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Ankur Newsletter, February 2011



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2011 Ankur Events

Please note Ankur events for 2011 in your calendars! Holi and Diwali events will be scheduled in coordination with the temple. This year's Gala Dinner will be celebrated with the 25th Building Anniversary of Ankur!

March

Holi Dinner and Cultural Program 3/20

Senior Mixers begins

Pranayama begins

April

Ramnavmi Dinner and Bhajan 4/15

Ankur Clean-up Day 4/23

May

Mother's Day Dinner 5/13

June

Father's Day Picnic 6/19

July

Fogana Competition 7/16

August

Janmashtami, Nand Mahotsav and Matli breaking 8/26

September

Ganesh Chaturthi 9/11

Ankur 25th Building Anniversary Gala Dinner 9/24

October

Navratri and Diwali Celebrations 10/1-10/6

November

TBA

December

TBA

Perform at this year's Holi Show!



Ankur is currently looking for group and solo performers for this year's Holi Program. The categories for the show are solo singing, solo dance and group performance. The deadline for participant signup is March 8th. Perform at the show to celebrate the true spirit of Holi!

Interested participants should contact Kamini Jain at kaminijain@yahoo.com or 769-7964.



valentine's Day Dinner



The spirit of Valentine's Day was definitely in the air at Ankur last Friday. Guests who attended Ankur's dinner were dressed in red and pink, couples sipped on wine and beer and enjoyed homemade lasagna and pilau rice, as well as garlic bread donated by Bravo's Italian Cucina.

Hair professionals from Kenwood Mall were there before dinner to straighten hair for the ladies, and a line dancing instructor showed guests some fun moves after dinner.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the evening, as well as all the guests who attended to support Ankur.



Ladies getting their hair straightened by style professionals



Valentine's Sweethearts



All the pics coming soon to www.ankurcinci.com

Guests enjoying the evening at Ankur



Get to know Ankur's Operating Committee and Board of Trustees

Operating Committee

From left to right:

Kamini Jain – Cultural Director

Bharti Noticewala – President

Amisha Doshi – Treasurer

Kishore Mehta – Facilities Director

Shalvi Desai – Editor

Bhadra Parikh – Secretary

Rajal Bhutta – Vice President



Come celebrate with us or participate in this year's Holi Program & Dinner on March 20th!



Board of Trustees

From left to right:

Kishore Mehta – Facilities Director

Dorothy Joshi – BOT Member

Naren Parikh – BOT Secretary

Rasila Parikh – Treasurer

Taruna Damini – BOT Member

Bharti Noticewala – President

Nayana Trivedi – BOT Chairperson



Ankur Activities



Yoga

Monday Session:

March 7th – April 25th (8 sessions/\$27)

Weekly – Monday 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Taught by Herman Ranpuria

Thursday Session:

March 10th – May 5th (9 sessions/\$20)

Weekly – Thursday 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Taught by Kamal Sekhon

Seasoned yogis, beginners, and everyone in between are encouraged to come and learn the benefits of yoga, such as increased flexibility, strength, fitness, circulation and concentration, and reduced stress. Let us all commit to regular yoga exercises and determine to improve and remain healthy throughout the year. Please encourage your spouses, children, friends, and family members to join yoga. Come experience the benefits of yoga! If you have any questions, please contact Jyoti Mehta at 518-0677.

Herman Ranpuria will be running a yoga workshop on “Developing Your Personal Yoga Practice” at the Simply Power Yoga studio on March 26th (1-3 PM). For details visit www.vinyasa.org

- **Session:** 2 months, 8-9 classes per session
- **Cost:**
 - **Full Session:** Ankur Membership (\$35/yr) + \$20 or 27 per session (non-refundable)
 - **Single Class:**
 - **Monday:** Members: \$4/class, Non-members: \$5/class
 - **Thursday:** Members: \$3/class, Non-members: \$4/class
 - **Children of Ankur members (18 and under):** \$3/class

Please bring your
own yoga mat



Bridge

Weekly – Wednesday 6:45 - 10:30 pm

The weekly bridge game has a great turn-out, come and enjoy this game Wednesday nights at Ankur. Players should arrive at 6:45 so everyone can help set up tables and equipment downstairs. The aim is to be seated with partners by 6:50 so play can begin. A prompt start is to achieve a timely finish. All bridge players are invited to come, play and have fun. Ankur is pleased to congratulate one of our oldest groups on their continued progress and success! If you have any questions, please contact Hari or Rekha Budev at 793-5951 or Bhupen Joshi at 489-1077.



Book Club

Monthly - Thursday

This month the Book Club will discuss Life on the Color Line, by Gregory Howard Williams on March 24th at Ankur if the weather permits. For additional information, please contact Minal Patel at 234-0569.



Ankur Activities



Drop-In Center – Homeless Shelter

Monthly - Wednesday

Volunteers take lunch to the Drop-In Center Shelter House the 2nd Wednesday of every month where lunch is served to over 150 homeless people in downtown Cincinnati. Volunteers share the duties of making spaghetti, salad and bringing bread, bananas, cookies or ice cream. Helping the less fortunate to receive a warm meal is a great cause and a perfect way for you to donate towards something charitable. If you have the time to help, please do. If not, a donation is also useful to buy items if you are not available. To contribute towards or help provide lunch dishes please contact Bharti Noticewala (563-2007) or Julie Desai (560-2232).

A Family in Need

A couple from Baroda came to Cincinnati in May, 2010. They have a 14 year old son named Yash who has a kidney condition and is on dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant. The Father works towards supporting his family. His wife doesn't work because she takes care of her son but she would like to cater food from home to help earn some money.

How You Can Help

You can help this family by purchasing homemade dishes from the mother, Kalpana Patel for your family or parties. Food can be picked up at her home on Reading Road, which is conveniently located near both I-75 and Ronald Reagan Highway. Kalpana is also available to cook for you at your home.

To place an order or to have her cook at your home, please call **Kalpana Patel** at **513-898-1591**.

A few of the items that Kalpana offers:



- Rotli \$9 for 25
- Rotli with ghee \$10 for 25
- Paratha \$17 for 25
- Methi Paratha \$17 for 25
- Cabbage Paratha \$17 for 25
- Cauliflour Paratha \$17 for 25
- Samosas \$1 for 2



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Membership Dues and Information Reminder

Please be sure to update your information for the Ankur Membership List, as well as to ensure that your dues are paid for this year.

Ankur Rental Info

Rental forms are currently being updated, look for the updated rental fees in next month's newsletter

Ankur Gujarati Samaj, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio Membership Form

Date: _____

Life Member: []

Annual Member: []

First

Middle

Last Name

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-mail address-1* _____

-2* _____

Home Address: _____

Children: Name (optional) [Do Not Publish] #
Birthday (Mo/Yr)

_____ []

_____ []

_____ []

Your Picture on Website: []

Please check box if you do NOT wish specific data printed in Member Directory or showing online on Ankur's website.

* Your Email address will not be shared with any other party or an organization. It will be strictly used by Ankur's current year committee member authorized personal only. Your email address will not be printed in membership directory or showing online on Ankur's website membership listing.

Membership Information

The membership dues are as follows:

Annual Membership: **\$35**

Life Membership: **\$501**

Student Membership: **\$10**

Life Membership Annual Renewal
(voluntary): **\$10**

Please complete the form on the left side, circle the appropriate membership level above, enclose your check for the dues, and mail everything to:

Ankur Membership and Treasurer
Ankur Gujarati Samaj Inc.
9502 Highland Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45242

Please send your check for the membership dues A.S.A.P.

Please use this form to update your information



ANKUR GUJARATI SAMAJ
Board of Trustees
AGB MEETING MINUTES
Place: Ankur Building
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010
Time: 9.00 PM thru 10.35 PM

After dinner Monal welcome the members and thanked for coming. A total of 71 dues paying members out of 151 total members were present constituting the quorum. The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9.10 PM

AGENDA

- A. DR. GHIA - EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**
- B. MEHUL – FOGANA 2011 OVERVIEW**

BoT / OC REPORT

- 1. BoT CHAIRPERSON**
- 2. BoT TREASURER**
- 3. PRESIDENT OPERATING COMMITTEE**
- 4. Q/A**
- 5. 2011 OC ELECTION**

Agenda Item A: EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Dr. Ghia spoke at length about the Education/Scholarship program and the winner of scholarship award winner Saloni Hemani and talked about her accomplishments and presented a check of \$500. The education Committee Chaired by Dr. Ghia with Anami Patel and Nutan Shah as members, select the candidate based on certain criterias to receives the annual award of \$500. They hope to change some of the requirements, increase the amount to \$1000 and make the award more well-known in subsequent years. To that end, Dr. Ghia has donated \$2000 and Nutan Shah has donated \$500 to lead a fundraising effort to raise \$40,000 for this account.

Ankur has \$10,000 presently in that account.

This gesture was thanked and greatly appreciated by the members with a round of applause.



BoT/OC Reports

Agenda Item 1: BoT CHAIRPERSON

Nayana Trivedi, Chairperson of BoT spoke at length about what the BOT has done this year. Some items: a new safety deposit box was obtained for documents; Anker's many bank accounts were consolidated to 3 only (BOT, OC and Scholarship); a lower electricity rate was negotiated effective for the next 2 years; Ankur has a new website, created by Jolly Purani www.Ankur.com ; a long-term planning committee was formed to update the building (Asha Parikh, Dilesh Patel, Shashank Patel, Kamlesh Kothari and Natwar Noticewala). Nayana thanked, by name, volunteers and officers for their extra special work this year.

Agenda Item 2: BoT TREASURER

BoT treasurer Rasila Parikh was out of town, report will be included in report presented by Monal.

Agenda Item 3: PRESIDENT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Monal, Ankur's OC President, gave the report of the OC and the treasury reports. . He compared Ankur to home, and spoke about the affection and care that is needed for such a home. Emails were used very frequently throughout the year to facilitate communications. He told about the many activities held this year, and how a Monthly Dinner was held every month, which has not been the case for many years. It was his philosophy that a good time must be had by all, with cost as a secondary consideration. He was pleased to record a very successful year, both in activities and finances.



Agenda Item 4: Q/A

This item was considered after completion of Agenda Item 5

Anami Patel had some questions about the Education Scholarship; answers were differed due to lack of time. It was decided that a meeting between BoT and Education committee will be held to discuss any outstanding issues and or future course of the Education related activities

Agenda Item 5: 2011 OC ELECTION

Nominating Committee comprised of Smruti Shukla, Geeta Hemani and Monal Mehta proposed a slate of the following candidates for 2011 OC officers

Bharti Noticewala; Rajal Bhuta; Bhadra Parikh; Jyoti Mehta; Kamini Jain; Amisha; and Deven Desai

Secretary thanked the nominating committee, who found about 7 people for the 11 open positions

Nominations from outgoing committee were invited, only Kishor Mehta accepted and was declared part of the slate.

Nominations from the floor were invited, no one accepted a nomination from the floor (nominations were made, but declined). The slate as nominated by the nominating committee was unanimously approved. They will decide on their position of the officers for the committee at their first meeting.

A motion to adjourned the meeting was made and seconded and that meeting was adjourned at 10.35 PM



The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

Celebrates

Holi 2011

Taste of India

Saturday, March 26, 2011

12:00pm-3:00pm (Puja), 3:00pm-10:00pm (Cultural Program)

At the Temple

4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244

Website: <http://cincinnati temple.com/index.html>

Cultural Program:

AGE REQUIREMENTS: 5 Years or older

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Each program must be under 5 minutes. Preferences will be given to group performance. Up to 5 solo performance and 20 group performances will be allowed.

NOTE: Entries will be taken first come first serve basis.

The Cultural Committee has the right to select items and limit entries depending upon available time.

DEADLINE OF ENTRY SUBMISSION: First 25 entries received before March 1, 2011.

No exception, please. Please send all entries to hsgccultural@gmail.com. Once we receive your entry, we will send you a form which needs to be completed and sent back to us. It contains details about your program which we will need for our planning.

EVENT CONTACT: Amitava Das – (513) 379-9866, hsgccultural@gmail.com
Jyoti Desai – (513) 885-1318, desaijyoti12@yahoo.com