



## **Ankur Mother's Day Picnic**

This coming  
Sunday!!

***Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm***

***Location:***

***Sharon Woods Council Bluff Shelter  
11450 Lebanon Road  
Sharonville OH 45241***

***Sponsor and star chefs:***

***Suren Hegde and guys...will cook a delicious dinner!***

***Let's create more fun times and sweet memories  
together!***

***●Community spirit at its best●***



**Ankur**

**Independence Day**



**For ...children and youth**

**Date ... August 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday evening**

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**Talent Show Categories...**

**Stand up comedy**

**Short Skit**

**Performance by parents with children**

**Vocals in language of choice**

**Dance (no solo)**

**Musical instruments**

**Showcase your unique talent! Spots are limited; pelase sign up at the earliest.**



Just a friendly reminder that the 2014 Annual membership is now past due.

**2014 Ankur Annual Membership (January to December 2014) is now past due.**

**Annual Membership: \$45**

**Life Membership: \$501**

Please mail your Ankur membership check, payable to “Ankur Gujarati Samaj” and membership form (attached) to: ANKUR, c/o Hema Shukla, 9502 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Please contact Hema Shukla at 513 232 6448 or hema1993@aol.com for membership related questions.

## **Mid West Regional FOGANA 2014**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> in Detroit**

**Update!**

**Thank you for the overwhelming response from the community!  
We have 3 teams formed!**

**Ankur minor, junior and adult teams are waiting to rock the stage in Detroit!**

**For more information:**

Please contact:            Nita Parikh            [nitamehtaparikh@yahoo.com](mailto:nitamehtaparikh@yahoo.com) or  
   Smita Patel            [smitasm@aol.com](mailto:smitasm@aol.com)



## 2014 ANKUR CALENDAR

May 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday -	Mothers day at Sharon Woods
June 13 <sup>th</sup> Friday -	Movie Night at Ankur
July 19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday -	Fun Mela and used Indian clothing sale Children's art and craft showcasing
August 16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday -	Independence Day Talent Show
August 23 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday -	Janmashtami celebration
September 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday -	Health Fair
September 24 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday -	Navratri begins
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday -	Dashera, Havan and Puja at Ankur
October 10 <sup>th</sup> Friday -	Sharad Purnima
October 27 <sup>th</sup> Friday -	Diwali dinner



# ANKUR COMMITTEES

2014

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Ankur<sup>1st</sup> floor renovations have started. While the renovations are in progress, the first floor will not be available for use.

## Call out to the community!

*2014 Ankur Committee: A few positions are still open. Please step up, get involved and volunteer to be part of 2014 Operating Committee or Board of Trustees. Please contact Bharti Noticewala at [bnoticewala@gmail.com](mailto:bnoticewala@gmail.com) or (513) 563-2007 to sign up or for further information.*



Seasoned yogis as well as beginners are invited to join **Ankur Yoga** taught by excellent certified Yoga instructors. Along with reducing stress, Yoga increases flexibility, strength, circulation and concentration. **Embrace Yoga and commit to a healthy mind and body.**

**Please bring your own yoga mat**

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

**YOGA FEES:**

May & June: Ankur Members \$35  
 Single class: Ankur Members \$5, Non Members \$6  
 Whole Year Session fees: Ankur Members \$170

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

**Saturday Yoga**  
**With Dilruba Rahman**  
**Weekly – Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**YOGA FEES:**

May & June: Ankur Members \$25  
 Single class: Ankur Members \$4, Non Members \$5  
 Whole Year Session fees: Ankur members \$100

Please contact Dilruba Rahman at 513-519-0631  
 dilruba6120@gmail.com for more information.

**Zumba at Ankur with Smita Patel, Licensed Zumba Fitness Instructor.**



Join in for an hour of high-energy workout.

Every Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm  
 Please contact Smita Patel at 513-259-4717 or  
[smitsm@aol.com](mailto:smitsm@aol.com) for more information

Single class fees: Members \$4, Non Members \$5

Whole Year Session fees: Ankur members \$100



**PLEASE BRING LIGHT WEIGHTS AND BELLY-DANCING SCARF FOR MORE FUN**



**Ankur Book Club Monthly: Date to be announced**



Ankur Book Club members meet once a month at Ankur or Minal Patel's residence. Book club is led by Minal Patel and members enjoy reading and meeting for discussion an array of interesting books. Please contact Minal Patel at 234-0569 to join Ankur Book Club or for more information.



## BRIDGE CLUB



**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.



## Drop-Inn Center – Homeless Shelter Lunch

**Monthly: Second Wednesday every month**



For over 12 years, Ankur volunteers have quietly and consistently served at The Drop-Inn 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 led by Bharti Noticewala and Rashmikant Patel donate, prepare and serve lunch to over 150 homeless people every month at The Drop-Inn Center which is Greater Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter, located in Over-the-Rhine

Thanks to this generous and caring group from Ankur community 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.

150 people were served a delicious lunch of **Pizza, chips, Ice cream, Cake and soft drinks.**

**Thanks to everyone who sent money to support this lunch!**

To donate money towards food for the drop-inn center, send a check to:

Bharti Noticewala  
3286 Boxwood circle  
Cincinnati OH 45241

*ANKUR thrives with on-going activities like Yoga, Bridge Club, Book Club, Silver Innings, 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!*





*Numerous big hearted Ankur members gave voluntarily, their pledges, donations and support for Phase 2 of Ankur building renovation.*

***Many thanks to all the donors!***

*This endowment is a foundation for Phase 2; however for complete renovation of Ankur building, funds from the whole community are vital.*

*Be part of Ankur vision and transformation “A new modern Ankur building – A center for our community” and PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!*



*Please mail donation check payable “Ankur Gujarati Samaj” to ANKUR, 9502 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Please contact Vijay Parikh at 733-0245 or Bharti Noticewala at 563-2007 if you have any questions.*

**PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY FOR ANKUR RENOVATIONS**

***What would you like added to Ankur community?***

***Would you like to share a recipe, activity idea, interesting article, uplifting words of wisdom etc. to Ankur newsletter, Facebook page or website? Please email your ideas and suggestions to Julie Desai at [anknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:anknewsletter@gmail.com)***



**Donor List for Phase 2 of Ankur Building Renovation.**(\* tax receipts – mailed to donors)

<b><u>Paid Name</u></b>	<b><u>Pledge</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1. Sheth, Uday & Nandita - 131	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
2. Shukla, Amul & Smruti -117	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
3. Shukla, Chitu & Hema - 118	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
4. Stanley, Lilam - 119	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
5. Bhutta, Pravin & Rajal – 137*	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
6. Budev, Chandu & Manju - 129	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
7. Budev, Hari & Rekha - 130	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
8. Budhdev, Sharad/Kiran & Arti -120	Front Doors	Front Doors
9. Desai, Abhijit & Julie, Gokli, Hansaben -135	\$1,001.00	\$1001.00Paid
10. Desai, Shwetal & Sangita	\$500	\$500.00 Paid
11. Desai, Rajan & Shilpa - 101	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
12. Hegde, Suren & Jyoti -133	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
13. Hemani, Haresh & Geeta – 134	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
14. Joshi, Bhupen & Dorothy - 102	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
15. Karamchandani, Khush & Mina - 103	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
16. Mehta, Jayesh & Jyoti	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
17. Mehta, Monal & Kausha -139	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
18. Mehta, Nalin & Ila - 104	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
19. Mehta, Arun & Sudha	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
20. Noticewala, Natver & Bharti - 141	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
21. Noticewala, Chandrakant & Daksha - 123	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
22. Pai, Prakash & Sujata - 105	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
23. Parikh, Indravadan & Jyoti - 106	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
24. Parikh, Kishu & Kirti -126	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
25. Parikh, Narendra & Sarla - 107	\$ 151.00	\$151.00 Paid
26. Parikh, Tushar & Rasila - 108	\$ 101.00	\$101.00 Paid
27. Parikh, Vijay & Asha - 109	\$ 500.00	\$501.00 Paid
28. Patel, Dilesh & Neeta - 110	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
29. Patel, Hiten & Rupal -142	\$ 150.00	\$150.00 Paid
30. Patel, Jagdish & Nita - 122	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
31. Patel, Jayant & Kapi -124	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
32. Patel, Ketan & Mala - 111	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
33. Patel, Kishor & Kusum - 112	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
34. Patel, Minal - 113	\$ 701.00	\$701.00 Paid
35. Patel, Pradip & Kumud - 125	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
36. Patel, Rashmikant & Jyoti - 114	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
37. Patel, Shashank & Pallavi - 140	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
38. Ranpuria, Hemansu & Preya - 115	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
39. Rathod, Hardas & Asha – 127	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
40. Sanghvi, Vijay -132	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
41. Shah, Bharat & Meena - 116 and 143	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,616</b>	<b>\$19,616 Paid</b>

***Thank You!***