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MGM Membership

As of last year we have implemented a concept of collecting membership in the beginning of year.

Along with this newsletter, please find pre-stamped envelop to send your membership and other enrolments (e.g. Casino Rama bus tickets, donations etc).

Membership info:

\$35.00 / Family

\$20.00 / Single (for age 18+)

Exceptions:

- Seniors over 65 years of age.
- Unemployed individual (single)
- Unemployed couples (family)
- New immigrants in calendar year.

(if you fall in exceptions category, please inform us so that you continue getting your newsletters and other benefits as a member.)

President's Message

To our Dear Vadilo, Community Members and Kids:

Namaste,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year. May this year bring you joy and good health.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for tremendous support that you have given us over the years. Your donations, sponsorships, volunteering and just being there is one of the main reasons our Mochi Gnati Mandal has been so successful year after year. We are known to be one of the most active Mochi Mandal in North America.

The long cold winter with tons of snowfall never seems to end, but we have some news that might warm your winter days. How does MGM BOWLING, A trip to CASINO and Mahila Mandal POT LUCK sound? Also our two picnics for the summer have been booked. Please check the events page for the date, time and location on our website.

There is one issue I would like to address is **MGM membership**.

In past years there has been a handful of members who have not been paying their membership fees. Some members attend our annual Diwali show by paying non-member fees. There is nothing wrong in doing so, however it is unfair to members who has been paying membership every year. We might be forced to charge an individual fee for unpaid members who would like to attend the summer picnics. We have been now distributing return address envelopes with stamp, in the newsletter, so you can send your cheque by mail. Please do not wait until Picnic or Diwali show to pay your membership. 2008 membership is due now for the calendar year starting on January 1st.

The committee has also decided to stop sending newsletters to all those who have not been paying their membership or attended our events for more than 4 years. This will be the last newsletter sent to non-members. You are most welcome to download the newsletter from www.mgmontario.com in future. We will have news, photos of the events and other announcement updated on the website regularly.

I personally would like to thank our MGM committee members and Mahila Mandal for all the hard work they have put in last year.

Jai Shree Krishna & Best wishes,

Kirit Parmar



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Samuh Lagna (Group Weddings)

This concept of large number of couples getting married on the same day is getting increasingly popular. We ran the theme of Samuh lagna for our Diwali celebration in November 2007 and raised a whopping \$1500 which then converted in Indian rupees 60,000. This amount (already sent to India) will help almost eight couples to get married through our Mochi Gnati Parishad in March 2008. On behalf of MGM we

would like to thank the following donors: Mochi Gnati Mandal of Ontario, MGM Mahila mandal, Jiten and Nalini Amalsadia, Ramesh and Prafulla Parmar, Ishver and Pushpa Chauhan, Dilip and Anu Arya, Mahesh and Jayshree Solanki, Rajesh and Jyoti Solanki, Ajay and Smita Solanki, Daxa Champaneri, Babubhai and Damyanti Chauhan, Minesh and Nita Chavda, Sanjay Ratilal Champaneri, Kamlaben Chhibubhai Parmar, Bhanu and Kalpana Kohli, Kirit and Ranjan Parmar, Sharda Parmanad Vallabh, Jayshree Chauhan, Mayank Champaneri.

Thank you letter

Shree Bardoli Vibhag Mochi Gnati Parishad sent their heartfelt appreciation to **MGM Ontario** for donating \$100 to their 75th year celebration (Amrut Mahotsav). On January 6th 2008, they celebrated the event with a huge success. Our congratulations go to **Bardoli Parishad**.

