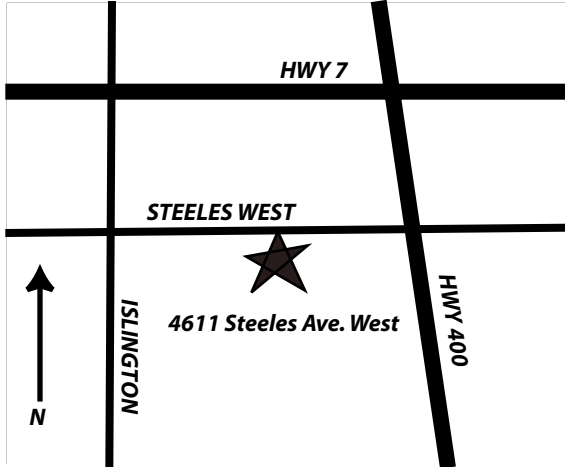
Ganga Swaroop Ichchhaben I. Chauhan, mother of Harshad and Jitendra Ichchhubhai Chauhan, passed away on September 6th, 2003 in England (905-842-3215/905-937-3102).

Ganga Swaroop Parvatiben Atmaram Chauhan, mother of Subhash Atmaram Chauhan and Prafula Ramesh Parmar, passed away peacefully on September 16th, 2003 in Toronto, Canada (905-886-8648/905-303-6112). 'Ba' was loved by all for her outgoing spirit and constant support. We will all miss her very much.

Do you have any announcements that you would like to share among our MGM community? Are you moving? Have you changed your phone number or any other contact information? If so, then please contact our MGM Secretary Rina Arya at 905-840-6115 or email at rina_arya@hotmail.com and she will gladly include it in our next newsletter.

~~ Rina Arya

Don't keep the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket.



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TIME: 4:00 PM TO 1:00 AM

SEE YOU THERE !! SEE YOU THERE !!



**HAPPY DIWALI &
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*May Diwali bring ...
Light to your Spirit
Prosperity to your Home
Joy to your Heart*

MGM Committee



**દિવાળી મુબારક
અને**

નુતનવર્ષાભિનંદન

આવનાર નવું વર્ષ સુખ, વૈભવ
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હાર્દિક અભિલાષા.



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