

પિકનીક ૨૦૦૯ : ખુબ સારી હાજરી

આ વર્ષની પિકનીકમાં ૭૦૦થી વધારે બાળકો-યુવાનો અને વૃદ્ધોએ ભાગ લઈ વિક્રમ સર્જ્યો હતો. કુદરતે પણ જાણે સાથ આપતી હોય તેમ પિકનીકના દિવસે આખા દિવસ દરમિયાન વાતાવરણ પણ ખુબ સરસ રહ્યું હતું. રેડટોપ માઉન્ટન પર સવારથી સૌની આગમની શરૂઆત થઈ ગઈ હતી. હવામાન સાનુકૂળ હોઈને આખા દિવસ દરમિયાન સૌ કોઈએ તળાવ પર ફરી શક્યા હતા તેમજ વિધ વિધ પ્રકારની રમતોની પણ મોજ માણી શક્યા હતા.

લંચમાં બાળકોને સેન્ડવીચીઝ આપી હતી, જ્યારે મોટી ઉમરનાઓ માટે ગરમા ગરમ સેવ ઉસળ અને જલેબી તૈયાર કરાઈ હતી. બપોરે સૌને શેકેલી મકાઈ, દાળવડા, ચા અને આઈસક્રીમ આપ્યા હતા. સાંજે ડીનરમાં સૌએ ખીચડી, શાક અને છાસની મોજ માણી હતી.

પિકનીકમાં રસોઈની જબાબદારી આપણા બોર્ડ ઓફ ગવર્નર તરીકે સેવા આપતા શ્રી રમેશ પંડ્યા અને શ્રીમતી હસુ પંડ્યા, શ્રી કે. જી. પટેલ અને શ્રીમતી કૈલાસ પટેલ અને તેમના જુથે ખુબ સફળતાપૂર્વક પાર પાડી હતી. તેમનો પણ ખુબ ખુબ આભાર. સમાજના સીનીયર સીટીઝન જુથે પિકનીકની રસોઈની તૈયારીઓમાં મદદ કરી હતી. તેમનો સૌનો આભાર.

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A well organized and successful the first “Business & Professional Networking” event



(L to R) Founding Sponsor Mr. Kaushik Desai, Book sponsor Mr. Chatur Chhabhaya, Gujarati Samaj President Mr. Vipul Patel, Mr. Kirtan Patel, speaker of the evening, Mr. Mohan Kapur, speaker of the evening, Mr. Sunil Patel, Vice President of Gujarati Samaj, Sapna Patel of New York Life, founding sponsor and speaker of the evening, Khyati Patel, lead of Gujarati Samaj “Business & Professional Networking” event.

Atlanta, Georgia, May 30, 2009: The first ever “Business and Professional Networking” event organized by newly elected, young energetic team of Gujarati Samaj Atlanta was a ray of hope amid gloomy economic situation of today. The subject of the seminar “How to survive in hard economic times” was timely and attracted many business owners and professionals since it was open for all Asian Americans.

With unemployment heading towards double digits, networking attracted many young adults. Samosa and hot tea added flavor to the networking. This was, probably the first ever-successful attempt, which brought sense of satisfaction to our young adults.

Founded in 1981 with 10 to 15 families, Gujarati Samaj Inc. today has close to 1000 paid members and mortgage-free 40,000 sq. f. building in Tucker, Georgia. For past 28 years Gujarati Samaj is operating on democratic values with Board of Governors and Executive committee, elected new every year.

The Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta along with their regular cultural programs, for the first time, undertook a new program called “Business and professional Network” for all Asian Americans, knowing fully well the economic environment of USA. Objective of this forum was, “The Gujarati Samaj Inc., through its “Business and Professional Network” forum will work as a catalyst to promote and protect interest of its members by inspiring excellence through programs and initiatives, professional development and community development. The “Business and Professional Network” will organizes seminars, workshops and networking event to increase knowledge and provide information on key subjects along with it will encourage their members to uphold standard business ethics, and aid professionals in job placement and training.”

Gujarati people, hailing from western part of India, form probably an important part of great Indian Diaspora. Gujarati community is known for their business acumen in India and abroad. Every state in USA has an organization similar to Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta, reflecting community’s emotional, cultural and economic need.



The team of volunteers at Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta sent mass emails, made calls and approached community members and other organizations to join with them for this event. Their efforts hand-somely earned them couple of founding sponsors, at least dozen event sponsors and 225 attendees. All the participants received a file folder filled with information regarding educational materials and their websites, articles on networking job searching, resume writing and motivation. The seminar, educational materials and food - everything were free for pre-registered participants, thanks to sponsors! The next event is tentatively scheduled in the month of August 2009. Volunteers / sponsors are welcome. Please visit our website :www.gsatlanta.org or email us at <Networking@gsatlanta.org>.



The subject of the seminar "How to survive in hard economic times" was approached from all possible angles by various speakers. Khyati Patel, lead of the event welcomed everyone and said how important networking has become in our modern life. To set the tone of the event she quoted John Donne, "No man is an island itself entirely of itself..." Khyati introduced current Gujarati Samaj president Mr. Vipul Patel and invited him to speak.

Working as an IT manager in professional life Vipul Patel gave a brief history of Gujarati Samaj of Atlanta and argued the case for the importance such event for the community.

The first speaker of the evening Sapna Patel of New York life, a founding sponsor and member of BPN event organizing committee asked everyone in general not to panic in such unstable economy and reasoned that responsible financial decisions could turn challenges into opportunities. All the speakers reciprocated her advice "do not panic" during the seminar.

Prakash Parmar, an immigration attorney, Gujarati Samaj board of governor and member of BPN event organizing committee explained legal side of people with different category of visas and what should they expect.

Kirtan Patel, a corporate attorney of "Kumar and Pathak" law firm gave an idea of bankruptcy and how one should handle it. He also gave a dose of reality to audience and said days of "exuberance" are long gone.



Dr. Dilip Patel, a practicing psychiatrist and long time Gujarati Samaj volunteers in various capacities explained how to deal with 'stress' coping with present economic situation. He also explained simple and medical ways to deal with stress.

Mr. Mohan Kapur, a motivational speaker treated subject from standpoint of how to enhance success in life. He advised attendees to practice success. Since success is journey, he said success is what you can do. Do not think what you cannot do. Quoting a successful athlete he said, "just run your own race, do not worry what others are doing." He advised to keep positive attitude, write down your goals-weekly, monthly and yearly. He ended with quoting Robert Frost's famous poem "The Road not taken",

"I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Interestingly, Khyati Patel opened the session with John Donne's poem "No man is island" which was concluded by Mr. Kapur with Robert Frost's poem. All the participants of this seminar, however, unknowingly felt this synergy.

Renovation quotes needed for Gujarati Samaj

We would like to get quotations from contractors who are interested in the following scope of work at Gujarati Samaj. Major work areas are Kitchen, Restrooms, Carpets, Ceiling Tiles and the Paints. GS member who have suggestions or advise related to this project please contact the volunteers for this project.

All donors who want to help financially, and/or voluntarily please contact the president, Vipul Patel. All interested contractors, please contact Kaushik Desai or Chaturbhai Chhabhaya for details on this project. Once we get all the quotes we will discuss in the meeting with BOG and EC and prioritize the task depending upon the cost.

SCOPE OF WORK

Kitchen:

1. Demolition of Existing concrete pads, four concrete columns and trellis.
2. Construct a new kitchen area on existing pad available by constructing three walls and a roof. Create or connect new supply lines for gas, plumbing, electrical, and water as needed. Create a new screen window and security grill for protection.
3. Create a new washbasin for big utensil and two faucets.
4. Supply and install commercial grade floor tiles and appropriate floor drain.
5. Supply and install kitchen exhaust fan vent through roof.

Common and Existing area renovation:

1. Existing kitchen:

- a. Remove the existing flooring, damaged ceiling tiles, wall paper, kitchen counter tops and cabinets.
- b. Supply and install flooring, damaged ceiling tiles, wall paper, kitchen counter tops, cabinets and wall paint

2. Public restrooms Men's:

- a. Demolition of all existing floor tiles, public restroom vanity, framed mirrors and all plumbing accessories.
- b. Create a new drain line at the wall for easy cleaning and tie it to existing drain.
- c. Supply and install floor tiles, public restroom vanity, framed mirrors and all plumbing accessories.
- d. Supply and install new exhaust fan with necessary duct with enough CFM.

3. Women restroom:

- a. Demolition of all existing floor and wall tiles, mirrors, cabinet and other plumbing accessories.
- b. Supply and install wall floor tiles, public restroom vanity, framed mirrors and all plumbing accessories.
- c. Supply and install new exhaust fan with necessary duct with enough CFM vanity, mirrors. Create a new drain line at the wall for easy cleaning and tie it to existing drain.

4. Hallway and corridor:

- a. Removal of all existing flooring, wall covering and damaged ceiling tiles.
- b. Supply and install new floor tiles and replace damaged ceiling tiles and paint the walls with acrylic paint.
- c. Office room area, Swadhyaya room, Bapalal hall, computer training room 12, room 19: Remove carpet and wall covering.
- d. Supply and install commercial grade carpet, ceiling tiles paint the wall with acrylic grade paint.

5. Main Entrance Hall:

- a. Renovate the floor, Wall paint and ceiling tiles replacements

For more information contact below volunteers

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Move over..Class of 2009 Graduates Coming Through!



18 students successfully completed the Basic Computer Classes on June 14, 2009. This was the second batch of class which lasted for 6 weeks. At the end of the course, all students learnt the basics of the computer, how to use the Internet and E-mail. Everyone left with a grateful smile on their face and an armed e-mail address. At the end of the class, students could be heard talking about exchanging e-mail addresses and talking about staying in touch. One student was on his way to the UK and promised to e-mail back

pictures of his vacation to everyone via e-mail. Now this is technology!

Our mission has been accomplished again. We recruited new adult and junior volunteers to help us with the class. We taught the students the basics of the computer and how to use it for everyday use. We setup a permanent curriculum for the course. We expanded our computer lab with an additional 8 systems and a permanent setup.

Next classes are scheduled to start in September and will be offered in basic and advanced levels. Look out for the dates in the upcoming flyers.

~Dashant Patel, Ketan Shah, Sunil Patel, Dipak Patel, Bhruvish Vin, Ketan Patel, Vipul Patel

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