

2009 Newsletter

Upcoming Event:

TGA Holi
March 14th
2009

ટ્રાયેંગલ ગુજરાતી અસોસીએશન Triangle Gujarati Association

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Note from the TGA 2008 President:

Dear Friends,

It was my pleasure and privilege to serve as the President of the TGA in 2008. Thank you for your support last year. 2008 was a very successful and productive year on many fronts. For instance, the Holi program had over 200 participants. For these successes, I would like to express my gratitude to the 2008 TGA Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication. Also, I am confident that the 2009 TGA Executive Committee will continue offering great programs and make this year another successful one. Finally, the success of the programs is dependent upon community support. I would like to encourage everyone in the TGA community to continue participating in the TGA's programs and offer a helping hand to the Executive Committee. Hope your family and you have a healthy and prosperous 2009.

Sincerely,

Harsha P. Shah

Note from the TGA 2009 President:

Dear Friends,

The 2009 TGA Committee wishes everyone a Very Happy New Year. We wish upon you a year full of Health, Safety, Success and Prosperity. My wife and I are associated with the TGA right from its inception, serving in different positions. Once more, it is a privilege to serve you again as the President.

Let me take a moment to acknowledge the great service provided by the previous Executive committees in putting TGA on solid financial and administrative footing, and creating a feeling of belonging among members. Our vision is to strengthen TGA further, and we intend to accomplish this by:

1. Creating new opportunities for the youth group to develop their full potential and citizenship
2. Enhance programming and,
3. Make TGA more visible as a leader in the community at large.

To achieve this we have expanded the executive committee and have created positions for young members to participate and develop leadership for the coming years. I am very happy to inform you, that this enhanced committee is highly educated, talented and ready to take on the world.

My message would be incomplete without recognizing the fact that these are uncertain times for the global economy and we are in the midst of the perfect storm. Let's not be victim to these transient phases, but work towards making TGA, TGA youth group, and our community stronger. Please reach out to us and together we will deliver our vision.

Warmest Regards,

Arvindbhai

- Yearly members are requested to renew their membership or become a Life member. Life members are requested to pass the form to some one you know is not a TGA member or new in triangle area. The Membership form is attached.
- Our TGA website www.nctga.org is currently under construction. Stay tuned for a whole new look coming your way soon!!
- Your comments, suggestions are welcomed at nctga00@gmail.com.

2009

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TGA 2009 committee is planning their [upcoming events](#) to ensure that we have great year ahead celebrating all cultural programs for our community. We hope, we can provide all of you with an excellent year with your help as a part of the organization, seeing each of you as a part of all programs.

Confirmed Dates:

- ✓ **Saturday, March 14th – Holi (See Attached Flyer for Details)**
- ✓ **Saturday, September 12th – Pre-Navratri Celebration**

Tentative Dates:

- **Last week of June – TGA Picnic**
- **Saturday, October 3rd – Sharad Purnima Garba**
- **Saturday, October 24th – TGA Diwali**

We are looking forward to your participation in our annual Holi celebration. Participants and Choreographers please feel free to contact our Cultural Secretary Mrs. Hemini Patel.

Note: Participants and family must be a member of the TGA.

Note: In an effort to reduce costs and be environmentally conscious, starting June 2009, TGA will be delivering newsletters via email only. Please contact Khushal Mehta (919) 870-5637 (kmehta@nc.rr.com) with your updated email address to ensure proper delivery. Thank You.

Culture Corner

Uttarayan: Uttarayan (known as Makar Sakranti in other parts of India) is the day when the sun starts to travel northwards marking the decline of winter. The days become longer, the skies clearer and the breeze cooler. In Gujarat, Uttarayan is a holiday when every family can be met outdoors. People of all ages fly kites from dawn to dusk. Crowded rooftops, fun-loving rivalry to outdo each other in kite flying skills and delicious traditional Gujarati feast are the hallmarks of the day.

Meaning of Holi-Festival:

The religious significance of the festival of Holi is to mark the burning of self-conceit, selfishness, greed, lust, hatred, in fact all the undesirable tendencies, propensities, thoughts and behaviors.

It represents the victory of righteous forces over demoniac forces.



TGA 2008 Financial Statement

Opening Position on 1/1/2008 - Bank		Position on 1/1/2008 - Members	
Certificate of Deposit (3 CD's)	\$65,000.00	Lifetime - Total	356
Bank Balance - Checking (1/1/2008)	\$8,877.63	Lifetime - 2008	0
		Yearly - 2008	0
Total	\$73,877.63	Total	356
12/31/2008 TGA Income/Expense Activities			
Program/Account	Collection	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Membership, Interest, Other Collections:			
New Membership - Life Time	\$2,900.00		\$2,900.00
New/Renew Membership - Yearly (2008)	\$954.50		\$954.50
New/Renew Membership - Yearly (2009)	\$90.00		\$90.00
Interest Earned - CD Deposit+monthly checking	\$3,005.29		\$3,005.29
Refund from HSNC on Holi Practice Rental*	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
HSNC Membership Promotion Payment	\$550.00		\$550.00
HSNC Membership Promotion Payment Outstanding	(\$200.00)		(\$200.00)
*(to be distributed to Holi program participants)			
TGA Programs Collection and Expense:			
Drama (Kem Chho, Majjaa Maa?) - 2/22/08	\$7,340.00	\$5,898.27	\$1,441.73
Holi - Mela 2008(1) - 3/15/08	\$5,218.76	\$3,905.91	\$1,312.85
Picnic 2008 (1) - 6/21/08	\$1,368.00	\$2,092.78	(\$724.78)
15th August Participation - Hindi Vikas Mandal (TGAYG Food Stall)		\$540.27	(\$540.27)
Pre-Navratri - 9/27/08	\$4,217.00	\$3,209.07	\$1,007.93
Sharad Purnima Garba - 10/18/08	\$7,787.00	\$6,356.87	\$1,430.13
TGA Diwali - 11/08/08	\$8,695.00	\$12,815.84	(\$4,120.84)
Non-program Related Collection and Expense:			
TGA Newsletters (Feb '08, May '08, Sept '08)		\$1,240.62	(\$1,240.62)
Insurance Premium + P.O. Box - both annual		\$362.00	(\$362.00)
TGA Checks Order (2 boxes)		\$8.60	(\$8.60)
Outstanding from 2007 (Directory + Diwali)	\$3,800.00		\$3,800.00
Collected outstanding from Diwali 2007 (closed)	\$70.00		\$70.00
Plaque to TGA and YG Committee/Advisors (Total 18)		\$614.88	(\$614.88)
TGA Donation to HSNC Golf Event Fund Raising for Hall Carpet Project		\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Total	\$46,995.55	\$38,045.11	\$8,950.44
Closing Position on 12/31/08 - Bank		Position on 12/31/08 - Members	
Certificate of Deposit (3 CD's)	\$70,000.00	Lifetime - Total	381
Bank Balance - Checking as of 12/31/08	\$16,608.56	Lifetime - 2008	25
Pending chks (total 6) yet to be cleared as of 12/31/08	(\$3,507.90)	Yearly - 2008	73
Pending receipt from HSNC for membership combo	\$200.00		
Total	\$83,300.66	Total	454

**Upcoming
Event:**

**Lock-In
January 31, 2009**

**Ski Trip
Feb 21, 2009**

Triangle Gujarati Association Youth Group

TGA YG

<http://tgayg.co.nr>

**2009 Youth Group
Committee**

Youth Group Members and Parents

We hope everyone had a great year and are ready to start a new year of service and fun! The TGA Youth Group has decided to kick off the year with our traditional lock-in, a night filled with great activities and games.

Upcoming Events

Lock-in: We will be having our annual winter lock-in **January 31st** at DreamSports Center! DreamSports Center has many facilities available to us, including basketball courts, indoor soccer field, and a roller skating rink. We will have pizza and snacks available, and play a variety of games that we have planned. The general body meeting begins at 9 and will end around 9:30. Member's parents must come to this meeting for information, to fill out forms, and to pay membership and lock-in fees. **New members must be between the ages of 12 and 18. If a new member is not 12 by the lock-in but is going to turn of age by our ski trip on February 21st and would like to come to ski trip, they may ONLY come to the meeting portion of the lock-in.**

*Please note that this event will last from 8:30 pm to 7:00 am. Youth Group members should be picked up on time.

Dues for lock-in:

Fabulous 'Lock-In' offers for everyone. Come one, come all and make the 'Lock-In' event a never-to-forget experience.

Pricing for lock-in: \$15

TGA YG Membership Fees:

Returning members: \$10; Returning members (**parents are not in TGA**): \$25

New members: \$20; New members (**parents are not in TGA**): \$35

***If parents are not TGA members**, they will have to become members of TGA at the lock-in by simply filling out forms.*

Ski Trip: Our annual ski trip will be February 21st at Wintergreen Ski Resort. We will be starting the day meeting at Alpine Ski Center early morning and arrive back late the same night. All of the forms needed will be available at our winter lock-in so it is vital to come to the lock-in meeting if you are interested in coming on the Ski Trip. Seats are limited so it is on a first come first serve basis.

Pricing (for children AND adults who wish to chaperon and ski) goes as follows:

\$30 RENTAL

\$50 LIFT TICKET

\$44 BUS SEAT

=\$124 TOTAL SKI TRIP (Excludes food and pocket expenses)

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(MEMBERSHIP FORM)

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TELEPHONE: (s) _____

E-MAIL(s): _____

Publish name in TGA directory: YES | NO

Family Life Membership	\$150
Family Membership	\$15
Individual Life Membership	\$100
Individual Membership	\$10

Senior Citizen Couple Life Membership	\$75
Senior Citizen Couple Membership	\$7.50
Senior Citizen Individual Life Membership	\$50
Senior Citizen Individual Membership	\$5

Please make check payable to **Triangle Gujarati Association.**

Mail completed form to the address given above. Memberships issued by the TGA, excluding Life Memberships, expire on December 31st of each year. Members can enroll as senior citizens if they are over 65 years of age as of January 1st, of the calendar year. Please contact Mr. Khushal Mehta (919) 870-5637 with any questions regarding this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Triangle Gujarati Association



Celebrates

Happy Holi



Program Tickets:

Adults:

\$7 Member \$10 Non-Member

Seniors (65+):

\$5 Member \$7 Non-Member

Students (under 18): \$5

Children Under age of 5: Free

(Food is not included in ticket cost,
Available for purchase separately from
TGA Youth Group)

Saturday, March 14th '09 @ 6pm

Hindu Society Cultural Hall
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Want to advertise in our Holi
Program booklet?

Contact any of our executive
members listed to the left:

Rates

\$100 for 1/2 page ad

\$200 for a full page ad

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