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### Jai Shree Krishna,

Hope the letter finds everyone in good health.

It has been quite an honor and pleasure to be a servant to Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA for the past 11 years.

As you may not know our board has been working very hard behind the scenes. This year we have really tried to make sure our finances have proper accountability, consistency and transparency to the board for a better understanding. Furthermore, with the help of our treasurer and entire finance committee we have managed to straighten and strengthen our financial position as an organization by increasing our interest rate which helps us in operating our day to day expenses for the organization.

This year we also had the opportunity to increase our networking reach by meeting with Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani in Gandhinagar. During this meeting we were able to explain to the CM about what our organization is, what we stand for and what we do. As an outcome of this meeting, the CM was very impressed by our dialogue & expressed his confidence in our samaj and what our leaders are doing for the Indian community in India.

Moreover, we had a pleasure to join with a like minded organization, Surat Jilla Leuva Patidar Samaj, in India where together we were able to hold an NRI conference in Bardoli to build a relationship between two similar organizations so we can better serve the community. Some of the major issues that we elaborated on where the excessive spending during family weddings for gifts and other non religious rituals.

Furthermore, this year our By-laws Committee took the vigorous task by tackling many much needed changes to our bylaws and policy & procedures to insure that they are updated to the

## PRESIDENT LETTER

modern era. During our board meeting in Houston TX, we were successful in passing many major bylaws and policy & procedures, where majority of this changes were made unanimously. As we were in Houston, our LPS youth committee, worked extremely hard in organizing a very successful youth town hall, which during this conference we had multiple motivational speaker who were empowering & motivating our youth to continue their path to leadership.

More so, we have also planned 25 plus town halls during my term this year with the ultimate goal to concentrate on increasing our awareness by extending our helping hand and reaching out to communities who have never hosted any prior town halls. In addition we have scheduled a special town hall in Dallas TX which will be in conjunction with a Woman's conference to be held on June7th 2017 before the Dallas Town Hall on the same day.

With the help of BOD's, past presidents and our call center in India we were able to reach a milestone of 2000 plus lifetime membership families.

Myself and the entire board would humbly like to personally invite each and every Leuva to join us during our National Convention to be held on July 27,28,29 2017 at Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) in Atlanta GA. We will have a number of captivating speakers alongside with great tradeshow, mouth watering food and spectacular entertainment.

This year our slogan is **"Building Our Unity and Celebrating our Differences"** therefore our major focus this year is our youth and we have scheduled many sessions to educate and motivate them. The youth are our future and the one thing this platform should stand for is to propel and invest in our potential leaders. So please join me and my entire team during this national convention and let's make this convention successful & memorable for all of us.

Sincerely your,

**Sanjay Dahyabhai Patel**

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# Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA

Dear Leuva Members,

Jai Shree Krishna !!!

On behalf of the board of Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA and its members, with boundless pleasure, we would like to cordially invite you to our National Convention & Trade Show at the **Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)** located at 2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337 during **July 27 – July 29, 2017**. GICC has been Atlanta's best place for meetings and events, minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

As always, we have scheduled various programs for all ages including the pre-teens, teens, adults, matrimonial, women and of course our seniors. The focus of this convention, as the theme portrays, is **"Celebrating our Heritage & Embracing our Future"**. Furthermore, our youth play the most important role in our Samaj; therefore, it is essential that we preserve our heritage and cultural values. The goal of the agenda is to promote the Leuva heritage and cultural values to the youth in the community and energize the already existing efforts to inspire a better way of life through humanitarian culture of love, service, purity, discipline, and dedication. As you know from past conventions, this is great way for families to meet, socialize and interact in a social forum. Your participation in the big events like this will add tremendous value to our integrated organization. We are humbly requesting the support of each and every Leuva members across the USA to encourage their friends and families to attend this very exciting yearly event of our Samaj.

With tireless hard work and dedication of volunteers we look forward to making your experience, at this convention, a memorable one. We are very excited to bring you the best entertainment, food and cultural & heritage experience that will be second to none. Please follow us on [LPS of USA facebook page](#) and visit [www.lpsofusa.com](http://www.lpsofusa.com) for up-to-date information and full details in regards to the upcoming National Convention.

**Please direct all inquiries to us on our website. We have included registration forms and new membership forms in this package for your convenience.**

We personally look forward to welcoming you and your family to the excitements of our National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. So please mark your calendars for July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as this will be an event you don't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Village: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

##### Date of Birth Month/Day/Year

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## **Georgia International Convention Center (GICC), Atlanta, Georgia July 27th, 28th, & 29th 2017**

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**



#### **July 27th 2017**

08:00 a.m.- 03:00 p.m. *Golf Tournament*  
01:00 p.m.- 07:00 p.m. *Exhibitor Registration/Setup*  
01:00 p.m.- 07:00 p.m. *Attendee Registration*  
06:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. *welcome Reception and Entertainment*

#### **July 28th 2017**

08:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. *Exhibitor Registration/Setup*  
08:00 a.m.- 05:00 p.m. *Attendee Registration & Gala Seat Assignments*  
07:00 a.m.- 09:15 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*  
09:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. *Opening General Session*  
12:30 p.m.- 06:00 p.m. *Trade Show*  
12:30 p.m.- 02:30 p.m. *Lunch*  
02:30 p.m.- 04:45 p.m. *Concurrent Educational Seminars*  
05:00 p.m.- 06:00 p.m. *Community Social Hour*  
06:00 p.m.- 08:00 p.m. *Dinner*  
08:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. *Entertainment*



#### **July 29th 2017**

07:00 a.m.- 09:15 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*  
09:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. *Closing General Session*  
12:30 p.m.- 05:00 p.m. *Trade Show*  
12:30 p.m.- 02:30 p.m. *Lunch & Gala Seat Assignments*  
02:30 p.m.- 05:00 p.m. *Social Meet and Greet*  
05:30 p.m.- 07:00 p.m. *Gala Night Cocktail Reception*  
07:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. *Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony & Entertainment*



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4.	Manjulaben Thakorabhai Patel	Kothamdi	11/18/2016	London, KY
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8.	Bhulabhai Vanmalibhai Patel	Asta	12/05/2016	
9.	Deviben Lallubhai Patel		12/08/2016	Marion, AR
10.	Jayeshbhai Ramanlal Patel	Sarbhon		
11.	Mahendrabhai Chhotubhai Patidar	Ruva		Houston, TX
12.	Maganbhai Lallubhai Patel	Degama	12/30/2016	
13.	Parsottambhai Dahyabhai Patel	Timba	12/31/2016	
14.	Chhitubhai Zinabhai Patel	Binwada, Valsad		
15.	Bhikhubhai Chotubhai Patel	Jamania	01/07/2017	
16.	Balubhai Ichhabhai Patel	Chikhli-Dungar	01/22/2017	Fairfield, CA
17.	Shantaben Gunvantbhai	Jamania	01/27/2017	
18.	Kantibhai Paragbhai Patel	Isroli (Niyol)	01/31/2017	Irving, TX
19.	Ramilaben Vallabhbhai Patel	Nagod	02/04/2017	Fort Worth, TX
20.	Naranbhai Devabhai Patel	Puna	02/11/2017	Murfreesboro, TN
21.	Laxmiben Karsanbhai Patel	Afva	02/11/2017	Danville, Virginia
22.	Gulabben Patel	Varad	02/13/2017	Fort Myers, FL
23.	Jayantilal Vanmalibhai Patel	Toli		
24.	Bhulabhai Chittabhai Patel	Kharvasa	02/20/2017	Brentwood, TN
25.	Chetankumar Natvarlal Patel	Adada	02/24/2017	Arlington, TX
26.	Jayantibhai Patel	Bajipura	02/26/2017	
27.	Jashuben Keshavbhai Patel	Afva	02/28/2017	Buttonwillow, CA
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30.	Bhikhabhai Nathubhai Patel	Unn	03/19/2017	Irving TX
31.	Maniben Dayarambhai Patel	Puna (kumbhariya)	03/23/2017	
32.	Dhirubhai Vallabhbhai Patel	Varad	03/31/2017	Jacksonville, FL
33.	Chimanbhai Hirabhai Patel	Pardi (Arak)	04/17/2017	Cincinnati, OH



*The LORD is close to the  
Brokenhearted and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit.*



Please forgive any omissions as we try our best to include all sad demise we receive.





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**॥ Jai Swaminarayan ॥**



**NAYAN (Nick) PATEL**

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As the publication team we would like to extend and welcome any stories, triumphs, and community news to be part of our magazine the **"Leuva Connection"**. This magazine needs your help in providing content and photos from our community news and events that helps us be proud of our heritage and culture. Leuva Connection needs to stand for our pride and joy of our community where we can embrace the idea that the community news serves a purpose to tell a story. Our job is not just to link to just personal stories within our Leuva community but also showcase stories you have shared with us. Our team will review all submissions and although all placements for submissions are not guaranteed we will strive our best to do so.

We thank those who have shared their stories in the past and the Leuva Connection Team for their hard work and dedication as it is not an easy task. **A special Thank You for the - Cover page designed by Aakash Nalin Patel - Rincon, GA. It is great that our youth our helping us with their talent.**

We will be revamping our magazine again in the future months for our readers so please email us any of your suggestions for consideration to improve the Leuva Connection magazine.

Please email your stories, photos, events, and feedback or suggestions to [info@lpsfusa.com](mailto:info@lpsfusa.com)

Respectfully,

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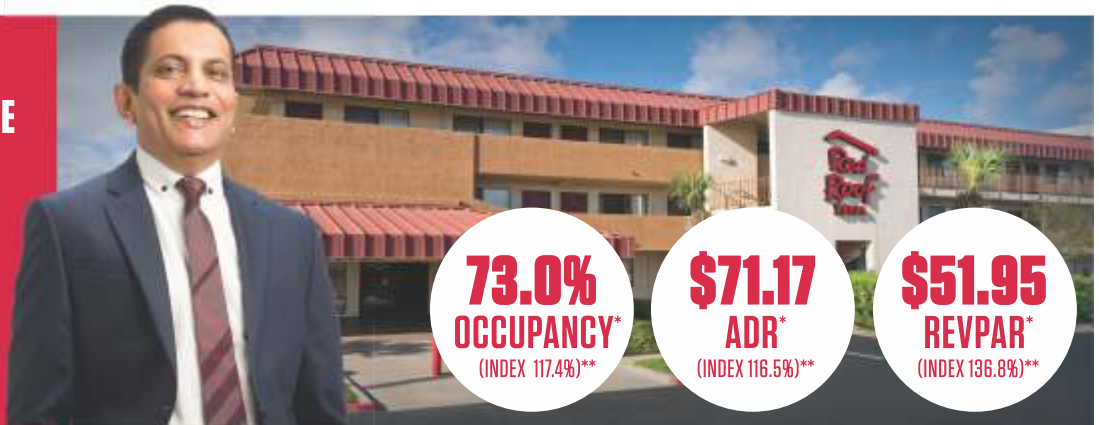
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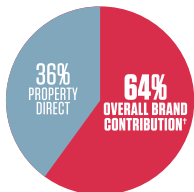


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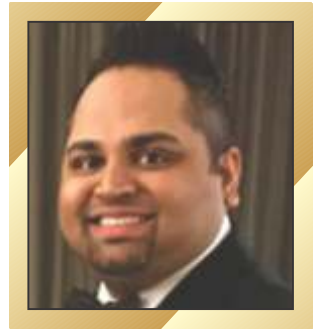
**HEMAL PATEL**  
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Dear Members,

As we know, LPS is a community based organization where it's main goal is to bring members closer to each other, maintained harmony in community and passing down our local cultural values to next generation. For years, organization board and it's members have been using different tools and techniques to achieve this goal including but not limited to conferences, magazine, picnic and gathering at local levels, student scholarships, cultural activities etc..etc.

In past and today, LPS does publish it's signature magazine Leuva Connections to distribute community news and cultural messages from time to time regularly. LC is a great way to connect all generations from parents to kids of this digital age. Today, with time and generation changes, not only the content of communication but the way of communication is changing as well. LC achieved its goal and will continue to earn higher respect in coming years. However, with ever changing communication content from all kind of news to registration data collection for any event in LPS, its digital mediums are becoming major part of LPS publications.

Have you ever thought role of our digital mediums which we use to promote various LPS activities? Yes, I am talking about importance of electronic mail (e-mail), LPS website and our Facebook page. We all know that messages published digitally has higher response rate and new generation is very much likely to get involved in conversations. We are proud to have over 2000 members actively participating with facebook page subscriptions. Members are free to post any community appropriate messages on facebook unlike a company facebook page where only



**ROSHAN PATEL**  
IT Officer Website

one authority is allowed to post messages. Facebook is a powerful tool to represent social collaboration and we must adopt it even more greater way to promote our community and culture.

All kind of news are being published via email to every members. Website is a solid presence to represent who we are and what we do as well as to help organize our events. LPS website has come long way with it's current content level. Going forward, LPS has bigger plan to promote our cultural values through our website and facebook page. LPS website needs your help to populate it with quality content. Content that can be useful to our members from kids to elders. Organization like us can be more effective if it is able to provide quality cultural message to its members. I think it is time where LPS need participation from our large number of membership where they can provide their cultural thoughts or knowledge to nurture all generations of members. Modern young members who have born and raised here in USA can give message to previous generation on how they feel about our culture and what can be done better in order to take it forward where greater interest can be sustained in organization. Experienced members can provide message to young ones on their own experience of cultural values back in India and abroad.

Let us know your thoughts. I am sure there is great amount of talent hidden in our community that can reshape our base in USA. Let's get involved with providing content from your experience of life and work.

Being said that, I pledge your support with your valuable contribution on content that can help our members inside and outside of community.





On behalf of the LPS of USA Youth Co-Chairs and the LPS of USA youth committee, we wanted to thank each and every attendee that attended and participated in our Youth Town Hall in Houston, Texas, on March 5th, 2017. We wanted to give special thanks to South Padre Island, TX Mayor – Bharat 'Barry' Patel, for speaking to our youth about education and the importance of involvement in volunteering activities and politics, to LPS of USA Past-President, Mukesh Mowji who spoke to our youth about our heritage, culture, and religion and to Milan Patel from San Antonio, TX who spoke to our youth about alcohol and drug abuse. As always, many of our LPS of USA Board Members were in attendance, including our President, Sanjay Patel. Special thanks to our Past-Presidents, Mukesh Mowji and Samir Patel who were also in attendance. We want to see continued youth attendance and participation for our future events, as you all are the future of our Samaj. We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of our youth at our 2017 LPS of USA National Convention in Atlanta, GA on July 27th – July 29th as we are planning great activities, speakers and entertainment for all of you.





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My name is **Girish "Gary" Patel (Afwa)** and I serve on the board of LPS of USA as the **Youth Officer (West)** for 2016-2017. I live in San Antonio,

Texas with my family wife, Deepti and two daughters, Reya and Trina. A native of Surat, Gujarat, I came to the U.S more than 14 years ago as our parents & grandparents did in pursuit of the American dream. We all have goals whether we are born here or in India and that is to continue our heritage and culture respect our elders and still bring our community together.

Teaching the importance of our mother language "Gujarati" which is what keeps our identity alive in America is one thing that keeps our bond together. Teaching our culture and heritage is a huge importance especially for our youth because it keeps them connected to our community and the importance of being a Gujarati. Holding annual community events in each individual area keeps the youth aware of why we celebrate events such as Holi, Ramnavmi, Navrati and Diwali. Even traditional weddings keep our culture around because now even the priest will explain the importance of why we do the pithi, satak or even the importance of the seven rounds around the fire. This explanation makes our youth aware of our culture and heritage in hopes that they will continue with this tradition.

During my time in our community, I have met many great individuals who have made our community what it is today. If it wasn't for the first generation of individuals like our parents or grandparents, who worked very hard building themselves at the same time keeping up our culture we would not have an Indian community as strong as it is today. Saying this, it is important that the youth know how hard our elders had it when they first came to America and

because of this they need to respect our elders. Just because our elders may not be as tech "savvy" don't forget they did all that we do now but without the internet or other means of technology.

Bringing our community together is the main goal not just for me but with all volunteers who serve on any committee or board. I became involved in serving my local committee back in 2004. It really opened my eyes to the importance of what I was responsible for and meeting people I had never met. Without this involvement we would not be as strong as a samaj as we are today. My purpose to serve as the Youth Officer is to keep our youth involved and engaged in our community events. Today's youth is so busy with technology, education, activities, etc that if we do not keep them actively interested in our events we will not have a samaj as strong as it is today. I want to make sure our youth know and spread our knowledge of our culture and heritage to their kids and even grandkids in the future. This is important to me personally because being a father of two girls I want to make sure that they hold a special place in the hearts for our community when they get older and not forget where they came from. Also I want to share some rules to our youth, hopefully you will be followed and it will be a change your life to more successful and memorable.

- \* "Keep Your Promise "
- \* " Share"
- \* "Think of others before yourself "
- \* "Say I love you each other "
- \* "Listen to your parents "
- \* "Do your Best "
- \* " Say Please & Thank you "
- \* " Always tells the truth "
- \* "Use Kind Words "
- \* "Laugh at yourself /together, Hug as family "
- \* " Love each Other "
- \* "Discuss Finance "



There are many issues between 2nd and 3rd generations. One of the biggest issues the generations face is cultural knowledge. Majority of generation X was born and raised in

India, where as the millennials were born and raised in America. While Gen X know about the Hindu culture, us millennials can tell you all 45 presidents we've had. As a millennial, I feel that we need to learn more about our culture so we can teach our kids. Even though we are living in American, we will always have Indian blood running through our veins.

- Reshma Patel



I have been serving LPS of USA for past 8 years representing Ohio and Florida. I joined the youth committee this year because I believe that the

- Sital Patel

\* There is Always another chance for everything in life but fact is there is no chance of another life so dream it, meant it, live it and love it.

### Highlights of Youth Events

We will be holding approximately 3 youth town hall event this year. Tentative locations are Houston, TX, Atlanta, GA, and Nashville, TN. Be on the lookout for more details. This year our youth committee is focused on holding events for the different age groups including things like tours, aquariums, scholarships, etc. They are also making a list of events and activities that will take place during the convention. We are all open to ideas and comments so please feel free to contact myself or any of our youth committee members.



**LPS of USA National Convention July 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 Tentative Youth Agenda**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> Friday:**

**3:00 PM : Coca-Cola Factory visit : Free transportation & tickets provided**  
**6:00 PM : Refreshments & net working**

**July 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday:**

**1:30 PM : Youth General Session Youth Q&A**  
**3:30 PM : Interactive Session**  
**10:00 PM : Youth evening entertainment @ Marriot Ballroom**

youth are the future of our samaj. We need to show them the importance of Lueva Patidar Samaj and teach them about our culture thru various events thru out the year. I believe our youths need to get more involved in our samaj because they are the one that are going to teach the next generation after them the value of our culture.

## Message from the Youth Committee



Our Leuva generations are ever changing with each generation starting to drift away from our culture and heritage. This generational gap

between our first and second generation is starting to become an issue, which leads me to the following questions:

### ***What is the issue at hand?***

Majority of our second generation are going off onto the wrong track and doing as they please, not knowing what the consequences will be. This falls on the parents alone, which leads me to the next question.

### ***How has the generational gap become greater?***

The key problem is communication. Parents are not able to communicate and

open up to their children most of the time. Even if they are able to, for most, it is either not taken seriously or it is in one ear and out the other. Giving my own experience, at a very young, I had realized how communication is very important with my parents and family.

Communication shrinks the gap between the two generations. Knowing this fact, I have surrounded myself with a positive, influential and liked minded group of individuals. I knew while growing up that my heritage, roots and culturereley on this simple logic of putting communication first.

### ***What is being done to preserve our culture and heritage?***

The start to preserving our culture and heritage is at home. The parents have to communicate with their children and tell them the rights and the wrongs affiliated with our beliefs. This is the only way the Samaj can do its part by holding specific seminars, mixers and events, which

leads to our youth having participation and interest.

### ***Will this become a problem and trend for our future generations?***

The answer we anticipate is hopefully no. We must imply communication within families, then only we can continue teaching and preserving our culture. To illustrate, with communication being so strong within my household, the recommendation of an arranged marriage in India by my parents seemed like a right decision for my future. Fortunately I have found someone in India who I really click with and because of this, it will be easier for me to carry on our culture and heritage onto my children.

**- Saajan B. Patel (Puna)**

Houston, TX

LPS of USA Board of Director



Being born in India, I was given an opportunity to learn and experience our culture for about 14 years. I learned about the history and literature of our culture and also was fortuitous

to scrutinize the future of our Leuve Patidar Samaj. Our roots go deep down the history and it is our responsibility to pass them along. I believe we should carry on our heritage and culture as they help us establish an identity and gives a certain connection to our values, beliefs, and customs. Keeping traditions alive is important for

teaching the next generation to keep it from vanishing here in the states. When moving to America, the main generation gap I've seen between the youth and adults is mostly knowing the culture itself. Nowadays, children aren't taught about our culture and by that I feel like slowly our culture will eventually be forgotten because the youth will not know anything about it. Enlightening even a little bit of information about our culture during their early years will cultivate their knowledge. I am happy to know my culture, and to know where my family originated from. It gives me the sense of being whole and at the same time makes me feel original and different from other people. Hence, I feel like it is very important to give insight to the youth about our culture and heritage while making it an enjoyable experience.

**- Milan Patel, B.S.**



*My name is Saahil Patel I am 18 years old. I am in 11th grade and a LPS youth committee member. I have been attending LPS conventions and gatherings since I was eight years old. Some of these gatherings include the LPS youth ski retreats and the LPS youth camp Retreat. I have also volunteered at LPS annual convention held in Cincinnati and performed in*

*the cultural events. I'm encouraged to be in the youth committee this year because of my involvement of LPS in the past ten years. My mother's commitment toward the LPS organization have inspired me to be part of the Youth Committee. I joined the LPS youth committee to make a difference to our youth and to preserve our culture for the future. I am very fond about LPS and enjoy helping and learning about our culture. I enjoy attending the youth seminars because it is a great platform for me to learn about our culture, and network with other youths.*

**- Saahil Patel**

Cincinnati OH  
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## LPS Women Volunteering in Nepal

*Volunteerism allows us to delve even deeper,  
to have a positive impact on communities.*

*Jai Sai Ram...*

Our sincere Thank you for your support and Contributions for the people of Nepal. Our second journey to volunteer at the LPS of USA School being built in the Himalayas, five of us depart on January 9th, 2017. We plan to volunteer for 7 days. While there, we will help build the school, educate children and villagers on basic hygiene, distribute the school supplies, and blankets donated by the Youth and Women Committee of LPS of USA. This year, we will setup a health post for the district villages which will be managed by Dr. Sudha Kumar of DC. Stay tuned for details after our journey:-



**Dr. Sudha Kumar**  
Washington, DC



**Lina Patel**  
LPS Board Member  
Cincinnati, Ohio



**Maya Patel**  
Mobile, Alabama



**Manisha Patel**  
Nashville, TN



**Nayna D. Patel**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Dr. Sudha Kumar** Originally from Delhi, Dr. Kumar completed her MBBS from Lady Harding, and Fellowship in Neonatology from Georgetown University. Currently, Dr. Kumar is a Neonatologist at the Children's National Medical Center.

### *LPS of USA Building a School in Nepal*

*Jai Sai Ram.* Our sincere Thank you for your support and Contributions for the people of Nepal. Our second volunteer journey, On January 9th, 2017, we set out for Nepal. Upon arrive, we first met with representatives of CEN Nepal (Child Environment Nepal) and CEN-UK (Child Environment Nepal-UK), who took us the visit the village where the first ever LPS of USA school is under construction. The off-road journey by 4-wheel drive was 9 hours long. Upon arrival, we saw 1/3 of the school construction is well under way.

We have had some delay in the project due to government requirements of site change. Site was changed due to land slide and loss of partial land. The current site construction has already started and its at full swing. We anticipate completion by September of this year.

The following day, we held a meeting with the community leaders. Over 300 villagers, including 200 students, attended this meeting in the courtyard of the School. Here we distributed backpacks full of school supplies (donated by LPS of USA Youth Committee) to the children. We also distributed 150 blankets (donated by LPS of USA Women's committee) to the village women.



Women volunteers huddle in front of a village school destroyed by April 25th, 2015 Earthquake in Nepal. They are from left, Pramila Pandey-Nepal, Lina Patel-Cincinnati OH, Maya Patel-Mobile, Alabama, Nayna Patel-San Antonio, Texas & Manisha Patel-Nashville, Tennessee

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## LPS Women Volunteering in Nepal

This year, we were blessed to have Dr. Sudha Kumar, a neonetologist from Washington DC, who joined us. She setup a makeshift medical camp. She was very excited that her dream of serving a village became a reality. She brought along with her, 2 suitcases full of basic medical supplies. Early morning, a line full of men, women and children formed very quickly. She took a lot of blood pressures, saw a lot of gastritis - more so in the women as well as the respiratory ailments related to smoking. There were nutritional deficiencies like iron and calcium being the predominant ones. The hygiene was a big issue as well. Interestingly enough there were no high blood pressure recorded except for one. :-)



"A year later, it is still the same but people were content with what they have but still sad. We being in America take everything for granted, need to be thankful"..... **Manisha Patel**

"I was in tears. I had never been to Nepal before and I didn't know such poverty existed. At first I couldn't handle it; I saw such rubble. Then I prayed to God and said, 'I have to become strong.' I saw what a difference I could make."..... **Nayna Patel**

"If they don't have a school to attend they don't have a future. We want to encourage them, 'Keep going to school!'"..... **Lina Patel**

"The people in Nepal are resilient with humble hearts and gratitude!!!" ..... **Maya Patel**



**We invite you to join us in 2018 to volunteer with us in Nepal. Details to follow soon!**

**Donor Opportunity:** To support our efforts to bring hope to the children of Nepal, make a check payable to LPS of USA and mail to Manisha Patel C/o LPS of USA at **1508 Knox Valley Dr., Brentwood, TN 37027**

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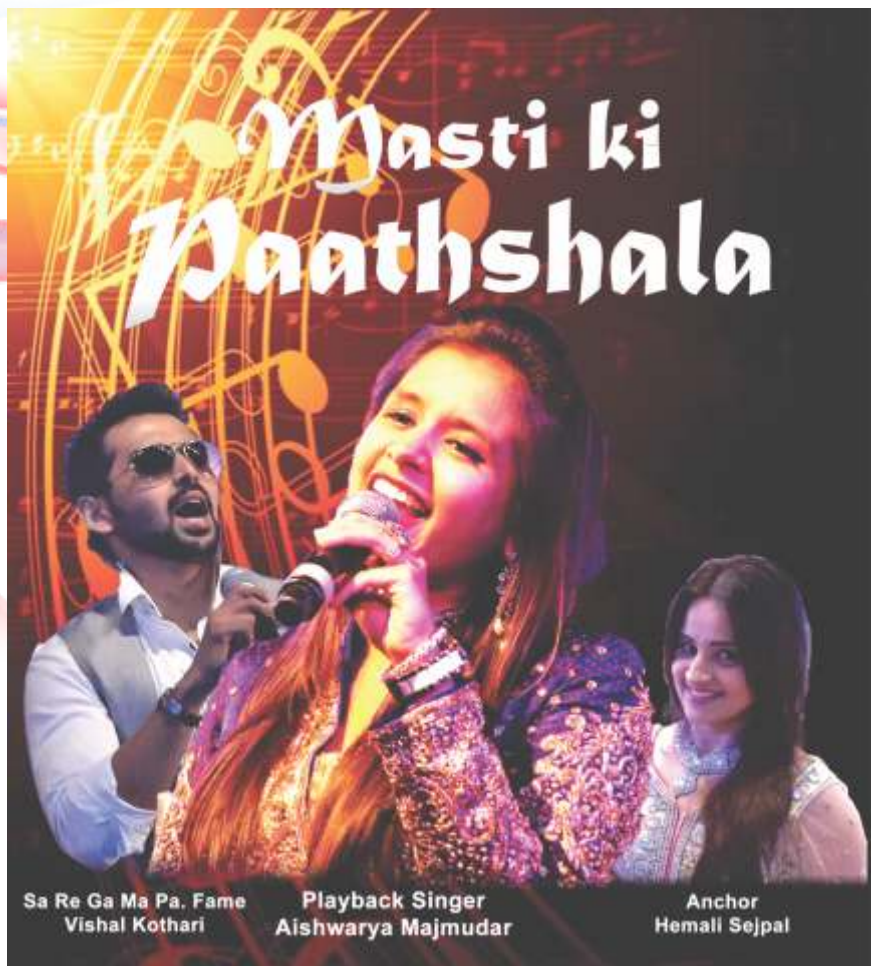
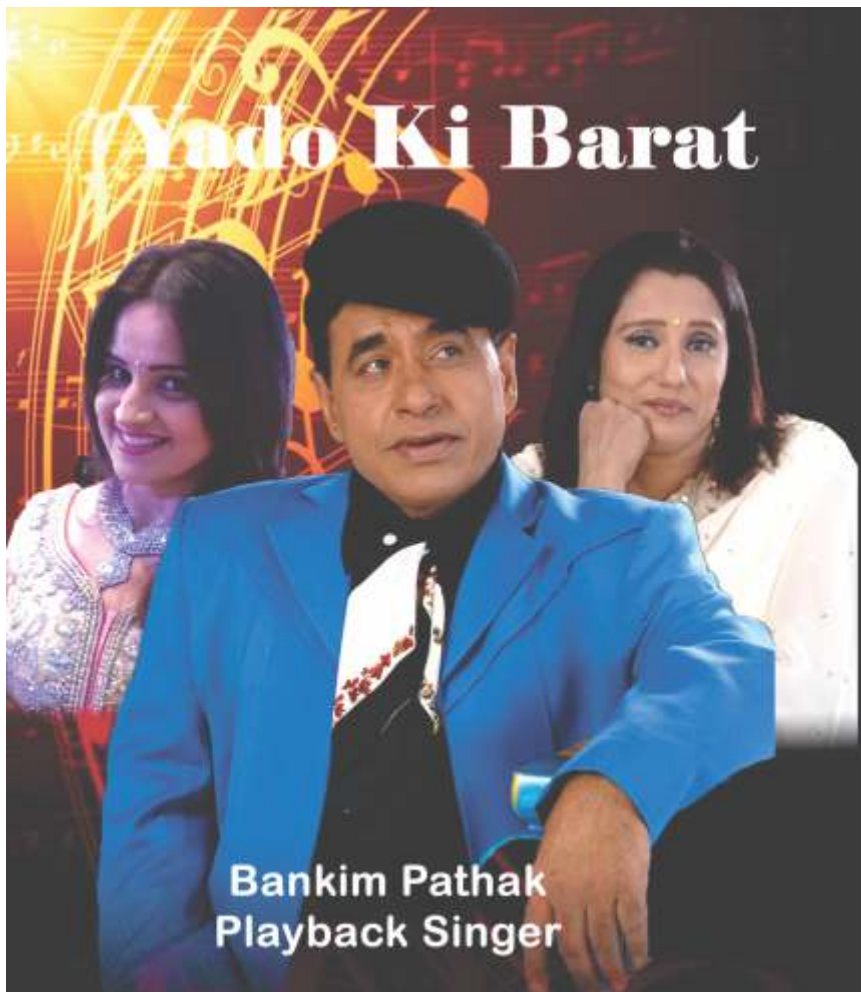
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## LPS Scholarship Introduction :

One of the hidden gems of LPS of USA is the Leuva Patidar Samaj Scholarship Foundation. It has awarded over hundreds of thousands of dollars to qualified and deserving students since 2001. This scholarship not only assists LPS youth to attend college, but to excel in it. Many of the past recipients have went on to become leaders in a multitude of industries. A fundamental principle of the Leuva community is the belief that education can lead to success; therefore, the LPS Scholarship Foundation backs this belief, by awarding qualified LPS youth year after year. For this current school year, 2016-2017, sixteen recipients have received tens of thousands of dollars, but we want more parents & students alike to know about this wonderful opportunity.

One way you can help is to buy and encourage others to buy LPS of USA raffle tickets, of which 40% of the profit will go to the scholarship foundation and continue to help one student at a time become the best that he/she can be with an education that we all know is essential in this world.

The deadline to submit the LPS Scholarship application form for this year is June 15, 2017. Please encourage our Leuva youth to apply as soon as possible.

**Below is a list of our current recipients:**

	Recipient	Father's Name	City, State	Gham	Attending University	Major
1	Riken Nathu	Arvin Patel	Apopka, FL	Baben	Uni. of Florida	Biochemistry
2	Pushti Leva	Satish Leva	Fabens, TX	Goji	Austin College	Business Administration
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4	Sohoni Patel	Hitentra Patel	Round Rock, TX	Dhaman	Uni. of Texas San Antonio	Biology
5	Alysha Patel	Vinod Patel	Morristown, TN	Rabda	Pellissippi State Community College	Kinesiology
6	Anuj Kuber	Chandrakant Kuber	Marietta, GA	Puna	Kennesaw State Uni.	Mechanical Engineering
7	Manalee Purhoit	Jai Purohit	Pinellas Park, FL	Jamraval	Gulf Coast State College	Liberal Arts/Veterinary Med.
8	Jay Patel	Anilkumar Patel	Pontotoc, MS	Kharvasa	Uni. of Mississippi	Biochemistry
9	Jasmina Patel	Jitendra Patel	Lebanon, TN	Vadhvanya	Uni. of Tenn. College of Pharmacy	Pharmacy
10	Jenny Patel	Pankajroy Patel	Knoxville, TN	Palan	Uni. of Tenn. Knoxville	Mechanical Engineering
11	Dipam Ishwar	Piyush Ishwar	Medford, OR	Vacharwad	Oregon State Uni.	Kinesiology
12	Heliben Patel	Shashikant Patel	Pontotoc, MS	Gunesvel	Bevill State Community College	Science
13	Raveena Bhula	Hasmukh Bula	Gatlinburg, TN	Bodlai	Uni. of Tenn. Knoxville	Kinesiology
14	Pratik Patel	Mukesh Patel	Knoxville, TN	Bardoli	Uni. of Tenn. Knoxville	Supply Chain Management
15	Shalin Patel	Bhadreshkumar Patel	Muldraugh, KY	Sarai	St. Louis College of Pharmacy	Pharmacy
16	Raj Bhula	Hasmukh Bula	Gatlinburg, TN	Bodlai	Uni. of Tenn. Knoxville	Accounting

**The LPS Scholarship application link is below:**

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## The Sweet POISON - Gutka

### Harmful Side Effects of Chewing Gutka

#### Overview

Gutka, a combination of arecanut, slaked lime, paraffin and catechu along with tobacco, is virtually poison. Promoted as a mouth freshener, this mixture is a combination of 4,000 chemicals of which at least 40 are carcinogenic compounds, say doctors.

People get addicted to it as gutka is reported to have stimulant and relaxation effects. While most consumers believe that the blend is not harmful, doctors, especially oncologists, say consumption of gutka is more harmful than any other form of tobacco.

This is because when a person chews gutka, the mixture directly enters the system through the oral cavity. In the case of smoking, 20 per cent of the harmful chemicals reach the lungs and 80 per cent is exhaled.

With more than 4,000 carcinogenic chemicals in it, gutka has compounds of nitrosamines, arsenic, benzopyrenes, several pesticides apart from chemicals closely associated with chlorine and ammonium compounds, says Jagannath Dixit, consultant, surgical oncologist at HCG Cancer Care Centre. Gutka also contains carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and hydrocarbons. Welcoming the government's decision to ban gutka, Dr. says it is more dangerous than beedis. It can cause non-healing ulcerative lesions in parts of the oral cavity such as cheek, lips, tongue, hard palate, floor of the mouth and soft palate. It can also affect the food pipe, voice box and kidney.

People commonly develop non-cancerous conditions like bronchial asthma, hypertension, heart disease and also stroke.

While narrowing of the blood vessels can cause gangrene, stoppage of blood supply in extreme cases can cause stroke. In women, consumption of gutka during pregnancy can result in low birth weight babies, he says.

"Overall, people can develop cancers of mouth, throat, lung and oesophagus; heart disease and related ailments. While most youngsters get easily addicted to it, women are in the habit of chewing tobacco or even inhaling snuff, which is even more harmful,"

Apart from these harmful effects, gutka can also cause loss of appetite, unusual sleep patterns and loss of concentration, the doctors add.

#### Carcinogenic Effects

Betel nut has potentially carcinogenic constituents, according to the NIH. Long-term use can cause oral submucous fibrosis, a condition that makes it difficult to open the mouth. It can also lead to pre-cancerous lesions in the mouth and a cancer called squamous cell carcinoma. Regular use also may increase risk for other mouth cancers, as well as cancers of the liver, cervix, stomach, prostate and lung. Other acute effects can include rapid heartbeat, low blood pressure and worsening of asthma.

#### Breathing Reaction

Some people report breathing problems after using gutka, according to the NIH. Some people experience

wheezing and an increased breathing rate. While no documented allergic reactions exist in scientific literature, people who have allergies to other members of the Palmaceae, or palm, family theoretically may experience reactions to gutkha.

#### Body Reactions

Chemicals in the betel leaves can cause skin color changes, along with dilated pupils and blurred vision. Seizures have been reported with high doses, according to Aetna Intelli Health. Gutkha also may cause or worsen conditions that involve muscle stiffness, tremors, difficulty moving certain parts of the body, and involuntary mouth or face movements.

#### Toxicity

Some people experience toxicity symptoms from gutkha use, according to the NIH. These include increased saliva production, increased tearing, sweating, incontinence, diarrhea, flushing and fever. Other issues can include problems with eye movement, confusion, psychosis, amnesia or feeling euphoric. Withdrawal symptoms like anxiety and memory lapse can occur with long-term use.

#### Short-Term Effects

Using gutkha can lead to vomiting, nausea, stomach cramps and diarrhea. It also can cause chest pain, either high or low blood pressure, raised skin temperature and irregular heart beat, according to the NIH. Betel chewing can harm gums as well, and people can experience burning and mouth dryness.

#### Long-Term Effects

Other side effects of gutkha can lead to abnormal thyroid function and kidney abnormalities, advises Aetna IntelliHealth, as well as metabolic syndrome, liver toxicity and immuno-suppression. It can also alter blood sugar levels and raise your risk of developing type 2 diabetes.



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## The dangers & effects on the Human Body

Drinking too much – on a single occasion or over time – can take a serious toll on your health. Here's how alcohol can affect your body:

### Brain:

Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways, and can affect the way the brain looks and works. These disruptions can change mood and behavior, and make it harder to think clearly and move with coordination.

### Heart:

Drinking a lot over a long time or too much on a single occasion can damage the heart, causing problems including: Cardiomyopathy - Stretching and drooping of heart muscle Arrhythmias - Irregular heart beat, Stroke, High blood pressure.

Research also shows that drinking moderate amounts of alcohol may protect healthy adults from developing coronary heart disease.

### Liver:

Heavy drinking takes a toll on the liver, and can lead to a variety of problems and liver inflammations including: Steatosis or fatty liver, Alcoholic hepatitis, Fibrosis, Cirrhosis.

### Pancreas:

Alcohol causes the pancreas to produce toxic substances that can eventually lead to pancreatitis, a dangerous inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels in the pancreas that prevents proper digestion.

### Cancer:

Drinking too much alcohol can increase your risk of developing certain cancers, including cancers of the: Mouth, Esophagus, Throat, Liver, Breast.

### Immune System:

Drinking too much can weaken your immune system, making your body a much easier target for disease. Chronic drinkers are more liable to contract diseases like pneumonia and tuberculosis than people who do not drink too much. Drinking a lot on a single occasion slows your body's ability to ward off infections – even up to 24 hours after getting drunk

## Harmful Interactions

### Mixing Alcohol with Medicines

You've probably seen this warning on medicines you've taken. The danger is real. Mixing alcohol with certain medications can cause nausea and vomiting, headaches, drowsiness, fainting, or loss of coordination. It also can put you at risk for internal bleeding, heart problems, and difficulties in breathing. In addition to these dangers, alcohol can make a medication less effective or even useless, or it may make the medication harmful or toxic to your body.

Some medicines that you might never have suspected can react with alcohol, including many medications which can be purchased "over-the-counter"—that is, without a prescription. Even some herbal remedies can have harmful effects when combined with alcohol.

This pamphlet lists medications that can cause harm when taken with alcohol and describes the effects that can result. The list gives the brand name by which each medicine is commonly known (for example, Benadryl®) and its generic name or active ingredient (in

Benadryl®, this is diphenhydramine). The list presented here does not include all the medicines that may interact harmfully with alcohol. Most important, the list does not include all the ingredients in every medication.

Medications typically are safe and effective when used appropriately. Your pharmacist or other health care provider can help you determine which medications interact harmfully with alcohol.

### Did You Know...

Mixing alcohol and medicines can be harmful. Alcohol, like some medicines, can make you sleepy, drowsy, or lightheaded. Drinking alcohol while taking medicines can intensify these effects. You may have trouble concentrating or performing mechanical skills. Small amounts of alcohol can make it dangerous to drive, and when you mix alcohol with certain medicines you put yourself at even greater risk. Combining alcohol with some medicines can lead to falls and serious injuries, especially among older people.

### Alcohol affects women differently

Women, in general, have a higher risk for problems than men. When a woman drinks, the alcohol in her bloodstream typically reaches a higher level than a man's even if both are drinking the same amount. This is because women's bodies generally have less water than men's bodies. Because alcohol mixes with body water, a given amount of alcohol is more concentrated in a woman's body than in a man's. As a result, women are more susceptible to alcohol-related damage to organs such as the liver.

### Older people face greater risk

Older people are at particularly high risk for harmful alcohol–medication interactions. Aging slows the body's ability to break down alcohol, so alcohol remains in a person's system longer. Older people also are more likely to take a medication that interacts with alcohol—in fact, they often need to take more than one of these medications.

### Timing is important

Alcohol and medicines can interact harmfully even if they are not taken at the same time.

### Remember...

Mixing alcohol and medicines puts you at risk for dangerous reactions. Protect yourself by avoiding alcohol if you are taking a medication and don't know its effect. To learn more about a medicine and whether it will interact with alcohol, talk to your pharmacist or other health care provider.

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અમો મારા પ્રમુખ તરીકેના કાર્યકાળ દરમિયાન રપ કરતાં વધારે ટાઉનહોલની યોજવા માંગીએ છીએ. જેઓનો મુખ્ય ધ્યેય આપણા સમાજમાં મદદરૂપ થવા અને સમાજમાં સભ્યો વધારવાનો છે. આ ધ્યેય સાથે અમોએ Dallas, TX માં બહેનોની સભા જૂન ૭મી, ૨૦૧૭ના દિને રાખી છે.

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હું દરેક લેઉવા પાટીદારને આગળ વાર્ષિક સંમેલન જે જુલાઈ ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯, Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta, GAમાં યોજવાનું છે તેમાં પધારવા આમંત્રણ પાઠવું છું. જ્યાં આપણી પાસે ઘણાં સારા વક્તાઓ સાથે સ્વાદિષ્ટ અવનવી વાનગી અને મનોરંજન કાર્યક્રમ અને આનંદમયી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ હશે.

આ વર્ષે આપણું લક્ષ્ય “આપણી અનેકતા માં એકતા” લવવાનું છે. જેથી આપણા યુવાનો પણ ઘણી સભાઓ યોજી લોકોને સમજાવવાના પ્રયત્નો કરે છે. આપણો યુવા વર્ગ આપણું ભવિષ્ય છે. જેઓ આપણા ભવિષ્યના આગેવાનો છે, જેથી મારી અને મારી આખી ટીમ સાથે જોડાવો અને સંગઠન ને સફળ અને યાદગાર બનાવો.

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મારું નામ ગીરીશ (ગેરી) પટેલ (આફવા) છે, મારી LPS of USA માં Youth Officer તરીકે ૨૦૧૬-૧૭માં વર્ષમાં નિમણુંક કરવામાં આવી છે. હું San Antonio, Texas માં મારી પત્ની અને બે બાળકો રીયા અને ટ્રીના સાથે રહું છું. મારું મૂળ વતન સુરત, ગુજરાત છે. હું ૧૪ વર્ષ પહેલાં અમેરિકા આવ્યો હતો, મારા દાદા અને પરદાદાનું સ્વપ્ન અમેરિકામાં રહેવાનું હતું. આપણા બધાનું ધ્યેય આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ, આપણાં વડીલોને સમ્માન આપવાનું આપણા સમાજને ભેગાં રાખવાનું છે.

આપણી માતૃભાષા ‘ગુજરાતી’ શીખવવાનું કારણ એ જ છે કે આપણી માતૃભાષા આપણી ઓળખાણ છે, જે અમેરિકામાં આપણને સાથે રાખે છે. આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ વિષે યુવાનોમાં જ્ઞાન આપવાનું મુખ્ય કારણ છે જે તેઓને ગુજરાતી તરીકે આપણા સમાજમાં જોડીને રાખે છે. વાર્ષિક પ્રોગ્રામ દ્વારા યુવાનોને જણાવવામાં આવે છે કે આપણે હોળી, રામનવમી, નવરાત્રી અને દિવાળી શા માટે ઉજવીએ છીએ. લગ્ન પ્રસંગો પણ પરંપરાગત રીતે ઉજવવામાં આવે છે. બ્રાહ્મણો પીઠી, શાન્તેક અને મંગળફેરાનું મહત્વ સમજાવે છે. જે આપણા યુવાનોમાં સંસ્કૃતિ અને રિવાજો આગળ ધપાવે છે.

મારા જીવનમાં હું આપણા સમાજના ઘણા મહાન વ્યક્તિને મળ્યો છું કે જેના કારણે આપણો સમાજ તૈયાર થયો છે. આપણો બધાએ આપણા દાદા અને પરદાદાની જેમ સખત કામ કરીને સમાજને મજબૂત બનાવવો પડશે. યુવાનોએ જાણવું પડશે. યુવાનો એ વડીલોને એ રીતે માન આપવું જોઈએ. આપણા વડીલોને કારણે જ આપણે બધા અત્યારે ટકી રહ્યા છે. તેઓએ ઈન્ટરનેટ અને આધુનિક સેવાઓનો ઉપયોગ કર્યા વગર સક્ષમ બન્યા છે.

આપણા સમાજને નજીક લાવવો એ મારો નહીં પરંતુ, સમાજની કમિટિના દરેક સભ્યનો હેતુ છે, હું ૨૦૦૪માં આ કમિટિમાં જોડાયો ત્યારે મારી આંખ ખુલી. હું એવા લોકોને મળ્યો જેઓને હું કદી મળ્યો ન હતો અને મને મારી જવાબદારી સમજાઈ ગઈ સમાજમાં જોડાયા વગર આપણે કદી સમાજને મજબૂત બનાવી શક્યા ન હોત. મારો યુથ ઓફીસર તરીકે એટલો જ હેતુ છે કે આપણો યુવાવર્ગ આપણા સમાજ સાથે જોડાયેલો રહે, આજનો યુવાવર્ગ, ભણવામાં, અત્યાધુનિકમાં ઘણો વ્યસ્ત છે. જો આપણે તેઓને આપણા સમાજમાં સક્રિય નહીં રાખીએ તો આપણે મજબૂત સમાજનું ઘડતર નહીં કરી શકીએ એવું માનું હું. આપણો યુવાવર્ગ તેમનાં બાળકોમાં સમાજ પ્રત્યે જ્ઞાન ફેલાવે. બે બાળકોના પિતા તરીકે હું એવું ઈચ્છું કે તેઓ આપણા સમાજમાં મોટા થઈને આગવું સ્થાન ધરાવે. હું મારા થોડા નિયમો તમારી સાથે વહેંચવા માંગુ છું, આશા રાખું છું કે જે તમારી જીંદગીને સફળ અને યાદગાર બનાવશે.

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- એકબીજાને પ્રેમ કરો
- માતા પિતાનું સાંભળો
- તમે જે કામ કરો એ શ્રેષ્ઠ કરો
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જીંદગીમાં દરેક વસ્તુ કરવા માટે તક મળે છે માટે પોતાના સ્વપ્નો પૂર્ણ કરી અને હસી ખુશીથી રહો. સ્વપ્ના પૂરા કરવા માટે કદી બીજી તક મળતી નથી.

### યુવાનોના પ્રોગ્રામની ઝાંખી

આ વર્ષ દરમિયાન આપણે યુવાનો માટે લગભગ ત્રણ પ્રોગ્રામ કરીશું, પ્રાથમિક સ્થળો Houston, TX, Atlanta, GA and Nashville છે. વધુ વિગતો હવે પછી તમને પહોંચાડીશું. આ વર્ષે યુવાનો માટે પ્રવાસો, શિષ્યવૃત્તિ વગેરે પર પૂરતું ધ્યાન આપવામાં આવશે. વાર્ષિક સભા દરમિયાન થનાર પ્રોગ્રામોની પણ યાદી બનાવવામાં આવી છે. અમો આપના વિચારો અને પ્રતિભાવો સ્વીકારવા તૈયાર છે, તમારા વિચારો આપણા યુવાવર્ગના સભ્યોને મોકલાવો તો ઘણો આનંદ થશે.



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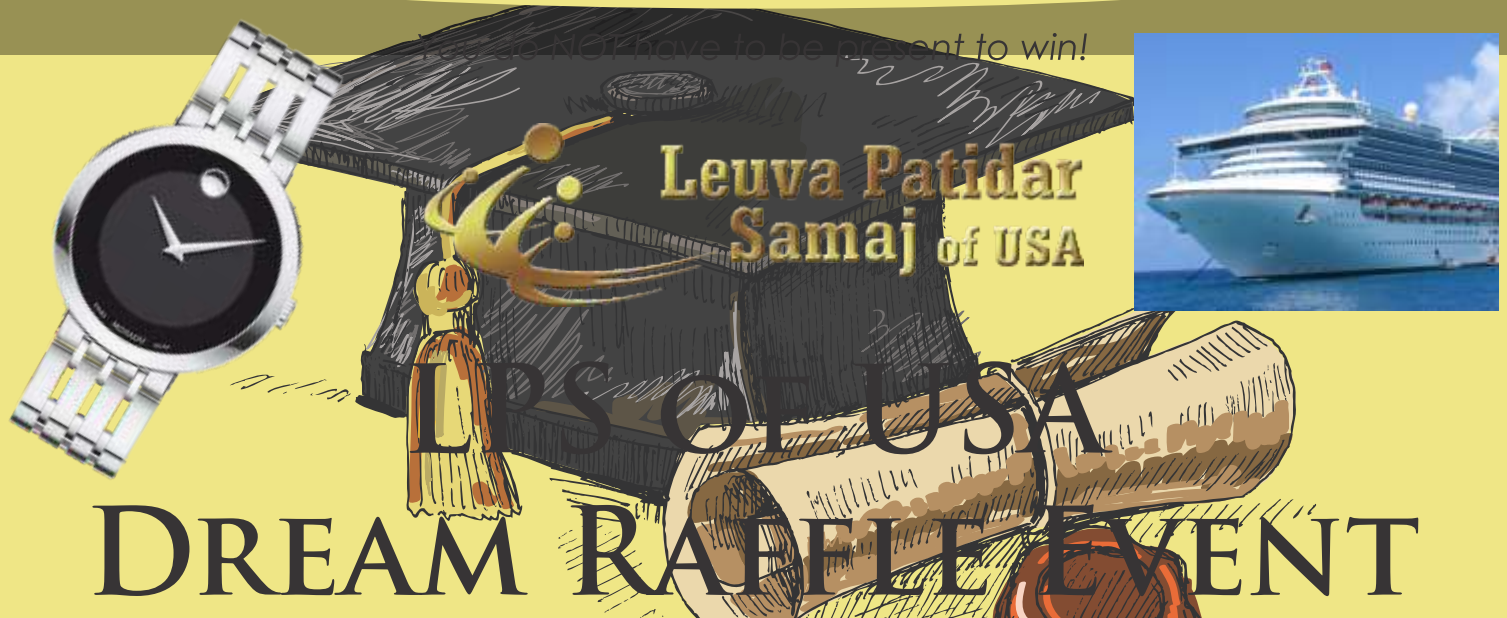
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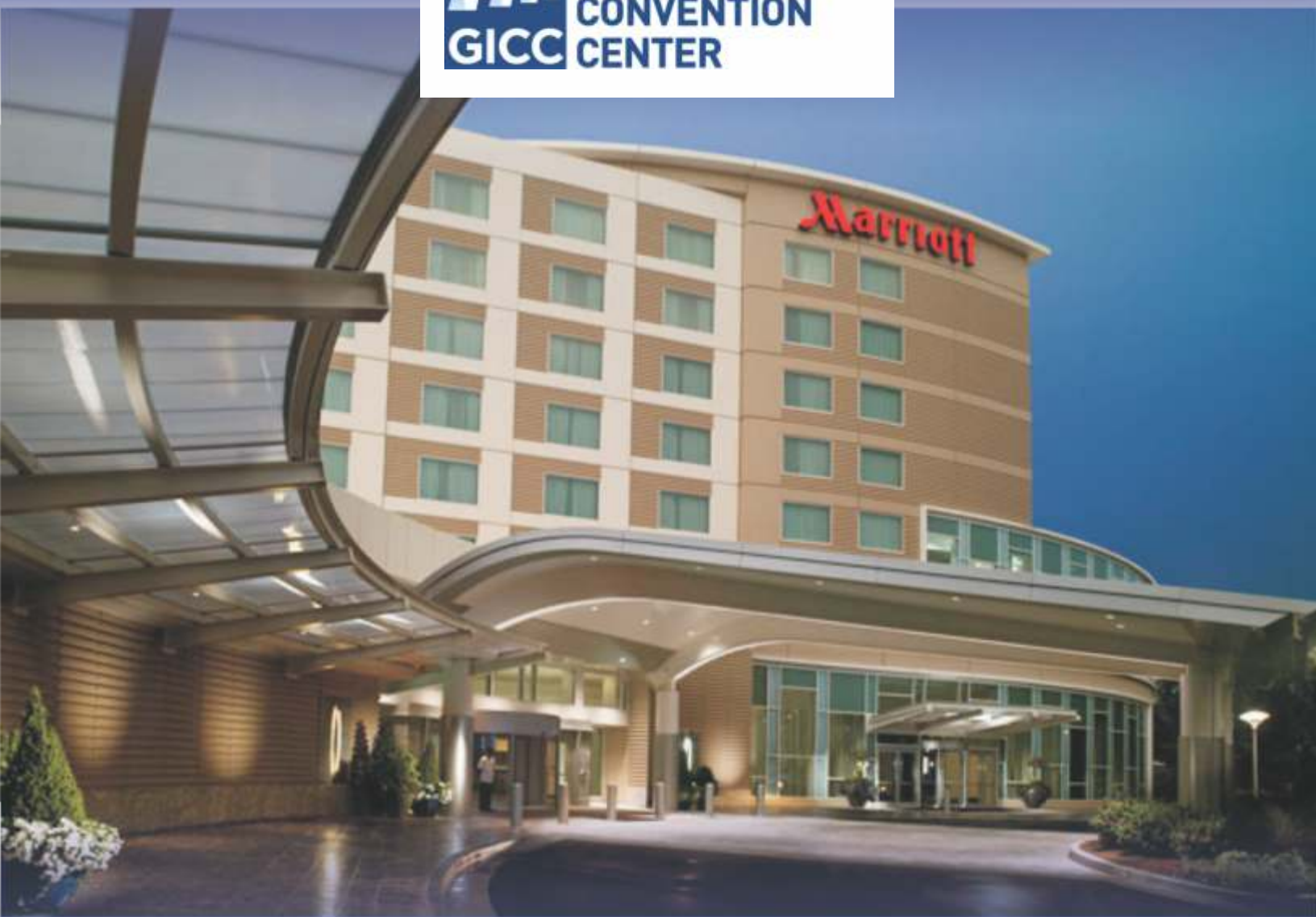
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