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President's Message

Jai Jinendra. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve for the Jain Society. On behalf of the new Executive Committee I would like to thank you all for giving us this great opportunity. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the departing Executive Committee lead by Ashok R Shah for their selfless dedicated services. We are grateful for all your services and hope for your continuous help and support.

The Executive team has already made some exponential progress in organizing and documenting the processes and guidelines for the society.

The team has setup an office at the temple where all the official work of the Jain center will be performed. Thanks to Paresh Shah for arranging the Desktop computer and the Monitor for the Jain Society office.

Considering the growth in our membership and numbers of activities, this year we have subdivided the Jain Center tasks into sub committees for easy operation and better accountability.

We, the members of the Executive Committee are committed to do our best. However, we would like to have more participation by members in various committees and programs. Remember, Jain Society belongs to ALL OF US.

In order to serve our community, we need your physical and financial support. Please commit at least 3 to 4 hours of your service per week and some fix amount of regular donation to Jain society on the monthly basis, and ask your friends and family members to do the same.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed, please contact me at 240-455-4524 or write to me at President@JainSocietyDC.org

- Bhupesh Mehta (President)

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Special Announcement

Fundraising Drama
Directed by Narendrabhai Nandu
on April 30th 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraising Drama

On April 30th, 2011 starting at 11:00 a.m., we will have a fundraising luncheon and drama directed by Narendra Nandu at S.S.Peter & Paul Antioch Ian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, MD. Minimum donation for the event is \$50 per person. Please contact the EC members listed above for tickets.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration, Sunday, May 1st @ 1:00PM

On May 1st, 2011 starting at 1:00 p.m., we will be celebrating Mahavir Jayanti - Bhagawan Mahavir Swami's Janma Kalyanak, a very auspicious day for all Jains. Our celebration will feature stage performances of religious programs by our children and some adults, followed by a Swami Vatsalya Bhojan.

When **May 1st 2011 at 1:00 P.M.**

Where **Laurel High School,**
8000 Cherry Ln
Laurel, MD 20707-3663
(301) 497-2050

RSVP By **April 24 2011**

If you wish to participate in the dinner, you are requested to RSVP by April 24, 2011, about the number of attendees (adults and children of age 5 to 15).

Please RSVP using ONE of following ways:

1. Website: Register at our web site www.JainSocietyDC.org/Registration.asp
2. Phone: Calling any ONE of the following persons: Ashok-Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264, Nilesh-Manna Shah at 410-531-6218, or Paresh-Shilpa Shah 703-435-8118.

We will make arrangements for extra food to accommodate attendees who do not RSVP by April 24th. However, members who do not preregister by the deadline will be required to make a minimum donation of \$10.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya Fund.

We would like to thank following sponsors for Mahavir Jayanti Swami Vatsalya Bhojan.

- ✚ Hiranya Anupa Maru (\$1001)
- ✚ Jignesh & Rajeshree Dalal (\$501)
- ✚ Bhupesh & Yash Mehta (\$501)
- ✚ Ashok & Pallavi Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Harshid & Hemagini Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Devendra & Jayshree Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Kiran & Rita Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Pragnesh & Sonal Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Satish & Mayuri Shah (\$501)
- ✚ Sudhaben & Shilpa Udani (\$501)

Jains Around the World:



The main highlight of the program will be the "Jains Around the world". As the name suggests, our Pathshala kids will showcase various temples and cultures from different parts of the world (India,

Japan, China, Australia, UK, USA etc.). We will get a glimpse of some beautiful architectural Jain temples in different countries.

This program is professionally choreographed by Ms. Manisha Jain. She has worked for Bollywood Films, Television and Theatre. Few names would be: Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam, Ila Arun, Mallika Sarabhai.

Mahavir Jayanti Video DVD:

Stage program video will be available for small donation of \$10 (Mailing requests will be additional \$3). DVD request forms will be available at the registration desk. You can also contact Manohar Hegde 410-744-6009 (mhegde4@yahoo.com) or Paresh Shah at 703-435-8118 (kparesh@gmail.com) or Nilesh Shah at 410-531-6218 nilesh_shah99@yahoo.com for orders after Mahavir Jayanti. Orders will be taken only till May 15, 2011.

We would like to thank Manohar Hedge for donating videographer expertise, time and all the raw materials for DVD production. We collected \$340 donation from the sale of DVD last year.

Board of Trustees Update

The Trustees are very happy to report that last month; we were successful in purchasing the 1.5 acres land on Ammendale Road adjacent to the 3.8 acres land we acquired in Beltsville, Maryland last year. The total cost of the 5.3 acres land is below \$525,000. The land is practically flat and has long frontage on the Ammendale Road. It will give us enough flexibility in building the Shikharbandhi Temple, Swadhya Hall, Class rooms, a Multi-purpose Hall with Kitchen facility and a parking lot for over 125 cars. It is only quarter of a mile from I-95, and 2 miles from I-495. The BAPS Temple is only few feet away.

The next phase in achieving our goal of a Shikharbandhi Temple is to start raising funds. Keeping that goal in mind, we have planned a fund raising gala luncheon on Saturday April 30, 2011 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Potomac, Maryland. Narendrabhai Nandu has kindly agreed to grace the program. The program will include a short drama written and directed by Narendrabhai, and performed by our members. Invitations for this program were mailed out to all members. All members are urged to come to this gala event.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am making a strong appeal to all our members to donate generously for this auspicious cause and to help in any way they can to successfully complete this Temple building project.

Pravin Dand
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Update

We as the Executive Committee team would like to thank all members of Jain Society for having put faith in us and electing us to run the Jain Center activities for the year 2011. We welcome all newly elected members to our executive committee.

Our First Executive Committee meeting was held on January 16th, 2011 at Bhupesh Mehta's house with a luncheon meeting. Various ideas were discussed in the meeting for the upcoming year.

Dimple Doshi and Hemen Gandhi were appointed as the members-at-large for the year 2011 by the elected executive committee.

Executive Committee members attended the Leadership training held on March 19, 2011. Dr. Sushil Jain presented leadership tips and training to manage and build an effective organization.

We are in the process of organizing Mahavir Jayanti Program 2011 which is one of the major events of the year. We have been trying to do our best every year and various teams have been formed to organize a successful event.

We have divided the Jain Society's tasks into the subcommittees which are as listed below:

- ✚ Membership Committee
- ✚ External affairs Committee
- ✚ Technology Committee
- ✚ Facility Committee
- ✚ Publications Committee
- ✚ Public Relation Committee
- ✚ Food Committee
- ✚ Inventory Committee
- ✚ Beautification Committee

We would encourage members to volunteer their service to our Jain Society by taking active part in one of these committees. To join any of the committees listed above, please send an email to secretary@jainsocietydc.org.

- Nilesh Shah (Secretary)

Bylaws Update

We have initiated an update of the Jain Society Bylaws as a result of the action taken at the last General Body Meeting. As part of this process, we have collected and reviewed the bylaws of

some 20 like-minded organizations. At this point, we have a draft outline of the number of articles we plan to include in the revised and updated bylaws. Currently, we are working on the language to include in each article. Once we have a draft document, we plan to make it available for further refinement to others who may be interested in giving us their feedback. While this process is taking place, if anyone would like additional information, we ask that you please contact Pavan Zaveri (pavanzaveri@yahoo.com).

Pathshala Update

Jain Sunday School for children age 4 to 17 is held twice a month from September through May from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It consists of 7 levels of classes. Each student spends a minimum of 2 years in a class. A planned curriculum is followed for each class. Currently we have 85+ students enrolled for Pathshala.

We urge all members to enroll their children and take advantage of this unique opportunity of teaching our religion and Jain way of life to our children.

We would like to thank our Volunteer Teachers for their service to our Pathshala. Our volunteer teachers are a key to success of our Pathshala. We would not have such vibrant Pathshala without the dedication and hard work of our teachers. Thank you!

This year we have started Gujarati and Hindi Classes on Pathshala days.

Please contact Pathshala coordinator Paresh Shah at 703-435-8118 or email kparsh@gmail.com for any questions/suggestions.

Adult religious classes are also held in parallel with Sunday School in the Jain Center. Please contact Dr. Atul Shah at 301-274-0319, or Pravin Dand at 301-384-3367

Youth Corner

This year we have many fun-filled and educational activities planned. We want the youth to take over big occasions and plan events, either by themselves or in groups. In order for interaction and unity in our Jain community, the youth will step up and voice their opinions and all of their suggestions will play a great role in trying to better our community. Another big task for this year is coming up with various and interesting ways to fundraise money for our new temple.

2011-2012 events:

1. Art Competition for different age groups
- Last Day of Pathshala (May 2011)
2. Game Night - June 2011
3. Kings Dominion Trip for ages 14+ -
June/July 2011
4. Sports Tournament - August 2011

JAINA Convention

Jai Jinendra. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in promoting JAINA Convention 2011. I am pleased to inform you that, we already have approximately 2200 individuals of different ages registered (110 from our area). In addition, many youths have registered for supplemental activities appropriate for their age.

The convention programming activities are under final phase. I am pleased to inform you that many distinguished national personalities as well as distinguished Monks, nuns and scholars have accepted our invitation as speakers. In addition, we have scheduled a play in Hindi "Gandhi before Gandhi" and Bollywood singers Parthiv Gohil & Yashita Sharma to our evening entertainments.

Due to popular demand the convention board has decided to offer a special discounted registration cost to commemorate Mahavir Jayanti. Please advise your friends and family to look out for:

- 1). Post card for “Mahavir Jayanti Special discounted registration rate”.
- 2) Please visit www.jainaconvention.org regarding participation in Convention activities & services such as: Jains Got Talent, Jain Network Forum, Kids Club, Souvenir articles and advertisement, Transportation etc.
- 3) Correspondence regarding “Sponsorship Opportunities”. The document provides details of all convention sponsorship opportunities.

We urgently need your help to insure everyone receive this information in timely manner to avoid future disappointments. Please visit and direct your members to www.jainaconvention.org for more information on the convention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me skjain99@gmail.org. Ph: 703-208-1861. You can also contact the convention marketing team at marketing2011@jaina.org.

-Sushil Jain & The Marketing Team

Seniors Group

The Senior Group at the Jain Center was formed three years ago in March 2008 to organize seniors 55 years of age and above. The primary objective of this organization is to assist seniors in the areas of personal, legal and financial matters as well as health management encompassing physical and spiritual health. At present, the group has a membership of over one hundred individuals. A majority of senior group members are actively at work in their professional fields.

This year, the group met at the Jain Center and participated in the various activities including physical fitness routine of yoga exercises conducted and performed by the seniors, a light hearted video presentation that depicted the means we can use to entice group members for enhanced participation in activities and gatherings. As usual, this was followed by a fun filled routine of interactive games, jokes and anecdotes.

The February 2011 meeting was held on Valentine's Day at Woodland - a local vegetarian restaurant. The group members were able to socialize with their family and friends. In addition to having a great cuisine, everyone enjoyed a fun filled routine of interactive games, jokes and anecdotes.

The membership fees to join senior group is \$101 for couple and \$51 per person.

Following are upcoming senior group get-to-gathers:

- ✚ April 16 - Saturday at 3.30 PM
- ✚ May 14 - Saturday at 3.30 PM

For more information about the Senior Group, please contact Kanti Gangar at 301-598-3093.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Following are the details of the ongoing programs at the Jain Center:

- ✚ Bi-weekly Sunday School Pathshala from September to June. Please contact Pathasala coordinator Paresh Shah for any questions at 703-435-8118.
- ✚ Adult religious classes, are also held in parallel with Sunday school.
- ✚ Adult Adhyatmik studies each Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Abhishek each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- ✚ Monthly Snatra Pooja (Sundays) - 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch
- ✚ Dev Shastra Guru Pooja on 1st Sunday of each month - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch
- ✚ Monthly Executive Committee meeting 2nd Saturday of each Month - 10:30 a.m. Please contact Secretary Nilesh Shah for any questions.
- ✚ Seniors Group at Jain Center - Please contact Kanti Gangar at 301-598-3093 for upcoming seniors gathering.

DONATIONS TO JAIN SOCIETY (OVER \$51)

Received as of March 31 2011

General Donations

\$2,935	Sudhir & Hemali Mehta	\$110	Bhupendra & Dipali Shah
\$2,212	Kaushal & Purvi Parikh	\$101	Anu & Mamta Bumb
\$1,100	Sudhir & Dharini Khona	\$101	Jignesh & Rajeshree Dalal
\$603	Minaxi Shah	\$101	Saurabh Dalal
\$567	Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$101	Sanjay & Indu Jain
\$501	Kiran and Rita Shah	\$101	Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh
\$435	Atul & Aruna Shah	\$101	Ashok & Pallavi Shah
\$434	Aashis & Shruti Mehta	\$101	Hitesh & Jyoti Shah
\$434	Nirali P.Mehta	\$101	Kalpesh & Komal Shah
\$434	Rajesh & Sujata Mehta	\$101	Narendra & Sangita Shah
\$434	Vinodrai Mehta	\$101	Pinkesh & Minal Shah
\$434	Harsh & Meera Sutaria	\$101	Shailesh and Mona Shah
\$351	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$100	Sujal & Chhaya Lagowala
\$253	Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$100	Jatin & Ami Shah
\$251	Sachin Jain	\$100	Jayesh & Rupa Mehta
\$251	Ramesh & Varsha Shah	\$100	Nilesh & Dipti Shah
\$250	Prakash & Kirtida Mehta	\$100	Paresh & Shilpa Shah
\$225	Hasmukh & Sudha Shah	\$100	Pradhuman and Laxmi Zaveri
\$202	Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$75	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria
\$201	Nita and Bhavesh Shah	\$51	Anjana Joglekar
\$152	Viren & Anila Shah	\$51	Abhishek Patni
\$151	Rashmi & Madhvi Doshi	\$51	Anupam & Mainaki Shah
\$151	Shilpa Udani	\$51	Manu & Niru Shah
		\$51	Swetal & Darshini Shah

Special Donations

\$ 1,001	Bipin & Rashmi Turakhia	Pooja @ home
\$ 424	Indipendent Charities of America	Jayesh & Roopa Shah Donated car
\$ 401	Kiran and Rita Shah	Ayambil Sponsor
\$ 301	Narendra & Jyotsna Goda	Ayambil Sponsor
\$ 301	Riken and Kosha Shah	Pooja in Memory of Kiritbhai B. Sutaria
\$ 101	Nilesh & Manna Shah	Sanket's Birthday

New Memberships

\$ 151	Dr. Atul & Nita Purohit	Life Time
\$ 151	Dhirendra & Nayana Shah	Life Time
\$ 100	Mulraj & Ranjan Vasa	Senior
\$ 51	Jigar & Pratixa Shah	3 Years
\$ 51	Kaiwal Shah & Aanal Shroff	3 Years
\$ 51	Sandip and Jeenal Shah	3 Years

Recent New Temple Donations

\$5,101	Ashish & Shilpa Jain	\$1,500	Raju & Rupal Desai
\$5,011	Pravin & Veena Dand	\$1,111	Hemen and Bela Gandhi
\$5,002	Paresh & Shilpa Shah	\$1,001	Dilip and Kokila Desai
\$5,001	Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera	\$1,001	Niren & Jaya Nagda
\$5,001	Hiraben Mehta	\$1,001	Jitendra & Jayshree Shah
\$5,001	Jayesh & Rupa Mehta	\$1,001	Stavankumar & Puja Shah
\$5,001	Hasmukh & Sudha Shah	\$1,000	Dinesh & Bhavna Mehta
\$5,001	Manu & Niru Shah	\$1,000	Divyang & Kina Shah
\$5,001	Raju & Monica Shah	\$1,000	Bill Williams
\$5,000	Dilip & Aruna Arwindekar	\$504	Pramathesh & Minaxi Broker
\$5,000	Anjana Joglekar	\$501	Praveen & Sunita Jain
\$5,000	Manu & Inaxi Shah	\$501	Ramesh & Snehlata Shah
\$5,000	Talak & Ranjana Shah	\$501	Sanjay & Bela Shah
\$4,001	Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$500	Rita S. Jain
\$2,501	Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$500	Bharti Sanghvi
\$2,501	Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$500	Hetal & Palak Shah
\$2,500	Sharad & Sonal Doshi	\$500	Tushar and Nishma Shah
\$2,001	Kantilal & Sudhaben Udani	\$251	Applied Information Sciences (Gautam & Dhruvi Shah)
\$2,000	Gautam & Dhruvi Shah	\$151	Ramesh & Jaishree Junankar
\$1,501	Rupen and Sangeeta Shah	\$151	Chandrakant & Nirmala Patel

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Upcoming Events for 2011

Sunday, April 17:Ayambil
Saturday, April 30: Fundraising Drama
Sunday, May 1: Mahavir Jayanti
Thursday, August 25 – Thursday September 1: Paryushan Parva
Saturday, August 27:Swapna Ceremony
Thursday, September 1: Samvatsari Pratikraman
Friday, September 2 – Sunday, September 11:Das Lakshan Parva
Monday, October 3:Ayambil
Thursday, October 27:Nav Smaran
Wednesday, November 9:Diwali Program
Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day Ayambil
Sunday, December 11:AGM and Elections