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Dear Reader:

Looking Back.....

Looking back, it's been two years since I have been serving as the president of CCI. It has been my honor and great pleasure in doing so. It was a lot of fun working along with Board of Trustees, Mr. Kamlesh Shah, Vice-President and the entire executive committee and our community members. Thank you all! I would also like to thank Mr. Ram Pai and Dr. Surya Dhakar, present and past presidents of IAVA, and their committees for promoting cultural programs with us here at CCI. It has always been fun and a true pleasure working with all of them. Together, we have staged, Manna Dey Concert, Ghazal-e-Sham by Gulam Ali, and a Hindi Play by Paresh Rawal, to name only a few. In the past two years, we have also hosted several musical evenings and Gujarati plays starring Bollywood and TV serial stars. I appreciate all of you for supporting us in promoting cultural shows to the public. Your continued support and encouragement will allow us to elaborate on the various types of cultural activities at CCI.

Despite a recession that placed a chokehold on the nation for last couple of years causing crippling economic times, we have still seen success with our "Taste of India" events. Our success has not been by accident. Through your efforts and the strength of the entire Indian community, we have achieved our goals. **Thank You All** for your support, volunteerism, hard work, and generous donations. Confidently, we look forward to even greater success as the US economy begins to recover and with continued input from you. My special thanks to the core group of TOI, especially Mr. Shirish Shah, for leading us energetically step by step, to organize the event, and to Mrs. Bina Shah for organizing outstanding cultural shows at the events. We invite you all to join us for even more participation and fun.

More the merrier

CCI has also hosted numerous religious celebrations throughout the past two years, and has a few more coming up this year. Please join us to celebrate Navratri from Oct. 8 thru Oct 16th, Havan on Oct. 15th, and Diwali on Nov. 4th and Jalaram Jayanti on Sunday, Nov. 14th at 5:00 p.m.. At this point, I request that you become a member of CCI and take advantage of free entrance to these events.

Looking forward.....

CCI is a very young, non-profit organization. It is climbing fast and high on the ladder because of the support from all of you. Each of us must continue to add to the success by sharing a simple presidential message with everyone: "we can". All of us working together productively and working safely will allow us to maximize the gains we have made. Our vision is to preserve, cherish, and promote our Indian Culture and instill it in our children. We look forward to more youth participation. Your continued support for CCI is of vital importance to the growth and vision. Please, share our message, work safely, and provide excellent, efficient services to CCI and success will follow.

Thanking You,
Vidya Patel
President,
804-399-7277

You Have an Occasion, We have the Location!

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We have spent really good time at CCI in the past few months.

On Thursday, March 18th 2010 we enjoyed a Gujarati drama "Chitkar" starring Sujata Mehta and Latesh Shah.

As the wedding season was approaching, and ladies could not go to New Jersey, Anokhi Ada Clothing displayed a great collection of sarees, salwaar Kameez and much more on Thursday, April 1st 2010.

On Sunday, May 9th 2010 Mother's Day was celebrated.

Sunday, June 6th, 2010 we were fortunate to hear the lecture on GITA and Dainik Jivan Charya by Shri Giriraj Shastriji who is renowned Scholar of Hinduism & Pushti Marg.

Father's Day was celebrated on Sunday, June 20th 2010.

On June 26th and June 27th 2010 we had Taste of India celebrations. It was a very successful fundraising event as in the previous years.

CCI, together with IAVA & GRTA presented Ghulam Ali's Mehfil on Friday, July 9th 2010

It was the pride and honor to have held a Town Hall Meeting at CCI by our Governor Bob McDonnell in August.

Thanks to Dr. Kamlesh Dave to bring such an important event to our hall.

We had Paresh Rawal's comedy drama "KRISHAN vs. KANHAIYA" staged on Tuesday, 24th August 2010.

The BOT Members and the Executive Committee Members recognized all the volunteers of Taste of India for all their hard work at the appreciation dinner on Sunday, Sept. 19th 2010.

Amritbhai Patel is collecting donations of clothes at CCI. He has arranged to send them to The Third World Countries where we can help the poor people. If you want to clean your closets you know where to take your extra clothes. For more information contact Amritbhai at 264-9362.

The 3rd World Cup Carrom Tournament was held at CCI on Sept. 27th thru Oct. 1st 2010. Like the World Cup Soccer Tournament, it's held every four years. The carrom tournament attracted players from India, Sri-Lanka, Germany, France, Great Britain and the Maldives, as well as U.S. players. Carrom is the most popular board game in Southeast Asia, said Billy Stevens, a past captain of the U.S. Carrom team helped to organize the tournament. Few shots taken by Aby Rao:



Up Coming Events at CCI: NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS



Grab your partners and bring all your friends to celebrate Navratri at CCI from Friday, Oct. 8th 2010 thru Saturday, Oct, 16th 2010 from 8:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening week days.

8:00 p.m. onwards with a live band on Fridays and Saturdays nights

Entrance:— members well come at no charge during Sunday thru Thursday.

Free for all CCI members all nine days.

Non Members: Fridays and Saturday:

Adults: \$15.00, Students: \$10.00, Children under 5 yrs. Free

Havan and Puja will be performed on Friday, Oct 15th at 4:30 p.m. it's open to all at no charge. To participate please be present by 4:15 p.m so you can get situated and not miss any part of the Puja. Puja will start at 4:30 p.m. sharp. Please contact Kokilaben Patel at 733-1159 or Bakulaben Dave at 530-2523 for more details.





DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

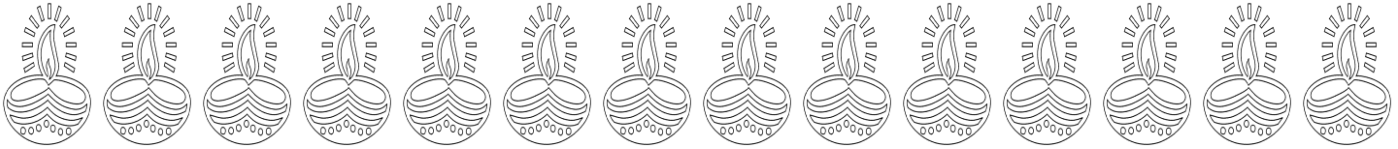
Diwali will be celebrated on Friday Nov. 5th. At 7:30 p.m. with Musical Evening and Dinner.

Free for CCI Members. .

Non Members: Adults: \$15.00 Students \$10.00

for additional information please contact

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ANNKUT:

The New Year's Annukut will be celebrated on.....at BAPS Mandir. Everyone is welcome for the annukut darshan, Bhajan.



JALARAM JAYANTHI:

With Bapa's blessings we will celebrate Jalaram Jayanthi on Sunday, 14th November 2010 at CCI with Bhajan, Arti followed by a very traditional Bhojan



Comments & Suggestions

We request all interested parties to please submit articles, comments and suggestions to

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Roll in the Dhamakedaar New Year!!!
We welcome you all to celebrate the last occasion of 2010 at CCI

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Friday, 31st December 2010



JHALAK FROM LAST YEAR





Congratulation and Best wishes to all the new graduates of 2010.

Congratulations to the newly weds as they tied the knot this year. The members of the community would like to wish them a bright future together. Congratulations to:

Seema Patel and Rakesh Nayee
 Dhruvit Shah and Jinita Patel
 Sejal and Kunal Patel

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO KNOW

Ants Problem : Ants hate cucumbers. Keep the skin of cucumbers near the place or ant hole.

To remove chewing gum from clothes : Keep the cloth in the freezer for an hour.

To whiten white clothes: Soak white clothes in hot water with a slice of lemon for 10 minutes

To avoid tears while cutting onions: Chew gum.

To remove ink from clothes: Put toothpaste on the ink spots generously and let it dry completely, then wash.

To get rid of mice or rats: sprinkle black pepper in places where you find mice or rats. They will run away.

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CCI Hall

Suitable for concerts, lectures, private parties, weddings, receptions, or any community festivities.

2010

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Navratri from Friday, 8th 2010 thru Saturday, 16th Friday, 15th Dushera Havan	Diwali Dinner, Friday, 5th Annukut Sunday, 14th Jalaram Jayanthi	New Year's Eve celebration