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Creating our Tomorrow...

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Dear Samaj Members,

Happy New Year @ Best Wishes For 2014!!!

As a new bloom spreads fragrance and freshness around, may the New Year add new beauty, sparkle, love and laughter into your life.

As we embark on our journey to "Anmol Rishté - Creating our Tomorrow...", over the next 2 years, the Matiya World Board will be focused on building an even more solid foundation. This foundation will enable our organization to expand Membership, hold Fundraising Events, upgrade the Samaj Directory, and create a new Global Website. Recreational endeavors will include a Matiya Recipe Book, the planning of various Volunteer Projects, Social Events for different age groups, and the planning of the 5th Bi-Annual Matiya World Convention in 2015.

In order to achieve these goals, we need to have your feedback and involvement through a proper communication channel which will help facilitate our efforts so our organization can see a stronger tomorrow. Please send in your input and suggestions to info@matiyaworld.com or call us at: 949.310.3936. For the latest updates and information, please visit us at www.matiyaworld.com.

We have a well-balanced and active Board with unique talents and very positive energy; together I have no doubt we will take Matiya World to the next level, while building great relations with our fellow Samaj members Nationally and Internationally.

Warmest Regards,

Rita H. Patel
President



Welcome to the Senior Center! Our team is excited and committed to bringing all the Seniors together with several activities planned for the upcoming year following through to the next Convention.

We are working on creating a Technological workshop for our seniors who would like to be more familiar with the latest gadgets such as: smart phones, tablets, and computers. We will also be organizing events such as bridge night and sporting activities for those who are still young at heart. Furthermore our organization is in the process of booking a 1-2 day fun-filled excursion for the senior community. Non-Senior Volunteers accepted. Excursion details and dates to follow shortly.

Our plan is to have a Mini Bhajan Sammelan with Seniors from all over the country. Details to

follow. We would also like any members that would like to Volunteer in helping out with these activities, or that may have any suggestions to contact us.

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Senior Center

Building our Strength...

Adults Committee:

The purpose of the Adult Committee is to plan activities year-round in order to bring our members closer together across the globe. These on-going activities will build new friendships and keep everyone connected.

Planned activities will include "Trips with a Purpose" such as a Volunteer Project within the US or abroad.

Fundraising efforts will be channeled through a possible National Walk-A-Thon which will raise funds to support a chosen National Charitable Organization which focuses on common diseases such as Heart Disease and Diabetes. This will be a great way to bring Seniors, Adults and Children alike to participate in a planned activity for a great cause.

The goal is to hold the Walk-A-Thon on the same date across the country some time next Fall. We will recruit Leads in specific regions to help organize the event.

This type of event also calls for a collaboration with other local Communities and Local Samajs to join hands to make this event a success.

Stay tuned for more details regarding these 2 events! To volunteer or to send suggestions for these events please contact:

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Strengthening our Future...

Khana Tijori

Preserving our Culture...

Our Khana Tijori is a section that will highlight Recipes that have either been passed down or created by you the reader.

We will select a Recipe and share it in each edition of our newsletter. Here is a sample form to share your favorite recipe with us.

Our goal is to publish a Khana Tijori Recipe Book which will be sold at the next Convention. So to all you lovely people that enjoy cooking, baking, making your favorite drinks, sauces and chutneys, please share your recipes with us.

The purpose of creating this cookbook is so that we pass our traditional and non-traditional Recipes to all the generations who are wanting to learn how to cook and can refer back on how to make "Dal-Bhat" or "Khicha-no-Lot".

For those who wish to access the form electronically please visit the Matiya World website at www.matiyaworld.com under "Khana Tijori".

We look forward to receiving all your creative recipe submissions.

Happy Cooking!

For more details or feedback please contact

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KHANA TIJORI RECIPE FORM

From:

Email:

Phone:

Category:

Serving:

Preparation Time:

INGREDIENTS:

MEASUREMENT

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

Notes: Add recipe details here.

The Matiya Youth will be holding their Bi-Annual Youth Trip in 2014.
The last Youth Trip held in 2012 included White Water Rafting and the proceeds benefited the charity, One World Running, which collects shoes for Third World countries. In 2014, we have mapped out a few locations so be on the lookout for more details soon!

For volunteering and suggestions, please contact:
Sashant Patel: (714) 552-5543 | Sashant.n.patel@gmail.com

Matiya Youth Board



Children's Corner

We have chosen a monitored Facebook Page as a platform to keep our kids connected and give them an opportunity to interact and get to know each other. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/matiyakids>

Every month we will choose a Festival of the Month and share it's significance along with Crafts and Games. We will also post the activities on our website at:
www.matiyaworld.com.



Makar Sankranti

Kite International Festival (Uttarayan) is one of the biggest festivals celebrated. The festival takes place on January 14th of each year. Uttarayan marks the day when winter begins to turn into summer. It is considered to be one of the most important harvest days in India. Many cities in Gujarat organize kite competitions between their citizens where the people all compete with each other. It is a huge celebration that it has become a public holiday in India for two days.

The symbolism of this festival is to show the awakening of the Gods from their deep sleep. It is said that India created the tradition of kite flying due to the kings who found the sport entertaining and as a way to display their skills and power. It began as being a sport for Kings, but over time, it began to reach the masses.

The kites are usually made with materials such as plastic, leaves, wood, metal, nylon and other scrap materials. Dye and paint are also added to increase the glamour of the kite. The lines are covered with mixtures of glue and ground glass. During the night, illuminated kites filled with lights and candles known as tukals are launched creating a spectacle in the dark sky.

Kites come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. We would love to see what your kite looks like. An outline of a rhombus shaped kite is on our website at www.matiyaworld.com under Children's Corner. We would like you to design, color, and send us a picture. You can send it by E-mail to matiyakids@gmail.com or info@matiyaworld.com or upload the picture on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/matiyakids>

Convention Committee

The purpose of the Convention Committee is to bring the community closer through a social platform which will include the planning of workshops, seminars, entertainment suitable to help enhance the life of our members.

Our goal is to get a head start in the planning process for the 2015 Convention so that we can continue to produce a quality multi-day event which caters to every genre in the Mاتيya community across the globe. With the various Committees identified; their plans of on-going communication through planned activities during

the year and individual goals to bringing the Community closer, we should be in good shape to put on an excellent Program for our Members in 2015.

Please fill out the survey and send back to info@matiyaworld.com, so that we can identify the location for the next Mاتيya World Convention 2015 soon!

Survey is also available on www.matiyaworld.com under Convention 2015.

CONVENTION SURVEY

1. Which Convention Date would you prefer the most in 2015? a. June 19-21 b. June 26-28 c. July 10-12	2. What is your most preferred City? a. Dallas, TX b. San Antonio, TX b. Orlando FL d. Tampa Bay, FL
3. What Purpose should the Convention provide to the attendees? a. A social gathering b. A place to network c. Educational presentations d. Religious and spiritual presentations e. Cultural presentations	4. Would you like to see Forums for? a. Women b. Youth c. Seniors d. Singles
5. Which of the past Conventions did you attend?	6. What have you gained from attending this event?
7. Which Agenda item would you like to add or remove from the Program?	8. What suggestions do you have for the new Mاتيya World Board that would bring Value to you, your family and the community?

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Forming our Tomorrow...



Matiya World Inc. will be holding a

SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

This will serve as a notice that the 2014 Special General Body meeting
will be held at the Matiya Patidar Center, located at
15311 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650

on

Sunday, February 16th, 2014 starting at 11:00am.

All members are invited to attend and encouraged to join the Matiya World Board of Directors as they vote on some very important issues and will be making changes to the By-Laws through collective decision-making.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY LAWS

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| 1. BOD needs to serve at least one term (Two Years) before being elected to serve on the Executive Board. | 5. Conclude on Voting rights based on New Membership. |
| 2. Any BOD who fails to attend three out of the last four BOD Conference Calls must resign. | 6. Clarification on voting rights of paying and non paying members. |
| 3. Need to add Email notification for all Notice of Annual and Special Meetings. | 7. Addition of the Joint Secretary position to the list of officers in Article Four. |
| 4. Change current consent of 67% of BOD being present to 51%. | 8. Allowing the BOD to pass resolutions via email or other electronic form submissions. |

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Building our Foundation...

Communications Committee

As we begin the New Year with new Board Members we look to the past and the present to reminisce, to gather information, and to find a family member or friend. Our information comes from the Matiya World Website, quarterly News-letters, Emails and now Social Media. It is our goal to create a cohesive voice using various media to socialize information and provide a more interactive site for all Matiyas. We will revamp the Matiya World Website where it will become an On-Line forum for the Matiya community integrating the Directory and linking resources such as the Family Tree, Youth Events, Adult Events, Local and International Chapters, Surveys and Convention details.

We look forward to your comments and feedback as we transition from the old to the new.

For more details, please contact Sneha Bhavan or any one of the Communications Committee members:

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Investing in our Future...

As a Non-Profit Organization our group's success is dictated by the amount of support given by all of its members. In the past all of you have supported the organization in various ways whether it be financially or physically volunteering to help organize events and functions and we sincerely appreciate all the help that members have provided thus far.

However, the fact remains that when an amazing organization such as Mاتيya World is born it requires tremendous resources to grow and expand. Like a parent provides the necessary resources to its young in order for him or her to grow up strong, independent and successful so to must we sustain and support the efforts of our fellow Mاتيya World leaders before us. Without those unconditional essentials

our beautiful organization may not only fail to grow but may also cease to exist.

In an effort to preserve and grow the Mاتيya heritage that we are all so proud to be a part of, the current Mاتيya World Board of Directors introduces a changed Annual Membership Program for all of our members. Before and after every Convention we receive feedback regarding the registration pricing and we listened. Going forward with a successful Membership enrollment we promise to keep such registration fees at a bare minimum.

Benefits tied to the Annual Membership Program:

1. All paid members will have access to the discounted registration fees offered for

all the events organized by Mاتيya World including the Bi-Annual Mاتيya Convention.

2. All paid members will be given a free copy of the new Mاتيya World Directory when published. (New Directory publishing is in process and scheduled to be distributed in early 2015).

Cost of the Annual Membership:

\$ 151.00/year/family** – Please note this amount is per family regardless of how many members a family has.

*** Family shall be defined as all individuals residing at one common United States or Canada postal address.*

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Mاتيya Directory Committee

The Mاتيya Directory Committee would like to connect Mاتيya across USA and Canada. We have identified a couple of projects to set the groundwork to make it easy for Mاتيya's to connect with each other.

1. Create an On-Line Mاتيya Directory. An interactive database, where members have On-Line access to maintain their own Profile. We see this as a powerful tool that will leverage technology to get information to Mاتيya members with minimal effort.
2. Produce and maintain a Mاتيya Directory for USA and Canada that is well proofed with minimal errors and omissions.

We are looking for Mاتيya's across the land to help us with:

1. Compiling Mاتيya Members' information to update our Mاتيya member database. You could help us with updating information based on a village you are most familiar with or a geographic region in the US and Canada you are most familiar with.
2. We are looking for resources to develop the On-Line Mاتيya Directory. If you have experience working with a Software Development Company, your knowledge will be invaluable to us.

Please contact Kiran Patel at Kiran@dknhotels.com or one of the Membership and Directory Committee members: Rita Patel, Pankaj Dullabh, Rakesh Bhula, Shalini Patel, Vimal Patel, Sneha Bhavan (Visit www.matiyaworld.com for contact Information).



"The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change,
is service to a fellow human being." - Lee Iacocca

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Wishing you a World of Joy, Love & Laughter for 2014!



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