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WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Dear Community Members,

Namaste and welcome to our fourth 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.

Summer is here and its looking like its going to be a hot and humid one. With the vacation season upon us, we wish everyone a fun filled and safe summer. Happy holidays!



Shravan Maas is the fifth month of the Hindu calendar. It starts on **12th August and ends on 9th September**. According to the Hindu Vedas and Puranas, the Holy month of Shravan is dedicated to worshipping Lord Shiva for success, marriage and prosperity!

Shravan Maas is also a Holy month filled with other festivals such as Naga-Panchami, Govatsa, Shravani Purnima, Vara Lakshmi Vrata, Rishi Panchami, Raksha Bandhan, Kalkyavatara and Putradaikadashi.

Devotees observe austerities, fasts and prayers in this Holy month of Shravan. Mondays are dedicated to Lord Shiva as he is the ruling deity of the day.

This is the month in which Lord Shiva grants boon to devotees who repent for their mistakes and ask for success, evade negative energy, bad luck, etc. This is the period where one attracts blessing of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.



Meet & Greet at These Events!

Navratri
October 20th (Sat)

Chopda Poojan
November 7th (Wed)

Diwali Gala Dinner
November 10th (Sat)

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

SUMMER PICNIC RECAP

LCFT held its Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 10th 2018, at the Bruce Mills Conservation in Stouffville. With over 270 attendees, Community members and friends enjoyed a great day out together. This year's picnic featured a challenging Obstacle Course Bouncy Castle along with a live hot food station, Sno-cone & Candy Floss and an extensive raffle of gifts and prizes.

Community members also enjoyed the lovely music provided by DJ Bhagirat including many members dancing to the tunes with some silky Garba Steps!!



We also wish to thank the following for their contributions towards making this event a success, filled with fun, laughter and great memories:

- ❖ Our Convenor **Meesha Tanna** who did a wonderful job in organizing the event.
- ❖ To **Jashwant Bhai Saujani** and Team for making the tasty Makai (corn), Sambharo and providing everyone with the Masala Chai and cool Water Melon.
- ❖ To **Paresh Bhai & Dipti Manek** for providing the tasty Chaas to cool us down on the hot day.
- ❖ To **Ambrish Bhai Thakkar & Nina Romano** for providing the tents and allowing us to work in the shade.
- ❖ To **Gujurati Foods** for catering a tasty hot cooked meal for the event, consisting of freshly fried Mogo amongst other delights.
- ❖ To **Sanjay Dave** for contributing his time in taking and editing the photos of the event.
- ❖ To all the LCFT committee members, spouses and volunteers that helped to set up in the morning and during the Picnic including many **youth volunteers** from our community. Your help was priceless and very much appreciated!

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

NAVRATRI – GARBA WITH DISCO DANDIYA



Date: Saturday, October 20th 2018 (save this date)
Time: 7:30 PM onwards
Location: Meadowvale Secondary School
Address: 6700 Edenwood Dr, Mississauga, ON, L5N 3B2
Dress: Recommended to dress in white or colorful traditional Indian outfit

Get ready in traditional style to join us this Sharad Purnima , for the best of your favorite garba and dandiya! This year we will be presenting New Music with Goonjan Entertainment presenting vocalist Kirit Bhai Mistry and his wonderful band, as well as a special half-hour of Disco Dandiya with DJ Bhagirat.

Mithai Competition: Get ready to prepare mouth watering sweets for our Mithai Competition, with prizes to be won. Show our judges what tasty treats you can make....full rules will be posted on our website in due course.

Jalsa Kitchen will be our food vendor this year, catering delicious snacks throughout the evening. All food items will be available for purchase on cash only basis.

We look forward to seeing you all in your best dress outfit! Please bring your own dandiya!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



Your membership dues for the entire year are only \$50 per family household (March 1st to Feb 28).

It has come to our attention that a few households still have not paid their annual dues yet. We humbly request you subscribe for your annual membership to support your community, and to take advantage of all the benefits.

Membership dues are payable annually by everyone who wishes 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 also payable 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, Lifetime Members pay the full amount to enable us invest the funds into new technology.

Note that annual dues were traditionally collected at 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 our community events, we have changed the system so that annual dues are now collected at the beginning of the year (Post AGM), hence **the Membership year runs from March 1 to Feb 28.**

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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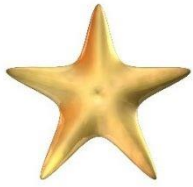


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ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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 (Transferred)	2 Diwali Tickets	2 Diwali Tickets	1 Diwali Tickets	-	-
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).

WORLD CUP FEVER – WERE YOU WATCHING?

- ❖ Congratulations to France for winning the 2018 FIFA World Cup, and to Croatia for a gallant 2nd place!
- ❖ In 1966, the World Cup was won by England. Thieves stole the Jules Rimet Trophy and tried to sell it. After much heat.....a dog found it under a tree!
- ❖ The World Cup in 2018 will mark the first time Russia has ever hosted this event.
- ❖ The World Cup has been played 20 times, Brazil holds the most titles with 5 wins, Italy and Germany are close behind with 4 each, and France now has 2 wins!
- ❖ The oldest goal scorer in the World Cup was Roger Milla, who was 42, when in 1994 he scored a goal for Cameroon against Russia.
- ❖ The first World Cup was played in 1930. Uruguay was both the host and winner that year.
- ❖ The World Cup winning country is rumored to see a baby boom 9-months after the World Cup win some celebration!

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OTHER NEWS

- ❖ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Manisha and Sachin Kanabar, Who have been blessed with the birth of their first baby girl, born on July 7, 2018. The newly-born is named Sarina Indira Kanabar, and proud grandfather is Lalit Bhai Kanabar !



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