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Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

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## Gujarati Community Newsletter

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### President's Message

I hope everyone is "in good spirits & safe" after going through the record breaking snow season and most of us can't wait for the spring. Last week we had over 67 people join us for the Ski and Snow Tubing event. There were some cancellations due to the weather. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to DC Gujarati Samaj President, Nipa Parikh, and Kirit Udeshi who helped us with the two coach buses reservation at very reasonable price. Around 100 DC Samaj members were there as well for the field trip which provided a good opportunity for all members to enjoy the event together.

The newly elected Executive Committee had its first meeting at the end of January. We were able to accomplish a lot during the first meeting including approval by the committee of the tentative 2010 budget, transition from old committee to new committee as well as some work on our newly revamped web site. We want to assure our members that no one on the current committee is either misusing the member's database or sharing the database with other associations. While we were provided the membership database, we are waiting to have access to current member's e-mail list from the past committee.

We are, therefore, requesting all of you to send us your updated contact information including email address so that we can improve our ability to communicate with you and notify the members of upcoming events electronically in addition to the mass mail. Email us the updated contact information at [contact@GSBaltimore.org](mailto:contact@GSBaltimore.org).

On April, 10 we will be presenting a **dinner and drama** – "CHITKAAR". Chitkaar is the No. 1 record breaking best original Gujarati play and has been non-stop running for 25 years. Please register online at your earliest convenience.

We are joining hands with Gujarati Samaj of Metropolitan Washington to **celebrate 50 Years of Gujarat's statehood**. This event will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD on May 8, 2010. Details are provided elsewhere in this Newsletter. We invite our members to represent us on various committees.

Our Management and Team Building Training is scheduled for March 6, 2010. We invite our young members who want to make a difference to contact us to participate in this opportunity. See elsewhere in the newsletter for details on volunteering.

I take this opportunity to thank all volunteers and committee members for their support and help.

Payesh Jhaveri

### Volunteers

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410-998-9838  
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### Youth Committee Coordinator

TBA  
**Members**  
TBA

## History of Gujarati Samaj

We have compiled the list of all Past Presidents of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore and with their help we hope to capture the Samaj's history: formation, early years, challenges faced, accomplishments, etc. which will be posted on our web site. Bhupendra Thakkar has agreed to lead our efforts and he will be in contact with you shortly. You may also call him at 410-465-0955 or drop him a note at [bgthakkar@yahoo.com](mailto:bgthakkar@yahoo.com) about what you can contribute to this effort.

## Website

Please visit our revamped web site including various links provided. If you have not done so previously, please check out Gujarati Lexicon website and for Gujarati Kavita lovers please visit Rankaar website. We would like to acknowledge the voluntary services provided by **Bhupesh Mehta** to write the software for on line registration.

## Past Events

### Ski/Snow Tubing Trip to Ski Roundtop



On February 13, 2010, we had over 67 people join us for the Ski and Snow Tubing event. Overall the ski/snow tubing event was a grand success, and the trip had all the ingredients for great fun. I loved the group, coordinators and the food. Timing of the event was just perfect - and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. was ideal to enjoy snow tubing.

Next time, we should have coordinators for the activities within the bus - such as introductions/ice breakers, group games, sharing ideas for next events, etc. And that would make the bus trip even more enjoyable.

Contributed by: Nimesh Chheda





દિલ પુછે છે માડું, અરે દોસ્ત તું ક્યાં જાય છે?  
જરાક તો નજર નાંખ, સામે કબર દેખાય છે.

ના વ્યવહાર સચવાય છે, ના તહેવાર સચવાય છે;  
દિવાળી હોય કે ફોળી, બધુ ઓફિસમાં ઉજવાય છે.  
આ બધુ તો ઠીક હતું પણ હદ તો ત્યાં થાય છે,  
લગ્નની મળે કંકોત્રી ત્યાં શ્રીમંતમાં માંડ જવાય છે.  
દિલ પુછે છે માડું, અરે દોસ્ત તું ક્યાં જાય છે?

પાંચ આંકડાના પગાર છે, પણ પોતાના માટે પાંચ મીનીટ પણ ક્યાં વપરાય છે?  
પત્ની નો ફોન બે મીનીટમાં કાપીએ પણ ક્લાયંટના કોલ ક્યાં કપાય છે?  
ફોનબુક ભરી છે મિત્રોથી, પણ કોઇનાય ઘેર ક્યાં જવાય છે?  
હવે તો ઘરના પ્રસંગો પણ ફાફ-ડેમાં ઉજવાય છે.  
દિલ પુછે છે માડું, અરે દોસ્ત તું ક્યાં જાય છે?

કોઇને ખબર નથી આ રસ્તો ક્યાં જાય છે,  
થાકેલા છે બધા છતા, લોકો ચાલતા જાય છે.  
કોઇકને સામે રૂપિયા તો કોઇકને ડોલર દેખાય છે  
તમેજ કહો મિત્રો શું આનેજ જીંદગી કહેવાય છે?  
દિલ પુછે છે માડું, અરે દોસ્ત તું ક્યાં જાય છે?

બદલતા આ પ્રવાહમાં આપણા સંસ્કાર ધોવાય છે,  
આવનારી પેઢી પૂછશે કે સંસ્કૃતિ કોને કહેવાય છે?  
એક વાર તો દિલને સાંભળો, બાકી મન તો કાયમ મુંજાય છે.  
ચાલો જલ્દી નિર્ણય લઇએ, મને સમય હજુય બાકી દેખાય છે.

દિલ પુછે છે માડું, અરે દોસ્ત તું ક્યાં જાય છે?  
જરાક તો નજર નાંખ, સામે કબર દેખાય છે.



**Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore Proudly Presents - April 10, 2010  
Dinner & Drama**

**Dinner (Pre-paid tickets only): 6:30 to 8:00 PM; Drama: 8:30 PM**

**Place: New Town High School, Owings Mills, MD**



**Tickets: \$20, \$30, & \$50. Book your tickets online at [WWW.GSBaltimore.org](http://WWW.GSBaltimore.org)**

**Get \$5 early discount on \$30 and \$50 tickets if purchased before March 31, 2010.**

**Mail Payment to: Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, P.O. Box 687, Owings Mills, MD 21117**

**To register, please call any committee member or visit our website.**

**Sponsor this event for as low as \$500. Each sponsor will get 4, first row tickets.**

**Contact Atul Patel @ 410-833-2251 or Dipak Desai @ 410-356-5660**

**CHITKAAR**

## Upcoming Event

### **"CHITKAAR" A Record Breaking Gujarati Play:**

Non Stop Running from 25 Years Starring: Sujata Mehta

April 10, 2010 - Includes Dinner - See Details Elsewhere

### **Gujarat Statehood 50 Years' Celebration:**

May 08, 2010 - See Details Elsewhere

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## **Other Community Announcements:**

Gujarati Samaj of Metropolitan Washington presents

Hilarious Gujarati Play

### **"Kona Didha ne Tamara Rahi Gaya"**

Starring Ashish Bhatt ("Parnela Ne Puchi Juvo" fame)

Friday March 5, 2010 @ 8 PM

High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road,

Beltsville, MD 20705

Tickets: \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60

\$5 off per ticket before 2/27/09 - Paid orders only.

Light dinner boxes will be provided between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Visit Samaj website **[www.dcsamaj.org](http://www.dcsamaj.org)** or call Nipa Parikh @ 301-762-6365 for complete details.

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Shri Mangal Mandir presents

### **King of laughter Shri Mahesh Shashtri and Nirav Mehta**

Friday March 12, 2010 @ 8 PM

Tickets: \$15 and \$25 (VIP)

At Shri Mangal Mandir Auditorium.

For more details call Shri Chandrakant Chove at 301-421-0985.

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Baltimore-Washington DC – Santram Bhakta Samaj presents

### **Santram Satsang Program**

Saturday April 17, 2010 @ 4:30 PM

At Shri Mangal Mandir

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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 METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

presents...

## Kona Didha ne Tamara Rahi Gaya

on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8 PM

### VENUE: HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

Directions: From 495 Beltway take 1-95N towards Baltimore. Take exit 29B for Rt. 212 towards Calverton. Go 1.2 miles. School on left.

### GUJARATI COMEDY DRAMA

Supported by Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore and  
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Starring: "Parnela Ne Puchi Juvo"

fame

**Ashish Bhatt**

### TICKETS:

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**www.DCSamaj.org**

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**CONTACT** for tickets, vendor booth & sponsorship information

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Light dinner boxes will be distributed (6:30 - 7:30 PM) for the ticket orders received by February 27th.



## Benefits of Volunteering for Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

At Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore (GSB), volunteering is offered by choice—it is not mandated. Each of us who joined Gujarati Samaj's Managing Committee (that is the Executive Committee (EC)) became proudly involved so that we can provide a service to our Samaj and its members. At GSB, we have a long tradition of volunteering and as volunteers we aim to foster community integration and unity by encouraging members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to work together through sharing of common goals.

The EC team works as a cohesive team where sharing of ideas are encouraged and respected, the work load is balanced based on expertise, and most importantly, **WE HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY**. Each of us recognizes the commitment we have made to serve our Samaj and the fundamental reason we volunteer at GSB is **TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY**.

So, if **YOU** are asking “Why Should I join Gujarati Samaj's Volunteer Committees?” or “What are the benefits of volunteering?”, here are a few things to think about:

- Want to make new friends? Want to meet Gujarati professionals? Want to meet business owners? Samaj is the right place for **YOU**!
- Want to be a part of a team that manages events for more than 550 (life members) Gujarati families in Baltimore? How about your passion to manage or assist managing events? We have an energetic team with tremendous passion - we need **YOU**!
- Samaj hosts **Cultural Events, Fun Events, Educational Events** – your interest in any of these areas is valuable to us. We have room for **YOU**!
- Do you have a passion to add **Culture, Fun & Value** to our Newsletter Publication - we need **YOU**!
- Do you have a passion to **SHINE** our Samaj on the Web and **Market** our **Events** - we need **YOU**!
- Do you want to learn managing tasks that others execute in Samaj activities - come join us & **learn**!
- Do you love to manage **Financial** and **Treasury** tasks – we have room for **YOU**!
- How about playing a role of Samaj Voice! We need your communication skills, your speaking talents, or any skills that **YOU** can bring to make things enjoyable and valuable from Samaj's perspective. We need **YOUR** enthusiasm and passion!
- Do you have skills in using **Multimedia, Audio, Video**, or a **Computer**? – Samaj needs **YOU**! We need your passion, your enthusiasm, your leadership skills, and your positive attitude to raise Samaj to a new level.
- Our Samaj membership is increasing daily and Samaj is becoming stronger and stronger. Do **YOU** want to be part of this ongoing revolution?
- Do you want to play a role in maintaining our **Culture & Heritage** in our community – we need **YOU** to help us achieve that!
- We strongly support diversity! We need **YOU** whether **YOU** are male or female, irrespective of age limits– we need that passion, that love for Gujaratis – and we can do it via **Samaj**!
- Yes, Samaj will need **YOUR** time, efforts & positive attitude and in return **YOU** will get a sense of achievement, a sense of fulfillment, a sense of ‘**making a big difference**’ in our community. So come join us! **YOU** will be glad you did! Join us as a **volunteer** and become part of Samaj Seva – we will do it for fun, for culture, for heritage, for people.

If you would like to learn more about the volunteering experiences or would like to volunteer at GSB, please contact any of the current EC members or send an e-mail to **contact@GSBaltimore.org**.



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### ABOUT DR. KAMLESH PATEL

Dr. Patel received his Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree in 1986 from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed a one year Comprehensive General Practice Residency at the V.A. Medical Center (1987-1988) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.**

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

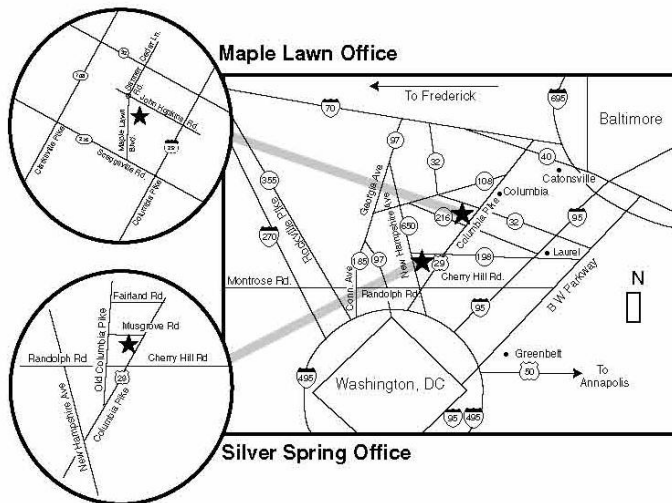
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Invites you to ...  
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**With support of Gujarati Mitra Mandal, Mangal Mandir, Jain Society, Gujarati Literary Academy**



**Eleanor Roosevelt High School  
7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 1:00 PM – Midnight**



**Nipa Parikh, President, Gujarati Samaj Metropolitan Washington 301-762-6365  
Payesh Jhaveri, President, Gujarati Samaj Baltimore 919-697-9189**

**Gujarat Statehood - 50 Years' Celebration**

We are joining hands with Gujarati Samaj of Metropolitan Washington to celebrate 50 Years' of Gujarat's statehood. This event will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD on May 8, 2010. We will all need to work together to make this a successful event.

Various committees have been established to plan for this event: Activities, Youth, Fund Raising, Souvenir, Publicity, Media, Hospitality, Reception, Vendors, Volunteers, Security, Cultural, Talent & Fashion Show, Medical, Photography, Rass/Garba & Other Competition. We would like to invite our members to represent us on various committees. Please review the list of various committees and let us know what area **you** or **someone** that you know (member of Baltimore Samaj) would like to volunteer to represent us. Please contact Gaurang Patel or email us at [contact@GSBaltimore.org](mailto:contact@GSBaltimore.org).

## Advertisements

We encourage businesses and professionals to place their advertisement in our community newsletter. We will, at a minimum, publish 4 newsletters annually and will also place your advertisements on the website. For further details, please contact Dipak Desai at 410-356-5660 or send us an email at **contact@GSBaltimore.org** to indicate your interest. Camera ready copy of your advertisement would be preferable.

## Event Sponsorship

Without the support of our members, volunteers, and the sponsors we would not have seen the success that we have enjoyed during the past few years. Sponsors have enabled us to plan and organize out of town trips such as trips to Vraj or Golden Temple. We would like to continue to organize such events to benefit our members and, in particular, seniors who have been able to participate in these events. Please contact any one of the Board members for event sponsorship or send us an email at **contact@GSBaltimore.org**.

## Management Training

We are planning Management & Teamwork Training for members of the Board of Trustees on March 06, 2010 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Training will be held at Comfort Inn, 11200 York Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. There will be nominal registration fee of \$20 per person to cover the cost of incidentals and lunch. We invite any young members interested in serving Gujarati Samaj in the future. Please contact us or send us an e-mail at **contact@GSBaltimore.org** to indicate your interest so that we can possibly include you in the training seminar. We may also have executive committee members of other local organizations attending the training.

## Updating Membership Records

We have made every effort to rebuild our membership database as accurately as we can. However, there are still a few members whose records we are unable to update. We therefore request every member to visit our revamped website and provide us with their updated membership profile. If you know of any member who is not receiving our Newsletter then please ask them to contact us. We request all members to provide us with change of addresses, if any, in a timely manner.

## Call for Articles

We invite members to contribute articles or community news of interest to the members either in Gujarati or in English. Email your contributions to **contact@GSBaltimore.org**.



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Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

## 2010 PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

Ski/Snow Tubing Trip to Ski Roundtop .....	February 13, 2010
Bowling .....	March or April
Management & Team Building Training .....	March 06, 2010
Dinner & Drama – Chitkaar .....	April 10, 2010
50 Years' Celebration of Gujarat Statehood .....	May 08, 2010
Temple Trip .....	TBD
Graduation (High School and College) .....	June or July
Picnic .....	August
Navratri .....	October
Diwali .....	October or early November
General Body Meeting .....	TBD

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