



# CALGARY MARATHI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: YEAR 2014

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Calgary Marathi Association is registered non-profit organization in Alberta. CMA was formed to bring Marathi community in Calgary and surrounding area. CMA celebrates major Indian and Maharashtrian festivals and cultural events. CMA also aims to introduce and cultivate 'Marathi' culture in the Marathi kids born or brought up in Canada.

It intends to add value to all Albertans.

#### **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.



## Magic Show (Jadugar Raghuvir):

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup> 2014

Fascinating magic show performed by Vijay and Jitendra Raghuvir. Descendent of famous Indian magician Raghuvir. Children enjoyed the Magic workshop offered by Vijay & Jitendra Raghuvir. Adults along with the children enjoyed the evening of magic show.

## Gudhi Padva /AGM

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. 5.00pm

This festival marks the start of the "Marathi New Year".



At AGM few of the below points were addressed

- : Approval to Audited financial report for 2013
- : 2014 Budget Presentation
- : Establishment of Advisory Board

## Picnic/ Cricket July 30th 2014

CMA organized Picnic with members – as per tradition the picnic began with a cricket match between NW and SW Calgary teams. The exciting game ended with South winning by only 2 runs. There were other games dumb charades organized as a fun filled day for all members. CMA also welcomes a number of senior, visiting parents of members. The afternoon lunch was set up traditionally as pot luck for an opportunity to have various food types and to encourage member participation.

## Ganeshotsav:

Date: 26th August, 2014

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy

Ganeshotsav is one of the most popular and bigger festivals of India. It signifies the birth of Lord Ganesha. As an extremely important festival, a number of members would perform the prayers in their own homes. CMAs effort was to bring all members together to celebrate the most popular festival in a true spirit of togetherness as a community. We celebrated this festival with worship of Lord Ganesha. A special guest from Toronto were invited to present Marathi musical evening called Swar-Gandha, which was very successful.



## Garba / Dandiya:

Date: 27th Sept 2014

Venue: Glamorgan School, SW

This is one and only one `Pure socializing and expressing yourself event. It originated in State of Gujarat in India. Many traditional garbas are performed around a centrally lit lamp or a picture or statue of the Goddess Shakti.



## Diwali

Date: 1 Nov. 2014

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy

This festival of lights was celebrated by CMA in an auspicious manner. CMA organized a get-together with the members forming a cultural event. It was encouraging to see the younger generation and children participating in a number of dances.

Finally as per the tradition of CMA this being last event of the year an overview

Committee welcomed the new committee of 2015.

## Paalavi Group Events for 2014:

- Bowling and Laser Tag for the youths for team building
- Pallavi youth volunteered at the Jacobs Annual Safety day in September 2014
- Managed the Welcome Committee for Ganeshutsov function.