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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JAI SHREE KRISHNA

INTAKE WATER – LIVE LONGER!

I am proud and honored to serve you as your President. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and best of luck to all returning students. After taking the presidency in Savannah, the new team eagerly and with enthusiasm went straight to work. All committees have been formed and goals established. We have an exciting year planned to include a Ladies conference, senior outing and Youth retreats with a grand finale at the 2015 National Convention in Ontario CA, June 30 thru July 2. I encourage everyone to visit our website on a regular basis. It will have up to date information regarding all events and latest news. I invite everyone to provide us with any news or achievements happening in your area for us to post on our website. We will provide you monthly updates via e newsletters and be sure to look out for our very own Leuva Connection. Lastly please support me in my campaign of INTAKE WATER – LIVE LONGER!



JAI SHREE KRISHNA

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Editor's Note

Jai Sia Ram

Dear Valued Members,

Welcome to the 32nd issue of **Leuva Connection!** Team LC is excited to bring you this issue with coverage of communities and members of Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA!

Congratulations to the new board members and a **heartfelt salute** to 2013-2014 President Samirbhai and his team for a successful and eventful year. Please take some time to get to know the layout of our magazine. You will notice 5 main coverage:

- A well organized Super-Regional Convention **hosted by the Leuvas of South Georgia**
- **Youths** of Dallas and UC-Berkeley **servng** their community and India
- Afva, Kantali, and Nizar **Gaam Conventions**
- 2014 **Scholarship** recipients
- LPS reaches a historical mark with **four women serving on the executive board.**

What you will find in these pages of Leuva Connection, is the **faces of many enthusiastic members** taking part in local community events across the USA.

We look forward to **your feedback** on this issue as well as suggestions for next issue that will be delivered to you. Email us at publications@lpsfusa.com. We thank those who shared their stories and **"Team Leuva Connection"** for their hard work and dedication on this issue.

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Jai Shree Krishna,

Dear Valued Members,

First off, I would like to thank our entire board of directors, past presidents, and my advisory committee for their undying support throughout this year. We have accomplished many goals together as a team and words cannot describe how great it was working with each and every one of you.

LPS of USA would not be anything without its membership. I would like to thank all the members for their love and support towards our Samaj. The membership is the foundation and much support has been shown throughout the 25 years, I hope that the same support gets shown for the future years to come.

As many of you know, we had celebrated our 25th Super Regional Convention in the great city of Savannah, Georgia. It was a great success! I would like to personally thank all the Savannah area volunteers for their commitment and hardwork towards this Super Regional Convention. Words cannot describe how thankful I am for their dedication, hats off to you all! Also, a special thanks to our Super Regional Convention Chair, Sunilbhai Patel and Co-Chairs, Deepakbhai "Dean" Patel and Kalpesh "Kal" Patel. I hope every attendee enjoyed our 25th anniversary!

They say your family is your backbone and that is exactly how I feel. I would like to thank my family for their love and support throughout my Presidency. It would have been hard to give my 100% commitment if it was not for them. Also, a special thanks to the Leuva Patidar Samaj of Houston, TX members for their support since day one. I had started my Samaj seva from Houston and I guarantee you ladies and gentlemen, I will continue my seva for as long as I can.

Lastly, I would like to apologize for any mistakes I have made throughout the years. My only goal was to better our Samaj and take it to higher heights. Our Samaj had given me the opportunity and responsibility to become the youngest President and so I pay my kind respects to all the members. I would like to personally thank you all for giving me the chance to serve you.

Regards,

Samir T. Patel (Dhaman)

Ex-Officio
LPS of USA
Houston, TX



'Savannah Super - Regional

Dear Fellow Leuvas:

Jai Shree Krishna!

On behalf of the entire LPS of USA board, we would like to extend a deepest gratitude to all of you who attended the Super Regional in Savannah, Georgia in July 2014. We appreciate you for taking the time and effort to be a part of it and certainly hope that the event was all that you expected it to be. We are certain you took an opportunity to make new friends, renewed old connections, and surely enjoyed the southern hospitality while in Savannah.

Please know that the board members tried their best to spare some time and meet as many people as they could during the convention. If we have missed to meet any of you please accept our sincere apology. We are glad we had the opportunity to discuss issues that affect so many lives in leuva community. We strongly believe that your involvement is vital to our community and its future. We thank you for your participation, especially during Q&A session. We appreciate your constructive criticism, and sharing your ideas and expertise for the betterment of our Samaj. As we have concluded the convention, we hope each of us will stay connected and work together for promoting and preserving our culture.

As someone who knows the amount of organizational work, sleepless nights, debate and sweat that is needed to pull off an event as lively as Savannah Super Regional, we just wanted to congratulate a team of local area volunteers for making it such a success. We do not have words to appreciate the steadfast commitment of the volunteers and the support of sponsors of the event. Believe us, this would not have been a success without you!

Most importantly, please do not forget to let us know what you think about how we organized the event by completing an Electronic Feedback Form on our website www.lpsfusa.com.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve you and we thank everyone for an opportunity. We wish everyone the best of health and wealth. Take good care of yourself, your elders, and educate your kids and make our Samaj proud. Once again, thank you for attending!

Regards,



Sunil Patel



Deepak Patel



Kalpesh Patel

Sunil Patel (Gaam: Kharvasa)

Convention Chair

Savannah Super Regional

Deepak & Kalpesh Patel (Gaam: Kantali)

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Convention Highlights'



Women on Executive Board of LPS of USA

This year marks a historical year with 4 women serving as Executive Board of Directors on LPS Board...

Trusha Patel, M.A., MBA

My Gaam: VARAD
My Husbands Gaam:
PARDI - PATA



Daughter of Jayantilal R. Patel (Varad) and Taraben M. Patel (Khoj), I was born in United Kingdom. I migrated to USA at the age of 4 and resided in San Antonio, Texas. I am a second-generation Leuva who enjoys playing an intricate part in my local Samaj. I graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio where I received a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology. After marriage, I moved to Austin and decided to further pursue my education and completed my Master of Arts in Psychology. I received my license and practiced for 4 years as a school psychologist thereafter. As a school psychologist and entrepreneurial, I opened up a Huntington Learning Center in Austin, TX. After 5 years of operating, I decided to go back to school for the Executive MBA program at Baylor University and graduated with Honors in 2010. During the course of my career, I earned two Master's Degrees and found a balance between my professional life and my personal life with my 2 beautiful children and husband. I work in corporate America and serve as a co-principal for our management company Capital City Hospitality Group, LLC.

I serve as the Vice President of LPS Samaj of Greater Austin and am very active within Asian American Hotel Owners Association on the Women's Committee and F.A.I.R Committees for the last 3 years. I reside alongside my husband of 17 years, Hitesh Patel "HP" (Parad-Pati) in Austin, Texas. We have a daughter Kylissa (13) in 9th grade and son named Khaleal (9) attending 4th grade. My passion is for the future of our children. It's up to us to embrace and foster the culture and values in America. I look forward in working with each and every one of you and serve in OUR LPS Samaj, especially all my female members.

Trusha Patel, M.A., MBA

Natasha Patel, Student
Gaam: Umrakh



Daughter of Mukash and Urmila Patel from Wagoner, OK, I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor's of Science in Zoology, pursuing a career in dentistry. "I'm a Sooner born, Sooner bred, young bachelorette from good ole Oklahoma! I am here to serve as the Youth Committee Co-Chair for the 2014-2015 term and cannot wait to get started! (Oh wait, I already have). I am here because I want to be the positive and influential voice of our Leuva Youth. My goals are to promote cultural awareness, religious education, and be a good representation of a young Leuva female."

My name is Nutan



I was born and raised in Gaam Puna (Kumbharia) in India and moved to U.S.A. when I was 17, and I currently live in Orlando, Florida. After my divorce, I decided to fulfill my dream to go back to college and get a Bachelor's degree. I graduated in December 2012 with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from UCF and hoping to go back to get my Master's soon. Today, at the age of 38, I like to think that I am one of those lucky ones who got to experience the best of both countries, both cultures, and I am grateful for both.

My passion in life is to make a positive difference in this world and to leave it a better place than I found it. My reason for joining the LPS women's committee is to help and to support Leuva women in anyway I can, especially the ones who are single or divorced and in need of a support as I have gone through divorce myself. During my term on the LPS women's committee, if I can make a difference, even in just one person's life, I'll consider this to be a successful term.

Nutan Patel

Lina Patel
Gaam: Chikhli
Husband's Gaam: Timberva



Daughter of Balubhai (Chikhli) and Ushaben (Sevni), my passion is to serve our community and my personal goal is to climb mountains! I was born and raised in India, migrated here in the 80s, and graduated with a degree in IT before joining the corporate world. As a Second Generation hotelier, I rejoined our Hotel Industry. For many years, I have operated my hotel, while raising my son, as a single mother. In 2008, I was elected the first woman to serve on Executive Board of LPS. Since then, I have dedicated passionately toward keeping our culture alive. This year, as an Editor of our Leuva Connection Magazine, along with our team, we wish to provide informative materials that will benefit our community, youth, women, and Senior citizens.

Lina Patel

Savannah Super-Regional Women's Seminar

Women's Session at LPS Super Regional in Savannah was a great success. Featuring Guest Speaker, Roger Leva, who kicked off the hour and half session with a discussion on his personal story of Alcohol Abuse and how it affected his family. He offered warning signs to watch for, ways to seek help for a loved one and answered questions from the group. The ladies really enjoyed his heart to heart, open and honest story.

Next, the room was divided into small groups of about 10 and asked to take some time to meet new faces and discuss in their small groups what they felt were the most pressing issues facing Leuva women. After gathering their thoughts a group leader presented their top 2-3 topics to the room. Some of

these topics included: Open Communication (with all family members- spouse, children, in-laws); Self Respect and balancing Independence/Empowerment; Being open minded to change within the family unit (ex. Expectations for Daughter in laws and how to help welcome her in family); Helping kids choose their life partner; Social Comparisons, Criticism and Gossiping; Importance of Education for Sons and Daughters; Giving things too easily (expensive cars, etc) versus teaching kids the value of hard work; Too much useless Wedding giving (unnecessary gift giving); how to teach our children Gujarati language and Culture (including providing activities for all age groups at these types of confer-

ences). Overall, this second half of the session was very interactive and dynamic as many voices were heard. The room was packed and everyone shared their concerns as well appreciated the opportunity to meet new women and have a forum to discuss these issues. "Special thanks to the Women's Committee last term for creating great momentum for us to continue to have a voice."

The Women's committee collaborated with the youth to execute a community service project while in Savannah. We were able to help the Bethesda Academy, an all-boys reform school, update their campus by assisting in painting several areas.

2015 Women's Committee

Name: Asha (Poonam) Keval,
Gaam: Zervavra, India
Current location: McAlester, Oklahoma
Born: Wellingborough, England
Why join LPS: My main concern is to support 'Womanhood' and provide a confidential service for Women who may be battling physical/mental abuse in today's society.



To spread awareness and broaden vision in the business, financial, legal and education field so that women do NOT feel challenged or incapable of day-to-day business/family issues.

'Social Stigma' of women being classed as 'secondary' needs to be addressed and ruled out. Women no longer need to be hostile in this era; as both genders work, earn and celebrate life together.

Name: Sheetal Sitaram
Married: Umrakh.
Gaam: Degama.
Current location: Murrieta, CA
Why join LPS: I was asked by Nutan Patel to join women's committee and I happily accepted; because, I enjoy serving our LPS community whenever I can. Also, the convention is around my neck of the woods in 2015 so why not?



We want to inform readers that she is going to be hands on volunteering in LA. Btw, Sheetal is originally from ohio. Our families are BFF's :-)

Name: Lina Patel
Gaam: Chikhli
Current location: Cincinnati, OH
Reason for participating in WC: Positivity is contagious. I joined women's committee because, together...we can start a movement of optimism. Together, we will learn to greet each day with an open heart. Together, we will learn to overcome any obstacle with upbeat persistence and create our own positive life.



Name: Kalpana Patel- Austin, Tx
Gham: Kuched & Husband's Gham Bhuvan



Name: Dimpal Patel
My Husband's: Ambheti
Gaam: Saroli
Current location: Knoxville, TN

I have chosen to participate on the LPS Women's Committee because I feel that Leuva women should become more involved in our rapidly evolving culture. LPS women are not only the pillars of their family but the backbone of our Samaj. I want to contribute so that may continue to strengthen our role and also give voice to our concerns.



Name: Nisha Patel
Gaam: Sarbhon
Current location: Lynchburg VA
Reason for participating in WC: The reason why I chose to participate in LPS women's committee is to help empower women, to bring a sense of community to current and future generations and discuss current issues and bring them to the forefront.



Name: Bakula Patel
Gaam: Afva
Current location: Emerald Isle, North Carolina USA.
Reason for participating in WC: I am participating in the women's committee to bring social awareness to women my age. Help them navigate this new era in their lives. As children grow up a woman finally has the time to dedicate her time and energy to things that matter to her. I would like to work with other women to make our samaj stronger for the next generation.



Name: Asha Patel
Gaam: Ambheti
Current location: Houston, TX
Reason for participating in WC: To create a support network for other single moms



Name: Preranaben Arunbhai Patel
Gaam: Derod
City/State: Sarasota, FL



Leuva Youth Board of Directors, Heetesh and Mitesh, making history"

This past July marked the 25th anniversary of the Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA. To celebrate, the Super Regional Convention was held in Savannah, GA. During the convention, Leuva youth came together to help the local community, meet their peers from around the region, learn about their culture in fun and informative ways, and discuss issues that are becoming prevalent in our Samaj.

With a collaboration with the LPS Women's Committee, several youth, women, and board of directors volunteered to participate in a community service project in the Savannah area. The volunteers assisted Bethesda Academy, an all-boy reform school, by providing their time to paint several areas of the campus. With temperatures near 100 degrees, the volunteers worked vigorously in the heat to complete the project. The event was a great success as we were able to show many first-time volunteers, the benefits of giving back! With over 75 volunteers, this marks the first community service event of this type that LPS has hosted at any convention level. The youth

committee looks forward to continuing this momentum in the years ahead.

On Tuesday morning, youth were required to attend the general session where they were educated on different issues affecting our community. Discussion topics included the inherent politics in our Samaj and how best to prepare our next generation to lead our Samaj. In the afternoon, younger youth attendees were able to engage in an icebreaker game that gave them an opportunity to meet their peers in attendance. Next, they toured the historical sites of Savannah, educating them on the area.

Older youth gathered for icebreakers created by the youth committee. Youth were separated into teams to play the famous game Family Feud where teams competed against each other answering questions about different aspects of our Hindu religion and our culture. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams. Later in the afternoon, Roger Leva along with his daughter Harshila Leva and Jay Patel spoke to the youth about dealing

with the struggles and effects of substance abuse. Youth were encouraged to speak up if they were experiencing similar circumstances. After the speeches, youth participated in a panel discussion format that was developed by the youth committee and had been used throughout the year in other youth regionals. They discussed important topics such as arranged marriage, assimilating to the American culture, and other challenges facing our youth today.

As the youth committee begins its new term, the focus will continue to be educating our emerging members of the Samaj to be more productive people in their local and national communities. We look forward to hosting more youth regionals and organizing community service activities in more regions of the USA.

Thank you,

Heetesh Patel & Mitesh Jivan
Youth Co-Chairs





Leuva Youths of UC, Berkley, volunteers in India

Kishan Patel, Gaam:Vachharvad, Son of Bharat and Alka, San Mateo, CA, is a 3rd year cognitive science major with an emphasis on computational modeling and the Vice President of Berkeley's Project RISHI chapter.

Karishma Patel, Gaam:Sevni. Daughter of Uresh and Poonam, Portland, OR is a 2nd year molecular and cellular biology major with an emphasis on neurology at the University of California, Berkeley and the Director of Community and International Affairs of Berkeley's Project RISHI chapter.

Project RISHI (Rural India Social Health Improvement) is a 501-3c tax-deductible nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the sustainable development and growth of rural Indian communities. This summer, as members of the executive board of the Project RISHI chapter of University of California Berkeley, we went on a three-week trip with eight other members to a rural village in North India named Bharog Baneri. Our aim was to tackle issues and implement projects pertaining to environmental awareness, education, and ocular health.

Our environmental awareness project taught school children to recycle their own trash or dispose of it appropriately as an effort to reduce roadside littering. RISHI members teamed up with groups of children to pick up waste near the school and the effort was met with much enthusiasm. The initiative also motivated children to exercise their creativity and newfound appreciation for the environment by making crafts out of items such as newspaper, empty plastic bottles, and other commonly littered objects. As Sneha Pang, RISHI Director of Education describes, "Not only did we feel the students truly absorbed the lessons about waste disposal, but we also made headway with building trust and a foundation for a long-term relationship with this school and with the town."

In order to better facilitate primary education, we donated toys and informative posters to the four Anganwadis in the village. The children and Anganwadi workers were ecstatic from the additional resources we provided. The insufficient space in the Anganwadis detracts from its intended purpose of providing village children with proper initiation into the Indian educational system. Lack of recreational space, toys, and necessary supplies were among the main reasons for low attendance rates. Eventually,



Kishan Patel

we plan to build safe play structures for the children and partner with NGOs and social entrepreneurs to improve the facilities at these Anganwadis. As Anurag Singhal, Ex-Marketing Director stated, "We hope to inspire and empower students from a young age to enjoy learning so they have the motivation to continue past primary school...and hopefully break the cycle of poverty in the village."

In partnership with optometrists and ophthalmologists of Retina India, an NGO that promotes the empowerment of the visually impaired, Project RISHI held an eye camp at which villagers were diagnosed for ocular diseases. Around 160 villagers went through vision screening, refraction testing, and dilation. According to their diagnoses, villagers

were provided antibiotic eye drops and were recommended to seek further treatment at larger facilities in nearby towns. Additionally, the Project RISHI team and Retina Health professionals were able to successfully promote health awareness and provide medical advice to villagers. As Hemaxi Desai, a Health Camp team member stated, "The gratitude of the villagers, the extraordinary chaos, the team's dedication – it was an incredible experience that no amount of planning could ever have prepared me for."

Aside from the professional side of our trip – the critical thinking, planning, NGO meetings, and physical work that went into implementing our projects – the ten of us were also able to embrace the culture and beauty of India. Whether it was sipping sweet chai together every morning, or singing old Hindi songs with the locals under the stars, we were blissfully immersed in the sights and sounds of India. We were humbled by the pleasant hospitality and warmth of the villagers, awe inspired by the sight of smiling, dancing children in the face of adversity, and breath taken at the view of sun kissed hills and valleys of the lesser Himalayas. Each passing minute brought us closer to one another and to our heritage. The memories of lives we were able to touch and the lives that touched ours have left an indelible mark within every one of us.



Kishan Patel

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Monica Bhula	Ragash Bhula	Tupelo, MS	Tighra	University of Mississippi	Pre-Med
Jayant Patel	Jitendra Patel	Davis, CA	Dungar	Sacramento City College	Music Management
Jasmina Patel	Jitendra Kunverjibhai	Lebanon, TN	Wadhvania	Uni of TN-Memphis	College of Pharmacy
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Riken Nathu	Arun Patel	Apopka, FL	Baben	Uni of FL	Biochemistry
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Dipan and Sneha

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” We’ve all heard this quote before, but how often do we take action to prove this? This year our GCS youth group did, and had a very successful year. We made the change to be better for our community, be well-rounded individuals and be more active. As we last left off in our previous article, “Making Progress on Expanding Our Roots”, we discussed the activities we had to keep the youth engaged in our culture and traditions. We held events such as the youth session with Pujya Shree Rameshbhai Oza at the Ekta Mandir, youth cruise to Cozumel Mexico, Main Event (game/arcade center), Giri Babu katha, Tara Energy Partnership Walk, Trinity Trash Bash event, Navratri, Chaat Corner fundraiser during Navratri, Diwali Dinner Program, and Mission Arlington. All of these events were cultural, religious, fun-filled, or community service.

As the year 2013 came to an end, we started off 2014 by going ice-skating at the Galleria Mall ice-skating in January! This was a fun way of ending the Winter Break before having to head back to school. Everyone enjoyed slipping and sliding down the ice, falling, laughing, and getting right back up. Not knowing how to ice skate was not a problem because everyone helped each other out! In February, we had the last lock-in at our old GCS hall. Youth members brought in gently used or unwrapped toys to donate to the Toys for Tots organization as they walked in. The night was filled with games, food, and laughter. The games included; musical chairs, dodge ball, obstacle course, volleyball, and much more! Sleeping or taking a short nap was not an option at all!

In March, the youth went to the Ekta mandir to volunteer by selling nachos and lemonade at one of the stalls. While selling nachos and lemonade inside



the hall area, some youth members preceded outside to play dhuleti. Once all the nachos and lemonade were sold out, everyone headed outside to play dhuleti. By the end of the afternoon, everyone’s faces were covered with different colors. Later that day, everyone went to the GCS hall to light the bonfire for Holi!

In April we had our car wash at the annual GCS shareholders meeting, one of our largest fundraising events of the year. As always, it was a great success. Our youth had fun cleaning the cars and getting messy. Another event our members attended in April was the LPS Youth Regional. They had three youth regionals set up this year and one of them was in our Texas City of Houston! Many of the Dallas/Fort Worth youth members drove down to Houston for the informational youth session. It was a great way to connect with new people in our community and learn new things!

After the annual car wash, the youth members went to the Ekta Mandir on April 26th to recite the Hanuman Chalisa. This is something the youth does every year to bring in auspiciousness. On Mother’s day we participated in a 5K walk with nice, sunny weather and we had a great turnout.

Our Leuva family has grown vastly over the past years that our old hall cannot hold our expanding community. That is why we have had to look for a

new home to have our religious and cultural events. We had been waiting several months for the new community center to open up and see how the home will look like. And it finally opened up in June! The grand opening of the new hall was done through a Gayatri Yagna, to begin the new hall’s existence on an auspicious note. Many youth members participated in the Gayatri Yagna by sitting with their parents in the yagna or sitting with the rest of the youth members where they conducted the puja.

The youth board worked on getting the final event of the year to be at the new hall, which finally happened. On June 15th, we had our annual youth banquet at the new SLPS community center. This new state of the art community center gave us the opportunity for a beginning of a new era, and having our banquet, one of the first events at this new center was a great way to encourage the involvement of our youth in our culture and our samaj.

The evening would not have been possible with the wonderful sponsors, coordinators, parents, and youth members who helped out tremendously. Thank you to each and every one of them! Thank you to the coordinators that worked hard to put the night together; Sanjay Uncle, Hitesh Uncle, Piyush Uncle, Rakesh Uncle, Gita Aunty, Deepika Aunty, and Nipa Aunty. Congratulations to the Youth of Years, Aakash H. Patel and Nirali P. Jariwala, who always came to youth events and fully engaged themselves in the activities. Congratulations to the class of 2014, Dipan Patel, Sneha Patel, Shivam Masters, Dipa Patel, Chandni Patel, Sunny Chattervedi, Binita Patel, Krunal Rama, and Hemal Patel, who are moving onto bigger and better things in life. Good luck to all the graduates in college and hope you all come to join or visit the youth occasionally!

The banquet was a huge success. There were many dances, slideshows,

awards, foods, and enjoyment that made the evening extravagant, just like a splendid night in Paris, the theme of the evening.

Even though we may be in a new facility to celebrate our cultural and religious events, we will never forget where we came from. “We may be SLPS now but we’ll always be GCS at heart,” expressed one youth board member in his farewell speech during the banquet. Names of our community center may have changed but we will always know our culture and traditions. We wish Rahul and Alisha all the best with keeping the traditions going for the youth!

Today, the Surti Leuva community has grown to over 700 families in the D/FW Metroplex. Due to the sheer growth of the community, it was in dire need of a new community center. The entire community has been “re-energized” with the completion of the 50,000 square foot center that has every single bell and whistle one would dream of.

Our Youth Club has been doing a fine job maintaining their presence in the community and having great participation on all levels. It was time that our Young Professionals had a re-launch as well, with this new facility. It is difficult to stay connected with the particular age range of (21-45 years old) due to many things such as family, work, raising children, changing careers, etc. A group of Young Professionals have formed a committee and are devoted on getting things back on track. Thus far the following committees have been formed: Child Development Committee, Diwali Committee, Health Fair Committee, and Entertainment Committee.

The first event was put on by the Child Development Committee in the form of a “Movie Night.” This was a very successful summer activity for young children where they got to watch “Frozen” on the state of the art HD projector/screen. Kids brought their blankets and pillows to enjoy the motion picture while

enjoying popcorn and treats. They have another Movie Night planned in September along with a Halloween Costume party in October. Another big project this committee has set out to do is Gujarati Class on Sundays.

The Entertainment Committee realized the need to get everyone’s foot in the door and convince them what benefits they can have by being more involved and active in community events. They created an event called “Summer Bash” which took place on August 2nd with over 350 attendees, the event proved to be a great success. Activities were organized for each age group (toddlers, children, youth, and young professionals) such as games, bounce houses, BBQ, cocktails, music, and more. The feedback was amazing as more Young Professionals signed up to become annual members and lifetime members. Other future events planned include a football watch party and the New Year’s Eve Gala.





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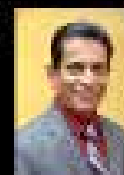
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The 2014 Afva Convention



The 2014 Afva Convention was yet another great example of the bond and tradition that comes along with those that are from Afva. We had approximately sixty families who came together for three days to celebrate and enjoy each other's company and continue the values that Afva brings.



2014 BOARD

AFVA Gaam Pledges to remove financial burden from Wedding parties

LPS of USA salutes AFVA Gaam for its initiative towards our community to ease financial and planning burden for wedding parties and funerals. A message from AFVA Board of Directors: "We would like to take a moment to update you regarding the pledge that was made by the people of Afva gaam last year in June."

This pledge was first implemented on July 22, 2014 where we had our first gaam wedding in Tyler, TX. It was the wedding of Mitesh Jivan & Ria Prakash. The groom, Mitesh, also happens to be an LPS of USA board member. We wanted to inform you that even though the bride's parents insisted on paying for the rooms for the entire jaan, the Afva gaam attendees paid for their rooms individually as promised.

Overall the pledge went smoothly, the biggest burden of planning and managing for the gaam rooms was lifted off of the shoulders of the bride's family. The only thing the family had to do was set up a designated hotel for the gaam members to book their individual rooms. It also made the check-in and check-out process very smooth and no one had to figure out who was sharing rooms with whom, or which hotel they were supposed to be staying at, and it also eliminated the misuse of additional rooms.

After witnessing that it worked very well and effortlessly, we the people of Afva are very proud about this positive step forward for our entire community. The Afva board would like to see every gaam implement this idea into their own within LPS, so that there is less financial burden and management stress on the immediate family hosting the event, thus allowing them to concentrate on the event itself.

Thank You

Afva Board



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OUR PLEDGE TO CONTINUES...

In June of 2013, the Afva gham members made a pledge to lesson... the burden on families by paying for their own hotel rooms during any Afva wedding or Afva funeral. The pledge was implemented in June of 2014 and was a great success. At this year's meeting the pledge was reinforced and was promised to be continued through the years to come.

Kantali Gaam Convention

Following LPS of USA Savannah Super Regional in July, Kal and Deepak Patel hosted Kantali Gaam convention in Savannah, Georgia. More than 75 enthusiastic individuals of all ages of Kantali got together to rejoice the event. Regardless of the number of attendees, it was almost 70% of the gaam folks residing in the United States, which was remarkable!

Kal and Deepak have a great deal of experience and creative ability in organizing a wide range of meet-up events and this year's their own gaam convention was not an ex-

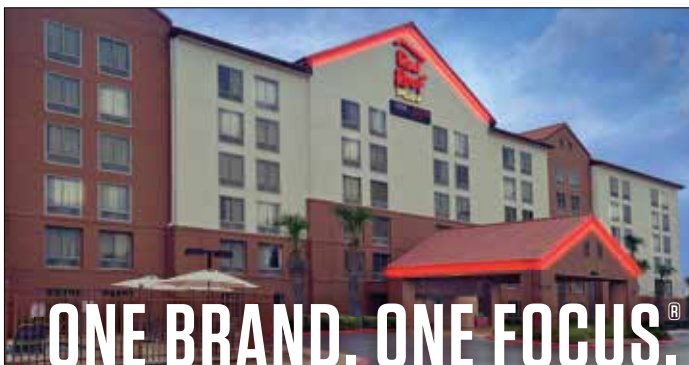
ception! It was a great social gathering with well-planned indoors & outdoors activities, delicious food and great entertainment. The event was sponsored by Jayantibhai Jagubhai Patel of Pooler, GA.

Kalpesh Patel said "Social gathering is to recognize and reinforce the relationships that are the fabric of our gaam people living in United States. It is a day of simple gatherings to re-kindle friendships; welcome new and young; catch up on each other's families, interests and needs; and share food, and have fun."

Deepak Patel said "Conventions like

this build and sustain the relationships that provide the foundation for stronger, more caring and effective future of our gaam. The simple goal of gaam convention is to bring our people together and to help enhance the connections."

It was truly an incredible event for Kantali gaam which was filled with plenty of amazingly high standard fun for everyone. All attendees were justly proud of what they have achieved and been a part of. Kal and Deepak are overwhelmed by messages of congrats for a successful convention



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Another Successful Gaam Convention - Nizar Villagers Celebrate!



The highlight of our convention? We are taking the initiative to ease the financial and management burden of wedding parties and at funerals! Our 7th Convention was held in Fort Worth/Dallas, TX July 22rd-23rd 2014, arranged by our New Generation. Nizar was the first village to hold a convention, as well as, publish the first Directory in the United States. Our first convention was in 1982 and was held in McGee, AR at Naginbhai Patel's motel. Since then, our conventions have been held every 4 to 5 years.

On Friday, July 22, 2014, members of our Village began to arrive with the excitement of seeing their friends and family after a long time. We had over 200 people attend this convention. On Saturday, July 23, 2014, Mr. Nareshbhai Patel began our Gaam meeting by giving us a detailed history about our 106-year-old Gujarati School. Over the years, so many surrounding villages have benefited from our school in Nizar. In 2008, we celebrated our school's 100 year "Suvan Jayanti"

(Anniversary), raising 39 Lakh Rupees from the US and Nizar, which was used to renovate our school. Currently we have 308 students enrolled at our school from 1st-9th grade, and 95% are lower community students.

Mr. Ramehsbhai Patel spoke about Nizar's last four decades accomplishments such as water works, filtration plant, electricity, sewage system, a Temple, concrete roads, Shankruti Bhavan Hall, improving our landscaping surrounding our Gaam, etc. People from America have graciously donated money of which the interest is being used to help at least 30 students for education in our Gaam every year over the last 5 years.

Nizar Resident, Jayantilal Kunvarjibhai Patel, Oakland, CA and Bhikhabhai Vithal-bhai Patel, Jackson, TN committed to donate \$25,000 each to LPS at Bardoli for education. From the interest, LPS will help our Bardoli Taluka students in our community every year.

With majority votes, Nizar Gaam passed

the following items during the meeting:

- In India, Nizar Gaam and NRI have decided that during a wedding, we do not have to go to each village to give an invitation. The invitations should be mailed only.
- In India, we want to stop small gift giving during Ganesh Pooja, Grah Shantak, etc.
- In the USA, everyone has to pay for his or her own room during a Nizar Wedding.
- In the USA, everyone has to manage his or her own room during a Nizar Funeral.

In the evening session, Mr. Rameshbhai Patel gave an introduction for all of the families that were present. Surprisingly, Mr. Rameshbhai did not have a list of names in hand, but knew each members name by heart including Nizar daughter-in-laws, son-in-laws, and grand children in each family.

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સૌ પ્રથમ હું અમારા સમગ્ર બોર્ડ ઓફ ડીરેક્ટર્સ, પુર્વ પ્રમુખો, અને મારી સલાહકાર સમીતીનો સમગ્ર વર્ષ દરમિયાનની તેમની અખંડ મદદ માટે આભાર માનું છું. અમે એક ટીમ તરીકે ઘણા ધ્યેયોને પ્રાપ્ત કર્યા છે અને તમારા દરેક સાથે કાર્ય કરવાની કેવી મજા આવી તે શબ્દોથી વર્ણવી શકાય તેમ નથી. યુએસએનાં એલપીએસ તેનાં સભ્યપદ સિવાય કંઈજ નથી. હું તમામ સભ્યોને અમારા સમાજ પ્રત્યેનાં તેમના પ્રેમ અને મદદ માટે આભાર માનું છું. સભા સદોની સ્થાપના થઈ છે અને ૨૫ વર્ષથી ટેકો બતાવી રહી છે, હું આશા રાખુ છું કે આ ટેકો આવનારા વર્ષોમાં પણ જોવા મળે. જે રીતે તમે બધા જાણો છો કે આપણે આપણી ૨૫મી સુપર રીજનલ કન્વેન્શન મહાન શહેર સવાત્રાહ, જ્યોર્જિયામાં ઉજવી. તે મહાન સફળતા હતી!

હું વ્યક્તિગત રીતે તમામ સવાત્રાહ વિસ્તારનાં સ્વયં સેવકોનો તેમની પ્રતિબદ્ધતા અને આ સુપર રીજનલ કન્વેન્શનમાં સખત મહેનત માટે આભાર માનું છું. તેમના સમર્પણનો આભાર શબ્દોથી વર્ણવી શકાય તેમ નથી, તે બધાને પ્રશંસા! અમારા સુપર રીજનલ કન્વેન્શન પ્રમુક સુનિલ ભાઈ પટેલ અને સહ-પ્રમુખો ટીપકભાઈ, “ડિન” પટેલ અને કલ્પેશ “કાલ” પટેલને પણ ખાસ આભાર. મને આશા છે કે તમામ હાજર સભ્યોએ ૨૪મો વાર્ષિકોત્સવ માણ્યો હશે.

તેઓ જણાવે છે કે તમારો પરિવાર તમારો મુખ્ય આધાર છે અને હું પણ તેવું જ અનુભવું છું. હું મારા પરિવારનો મારી સમગ્ર પ્રેસીડન્સી દરમિયાન તેમના પ્રેમ અને મદદ માટે આભાર માનું છું. મારા માટે ૧૦૦ ટકા પ્રતિબદ્ધતા આપવી મુશ્કેલ બની હોત જો તે તેમના માટે ન ધરાવતો હોત. હોસ્ટન, ટીએક્સના લેઉવા પાટીદાર સમાજના સભ્યોનો પણ તેમની આજદીન સુધીના ટેકા માટે ખાસ આભાર માનું છું. મેં હોસ્ટન થી મારી સમાજ સેવા શરૂ કરી છે અને હું તમને સન્મારીઓ અને સજ્જનોને ખાતરી આપું છું કે હું મારી સેવા જ્યાં સુધી હું કરી શકીશ ત્યાં સુધી ચાલુ રાખીશ.

છેલ્લે, હું સમગ્ર વર્ષખ દરમિયાન મારાથી થયેલ ભુલો માટે માફી માંગું છું. મારો ધ્યેય ફક્ત આપણા સમાજને સારો કરવાનો અને તેને ઈચ્છી ઈચ્છાઈઓ સુધી લઈ જવાનો હતો. આપણો સમાજ મને સૌથી નાના પ્રમુખ બનાવાની તક અને જવાબદારી આપી હતી અને માટે હું તમામ સભ્યોને માન આપું છું. હું દરેકને તમારી સેવા કરવાની તક આપવા બદલ વ્યક્તિગત રીતે આભાર માનું છું.

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હું તમારા પ્રેસીડન્ટ તરીકે સેવા આપતા ગર્વ અને સન્માનનો અનુભવ કરું છું. મને આશા છે કે દરેકને આનંદમય ઉનાળો રહ્યો છે અને પાછા ફરનાર દરેક વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સારા ભવિષ્યની શુભકામનાઓ પાઠવું છું. સાવત્રાહમાં પ્રેસીડન્સી લીધા પછી નવી ટીમ આતુરતાથી અને ઉત્સાહ સાથે કામ પર જોડાઈ હતી. દરેક સમીતીઓ રચાઈ હતી અને ધ્યેયો સ્થાપિત કરાયા હતા. અમારી પાસે લેડીઝ કોન્ફરન્સ, સીનીયર આઉટીંગ અને યુથ રીટ્રીટ સાથે ૨૦૧૫ નેશનલ કન્વેન્શન ખાતે ઓન્ટેરીયો સીએ ૩૦ જુન થી ૨ જુલાઈ સુધીની ગ્રાન્ડ ફાઈનલ સાથે એક આનંદમય વર્ષની યોજના છે. હું દરેકને અમારી વેબસાઈટની નિયમિત રીતે મુલાકાત લેવા પ્રોત્સાહીત કરું છું. તેમાં દરેક પ્રસંગો અને તાજા સમાચારો સંબંધિત નવી માહિતીઓ આપવામાં આવશે. હું દરેકને અમારા માટે અમારી વેબસાઈટ પર મુકવા માટે તમારા વિસ્તારમાં બનતી સિદ્ધીઓ અને સમાચારો અમને પુરા પાડવા આમંત્રણ આપું છું. અમે તમને માસિક સુધારા ઈ ન્યુઝલેટરો દ્વારા આપીશું અને અમારા પોતાનાં લેઉવા કનેક્શનનું પણ ધ્યાન રાખવાની ખાતરી આપું છું.

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યુએસએનું એલપીએસ આફવા ગામને આપણા સમાજ માટે લગ્ન કરનાર પક્ષો અને અંતિમ ક્રીયાઓ માટે નાણાંકીય અને યોજનાનો બોજો ઘટાડવાની નવી શરૂઆત માટે બિરદાવે છે. આફવા બોર્ડ ઓફ ડાયરેક્ટર્સ એક સંદેશો આપે છે કે : “ ગત વર્ષે જુનમાં આફવા ગામના લોકો દ્વારા કરાયેલ પ્રતિજ્ઞા વિશે માહિતગાર કરવા માટે એક ક્ષણ લઉં છું”

આ પ્રતિજ્ઞાનો જ્યારે અમારા ટાયલર,ટીએક્સમાં પ્રથમ ગામ લગ્ન હતા ત્યારે ૨૨ જુલાઈ, ૨૦૧૪નાં રોજ પ્રથમ વખત અમલ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. તે મિતેષ જિવન અને રાય પ્રકાશનાં લગ્ન હતાં. વરરાજા મિતેષ યુએસએનાં એલપીએસનાં બોર્ડ સભ્ય પણ અમે તમને જણાવવા માંગીએ છીએ કે કન્યાનાં માતા પિતા સમગ્ર જાનની રૂમો માટે ચુકવણી કરવાનો આગ્રહ કર્યો હોવા છતાં આફવા ગામના હાજર લોકોએ જે રીતે તેમને વચન આપ્યું હતું તે અનુસાર વ્યક્તિગત રીતે તેમના રૂમોની ચુકવણી કરી હતી.

કન્યાના પરિવારના ખભા પરનું ગામ રૂમો માટેનું આયોજન અને ગોઠવણનો બોજો ઉપાડી લેવામાં આવ્યો હતો, એકદરે પ્રતિજ્ઞા સરળતાથી ચાલી હતી. આજ વસ્તુ પરિવારે ગામના સભ્યો માટે તેમના વ્યક્તિગત રૂમો બુક કરવા માટે નિયુક્ત હોટલની ગોઠવણ કરી હતી. ચેકઈન અને ચેકઆઉટ પ્રક્રિયા પણ બહુ સરળતાથી થઈ હતી. અને અને કોઈને કોણે કોની સાથે સ્મ શેર કરી હતી તેની ગણતરી કરી ન હતી કે જે હોટલમાં તેઓ રહ્યા હતા અને વધારાનાં રૂમોનો દુર ઉપયોગ પણ ટાળ્યો હતો.

તે ખુબ સારી રીતે કાર્ય અને સરળતાથી કાર્ય કર્યું છે તેના સાક્ષી બન્યા પછી, અમે આફવાના લોકો આ સકારાત્મક વલણને અમારા સમગ્ર સમાજ માટે આગળ ધપાવવા માટે ગર્વ અનુભવીએ છીએ. આફવા બોર્ડ દરેક ગામને આ વિચારનો તેમની પોતાનામાં એલપીએસ સાથે અમલમાં મુકવાનું પસંદ કરે છે, જેથી તેમાં ઓછું નાણાકીય દબાણ અને પરિવારનાં યજમાન પર તાત્કાલીક વ્યવસ્થાપનની તાણ ઓછી થાય છે, પરિણામે તેઓને પ્રસંગ પર પોતાની જાતને કેન્દ્રીત કરવાની સ્વતંત્રતા મળે છે. આભાર આફવા બોર્ડ

૨૦૧૪ આફવા સંમેલન

જોડાણ અને પરંપરાનું એક અન્ય મહાન ઉદાહરણ ૨૦૧૪ આફવા સંમેલન રહ્યું હતું જે આફવામાંથી આવે છે તેમને સાથે લાવે છે. અમે અંદાજીત સાહીઠ પરિવારો છીએ જે ત્રણ દિવસ ઉજવણી માટે આવે છે અને એક બીજાનાં સંગાથને માણીએ છીએ અને આફવાએ આપેલ મુલ્યોને આગળ ધપાવીએ છીએ.

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એલપીએસ વુમેન્સ કમીટીનાં સહયોગ સાથે, કેટલાક યુવાનો, સ્ત્રીઓ, અને બોર્ડ ઓફ ડિરેક્ટર્સ સવાત્રાહ વિસ્તારમાં સમાજ સેવા પ્રોજેક્ટમાં સ્વેચ્છાએ જોડાયા હતા. સ્વયં સેવકો બેથેસ્ડા એકેડમીની મદદ કરી હતી, તમામ બાળકોએ તેમનો સમય આપીને કેમ્પસનાં કેટલાક વિસ્તારને રંગરોગન કર્યા હતા.

લગભગ ૧૦૦ ડીગ્રી તાપમાન સાથે, સ્વયંસેવકોએ આવી ગરમીમાં પોતાના પ્રોજેક્ટને આતુરતાથી પુર્ણ કર્યા હતા. આ પ્રસંગને મહાન સફળતા મળી હતી કારણકે અમે પ્રથમ વખત સ્વયં સેવકો , ટેકો આપવાનાં ફાયદા દર્શાવવા માટે સક્ષમ હતા ! ૭૫ સ્વયં સેવકો સાથે , આ આવા પ્રકારની પ્રથમ સમાજસેવાનાં પ્રસંગો દર્શાવે છે જે કોઈપણ કન્વેન્શન ક્ષત્રે એલપીએસે યોજી છે. યુવા સમિતી અગાઉના વર્ષોમાં આ વેગને ચાલુ રાખશે.

મંગળવારે સવારે, યુવાનોએ સામાન્ય સત્રમાં હાજરી આપવી જરૂરી હતી જ્યા તેઓને આપણા સમાજને અસર કરનાર જુદી જુદી સમસ્યાઓ વિશે શિક્ષિત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આપણા સમાજમાં સહજ રાજકારણનાં અને આપમી આવનારી પેઢીને આપણા સમાજને ચલાવવા માટે કેવી રીતે તૈયાર કરવા તેના મુદ્દાઓ પર ચર્ચા થઈ હતી. બપોરે, નાના યુવા હાજર રહેનાર સભ્યો આઈસબ્રેક રમતમાં ભાગ લેવા યોગ્ય હતા જે તેમને હાજર રહેવા તેમના સાથી દારોને મળવાની તેમને તક આપે છે.

પછી તેમણે સવાત્રાહનાં ઐતિહાસીક સ્થળો ની મુલાકાત લીધી હતી, વિસ્તારો પર તેમને શિક્ષણ આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જુના યુવાનો યુથ કમીટી દ્વારા રચાયેલ આઈસબ્રેક માટે એકત્રીત થયા હતા. યુવાનોને ટીમોમાં તેમની લોકપ્રિય રમત ફેમીલી ફ્રીડ રમવા માટે જુદા પાડવામાં આવ્યા હતાં જ્યા ટીમોએ આપણા હિન્દુ ધર્મ અને આપણી સંસ્કૃતિના જુદા જુદા પાંસા વિશે એક બીજાને સામસામે સવાલ જવાબ કર્યા હતાં. વિજેતા ટીમોને ઈનામો આપવામાં આવ્યા હતાં.

પછી બપોરે, રોગર લેવાએ તેમની ટીકરી હર્શીલા લેવા સાથે અને જય પટેલે યુવાનોને સંઘર્ષો અને સંપતિના દુરઉપયોગની અસરોનો સામનો કરવા માટે જણાવ્યું હતું. યુવાનોને આવી ઘટનાઓનો અનુભવ કરી રહ્યા હોય તો તે અંગે બોલવા પ્રોત્સાહીત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતાં. આ પ્રવચન પછી, યુવાનોએ પેનલ ડિસ્કશન ફોરમેટમાં ભાગ લીધો હતો જે યુથ કમીટી દ્વારા તૈયાર કરવામાં આવી હતી અને અન્ય યુવા વિસ્તારોમાં સમગ્ર વર્ષ દરમિયાન ઉપયોગ કરાયો હતો. તેમણે એરેંજ મેરેજ (સગપણ વિવાહ), અમેરીકન સંસ્કૃતિની સમાવેશકતા અને આપણા યુવાનો આજે જેનો સામનો કરી રહ્યા છે તેવા અન્ય પડકારો જેવા અગત્યાના મુદ્દાઓ પર ચર્ચા કરી હતી.

યુથ કમીટી તેનું નવું સત્ર શરુ કરી રહી છે ત્યારે તે આપણા સમાજના ઉભરતા સભ્યોને તેમના સ્થાનિક અને રાષ્ટ્રીય સમુદાય માટે વધુ કાર્યક્ષમ વ્યક્તિ બનવાનું શિક્ષણ આપવાનું ચાલુ રાખશે. અમે યુએસએના અન્ય ક્ષેત્રોમાં વધુ યુવા વિભાગો અને સામાજિક સેવા પ્રવૃત્તિઓ યોજવા પર ધ્યાન આપીશું.

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