

ANKUR Annual General Body Meeting and Pizza Party - Sunday, December 15th



*THANK
YOU!*



Ankur Committee - Bharti Noticewala, Rajal Bhutta, Hema Shukla, Sangeeta Desai, Rupal Patel and Shilpa Desai is very thankful for community help, support and good wishes in putting together 2013 Diwali Gala. Guests reveling in Diwali festivities and good cheer was our best reward.

A special thanks to Jay Bedi - Elements Event Center, Naren Patel - Tandoor Restaurant, DJ Mavi, Kendra Photography and many individuals for their generosity and community spirit making 2013 Diwali Gala a grand success.

THANK YOU!

If you know anyone who does not receive Ankur newsletters, email updates and/or Evite invitations, please contact Shilpa Desai at anknewsletter@gmail.com



New to Ankur.
Welcome!



3 Generations of Ankur members

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Call out to the community!

Please step up, get involved and volunteer to be part of

2014 ANKUR Operating Committee or Board of Trustees.

Please contact Bharti Noticewala at bnoticewala@gmail.com or 513 563 2007

to sign up or for further information.

2013 Diwali Gala on Friday, November 8th at Elements

Event Center was a big success with over 300 guests in attendance.

Ankur Committee, headed by Bharti Noticewala is very thankful for your help, support, votes of confidence and good wishes for the success of 2013 Diwali Gala. Our gratitude to Jay Bedi - Elements Event Center, Naren Patel - Tandoor Restaurant, DJ Mavi, Kenra Photography and many individuals for their generosity and community spirit.

A very diverse crowd dressed in finery was in attendance socializing in a beautiful setting, enjoying an array of festive food, dancing to DJ's cool beats, and celebrating Diwali in style with family and friends. Beautiful portrait pictures were taken as a memento of this grand celebration and are to be mailed out shortly. Indian Fashion awards added a sparkle of glamour. Thanks to fun loving guests, 2013 Diwali Gala was a night to remember!



Best wishes for
health, wealth, peace
and joy to you all!





Sharad Poonam Celebration!

A lively crowd danced garba and raas to festive music after which everyone enjoyed delicious doodh poha, bhel, pakoras etc.



What would you like added to Ankur community?

Would you like to submit a recipe, activity idea, interesting article etc to Ankur newsletter?


Please email your ideas and suggestions to Shilpa Desai at anknewsletter@gmail.com



ANKUR thrives with on-going activities like Yoga, Pranayama, Bridge Club, Book Club, Silver Innings, Bollywood Dance, Mahila Bhajan Satsang, Drop-In center lunch as well as youth events, social, religious and charitable events, thanks to a strong Ankur community. Your support and involvement is much appreciated.



"Go Not To The Temple" Poem by Rabindranath Tagore Submitted by Minal Patel



Goswami Design

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Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet of God,
First fill your own house with the Fragrance of love...

Go not to the temple to light candles before the altar of God,
First remove the darkness of sin from your heart...

Go not to the temple to bow down your head in prayer,
First learn to bow in humility before your fellowmen...

Go not to the temple to pray on bended knees,
First bend down to lift someone who is down-trodden...

Go not to the temple to ask for forgiveness for your sins,
First forgive from your heart those who have sinned against you.

Blessings



Horse Shoe Casino outing for Seniors was a fun filled day out starting with lunch at Curry's Restaurant, afternoon exploring the Casino and enjoying time with friends. A big thanks to Suren Hegde for organizing the trip as well as Haresh Hemani, Mehul Parikh and volunteers for putting together a memorable trip for seniors.

2013 NAVRATRI GARBA SPONSORS AT ANKUR HALL

Minalben Patel	\$111.00	Hansa Thakkar	\$35.00
Manubhai and Daviben Patel	\$101.00	Hemansu and Preya Ranpuria	\$35.00
Narendra and Pallavi Patel	\$101.00	Hiten & Rupal Patel	\$35.00
Bhupen, Dorothy & Kavita Joshi	\$70.00	Indravadan and Jyotika Parikh	\$35.00
Bhupen Joshi Bridge Club)	\$35.00	Jagdish & Nita Patel	\$35.00
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Ramesh Patel Bridge Club)	\$35.00	Kartik & Shweta Desai	\$35.00
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Abhijit and Julie Desai	\$35.00	Natubhai & Neelaben Patel	\$35.00
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Arun and Sudha Mehta	\$35.00	Pradip and Kumud Patel	\$35.00
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Ashwin & Parul Joshi	\$35.00	Pravin & Rajal Bhutta	\$35.00
Atul & Jolly Purani	\$35.00	Pravin Bhutta (Bridge Club)	\$35.00
Babu & Bharti Lengde	\$35.00	Raj & Sheela Mehta	\$35.00
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Chitu and Hema Shukla	\$35.00	Sudhir and Geeta Matani	\$35.00
Devas & Meena Desai	\$36.00	Suren and Jyoti Hegde	\$35.00
Dilesh and Neeta Patel	\$35.00	Tushar and Rasila Parikh	\$35.00
Gaurang & Bakula Bhatt	\$35.00	Vikram & Nayna Parikh	\$35.00
Hardas & Asha Rathod	\$35.00	Vinod & Bharti Rawal	\$35.00
Haresh and Geeta Hemani	\$35.00	Vijay Sanghvi	\$35.00
Hari & Rekha Budev	\$35.00	Tushar & Jignasa Desai	\$25.00



TOTAL NAVRATRI SPONSORS	\$3390.00
TOTAL NAVRATRI AARTI COLLECTION	\$238.00
DASHERA HAVEN DINNER	\$366.00
SHARAD PURNIMA DINNER	\$420.00

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GRAND TOTAL FOR 2013 NAVRATRI COLLECTION \$4414.00



Ankur Activities



Monday Yoga With Herman Ranpuria Weekly – Monday, 6:30 - 8 PM

YOGA



Saturday Yoga With Pallavi Patel Weekly – Saturday, 8.30 – 10 AM

November & December fees: Ankur Members \$35
Single class fees: Members \$5, Non Members \$6

Please contact Jyoti Mehta at 518-0677 or
jjmweare@gmail.com for more information.

November & December fees: Ankur Members \$25
Single class fees: Members \$4, Non Members \$5
Children of Ankur members (18 and under): \$3

Please contact Pallavi Patel at 733-8838 or
patelps@ucmail.uc.edu for more information.

2 month Yoga session: November & December

Please bring your own yoga mat

Please join Ankur Yoga and commit to a healthy mind and body.

*Seasoned yogis, beginners, and everyone in between is invited to attend **Ankur Yoga** taught by excellent Yoga teachers. Along with reducing stress, Yoga increases flexibility, strength, circulation and concentration.*



Mahila Bhajan Satsang

First Sunday every month: 12/1

Date: Sunday, December 1st

Time: 2 pm to 3: 30 pm

Place: Ankur

Singers and avid listeners are most welcome to Ankur Mahila Bhajan Satsang.

To join Ankur Mahila Bhajan Satsang or for more information, please contact Pallavi Patel at 733-8838
patelps@ucmail.uc.edu or Rajal Bhutta at 791-0362 rajalbhatta@yahoo.com



Bollywood Dance & Exercise Class

Saturday mornings in November and December

Dates: 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

Time: 10 am

Place: Ankur

Fees: Single Class: Members \$3, Non Members \$4 OR 2 Month Session: \$20

Come over to ANKUR Saturday mornings (Nov and Dec) for an hour of work-out to the beat of Bollywood melodies and groovy dance moves. Required minimum attendance is 6 people to conduct class.

Please contact Jyoti Hegde at jhegde9030@gmail.com or Rajal Bhutta at rajalbhatta@yahoo.com for more information or to sign-up. Please pay class fees to Jyoti Hegde



Ankur Activities



Bridge

Weekly – Wednesday 6:45 PM – 10:30 PM

Bridge for beginners at Ankur.

Interested in learning Bridge? Come over to Ankur Bridge Club in a group of 4 players and Bhupen Joshi will teach the basics of this game for a nominal charge.

Anyone who enjoys **Bridge** is invited to come and play on Wednesday nights at ANKUR.

Players should arrive at 6:45 PM so everyone can help set up tables and equipment downstairs. The aim is to be seated with partners by 6:50 PM so play can begin. A prompt start is to achieve a timely finish. All bridge players are invited to come, play, and have fun. Join us!

Please contact Hari or Rekha Budev at 793-5951 or Bhupen Joshi at 489-1077 for more information.



PRANAYAMA

Weekly – Wednesday 7 to 8 PM

Come over to ANKUR for an hour of Pranayama, a deep breathing technique of yoga for optimum health. Jyoti Hegde brings a vast knowledge of Pranayama (breath control) for Ankur members every Wednesday.

Single Class Fees: Members \$3, Non Members \$4

2 Month Session Fees: Ankur Members \$ 20

Please pay Pranayama fees to Jyoti Hegde.



Drop-In Center – Homeless Shelter Lunch

**Monthly: Wednesday, December 11th
(Second Wednesday every month)**

For over 12 years, Ankur volunteers have quietly and consistently served at The Drop-In Center monthly lunch, traditional Thanksgiving meal, winter wear at Christmas as well as donations to those who are homeless in Cincinnati serving society and those in need.

A group of truly devoted Ankur volunteers donate, prepare and serve lunch to over 150 homeless people every month at The Drop-In Center which is Greater Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter, located in Over-the-Rhine

Thanks to these generous members of Ankur community led by Bharti Noticewala who donate funds, food items and time making these monthly lunches possible. A true spirit of charity!

To help serve lunch or donate food items or money, please contact Julie Desai 560-2232 or Bharti Noticewala 563-2007.



Ankur Book Club

Time: 2 to 4 PM

Venue: ANKUR

Ankur Book Club discussed the book “THEY POURED FIRE ON US FROM THE SKY” BY BENSON DENG AND ALEPHONION DENG AND BENJAMIN AJAK at the last meeting. December date to announced shortly.

Please contact Minal Patel at 234-0569 to join Ankur Book Club or for more information



Building Renovation Project 2012-2013



Following members have given their support and pledged/paid donation amounts to go ahead with Phase 2 of Ankur building renovation. Utmost gratitude for the generosity of these members of Ankur community.

Please follow up your pledge with a check donation payable to "Ankur Gujarati Samaj" mailed to ANKUR, 9502 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45242 as soon as possible. Please contact Vijay Parikh at 733-0245 or Bharti Noticewala at 563-2007 if you have any questions. (Tax receipt number)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Bhutta, Pravin & Rajal - 137	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
2. Budev, Chandu & Manju - 129	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
3. Budev, Hari & Rekha - 130	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
4. Budhdev, Sharad/Kiran & Arti -120*	Front Doors	
5. Desai, Abhijit & Julie, Gokli, Hansaben -135	\$1,001.00	\$1001.00 Paid
6. Desai, Rajan & Shilpa - 101	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
7. Hegde, Suren & Jyoti -133	\$ 501.00	\$ 501.00 Paid
8. Hemani, Haresh & Geeta - 134	\$500.00	\$500.00 Paid
9. Joshi, Bhupen & Dorothy - 102	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
10. Karamchandani, Khush & Mina - 103	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
11. Mehta, Jayesh & Jyoti	\$ 500.00	
12. Mehta, Monal & Kausha	\$ 500.00	
13. Mehta, Nalin & Ila - 104	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
14. Mehta, Arun & Sudha	\$ 500.00	
15. Noticewala, Chandrakant & Daksha - 123	\$501.00	\$501.00 Paid
16. Pai, Prakash & Sujata - 105	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
17. Parikh, Indravadan & Jyoti - 106	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
18. Parikh, Kishu & Kirti -126	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
19. Parikh, Narendra & Sarla - 107	\$ 151.00	\$151.00 Paid
20. Parikh, Tushar & Rasila - 108	\$ 101.00	\$101.00 Paid
21. Parikh, Vijay & Asha - 109	\$ 500.00	\$501.00 Paid
22. Patel, Dilesh & Neeta - 110	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
23. Patel, Jagdish & Nita - 122	\$501.00	\$501.00 Paid
24. Patel, Jayant & Kapi -124	\$ 501.00	\$ 501.00 Paid
25. Patel, Ketan & Mala - 111	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
26. Patel, Kishor & Kusum - 112	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
27. Patel, Minal - 113	\$ 701.00	\$701.00 Paid
28. Patel, Pradip & Kumud - 125	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
29. Patel, Rashmikant & Jyoti - 114	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
30. Patel, Shashank & Pallavi	\$ 501.00	
31. Ranpuria, Hemansu & Preya - 115	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
32. Rathod, Hardas & Asha - 127	\$500.00	\$500.00 Paid
33. Sanghvi, Vijay -132	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
34. Shah, Bharat & Meena -116	\$ 500.00	\$250.00 Paid
35. Sheth, Uday & Nandita - 131	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00 Paid
36. Shukla, Amul & Smruti -117	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
37. Shukla, Chitu & Hema - 118	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
38. Stanley, Lilam - 119	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid

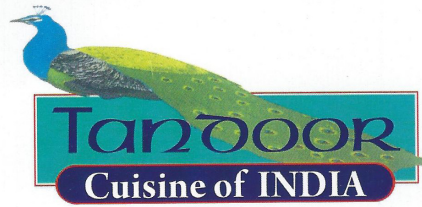
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A plea to Ankur community!

This is a great opportunity to invest in our community center by donating with an open heart. Phase 2 of Ankur renovation will be a reality with your solid support and generous donations.





Award Winning India Cuisine!
25th Anniversary

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