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Jai Shri Krishna,

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your president for the LPS of USA, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for providing the community where I and many others have found a place to belong, grow and preserve our heritage and culture.

During my tenure, the LPS of USA leadership and board have taken some initiatives and made it a priority to bring awareness during our town halls and major events. One of the key initiatives I have taken to heart is bringing awareness in minimizing "The Cost of the Indian Wedding." Marriages may be made in heaven, but they have to be paid for right here on earth. Suits, saris, jewelry, gifts, decorations, sweets, food etc. are the quickest way to spend a lot of money. We must consider that these lavish huge weddings with expensive gifts and long three- to four-day ceremonies are more of a stress and burden on both sides of the family, both financially and mentally.

Instead, we should consider helping our children by saving on the high cost of the wedding so they can start their next chapter in life with the money saved. Some of the suggestions to consider are maybe cutting down the guest lists, minimizing the number of ceremony days, having guests pay for their own rooms, providing no gifts, and overall not be pressured and burdened by society as an obligation to have an expensive wedding when in reality it is not necessary or can be afforded.

Furthermore, this year, along with our board, we have had a great year working on many successful events such as the Senior Cruise, Women's Punta Cana Retreat, Youth Summit and many town hall meetings across the country where we were able to make many new lifetime members and, most importantly, were able to secure a great sponsorship from Cyberweb with a commitment to help for five years because they saw the value and the goodness that LPS of USA was bringing to the community during the town halls.

Last but not least, we cordially invite everyone to attend our exciting LPS of USA Annual Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 27 and 28 at the Statehouse Convention Center. The Little Rock Marriott is the host hotel. The local communities in Arkansas are working hard to make this an incredible event with an array of excellent activities from entertainment, general session programs, youth, women and senior citizen sessions and, most imperative, a great and tasty food menu.

Moreover, this year we will have the youth and adults together at the same venue for the Gala night. This is the reason we have these conventions – to bring the youth and adults together to celebrate our heritage and culture. This is our mission to bridge the generation gap.

Please visit www.lpsofusa.com to register for the convention. After registration, you will receive a link to book your reservation at the Little Rock Marriott at the special LPS group rate.

We all are proud to volunteer our time and efforts to help for the betterment of our association.

Come Join Us.

"Let's celebrate together toward a better tomorrow."

Deepak Patel (Gaam -Kantali) President LPS of USA 2017-2018

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Jai Sia Ram,

Dear Valued Members,

Welcome to the 2018 Spring issue of Leuva Connection! Team LC is excited to bring you this issue with coverage of communities and members of Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA!

Please take some time to get to know the layout of our magazine. You will notice five main areas of coverage:

- Senior Citizen Cruise from Tampa
- ▶ Women's retreat in Punta Cana
- ▶ Leadership Article by Jimmy Patel
- Annual Convention Details
- Excellent article written by Makanji

We look forward to your feedback on this issue as well as suggestions for next issue that will be delivered to you. Email us! We thank those who shared their stories and "Team Leuva Connection" for their hard work and dedication on this issue.

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Dear All:

Jai Shree Krishna!

On behalf of the board of Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA, we would like to cordially invite you to our Annual Convention which is to be held at Statehouse Convention Center, located at 101 E Markham St, Little Rock, AR during July 27th - July 28, 2018.

This year's event is packed with variety of programs for all age groups including the pre-teens, teens, young adults, women, and of course our seniors. As the theme portrays, the focus of this convention is 'Let's walk together for a better tomorrow'. As world's one of the largest social organizations celebrates its heritage and tries its best to promote and preserve the leuva culture for our most precious asset – our youth, we humbly ask everyone's participation. By having events like this, we try to energize the already existing efforts to inspire a better way of life through humanitarian culture of love, service, purity, discipline, and dedication. We believe this is one of the best ways for families to meet, socialize and interact in a social forum.

With tireless hard work and dedication of local and national volunteers we look forward to making your experience a memorable one. We are very excited to bring you the best of entertainment, food and cultural & heritage experience that will be second to none. We are humbly requesting the support of each and every leuva members across the USA to encourage their leuva friends and families to attend this very exciting yearly event of our Samaj.

For your convenience, the membership application and the convention registration forms are enclosed herewith this. Moreover, if you or someone you know who is interested in sponsoring opportunities, please see information in the flyer or contact any of the board members.

We are excited and so should you for the biggest annual event of our Samaj. We personally look forward to welcoming you and your family to the excitements of our Annual Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please mark your calendars for July 27th, & 28th, 2018 as this will be an event you don't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Deepak Patel (Kantali/Savannah,GA) President Email:royalinn@gmail.com Mahendra Patel (Ruva/S Padre Is, TX) V.P. & Convention Chair Email:mikowaves@aol.com







Tentative Agenda

JULY 27TH, 2018

Attendee Registration	01:00pm - 05:30pm
Lunch	12:00pm - 01:30pm
Board Meeting	01:00pm - 04:00pm
Welcome Reception	06:00pm - 07:30pm
Dinner	08:00pm - 10:00pm
Cultural/Garba	09:00pm - 12:00am
Late Night Snacks	11:00pm - 12:00am

JULY 28TH, 2018

Breakfast	06:30am - 08:30am
Yoga and Meditation	06:30am - 07:30am
Attendee Registration	08:00am - 01:00pm
General Session	09:15am - 11:30am
Gala Seat Assignment	11:30am - 04:00pm
Lunch	12:00pm - 01:30pm
Board Election	01:30pm - 02:30pm
Refreshments	02:00pm - 03:30pm
Youth Seminars/Activities (By Age Group)	03:00pm - 04:30pm
Matrimonial (Age 21 & up)	03:00pm - 04:30pm
Women's Seminars/Activities	03:00pm - 04:30pm
Bhajans	03:30pm - 05:30pm
Social Hours	06:00pm - 07:30pm
Gala Night Dinner	08:00pm - 10:00pm
Entertainment	09:00pm - 12:00am
Youth Entertainment (By Age Group)	09:00pm - 12:00am
Late Night Snacks	11:00pm - 12:00am

JULY 29TH, 2018

Breakfast 07:00am - 10:00am







Registration Information

Membership Status	Early Registration Fee On or before 06/15/2018	Onsite Registration Fee After 06/15/2018
LPS Annual Member (18 & Over)	\$100.00 per person	\$130.00 per person
LPS Lifetime member	\$75.00 per person	\$105.00 per person
Children ages 10-17	\$59.00 per person	\$89.00 per person
Senior Citizen (65 & Over)	\$59.00 per person	\$89.00 per person
Non-Member (Leuva Only)	\$200.00 per person	\$230.00 per person

NOTE: (1) Unmarried children 18 & Over of a Lifetime member will be charged Lifetime member's registration fees. (2) Married children of a Lifetime member will be considered as a regular member. (3) All family membership must have current valid membership or will be charged the non-member (Leuva) fee.

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Marriott Downtown
3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Phone: (501) 906-4000
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/litpb-little-rock-marriott/

Group Rates: \$99.00 + Tax (Up to 2 Adults) (Cutoff Date is 07/10/2018) Parking Charges: \$6/day

Notes: For hotel reservations; you must first register and pay for annual convention by visiting www.lpsofusa.com and then follow the instructions for reserving a hotel room.

Please be mindful of hotel's cancellation policy.





Women's Retreat to Punta Cana a 'Complete Success'

HE WOMEN'S Retreat held in Punta Cana from May 3 through 6 was a complete success. We had approximately 40 attendees and each one had a memorable experience. Upon organizing the event, we queried all the women on their likes and dislikes and took into consideration their interests by sending out a questionnaire to each attendee. Once that data was collected, we incorporated it into the schedule.

To many of us, the anticipation was exciting. Imagining sunny skies, sandy beaches, palm trees and exotic drinks, were things we thought about. I knew everyone was nervous meeting new people and getting to know them. I was nervous myself.

Once we arrived, on Thursday evening, we started with a cocktail hour to mix and mingle. This was a great way for everyone to introduce themselves to one another and talk about Leuva issues close to our hearts. To my surprise, everyone participated in discussions and really embraced the idea to get to know one another. We gave away a free night's hotel stay as one of the raffle prizes. Congrats to Mittal Raja for winning that drawing! We also gave away several other raffles such as credits for room stays, but the event was mainly for the purpose of providing an ice breaker for everyone to enjoy each other's company and create a positive environment to motivate each other. Later that evening we attended an elegant dinner at an Italian restaurant as everyone continued to "hang out" and bond. We also discussed the agenda for the remainder of the stay and received great input. The evening ended with everyone more at ease and comfortable with each other.

The following Friday morning, as we continued on with the retreat and as established the night before, we enjoyed breakfast and prepared ourselves to go on a quest with our first excursion. It started by us jumping aboard a mega truck and starting with a safari tour. This tour let everyone experience the real Dominican Republic up close by traveling through back country roads and farmers' fields. Everyone got a



After discussing Leuva women issues and getting to know one another, retreat attendees put on their matching T-shirts for this group photo.

chance to see Dominican life up close and sample exotic fruits, coffee, chocolates and sugar canes. We were taken through the fruit market and had the opportunity to purchase items. We visited a home of a local farmer and learned how produce was grown as well as organic cinnamon and chocolate. We even saw crafts such as locals carving figurines out of trees! Next, we enjoyed a hike up the fields and saw how tobacco was grown. We learned how cigars were rolled and made, and even had a chance to make them ourselves. It was a great learning experience. Later in the day, we headed back to the hotel where everyone was able to relax and have some rest, just enjoying the beach, pool and spa. Many decided to disperse and enjoy dinner of their choice at several of the restaurants in the all-inclusive hotel resort.

The next event on our to-do list was Coco Bongo. Coco Bongo combines the best of Cirque du Soleil theater, music and disco all into one amazing performance. There were trapeze artists, gymnasts and other performers that wowed the audience with their performances for an enchanted evening. As the show unfolded before our eyes, we were also given the opportunity to join in on the fun. The fun continued throughout the evening and everyone had an amazing time before going back to the hotel.

Many decided to sleep in Saturday morning and relax after a late night. That morning, we lounged around the hotel and enjoyed some of its other all-inclusive shows and food. The beaches were beautiful with clear waters, a perfect time to snap some pictures at the pool and beach. After lunch, we decided to do some shopping in town. We were shown pure Dominican hospitality and were always greeted with a smile with our personal shopping tour guide.

Before attending dinner, we again met up, for some bonding time. We discussed Leuva issues, women's issues, as well as health and beauty. Nancy Patel showed everyone some fancy exercise tricks, and Stormy Patel demonstrated skincare secrets. We addressed health and beauty as well as ways we can all better ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually. We raffled off some more prizes and made sure everyone walked away with some goodies. It was a great experience and everyone felt closer and united. That evening, we enjoyed a custom meal prepared by experienced chefs at a well-known Chinese restaurant that catered to everyone's needs. We enjoyed new foods and delicious desserts with everyone just enjoying each other's company and taking lots and lots of pictures with each other. The disco ball was waiting for our arrival that evening. We danced the night away as it was our last night together. Most had early flights the next morning, so we made the most of the time we had left together.

Sunday morning came too quickly. It was sad saying goodbye to everyone,



as many of us started this adventure as strangers but left as family. We asked everyone what their favorite part of the retreat was and unanimously everyone said "Coco Bongo." It is definitely a must see if ever in Punta Cana.

We would like to thank our sponsors who made this trip adventurous for everyone. Thank you, Vickie Lam with Red Roof for your sponsorship and for attending the retreat with all of us. We all had an amazing time with you. Thank you, Fortis Payment Systems for your sponsorship and contribution to the Women's retreat. Thank you, Stormy Patel with Rodin + Fields for the sponsorship of the T-shirts worn on Saturday. Without our sponsors, these events would not have taken place.

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to Sandy Patel with Cruise Planners who helped book and organize the hotel accommodations and events.

Everyone on the women's committee would like to thank all of the amazing women who came on this memorable trip. Together we really did make a new family, bonded and had a great time. Until next time

Jai Shree Krishna.

Stormy PatelWomen's East Officer



The women toured local produce and tobacco farms to learn more about the Dominican way of life.



A mega truck carted the women throughout local communities in Punta Cana.

Retreat Reviews

"Had a blast and hope to see you all soon. Thank you for your love and friendship." - Hansini Jogee

"This was my second LPS women's retreat and I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it with ALL of you. Let's all keep it going and try to make a positive difference for all women in our community." - Indra Dayaram

"Really enjoyed the time spent with all and making new friends."
- Geeta Patel

"Leaving with best memories and lots of new friends." - Daksha Patel

"Will never forget this trip. Ever!"
- Vaishali Patel

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What it takes to lead a non-profit organization



H E R E are many different types of leaders and their styles help characterize their leadership abilities. There are autocratic leaders,

democratic leaders, strategic leaders, visionary leaders, and servant leaders, just to name a few. When it comes to leadership style, there is no one-size-fits-all for every business or every company or every association. So, who's the best type of leader to lead our organization? What types of leadership skills should that leader possess? There are no simple answers. However, let me share my thoughts based on my experiences.

Leadership is the act of leading a group of people or leading an organization. Only certain types of leadership styles work to help advance the goals of a non-profit group or organization. I had the opportunity to lead AAHOA when I was elected as secretary in 2012 and then served as chairman in 2015. During the three years leading up to my chairmanship year, while working with my fellow AAHOA officers, I had the opportunity to experience democratic leadership and autocratic leadership.

Democratic leadership is also referred to as participative leadership, and it refers to leaders who ask for input from team members before making a decision. When a leader implements these types of leadership abilities other members of the group tend to be more helpful and participatory. The result is more creativity and a better environment. Leaders who decide to utilize this style of leadership tend to yield greater results for any organization. This style also helped AAHOA move forward as the entire team felt that it was important and involved with the decision-making process.

Autocratic leadership involves utilizing significant control and leading with an iron fist. This style results in less creativity, less collaboration and significantly less morale among board members. Autocratic leaders are more commonly associated with military organizations. This style, while effective in certain organizations, is not ideal for leading a non-profit board.

In 2015 in Long Beach, when I gave my



opening speech as the new AAHOA chairman, I ensured all AAHOA members I would work to unify the membership and unify the board. Although we all had diverse opinions and differing thoughts, we all had the same goals for the organization. We wanted the membership to unite and for AAHOA to become the powerhouse hotel-owners organization it was intended to be.

My leadership style was a style that involved a mix of servant leadership along with some democratic leadership. A servant leader prefers to share power with the team and encourages collective decision making. This style is also referred to as altruistic leadership and results in improved diversity and helps boost the morale of a team.

In our non-profit organization, we had a diverse group of individuals elected by the membership. If you respected each person's opinions and valued their input, the result would be that you earned their respect. I also knew, regardless of my own personal goals, the collective opinion of the team would be the best way forward. If you aspire to be a leader of an organization, then it is of utmost importance that you understand this fact and realize that everyone, including the leader, must work as a team.

During my term, I remember having a conversation with one of the women on AAHOA's board of directors. Her comments reinforced the fact that the style of leadership I had implemented was effective for growing our organization. She mentioned that despite serving on the board for more than four years this was the first time she felt she had a voice. Servant leadership allows a team to unite and work toward a common goal. Unity encourages greater participation and involvement from the entire organization. At AAHOA, unifica-

tion led to more ambassadors becoming actively involved.

Greater involvement of the ambassadors resulted in increased participation by their colleagues and their friends. Essentially, just by showing respect and valuing each board member's opinions, servant leadership and the subsequent unity created a snowball effect that resulted in a year that was the most financially suc-

cessful year in AAHOA history

One other style of leading the board was a skill a previous chairman had shared with me. Leading the board from the front of the board allowed me to reduce cross talk and keep control of the flow of discussion. Leading from the front also means demonstrating the skills to lead by example. During my tenure, I tried not to talk down to members of my team. I considered myself to be on the same level as they were. The only real difference between members and myself was the fact that the membership had entrusted me with the title of chairman for one year.

A true leader must realize the needs of the organization. A leader must also realize who is on the team and what's important to members. It is significantly important that leaders work in collaboration with their board. They must respect board members along with respecting each individual's opinion regardless of who they are, where they come from or even their gender. Although we as individual leaders may have an opinion of how things should move forward, the will of the board and the team is the most significant opinion and the only one that truly counts.

For the youth that hopefully read this, I hope some of you feel it is important for you to give back to the community. If you do have the opportunity to lead, then I hope this helps you realize that inclusivity of everyone and respect for each other will help you become one of the most successful leaders of your organization.

Jay "Jimmy" Patel Treasurer Gaam: Nogama

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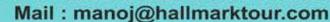
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honor their wishes, without adding any more stress or burden to the family.

Please "ask," on behalf of the Samaj, if the family wants to give. That's it. If they say yes, just call us and we can coordinate the rest. If they say no, we will always honor and respect



their choice.

We also request your help identifying and honoring the members who decide to give. Please help us

highlight their courageous and selfless decision to share. With the family's permission, we want to honor their act by sharing their story on Facebook and elsewhere in the community. The funeral organizers should surely mention their kind act during the ceremony as their entire family will be proud of their loved one's choices.

• We are prepared to help any families in need. Please contact us anytime at 888-582-2270 or at www.Samaj.Life.

Bavaji Charities nears fundraising goal

Bavaji Charities Inc. this year has raised \$220,000! The non-profit organization focuses on community service in education, health and natural-disaster work. Its fundraising goal is \$250,000.

The organization in 2017 opened a newly built Jai Ambe Hospital in the village of Chaparda in Visavadar Tehsil of Junagadh district in Gujarat, India.

The hospital has 180 beds and provides free health care to needy people living within 400 kilometers or about 250 miles of the facility. Types of health care provided include general medicine, general surgery, pediatric services, emergency services, ophthalmology, gynecology, orthopedic and special



treatments.

Vipin Bavaji is founder of Bavaji Charities. He had volunteered on the boards of directors of LPS of USA for 14 years and with AAHOA for nine years. He ended those tenures, he said, to focus on charity work in India.

• To donate or learn more about Bajavi Charities visit www.bavajicharities.org or call 601-807-4819.

Tiny Smiling Faces helps 65 schools

Tiny Smiling Faces supports 65 schools, of which 50+ schools are in the Navsari and Bardoli districts. Our goal is to be actively supporting 100 schools near Navsari and Bardoli. We would like to not add any more schools once we reach 100 schools; instead, we intend to put all of our energy and focus into helping these 100 schools in becoming the best of the best.

When we first add your school, our foundation will contribute \$1,000, as matching funds, to your school. We present our foundation work at many events, helping to raise funds and provide financial assistance to all schools. Our foundation will also fund 25 percent of the cost of all improvements.

We receive financial assistance from many corporations in U.S. and many families. We have plenty of funds to add more schools. Our foundation now has very dedicated seven volunteers in India who will help with all that needs to be done.



If your village is not part of our group, we hope you take the initiative and take the necessary steps to add your school. Help raise funds for your school and take part in the ultimate act of kindness, helping underprivileged kids. Many of us in the U.S. are fortunate to be able to enjoy a wonderful life, possibly because our parents or grandparents had the opportunity to get the education they needed at these village schools. Let us do what is necessary so underprivileged kids of our villages have the same opportunity.

Our foundation is 501-C-3 foundation. We have zero administrative fees. All administrative expenses are paid by the founder's family, and 100 percent of money donated for each school is sent to India, directly to that school's bank account. You, alongside other NRI and local residents, will manage the bank account and decide how to best spend the money to help the kids at your school.

We offer the most transparent way to donate and help underprivileged kids of village schools. Let us all do a small act of kindness and help our village schools and help these kids. Please indicate with your check which school you would like to support and we will send 100 percent of your contributions to the school you choose. To add your school, email Tinysmilingfaces@gmail.com. Tiny Smiling Faces address is 223 Oak Hill Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.

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Leuva Patidar Samaj Foundation

Scholarship Application Deadline June 15, 2018

THE LEUVA
Patidar Samaj
Foundation,
founded in
2000, has
provided scholarships
to many
Leuva youth
throughout



the years. These scholarships have had major impact on the lives of our youth as many of our award winners have been able to use this opportunity to become very successful in their careers.

The Leuva Patidar Samaj Foundation, in conjunction with The Jaydev & Purnima Patel Family Foundation, is glad to accept their generous donation which will increase our annual scholarship awards up to \$90,000.

The top 3 award recipients will receive a \$10,000 scholarship each!

We highly encourage our Leuva community to spread the word and to find those who could be in need of these financial resources. Each college student must fill out and submit the application by June 15, 2018. The LPS Foundation application form can be downloaded from www.lpsofusa.com or access via this link:

http://www.lpsofusa.com/Documents/LPS_Scholarship_Application_2017_e.pdf

If you or anyone you know may be a good candidate for this scholarship please encourage them to submit an application.

We will do whatever we can in our power to help empower any and all qualified Leuva Youth. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund to help more of our youth achieve their dreams!

Highlighted below are a few of our outstanding scholarship award winners.

Ami Ishver

Ami's family is from Umrakh. She is from Pensacola, Florida, and attends the University



of West Florida, majoring in biology. Her career goal is to become a pharmacist.

Riken Nathu

Riken's family is from Baben. He is from Round Rock, Texas, and attends the University of Florida, majoring in neurobio-



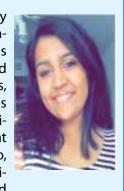
logical sciences. He plans on attending medical school and become a physician. As a physician, he intends to serve the underserved communities in health care and play an active role in health care policy. His goal is to give back to those who have allowed him to pursue his aspirations.

Raj Bhula

Raj's family is from Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He is majoring in finance at the University of Tennessee. His career goal is to become an investment banker.

Alysha Patel

Alysha's family is from Dhaman. She is Round from Rock, Texas, attends and Universithe ty of Texas at Antonio, San majoring in microbiology and



immunology with the goal to become a pharmacist.

Raveena Bhula

Raveena's family is from Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She attended the University



of Tennessee, majoring in kinesiology, and is pursuing a second degree in nursing at South College. Her career goal is to become a nurse.

Jenny Patel

Jenny's family is from Palan. She is from Knoxville, Tennessee, and attends the University of Tennessee, pursuing a doctorate biomedical engineering, researching drug delivery systems for pediatric oncology.





Organizers of the senior citizen cruise made sure to celebrate birthdays while on board.





Pravin Patel graciously dedicated his time and sang for the seniors throughout the cruise.



Members of the group walked off their sea legs on the island.



 ${\it Seniors of GCA Na shville, Tennessee}.$



 ${\it Cruisers got in some yoga stretches in the mornings.}$





Senior cruisers also got a happy workout by dancing to traditional tunes.



Seniors enjoying their time together on the cruise with a Spiritual and Bhajan session along with afternoon tea.



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Senior citizen cruise makes happy memories

Nearly 200 members of LPS of USA took part in April's Senior Citizen Cruise aboard a Carnival cruise ship. So pleased were participants, they hope LPS of USA will plan another cruise.

Here are some comments by LPS of USA members who volunteered to serve the cruising senior citizens during the five-day event that originated and ended in Tampa, Florida.

"A heartfelt thank you to our senior volunteer team and our seniors for making a very memorable event for us and for them. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve our elders who have given us so much in life. We have connected many friends and family that meet after 40-plus years." Sanjay Patel, Dallas, Texas Gaam: Bhamiya

"The volunteers tirelessly worked day and night to create a memorable event for our seniors. We are truly blessed to have this opportunity of a seva. LPS has provided us with this platform for our seniors, for whom we are greatly thankful." Lina Patel, Cincinnati, Ohio Gaams: Chikhli and Timerva.

"Journey of togetherness, with our seniors. They danced, they laughed, and connected with their peers. It was like a big family traveling together." *Asha Patel, Cin*-

cinnati, Ohio Gaam: Devadh

"It was amazing to see many seniors of LPS really come together and enjoy themselves. Truly an enlightening experience for everyone that came and enjoyed the event." Alex Patel, Birmingham, Alabama

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity I had to volunteer for the LPS senior citizen cruise and even more thankful I got a chance to spend quality time with my parents and so many other amazing kakas, kakis, mamas and mamis. Seeing all the seniors so grateful and happy made the experience so extraordinary and fulfilling. I hope to do it again soon." *Mina Patel, Atlanta, Georgia*









Part of the celebration included several participants winning iPads.

Youth Event Focused on Fun, Culture and Heritage

LPS of USA held its 2018 Youth Event on June 8 and 9 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The event consisted of ice breaker activities, speakers on the importance of getting and staying involved in the local community and on culture and heritage.

The youth also had a private tour of the Carolina Panthers Football Stadium and participated in a very engaging panel discussion on generational gaps.

All of the youth in attendance enjoyed themselves, appreciated the committee's effort and certainly were able to take one positive thing back home with them.

Thank you to each and everyone one of our youth that attended and participated in our event.

Thank you to the entire youth committee for working diligently and being instrumental in putting the event together.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our youth in Little Rock, AR from July 27-28 for our 2018 LPS of USA An-





nual Convention, as our youth committee is hard at work in putting the youth activities together.

If there are any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please email us at youth@lpsofusa.com.

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Asha Patel, a lifetime member of LPS of USA, volunteered her time to lead seniors in chair yoga and meditation.w





Jody and Pravin Patel of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Getting Old, Getting Sick and Dying - Lessons Learned

In THE past few years we have unfortunately experienced sickness and death of several elders in our family. Having had time to reflect on this, I would like to share my personal thoughts with our Leuva community.

One of the things that struck me, looking back, is that we are all so busy looking after our businesses and jobs and raising our children we tend to overlook the needs of the elders in our family. We leave them alone and attend to our business or job or children first and neglect our elders, oftentimes leaving them to take care of themselves. Further,

even after coming home we all are busy on the phone with texting and Facebook, etc., while the elders are left alone in their bedroom to watch their Indian shows. This is unfortunate and shameful.

Many of us have come to America from elsewhere, including Africa, England and India, where our parents had a great social life and were extraordinarily independent. Then, with good intentions in mind, we bring them to America thinking they will be more comfortable only to realize that while the house might be bigger, they feel trapped because they don't have as vibrant social life as they did back in England, for example.

Time passes, and as they get older and sicker we take them to different doctors weekly. We schedule their appointments at our own convenience, not theirs. Further, once they are bedridden, we do everything possible to make them comfortable and give them whatever they want. We would drive across the country to get them whatever they want to eat and drink. In my view, this is "too little too late." We are all probably guilty of this to some degree. Once they pass on we make their favorite foods for a week and every anniversary thereafter when they are no longer here to enjoy it. Why aren't we doing that while they are still alive and well?

This brings me to a wonderful story a friend told me recently: A couple is going



out to dinner with their 7-year-old son. On the way out, the parents ask the daughterin-law, "Beta, what will we eat for dinner if you are going out?" The daughter-in-law re-

plies, "Baa, you know how to use the stove; make whatever you want." The mother replies, "Beta, the stove is new, and I don't know how to use it." Hearing this, the son interrupts them: "Baa, you and Bapuji can walk to the mandir as they have prasad in the evening," and the young couple leaves with their son. In the car, the little boy says to his parents, "Mom, Dad when I grow up I want to buy a house near a mandir." His parents are confused and ask their son, "Why?" The son replies, "So it will be easy for you and Mom to walk there for dinner." Innocently, the young boy has put his parents to shame. Remember, children learn from their parents. As the saying goes, you reap what you sow.

If you are still lucky to have your parents, grand-

parents and/or other older loved ones in your life, please remember to look after them and spend time with them. That text message, Facebook update and phone call can wait. Spend time with your loved ones before it's too late.

With the hustle and bustle of life it is easy to forget about and neglect the elders in our life. I hope this letter is a wake-up call to all of us to not take our older loved ones for granted.

This letter is dedicated to all the elders in our life, those still with us and those who have passed on.

Jai shree Krishna, Jitendra Makanji jmakanji@gmail.com



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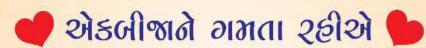
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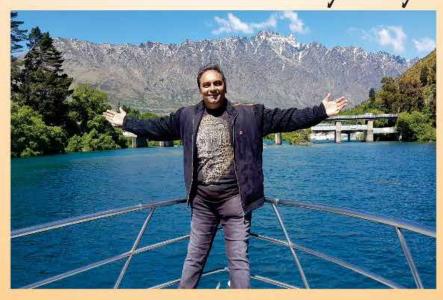
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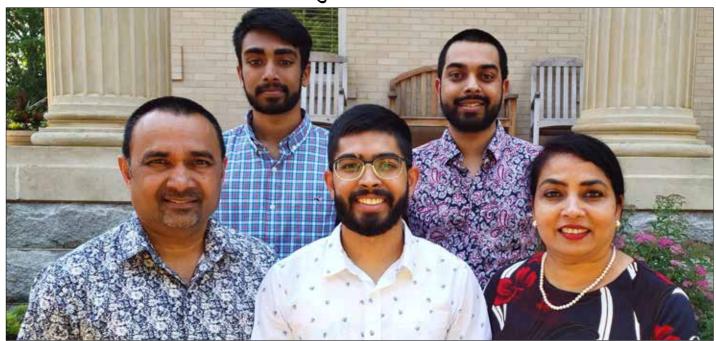
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અમેરિકાના એલપીએસના તમારા પ્રમુખ તરીકે સેવા આપવી એ મારા માટે ખૂબ જ મોટું સન્માન છે. એ તક માટે હું તમારા બધાનો આભારી છું કારણ કે તમે હું અને મારા જેવા અનેક લોકોને આ સમાજમાં એક સ્થાન આપ્યું અથવા તો આખો સમાજ આપ્યો, આપણા સમાજ, આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ અને વારસાનો વિકાસ કરવાની તક આપી છે.

મારા કાર્યકાળ દરિમયાન, અમેરિકાના એલપીએસની લીડરશીપ અને બોર્ડ દ્વારા કેટલીક પહેલ કરાઈ અને મોટા કાર્યક્રમો તથા ટાઉનહોલ દરિમયાન જાગૃતિ લાવવા માટે તેને અગ્રતા આપવામાં આવી. જેમાં મેં ભારતના લગ્નપ્રસંગોનો ખર્ચો ઘટાડવાની પહેલ કરી હતી. લગ્નો તો સ્વર્ગમાં રચાઈને આવે છે પણ તેની કિંમત અહીં ધરતી પર ચૂકવવી પડે છે. શૂટ, સાડી, ઘરેણાં, ભેટ-સોગાદો, ડેકોરેશન, મીઠાઈ, જમણવાર વગેરે માટે ટૂંકાગાળામાં મોટો ખર્ચો થઈ જતો હોય છે. આપણે ખાસ કરીને એવું ધ્યાનમાં રાખવું જોઈએ કે ભવ્ય વિશાળ લગ્નની સાથે મોંઘીદાટ ભેટ-સોગાદો તેમજ ત્રણથી ચાર દિવસની ઉજવણી એ કુટુંબની બંને બાજુએ આર્થિક અને માનસિક રીતે એક પ્રકારનો તણાવ અને બોજ છે.

તેના બદલે, અમે લગ્નના ભારે ખર્ચની બચત કરીને અમારા બાળકોને મદદ કરવાનું વિચારીએ છીએ જેથી તેઓ પૈસાના બચાવ સાથે તેમના જીવનનો બીજો અધ્યાય શરૂ કરી શકે. ધ્યાનમાં લેવાના કેટલાક સૂચનો જેવા કે મહેમાનોની યાદી ઘટાડવી. સમારોહના દિવસોની સંખ્યા ઘટાડવી, મહેમાનો પોતાના રૂમ માટે ચૂકવણી કરે, ભેટ બંધ કરવી અને કોઇ પણ જાતના દબાણમાં આવવું નહીં. ખર્ચાળ લગ્ન માટેની જવાબદારી વાસ્તવમાં જરૂરી નથી. વધુમાં, આ વર્ષે, અમારા બોર્ડ સાથે, અમારી પાસે એક સફળ વર્ષ રહ્યું, જેમ કે સિનિયર ક્રૂઝ, વિમેન્સ પુંન્ટા કાના રીટ્રીટ, યુવા સિમેટ અને દેશભરમાં અનેક ટાઉન હોલ મીટિંગ્સ જેવી ઘણા સફળ કાર્યક્રમ પર કામ કર્યું. જયાં અમે અનેક નવા આજીવન સભ્યો બનાવ્યા અને સૌથી મહત્ત્વની, સાયબરવેબ કંપની તરફથી પાંચ વર્ષ મદદ માટે પ્રતિબદ્ધતા સાથે એક મહાન સ્પોન્સરશિપ સુરક્ષિત કરવા સક્ષમ હતા કારણ કે તેઓએ ટાઉનહોલ દરમિયાન અમેરિકાના એલપીએસ સમુદાયના મૂલ્યો અને ભલાઈ પર ધ્યાન દોર્યું હતું.

અમે 27 અને 28 જુલાઈએ આર્કાન્સાસમાં લિટલ રોક ખાતે સ્ટેટહાઉસ કન્વેનશન સેન્ટરમાં અમેરિકાના એલપીએસના આપણા એન્યુઅલ કન્વેન્શનમાં તમામને ઉત્સાહપૂર્વક આમંત્રીત કરીએ છીએ. લીટલ રોક મેરિયોટ હોટલમાં રહેવાની સગવડ રાખવામાં આવી છે. આર્કાન્સાસમાં સ્થાનિક સમુદાય કરીને મનોરંજન, જનરલ સેશન, યુવાઓ, મહિલાઓ અને સિનિયર સિટિઝન પ્રોગ્રામ તથા એક સ્વાદિષ્ટ ભોજનના મેનુ સાથેની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ દ્વારા આ પ્રસંગને અતુલ્ય બનાવવા માટે ભારે જહેમત કરે છે.

તદુપરાંત, આ વર્ષે આપણે ગાલા નાઈટ માટે યુવાનો અને પુખ્ત વયના લોકો એક જ સ્થળે રહીશું. યુવાનો અને પુખ્ત વયના લોકોને આપણા વારસા અને સંસ્કૃતિની ઉજવણી કરવા માટે એક સ્થળે રાખવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરીશું. જનરેશન ગેપને દૂર કરવા માટેનું અમારું આ લક્ષ્ય છે.

કન્વેન્શન માટે રજીસ્ટર કરવા માટે www.lpsofusa.com આ વેબસાઈટની મુલાકાત લો, રજીસ્ટ્રેશન બાદ તમે એક લિંક મેળવશો જેમાં તમે લિટલ રોક મેરિયોટમાં સ્પેશિયલ એલપીએસ ગ્રૂપ રેટમાં તમારી રિઝર્વેશન બુક કરાવી શકશો.

અમારા માટે સમય અને સ્વયંસેવકતા આપણા સંગઠનની સુધારણા માટે મદદ કરવાના પ્રયત્નો પર અમને ગૌરવ છે. અમારી સાથે જોડાઓ

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મિરિકાના લેઉવા પાટીદાર સમાજ વતી અમે આપને આપણા એન્યુઅલ કન્વેન્શનમાં ભાગ લેવા માટે આમંત્રીત કરીએ છીએ.જે 27થી 28 જુલાઈ 2018 દરમિયાન સ્ટેટહાઉસ કન્વેન્શન સેન્ટર, 101 ઈ- મરખમ સ્ટ્રીટ, લિટલ રોક ખાતે આયોજિત કરવામાં આવ્યું છે.

આ વર્ષની ઈવેન્ટમાં ખૂબ જ મોટી વેરાયટી ધરાવતા પ્રોગ્રામ્સમાં તમામ ઉંમરના લોકોના ગૃપને સાંકળી લેવામાં આવશે. જેમાં ખાસ કરીને નાના બાળકો, બાળકો, યુવાનો, મહિલાઓ અને આપશા વૃદ્ધ વડિલજનોનો સમાવેશ થાય છે.

વિષયની રજુઆત પ્રમાણે જોઈએ તો, કન્વેન્શનનું ફોકસ ચાલો આવતીકાલને અદભૂત બનાવવા માટે એક સાથે ચાલીએ, કારણ કે દુનિયાનું એક માત્ર સૌથી મોટું સામાજિક સંગઠન તેની સંસ્કૃતિની ઉજવણી કરી રહ્યું છે. તે ઉપરાંત લેઉઆ કલ્ચરને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવા તથા તેને જાળવી રાખવાનો શ્રેષ્ઠ પ્રયાસ કરે છે. અમે અમારા યુવાનોની નમ્રતાપૂર્વક ભાગીદારી ઈચ્છીએ છીએ.

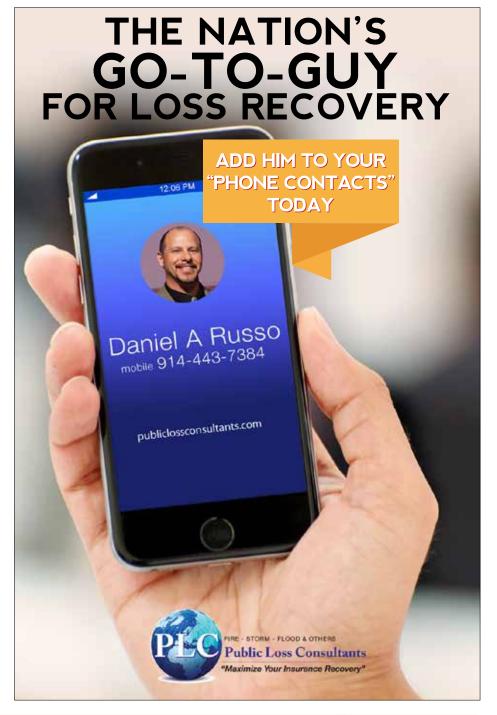
આ પ્રકારની ઈવેન્ટો દ્વારા અને પ્રેમ, સેવા, શુદ્ધતા, અનુશાસન અને સમર્પણની માનવતાની સંસ્કૃતિના માધ્યમથી જીવનના વધુ સારા પ્રયાસોનો પ્રેરિત કરવા માટે અગાઉથી જ કરવામાં આવેલા પ્રયાસોને ફરી સક્રિય કરવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરીએ છીએ. અમારુ માનવું છે કે પરિવારો સામાજિક મંચ પર એક થાય. તે ઉપરાંત સામાજિકરણ અને ચર્ચાઓ પણ વધુ સારો પ્રયાસ છે.

અર્થાગ મહેનત અને સ્થાનિક તથા રાષ્ટ્રીય સ્વયંસેવકોના સમર્પણની સાથે અમે આપના અનુભવને યાદગાર બનાવવા માટે તત્પર છીએ. અમે આપને ખૂબ સારુ મનોરંજન, ભોજન, સંસ્કૃતિ અને વિરાસતનો અનુભવ કરાવવા માટે ખૂબજ ઉત્સાહિત છીએ. જે કોઈપણ માટે બીજો નહીં હોય. અમે વિનમ્રતાપૂર્વક સમગ્ર અમેરિકામાં લેઉઆ સદસ્યોના સમર્થન માટે અનુરોધ કરી રહ્યાં છીએ. જેથી તેઓ પોતાના પરિવારો અને દોસ્તોને આપણા જીવનની આ રોમાંચક ઈવેન્ટમાં ભાગ લેવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહિત કરી શકે.

તમારી અનુકૃળતા માટે, સભ્યપદ એપ્લિકેશન અને સંમેલન ૨જીસ્ટ્રેશન ફોર્મ્સ અહીં આ સાથે જોડાયેલ છે. તદુપરાંત, જો તમે જાણતા હોવ તેવા કોઇને જે તકો પ્રાયોજીત કરવામાં રસ ધરાવે છે, તો કૃપા કરીને ફ્લાયરમાંની માહિતી જુઓ અથવા બોર્ડના કોઈપણ સભ્યોનો સંપર્ક કરો.

અમે ઉત્સાહિત છીએ અને આપણા સમાજની સૌથી મોટી ઈવેન્ટ માટે તમારી આવશ્યકતા છે. અમે તમને અને તમારા પરિવારનું આર્કાન્સાસ ખાતેના લીટર રોકમાં સ્વાગત કરવા માટે ખુબજ ઉત્સુક છીએ. 27થી 28 જુલાઈ 2018 સુધી ચાલનારી આ ઈવેન્ટને તમે ચુકી ના જાઓ એનું ખાસ ધ્યાન રાખશો. અમે આશા રાખીએ કે તમે ત્યાં ઉપસ્થિત રહો.

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વર્ષાએસ ઓફ યુએસએના 200થી વધુ સભ્યો એપ્રિલમાં સિનિયર સિટિઝન કુઝ અંતર્ગત કાર્નિવલ કુઝ શિપની સવારીમાં સહભાગી થયાં હતાં. સહભાગીઓને અહીં ખુબ જ આનંદની લાગણીનો અનુભવ થયો હતો. તેઓ હવે એવી આશા રાખી રહ્યાં છે કે એલપીએસ ઓફ યુએસએ ફરીવાર આ કુઝનો પ્લાન બનાવશે.

ફ્લોરિડાના ટમ્પા ખારે પાંચ દિવસની ઈવેન્ટ દરમિયાન એલપીએસ ઓફ યુએસએના સભ્યો જેમણે સિનિયર સિટિઝન ક્ઝમાં સ્વયંસેવક તરીકે સેવા પુરી પાડી હતી. તેમનો અનુભવ અહીં રજુ કર્યો છે. અમારા સ્વયંસેવકોની ટીમ અને અમારા સિનિયર્સને યાદગાર ઈવેન્ટનું આયોજન કરવા બદલ દૃદયથી આભાર માનું છું. અમે ઘણા મિત્રો સાથે સંપર્કમાં આવ્યાં છીએ જેઓ 40થી વધુ વર્ષ પછી મળ્યાં છે. સંજય પટેલ, ડલ્લાસ, ટેક્સાસ, ગામઃ ભામિયા.

આપણા સિનિયરો માટે સ્વયંસેવકોએ રાત દિવસ એક કરીને ઈવેન્ટને યાદગાર બનાવવા અથાગ પ્રયત્નો કર્યાં છે. એલપીએસ દ્વારા આપણા સિનિયરો માટે આ એક પ્લેટફોર્મ પુરુ પાડવામાં આવ્યું તેમના માટે અમે આભાર માનીએ છીએ. લીના પટેલ સિનસિનાટી, ઓહાયો. ગામઃ ચીખલી અને તિમેરવા.

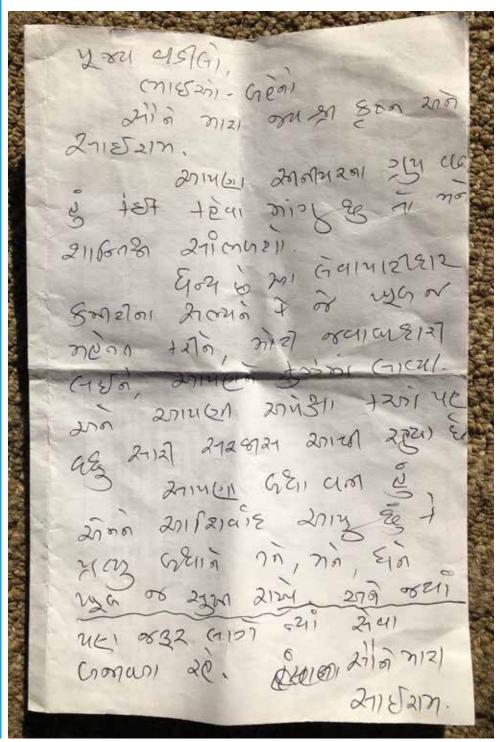
આપણા સિનિયરો સાથેની જર્ની ઓફ ટુગેધરનેસ, તેઓ મન ભરીને નાચ્યાં, હસ્યાં અને સાથીઓ સાથે સંપર્કમાં આવ્યાં. તે એક મોટા પરિવારની જેમ ટ્રાવેલિંગ કરે છે. આશા પટેલ, સિનસિનાટી ઓહાયો, ગામઃ દેવધ

એલપીએસના સિનિયર્સ એક સાથે ખુબજ આનંદ માણી રહ્યાં છે એ એક અદભૂત ઘટના છે. ઈવેન્ટમાં આવેલા આનંદ માણતા દરેક વ્યક્તિ માટે આ એક યાદગાર અનુભવ છે. એલેક્સ પટેલ બર્મિંગહામ, અલાબામા

મને એલપીએસ સિનિયર સિટિઝન કૃઝમાં સ્વયંસેવક તરીકે જોડાવાની તક મળી તથા તેનાથી વધુ મને મારા માતાપિતા તથા અન્ય કાકા કાકી, મામા મામી સાથે સમય ગાળવાનો મોકો મળ્યો તે માટે હું ખૂબ જ આભારી છું. તમામ સિનિયર્સ સાથે રહેવાનો એક અદભૂત આનંદ અને તક મળી તે માટે પણ આભારી છું. મને એવી આશા છે કે આવી ઈવેન્ટ ફરીવાર યોજાય.

- મીના પટેલ, એટલાન્ટા, જ્યોર્જિયા.

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કે લ્લા કેટલાક વર્ષોમાં અમે દુર્ભાગ્યે અમારા પરિવારમાં ઘણા વડીલોની માંદગી અને મૃત્યુનો અનુભવ કર્યો છે.આના પર વિચાર કરવા માટે સમય હતો, હું મારા લેઉવા સમાજ સાથે મારા વ્યક્તિગત વિચારો વહેંચવા માંગુ છું.

એક વિચાર મને ખૂબ જ હેરાન કરે છે, તેમાંથી એક એ છે કે આપણે આપણા કારોબાર અને નોકરીઓની ચિંતામાં તથા બાળકોની સારસંભાળ રાખવામાં ખૂબજ વ્યસ્ત છીએ, તેમજ આપણે આપણા પરિવારમાં વૃદ્ધોની જરૂરિયાતોને નજરઅંદાજ કરી રહ્યાં છીએ. આપણે તેમને એકલા છોડી દઈએ છીએ, અને સૌથી પહેલા બિઝનેસ, નોકરીઓ અને બાળકોની બાબતોમાં ધ્યાન આપીએ છીએ તથા પરિવારના બુઝુર્ગીની ઉપેક્ષા કરીએ છીએ.

કેટલીક વાર તેમને ખુદનો ખ્યાલ રાખવા માટે એકલા છોડી દઈએ છીએ. એ સિવાય ઘરે પહોંચ્યા બાદ પણ ફોન અને ફેસબુક પર વ્યસ્ત રહીએ છીએ. જ્યારે આપણા ભારતીય શો જોવા માટે ઘરના વડીલ બુઝુર્ગોને તેમના રુમમાં એકલા છોડી દઈએ છીએ. આ દુર્ભાગ્યપૂર્ણ અને શરમજનક છે.

આપણામાંથી અનેક લોકો અમેરિકામાં આફ્રિકા, ઈંગ્લેન્ડ અને ભારતથી આવ્યાં છે. જ્યાં આપણા મા બાપ પાસે એક મહાન સામાજિક જીવન હતું અને તેઓ સ્વતંત્ર હતાં. પછી મનમાં સારા ઈરાદાઓ સાથે આપણે તેમને અમેરિકામાં લાવીને વિચારીએ છીએ કે તેઓ મહેસૂસ કરવા માટે વધુ આરામદાયક હશે કારણ કે ઘર મોટું હોઈ શકે છે. ત્યારે તેઓ ફસાઈ જાય છે કારણ કે તેમની પાસે જીવંત સામાજિક જીવન નથી હોતું, જેવું તેમણે ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં કર્યું હતું, એક ઉદાહરણ તરીકે.

સમય વિતતો જાય છે, તેમની ઉમર વધતી જાય છે અને બિમારી પણ આવે છે ત્યારે આપણે સપ્તાહમાં વિવિધ ડોક્ટરો પાસે તેમને લઈ જઈએ છીએ. આપણે આપણી નિયુક્તિઓને પોતાની સુવિધા પર શેડ્યુલ કરીએ છીએ નહીં કે તેમની.

હવે તેઓ પથારીવશ થઈ ગયાં છે, અમે આરામદાયક અનુભવ થાય અને શાંતિથી જીવન જીવી શકે તે માટે કંઈ પણ કરવા તૈયાર છીએ અને તેમને જે જોઈએ તે આપવા માટે શક્ય એટલું બધું



જ કરીએ છીએ. તેમજ જે ખાવાની ઈચ્છા હોય તે તેમને આપવા માટે અમે આખા દેશમાં ફરીને ગમે ત્યાંથી લાવીને તેમને આપીશું.મારી દ્રષ્ટિએ હવે બહુ સમય વીતી ગયો છે. આપશે બધા આ બાબતમાં અનેક હદ સુધી દોષિત છીએ. એકવાર તેઓ પસાર થાય તે પછી અમે તેનો મનપસંદ ખોરાક એક અઠવાડિયા માટે અને ત્યારબાદ દરેક વર્ષગાંઠની ઉજવણી કરીએ છીએ, જ્યારે તે અહીં આનંદ લેવા માટે નથી રહેતાં. જ્યારે તેઓ જીવીત છે ત્યારે આપશે શા માટે આ બધુ નથી કરતાં.

મારા મિત્રએ તાજેતરમા સંભળાવેલી એક વાર્તા તરફ આ બાબત દોરી જાય છેઃ એક કપલ તેમના સાત વર્ષના છોકરા સાથે ડીનર પર જાય છે. ત્યારે માતાપિતા તેમની વહુને પૂછે છે કે બેટા તમે લોકો બહાર જાઓ છો તો અમે શું ખાઈશું? ત્યારે વહુ જવાબમાં કહે છે કે બા તમે સ્ટવ કેવી રીતે ચાલુ કરવો તે જાશો છો. તમારે જે બનાવવું હોય તે બનાવીને જમી લેજો. માતા વહુને કહે છે કે બેટા સ્ટવ નવો છે અને મને તે શરૂ કરતાં નથી આવડતો. આ ચર્ચા સાંભળીને પેલો નાનો સાત વર્ષનો છોકરો વચ્ચે વિક્ષેપ કરતાં કહે છે કે બા તમે અને બાપુજી મંદિરમાં જજો ત્યાં સાંજે પ્રસાદ મળે છે. અહીં આ કપલ પોતાના સાત વર્ષના છોકરાને લઈને જતું રહે છે. કારમાં પેલો નાનો છોકરો તેના માતાપિતાને કહે છે, મમ્મી, પપ્પા જ્યારે હું મોટો થાઉ ત્યારે મારે મંદિર પાસે એક ઘર ખરીદવું છે. છોકરાની આ વાત સાંભળીને તેના માતાપિતા અચંભામાં પડી જાય છે અને તેને પૂછે છે શામાટે? છોકરો જવાબમાં કહે છે કે ડિનર માટે તમારે વધુ દુર નહીં જવું પડે કારણ કે મંદિર નજીક છે. નિર્દોષતાથી પેલા નાના છોકરાએ તેના માતાપિતાને શરમમાં મુકી દીધાં, અહીં નોધવા જેવી બાબત એ છે કે બાળકો પણ તેમના માતાપિતામાંથી જ શીખે છે.

જો તમે હજી પણ ભાગ્યશાળી છો તો તમે તમારા માતાપિતા, દાદા દાદી, તથા અન્ય વૃદ્ધ પરિવારજનોની સારસંભાળ રાખવા તથા તેમની સાથે સમય વિતાવવાનું યાદ રાખો. પેલા ટેક્સ મેસેજ, ફેસબુક અપડેટ, અને ફોન કોલ્સ રાહ જોઈ શકશે, વધારે મોડુ થાય તે પહેલા તમારા વૃદ્ધ પરિવારજનો સાથે સમય વિતાવો.

જીવનની અનેક પ્રકારની હલચલમાં વૃદ્ધ વડિલોની ઉપેક્ષા કરવી અને ભુલી જવું સરળ છે. હું આશા રાખું છું કે આ મારો પત્ર આપણા સૌના માટે વડિલોનું ધ્યાન રાખવા અને તેમની સંભાળ લેવા માટેનો એક વેક અપ કોલ છે. આ પત્ર આપણા જીવનમાં રહેલા એ તમામ બુઝુર્ગ વડિલજનોને સમર્પિત છે. જેઓ આપણી સાથે છે અને જે લોકો સ્વર્ગસ્થ છે.

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