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President's Message

Jai Jinendra. It's truly our honor and privilege to serve in leadership capacity. On behalf of the new Executive Committee I want to thank you for giving us this opportunity as well as to thank the departing Executive Committee for their dedicated service.

During the past few weeks we have been informally surveying our community members regarding the unresolved issues. Most comments, suggestions, ideas, and concerns revolve around three main issues: Communication, Access to facility, and Sense of ownership/belonging. We can improve in each with **Courage** to take on challenges, **Love** for each other, **Integrity** in what we say and are willing to do, and experiencing **Power** in our ability to help. Let us "CLIP" together and work as community.

In an effort to **CLIP** together, your executive committee has established several resource-supported committees to resolve these issues. Please view the committee listings given on the web with respective duties and responsibilities for details and volunteer your services in at least one committee. We need your help, do not wait for us to call you, instead call us and volunteer.

Sushil Jain

Trustee's Report

The Board of Trustees is actively looking into the expansion of the Jain Center in phases to include an authentic temple, more classrooms, hall,

etc. After preparing a preliminary expansion plan, it will be presented at a general body meeting so as to get feedback from all members. Based on the feedback received, a final plan will be prepared and submitted to the county for approval.

The Board of Trustees has approved the policy to reduce the handling fee for sending donations to non-profit organizations outside USA through Jain Society. The handling fee will be 3% with a minimum of \$30 (instead of the previous policy of 5% with a minimum of \$50) for each check written by Jain Society for transferring members' donations to their recommended non-profit organizations outside USA.

Manoj Dharamsi

Youth Committee Report

We have met twice and been in communication by email since February. We have decided to organize the following activities for the year.

- MC'ing at Mahavir Jayanti
- Children's fair - open to everyone in community - proposed date Sunday, June 26th
- YJA-style workshops with discussions and fun activities
- Community service activities at temple
- Community service project outside of temple
- Visit to Amusement park (organize jointly with the Sunday Class)
- Movie night and discussion
- Bowling party
- Sports day

Sonal Seth

Mahavir Jayanti

Mahavir Jayanti celebration will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005 starting at 2:30 p.m. As in the past, the celebration will include stage programs (religious dances, prayer songs, religious drama and skit, etc.) by our children. Please note that we would like to limit the stage program to items performed in a group of 2 or more participants. Items performed by single artists will be allowed only if time permits it. Please provide details of your entries to Kamlesh P. Shah at 301-933-8123 or Dimple Doshi at 301-540-9678 by April 15. A Swami Vatsalya Bhojan will follow the stage program.

Shah Associates have kindly agreed to sponsor the **Swami Vatsalya Bhojan**. A form for taking part in the dinner is enclosed. Members are requested to inform us by mailing the enclosed form or by sending an e-mail to dinner@JainSocietyDC.org before April 15, 2005. E-mail must include same details as on the form (name, address, phone number, number of participants, etc.). You can also register for dinner participation on our web JainSocietyDC.org by clicking on the "Events" menu and then clicking on the "Mahavir Jayanti Registration".

We will make arrangement for some extra food to accommodate members who do not inform us by this deadline of April 15. Such members as well as their guests and non-members can take part in the Swami Vatsalya Bhojan by donating a minimum of \$6.00 per person to the Swami Vatsalya fund.

For our program, we have requested the Paint Branch High School at 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866 (301-989-5600). **If some other school is assigned to us, instead of the Paint Branch High School, we will announce the new location and directions on the Web, as well as, put the directions to the new location outside the Jain Center.** Directions from the Jain Center to the Paint Branch High School are given below:

From Jain Temple: Turn right on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left on the traffic light for Old Columbia Pike (one street before Route 29, Colesville Road, third or fourth light). Within half mile, school will be on your right.

Ayambil on April 24

Ayambil program will be held at noon on Sunday, April 24. Atul and Aruna Shah will sponsor it. If you wish to take part, please call (301) 274-0319.

Jain Scholars

So far, we have finalized with the following scholars to be at our center to share their knowledge with us. Acharya Chandanaji and Shubhamji (June 9-14), Sunandaben Vohora (Aug 13-18), Nautambhai Vakil (Paryushan), Pandit Dineshbhai & Dr. Ujjwalaji (Das Laksshani), and Tarlaben Doshi (Sept 21-28). We will also have Siddha Chakra Maha Poojan and 18-Abhishek program with Narendrabhai Nandu on July 23-24. We have also invited other scholars and these other programs, when finalized, will be announced in future Newsletters, and will also be posted on our website. We suggest that you always check our website www.JainSocietyDC.org for updated information.

JAINA Convention

The 13th Biennial JAINA Convention will be held in Santa Clara, California from July 1-4. Details and registration information can be obtained on the web site www.jaina.org.

PAST EVENTS

General Body Meeting and Elections

A General Body Meeting was held at the Jain Center on Sunday, December 12, 2004. The meeting included reports on Jain Society activities, financial report, and trustee's report. After the reports, there was a lively and open discussion on the current activities and on the future agenda for the society.

The meeting was followed by 2005 elections conducted by Rajnibhai Gosalia. Members elected for various positions in the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and Youth Committee in 2005 are shown in the left hand column of the first page.

Jain Sunday School

Jain Sunday School is open to all children. The school year is from September through May and the classes are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It consists of 5 different levels of classes (A through E) each following a regular curriculum. We urge all the members to take advantage of this unique opportunity, and enroll their children in Sunday school. For details, please contact Kamlesh R. Shah at 301-838-9778.

Adult Classes on Jainism

Adult classes to provide basic knowledge of Jainism are being held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in parallel with children's classes. Other adult classes are held on Sunday mornings. As followers of Jain religion, it is incumbent upon us to know at least the basic principles. It is even more important for the parents of children attending children's classes to know these basic principles, as their children are learning similar principles in their classes. All members are encouraged to join these classes.

JSMW Representatives

Manoj Dharamsi and Sushil Jain will represent our Jain Society at JAINA as directors. Kamlesh R Shah and Kamlesh P Shah will represent our temple at the Association of United Hindu & Jain Temples of Washington.

Your E-Mail Address

Short lead-time information and last-minute changes are being informed to the members via e-mail. Eventually, we would like to send newsletters by e-mail. If you have not received any e-mail from us within last 3 months, then we do not have your correct email address. Please inform us of your email address by sending an email message to Changes@JainSocietyDC.org

Also, for any changes in your address, phone number, or addition of children etc., please send an email to Changes@JainSocietyDC.org. We would like to keep our database up-to-date.

Our Web Site

The website at www.JainSocietyDC.org has been updated. After the new committee took office, the committee listing was updated to reflect the new committee member names and their e-mail addresses. The committee members can now be contacted via an email. Example: The President can be contacted by sending an email to President@JainSocietyDC.org. Similarly, the Treasurer can be contacted by sending an email to Treasurer@JainSocietyDC.org. Please visit www.JainSocietyDC.org, and click on "Committees" link from the left side menu to view this list. To contact us, you can also go straight to www.JainSocietyDC.org/contact.htm.

A link for **volunteers** to register for various activities at the Jain Center has been created. Please visit the website and click on "Volunteers" link from the left side menu to register as a Volunteer. Volunteer opportunities exist in many committees as listed at www.JainSocietyDC.org/Volunteers.htm

A link for various opportunities available within/through Jain Center has been created. Clicking on the Opportunities link from the left side menu can access this list. Currently, this link displays the 2 Doctoral Research Scholarships available through University of Heidelberg.

If you have information to share with other community members, like addition to your family, death in your family, etc. please send an email to Info@JainSocietyDC.org. If appropriate, we will share such information with our members by posting it on the website.

We are currently working on adding a way to submit your credit card payments for various events: (registrations, donations to India, etc.) online through our website. We will notify you when these changes are implemented and ready for use.

For any suggestions, ideas and/or comments, feel free to either click on Contact Us link from the left side menu or send me an email at WebMaster@JainSocietyDC.org. We will try to implement your comments as soon as we can. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support!

Janak Rajani

Temple Open on Sundays

The Jain center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. If you wish to visit the temple at any other time, please call 301-384-9550 or 301-476-7620.

To allow easy access, we are currently working on providing an automated cipher keyless entry to the Jain Center.

Poojas

Members are welcome to sponsor the performance of Snatra Pooja, Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Antaray Karma Pooja, Vastuk Pooja, etc. at the Jain Center or at member's house. If you wish to sponsor any Pooja, please contact Jyotiben Doshi at 301-670-6844.

Renting of Mandap, Sound System and Other Items

Members may rent the Sankheda Mandap and two chairs; sound system; and Dandiyas. Interested persons are requested to contact Ashok or Pallavi Shah at 301-260-1264.

Phones to Remember

Jain Sunday School ...	Kamlesh Shah	301-838-9778
Adult Classes	Pravin Dand	301-384-3367
	Rajni Gosalia	301-464-5947
	Atul Shah	301-274-0319
Pooja	Jyoti Doshi	301-670-6844
Equipment Rental	Ashok R. Shah	301-260-1264

Condolences

We regret to inform that our active member Hasumati S. Dalal passed away on March 10th, 2005. We pray that her soul rest in peace, and convey our condolences to all members of her family. Also, we convey our condolences to Shardaben Shah and her family for the death of her grandson Parag M. Shah on March 17, 2005 at an early age of only 34.

Donations

Thanks to all donors for their generous donations. A list of donors who have donated \$25 or more is given below. If you wish to send a donation, please write your check payable to Jain Society, and mail it to our treasurer Mr. Ashok Shah at 4717 Brightwood Road, Olney, MD 20832-1828.

Tsunami Relief:

Satish & Mayuri Shah	\$1,000	Hasmukh & Sudha Shah	\$500	Jayen Malde & Murli Shah	\$250
Bhawanji & Kala Jain	201	Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh	201	Ashok & Pallavi Shah	151
Rajni & Sarla Gosalia	111	Sunil & Pallavi Dharamsi	101	Hemant & Neeta Jain	101
Ratilal & Rekha Chheda	100	Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	100	Kalpesh & Komal Shah	100
Nayan & Kashmira Vaywala	100	Pramathesh & Minaxi Broker	75	Punam Shah	30
Amit & Maria Shah	25	Jatin A Shah	25		

Other Donations

Robertwood Johnson Fund.	\$1,255	Received through our member Megha Sanghvi (Matching Gift).
Gunvanti Bhavsar	350	Pooja & Ghee Boli
Bhavesh & Nita Shah	175	Ghee Boli
Alpa Mehta	151	Pooja
Rajni & Sarla Gosalia	111	Adopt Jain Center, 2005
Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	101	General
Tanuja Shah	70	Ghee Boli
Ashok Jain	51	3 Years Membership
Bharat & Surya Mehta	51	General
Sanjay & Sangeeta Shah	51	General
Mukesh & Mona Parikh	51	In memory of Bhartiben Shah

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Upcoming Events for 2005

Saturday, April 23	Mahavir Jayanti
Sunday, April 24	Ayambil
Thursday, June 9 – Tuesday, June 14	Acharya Chandanaji and Shubhamji
Saturday, July 23 – Sunday, July 24	Siddha Chakra Poojan and 18 Abhishek
Sunday, Aug 13 – Thursday Aug 18	Sunandaben Vohora
Wednesday, Aug 31 – Wednesday, Sept 7	Paryushan Parva
Sunday, Sept 4	Swapna Ceremony
Wednesday, Sept 7	Samvatsari Pratikraman
Thursday, Sept 8 – Saturday, Sept 17.	Das Lakshan Parva
Wednesday, Sept 21 – Wednesday, Sept 28	Tarlaben Doshi
Wednesday, Nov 2	Nav Smaran
Thursday, Nov 24.	Thanksgiving Day Ayambil



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SWAMI VATSALAY BHOJAN ON APRIL 23, 2005

Member's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Member's Phone Number: _____

Member's E-Mail address: _____

1. The following family members will attend Swami Vatsalya Bhojan:

No. of Adults and children over 12: _____

No. of Children age 5 to 12: _____

2. We wish to make a donation of \$ _____ to the Swami Vatsalya Fund.

3. We would like make following suggestions for future programs:

(Please mail this form so as to reach before April 15, 2005)

(Alternatively, you can send above information by e-mail to dinner@JainSocietyDC.org)

From: _____

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