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# WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Dear Community Members,

Namaste and welcome to our second edition of the LCFT newsletter. This newsletter will be published periodically to provide news about the Lohana Charitable Foundation of Toronto. Please ask your Lohana family and friends to subscribe. Feel free to share with us any relevant community news that may benefit our members by contacting us at our email address: [info@mylohana.com](mailto:info@mylohana.com). We will aim to publish relevant information within our guidelines.

## CELEBRATING HOLI



Holi is the festival of colors. The festival is celebrated with much joy and vigor all over the world, especially in North India. Holi is not simply a festival; it is a tradition that dates back thousands of years that brings out the child in everyone!

The colorful festival of **Holi** spans over two days and marks the beginning of Spring. On the first day, known as day of “Holika Dahan”, fire is lit marking the victory of truth over evil. The second day is “Phag”, when the actual Holi is celebrated with vibrant colors and water. The festival bridges the gap between people of different communities and age group and is celebrated by embracing one another while smearing each other with colorful paint!

How did you celebrate HOLI this year? Send in your colorful Holi photos to share with the community by emailing them to [info@mylohana.com](mailto:info@mylohana.com). Submissions will have a chance to win a prize at the Diwali Gala Dinner.



## Meet & Greet at these Events!

**Hanuman Jayanti**  
April 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**Summer Picnic**  
June 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

**Youth Day**  
July 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**Navratri**  
October 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**Chopda Poojan**  
November 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

**Diwali Gala Dinner**  
November 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**Jalaram Jayanti**  
November 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**New Year's Eve Party**  
December 31<sup>st</sup> (Mon)



# FAMILY BINGO BOWLING

During the afternoon of Sunday, **25<sup>th</sup> March 2018** we had an incredible turnout at our first event of the year! With 120 fellow community members, family & friends, of all ages, we had a successful bowling event! Thank you to all our sponsors and all attendees from near and far who participated as bowlers and spectators!

The event was filled with an amazing energy and vibe, lots of fun and laughter, high fives, and a competitive yet friendly spirit by all. Delicious pizza, nachos and pop were also served.

The hard work behind organizing the details to this successful event was led by our very own "Team Kara", **Hetal & Kavita Kara**, supported by the entire LCFT Committee.

## BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS – STRIKE 1





# BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS – STRIKE 2





## BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS – STRIKE 3



The Bingo Bowling rules were designed so anyone could win, and with a total of 14 teams, the following knocked down their targeted pins first to shout out, “Bingo”!

Congratulations to the following bowlers who each won a prize:

1ST PLACE TEAM	2ND PLACE TEAM	3RD PLACE TEAM
Sachin Somaia	Kapil Chothani	Rajvi Chandarana
Raj Somaia	Krupa Chothani	Shivani Dave
Ria Somaia	Sagar Shah	Neela Popat
Madhu Jain	Rubina Paul	Krupa Rajdev
Himanshu Lukka	Shailen Chande	Sudha Davda
Rashmi Kantaria	Rishaan Chande	- - - - -

The highlight of the day went to **Anuj Dhrona** for bowling a “Turkey”, that’s an incredible 3 strikes in a row!

A thank you goes out to those who bought 50/50 raffle tickets to help raise funds. The winner of the 50/50 prize was young **Nayna Belanger**. Thank you to everyone that participated at this event, and for those of you who missed out on the fun, we welcome you to join us next time!

# SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING REVIEW



Following constitutional regulations, timely notice was provided and a Special General Meeting was held during the afternoon of Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The meeting was chaired by Dipakbhai Dhrona, with over 60 members in attendance.

**The following Constitutional changes were unanimously passed:**

1. That the Lohana Charitable Foundation of Canada, changes its name and markets itself as the "Lohana Charitable Foundation of Toronto".
2. That as per By-Law 3 (Fees), the Annual Membership Dues for 2018, for ALL members despite their status of residential location, age, lifetime or annual, be \$50 per family household address that the member resides in, starting post the special general meeting.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



**Your membership dues for the entire year are only \$50 per family household.**

These are required to cover the costs of communications, event management, our membership directory, new technology, bereavement support, and more. As a member, you are privileged to discounted rates for our events, which we encourage you to attend to sustain a level of community spirit and belonging.

We request the support of all Lohanas and friends to pay their membership dues in a timely manner, by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Kindly register your current contact and household details using the form on the membership page of our website, or by clicking on the "Member Directory" button below and completing the form to verify your membership and current information for our new directory:

**MEMBER DIRECTORY**

# HANUMAN JAYANTI

*Sankat Te Hanuman Chhudavei, Man Kram  
Bachan Dhyam Jo Lavei!*

**Those who remember Shree Hanuman in  
thought and deed are secured against all  
odds in life!**

**We cordially invite you and your family and friends  
to join us in celebrating our first spiritual event of  
the year!**



**Date:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

**Venue:** Ram Mandir, 270 Export Blvd, Mississauga, ON, L5S 1Y9

**Schedule:** **1:00 pm – 6:00 pm** (expected time) - 54 Enchanted Hanuman Chalisa  
**6:15 pm** – Aarti followed by Mahaprashad

**Live Broadcast:** Watch the celebrations on the day at <http://www.rammandir.ca/Live>

**We kindly request all Sponsors to arrive on time to offer Shree Hanumanji ladvas and to take  
part in the Aarti. Thank you for your support and participation.**

**Donations are optional:**

**1 Hanuman Chalisa & Aarti at \$50.00 or more, or 1 Hanuman Chalisa at \$25.00**

## Why We Celebrate Hanuman Jayanti

Hanuman Jayanti is a Hindu religious festival that celebrates the birth of Shree Hanumanji, who is immensely revered throughout the world where Hindus reside.

According to legends, He was born as a monkey God to serve Shree Ram as the greatest disciple with utter and unflinching devotion. Hanumanji is the symbol of strength and energy, proven by His service and devotion to Shree Ram. He is said to be able to assume any form at will, wield celestial weapons, move mountains, dart through the air, and seize the clouds. Hanumanji is the only deity that cannot be troubled by negative energies.

During Hanuman Jayanti people observe a fast, meditate, practice charity, and recite various devotional hymns and prayers like the Hanuman Chalisa, repeating His glories and adventures!

Devotees of Shree Hanumanji celebrate Him and seek His protection and blessings. We welcome you to join us and do the same!

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**A Big “Thank You”**  
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- ❖ 1 x Anonymous



## MEDALLION SPONSORS AND DONORS

- ❖ Amar and Kajal Gadhia, (Toronto, Canada)
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**To support your community, kindly consider sponsoring  
with one of the programs on the next page.**

# ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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

Annual Sponsorship runs from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> 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: LCFT 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](mailto:info@mylohana.com) or contact one of our Executive Committee members (see last page).



## FUN FACTS

## DID YOU KNOW?



- The Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters
- Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy
- Perth is Australia's windiest city
- Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- The longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km (1,178 miles)

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

- Q- What is the difference between Love and Marriage?

A - Love is blind and marriage is an eye-opener

- If a man opens the car door for his wife, you can be sure of one thing- either the car is new, or the wife is!

- Q- Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

A - In case he got a hole in one!

- Q- What goes up and never comes down?

A - Your age....

- Q- What do you call someone who can't stick with a diet?

A - A deserter!

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laugh  
love

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