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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Samaj members,

Nameste,

It has been a wonderful year in which we celebrated many events and festivities together in a traditional way. We went from the Annual General Meeting to the Diwali dinner and along the way we met many new people. These experiences were great and very encouraging. It is your presence with your entire family that makes our events so successful.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the people who helped to make these events most memorable, and that would be the committee members and their family. I would also like to thank the youth committee for their excellent work and dedication towards our Samaj. Without their help, our events would not have been as successful as they were.

Now is your chance to be a part of the committee and voice your concerns. Annual General Meeting for the current year is approaching soon, so please come to our next and final event of the year 2007-2008 on Sunday April 13, 2008. We are also having a cooking competition organized with the AGM, so the entire family can also enjoy the event.

Please also note our website address www.brahmīnsamajontario.org where you can get the latest information about our Samaj.

I am looking forward to see you all at our Annual General Meeting.

Thank you,

Shailesh Upadhyay
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COOKING COMPETITION

Date: Sunday, April 13th, 2008

Place: Gujarat Bhavan (FOGA building)

58 Clark Ave

Thornhill, ON.

NE Corner of Yonge and Steeles

Time: 2-5 p.m

Members are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting to express their ideas and opinions. The current committee will thank the members for the opportunity to serve the samaj and will then be dissolved in favour of an election for a new committee for the upcoming 2008/09 year. If you are interested in standing for a position or nominating someone please fill out a nomination form and bring it with you on April 13th.

April 13th will be about more than just the A.G.M as there will be a cooking competition for the adults. This year's cooking competition will feature "Kachori" and "Lapsi". If you would like to participate in the competition, please call Shailesh Upadhyay (416) 524 8436 or Nehaben Pandya (416) 726 1147 to reserve a spot. The rules of the competition are that items must be homemade with the complete recipe and must be presented for display no later than 2:30 p.m. Judges will decide the winners based on the food item taste and presentation. Therefore all the competitors are responsible for bringing all the required supplies to make the effective presentation of their food items.

2007-08 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family Membership: \$25 per year

Single Adult Membership: \$15 per year

Membership fees and generous donations from the members are the main source of revenue for the Samaj that help the Samaj recover the costs of building rentals, food, printing, postage and all the other things that help make an organization vibrant. Membership fees that were paid for the 2007-2008 year expire on the date of the A.G.M and should be renewed for the 2008-2009 by members on April 15th 2008.

2007-08 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Feel free to direct any questions or comments towards any committee member.

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Sarojben Rawal	(416) 785 6682		

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Ø Shri Amrutbhai Naik past president of Brahmin Samaj and devoted Samaj member passed away on 24th January, 2008. On behalf of Brahmin Samaj, all committee members express the condolences to the family of Late Amrutbhai.
- Ø Father of Shri Prashantbhai Trivedi, KANTIBHAI HARISHANKER TRIVEDI passed away at age 88 in Ahmedabad on January 28th 2008. He was a selfless Gandhian Samaj Sevak all his life with no political interest. He worked in Banaskantha district as Social Worker (Samaj Sevak) through Vinobabhave's Sarvodai movement. The Brahmin Samaj committee pray the god for the peace of the eternal soul.
- Ø Mama of Shri Prashantbhai Trivedi, BHAISHANKER GAURISHANKER VYAS passed away at age 94 in Surendranagar on 13th February 2008. He was a well respected priest & Hanuman bhakt. We pray the god for the peace of the eternal soul.

Nomination Forms for 2008-09 Committee

I, _____ nominate the following member(s):

_____ to serve in the position of _____ in 2008-09

_____ to serve in the position of _____ in 2008-09

_____ to serve in the position of _____ in 2008-09

_____ to serve in the position of _____ in 2008-09

_____ to serve in the position of _____ in 2008-09

Signature _____

Date _____

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