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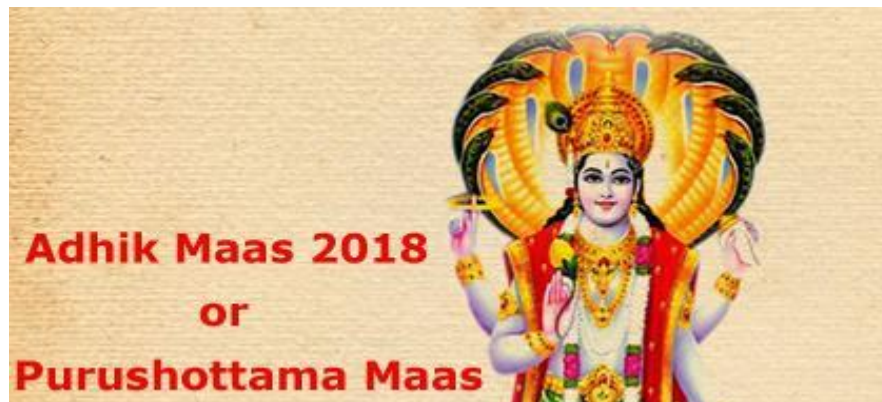
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WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Dear Community Members,

Namaste and welcome to our third 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 as members.

Finally it looks like the warm weather is making its way back into Toronto, and we have some exciting events lined up to brighten up the summer.



The Hindu calendar is based on the lunar cycle rather than the solar cycle. Due to this, an extra month arises after every thirty-two month period. In 2018 there is an extra month (Adhik Maas) as per the Hindu Calendar. This month starts from 16th May to 13th June and is dedicated to **Lord Shree Krishna**.

During this month of Adhik Maas, people perform various types of religious rituals such as keeping a fast, reciting of religious scriptures, mantras, prayers and performing various types of puja. According to Vedas, during this month Bhagwat Gita recitations are done and Lord Vishnu is worshipped too. Reading and hearing to different Kathas bring well-being in terms of wealth and health.



Meet & Greet at these Events!

Summer Picnic & Youth Extravaganza
June 10th (Sun)

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)

HANUMAN JAYANTI RECAP

Hanumanji Artwork by Shivani Dave

On 7th April 2018, around 350 members of the Lohana Community with family & friends converged at the Mississauga Ram Mandir to celebrate Hanuman Jayanti. 54 Hanuman Chalisa were chanted with beautiful music provided by musicians from the Ram Mandir and ably led by our very own First Lady Rashmi Kantaria. Sponsors got a chance to offer Ladwa and chant Hanuman Chalisa followed by delicious Mahaprasad.



We also wish to thank the following for their contributions towards making this event a success:

- ❖ **Pandit Paul Sharma**, the other Pandits, musicians, singers and the entire team at the Mississauga Ram Mandir.
- ❖ **Indiraben Somaia** for her support and guidance.
- ❖ The executive committee who offered Shree Hanumanji ladwas on behalf of the International Sponsor families from the UK, Portugal, Switzerland, and out of Province from Vancouver. We wish to thank all the Sponsors (**total 121 sponsors**) that attended from near and far, as well as those that still donated despite being unable to attend, for their kind contribution towards this event.
- ❖ The event was streamed live online, so hopefully those that were unable to attend, had an opportunity to tune in.
- ❖ The delicious Mahaprasad food was catered by **Ambika Khaman (Dhokla) House & Catering** from Brampton, and we wish to thank them for making it so tasty!
- ❖ A warm Thank you to all the LCFT members, and those of the Community that helped to set up in the morning, during the Hanuman Chalisa and at the Mahaprasad, including many **youth volunteers** from our community. Your help was priceless and very much appreciated!
- ❖ A special thank you to the sub-committee of this event including **Alka Panchmatia, Deval Chandarana, Sheetal Dave and Kajal Gadhia**.
- ❖ Thank you to **Sanjay Dave** for contributing his time in taking and editing the photos of the event.
- ❖ A big thank you to our lead organizer for the event, **Rashmi Kantaria**, who did a wonderful job in bringing everyone together to such a positively spiritual event.

[To view the slideshow, please click here](#)

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LCFT ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



WITH YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Annual Family Picnic is just around the corner!

Date: Sunday, June 10th, 2018 (save the date)

Time: 10:00 AM onwards

Location: Bruce's Mill Conservation Area: (3291 Stouffville Road, Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X5)

JOIN US RAIN OR SHINE!

This year get ready to take part in some exciting games and activities brought to you by the LCFT committee to maximize your reunion and get to know each other.

We are so excited with our SURPRISE menu catered by Gujarati Foods, fun and games for families of all ages, a very special Youth Extravaganza game, and, back by popular demand...sno-cones & cotton candy!

We encourage ALL attendees to participate in sports and raffles as there are incredible prizes to be won!

As per picnic tradition, this is a pot-luck event! Please bring **dry naasto or dessert**. We humbly request smaller quantities to avoid a waste of food left over.

Our picnic is complimentary for members and a nominal fee of \$10.00 per person for non-members. We will be accepting membership dues at the event!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – URGENT – R U A MEMBER?



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

Membership dues are payable annually by everyone who wish to receive LCFT communications, reduced event rates, and member benefits as outlined on our website including the upcoming benefit of the Digital Lohana Members Phone Directory App.

Annual membership dues are requested also by Lifetime Members who traditionally were required to pay only 50 % of the annual dues. Following a Special General Meeting on 25th March 2018, it was approved by the majority, including Lifetime Members, that for this year only Lifetime Members pay the full amount to enable us invest the funds in new technology.

Note that annual dues used to be collected closer to Diwali, towards the end of the year, which made it very challenging for the committees to budget and manage events. In order to make it easier and more feasible to organize get togethers, we are changing the system so that annual dues will now be collected at the beginning of the year.

It has come to our attention that a few households still have not paid their annual dues yet. **We humbly request that you subscribe for your membership within the next 2 weeks to avoid missing out.** Annual dues 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 and many subsidized 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. 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 this year and current information for our new 2018 digital directory:

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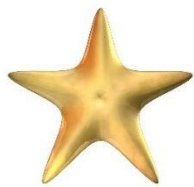


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ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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: 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 or contact one of our Executive Committee members (see last page).

FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?



- ❖ Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world. In fact, if you were to walk around the country (without sleeping, eating, or resting), it would take roughly four and a half years to walk around it!
- ❖ Basketball was actually invented by a Canadian – Let's Go Raptors!
- ❖ The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English. Let's get more people speaking Gujarati shall we!
- ❖ Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year – We still like our Cadbury's and Hershey's!
- ❖ Paper money was first used in China
- ❖ The first parachute jump from plane was in 1918 over France

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

- ❖ An accountant is having a hard time sleeping and goes to see his doctor. "Doctor, I just can't get to sleep at night."

Dr: "Have you tried counting sheep?"

"That's the problem - I make a mistake and then spend three hours trying to find it."

- ❖ What's an actuary?
 - An accountant without the sense of humor
- ❖ How many bankers does it take to change a light bulb?
 - Four. One to hold the bulb, and three to try and remember the combination
- ❖ Marriage is a three-ring circus:
 - Engagement ring, wedding ring and suffering

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