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Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Swaminarayan

Dear Members:

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Sanjay Dahyabhai Patel from

Nashville TN and Gaam Kharvasa in India. I am proud and honored to serve as your President by the grace of God and blessings of my parents and grandparents.

My introduction can be reflected only by my thoughts, words and dedicated work and not by my wealth, power or position. Over the past several years, I have had the privilege and honor of working on this great association and wholeheartedly have enjoyed it. I find it exciting to be a part of a group that is making strategic decisions to advance the mission of the organization and to continue to preserve our heritage and culture for our current & future generations to come.

As I took this leadership role at the Cincinnati convention I am working diligently with the board of directors and many of our community leaders to help progress our Samaj even greater then it is. I strongly believe this can be accomplished by harmony and peace as we come together unified by working together and with each other rather than working against each other. We must set aside any differences and not let us fight on trivial matters to satisfy our EGO. Our unity will make progress and prosperity with perfection and purity.

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After taking over the Presidency role we have been working extremely hard in many areas of the association with the board. Our primary focus first was shaping our financial position by cleaning up the paperwork and streamlining the accounting for a better understanding and knowledge. We have further assigned CD'S with higher interest rates from prior and made sure all our lifetime members funds are secured. Secondly we made several road trips in the State of Texas and finished three successful town hall meetings (Wichita falls, Amarillo and Waco Texas) with the help of my board members, members and local area support. This year we decided to reach out to the smaller cities and bring awareness in areas where LPS of USA presence has lacked to increase membership and participation from across the country to promote & preserve our culture and heritage. While reaching out to these areas we

were able to make many new members and everyone was very excited for LPS of USA being present for the first time in history with overwhelming healthy interactions & dialogues

PRESIDENT LETTER

by the members.

From these town hall meetings our members provided some great feedback with suggestions and concerns about our samaj especially on one very important matter which is about our wedding reevaj and unreasonable expectations during the wedding e.g. Guests expects hotel rooms to be provided by bride's and groom side of families, putting a huge financial burden for many families, who however feel obligated to go along with such demands. Therefore, it is my humble request to everyone to come forward and please put a stop to this kind of unfair burden to our Leuva brothers and sisters.

Furthermore, all committees have been formed with goals established and work in progress. We have an exciting year planned to include an upcoming Cruise for our senior citizens, youth events, woman's conference, and many other town halls across the country. We will keep you posted via publication media, website, & facebook for full details on these events.

The Publication team would like to remind you to report any accomplishments within the community so that it may be recognized in the Leuva Connection. Please send articles to info@lpsofusa.com for any news to be considered by the team to published.

Last but not least, Myself and the entire LPS of USA Board cordially invite everyone to attend our spectacular LPS of USA National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on July 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2017 at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC). The Board, local area volunteers and the leaders are extremely enthusiastic in the planning of this National Convention where we will come together, experience our bondage, network with each other make it an event you will not want to miss. We will keep all members posted as the National convention progresses.

The most important axiom we can learn to revolve around should be "United We Stand, Divided We Fall", because our society is truly strong only when it is firmly united.

So now let's talk about many of the passing of our members, in this times it makes us realize that life is fragile and not forever. To all the families of loved ones we have lost, on behalf of myself and my board members our deepest condolences, our

thoughts and prayer were and are with you and may their soul rest in peace.

om shanti, shanti, shanti......

Jai Shree Krishna, Sanjay Dahyabhai Patel (Gaam Kharvasa) President 2016-2017 Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA

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"Message from the Convention Chairs on LPS of USA National Convention. Atlanta GA July 27th, 28th, 29th 2017"



Roshan Patel Convention CoChair

Dear Members

On behalf of the LPS of USA Board we would like to cordially invite all members to our LPS of USA National Convention & Tradeshow on July 27th, 28th, & 29th 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia International Convention Center. Our theme this year will be "Celebrating our Heritage & Embracing our Future". This convention will be enlightening, entertaining, and all around spectacular.

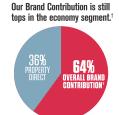
The focus of this convention, as the theme portrays, is "Celebrating our Heritage & Embracing our Future." Furthermore, our youth play the most important role in our samaj; therefore, it is essential that we preserve our heritage and cultural values. The attendees will consist of all age groups including a large concentration of Leuva Youth whom will be gathering for this special three-day event to come learn, experience, and network with other Leuva community members from around the nation.

The goal of the agenda is to promote the Leuva heritage and cultural values to the youth in the community and energize the already existing efforts to inspire a better way of life through humanitarian culture of love, service, purity, discipline, and dedication.

Please follow us on our LPS of USA Facebook page and visit lpsofusa.com for up-to-date information and full details in regards to this upcoming National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 27th to July 29th, 2017. We will also be mailing information regarding convention registration in the near future.

As your convention chairs, we look forward to planning this great convention for our members to attend so please mark your calendars as this will be an event you will not want to miss. We hope to see vou there!





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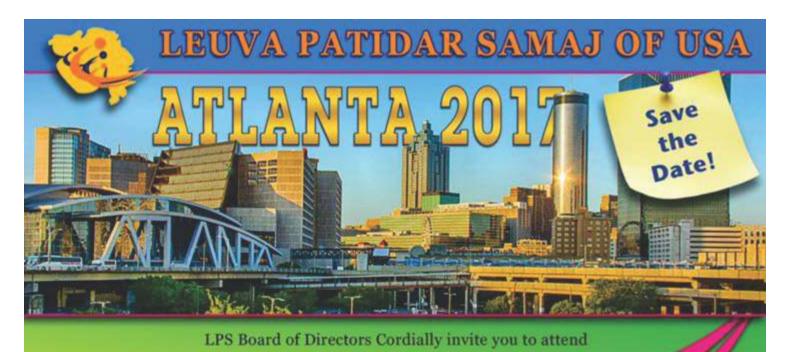


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The LORD is close to the Brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



Please forgive any omissions as we try our best to include all sad demise we receive.



A Historical Moment "Breaking the Barriers: The First Female Elected Officer as Treasurer in 27 years History of LPS of USA"

Nayana "Nancy" Patel Treasurer

It is with great honor and pride to be elected as your new Treasurer in this 2016-2017 term at the historical Cincinnati Ohio Annual Conference on July 1st, 2016. Serving LPS for the past 8 years and working in almost every area and aspect of the association gave me a reason to run for this position with first-hand experience, extensive proven track record and knowledge of how the association runs. It is absolutely important to have more women run in leadership positions as we are the backbone of our samaj that are like a glue and bondage to our family.

Breaking Barriers is a showcase of exceptional women who are breaking stereotypes to change their own lives and inspire other women and girls around them. From the beginning, the American way of life has been a very fast paced one, and in today's generation especially it can be hard for an Indian-American girl or boy to establish her or his own identity. For Indian-American female and males, America is not a place foreign to us but rather to our culture. Being raised by parents who have followed a more or less traditional route isn't easy. It can be hard for parents to give their kids the freedom that comes from living in a liberal country like the US, and it can be hard for us to understand and accept where our parents are coming from. Whatever our background, we've all had similar experiences. We constantly struggle to keep a balance between our grass roots & identity while trying to keep pace with the American way of life

So why am I here? There is only one word that can describe my purpose which is **Passion.!!**

- · Passion to give back to the community that has given to me
- · Passion to make a difference to others around me
- · Passion to assure progress for this association
- · Passion of serving the samaj without expectations or recognition
- · Passion to preserve our heritage and culture for our future generations & encourage women empowerment
- · Passion to continue our identity and keep it alive thru serving an association like LPS of USA.

So what will I do as your treasurer in addition to trying my best to follow the governing bylaws and PNP's?

There are 3 major areas I would like to focus on during my term:

Accountability, Consistency, Transparency.

Ultimately while financial management is the primary focus of the Treasurer, the entire board is responsible to share the accountability and make sound decisions of how the membership's money is being spent. Within the first 100 days extensive hours have been put in to make sure that the financial position of the association will be healthy and I look forward to doing my best for the members and the association.

In my years of service to my community, I have learnt that we all have an integral part of our future generations lives. We should all be part of the mainstream and want to preserve our culture and traditions in this country which is my reason of my service to LPS of USA. My passion will be unwaivered for the reason of preserving our samaj for our kids and future generations. We need people with genuine commitment, passion, energy and furthermore to inspire others to join in and contribute to our samaj. A samaj is a entity of group of people whom we can identify with. Without an identity, we would be called nothing. We are successful because of our identity. Our Samaj is our identity and our success is because our forefathers emphasized the importance of a samaj.

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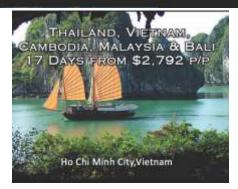
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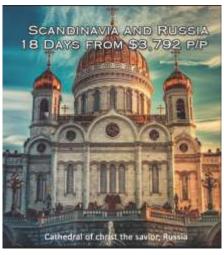
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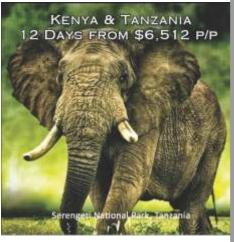
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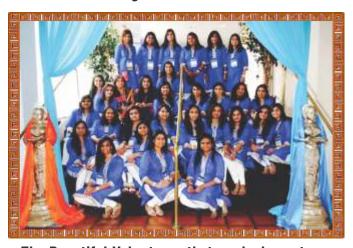
The Prehours of volunteer energy that must be given for Registration Process



Dedication of long hours of Hard work and time



Volunteer Preplanning meeting with Local Team



The Beautiful Volunteers that worked as a team



Some of the area Leuva Ladies that worked endlessly

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CONVENTION



A variety of Delicious Indian Cuisine catered by Rameshbhai



Our Leuva Ladies networking during reception dinner



Gods Divine Prescence at our convention



The Board Members during Harshadbhais Term



Our Young Leuvas enjoying our cultural food



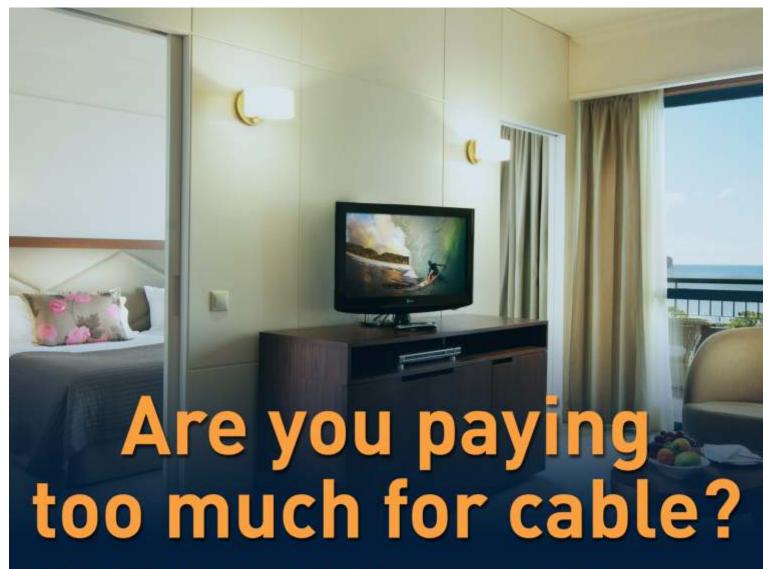
Beautiful smiles as the women enjoy the reception dinner



Our Membership gathering for a spectacular Cultural Program



Our LPS Pioneer Leaders thanked for their service



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The Opening Prayers to Start our successful convention



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Mind Blowing Performance by the Cincinnati Leuva Ladies



The entire team of the Gujarati Natak from our Leuva Community Members



Stunning Performance



The Beautiful Kentucky Blue Grass Ladies Perfomance

CONVENTION DAY - 1 : CULTURAL PROGRAM



Move over Bollywood our LPS Boyz have their groove on



A High Performance Garba by the Lovely Leuva Ladies



Our Young Leuva Girls have the moves



A energetic performance by our young leuvas



An evening of Garba after a fantastic Cultural Program



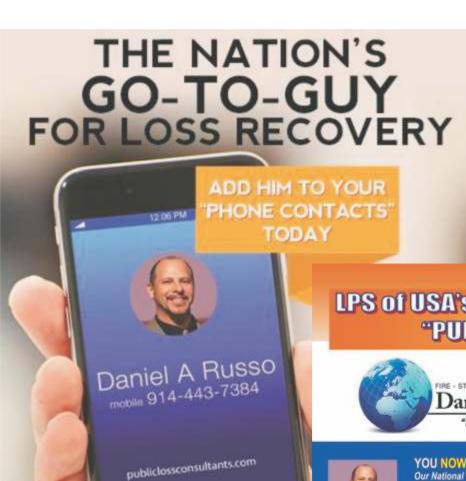
Our Leuva Ladies enjoying gharba



Our Youth Participating in our Cultural event



Ending the Cultural evening with Raas Dandiya



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A Relaxing Morning
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One of our Great Instructors Asha Patel



Our Bollywood Zumba Instructor Nila Patel



A highly energetic Bollywood Style Zumba led by Nila Patel



A Simple fun Towel Stretch routine led by Smita Patel can help burn excessive calories



Our Beautiful Instructor Smita Patel



Our attendees starting a relaxing morning stretch

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LPS Opening Day Session Diva Lighting



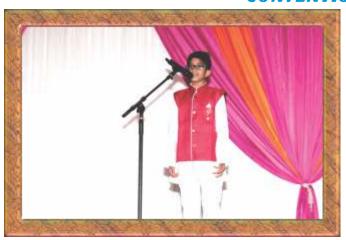
A farewell to one of the most dedicated and hardworking BOD Manish Desai



Appreciating some of our Youth team members



Members enjoying the Opening Session



LPS talented Youth General Session Opening Act



Harshadbhai appreciating the LPS Dedicated Female Leaders



Appreciating some of our team members



Members enjoying the day

CONVENTION DAY 2: TRADESHOW



Beautiful Sarees for sale at the tradeshow



Designer Dresses



members at the trade show



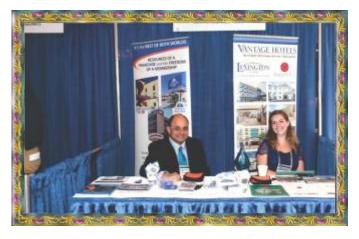
Members enjoying the trade show



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NAVRATRI COLLAGE



Navaratri is a very popular festival in Gujarat. It is a festival of nine nights. Navaratri is the festival of garba and dandiya-raas. During Navaratri streets and party plots are beautifully decorated with colourful lights and festoons. Women are dressed in traditional ghaghra-choli and wear traditional jewellery. Even men dress up in the traditional Kediyu. Both men and women, and the young and the old, enjoy themselves dancing to the tunes and songs played by an orchestra. Everyone is full of joy and enthusiasm. Every evening, the programme begins with the aarti of Goddess Amba. After the Aarti men, women and children form a circle and perform garba or dandiya-raas. They dance throughout the night. Navaratri is a symbol of our culture and tradition.



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CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE & CULTURE







Diwali is the biggest festival of Hindus. It is the most popular festival of country. Diwali is the festival of lights. It is the festival lasts for five days. People clean and decorate their houses before it. During diwali ladies prepare sweets and children enjoy fire crackers. On the day of diwali women draw colourful rangoli. At night ther lamps are lighted, Bussinessmen perform **Chopda Pujan** on diwali day. New year is celebrated the nextday with joy. People getup early and go to the temples & Payer to god for their bright future. They meet their friends and relatives and exchange good wishes for the New year.















"Our Lil Leuva Youth spectacular on Halloween"















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LPS of USA invited to the First Red Roof Women's Forum Conference Held in New Orleans, LA A Brand that builds on Relationships





On November 1st, & 2nd, 2016 Red Roof Inn hosted its first Women's Forum in New Orleans, LA. This conference involved many of our Leuva Community female entrepreneurs that are juggling both the business and social cultural lives. Red Roof as a brand realizes women have long been the backbone of the hospitality industry across all disciplines – accounting, human resources, sales, purchasing, general managers, owners and more. As business is becoming increasingly competitive and complex with the advent of new brands, growth of third party booking channels and increasing guest expectations.

At the Red Roof Forum on Leadership for Women Entrepreneurs the women were able to examine the business skills required and tools available to successfully meet these challenges. Furthermore, some of our Leuva Women's such as Trusha Patel, (TX), Janki Patel (OH), Rita Patel (FL), Dina Patel (TX), and Bakula Patel (NC) were among the panelists whom participated in an extraordinary interactive panel discussion sharing their personal experiences of balancing culture, family and business.

Nayana Nancy Patel, as the first female officer - Treasurer for LPS of USA was invited to attend this event as Red Roof as a brand recognized how many Leuva women are breaking barriers in taking leadership roles in a cultural association and learning to follow their passion and helping pave the path for other future female leaders to step up and take charge.

Dorraine Lallani and Marina MacDonald along with the rest of the Red Roof Team did a fantastic job with the agenda, speakers, and highly informative education seminars. Red Roof has been a great supporter of LPS of USA and its franchisees and have truly enjoyed the past women's conferences the association has done over the 3 years. They supported our cultural values with respect from providing Indian cuisine food to a pre reception evening entertainment with Bollywood Music, Gharba and Dandiya Raas. for all the women to enjoy.









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LPS of Houston hosting Womens Night out



LPS of Houston Womens enjoying Zumba with Kajal Desai



Congratulations to the LPS of Georgia newly elected Board 2016-2017



Celebrating 4th of July Tennessee style



SLPS Youth of DFW Giving Back to the Community by helping feed the needy



LPS Members from San Antonio TX participate in the City Diwali Event with their self created float



DFW LPS Panama Mens Trip



LPS of USA Board site visits GICC for National Convention July 27th, 28th, and 29th 2017 during its official board meeting

TOWN HALL - WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS









A Texas Road Trip of LPS of USA Townhall's across the suburbs "Reaching out at Grass Roots Level"

During the months from September thru November 2016 LPS of USA Officers, Board members, & Past BOD's have traveled to the suburbs of Texas cities where LPS of USA has never been per our current President Sanjay Patels goal this year. Purpose of reaching out to Leuva Patidars from Witchita Falls, Amarillo, and Waco is to communicate how important it is to keep our Leuva Patidar identity, heritage & culture alive in America. LPS of USA was gracefully welcomed at each city with second to none hospitality to a great Welcoming ceremony from the Witchita Falls members to the Amarillo and Waco members wholehearted hospitality. Members were not only educated on the importance of continuing our heritage and culture but also what LPS of USA has accomplished as well as inform of the goals & vision of the association and also to hear from the members.









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AMARILLO, TEXAS









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HUMANITARIAN SERVICES





As of February 2016 there have been 203 homes completely rebuilt after the catastrophic earthquake in Nepal. Since May 2015 I had approached to restore 1 village to our community leaders across Houston, Dallas, California, Mississippi, Louisiana, Washington DC, and other surrounding areas from the country. With the help of the community we were able to raise \$310,000 for this humanity service. Furthermore, with the help of the Charitable Care Foundation and Hope for Charity we were able to build the homes for the needy.

Medical Camp Project

During February 29th thru March 2016 I was able to lead a medical campo with 11 medical doctors and staff members that volunteered from our LPS community. They were Dr. Pankaj Mowji, Dr Umaben Patel, & Dr. Ramaben along with 3 other American Doctors, 2 registered nurses and 3 other staff members to help. As a result of this Medical Camp Project there were 48 surgeries complete, 1200 children checked from surrounding areas for Pediatric Wellness. This group has held over 16 camps world wide in many different countries with India being the 1st camp held in their tenure. With such a great experience of the Indian hospitality and atmosphere they were overwhelmed to do this camp again in the future in India.

For any further Questions or concerns please call Vipin Bavaji by email at bavaji@cableone.net.

"Please note this relief fund is not associated with the LPS of USA Association Relief Fund for the Nepal Earthquake Project".



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GUJARATI - PRESIDENTS LETTER



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જેઓ મને નથી ઓળખતા એમના માટે હું સંજય ડાહયાભાઈ પટેલ, Nasville TN અને ખરવાસા ગામ, ભારત માંથી છું. ભગવાન મારા માતાપિતા અને પૂર્વજોના આશીર્વાદથી હું પ્રમુખપદની સેવા આપવાનો મને માન અને ગર્વ અનુભવું છું.

મારી ઓળખાણ હું મારા વિચારો, શબ્દો અને કામોથી જ આપવા માંગુ છું નહી કે મારા પદ અને સ્થાનથી. છેલ્લા ઘણા વર્ષોથી હું આ સંસ્થા સાથે હ્રદયપૂર્વક કામ કરવામાં આનંદ અનુભવુ છું. હું ઘણો ઉત્સાહી છું કે આપણી સંસ્થા આપણી સંસ્કૃતિને આપણી અત્યારની અને ભવિષ્યની પેઢી માટે સાચવી રાખવાનું કામ કરી રહી છે.

Cinannati સંમેલન માં નેતૃત્વપદ પર કામ કરતી વખતે હું ખંતપૂર્વક આપણા સભાસદો અને સમાજના લીડરો સાથી સમાજનો વધુ વિકાસ અંગે વિચારું છું. હું માનું છું કે આ કામ આપણે બધા સાથે મળીને એક થઈને કામ કરીએ નહીં કે એકબીજાથી વિરુધ થઈને આપણે આ સંવાદિતા અને શાંતિથી કામ કરવું જોઈએ. આપણે આપણું અભિમાન સંતોષવાની લડાઈ બાજુમાં મૂકી દેવી જોઈએ. આપણી એકતા આપણો વિકાસ અને સમૃધ્ધી અને સંપૂર્ણતા અપાવશે.

વ્યવસાય દ્વારા સેવા, જાત સેવા, કુટુંબસેવા મનુષ્યની સેવા માટે.

પ્રમુખ પદે રહયા પછી, અમે સંસ્થા સાથે થોડા વર્ષો ઘણી મહેનત કરી છે. અમારું પ્રાથમિક ધ્યેય, આપણી નાણાંકીય સ્થિતિ સુધારવાનું હતું.

અમોએ CD'S વ્યાજ સાથે કરી છે અને આપણા જીવન પયર્તિ સભ્યોનું દાન સુરક્ષિત છે બીજી અમોએ ઘણી બધી રોડ પ્રવાસો ટેકસાસ રાજયમાં અને ત્રણ ટાઉનહોલ સભા (Wichita Fals, Amarilo and Waco Texas) આપણા સમાજના સભ્યો અને સ્થાનિક એરિયાનાં સભ્યો સાથે પરિપૂર્ણ કરી છે. આ વર્ષે અમો નાનાં શહેરોમાં જઈ જયાં LPS of USA ની જાણ કરી સભ્યોમાં વધારો કરીશું. આ જગ્યાની મુલાકાત લેવાથી અમો ત્યાંના સભ્યો સાથે વાતચીત કરીને LPS of USA ની હાજરી ની જાણ થશે.

ટાઉનહોલની સભાથી આપણા સભ્યો તરફથી ઘણા અભિપ્રાયો અને પ્રતિસાદો આપણા સમાજ માટે મળ્યા છે, જે આપણી લગ્નના રિવાજ અને લગ્ન દરમ્યાિન અશકય આશાઓ ઉ.દા. મહેમાનો માટે છોકરી અને છોકરાવાળા તરફથી હોટલમાં રૂમો આપવામાં આવે છે. જે ઘણાં કુટુંબો માટે નાણાંકીય બોજ બને છે. આથી આ મારી નમ્ર વિનંતી છે કે બધા આગળ આવો અને આપણા લેઉવા ભાઈઓ અને બહેનો માટે બોજારૂપ રિવાજો બંધ કરો.

બધી જ સભાઓ કામોના વિકાસ અને એક ધ્યેય સ્થાપવા માટે થાય છે. અમો એ આખા વર્ષ માટેની યોજનાઓ જેમ કે વડીલો માટે Cruise Trip, યુવાનો માટે પ્રોગામ, મહિલાઓ માટે સભા અનેક પ્રોગામોનું આખા દેશનાં જુદા જુદા ટાઉનહોલમાં આયોજન કરવાનું નકકી કર્યુ છે. અમો તમોને ટપાલ, મેગેઝીન વેબસાઈટ અને ફેસબુક દ્વારા પ્રોગામની વિગતની જાણ કરીશું.

પ્રકાશકોની ટીમ ધ્યાન રાખે કે, આપણા સમાજની કોઈપણ સિધ્ધિ ભૂલાઈ નહીં અને લેઉવા કનેકશનમાં પણ આ સિધ્ધિઓની નોંધ લેવામાં આવે. મહેરબાની કરી તમામ સમાચારના લેખો into@lpsofusa.com પર મોકલો જેથી પ્રકાશક ટીમને ધ્યાનમાં આવી શકે.

છેલ્લું પરંતુ ઓછામાં ઓછુ નહીં હું અને LPS of USA ની ટીમનાં દરેક સભ્યો તમને બધાને યોજાનારી LPS of USA ની વાર્ષિક સભા (GICC) સભાસદ, સ્થાનિક સ્વંય સેવકો અને નેતાઓ આ વાર્ષિક સભા, જયાં આપણે બધા ભેગા મળીએ, એક બીજા સાથે બંધ જોડાઈએ અને આ કાર્યક્રમ બનાવીએ. અમો આ વાર્ષિક સભાના અહેવાલો દરેક સભ્યોને ટપાલ દ્વારા મોકલીશું.

આપણે બધા એ સાથે મળીને ઉભા રહીએ જુદા રહીશું તો બધા ભાંગી પડીશું, કારણ કે આપણી સમાજ ત્યારે જ મજબૂત બનશે, જયાં આપણે બધા સાથે મળીને રહીશું.

હવે આપણે આપણા જે સભ્યો ને ગુમાવ્યાને તેમને યાદ કરીએ, દરેક કુટુંબો જેમના પ્રિયેતા ગુમાવ્યા છે. તેમને હું અને સભ્યો તરફથી અમારી સાંત્વના, અમારા વિચારો અને પ્રાર્થના અર્પણ કરું છું. દરેક આત્માને શાંતિ મળે એ જ અમારી પ્રાર્થના છે.

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આ મારા માટે સન્માન અને ગર્વની વાત છે, મારી ઐતિહાસિક CINCINNATI, OHIO ની વાર્ષિક સભા જુલાઈ ૨૦૧૬ માં ખજાનચી તરીકે નિમણૂંક કરવામાં આવી, છેલ્લાં આઠ વર્ષોથી જુદાજુદા સ્થાને ચાલી રહેલા LPS થી મને આ પદની કામગીરી ભજાવવાની પ્રેરણા મળી આપણા માટે આ વાત ઘણી મહત્વની છે કે સ્ત્રીઓ નેતૃત્વ પદ પર રહે, આપણે સમાજની આપણા ફેમીલીની જેમ બાંધવાનો છે.

સ્ત્રીઓ એક સરખા બીબા ઢાળ તોડીને પોતાની જીંદગી જીવે અને બીજા ના માટે પ્રેરણારૂપ બને શરૂઆતથી અમેરિકાની જીવનશૈલી ઘણી ઝડપી છે અત્યારની પેઢી અને ખાસ ભારતીય અમેરિકન છોકરા છોકરી એ પોતાની ઓળખ બનાવી છે. ભારતીય અમેરિકન પુરુષ અને સ્ત્રીઓ માટે અમેરિકા એક વિદેશી જગ્યા નથી પણ એક આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ છે. જે મા બાપ હજુ પણ પુરાણી સંસ્કૃતિ અપનાવે છે. તેમના માટે ઘણુ મુશ્કિલ છે મા બાપ માટે ઘણુ અઘરૂ છે, તેમના બાળકોને અમેરિકાના પ્રમાણે મોજ શોખ જીંદગી જીવવા માટે તૈયાર કરવા આ આપણા માટે પણ મુશ્કિલ છે. કે તે જયારે તેઓ અહીં આવે ત્યારે તેમને સમજાવવા આપણી પૃષ્ઠભૂમિ ગમે તેઅ હોય પણ આપણા બધાના અનુભવો સમાન છે. અમો સતત પ્રયત્ન કરીએ છે કે આપણી ઓળખાણ અને સંસ્કૃતિને અમેરિકાન જીવન સાથે સમાનતા કેળવવા.

તો હું શા માટે અહીં છું ? આ બધા માટે એક જ શબ્દ ''મારું જૂનુન'' તમને બધું જ વર્ણન કરી આપશે.

- આપણા સંગઠનનો વિકાસ
- આપણા સમુદાયે જે મને આપ્યું છે તેને પરત કરવાનું
- મારી આજુબાજુમાં વિવિધતા કેળવવાની
- સમાજ માટે કામ કરવું વગર ઓળખાણ અને કોઈપણ આશા વગર
- આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ અને ધરોધર જાળવી રાખવી ભવિષ્યની પેઢીઓ માટે અને સ્ત્રીઓની શકિત વધારવી
- આપણી ઓળખાણ જાળવી રાખી અને સંગઠન જેવું કે LPS, USA માં સક્રિય રહીને.

હું તમારી ખજાનચી તરીકે રહીને હું મારો સારામાં સારો પ્રયત્ન કરી રહી છે. અને સરકારના કાયદા PNP'S નો પણ સાથે અમલમાં રાખું છું.

હું મારા પદ દરમ્યાિન ત્રણ મોટા ક્ષેત્રફળ પર ધ્યાન દોરવા માંગુ છું. જવાબદારી, સુસંગતતા, પારદર્શકતા

એક ખજાનચી તરીકે નાણાંકીય વ્યવસ્થાપન પર ધ્યાન રહેવું જોઈએ, બધા સભ્યો એ જવાબદારી થી યોગ્ય નિર્ણય લેવો જોઈએ કે સભ્યપદના રૂપિયા સારી રીતે ખર્ચાય. સો દિવસ અને થોડા કલાકો આપણે આપણી નાણાકીય સ્થિતિ આપણી સભામાં મજબૂત બને અને એનાં માટે હું આપણા સભ્યો અને સંગઠનો સાથે પૂરેપૂરો યોગદાન આપીશ.

મારા વર્ષોમાં સમાજ માટે, હું શીખી છું. કે આપણે આપણી ભવિષ્યની પેઢી માટે એક ભાગ છે આપણે બધાએ મુખ્ય બનીને આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ અને પરંપરા જાળવી રાખવી જોઈએ, એજ મારી LPS OF USA માં ભાૂમિકા છે. મારુ જુનુન આપણા બાળકો માટે અને ભવિષ્યની પેઢીઓ માટે સમાજ બનાવવાનું છે. આપણને લોકો જેમાં શકિત, જૂનુન, પ્રતિબદ્ધતા જે બીજા માટે આકર્ષણ હોય તે જોડાય આપણા સમાજમાં સમાજ એક લોકોનું ટોળુ છે જેનાથી આપણે ઓળખાય છીએ. જેના વગર આપણી કોઈ પરેશાન નથી. આપણે આપણી ઓળખાણ નાં કારણે સફળ છે. આપણો સમાજ આપણી ઓળખાણ છે અને આજે આપણે સફળ છે. કારણે આપણા વડીલો એ સમાજને મહત્ત્વ આપ્યુ હતું.

લેઉવા પાટીદાર હોવાનો ગર્વ છે. અને LPS OF USA ના સંગઠનનો ભાગ બનવાનો પણ ગર્વ છે.

આભાર સહ, નયના 'નેન્સી' પટેલ ખજાનચી, એલપીએસ ઑફ યુએસએ



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અમેરકિામાં અદ્યતક સેવાકીય પ્રવૃત્તિથી ધમધમી રહેલી સંસ્થા એટલે જ એટલાન્ટા, જયોર્જિયામાં આવેલું વિશાળ અંબાજી USA શ્રી શક્તિ મંદિર

મા આઘશકિત જગદ્જનની રાજ રાજેશ્વરી શકિત સ્વરૂપિણી જગદંબા માતાની અસીમ કૃપાથી જ જૂન ૬, ૧૯૯૩ના રોજ એટલાન્ટા, જયોર્જિયામાં લોક કલ્યાર્ણે જ અંબાજી USA શ્રી શકિત મંદિરની સ્થાપના કરવામાં આવી હતી. સંસ્થાનો મુખ્ય ઉદ્દેશ્ય આદિકાળથી ચાલી આવતા હિન્દુ સનાતન ધર્મનો પ્રચાર અને પ્રસાર કરીને તેને જનસમાજ સુધી પહોંચાડી ધર્મનું વિસ્તૃતી કરણ કરવાનો છે.

આપણો હિન્દુ સમાજ પહેલેથી જ ઘર્મપ્રેમી રહયો છે. જેમ લોહી વગરના શરીરની કલ્પના ન કરી શકાય તેમ ઘર્મ વગરના સમાજની અને મંદિર વગરના સમાજની કલ્પના પણ કરી શકાય નહી ભારતીય પરંપરા પ્રમાણે આપણા સમાજને મંદિરોમા જ એક સાથે એક કરતાં પણ વધારે અમુલ્ય અને અલભ્ય વસ્તુ એક સાથે મળે છે. માટે જ આદિકાળથી સમાજના ઉત્કર્ષ માટે જ મંદિરનું નિર્માણ કરવામાં આવી છે.

મંદિર એટલે કે જયાં મન મૂકીને અંદરની વાત કરી શકાય.

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અંબાજી USA શ્રી શકિત મંદિરમાં આટલી પ્રવૃતિઓ ઉપરાંત નિજ મંદિરનો જીર્ણોધ્ધાર અત્યારે ચાલી રહયો છે.

જુન *૬*, ૨૦૧૮ના રોજ મંદિર દબદબાપૂર્વક 'રપમો સિલ્વર જયુબિલી પાટોત્સવ' ઉજવશે તેની પુર્વ તૈયારી એ ઘણા બધા ફેરફાર હાલના વર્તમાન યુગ અને ભવિષ્યને જોઈને કરવામાં આવી રહેલ છે.

મંદિરમાં માતાજીના ગર્ભગૃહના નવીનીકરણની સાથે શ્રી સરસ્વતી માતાજી, શ્રી સૂર્યનારાયણ ભગવાન, નવગ્રહ અને તેલ ચઢાવવા માટે શ્રી સિંદરીયા હનુમાનજી મહારાજને સ્થાપિત કરાશે.

ગર્ભગૃહમાં બિરાજમાન ભગવાનનાં દર્શન એક સાથે થઈ શકે માટે ગર્ભગૃહના દ્વારને ૩૬ ફુટ જેટલો વિશાળ પહોળો કરાશે.

મંદિરના પ્રાર્થના હોલને સુંદર કારપેટ ટાઈલ્સ, લાઈટ, શિલીંગ સાથે સુંદર રીતે સજાવવામાં આવેલ છે.

મંદિરનાં પ્રસાદ ગૃહને આધુનિક સુવિધા સાથે વિશાળ બનાવેલ છે.

મંદિરમાં માતાજીની સેવા કરતા પુજારીશ્રી માટે નવા રહેણાંક બનાવેલ છે.

સુમંત સેન્ટરમાં આવેલા સરદાર પટેલ હોલને આજની વર્તમાન પરિસ્થિતિ અને નવી પેઢીને પસંદગીને અનુરૂપ બનાવેલ છે.

મંદિરની બાજુમાં જ શકિતધામ સંકુલ બનાવેલ છે. જેમાં સદ્ગૃહસ્થો પોતાના મકાન બનાવી નિવાસ કરી રહયાં છે.

દર શનિવારે મંદિરમાં સાંજે ૫.૦૦ થી ૭.૦૦ સમુહ હનુમાન

ચાલીસા ભજન સત્સંગ નિયમિત રીતે ચાલે છે. આખા USA માં બપોરે ૧૨.૩૦ થી રાત્રે ૮.૦૦ સુધી ૩૬૫ દિવસ વિના મુલ્યે પ્રસાદી પીરસવામાં આવતી હોય તેવું એક માત્ર મંદિર એટલે શ્રી શકિત મંદિર.

સુમન સેન્ટરમાં દર બુધવારે અને શનિવારે નાનાથી મોટા દરેક રમતવીરો બાસ્કેટ બોલ, વોલીબોલ મોટી સંખ્યામાં આવી અમો રમો છે.

મંદિરની બાજુમાં દરેક માંગલિક પ્રસંગોની ઉજવણી માટે ૫૦૦૦૦થી ૬૦૦૦૦ સ્કવેર ફીટવળું ભવ્ય સુમન સેન્ટર બનાવેલ છે. જેમાં અલગ અલગ સંખ્યા પ્રમાણે ત્રણ નાના મોટા હોલ બનાવેલ છે.

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આસો નવરાત્રીની ઉજવણી ખુબ જ આનંદપૂર્વક ચાચર ચોકમાં કરવામાં આવે છે.

નવરાત્રી દરમ્યાન બહાર ગ્રાઉન્ડમાં કેન્ટીન બનાવેલ છે. જેમાં તમામ પ્રકારના નાસ્તા બનાવીને પીરસવામાં આવે છે.

આપ સૌ ભકતોને નમ્ન નિવેદન છે આ શુભ અવસરે દરેક ભકતોએ પરમાત્મા (અંબાજી માતા)ની સેવારૂપે મંદિરના નૂતન નિર્માણ કાર્યમાં સદ્ભાગી બનવું જોઈએ. ઉદાર હાથે યોગ્ય ફાળો આપી માતાજીના સાચા સેવક બની સેવાકાર્યમાં સહભાગી બનવું જોઈએ.

સેવા અને સેવક એક સિકકાની બે બાજુ છે. "હાથે તે સાથે" ના સૂત્ર પ્રમાણે ભગવાનમાં શ્રધ્ધા રાખીને જે કોઈ પુણ્ય કાર્ય શ્રધ્ધાથી કર્યુ હોય તેજ સાથે આવવાનું છે.

સ્વર્ગનો માર્ગ સત્કર્મથી જ બને છે આપણાં માટે સત્કર્મ કરવાની આ અમૂલ્ય તક છે.

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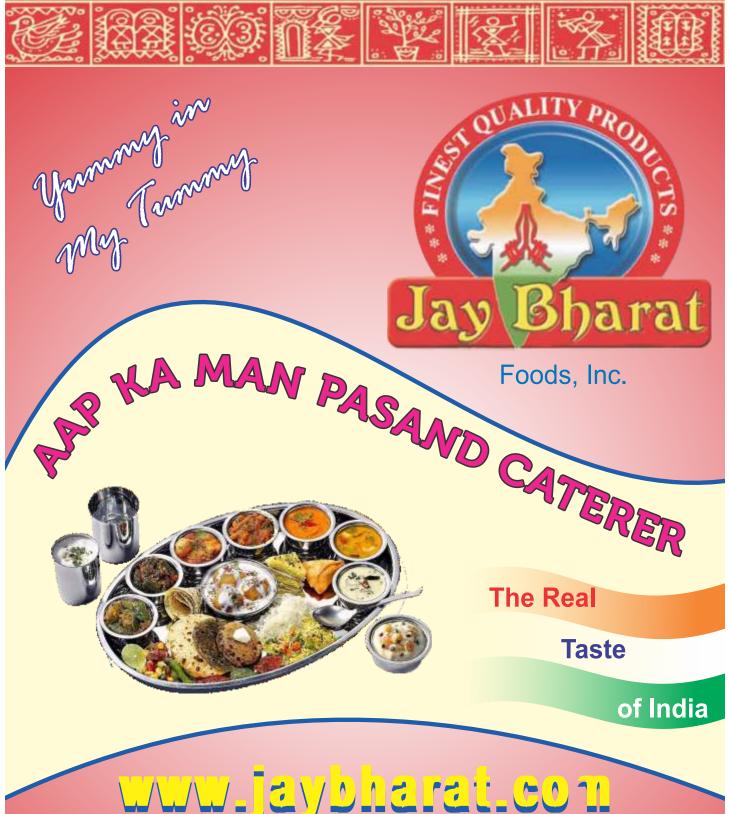
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