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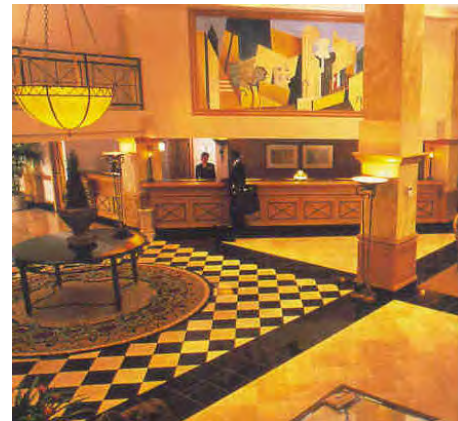
GKA News Letter

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Convention '99

Dallas, Texas
May 28-30, 1999 (Fri – Sun)



Highlights of Convention

Gujarati Kshatriya Assn. - Texas proudly announce and invite all community members to attend the **2nd GKA Convention** in Dallas, Texas on Friday May 28, through Sunday May 30, 1999 at Sheraton, Park Central Hotel, Dallas Texas.

- ◆ Personal invitation is being mailed to all our community members and all our Associations.
- ◆ Special discount air fair are available through American Airlines. Please quote "HHU110199151", when making your flight reservation to receive 10% discount on their lowest air fair
- ◆ Medical workshop Please contact Dr. Suresh Chavda 972/733-4186
- ◆ Special Room rate of \$55 for 1-4 persons at Sheraton hotel. Please call: 800/325-3535 ask for "GKA Group" rates
- ◆ Theme of this convention is to bring our youth together. Following items will be presented:
Fashion show, Match making, Talent Show, Entertainment items etc.

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Ramniklal Solanki, Editor of Garavi Gujarat and Asian Trader receives OBE (Order Of British Empire) Award – GKA Congratulate Ramniklal Solanki and take pride for being a member of our communi-



THE AWARD of OBE for Ramniklal Solanki, editor of Garavi Gujarat, for services to the Asian community and publishing, crowns a career spanning over 40 years in journalism, much of it as a pioneer of the ethnic press in Britain.

A successful journalist in India in the Fifties, Ramniklal Solanki came to England in 1964 as a correspondent for **Gujarat Mitra**, a Gujarati daily newspaper. But he soon embarked on a personal publishing venture that was to become

Britain's biggest selling Asian newsweekly.

Inspired by the then Indian High Commissioner, Dr Jivraj Mehta, Mr Solanki and his wife Parvatiben launched Garavi Gujarat as the first Gujarati newspaper in the West in 1968. The paper was an instant success and quickly grew in the affections of its readers.

Today Garavi Gujarat is published in two editions in the UK and the USA from offices in London, Atlanta and Gujarat. It has readers in all five continents and has an unrivalled news gathering network stretching across the world.

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With the success of Garavi Gujarat, new titles were launched. Asian Trader, which today is the biggest Asian title in the country, was launched in 1985 for the Asian business community. In the last few years Asian Hotel & Caterer and Pharmacy Business were added to the stable, serving distinct business sectors.

Mr Solanki, who is editor in chief of the group, instigated the enormously successful Asian Trader Awards where Britain's biggest food and drink manufacturers pay tribute to the Asian business community.

Such is the esteem in which the group is held that its titles have carried face-to-face interviews with a host of eminent personalities including every British Prime Minister since Harold Wilson's first administration and most Indian Prime Ministers.

The papers are very much a part of the community. Through the pages of Garavi Gujarat, Mr Solanki launched numerous campaigns fighting for fairer immigration laws and equal rights. He was also instrumental in solving the horrific murder of Rokaya Bibi in the early Seventies and was commended by Scotland Yard for his efforts.

Mr Solanki has actively raised funds for charitable causes and the victims of natural disasters. In the early 80s Garavi Gujarat raised thousands of pounds for the flood victims in Gujarat and it regularly raises funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust and other charities in the UK and India.

Community meeting in Atlanta, GA

The Convention held in Las Vegas in June '98 resulted in the founding of the GKA in North America. The overwhelming support shown by the members and families concluded that having local GKA chapters in various regions of the United States was an idea worth while pursuing.

Mr. Jayanti Chauhan, Dr. Jaydev Varma, Kishor Chavda and others

held meetings over the last few months with the goal to form a local chapter under the umbrella of the GKA in the south-east region. The gentlemen's devotion of their personal time was proven to be a success the night of February 20, 1999 in Atlanta. Over fifty families from Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama gathered in Atlanta for the social meeting and dinner to welcome such a move. This initial meeting was arranged to put forth the idea of forming a local chapter to the community and the response was very positive. Opinions, comments and thoughts were shared with the family members regarding the proposal. It was unanimously agreed that having such chapters would help in uniting the community, bring the elderly and the young close, rediscover our roots and keep the community connected.

The President, Vice Precedent and committee members of GKA were present. An immediate support from GKA, was in form of a \$501 pledge to the Atlanta Local chapter. Every family present at the meeting pledged a minimum of \$101 which will help in organizing further functions for the community.

It is hoped that the success of the Atlanta and Dallas chapters will prompt other communities to follow like-wise. The success of the organization lies within the community.

Donation to GKA

Mr. Jayanti Chauhan our treasurer has enclosed a receipt for your donation. If not received please contact Jayanti Chauhan Tel: 706/882-8881.

Your Receipt contain Federal ID number (to claim your donation is tax free.) Information are as follow:

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SUMMARY OF GKA MEETING - NOV 21 ST, 1998

AT KEARNEY HINDU TEMPLE, KEARNEY, NJ -By: Shashi Champari Las Vegas NV

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT IN THE MEETING:

AMRITLAL CHAMPANERI	LEXINGTON, SC
PARBHUBHAI GOVINDJI	DALLAS, TX
JEKISHAN CHAUHAN	NEW ORLEANS, LA
JAYANTI CHAUHAN	ATLANTA, GA
BHANUMATI PARMAR	SACRAMENTO, CA
SHASHI CHAMPANERI	LAS VEGAS, NV
KANTIBHAI CHAVADA	CIRCLEVILLE, OH
JAYDEV VARMA	ATLANTA, GA
RAMANBHAI KALIDAS	DALLAS, TX
MAHENDRABHAI SOLANKI	JACKSON, NJ
LALLUBHAI UMERIA	LAS VEGAS, NV

- THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: JASVANT NANA - JOINT TREASURER, SHASHI CHAMPANERI - JOINT SECRETARY, HASMUKHLAL CHAUHAN - JOINT SECRETARY, HARSHAD CHAUHAN - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BHANUMATI PARMAR - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- MR. JEKISHAN CHAUHAN REQUESTED HELP FROM KANTIBHAI CHAVDA, AND HE AGREED TO HELP ANY TIME. MR. HASMUKHBHAI CHAUHAN HAS ELECTED AS 3RD JOINT SECRETARY. MR. AMRITLAL CHAMPANERI READ THE MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION MEETING (LAS VEGAS OF JUNE 20-21).
- DR. VARMA SUGGESTED THE COPY OF GUJARATI VERSION OF THE LAST CONVENTION SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
- THE CONVENTION IN NEW JERSEY WILL BE HELD IN THE YEAR 2000. CONVENTION OF 1999 WAS DECIDED TO HOLD IN DALLAS. MR. PARBHUBHAI GOVINDJI THANKED TO DALLAS RESIDENTS, FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DALLAS CONV. WAS FORMED AS FOLLOW: PARBHUBHAI, SHASHI, RAMANBHAI, KANTIBHAI, & HASMUKHOHAI.
- DR. VARMA POINTED OUT, "WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?" MR.

PARBHUBHAI ANSWERED THAT OUR MAIN GOALS ARE AS BELOW:

- TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
 - SENIOR WELFARE
 - COLLEGE EDUCATION TRUSTS, ETC.
 - FORMING AN INDIVIDUAL MANDAL (IN EACH REGION)
- IT WAS AGREED TO GET CONSTITUTION FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS LIKE S. AFRICA, ENGLAND (BIRMINGHAM). DR. JAYDEV VARMA WILL OBTAIN FROM SOUTH AFRICA MANDAL AND LALLUBHAI UMERIA WILL OBTAIN FROM UK.
- DR. VARMA SUGGESTED OPENING A TRUST A/C. MR. TREASURER ANNOUNCED THAT GKA HAS GOT THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FROM IRS.
 - PRESIDENT SUGGESTED TO APPOINT ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH REGION TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH THEM.
 - APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING.
 - MR. JAYANTI CHAUHAN HAD FULL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET OF LAST CONV. EXPENSES & COLLECTION. IT WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
 - YASHWANT PARMAR (DALLAS) WAS PROPOSED AS GKA AUDITOR BY MR. PARBHUBHAI GOVINDJI.
 - DR. VARMA PROPOSED THE LIABILITIES INSURANCE POLICY TO BE TAKEN. COMMITTEE HAS TALKED ABOUT IT & IT WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE NEXT MEETING.
 - THE PRESIDENT HAS THANKED THE LAS VEGAS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS WORK FOR CONV. '98. DR. VARMA & COMMITTEE MEMBERS THANKED MR. JEKISHAN CHAUHAN FOR HIS EFFORT IN THE LAST CONVENTION. MR. JEKISHAN CHAUHAN HANDED OUT THE TROPHIES TO MR. KANTIBHAI, JAYANTILAL, AMRITBHAI FOR APPRECIATION OF THEIR EFFORT OF THE LAST CONVENTION. HE ALSO HAS A TROPHY FOR

HARSHADRAI PARMAR.

- THE COMMITTEE ALSO MET PROMINENT MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF JANKSHATRIYA ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN UNITED STATES AND THANKED TO HOLD THE CONVENTION IN THE YEAR 2000.

GKA Directory & Convention news On Internet



Address: for Directory/News
<http://www.gujarati-online.com/org/gka98.html>

For Gujarati Program:
<http://www.gujarati-online.com>

For any correction / change, email to: bilimo@idirect.com

Making of convention '99

Gujarati Kshatrya Assn. - Texas



From left: Yogesh Govindji, Sunil Parmar, Jayprakash Solanki, Yashvant Parmar, Dr. Suresh Chavda, Parbhuhai Govindji, Ramesh Parmar, Vinodbhai Chauhan, Umesh Kalidas, Dinesh Daya, Pratish Karsen, Mina Parmar, Vandana Chavda, Trivani Daya, Neeta Kalidas, Mina Kalidas, Sheila Karsen

Executive committee

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V. President 972/733-4186
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Secretary 972/494-3612
Yashvant Parmar
Treasurer 214/528-2301

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Umesh Kalidas	972/473-7838
Vandana Chavda	972/733-4186
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Trivani Daya	972/713-7316
Jayprakash Solanki	972/964-1473
Mina Kalidas	972/385-3546

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◆ Next News letter will be published week before convention with following information

- Name of the participants of the convention
- Color photo of all single person over 18 years with bio-data (for matrimonial)
- Complete details of convention programs
- Color photographs of Donors \$200 & over
- Transportation from airport and rental car discounts

Please send your color photograph by 1st of April 1999 to Jekishan Chauhan (see more detail in the form enclosed)

◆ Notable persons of our community will be honoured

◆ Trade show

◆ Door prize

◆ Hotel Sheraton

- 438 rooms - Voice mail, Co eemaker, hair dryer, iron,
- Heated outdoor swimming pool, Exercise room
Jogging trails, Lounge, Restaurant, Business Center.
- 15 miles from downtown Dallas & Love Field Airport,
Minutes from Dallas / Fort Worth Airport
- Reservations: **800/325-3535** ask for

“GKA Group” rates

For sponsorship/donations, Trade show or any items related to convention, or for any suggestion, Comment Please contact: Parbhuhai Govindji or any committee members listed above.



Mr. Mahendra Solanki

GKA Convention 2000 Jersey City NJ

Jankshatriya Community of Eastern United State (JCEUS) has planned to hold 3rd annual convention of GKA in there city. Date and place will be announced as soon as finalized. Mr. Mahendra Solanki, President of JCEUS and Executive committee are inviting all community members to attend this convention. For more information Contact: Mr. Mahendra Solanki 732/928-0559, Mr. Ketan Bhandutia 215/946-4352

ગુજરાતી ક્ષત્રિય એસોસિએશન, USA નું દ્વિતીય ર્નેહ સંમેલન

૨૯ અને ૩૦મી મેના ઉલાસ ખાતે યોજાઈ રહ્યું છે. જ્યારે દેશવિદેશના યુવકયુવતીઓ માટે એક મિલન સમારંભ પાણ યોજાશે. જેથી યુવક યુવતીઓ એકબીજાને મળી શકે. નજીકથી ઓળખી શકે. અને શક્ય છે કે એ પરિચય પરિણયમાં પાણ પરિણમે.



જેકીશનભાઈ ચૌહાણ

ઉલાસની સુવિખ્યાત શેરેટન હોટેલમાં આ કન્વેન્શન માટેની તૈયારીઓ થઈ રહી છે. ઉલાસના ગુજરાતી ક્ષત્રિય મંડળના પ્રમુખશ્રી પરભુભાઈ ગોવિંદજી અને એમના સાથી કાર્યકરો આ કન્વેન્શનને સફળ



પ્રભુભાઈ ગોવિંદજી

બનાવવા આજથી જ પ્રયાસો કરી રહ્યા છે. જેમને આ કન્વેન્શનમાં ડાહરી આપવી હોય તેઓ G.K.A. ના પ્રમુખશ્રી જેકીશનભાઈ ચૌહાણનો (504) 241 5650 અથવા શ્રી પ્રભુભાઈ ગોવિંદજીનો સંપર્ક સાધે. (972) 407 1991.

The Third Annual JCEUS Diwali Function.1998



Samir Bhandutia



Bhavana Chawda



Gujarati Natak



Bhajan By Joyti & Ketan Bhandutia

The third annual JCEUS Diwali Function was held on November 21, 1998 at the Kearney Hindu Temple in Kearny, NJ. It was an evening that everyone enjoyed tremendously with lots of good food, entertainment, raffles, and awards. Guests from California, Las Vegas, The Carolinas and England to name a few were in attendance.

The Evening program, which was hosted by Mahendra Solanki, President of JCEUS, started off with our guests mingling and enjoying the appetizers, followed by the main event "The JCEUS Diwali Show" which featured 20 special performances. It commenced, with a prayer and a diva dance followed by various dances ranging from the classical to the rhythmic sounds of Hindi film songs. We also had a talent segment for our junior members where they either performed dances or played instruments. Other events included a fashion show where the young adults were able to express their sense of style in outfits emerging from modern India. The grand finale was a satiric gujarati skit. This satire depicts two young people going through the formalities for an arranged marriage in modern society.

The JCEUS Diwali function of 1998 was another success. Approximately 189 adults attended this auspicious occasion. We would like to thank all the participants, volunteers and guests for making the event such a great success.

A very special thank to GKA committee members, *Jekishanbhal Chauhan, Parbhubhai Govindji, Amritlal Chwnpaneri, Kantibhai Chavada, Bhanuben Parmar, Dr. Jaydev Verma, Lallubhai Umeria, SashiChampaneri and Ramanbhai Kalidas* for their attendance and enthusiastic support. We appreciate a Donation Of \$1,000 for Senior Citizian, & College education funds from GKA

Special thanks also to the performers: *Ketan Bhandutia, Jyoti Bhandutia, Amit Bhandutia, Samir Bhandutia, Pearl Chauhan, Ketti Chauhan, Kalpana Chudasama, Shruti Chudasama, Shivani Chudasama, Shalini Chudasama, Bhavna Chawda, Vaishali Chawda, Trupti Chawda, Jagruti Chawada, Pratibha Chawada, Priya Chauhan, Rupa Patel, Baviksha Ranchod, Ashwin Ranchod, Rasila Solanki, Janak Solanki, Mahendra Solanki and Ranjit Solanki.*

In addition JCEUS would like to extend a special thanks to the following members: *Dr. Kiran Chauhan: for donating the mithai, Jasyant Nana and Mahendra Solanki for donating the raffle prizes, the Chawada family and Thakor Bulsara for coordinating the dinner activities and Tushar Chavda and Chetan Chawada for assisting as the DJ's for the show.*

- Mahendra Solanki, President JCEUS



Mr. Mahendra Solanki
President 1999



Mr. Thakor Balsara
Vice President 1999



Mr. Ketan Bhandutia
Secretary 1999



Mr. Ranjit Solanki
Treasurer 1999

Congratulations Holiday Inn Express New Bern, NC wins Quality Excellence award.

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Please utilize the JCEUS web site, www.members.tripod.com/JCEUS/index.html, for additional information, community and special events.

Congratulations

Dr. Dineshchandra Chhotalal Chauhan Of Birmingham, UK has been appointed a Justice of Peace. He is the past President of Gujarati Arya Assn. Born: 4/24/49 ta Boudhan, India. Education: Chemical & Electronic Engineer.



Harshadrai N. Parmar of 3465 Clarendon Blvd., New Bern, North Carolina 28562 (252-638-8166) has sponsored this news letter. GKA are very proud for this sponsorship. He is a founding member and a joint treasurer of GKA. He is also a founding member of Gujarati Arya Association- London, England. He encouraged us to publish our first directory and offered any financial shortfall for the expense of that directory.

Our next news letter is scheduled to publish before our convention, if any one interested in sponoring please contact Jekishan Chauhan At 504/254-9140 or any GKA Committee members