



CALGARY MARATHI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: YEAR 2011

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Calgary Marathi Association

Calgary Marathi Association is registered non-profit organization in Alberta. It was renamed as CMA (Calgary Marathi Association) in 2010 and was previously known as CAMB.

CMA Vision

- To preserve and promote Marathi culture in Calgary and surrounding area for generations to come

CMA Mission

- * To bring together all persons speaking Marathi language and/or others interested in the promotion of the Marathi language.
- * To encourage and promote Maharashtrian culture, traditions and festivities.
- * To provide a platform for Marathi speaking artists from across the globe to give performances through social gatherings, musical evenings, dramas and other forms of cultural activities.
- * To acquaint the young generation of the cultural heritage of India in general and of Maharashtra in particular, through various activities.
- * To support the spirit of Multiculturalism in Canada and invite other Canadians to participate in CMA functions to familiarize with the Marathi culture.

CMA introduced Paalavee and Kridangan initiatives in the year 2011.



Makar Sankrant:

Date: 15th January 2011



Makar Sankrant marked the entry of new committee and first program. This program started with the introduction of new members and welcoming them along with introducing new committee as well. CMA introduced a new segment in the form of a youth group. This group was named Palavi and was created to encourage the youth to take active participation in youth related activities. Alongside it was felt that the creation of this group would involve greater connection with the CMA and focus on youth related events as well as volunteering in several charities.

Volunteers from youth group were actively helping from hall decoration to food serving.

The evening included entertainment program containing information regarding the festival, cultural songs and dances. Kite making competition was arranged for young group.

Gudhi Padva

Date: 9th April 2011



Gudhi Padwa marks the start of Marathi New Year. Entertainment programs covered a range of colourful events with younger children's (6-12 years) performing skits to various traditional dances and songs.

A new initiative introduced was to bring small information session on various topics. The first session was on investments in Canada presented by Abhijit Parkhi. He talked about various investment opportunities including stocks, shares and mutual funds.

Palavi team compered the program and it was received very well by the members. They announced right at the beginning that they want to communicate with the crowd. If they can't do it completely in Marathi, they would take support of English language, but would continue the channel of communication. This encouraged them to keep the richness of the cultural heritage that is embodied in the language itself. It was very encouraging to see the youth taking lead in this event.

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Games (Kridangan) and Picnic

Cricket Match

Date: July 2011

Picnic was arranged in summer and was attended by many families. The weather cooperated and people enjoyed mingling, cricket match- South vs. North Calgary along with potluck lunch. Various group games for different age groups were organized and everyone enjoyed it with pav bhaji and watermelon.

Kridangan was conducted to give opportunity to different age groups to participate in sports related activities. Most popular and widely participated sports events were Carrom, chess and table tennis. Total no. of entries in three age groups were 81.

Singing, and Plays etc. performed by our enthusiastic members.

On this event the most favorites and famous Marathi snacks “Wada Pav” was been served.

Ganeshotsav:

Date: 26TH September 2011

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy
16520 24th St. SW. Calgary, AB,
T2Y4W2

Ganeshotsav is one of the most popular festivals of India. We celebrated this festival with worship of Lord Ganesha followed by cultural event. In this event our members performed their arts like singing, dance, small skits.

Ganesh Utsav has special place in every Marathi mind. It brings back the nostalgic memories of celebrations with friends and family.

Encouraged by the support of people, the Paalavi team members took charge of compering the program. Paalavi group also presented a traditional dance and had fun in coming together for practices and getting to know each other better.

After Ganesh puja and Aarti (traditional devotional chant), everyone enjoyed entertainment programs from various age groups including adults and enjoyed small Marathi skit presented by youth and adults. The program ended with Indian dinner and mingling opportunity for everyone.

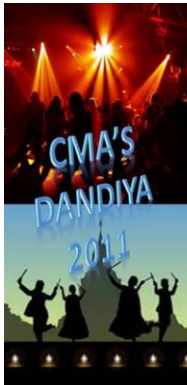


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Dance on Amhi Thakar Thakar song by Bhagats, Pasalkar, Khanolkars. Tullu and Moghes

Navratra / Garba Date: 29TH October 2011



Namaskar Manadali,

You all must be very excited to "Express Yourself" and ready to enjoy the fun of socializing and dancing during our forthcoming "Dandiya" function on 01-Oct-2011. To add more fun to your plans and the "Zatakaazi" and "Thumkaazi" to all dance lovers...We added a little spice to it by making this Dandiya event a full-fledged DJ music, complete with Garba / Dandiya Songs, colourful lights, and heart popping sound system! We are trying to keep our promise of giving back to you the benefits of CMA membership and make each event of CMA a memorable family enjoyment!

CMA members are invited to use this event to promote their "Cooking expertise" and reach to wider section of community by selling "mouth watering" snack items during this event. Interested food vendors / enthusiasts are expected to manage their own food desk, and just pay 15% of their income towards CMA's growth. Please communicate your interest as a food vendor by Saturday - 24-Sep-2011 (after which we would be unable to receive any entries).

The early discount that was offered at our Ganeshotsav function for our Members has drawn lot of interest (Total tickets sold = @100). This discount is now closed. As indicated in our previous communication, following will be the Dandiya charges at the door are as follows:

For Members - Adults - \$10 / person and Children 5-12 years - \$6 / person.
For Non-Members alike - Adults - \$15 / person and Children 5-12 years - \$10 / person.

We welcome you all to join us with your family and friends in this fun-filled and "DHAMAAL & MASTI" evening.

Place: McDougall United Church 8516 Athabasca Street SE
Date: 01-10-2011
Time: 7pm - 10:00pm
NOTE - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN "DANDIYA". NO DANDIYA - NO PROBLEM; WE HAVE GARBA TOO.

Yours
CMA Committee

Diwali Date: 29TH October 2011

Diwali is major festival in India celebrated across the country. This festival of lights is celebrated by friends and families with Indian delicacies and fire work.

Being a last program of this committee, this was specially arranged as a grand finale. "Maharashtrachi Lokdhara" program was presented. It was composition of various traditional dances in Maharashtra including Koli dance,

Shetkari nrutya and Gondhal. This was the program with maximum artists and each dance was independently choreographed by our talented dance directors and carried out by various groups. The special sets for this program were done by our members of the CMA which made the program successful.



Maharashtrachi Lokdhara @ Diwali

