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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Executive Committee of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer weather in our Baltimore - Washington area. Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore has lined up many outstanding events for the summer and fall season for your pleasure and entertainment.

More information about all these exciting events are included in this Newsletter.

Picnic : Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Centennial Park East, Columbia.

Exclusive Pavilion - Delicious Catered Food - Volley Ball Courts - Cricket - Huge playground - Play Bingo - Win Prizes. If you have been to our picnic recently you know how much fun it is. If you have not been to our picnic lately please join us this year. On-line Registration is now open at our website.

Music Program: Sunday, September 8, 2013 at New Town High School, Owings Mills.

FALU LIVE IN CONCERT. An outstanding program of ancient & modern music, classical & Bollywood songs, Old & New songs by an accomplished artist. On-line Registration is now open at our website.

Vaikunth Yatra: New location....We have planned a Yatra on Saturday, September 14, 2013 to the Vaikunth Hindu Jain Temple in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey. We have made all arrangements for transportation, meals, tea, snacks and satsang at this existing new location. This will be a great trip full of fun, relaxation and spiritual experience. Our one day Yatra has been very popular with our members, especially, our seniors. We usually charter four buses which can accommodate 175-180 people. The cost of buses, food and donations to temple is over \$5,000. We keep charges for this Yatra very low at \$ 15-25 per person. If you would like to make donations for this great cause please contact me or any committee member. On-line registration is now Open at website.

Special General Body Meeting: Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex. A special meeting is called for adaptation of New Constitution & Bylaws of Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. More information is included in this Newsletter. New Constitution & Bylaws are posted on our website.

Navratri Programs: Three Saturdays - October 5, 12 & 19, 2013.

The best, the most attended, the most admired, the most exciting & enjoyable Navratri Raas-Garba programs in Maryland area will be organized again this year by the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore at huge Meadowbrook Athletic Complex in Ellicott City. Please join us for these amazing Raas-Garba programs. More information is included in this Newsletter.

Diwali Music Program & Dinner: Saturday, November 23, 2013 at New Town High School, Owings Mills. More information will be provided later.

We encourage you, especially, our younger generation to volunteer for Gujarati Samaj. If you would like to be a volunteer for Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore please contact me or any committee member.

If you are not in our e-mail list please provide us with your e-mail address. Also, visit our website gsbaltimore.org regularly to get up to date information on our events and a wealth of other information.

I want to thank our members, committee members, volunteers, donors and advertisers for their unconditional support and cooperation. 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.

Thank you.

Hament Patel

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હું કોણ ?તું કોણ ?

હું એક હિંદુ છું.
પણ તે પહેલા હું શું હતો?
.... એ ખબર નથી।
હું એક ગુજરાતી છું,
એક પાટીદાર છું.
પણ તે પહેલા હું કોણ હતો?
.... એ પણ ખબર નથી।
શા માટે દુનિયાને હું
દેખાવું છું, સાવ જુદો?

ન તો હિંદુ કે ગુજરાતી હું હતો,
જ્યારે આવ્યો આ દુનિયામાં ત્યારે.
હતો હું ફક્ત એક બાળક, એક માનવ.

નથી હું તો જુલ્મી, ઝનૂની કે ઘાતકી.
હજુયે હું છું માનવ, તમારા કે હરકોઈ જેવો.

મારો ધર્મ એ મારી પ્રસંદગી નહોતી,
છતાં બધા ધર્મોને હું ચાહું છું
ન તો કરી હતી પ્રસંદગી મેં,
મારી માતૃભાષાની.
છતાં દરેક માતૃભાષાને અને
સંસ્કૃતિને સન્માનું છું, જે બધાં
એક જ ચમનના પુષ્પો છે.
ભલે ઓળખો ભગવાનને ગમે તે નામથી
હું પણ તમારા જ ભગવાનનો બાળક છું.

હું એક માનવ છું અને
માનવ જાત ને ચાહું છું.
હું કોણ ? તું કોણ?
જાણો, મારા મિત્રો,
આપણે બધા માનવ છીએ,
માનવ બનીને સાથે રહીએ, જીવીએ,
તો કેવું ?

રતિભાઈ પટેલ
ડો. રીતા મહેતા-પટેલ

પરમ કૃપાળુ પરમાત્માને પ્રાથના.....

સ્મરણ તારું કરતાં કરતાં,
સવારની શરૂઆત કરાવી દેજે,
તારું જ પ્રતિબિંબ પડે હૃદયમાં,
પ્રભાતનું સોનેરી કિરણ તેવું દેજે.

ડગ મારા તુજ મંદિર તરફ વળે,
એવો ઈશારો મને તું કરી દેજે.
મુજ નયનમાં હંમેશ માટે તું,
સુખ શાંતિનું એક મંદિર ખડું કરી દેજે.

રીઝવી ના શકું ભલે આ જગતને,
મીઠાં વિચાર, વાણી, વર્તન મને દેજે
નથી જોઈતું મારે જરાપણ અણ-હક્કનું,
વિધિએ લાખ્યું એટલું જ તું મને દેજે.

ભટકતું મન સ્થિર થાય તારામાં,
તારા દરવાજે લાવી ખડું કરી દેજે.
અંત સમયે તારામાં જ રહું,
એવું સગપણ તું મને કરી દેજે.

દુઃખીને જોઈ રડે આંખો મારી,
એવા સબનબનાં આંસુ મને દેજે.
મળી જાય દેહ પંચભૂતમાં તો પણ,
કરે યાદ જગત એવી જીવન-કરણી દેજે.

વિસરું ના તને, પળ-પળ કદી,
રટણ રહે તારું જ તનમાં સદા,
સાથ રહે તારો જ મનમાં સદા,
હસતો હસાવતો જાઉં એવી ખુમારી મને દેજે.

પ્રસ્તુત:
રતિભાઈ પટેલ
રીતા મહેતા-પટેલ

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**Saturday, August 17, 2013
12:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

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**Please register online or contact any committee Member.
Please mail your Payments by August 12, 2013 to:**

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Community News

Yakshagana Dance Drama Musical

Friday, September 6, 2013, 7:00 PM

UMBC Fine Arts Recital Hall (Room 118), 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250



Yakshagana is a musical theater art popular in southern India. It consists of music and dance, performed in colorful costumes. A performance usually depicts a story from Indian epic poems and the *Puranas*. Yaksha Manjusha is a Yakshagana troupe based in Mangalore and has performed throughout India and in many locations in the U.S. They will be performing in Hindi with subtitles in English.

Hindi Yakshagana "Panchavati"--the Story of Surpanakha

All are welcome. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. To purchase tickets call 410-455-2094 or e-mail us at asianstudies@umbc.edu **All profits will be used for scholarships in support of UMBC Asian Studies students' study-abroad in India.**

Sad News

Mrs. Tara Parekh, mother of Life Members Jaykant and Dr. Bharat Parekh passed away on July 11th 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand at the age of 83. She is survived by Bharat and Jan Parekh, Hema and Rangan Rajagopalan, Prashant and Alka Parekh, Jaykant and Seema Parekh and the grand children, Tara, Jay, Neal, Neeraj, Shruti, Vaishali, Sahil, Nishi and Nina. Dr. Dhirubhai and Taraben lived in Bel Air, MD from 1992 till 2005. Our heartfelt condolences to Parekh families. May god rest her soul in peace.

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ભક્તિ એટલે પૂજ્યભાવ
ભક્તિ એટલે ધર્મ સાધના
ભક્તિ એટલે તપ સાધના
ભક્તિ એટલે જીવન આરાધના

ભક્તિ ભળે જો.....,
ભક્તિ ભળે જો પ્રવાસમાં,
.....તો તે બને યાત્રા.
ભક્તિ ભળે જો ભોજનમાં,
.....તો તે બને પ્રસાદ.
ભક્તિ ભળે જો શ્રમમાં,
.....તો તે બને સેવા.

ભક્તિ ભળે જો નિરાહારમાં,
.....તો તે બને ઉપવાસ.

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.....તો તે બને મંદિર
ભક્તિ ભળે જો પથ્થરમાં,
.....તો તે બને મૂર્તિ.
ભક્તિ ભળે જો શબ્દમાં,

.....તો તે બને પ્રાથના.

ભક્તિ ભળે જો કર્મમાં,

.....તો તે બને નિષ્કર્મ.

ભક્તિ ભળે જો મા-બાપની સેવામાં,

.....તો તે બને તીર્થ.

આમ,

ભક્તિ એજ ભગવાનની શ્રેષ્ઠ આરાધના
ભક્તિ એજ પરમાત્મા તરફની ઉત્તમ સેવા-

ભાવના

ભક્તિ એજ જીવન-બાજી સુધારવાની
સાધના

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ભક્તિ અને સત્સંગ એજ જીવન-ધર્મ

ચાલો તો આપણે પણ દૈનિક જીવનમાં,
ભક્તિભાવ ભરી આપણા જીવનને
અજવાળીએ, અક્ષરરૂપ, એકાંકિત
બનાવીએ

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temple to the GBT BalVihar Program's new school building.

For more information and to purchase tickets please contact:

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A Day Trip To The Vaikunth Hindu Jain Temple

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Venue: Vaikunth Hindu Jain Temple, 571 S Pomona Road, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 - 3806

Limited capacity of 175 only – First come first served.

**Register online at www.gsbaltimore.org by September 2, 2013 or by calling any committee members.
Registration will close once we reach the capacity.**



**Pickup at 8:30 AM and Drop-off at 7:00 PM at
Owings Mills Metro Station**

**Cost: \$ 25 per member (partially covers transportation and food)
Seniors 60 years and above – \$ 15 (bring valid photo identification)**

Please register as soon as possible and send your payment to Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, P.O. Box 687, Baltimore, MD 21117. To secure your place, please ensure that your payment reaches us within a week of the registration or by September 2, 2013 whichever comes first. Gujarati Samaj is providing the bus transportation and meals for a nominal cost of \$15 - \$25 per person. Our cost is over \$30 per person. No refunds please.

Please note: Each participant is required to sign Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore's liability release form. Form will be provided on a day of the trip.

We request our members and businesses to donate generously for such a good cause in order to continue such trips in the future. Please contact any committee member if you would like to make a donation in any amount.



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FEBRUARY 22 – NOVEMBER 14
TUE-SAT: 11:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

Special General Body Meeting

Sunday, September 29, 2013 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, Meeting Room

5001 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore will hold a special General Body Meeting to adopt proposed Constitution and Bylaws of Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. Proposed Constitution and Bylaws are posted on our website gsbaltimore.org. All members are invited to this meeting.

Current Executive Committee has worked for over two years to update the current Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed Constitution and Bylaws were included in March 2013 Newsletter which was mailed to all members.

Based on the constructive feedback received from the members and after legal review, we are proposing adaptation of this Constitution and Bylaws.

We have essentially kept the basic framework of the original Constitution and Bylaws adopted in 1975 when Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore was formed.

Some of the proposed changes are highlighted below:

- More clearly defined duties and responsibilities of the elected officials
- Increased the number of officers that will make up Board of Trustees to provide for effective management
- Included additional checks and balances to safeguard assets of our organization
- More clearly defined the election process to provide for integrity and transparency
- More clearly defined membership, members' rights and privileges

A report on current operations of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore will be presented at this meeting.



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

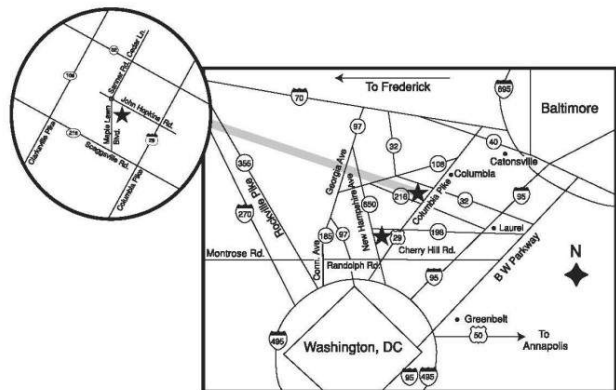
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Picnic @ Centennial Park East Pavilion H.....	Saturday, August 17, 2013
Falu Live in Concert, New Town HS, Owings Mills.....	Sunday, September 8, 2013
Yatra to Vaikunth Hindu Jain Temple, New Jersey.....	Saturday, September 14, 2013
Special General Body Meeting, Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Sunday, September 29, 2013
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, October 5, 2013
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, October 12, 2013
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, October 19, 2013
Diwali Dinner, New Town HS, Owings Mills.....	Saturday, November 23, 2013
General Body Meeting.....	TBD