



LOHANA SAMAJ NEWSLETTER



LOHANA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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Report from the Executive Committee "BE PROUD, BE LOHANA"

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Jay Shree Krishna

Let me begin by thanking **Vrajbhai Rach** and the 2004 Committee for their commitment to the Samaj. As the Vice-President, I thoroughly enjoyed working with the team. Lohana Samaj has had a diverse leadership since inception and the **Year 2005 AGM** clearly indicates that Lohana Samaj respects and honors diversity and have once again established their trust in a 'Female President'.

I thank the Community for their confidence in the Leadership this year and as I had indicated at the AGM, the acceptance of the term is only for 1 year, during which time the past Presidents of the Association will identify a candidate to take over in 2006.

It is a pleasure to present to you the 2005 Executive Board, comprising of **Ramnikhbai Bathia, Pritesh Kotecha, Shakuntalaben Madhvani, Pareshbhai Manek, Yogesh Pancholi, Priti Ruparelia, Sarika Sachdev** and **Sheetal Saujani**. Please join me in personally thanking them for accepting my request on a very short notice... We are privileged to have **Vinay Raja** on board as the Hon. Auditor.

Anand Ondhia will be running the Youth Committee this year. He has built a strong team of youths who are very enthusiastic and will be providing their initiatives in the upcoming newsletters. This team will be liaising with **Yogesh Pancholi** for support/events. Yogesh has been 'instrumental' in bringing out this group. Yogesh, *thank you*, it is quite a commitment!!! We thank the **parents** of all youths involved.

At the AGM the membership decided to set up a Social Committee who will be available to assist the community in resolving sensitive matters – more of one-on-one nature and that this will be handled in a highly confidential manner. **Rameshbhai Chotai** has agreed to lead the committee along with **Bhikubhai Jethalal** and **Kantibhai Raja**.

The Funeral Committee remains the same as the last year - **Indira Somaia, Kantibhai Raja, Vipinbhai Mithia, Sureshbhai Thakrar** and **Sunitbhai Radia**.

The Committee, as you can see, is selected from different areas of the GTA and they all come with various talents. They all look forward to working with the Community. My request is that you support us in any way you can. Your participation in the events put forth will be appreciated.

Dhirubhai Madhvani has been keeping a track of our database of membership for the past several years. He also maintains the auto-dialer ~ thank you Dhirubhai!

My sincere thanks to **Rajnibhai** and **Arunaben Paun** who have always helped the Community. Even to date, Rajnibhai has been helping us behind the scenes.

In the course of the term, I commit to you that:

- ✓ The operation will be run on the principles of care, fairness and integrity
- ✓ Decisions will be made based on the interest of the Samaj
- ✓ Samaj funds will be used most appropriately

I want to support the various initiatives of our Youth and in return I would like them to Volunteer their time as the need be; e.g. as a group, go out and help the Daily Bread Food Bank.

My intention is to engage the Seniors Group somehow and as you will read about the 'events' in the Newsletter, we are in the process of planning a trip to Niagara Falls. I would like them to help out Charities in any way they see fit. Again, this will be done as a group activity.

For us to keep the flame burning, we encourage you to help us in any way you can - organize events, participate in functions, *make sure your membership is paid* and above all, *do keep the donations coming in!* You will be happy to get membership updates in newsletters.

At this time, I request that you fill out the enclosed **Membership Profile/Address Update Form** as well as information on our **Seniors – remember it is 65 and above**. It is important to have our seniors registered in our database. We need up-to-date info to keep you apprised of Samaj activities. To ease the process, we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope.

Kindly mail these forms along with your membership cheque to the LCA mailbox!

We are starting off the year with our first event – **Akhand Ram Dhoon** on **April 17th**. Kindly support this event by attending/sponsoring.

Community news will be posted on our website (www.mylohana.com). Please check the website for up-to-date info.

As your Executive Committee, we will be holding monthly meetings. These will be held in a transparent, open and honest manner. Any Community Member is more than welcome to attend these meetings. Please contact one of the board members.

Sincerely,

Indira Somaia
President LCA/LCF

AGM 2005 Follow-Up Items

- At the time of the printing of this Newsletter, the following 3 items remain pending:
 - ✓ Audited Financial Statements (Year Ended November 2004) for both LCA & LCF
 - ✓ Disbursement for the funds collected for the Tsunami Relief Effort
 - ✓ Bad Debt on the advertising revenue anticipated for the publication of the last LCA Member Directory
- Full details will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter
- In the interim, should any Community Member have any additional questions, or comments, kindly contact our President.

Youth Report

Hey YOUth! This year, we've got a whole new committee to hold events for the youth by the youth!

Meet your new 2005 LCA Youth Committee members:

- 1) **Anand Ondhia**- President
- 2) **Reena Bhagani**- Vice President
- 3) **Radha Pithadia**- Treasurer
- 4) **Alysha Pancholi**- Event Planner
- 5) **Aashish Nathwani**- Event Planner
- 6) **Sejal Thakrar**- Secretary

In the course of the coming year, we aim to bring the youth community together by enjoying many events in each other's company.

Here are some of the events that we're in the midst of planning for you this year:

-Bowling -Laser Quest -Mini Golf -Playdium

Summer events:

-Summer Camp -Wonderland -Annual Lohana Summer Picnic

Also, for the younger age group, we have a few events coming up.

To be announced very soon is a "Spring Fling" dance, and we'll be giving details about this and the above-mentioned events through this newsletter and our new e-mail address lcayouth@gmail.com.

If U would like to receive information regarding these upcoming events and to be put on our youth emailing list, please send us your name and the e-mail address you would like to be on the list, and e-mail the information to lcayouth@gmail.com.

Thank you kindly for your interest,

Anand Ondhia (Youth President, on behalf of the Youth Committee)



With the blessings of **Shree Ram**, you are invited to join us for

Akhand Ram Dhoon

Shree Ram
Jai Ram
Jai Jai Ram

April 17, 2005

2:00pm – 5:00pm

(Prashad thereafter)

Vishnu Mandir

(Highway 7 & Yonge Street)

We will be accompanied by **Ram Parivar Group**

For event sponsorship (\$51.00), kindly contact any one of
the Board Members



Lohana Cultural Association of Canada



PRESENTS

GOLF DAY & MUSICAL/MEHFIL EVENING

MAY 28, 2005 – First Tee off at 12:30pm

GOLF DAY

Royal Woodbine Golf Club
195 Galaxy Boulevard
Phone: 416-674-7773

For directions: <http://www.royalwoodbine.com/map.html>

For further details please contact:

Ramesh Bharkhada	905-890-3220	ramesh.bharkhada@rbc.com
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MUSICAL/MEHFIL EVENING

Royal Woodbine Golf Club
195 Galaxy Boulevard
Phone: 416-674-7773

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Artist: Tejinder Vellani
Led by Karim Vellani & Orchestra



Single – Golf = \$95.00
Single – Golf + Single Dinner = \$130
Single – Golf + Couple Dinner = \$170.00
Couple Dinner = \$75.00

CASH BAR

For further details please contact:

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જાહેર આમંત્રણ

સાધુનો અભ્યાસ નહિ પણ અનુભવ પૂછાય છે. દુનિયાભરમાં પોતાના આધ્યાત્મિક અનુભવથી લોહાણા જ્ઞાતિનું ગૌરવ વધારનાર એક પૂજ્ય જલારામ બાપા અને બીજા પૂજ્ય યોગીબાપા થઈ ગયા.

પૂજ્ય. યોગીબાપાએ યુવાપેઢીને સત્સંગને માર્ગે વાળી અને સમાજમાં ક્રાંતિ આણી. જે યુવાનો વિષય-વ્યસન પાછળ પોતાનું જીવન વ્યતિત કરતા તે જ યુવાનોને સમાજ સેવાનું રચનાત્મક કાર્ય કરતા કર્યા - સમાજને નવી દિશા આપી.

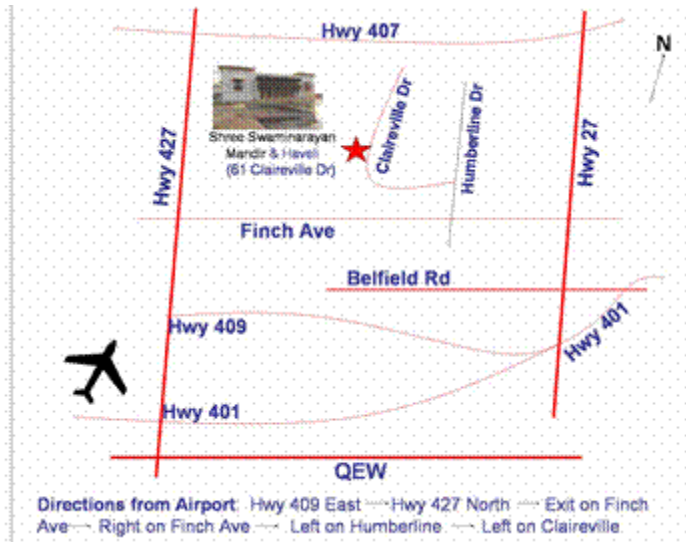
આવો આપણે સૌ જ્ઞાતિબંધુઓ જ્ઞાતિના ગૌરવસમા પ્રેરણામૂર્તિ પૂજ્ય યોગીબાપાના જન્મદિવસે કેનેડામાં વસતા સૌ કોઈ ગૌરવ લઈ શકે તેવી ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિની બેનમૂન હવેલીમાં આ ઉત્સવને માણીએ.

આ ઉત્સવ શ્રી અક્ષરપુરુષોત્તમ સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરમાં આપણા લોહાણા સમાજના સત્સંગી ભાઈ-બહેનોએ તા. ૦૫-૦૬-૨૦૦૫ અને રવિવારે પૂજ્ય યોગીજી મહારાજના જન્મજયંતિ નિમિત્તે સ્પોન્સર કરેલ છે. આ ઉત્સવમાં ભાગ લેવાનું સત્સંગી ભાઈ-બહેનો તરફથી આપણા લોહાણા સમાજના દરેક ભાઈ-બહેન અને કુંટુંબીજનોને ભાવભીનું હાર્દિક આમંત્રણ છે.

ઉત્સવનો સમય (time) છે બપોરના ૩ થી ૫ જેમાં ટોરોન્ટો મંદિરના મહંત પૂ.જ્ઞાનપ્રિય સ્વામી પૂ.યોગીજી મહારાજના જીવન પર એક સુંદર વ્યક્તવ પ્રવચન આપશે, સાથે સાથે ભજન કિર્તનની પણ લહાણી પીરસશે, Presentation દ્વારા પૂ.યોગીજી મહારાજના પણ દર્શન થશે.

સભા બાદ આપ સૌને મહાપ્રસાદ લેવાનું ખાસ આમંત્રણ છે. તો આપ સૌ અમારા આમંત્રણને માન આપી જરૂરથી પધારશો. કેનેડાની ઘરતી પર સૌપ્રથમ નિર્માણ પામેલી ભારતીય કલાનો અપૂર્વનમુનો, હવેલીના દર્શનનો પણ લાભ લેશો.

મંદિરના એડ્રેસની આપ નોંધ લેશો.



BAPS Shree Swaminarayan Mandir,
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Ontario, M9W 5Z7
Tel: 416 798 2277
Fax: 416 798 4498

LCA Member Directory Update Form

Please complete ALL sections:

New Member Information **OR** Changes to Existing Information

Member's Name: _____

Member's Father's Name: _____

Member's Town & Country of Origin: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Maiden Name: _____

Spouse's Town & Country of Origin: _____

Address: _____ Apt. Number: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Country: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____

Telephone (Cell): _____

Telephone (Business): _____ Ext: _____

Telephone (Fax): _____

Email Address: _____

Child1: _____

Child2: _____

Child3: _____

Child4: _____

(List names of any family members residing at the same address & relationship ie: Father, Mother, Brother, etc.)

Family Mem1: _____ Relationship: _____

Family Mem2: _____ Relationship: _____

Family Mem3: _____ Relationship: _____

Mail to: Lohana Cultural Association, P. O. Box 927, Adelaide Post Office, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K3

For directory update area only.

Received: _____ D/B Updated: _____ Auto Dialer Updated (local): _____

Form: \\LCA\Directory Update\March 2005\Version 1.0\PHM

Seniors Registration Form

Instructions

- Minimum Age is **65years**
- You are still eligible if you turn 65 in 2005
- Kindly write in **BLOCK LETTERS**
- Kindly return the completed form to:
Lohana Cultural Association
P O Box 927
Adelaide Post Office
Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K3
- Deadline for Completion: **MAY 15, 2005**
- Should you have additional questions, kindly contact anyone of the Board Members

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of Communication: Newsletter/Flyer

Telephone

Email/Website

Activities you would like to see/participate:

Bhajan/Kirtan Outing/Picnic Other: _____

Announcements

Messages for the Community:

- ❖ **Mr. Mathuradas K. Kanabar** of Mombasa, Kenya passed away on January 1, 2005 at the age of 86yrs. Father of **Bharti Morzaria** and father-in-law of **Nilesh Mansuklal Morzaria**. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti ...
- ❖ On January 1, 2005 **Mrs. Manherben Nandlal Raythatha**, the mother of **Manoj Raythatha** passed away peacefully at the age of 78 years in Nairobi, Kenya. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti...
- ❖ On January 26, 2005 **Mr. Amratlal Nagji Sodha**, the father of **Daxa Raythatha** passed away peacefully at the age of 74 years in London, England. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti ...
- ❖ Past LCA/LCF President, **Mr. Ratilal Lakhani** recently celebrated his **80th** birthday.
- ❖ 'Catch a Rising Star...Proud to be a Lohana'... Congratulations to **Jayanti Davda** for receiving the **Co-operators LifeStar Award** in recognition of his outstanding Sales and Customer Service.

Mandir Activities:

- ❖ The **Panchmatia Family**, along with the support of the Community, would like to extend an invitation to one and all to participate in monthly **Jalaram Bapa Bhajans**. They will be held every **3rd Thursday** of the month at **Mississauga's Ram Mandir**. The bhajans will be from **7:30pm-9:00pm**. We invite everyone to participate and enjoy. For further inquiries please contact **Alka Panchmatia** at **905-542-3332**.

Events planned for the year 2005 ~ kindly mark your calendars

April	Akhand Ram Dhoon ~ April 17
May	Golf Day & Mehfil Evening ~ May 28
July	Senior's Trip/Picnic to Niagara ~ July 17
August	Summer Picnic ~ August 7
December	New Years Eve ~ December 31
TBD	Summer Youth Camp * Navratri * Chopda Pujan * Diwali * AGM 2006

2005 Annual Membership – A Friendly Reminder

Your 2005 membership fee is now due. To ensure you continue to receive the Samaj Newsletter, Auto-Dialer messages and other membership advantages, please mail your membership dues – check payable to Lohana Cultural Association, P. O. Box 927, Adelaide Post Office, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K3.

Annual Membership (Residents of Greater Toronto Area) - \$50/-

Annual Membership (Outside Greater Toronto Area) - \$30/-

Life Membership - \$750/-

Life Members - \$25/-