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9th. October 2009

Dear Members,

The MC would like to thank all members and their families for the wonderful support rendered during the Grand Opening Ceremony of our Samaj and the historic 12 hours non-stop Raas-Garba. Both the events were successful and memorable. A special thanks to Lalitaben Harsukhlal Kamdar for being the main sponsor for the Samaj Opening. A special thanks also to Indiraben Dinsukhlal Doshi for sponsoring the Grand Dinner.

The recent religious discourses during the Paryushan by Manojbhai and Stavan singer Vijaybhai Doshi with his musician were very spiritually enlightening. They drew huge crowds. The MC extends their heartiest appreciation to all members and their family for their tremendous support in making the Paryushan festival a success.



*Once again, with lots of enthusiasm and happiness, we celebrate one of the biggest festivals of Hindus, **Diwali**. On this joyous occasion the Management Committee extends their best wishes and warmest regards to each and every member of our family. May the festival of lights bring joy and prosperity. As the holy celebration of Diwali is here and the atmosphere is filled with the spirit of mirth and love, here's hoping this festival of beauty brings your way, bright sparkles of contentment, that stay with you through the days ahead, filling the coming years with happiness, prosperity and good health for all our beloved members of the community.*

Diwali celebrations are spread over Five days as follows:

Thursday	: 15 th October 2009	- "Dhanteres"
Friday	: 16 th October 2009	- "Kari Chaudas"
Saturday	: 17 th October 2009	- "Diwali"
Monday	: 19 th October 2009	- "Salmubarak"
Tuesday	: 20 th October 2009	- "Bhai Beej"

Special Diwali Message From Our President.

In the name of Good Lord, I take this opportunity to wish a very Happy Diwali and a healthy and prosperous New Year (Nutan Varsha Abhinandan) to all respected elders, friends and young ones.

I would like to also express my thanks and gratitude to everyone in the Samaj as this year has been great, full of memorable and joyous events. First, we hosted a very successful & memorable Gujarati Games Carnival KL 2009 where GAWPS emerged as the overall champions.

With the blessings of the Almighty, we have also witnessed the Grand Opening Ceremony of our premise. National Certificate was also awarded to our Association as we successfully completed the 12 hour non-stop Raas Garba & our feat is now listed in the Malaysian Book of Records. Congrats and "Syabas" to ALL.

Many other activities and superb programmes have been organised by the various wings for the entire community of all ages, both young and old.

The Management Committee has been excellently carrying out their duties, strictly observing all rules and taking the final decision made collectively after deliberating thoroughly with relevant and respected members on various programmes.

Distinguished friends, the services rendered by every member of the Management Committee, Mahila Mandal, Youth, Juniors, Mentors, Auditors, Disciplinary Committee, etc are exemplary and selfless. Let us motivate them to reach greater heights. Together we can. We are one and will remain one always.

However, while striving hard to do our best for the Samaj and the Community within it, if there are any shortcomings, we the MC, on this special auspicious festival of Diwali, sincerely apologises to all members and their families. Together, with the never wavering unity, support, and hope of each and every one of us, the Samaj will shine in this new year and reach for the stars. ☺



*If God's richest blessings are upon you today and throughout the year,
then they will transfer through you and touch the lives of everyone you meet.*

DHANTERES PRAYERS
(Saraswati Pooja & Appreciation Programme)
Date : Thursday, 15th October 2009



Dhanteras marks the first day of five-days-long Diwali Festival. In many parts of the world, Dhanteras is celebrated with gusto and enthusiasm. In the word Dhanteras, "Dhan" stands for wealth. On Dhanteras day, Goddess Laxmi is worshiped to provide prosperity and well being. On this day, we pray for good health and wealth for the family. Hence it is auspicious to purchase gold or silver articles or at least one or two new utensils. It is believed that new "Dhan" or some form of precious metal is a sign of good luck.

The MC welcomes all members together with your family for the Dhanteres prayers to be held at our Samaj Premises.

The MC will also be organizing a Mata Saraswati Pooja for ALL especially students and recognizing our High Achievers on this day:

Date : Thursday, 15th October 2009
Time : 6.30 pm onwards
DINNER WILL BE SERVED
Venue : Samaj Premises

Each family is requested to bring along their own prayer items such as thali, uncooked rice, flowers, ghee, lamp etc..

** To all students... please bring along your own thali, diva, Mata Saraswati's photo, books, pencil boxes etc for the Saraswati Pooja.

Do not miss this event

"A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle."

'Every time something good happens to you, make something good happen to someone else.'



GUJARATI NEW YEAR
Date : Monday, 19th. October 2009



In line with our tradition, on this joyous occasion we usher Special 'Bestu Varas' Prayers as follows :-

Date : Monday, 19th. October 2009
Time : 8.15 am
Venue : Shree Lakshmi Narayan Temple

A sumptuous breakfast with Jalebi & Gathia would be served. Please be punctual. Prayers will commence at 8.15 am sharp.

Love, unity and togetherness are the intangible assets of these celebrations.

Our humble invitation to one and all to attend these annual prayers and seek the divine blessings from the Almighty for the coming year.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.



H1N-1

Symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of seasonal flu and typically include a feverish illness, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite and muscle aches. Some people have reported diarrhoea and vomiting. In young children, warning signs include fast or troubled breathing, a bluish skin tone and irritability.

Your MC request all members or their families who have any of these symptoms to avoid attending any Samaj activities.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

'Richness of the soul comes with the name of the God.'



MAHILA MANDAL HI-TEA

Date : Saturday, 31st. October 2009

Attention ALL Mahila Mandal members.....Come and Spend a fun-filled day with excellent programme and great music. Take time out from the hustle and bustle of the routine and grab this opportunity to catch up with friends.

Our Mahila Mandal is organizing a Hi-Tea for ALL it's members as follows :-

Date : Saturday, 31st. October 2009

Time : 2.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Venue : Samaj Premises

All those interested in attending the HI - TEA **MUST** register by 20th October 2009 to:

Meeta P. Sheth: 012-3035310 or Jothiben M. Doshi: 03-22831939

Competitions.....Interested!!!!

Tray Decoration Contest - Use your creativity and imagination to win fabulous prizes. Hurry and register your names ...and ...collect your trays on Wednesday, 21st. October 2009.

To participate in the above competition, you MUST register by 20th. October with:

Hina S. Kamani : 016-2270098 or Annie D. Doshi : 016-2020245

Please collect your Hi- Tea special coupons issued at a token of RM 15.00(for members) and RM 35.00 (for overseas guests) on Wednesday, 21st. October 2009 between 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm in the Samaj Premises.

Members who do not register and without coupons would not be allowed to attend the function.

Dress Code: Indian Traditional...Maroon



“Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing”

Mother Teresa

**The Devastating Earthquake in Padang, Indonesia &
Massive Floods in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India.
“ The Call For Help”**

We are most fortunate and blessed that the nation and the community in Malaysia have been spared the massive devastation of lives and property. As you all know, thousands of lives have been lost and millions made homeless, injured and suffering the loss of their loved ones in the recent devastating earthquake in Padang and the merciless floods in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India. We owe it to our fellow beings in this hour of need. Your Management Committee humbly appeals to each and every member to come forward and donate generously to this worthy cause.

We intend to extend our donation in cash through Mercy Malaysia and other Indian organizations urgently as they are in dire need of help.

Kindly contact Mr. Bharat Gorasia (012-3082631) or
Mr. Mahendra Malani (012-2199577) by 19th October 2009.

“Give them your helping hand, warm the hearts of the people who are in big trouble, support them to gain the courage of life and help rebuild their future”

Message From Our Treasurer

All those who are making any payments with cheques towards our Samaj, please ensure all cheques are payable to:

Gujarati Association Wilayah Persekutuan And Selangor

DIWALI FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, 15TH. NOVEMBER 2009

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE.
More details in the next circular.**

We look forward to the full participation of all the members and their families in all the events. The MC looks forward in seeing you.

HAPPY DIWALI & SALMUBARAK



Yours in community service,

Dipak

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Dipak V. Damani
(Hon. Secretary)