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A NEWSLETTER BY THE HALARI VISA OSHWALS OF AMERICA

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#### Happy New Year!

### **Preface**

In our April/May newsletter, we had published an article written by Manek Dodhia on History of HVOA. That was our attempt for second and third generation to know how this organization came into existence and why. Carrying this journey forward we are publishing following article by Rati Dodhia which will give us some insight of our origin as Oshwals. His first article was published in April naming "I am proud to be an Oshwal". Hope you all read it and find the article below informative and useful.

# Origin of Oshwal Community – Rati Dodhia, RI

#### Birth of Oshwal Sect

City of Osiya is closely related to the origin of Oshwal community. Its original name was Upkeshpattan or Upkeshpur, located in state of Rajasthan 32 miles north of city of Jodhpur. It is an ancient city built during Lord Mahavira's time more than 2600 years ago. It was ruled by King Upaldev. He appointed his childhood friend Uhad as his chief minister.

Lord Mahavira attained nirvana about 2607 years ago. 70 years after that, Shri Ratnaprabh Suri the sixth head of Lord Parshvanath's monastic order with his disciples went to Upkeshpur to spend the rainy season (chaturmas). While he was there a tragic event took place. King's son was bitten by a poisonous snake. No one was able to help. One of the disciples of Suriji suggested the king to go to his guru. The king with body of the prince went to the place where the acharya was staying and begged him to revive the prince. Acharya agreed with condition that in return he will have to accept Jaina religion.

The acharya with the help of supernatural powers was able to revive the prince by sucking out the poison from the prince's body. As promised king with is subjects embraced Jaina religion. He called them Mahajans and founded the Upkesh Gacch (division of monastic orders with its followers). The community came in time to be known as Oshwals.

#### **Exodus: Flight of the Oshwals**

Around 154 B.C. a calamitous epidemic visited on the entire population of Upkeshpattan the prosperity of the city started deteriorating from that time. Entire Oshwal population left the city and settled down in other parts of India.

The history of Halari Oshwals is approximately 500 to 600 years old. The colorful and inspiring history of the migration of Halaris was not only due to adverse financial conditions but also social and religious reasons. Our ancestors, who came from Rajasthan, embraced the path of non-violence and renunciation. While following this path they had to face many obstacles. In the early and medieval age India was not one united country, but was divided into many small kingdoms. There were feuds between the kingdoms, invasions by foreign rulers and frequent drought. Because of political and economic insecurity, Oshwals began to look for new opportunities elsewhere and fled Punjab and Sindh around tenth and eleventh centuries A.D.

For the complete article on History of Oshwals please visit our web site <a href="http://www.oshwal-usa.org/2012/12/origin-of-oshwal-community/">http://www.oshwal-usa.org/2012/12/origin-of-oshwal-community/</a>

### HALARI VISA OSHWALS OF AMERICA AND CANADA MEMBERS DIRECTORY MARCH 2011 ERRATA SHEET (NOVEMBER 2012)

Since the publication of the Oshwal Directory, there have been following changes. We request all members to keep their entry current. If there is any change, please update your entry by completing Directory form at <u>www.oshwal-usa.org</u>

- 1. ARIZONA-ADD Shah, Nilay Rajnikant Jivraj (Jhakharia, Navagam, MD), moved from Ohio. ADDRESS: 21150 N. Tatum Blvd., Apt. 1029, Phoenix, AZ 85050. Tel: 602 680 8780
- 2. CALIFORNIA- Bid, Poorni Velji Narshi, ADD TEL NO. 202 302 5862
- 3. CALIFORNIA Galaiya, Deepa Jayantilal Zaverchand, NEW ADDRESS: 500 Palo Alto Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301
- 4. CALIFORNIA Patel Mehul Vasant Mulji and Anjali, NEW ADDRESS: 3764 Oakhurst Way, Dublin, CA 94568
- 5. CALIFORNIA Shah, Girish Babulal, ADD e-mail address:girishbhai@hotmail.com
- 6. CALIFORNIA Shah, Jayesh Amritlal Jethala, DELETE: Shah, Sushila Devraj Kachra (Deceased)
- 7. CALIFORNIA-Shah, Meena Mansukh Gosar, NEW ADDRESS: 288 3rd Street, Unit 215, Oakland, CA 94607
- 8. CALIFORNIA Shah, Nitin Lliladhar and Shah, Shilpa Shantilal- CHANGE E-MAIL:shilps000@yahoo.com
- 9. CALIFORNIA Shah, Selina Ramesh Panachand and Peri Michael. NEW ADDRESS: 2046 Banbury Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
- 10. CALIFORNIA–ADD Stone Sohini Sudhir Amritlal and FAMILY, MOVED from New Hampshire. ADDRESS: 4457, Billings Circle, Santa Clara, CA 95054
- 11. CALIFORNIA Shah, Tejash Rajnikant, ADD Sethia, Nisha (Moolchand, Bikaner, Software Engr) NEW ADDRESS: 9045 Judicial Dr. #1224, San Diego, CA 92122, Phonr – 858 651 0965
- 12. CALIFORNIA–ADD–Shah, Urvi Mahendra Premchand, (Chela), 1985, Software Engineer. ADDRESS: 25 Rio Robles East, Apt. 226, San Jose, CA 95134
- 13. CALIFORNIA ADD Vora, Suchi Ramesh Zaverchand. Sika, India, Spouse Panchal, Nilesh Lilabhai, Vaadu, Analyst, India. ADDRESS 1100 Roseville Parkway, Roseville, CA 95678, Tel: 857 445 1206. <u>E-mail:</u> vorasuchi786@gmail.com, nileshcivilvjti@gmail.com.
- 14. CONNECTICUT–Add under Shah, Nikesh Keshav Laxman, Daughter Shah/Parikh, Ayanna Nikesh Keshav, 2012 USA. Change Atak of Neha from Parekh to Parikh.
- 15. ILLINOIS- Shah, Dipak Khimji Devraj and Smita; DELETE Shah, Lilaben Devraj Kachra (Deceased)
- INDIANA, ADD Shah, Bhartesh Gulabchand Popat (Jakharia, Kakabhai Sinhan, Business), Kenya, and Shah, Rekha Ambalal (Anand)- Spouse, Kenya; and Sons - Deipan and Ashika; 12343 Harvest Glen Blvd, Fishers, IA 46037, Tel: 317 773 1176, <u>e-mail: shah.bhartesh@gmail.com and XxRekhaSxX@aol.com</u>
- 17. MARYLAND Under Shah, Monisha Ramesh Premchand, For Marwah, Deepak Ashok Hansraj CHANGE VILLAGE TO "Punjab"
- 18. MICHIGAN DELETE Entry for Haria Ashmi Chandrakant Foolchand
- 19. MICHIGAN ADD Haria, Rahul Ramnik Raichand, Sikka, Haria, India, Electrical Engr, Dixita Premchand Virchand, Sumaria, Dabasang, India, ADDRESS- 2421 Somerset Blvd, Troy, MI 48084, Tel: 404 663 3073, rahulharia1983@gmail.com, dixiiiii@gmail.com
- 20. MISSOURI DELETE Entry for Torres family.
- 21. NEW HAMPSHIRE DELETE Entry for Hariya, Vinod Raishi Lakhamshi and Nayana
- 22. NEW JERSEY– Beed, Jayesh and Bina, NEW email <u>address: thebeeds2012@gmail.com, DELETE-</u> <u>binajayeshbeed@yahoo.com</u>
- 23. NEW JERSEY–ADD New Entry–Gosrani, Bhavik Atulkumar Dhanraj, Gosarani, Lakhabaval, 1985, India, Software Engineer, ADDRESS: 45 River Drive South, Apt. 705, Jersey City, NJ 07310, Tel: 201 920 1005, <u>e-mail: bhavik4748@gmail.com.</u>
- 24. NEW JERSEY Maru, Tansukh and Manjula, NEW email <u>address: tanmaru@gmail.com.</u> DELETE <u>marut@ix.netcom.com</u>.
- 25. NEW JERSEY ADD Shah, Bhavna, Subhash Devshi, Nagaria, Mungni, Financial Planner, India. Shah, Kapil Harakhchand Laxman, Ravalsar, Sumaria, Aerospace Engineering, India, ADDRESS: 31 Eagle Rock Village, 8A, Budd Lake, NJ 07828, Tel: 973 691 8446, <u>e-mail: bhavnakshah@gmail.com,savlakapil@gmail.com</u>
- 26. NEW JERSEY Under Shah, Harakhachand Laxman Fula, DELETE Shah, Kapil Harkhchand Laxman

- NEW JERSEY Shah, Sanjay Raichand Hirji CHANGE EDU/OCCU: Financial Consultant Shah, Bindi Kantilal Jesang - CHANGE – ATAK: Dodhia; VILLAGE:Chela; EDU/OCCU: Dialysis Technician Shah, Sonia Sanjay Raichand. CHANGE BR.YR – 1993; Shah, Sajan Sanjay Raichand, CHANGE BR.YR.1996
- 28. NEW JERSEY Vora, Nimish Jayantilal Devchand and Mita, ADD SON Sonit, Br. Yr. 2011
- 29. NEW YORK Shah, Kantilal Mepa Devraj and Manisha, ADD- Minal (Kirit Patel), DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
- NEW YORK Shah, Reena Ramesh Panachand CHANGE to Vaidya, Reena Ramesh Panachand, ADD Vaidya, Pratik Vipin (Baroda). NEW ADDRESS: 90-11 35<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Apt. 1G, Jackson Heights, NY 11372
- 31. NEW YORK DELETE entry for Shah-Henelly Bunsi and Henelly Ben moved to England.
- 32. NORTH CAROLINA ADD Gudhka, Ritesh Ashwin Meghji (Gagva), Gudhka, Tanvi Ramesh (Modasa), Purohit- ADDRESS: 119 Assembly Drive, Unit #210, Mooresville, NC 28117, 805 428 8739, <u>e-mail:</u> <u>ritesh.gudhka@gmail, tanvi\_purohit@yahoo.co.in</u>
- 33. OHIO DELETE, Malde, Keshavlal Lakha Jivraj (Deceased), ADD Malde, Ketankumar Keshavlal Lakha, Son, Dhuniya, 1960, Kenya. Email address: <u>crazyketan@hotmail.com</u>
- SOUTH CAROLINA Dodhia, Kantilal Mulchand Devraj and Daya, CHANGE ADDRESS 4 Sentinel Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681
- 35. TEXAS–Shah, Depesh Pravin and Jugna ADD, Ally, Daughter, 2012. CORRECT ADDRESS– 1201 Sweet Leaf Lane, Pflugerville, TX 78660.
- 36. TEXAS- Shah, Kirti Lalji Bhoja, ADD, Shah, Jeeta Rajendra Fulchand (Gudhka, Gagva, BCom). NEW TELEPHONE NO. 817 576 4875, <u>e-mail: jeeta.shah@live.com</u>
- 37. TEXAS Shah, Kushal Pravin Rajpal and Alvi, NEW ADDRESS- 4206 Windberry Court, Round Rock TX 78665, Tel: 512 659 8379
- 38. TEXAS- DELETE Entry for Shah, Mala Liladhar Khimji
- 39. TEXAS Shah, Rahul Velji Juthalal and Shreena ADD DAUGHTER: Heer, Br. Yr. 2011
- 40. TEXAS- Shah, Sanjay Pravin Rajpal and Hina- NEW ADDRESS: 2210 Millan Drive, Cedar Park,, TX 78613, TEL: 512 258 5525
- 41. TEXAS ADD Shah, Vikash Arun Meghji (Galaiya, Sagpar, Student). 2200 Oklahoma Ave, Plano, TX 75074, TEL; 214 718 7872
- 42. VIRGINIA– Gudka, Bhavik Shantilal Jethalal and Karania, Shilpa, NEW ADDRESS: 8712 Aldeburgh Dr, Richmond, VA 23294, TEL: 804 912 7398, <u>e-mail: bhavikgudka@gmail.com, shilpa\_karania@yahoo.in</u>
- 43. VIRGINIA Tempel, Angeli and Travis ADD SON Curran Evan, Br. Yr. 2011
- WASHINGTON Shah, Achal Kantilal Ramji and Minal; NEW ADDRESS 2214 184<sup>TH</sup> Ave N.E., Redmond, WA 98052, Tel: 452 643 2142
- 45. WISCONSIN ADD, Shah, Nihar Jayantilal Parbat, Chela, Khimasia, Software Engineer, 1962, Kenya, ADDRESS – 6485 s 20<sup>TH</sup> Street, St. #4, Oak Creek, WI 53154, Tel: 414 761 1047, email – <u>niharshah62@gmail.com</u>

# From the Medical Desk of Dr. Alpa Shah, TX

### **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome**

Carpal tunnel syndrome is pressure on the median nerve -- the nerve in the wrist that supplies feeling and movement to parts of the hand. It can lead to numbness, tingling, weakness, or muscle damage in the hand and fingers.

#### Causes, incidence, and risk factors

The median nerve provides feeling and movement to the "thumb side" of the hand (the palm, thumb, index finger, middle finger, and thumb side of the ring finger). The area in your wrist where the nerve enters the hand is called the carpal tunnel. This tunnel is normally narrow, so any swelling can pinch the nerve and cause symptoms. This is called carpal tunnel syndrome. Carpal tunnel syndrome is common in people who perform repetitive motions of the hand and wrist. Typing on a computer keyboard is probably the most common cause of carpal tunnel. Other causes include: Sewing, Driving, Assembly line work, Painting, Writing, Use of tools (especially hand tools or tools that vibrate), playing racquetball or handball, or some musical instruments. The condition occurs most often in people 30 to 60 years old, and is more common in women than men. A number of medical problems are associated with carpal tunnel syndrome, including: Bone fracture of wrist, arthritis of the wrist, Diabetes, Alcoholism, Hypothyroidism, Menopause or pregnancy, Obesity, Rheumatoid arthritis or Lupus

#### Symptoms

- Numbness or tingling in the thumb and next two or three fingers or palm of one or both hands.
- Pain in wrist or hand in one or both hands
- Weak grip or difficulty carrying bags (a common complaint)
- Wasting away of the muscle under the thumb (in advanced or long-term cases)

#### Signs and tests

During a physical examination, the doctor may find: Numbness in the palm, thumb, index finger, middle finger, and thumb side of the ring finger, Weak hand grip

Tests may include: Electromyography, Nerve conduction velocity, Wrist x-rays should be done to rule out other problems (such as wrist arthritis)

#### Treatment

- Use of Proper Wrist Splint.
- Avoid sleeping on your wrists.
- Hot and cold compresses
- Make ergonomic changes in office furniture and computer placements
- Use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen or naproxen and/or Corticosteroid injections, given into the carpal tunnel area, may relieve symptoms for a period of time.
- Carpal tunnel release is a surgical procedure that cuts into the ligament that is pressing on the nerve.

# HVO Samaj Bangalore Wadi

Bangalore samaj has built a fabulous five story wadi near Vimalnath Halari Jain Deharasar in Baseswara nagar (90% of halaris in Bangalore leave within three miles). It has provision for the hostel on the top floor with separate kitchen. Parking is in the basement. Dining hall with kitchen is on the lower floor. Next floor has a main hall with a capacity of over 1000 people and it opens to two floor for excellent view of the event. The two top floors has 20 plus rooms. The invitation and HVO Samaj Bangalore web does have artist's rendering of the building from the outside. The grand opening of the wadi will be held from May 3 – May 5, 2013. Everybody is invited. Visit <u>http://www.oshwal-usa.org/2013/01/bangalore-samaj-grand-opening-may-3rd-to-5th-2013/</u> for Grand Opening information.

Additional information on the Bangalore wadi can be found on its website - http://www.hvosamajbangalore.com

# Halari Visa Oshwal Gathering - Rekindle, Reconnect and Relax Oshwals Unite - Maine 2013



The New England Regional Oshwal group would like to invite all Halari Visa Oshwals from across North America for an once in a life time opportunity to spend time with family and friends at a world class conference center - Sumaria Harborfront Conference Center in New Harbor, Maine from Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

The conference center is located at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean providing breath taking views of the sun raising across the horizon and the natural beauty of Maine. Now imagine all of this with amazing gourmet vegetarian food and being able to share it with friends and family that you've always wanted to meet but just never had the time to just sit and sip chai with. Well here is your chance!

Come join the New England Region Oshwal group in Maine for 3 days of amazing views, mouth-watering food and unforgettable activities.

Venibhai and Debbie Sumaria have very kindly given us their facilities for this event. Due to their generous offer we are able to have this event at below cost. You can register starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. For the low price of \$99 per person, this includes all of your meals, three night's accommodations and all planned activities.

Venibhai has also made the facilities available for free of charge for those people who would like to stay additional days from 23rd August 2013 to Friday 6th September and make this into a family vacation. If you have any questions about traveling to Maine please do not hesitate to email..... We will make an attempt to help co-ordinate people with their travel plans or help organize travel groups.

The conference center is located at 52 S Side Road New Harbor, ME 04554-4702.

We look forward having you join us! Don't miss out, register early to get the best deal and help us plan.

	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>	JUNE 1 <sup>st</sup> – JULY 15 <sup>th</sup>
YOUTH (Age 5 – 12)	USD \$35	USD \$45	USD \$55
ADULTS +13	USD \$99	USD \$115	USD \$145

Please visit <u>http://www.oshwal-usa.org/2013/01/oshwal-gathering-maine-2013/</u> for further details on registration and other event info.

If you have any questions please email us at <u>oshwal2012@gmail.com</u> or call Suresh or Trupti at 603 889 1931.

Pictures are from the actual conference center in Maine.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Oshwal Gathering Report - 2012

This year the Annual North-East Oshwal meet was held at the Bid's residence in Livingston, NJ. Oshwals from all over New Jersey and also from NY, CT, MA, & NH attended the event with great enthusiasm and zest.

The event started with the recitation of Navkar Mantra by kids and the recitation of Indian National Anthem by Paulomi Shah and American National Anthem by Seena Beed. It was followed by other games and activities planned for every age-group. The games were hosted by Ila Shah, Madhu Shah, Trupti Shah, Suresh Shah, Nimish Vora, Ketan Dedhiya, Neel Shah, Harsh Jhankhariya, Shweta Jhankhariya, and Seema Maru and all the members participated with a lot of enthusiasm. There was a Dance performance by Seena Beed and Shalini Shah. Seena Beed had also compiled a slideshow of pictures of all the Oshwal events and picnics right from the 1st Oshwal meet in USA. The video touched the hearts of all the Oshwalites and left everyone nostalgic. There was also a drawing competition held for the young Oshwalites which was themed around the "Festivals of India" in an attempt to introduce and acquaint the children with the rich culture and tradition of India and give them an opportunity to showcase their skills. The competition was judged by a panel – Madhu Dodhia, Kamla Shah, and Kanchan Shah and was meant to encourage the young talent. Winners of the drawing competition were Chirayu Ketan Dedhiya & Deeti Mitesh Shah.

We had delicious Indian food for Lunch. Lunch were managed by Neelam Mansukh Shah and Kamla Shah . Evening snacks and Dinner were managed by Neelam Mansukh Shah, Suresh Shah, Chandu Shah and Team. We had a mix of Indian and American Meal to cater to the tastes of all.

The day concluded with a discussion for next year's Annual gathering and a Peace Walk by all members. A special vote of Thanks on behalf of HVO (US) to:

- Madhu & Manek Dodhia Family and Madhu & Hemendra Shah Family for sponsoring the cakes.
- Pallavi & Ketan Dedhiya, Mita & Nimish Vora, Tanvi & Mitesh Shah, Madhu & Hemendra Shah, Trupti & Suresh Shah for sponsoring the prizes.
- Seena Beed for her special and outstanding contribution as a young member of HVO.
- All the Volunteers for helping around.
- Mitesh Shah and Jayanti Galaiya for managing the finances and other back end operations.
- The Bid's & Beed's for hosting the event at their home and making this event so memorable.
- Our President Bina Beed who worked hard day and night to put this event together and managing everything so well inspite of some last moment changes in the venue. It is after all a Leader's Vision that accomplishes great things for the entire group.
- And last, but not the least to each and every Oshwal member for attending the event and actively participating in the activities and adapting to some last moment changes...without you all the event would not have been such a huge success.

Pictures of the event have been posted on Oshwal Website and Facebook page. Hope you enjoy them and see you at the next gathering.





# **Other Community Gatherings**

**TX/OK** - On Nov 3rd, 2012, Saturday, we all met in Plano, TX to celebrate Diwali. The evening started with aarti, followed by cultural program organized by kids and adults and ended with a delicious dinner. We were fortunate to have family and friends for this celebration.

**Chicago** - We had an Oshwal family Gathering of approximately 35 people in Chicago on August 12th 2012. We had families from Chicagoland, Wisconsin and Michigan, one Oshwal parent from Kenya and 2 Oshwal friends from India.

This year our gathering was held an Indian restaurant for lunch between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm. We decided to have each Oshwal pay per person to make it every convenient for all. The food was excellent. There were 15 items on the menu to satisfy everyone's choice. We had grandparents, parents and children all come together to meet and greet, catch up with conversation and enjoy the event. We remembered our Oshwals that have passed away, as well as welcomed new members. Our young Oshwals were on school /college vacation, so they could meet and socialize.

We hope to have another gathering in spring of 2013. We welcome and encourage our fellow Oshwals who can join us when we plan our next event in spring / summer 2013.

### **Births**

Kavya was born in June to parents Ketan and Divya Dodhia (NJ) Grandparents Manek and Madhu Dodhia (NY).

**Aanika** was born in July to parents Amit and Ruhi Shah (HI). Grandparents Kanti and Manisha Shah (NY). <u>http://www.oshwal-usa.org/?p=3071</u>

**Ishani** was born in July to parents Swati and Sukesh Jakharia (CA). Grandparents Manek and Madhu Dodhia (NY), and Zaverchand and Champaben Jakharia (Mumbai).

Ayanna was born in August to parents Nikesh and Neha Shah (CT). Grandparents Keshav and Kanchan Shah (NY) and Manu and Nirmala Parikh (NJ).

### **Obituaries**

#### Kasturben Virchand Bhojraj

Kasturben Virchand Bhojraj Madle passed away in Nakuru, Kenya on November 30th 2012 She was wife of Late Virchand Bhojraj Malde, mother of Vinodrai (Nakuru,Kenya) Ashwinbhai, Narendrabhai, and Jayendrabhai of Wisconsin, USA, Sushilaben and Vanitaben UK.

#### Motiben Zaverchand Galaiya

Motiben passed away on Dec 18th in Bangalore. She truely had a "Samadhi Maran" she was fully aware and able to take care of herself until last moments. She was mother of Jayanti – Vijya of Long Valley, NJ. Grandmother of Deepa of Palo Alto, CA, and Chiraag of Princeton, NJ. She is survived by her husband Zaverchand Nathoobhai Shah, sons Kantilal, Anil, Jayesh and daughters, Jayaben, Manjula and Pravina, all of Bangalore.

#### R.L. Shah

RL Shah. http://www.oshwal-usa.org/?p=2728

### **Other News**

Kavita Shah, daughter of Priti and Nitin Shah of Nairobi, Kenya was awarded the Harrow's Hero Award in October 2012. http://www.oshwal-usa.org/?p=3095

Dr. Tina Shah profiled on CBS Minnesota news, for her work serving two roles at Washburn Center for Children: Counseling kids and mentoring other therapists who are learning to help them. <u>http://www.oshwal-usa.org/?p=3077</u>

# **Paperless Communication**

Halari Visa Oshwals of America is moving towards more electronic communication, to increase the speed and effectiveness of communications, while "going green" and saving paper and costs. This will be our last mailed newsletter unless we find sponsors.

We highly recommend and encourage young and old to sign up on our website to receive email for various events and news that we are planning. We don't want anyone to miss out on fun gatherings in your area or the area you are visiting. Currently we try to print and mail newsletters bi-yearly. Since we are going green and would like to be paperless, please sign up to receive our e-newsletters and other invites online. Use this link to receive electronic newsletters and other messages from HVOA - <a href="http://www.oshwal-usa.org/newsletter/">http://www.oshwal-usa.org/newsletter/</a>

Use the following form to Opt Out of the paper version of the newsletter and sign up for electronic newsletter. <u>http://www.oshwal-usa.org/newsletter/opt-out</u>

<u>Website/Newsletter</u>: If you have the expertise in website and publishing newsletter, we need someone to help out our webmasters when needed. Please contact us if you have the expertise in this area.

# HVO of USA Logo Contest

HVO of USA wants to have a Logo of its own to be easily identified and recognized. Anyone young and old can submit their work. Either hard copy can be mailed to our judges Veni & Debbie Sumaria at **Sumaria Systems, Inc., 99 Rosewood Dr. Danvers, MA 01923** or digital copy can be emailed to Veni and Debbie Sumaria at dsumaria@sumaria.com. The winning Logo will be used for our website and newsletter. And the rest of the submissions will be posted on the website. The winner will be announced in about 4 weeks after the deadline. Please submit your entries by January 31, 2013. Please include your name and age and full mailing address on the back of the paper or in the email message.

#### Logo contest details

- May include HVOA (Halari Visa Oshwals of America)
- Year of Establishment 1986
- Can have approximate Halar Map or any other halar symbol
- May include American Flag or Map
- · Can create symbol which shows both nations as part of our lives

If undeliverable, please return to: Mitesh Shah 12 W. Warren Street Iselin, NJ 08830