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GUJARATI ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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Dear Gurjar Members,

I hope you and your family are doing well. On behalf of Gurjar, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New year. Last year was a challenging year for all and with the increase in COVID cases and destabilizing situation, we decided to cancel all 2020 events.

In 2020 Gurjar donated close to \$16500 to various local charities and shelters who were directly involved in providing COVID related help.

In September Gurjar hosted a Virtual Gujarati Sugam-sangeet program with Artists Saumil, Shymal and Aarti Munshi. We had around Nine thousand viewers around the world who were mesmerized by Sugam sangeet of Gujarat. અમૂક ગીતો એવા હતા, જેને સાંભળીયે તો બધુ ભૂલાવી દો, કાતો ભૂલેલું બધું યાદ અપાવી દો

For Diwali we wanted to do something different and wanted to appreciate our members for their ongoing support. Gurjar committee came up with the idea of hand delivering Indian Sweets to all our life members and with the help of committee members, their spouse and few Gurjar life members, Sweets were delivered to 291 Gurjar Members. We had overwhelming positive response from members, to some it was a reminder of the way we used to celebrate Diwali in India.

Gurjar website and Constitution work is evolving. More to come in coming months....

Our mission to get new Generation viewpoints and encourage them to participate was on hold due to pandemic. We hope to restart the initiative in 2021 once the life is back to normal.

This Pandemic has taught us new ways to live and communicate, we will be transitioning from physical newsletter to electronic, please verify your information, we will need it for future communication.

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain."

So, in 2021 we will be dancing our way to future event either virtually or in person. We will decide about the events bases on Massachusetts state guideline for gathering and socializing, and we will announce most recent updates on our website and Facebook.

Best Regards,

Saroj Madhani

Gurjar President





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Gurjar Scholarship Awards – 2021

It is with great pleasure that we announce yet another year for our annual scholarship rewards program. The scholarship was set up in 1994, (27 years ago, the record still unbroken), to appreciate the long-term support of our members. This scholarship is given to all college bound students of the life members. Funds are raised by our various events, over the years very generously supported by our attending members, event sponsors and well-wishers.

All graduating high school seniors of Gurjar Life members are eligible to apply. Students must submit a small write up about their involvement in the Indian community and their contribution to the Indian culture. The essay is a part of the application process; awards will be presented at the Gurjar event to be held on May 15th 2021. The student must be present to receive the award. Gurjar will maintain absolute confidentiality of the information submitted.

To get more information and submit your application please go on Gurjar website: www.Gurjar.org

SAT Scholarship

Special scholarship award for high SAT scores will be given by Nila Pancholi, Gurjar Life Member, 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 to sarojmadhani@gmail.com, the information will be confidential, and the scores will not be disclosed.

Annual General Body Meeting &

Gujar Talent Show

Date: Saturday, May 15th 2021

Starting at 1:00 PM



Please Visit Gurjar website for more information.

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ELECTION NOTICE

As per Gurjar's Constitution, Article VII, an Election Committee consisting of three members listed below has been formed. They will oversee all aspects of the election of the Directors of Gurjar for the year 2021-2022.

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Open positions are: 3 Directors for a Two-Year term

For those of you interested in serving for as a Director, please review the eligibility requirements and fill the form provided on Gurjar website at www.Gurjar.org. Submit the form and all other requested information to any of the Election Committee member no later than March 13th, 2021.

We are about to embark on a very unique journey to re-start Gurjar after the devastating past year. We encourage all members who wish to help Gurjar with new ideas focused on smaller virtual groups to join us by participating in the Committee. Whether you are a people-person or a back-office computer user or a meticulous numbers person or an event planner – we are sure Gurjar will benefit from your participation.

Make a difference – Join the Gurjar Committee.

We need your help to transition from paper-based communications to electronic means. Advantages of speed, reliability and costs are apparent, but the following are the other goals we have in mind.

- Allow members to get most-recent information about Gurjar events and information about its finances, event photographs etc. quickly and virtually. Some of this information will only be visible to registered members.
- Make it possible to cast Absentee-Ballot using their registered email ID.
- Allow members to update their address and contact information online.

We will never give you email ID to any third-party and will solely use for Gurjar Notifications.

What do you have to do?

1. Verify your personal information that is provided below. If corrections are needed please do so on the form by hand. Add your Partner/Spouse information especially the email ID (to enable them to cast Absentee vote).
2. Choose a Username for each member (6-10 characters long, don't use email ID as your username)
3. Scan the filled in form and email it to Gurjar.information@gmail.com or take a good picture of it and Text/WhatsApp it to (978)764-6777.

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Evergreen
Adult Day Health Center

**DO YOU NEED HELP
WITH THE COVID VACCINE?**



Evergreen
Adult Day Health Center

If you are 75 years or older and are having difficulty with securing an appointment for COVID vaccine please reach out to us. We are here to help!

Gurjar is working with Evergreen Adult Day Health Center to offer help with any community member. Currently 75 years plus are eligible, very shortly 65 years or older who have two or more underlying medical conditions will also become eligible.

**If you need assistance please contact
Rachana Shah, Program Director at 603-812-1596**

See eligibility details on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/certain-medical-conditions-for-phase-2-groups>