

The Oshwal Report



A Newsletter by the Halari Visa Oshwals of America

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From the desk of the President

I would like to thank our community for electing me as the president for HVO of USA, and to serve on the Executive Board. On behalf of all Halari Visa Oshwals, I sincerely would like to thank our outgoing executive committee members for their excellent work for the past two years.

2010 will be the 25th anniversary of our Halari Visa Oshwals gathering. I remember the very first Oshwals gathering had taken place in New Jersey. Community members from all over the north east region and other states had come, and everyone had smiling faces and were excited to meet all their fellow Oshwals. I am proud to say that we had lit a torch 25 years ago and are still going on strong. We must give credit to all our Oshwals kept the community intact and passed on our heritage to younger generation.

With this note I request everyone to take part in your area activities and keep in touch with our community.

Jai Jinendra,
Chandu Shah



Picnics

As every year we will have several picnics in many regions through out the country.

NY metro area picnic: On Father's day June 20th at Merrill park in Colonia (Edison), NJ. This location was hit couple years back as it is close to Indian shopping area of Edison and is centrally located to our community in NY metro area. We will have fun filled day with everyone's participation. We will try to have activities for everyone to participate and enjoy. Also make suggestions if you have any ideas. We need volunteers to organize games. Please contact:
Chandu Shah at (973)-376-2651,
Jayanti Galaiya at (908)-684-3443, or
Nimish Vora at (609)-750-1541
to RSVP for the picnic, more details or if you wish to volunteer.

The New England area picnic: The details will follow, but the location will be central to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Please contact. Please contact Kamala Gudhka at (978)-887-6689, for more information.

Metro Chicago Wisconsin area picnic: For details please contact Smita Shah at (630)-257-9070

Texas and Oklahoma Picnic: We will be having a Spring picnic on May 15, Saturday evening at Russel Creek Park in Plano, TX. For more information, and volunteering please write to oshwals_tx_ok@yahoo.com

Any of area picnics are a perfect place and time to meet new and old friends or make new contacts and renew old one.

Secretary's Report

Though we were meeting as friends locally for many years, 25 Year ago we informally started to get together as community, and we followed that up with formalizing our organization and getting a non-profit status. Despite the long distance and our community spread through out the country this silver jubilee year has created an extra ordinary interest in our community. In the past we have selected, nominated our executive members and members bowed out with respect to one another so we did not have election. This past year for the first time we had multiple nominations and we held the election. I am honored and privileged to serve the community. I thank everyone for trusting me to carry out duties of the Secretary.

Besides our regular events we want to see if there is an interest in the community for a larger event for the Silver Jubilee. Please pass along your thoughts to your area representative or a board member.

Jai Jinendra.
Jayanti Galaiya

Treasurer's Report

Balance carry forward:	\$10296.41
Outstanding restricted funds:	
to HVO Boarding	\$8301.50
to HVO Mahajanwadi	\$1485.50
Directory Donations:	\$901.00
Balance:	\$508.41

Bangalore Mahajan Wadi

Last year we raised funds for our beloved institutions in India and one of the projects on that list was Bangalore Mahajan Wadi. The Bangalore Samaj has acquired land across from Halari Deharasar in Basheshwara nagar for the Mahajan Wadi and they have asked for our help. Bangalore Samaj came up with coupon system at \$150.00 per coupon to honor everyone that takes two coupons and a chance to win one of the major activity/plaque, for bhoomi poojan, inauguration etc. and the names of everyone who takes two coupons will be engraved at wadi in prominent place.

Some of you had donated \$250.00 towards this cause, if you want to upgrade to \$300.00 to take the coupon opportunity please contact a board member so we can get you the coupons or if you want to pledge new donation, please let the board member know as well.

HALARI VISA OSHWALS OF AMERICA AND CANADA MEMBERS DIRECTORY

DIRECTORY LISTINGS: We are planning to publish the fourth edition of Directory of Halari Visa Oshwals of America and Canada this year in July/August. We request all those who are not listed in the Directory or have moved or changed his/her marital status or have additions in the family to complete the Directory form on the website (www.oshwal-usa.org). The only requirement is that at least one member of the family should have a direct link with the Halari visa oshwals in Jamnagar District of the State of Gujarat, India. For example, if husband's or wife's father or paternal grandfather or paternal great grand father was born Halari visa oshwals then her or his family can be listed in the Directory.

We also request all Regional Representatives and others who know of people who have recently settled in the USA or who are not listed in the Directory to encourage these families to complete the Directory form on line or send their information by mail to us. We would like to have all Oshwals living in the USA to be listed.

SPONSORS: As it has been the practice in the past, we once again request your generous donations for the cost of printing and distributing the directory.. We have received donations from a few members and we thank them for their support. In the past donations have ranged from \$100.00 to \$500.00. Since our Association is now registered as a non-profit organization, all donations are deductible from the US Federal tax. Please send your check to our Treasurer, Nimish Vora, 24 Renfield Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540 (Telephone 609-750-7374). The payee should be "Halari Visa Oshwals of America".

ADVERTISEMENT: The Association has decided that we should allow members to place advertisements for the products and services they offer. The rates are as follows:

1. Back Cover Outside
Full Page - \$1,000;
Half page - \$600.
2. Back Cover Inside and Front Cover Inside
Full Page \$800;
Half page - \$500.
3. Inside Pages
Full Page - \$600;
Half Page \$400;
Quarter Page \$250.

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the Directory, please submit a draft of your advertisement to us as soon as possible.

Thanking you for you support.

Surya and Satish Shah
4648 Hinton Drive
Plano, Texas 75024

email: Directory@oshwal-usa.org

Community News

(Please share your news - contact your regional representative or newsletter@oshsal-usa.org)

Weddings

Heena (daughter of Ramila & Suryakant (Sudhir) Shah of Ballwin, Missouri) and Brian (son of Mary Ann & Ronald Phillip Griffin of Suffolk, Virginia) were married on February 20, 2010, in Eureka, Missouri.



Births

Sohini and Sean are very excited to announce the recent arrival of their baby girl, Kyleena. The proud grandparents are David and Diane Stone from Nashua, NH, and Sudhir and Jyotsna Shah from Santa Clara, CA, and proud aunt Heather from Nashua, NH.



Annual Northeast Thanksgiving Get Together

Our 24th annual northeast area Thanksgiving Gathering was held on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at Ramada Inn, in South Plainfield, New Jersey. Despite bitter cold and windy weather, we had a good turnout of 70 plus people including children. The event was entirely sponsored by thirteen families. A wholehearted thought goes a long way.

The evening started with the delicious appetizers as people started arriving. Everyone enjoyed tasty appetizers - bhel, batata vada, papadi ganthia and desi chai, while catching up with friends and relatives. Children played several games afterward and prizes were given to everyone. They really enjoyed the games and they were happy to be here. Our sincere thanks to Bina Beed for planning and conducting games for children.

Prior to dinner, election was carried out / held for next two year term and executive committee was elected. Results will be posted on website in a separate report. Then, mouthwatering Gujarati and Punjabi style dinner was served. People sat and chat in groups while eating dinner. Paan flavored ice-cream and paan were served after the dinner. We would like to thank Jayanti and Vijya Galaiya, and Kanchan Shah for selecting and making arrangement for the delicious food. During dinner, Keshav Shah reminded everyone about our plan for publishing the updated Oshwal Directory in 2010.

It was a great get together and everyone enjoyed it. Our special thanks to the families who contributed to cover the cost of the event. The event was sponsored, however we collected nominal token for raising money for our association as we have a minimal balance. At the end we had surplus of \$500 for our association. We also would like to thank committee members and area representatives for helping out.

Executive Board for Year 2010-2011

Election for the executive committee was held during the Northeast Area Thanksgiving Gathering on Saturday, November 28, 2009, in South Plainfield, New Jersey. Presently, we have six committee members and we need odd number members for majority voting. Assistant treasurer position was eliminated to make a five member committee. Several nominations for various positions were received and executive committee was elected. There was no nomination for assistant secretary position so it was kept open to fill from other areas. After discussing with one person, this position was filled. We wish our incoming committee all the best and a great success. We ask you all to support and help them to make us more visible in the Oshwal-world.

Executive committee is as follows:

President: Chandulal Shah, Springfield, NJ
Vice President: Smita Shah, Lemont, IL
Secretary: Jayanti Galaiya, Long Valley, NJ
Treasurer: Nimish Vora, Princeton, NJ
Assistant Secretary: Dr. Alpa Shah, Plano, TX

The following positions are non-elected and these are filled by the board from volunteers, when a member wants to hand over the work. Current members will continue to hold their positions.

Web-Master: Ketan Dodhia, Jersey City, NJ
Assistant Web-Master: Nikesh Shah, Danbury, CT
Directory Administrator: Satish Shah, Plano, TX

Condolences

Jayaben Meghji Devraj Shah of Nairobi, Kenya passed away on the 24th of March, 2010. She was the mother of Rashmi, mother in law of Jayant and grandmother of Sawan and Risha who live in Saratoga, California. She is also the mother of Pankaj and Dilip of Nairobi, Kenya.

Hitesh K. Malde of Vasai/Santacruz, Mumbai, India, passed away on February 13th, 2010, in India at the age of 52. He was brother of Meena C. Shah of Springfield NJ.

Narmdaben Dhanji Maru passed away on February 16, 2010 at Mulund, India. She was 66 years old and suffering from pancreatic cancer. She was the sister of Veni Sumaria, Chandu Shah, Ratan Maru, Kamla Gudka and Late Shri Somchand Shah of Boston, Massachusetts; Premchand Shah of Los Angeles, California; and Nathalal Shah, Jethiben Harniya, Rupaben Gudhka and Champa Shah residing in India. Keshavji Kachara Dodhia of Vasai and Bhivandi passed away recently in Thane, India at the age of 83. He was brother-in law (banevi) of Keshav and Kanchan Shah of Chestnut Ridge, NY; Harakhchand and Jyoti Shah and Mansukh and Mina Shah all of Budd lake, NJ; Pushpa and Shantilal Jankharia of Hackettstown, NJ; and Vijya and Jayanti Galaiya of Long Valley, NJ.

Upcoming Events... Mark your calendar!

May 15, 2010 Picnic in Plano, Tx.

June 20, 2010 (Sunday) Fathers Day Merrill
Park Colonia, NJ

July 2-5th YJA in New Brunswick, NJ.

YJA (Young Jains of America) Conference

This year YJA convention will be hosted by Cherry Hill Jain Sangh and held in New Brunswick, NJ, on July 4th week end. YJA is an excellent forum for everyone, especially young Jains. For more information, please visit www.yja.org

If undeliverable, please return to:

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