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UPCOMING EVENTS for 2020

Mark your calendars

Bollywood Bash

Saturday, March 28th - Radisson Hotel & Suites Chelmsford

Gurjar Talent Show & Annual General Body Meeting

Saturday, May 16th 3PM - R.J. Grey Junior High School, 16 Charter Road, Acton, MA
Information will soon be available on Gurjar.org

Heritage Festival

Saturday, September 12th 12PM - 6PM - 160 Pawtucket Blvd. Lowell MA 01854

Navratri

October 10th and October 17th 2020
Details TBD

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November 7th/8th
Details TBD



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From the President's Desk

Team Gurjar wishes you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

I am honored to serve as a President of Gurjar Association; I would like to thank my committee for the excellent work they do, and it show in how well the Gurjar events are organized. I thank all the past presidents for their continuous support.

We as a team, thank our sponsors, life members, well-wishers and friends for encouraging us and promoting our activities.

As we embark on our journey for the New Year, we plan to continue with our strong traditional values of Gujarati culture with activities that we have built over the years. We will try our level best to organize a live Garba during this year's Navratri festival. Keeping in mind, our youngsters who love the flavor of Bollywood, we are planning a Bollywood Bash.

In the past few years, some of our events are geared towards both an Indian and non-Indian population, Our Casino Night and Heritage Fest are prime examples, that have been enjoyed by all.

I would urge all members to keep their contact information updated at all times. Please call or email us with your changes, in home and email address. Your information is kept strictly confidential and members will not be inundated with emails.

We are in the process of amending the constitution and changing the bylaws that are outdated. Our website is in the process of being updated to make it more for user friendly.

I would very much like to have more youth participation in Gurjar activities, for that I request all, please send in your suggestions as to how we can attract youngsters to get more involved in our cultural activities. Our events for calendar 2020 are listed at the back of this newsletter and for any information please visit www.Gurjar.org.

Thank you all

Warm regards.

Saroj Madhani

President

Gurjar Scholarship Awards – 2020

It is with great pleasure that we announce another year for our annual scholarship awards program. The scholarship was set up in 1994, (25 years and going strong), to appreciate the long-term support of our life members. This scholarship is given to all college bound children of the life members. Funds are raised by various events over the year, generously supported by our attending members, event sponsors and well-wishers.

All graduating high school seniors of Gurjar Life Members who have been with us for at least a year are eligible to apply. Students must submit a small essay about their involvement and contribution to the Indian culture. The essay is not part of any competition; just part of the application process. Awards will be presented at the Gurjar event on May 16th, 2020. The student must be present to receive the award. Gurjar will maintain absolute confidentiality of the information submitted.

Please submit your application on a separate paper which includes the following.

Student Name:

Mailing Address and email:

Name of the parents:

High school attended:

The name of the attending college:

Please send in your application with the essay, no later than April 30th, 2020 to the following address:

Saroj Madhani, 2 Wing Terrace, Burlington MA 01803 or you may electronically send the application to sarojmadhani@gmail.com.

SAT Scholarship

Special scholarship award for high SAT scores will be given by Nila Pancholi, Gurjar director, in loving memory of her husband, Arvind Pancholi.

This award is given to three top scorers, so please send in your SAT score with your applications, the information will be confidential, and the scores will not be disclosed.

ELECTION NOTICE

As per Gurjar's Constitution, Article VII, an Election Committee of three members listed below has been appointed, to handle the election of the office bearers of Gurjar for the year 2020/2021

Manoj Shah	4 Milan St, Nashua NH 03063	603-889-3783	manoj_shah@hotmail.com
Alkesh Shah:	7 Barker Road, Acton MA 01720	978-263-1036	alkesh_shah@yahoo.com
Nisha Vora:	35 Wesson Terrace, Northborough, MA 01532	508-393-2490	nishacvora@yahoo.com

Open positions are: 10 Directors

For those of you interested in serving for the above positions, please fill the form below and submit to any of the Election Committee member no later than February 25th, 2020. A candidate eligibility requirement is listed below.

Declaration of Candidacy Form

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please **attach separate paragraph** about your background, volunteering work and the candidacy. This information will be published to the life members to assist them with selecting a candidate.

Pre-Requisites for a Candidates applying for a Gurjar Executive Committee

Required

- Gurjar Life Member for at least two years
- Ability to understand spoken Gujarati
- Regular Participation in Gurjar Committee meetings
- Participation in Gurjar Events
- Committed
- Devote about 10-15 hours/week for Gurjar related tasks during events and during weeks just prior to the event and 2/3 hours/week otherwise.

Nice to Have

- At least one year of volunteer work with Gurjar or other similar organizations
- Fund Raising Exposure
- Event Planning & Execution
- Leadership Skills
- Process Oriented and Critical Thinker
- Strong fiscal acumen and Accounting background
- Grant Writer
- Youth Magnet

Must have Skills

- Communications Skills including Written & Spoken English
- Interpersonal Skills
- Technology literate (e.g. Word, Excel, Social Media etc.)

Around March 10th, if we have more qualified nominations (candidates) than vacant positions, election will be called by the Election Committee.

Members, please monitor Gurjar.Org for any announcements pertaining to Gurjar Elections. If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to the Election process or timelines, please feel free to reach out to Bharat Shah at (978)-764-6777 or bharats@yahoo.com