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YOUR 2018 LCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The new LCF Board was appointed at our AGM on Feb 11th, 2018. We welcome you personally to become a member and support our Lohana community by participating and attending every event.

The 2018 Board of Directors

President: Mitesh Kantaria
VP: Deval Chandarana
Treasurer: Sheetal Dave
Secretary: Meesha Tanna

Board Officers:

Sharmil Mithia
Hetel Kara
Amar Gadhia (Newsletter Editor)

Advisory Board Officers:

Mehul Panchmatia
Alka Panchmatia

Communications: Sejal Thakrar

Photographer: Sanjay Dave

Past President: Kamlesh Thakrar

Funeral / Bereavement Support Committee:

Suresh Thakrar
Dr. Vipin Mithia
Kanti Raja
Ashok Thakrar
Kamlesh Thakrar
Sejal Thakrar

Volunteers Supporting the Funeral Committee:

Indira Somaia
Saroj Rach
Deepak Ruparell
Sunit Radia
And various other community members



What's in Store This Year!

Family Bingo Bowl
March 25th (Sun)

Hanuman Jayanti
April 7th (Sat)

Summer Picnic
June 10th (Sun)

Youth Day
July 14th (Sat)

Navratri
October 20th (Sat)

Chopda Poojan
November 7th (Wed)

Diwali Gala Dinner
November 10th (Sat)

Jalaram Jayanti
November 17th (Sat)

New Year's Eve Party
December 31st (Mon)

And more coming soon!



2018 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Lohana Community,

I am honored and privileged to serve as your 2018 Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF) President. Thank you for your valued trust and confidence in me to be your community leader.

My Board of Directors and supporting Committee consists of Deval Chandarana, Sheetal Dave, Meesha Tanna, Mehul Panchmatia, Alka Panchmatia, Sharmil Mithia, Hetal Kara, Amar Gadhia and Sejal Thakrar. We are supported by a growing team of volunteers, including our respective spouses. I am excited to be working with each of them, as this united team is full of passion, devotion, commitment and good ideas. We wholeheartedly welcome others to join us in our seva for the year ahead!

The team has already been working hard to put together a schedule of exciting events for 2018. Feel free to visit our website, www.mylohana.com for more information. We invite each of you personally to attend these events, and bring your family and friends, to show your community spirit and support!

We want to build a sense of a **United Lohana Community**, which also extends to our fellow Lohanas overseas. In doing so, we stand strong with our motto, "**Unity is Strength**".

Best regards,

Mitesh Kantaria

2018 AGM PHOTOS



[For a review on the 2018 AGM, click here](#)

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Lohana Community,

It is with deep humility that my family & I, once again, thank you for your confidence in me to serve the Lohana Samaj in the role of the 2017 President of the Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF).

As you witnessed at the Annual General Meeting, the Lohana community is now in transition to the newer, younger generation ready to assume the leadership of the LCF. I wanted to personally thank the Samaj for your support and attendance at the various Lohana community programs and events. Although this was a transition year, we noticed that there was an evident increase in the attendance of events such as the annual Picnic, Bhajans, Garbas, Chopda Poojan, Diwali Dinner, the AGM, and more importantly at the community funerals and shradhanjali bhajans.

We are a proud community - let's all encourage participation by the entire community at all events. It is only then we can be proud of our strong heritage and identity. We must continuously strengthen our Samaj for the sake of our seniors and our children, who are the future of our community. The larger presence at our events provides a feeling of a united community. So, please, make your best effort to attend events during the coming year to show we care and that we are together.

I would like to thank the Lohana Samaj, on behalf of the 2017 Board Members, for giving us the opportunity to serve the community during the past year. We are proud and honored to have the opportunity to serve you. We have had a wonderful year and it was great seva for us all.

As the outgoing President, I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors (Mitesh Kantaria, Leena Raja, Sejal Thakrar, Ashit Chandarana, Sharmil Mithia & Bhagirath Raichada; our esteemed funeral/bereavement committee, and all the volunteers who unconditionally supported us during the year in organizing Bhajans, Navratri, Picnic, Chopda Poojan, Diwali Dinner, AGM and other events during the year.

We also salute the many Lohanas who serve in leadership positions in other organizations, temples, political lobbying and many more. We also applaud the many Lohanas for their charitable and philanthropic activities. Thank you all for your gracious and spiritual Seva.

As we move towards the 50th anniversary as a community in Canada, we should be very proud as an organization, and as Lohanas. Our community has made tremendous progress in Canada, with three new generations of Lohanas having built on their parents pioneering spirit. We possibly have one of the highest academic achievements as a community and are very successful as business leaders and professionals in numerous fields. Many Lohanas proudly play a very important role in community leadership, in broader Hindu and Indo-Canadian communities.

Now, our new committee headed by Mitesh Kantaria will assume leadership of the Samaj; and, together with Committee Members - Deval Chandarana, Sheetal Dave, Meesha Tanna, Mehul Panchmatia, Alka Panchmatia, Sharmil Mithia, Hetal Kara, Amar Gadhia and Sejal Thakrar - will take our proud community to even higher levels as we move towards the 50th anniversary as a community in Canada. So, let's all give these new leaders a great welcome with all the encouragement, support, ideas, and our individual commitment to make Lohanas, the Raghuvanshis, even prouder as a community.

Thank you very much for your support over the past year.

Warm Regards,

Kamlesh Thakrar
and the Board of Directors - 2017 Lohana Charitable Foundation

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due by April 30th, 2018

Community membership is having a sense of belonging and a feeling of connection to those around you. Being a Lohana or a friend of the Lohanas is an identity, a way to know who you are because of your relationship to the community. Being a Lohana member provides a sense of belonging, and support from your community. Unity is Strength!

For your year of membership, you will receive an invoice. Annual dates are calculated based on the day you are officially admitted as a member until the end of the annual membership cycle. Thereafter, you will be invoiced annually for the full year's dues, which is currently at \$50 per household address. There are a variety of ways to pay your annual dues: online, via cheque in the mail or credit card online or on the phone. Membership dues can also be paid live at our events.

Your membership dues help to subsidize costs of communication, event management, our membership directory, bereavement support, and more. As a member you are privileged to discounted rates for our events, which we encourage everyone to attend to sustain a level of community spirit and belonging.

We request the support of all Lohanas to pay their membership dues in a timely manner (as soon as invoices are received). This enables us to plan and organize events on time. This year, we have 9 tentative events planned and we need your support to make this successful!

Please note that membership dues are subject to change without notice. They are set by the Executive Committee effective immediately after the AGM of each year, the date commencing our next fiscal year.

From the entire Executive Committee, we thank you for your support!

Sheetal Dave

Annual membership dues, donations and sponsorships can now be paid online. Visit our website to learn more!

[For membership benefits click here](#)

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Dues

\$50 Annual Family Household Membership

Members receive discounts to all LCF events throughout the year. Your membership dues help support our newsletter communications, website, annual events and updates to our directory.

Please also consider our Annual Sponsorship Packages (see page 8)

Kindly support your LCF Community!

Kindly submit membership dues by 30th April, 2018



Family Bingo Bowling Party

“Join us at our launch event! The Family Bingo Bowl is sure to be packed with good fun, good food and good laughs!”

Date: Sunday,
March 25, 2018

Location: Classic Bowl,
3055 Dundas St. West,
Mississauga, ON

Time: 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Member Ticket Prices:

Bowlers - \$25.00

Non-Bowlers - \$12.00

**Non-Member Ticket
Prices:** Bowlers -
\$30.00

Non-Bowlers - \$15.00

**RSVP Deadline
March 11, 2018**

Sunday, March 25th – We are very excited to invite you to our first event of the year, an afternoon of Family Bingo Bowling!

Inviting community members for some bowling, food and competitive fun – even if you can’t bowl!

Prices are all in and include two hours of bowling, shoe rental, food and drink!

All ages and level of bowlers are encouraged to come and participate as anyone can win!

Funky Bingo Bowling is a team effort... Each team has a 5×5 bingo card with bowling scores written on a square. Each person bowls their frame in a **“Fun Manner”**, but instead of trying to get the highest score, you try to get numbers on a square that your team hasn’t marked off on their bingo card yet.

You play “Blackout Bingo”, so you mark off all the squares on the card to win.

Since you’re competing against the other teams, speed becomes an issue (up-to 2 hours) so the game gets quite wild, but please be safe while you play!

The first team to mark off their entire card and shout “BINGO” wins!!

Amazing prizes to be won!

Start creating your team of up to six players and register today. If you don’t have a team, don’t worry, just register on our website and we will add you to a team. What a great way to make new friends and meet new people!

Further details including how to reserve your spot or register your team can be found on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Hetal & Kavita Kara

Email: info@mylohana.com

[Click here to visit our website for more information.](#)

Hanuman Jayanti



"HANUMAN IS THE SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND ENERGY"

Hanuman Chalisa - *With the dust of Guru's Lotus feet, I first clean the mirror of my heart and then narrate the sacred Glory of Sai Ram Chandra, the supreme among the Raghu Dynasty, the giver of the four-fold attainments of life: pleasure (karma), wealth (artha), religious merit (dharma) and Salvation (moksha).*

On behalf of the President and the entire committee, we would like to invite you all to attend the first spiritual enlightenment of the year. With the blessings of Lord Hanuman, we step forward to make this year the most memorable year for all with "**54 Enchanted Hanuman Chalisa**", followed by Prasad in the evening.

A special "Thank You", to **Indiraben Somaia** for her guidance and support with this event.

Please join us at: Ram Mandir, 270 Export Blvd, Mississauga, ON L5S 1Y9
On: **April 7th, 2018** at 1 pm onward (carriages 8PM) followed by Maha Prasad.

Donations: **\$50 or more for 1 Hanuman Chalisa Ladwa and Aarti**
\$25 for 1 Hanuman Chalisa Ladwa

(Please see Page 8 for our annual sponsorship opportunities)

For sponsorship please email info@mylohana.com or contact one of the committee members below:

Rashmi Kantaria
Sheetal Dave

Alka Panchmatia
Kajal Gadhia

Deval Chandarana

Looking forward to seeing you all there, "**Jai Hanuman Ji**"

Rashmi Kantaria

[Click here to visit our website for more information.](#)

ANNUAL SPONSORSHIPS

The current annual sponsorships are available for corporates, individuals or families to contribute towards supporting our community

Annual Sponsorship runs from 1st March 2018 to 28th Feb 2019.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	MEDALLION
SPONSORSHIP	\$5,000+	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
INCLUDED IN PLAN	\$1,350+ value	\$950+ value	\$450+ value	\$270+ value	\$181 value
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	Yes \$50 value	Yes \$50 value	Yes \$50 value	Yes \$50 value	Yes \$50 value
FAMILY BOWLING PASSES	4 \$100 value	4 \$100 value	2 \$50 value	-	-
LCF DIWALI GALA DINNER	20 tickets \$900 value	10 tickets \$450 value	4 Tickets \$180 value	2 Tickets \$90 value	-
HANUMAN JAYANTI & ARTI SPONSORSHIP	\$51 value	\$51 value	\$51 value	\$51 value	\$51 value
PICNIC FAMILY 4 PASS	\$40 value	\$40 value	\$40 value	\$40 value	\$40 value
YOUTH DAY	2 Passes \$120 value	2 Passes \$120 value	1 Passes \$60 value	-	-
NAVRATRI FAMILY PASS	\$40 value + \$20 Snacks	\$40 value + \$20 Snacks	\$40 value	\$40 value	\$40 value
NEW YEARS EVE	2 Tickets \$100 value	2 Tickets \$100 value	-	-	-
WEBSITE LOGO PLACED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
WEBSITE ADVERT PLACED	500 words	250 words	100 words	50 words	-
NEWSLETTER LOGO PLACED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
EVENT BANNER LOGO PLACED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
LCF FACEBOOK ADVERT PLACED	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-

- Note: LCF reserve the right to change event pricing. Therefore, the value of each event may change.

For further details or to order a sponsorship package, please [visit our website](#), email us at info@mylohana.com or contact one of our Committee members (see page 9).

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For comments and articles, please contact our Newsletter Editors, **Amar Gadhia or Mitesh Kantaria**