



## BRAHMIN SAMAJ OF ONTARIO

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Namaste,

Welcome to the new year of Brahmin Samaj! On behalf of the Committee of the Brahmin Samaj of Ontario, I thank everyone for giving us the wonderful opportunity to serve the Samaj. I ensure the extra-ordinary efforts from each one of us to fulfill the expectations our members have from the Samaj.

I also thank you for all your support by renewing your annual memberships, providing generous donations, offering sponsorships and giving your voluntary services. These really help our Samaj conducting various events successfully throughout the year, providing an excellent platform for our members to extend their social sphere.

As in recent years, we have planned four events that include Summer Picnic, Balev Picnic, Navaratri Hawan and Diwali Dinner. Keeping in view the overwhelming participation and interest from almost 400 members of our Samaj, we have been actively considering organizing more events such as Navaratri Garba and a youth program in order to make the forthcoming year more eventful.

Needless to mention that as a part of this Samaj, it is very important that you make it possible to remain present at all these events because the success of these events ultimately depends upon our members only. In order to encourage participation from newly arrived Brahmins, the Samaj gives free membership for a year to the new / recent Brahmin immigrants. We encourage bringing your new friends arriving from other countries to all of our events. Nevertheless, this would also be an opportunity for the young members of your family to showcase their talent.

We always seek and appreciate suggestions, ideas and requests that you may have. Should you have any news that you wish to announce in our community please contact any committee member.

Enjoy the summer. We look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Picnic.

Shailesh Upadhyay  
President

## 2007-08 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The committee appreciated those who renewed their membership fees for the 2006-07 year. Membership fees that we paid for the 2006-07 year expired on the date of the A.G.M. For those of you who have yet to renew your membership for the year, it can be done at any event or by using the attached form and mailing it to the Samaj's address that is noted on the form. Membership fees are important because they along with the generous donations from members serve as the primary source of funds that enable the Samaj to put forth events and cover expenses.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are events held by the Brahmin Samaj:

### SUMMER PICNIC

*Date: Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Place: High Park - Picnic Area 15  
1873 Bloor St W  
Toronto, ON.*

[http://www.toronto.ca/parks/parks\\_gardens/highpark.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/parks_gardens/highpark.htm)

*Time: 11 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.*



High Park is set in a lush green environment containing a variety of landscapes, plant life and a nature trail. An outdoor swimming pool is located near the area should you wish to take your children swimming later in the day. The park has a small zoo and trackless train service for kids' fun. The committee will be organizing games for everyone's enjoyment. Please bring your own lunch; the Samaj will be serving a full hot dinner.

An informal meeting will be held during the picnic to discuss the events of youths. If you are interested in being apart of the youth committee please be sure to attend the picnic.

### BALEV PICNIC & JANOI CEREMONY

*Date: Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Place: Centennial Park-Picnic Area 8  
56 Centennial Park Road  
Etobicoke, ON*

[http://www.toronto.ca/parks/parks\\_gardens/centennial.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/parks_gardens/centennial.htm)

*Time: 11 am – 7 pm*



The Janoi ceremony will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. If you would like to participate, please be sure to attend on time. Enjoy the sunny August weather outdoors with people from your community. The talented chefs from the Samaj will be preparing a delicious dinner for all.

### DUSSERA HAVAN

*Date: Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007*

*Time: 10 am – 2 pm*

*Place: To Be Announced.*

### DIWALI DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

*Date: Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Time: 6:00 PM – Midnight*

*Place: To Be Announced.*

## 2007-08 COMMITTEE

The following is the new 2007-08 committee. Feel free to direct any questions or comments towards any committee member.

PRESIDENT : **Shailesh Upadhyay** (416) 321-4954  
VICE-PRESIDENT : **Neha Pandya** (905) 474-3147  
TREASURER : **Bhupendra Raval** (416) 438-5789  
SECRETARY : **Lalit Thaker** (416) 444-3158  
PAST PRESIDENT : **Parag Pathak** (905) 796-1071

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Hiren Upadhyay	(416) 332 1030	Amit Bhatt	(905) 457 7096
Nilay Bhatt	(416) 618 6020	Saroj Rawal	(416) 785 6682
Jatin Trivedi	(905) 281 3004	Rajesh Trivedi	(905) 654 9611
Prakash Dave	(905) 987 5281		

### Youth Executive committee:

Chair : Ritesh Khetia (647) 203-8026  
Vice Chair : Neha Jani

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<b>Annual Membership Renewal for 2007-2008 and Donation Form</b>			
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Name of spouse:	_____	or Single Membership Fee (\$15)	\$ _____
Names of children:	_____	Donation Contribution	\$ _____
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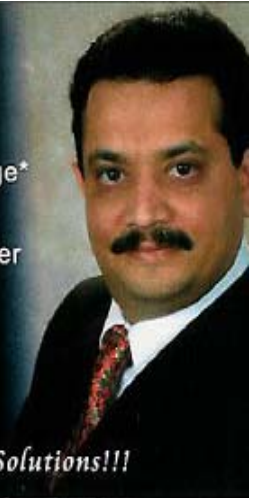
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