

Oshwalwars



8th Edition, March 2017



Chairman's message



Another year is over and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is around the corner. It's that time of the year where we must reflect on the past to enable us, as a Community, to see the future more clearly.

As we review the year gone by it has indeed been an interesting year to say the least with the newest & youngest team of gender balanced group of Office bearers and a very vibrant and supportive Management Committee consisting of:

Chairman: Mr. Dhiraj Devan Dodhia

Vice Chairman: Mr. Jinit Jayantilal Shah

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Bindi Rashmi Shah

Jt. Secretary: Miss Hetal Chandulal Hariya

Treasurer: Mr. Ayush Milan Shah

Ex-Officio: Mr. Vijaykumar Jethalal Shah

Managing Committee Members:

Mr. Anil Nathalal Chandaria

Mr. Anilkumar Premchand Shah

Mr. Bharat Velji Shah

Mr. Vipool Amichand Shah

Mr. Deepesh Pravinchandra Shah

Mr. Dhirajlal Nayalal Shah

Mr. Dhiren Rameshchandra Bid

Mr. Dinesh Devchand Shah

Mr. Dinesh Meghji Dhanani

Mr. Jayendra Virchand Malde

Mr. Jitendra Harakchand Shah

Mr. Kiran Ratilal Shah

Mr. Kirti Chunilal Shah

Mrs. Nimita Vinay Shah

Mr. Nitin Mansukhlal Shah

Mr. Rajesh Premchand Popat Shah

Mr. Satish Devchand Shah

Mr. Suresh Raichand Bid

Mr. Vikas Jayendra Shah

Our aim, when the current Office bearers and Management Committee took over the reins in April 2016, has always been to put the Community's interest before anything else and we have had an immensely positive response from our Oshwal members who have not only felt it but verbalized it that this Management Committee has been hardworking, transparent and committed to the affairs of the Community.

Looking back, let us take a stock of what has been achieved together for the Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi in the last 12 months:

Oshwal Centre

- ❖ Painting and refurbishment of Oshwal Centre
- ❖ Installation of reflective and non slip strips in the auditorium to prevent accidents.
- ❖ Disabled Parking – A new effort has been made to reserve spaces for Physically Challenged & Disabled users of Oshwal Centre.
- ❖ Acoustic Ceilings - A reduction of the echo-effect in the KD Hall & Karania Halls by 58% has been achieved via installation of acoustic ceilings for this problem since the inception of Oshwal Centre is now completed.
- ❖ New Nets in place for the Trampoline and a complete clean/maintenance of the playground facilities in progress.
- ❖ LED lights installed in the basement reducing the Electricity usage.



Oshwal Centre



Acoustic Ceilings

Astro Turf playing field



Astro Turf Playing Fields

The budget for a multipurpose Astro turf field was approved towards the end of 2016. The contracts for the same have now been awarded and necessary permits are being obtained for works to begin on the field. New flooring will also be done at the Play area to make it safe for the little children.



Jainsala Road Derasar

- ❖ Repairs on Leaking roof undertaken
- ❖ Painting and cleaning of exterior walls
- ❖ The budget has been approved at the General Meeting for a Pujari's flat at the Derasar and works shall begin once the plans are ready.

Shree Munisuvrat Swami Jinalay

- ❖ Maintenance works budget has been approved and passed by the General and these works will carry on over the next 2 years.
- ❖ Opp which is the restoration of the idols has already been undertaken and those of you who have been to the Derasar recently may have noticed the difference in the idols.
- ❖ A team of maintenance specialist from India should be coming to Kenya shortly to begin an in-depth scope of maintenance works on the Derasar exterior and interior.
- ❖ Discussion are ongoing with a supplier to provide a retractable canopy at the Derasar which will not cover the beauty of building and will only be rolled out when required in the rainy season.



Mahajanwadi

- ❖ Painting and general maintenance of the halls and roof done.
- ❖ Seniors Lounge Refurbishment completed.
- ❖ Cleanup of all the old offices at Mahajanwadi and sorting out of old archive photos and Community related information going back over 50 years with help from volunteers. All the data and photos will be archived by the library to enable preservation of the Oshwal history linked to VOC.



Oshwal Sports Complex

- ❖ After a long roller coaster of events a caretaker Committee has now been appointed to manage the Complex and work through some of the maintenance issues that have been pointed out by the members with a view of making it a leader in its class.
- ❖ Membership drives being undertaken to increase facility usage.

Oshwal Residency

Most flats at the Oshwal Residency are now in occupation and efforts are being made to tackle any teething problems which are a norm with such projects.



Social Welfare

- ❖ Charges for Funeral Rites done from Oshwal Centre for members have been waived.
- ❖ A massive Drought Relief CSR was done in March where volunteers distributed food to over 5000 families in drought stricken Mwingi, Kitui. The trucks were flagged off from Oshwal Centre and the food distributed directly to the family members instead of using an intermediary to ensure the food reaches the end user. Another famine relief distribution is planned for April.

Administrative Changes

- ❖ New Forms have been introduced for those wishing to hire facilities with a view of capturing all data.
- ❖ A new deposit structure in place for hall hires which covers anticipated charges of hire including security and overtime of duty managers. This is a more equitable system and will result in cost savings for the Community
- ❖ Automization of the invoicing system to prevent error
- ❖ Controlling costs and wastage in purchasing to enhance the costs savings for the Community in all areas including maintenance, operations etc.
- ❖ Updating of all employee contracts and licenses to be in line with legal regulations.

Environment Conservation

- ❖ The current Management Committee has taken a conscious decision to reduce the plastic usage in Oshwal Centre. You may have noticed that at any VOC functions bottles water are now being discouraged and we have introduced more water dispensers so people can drink the required amount without wasting and thus reducing the plastic waste from empty bottles.
- ❖ Migration to LED lights in progress for Oshwal Centre to conserve electricity.

General Community Affairs

The current Management Committee has strived to resolve the impasse on the draft Constitution that has been the case for the last 9 years. The open forums that have been held have given members a chance to speak their views and the Constitution committee has taken note of these and is working towards presenting a final draft

Reviewing the above list of achievements, we see that some of these works were planned long ago but never initiated. We are pleased to report that this 2016/17 Management Committee has endeavored to not only get them started but to also complete them within budget and time-frame.

Moving forward there is always a lot more that can be done for the betterment of our Community.

We are pleased to share with you some of our thoughts and plans for the year ahead:

Forthcoming Projects being worked on by the current Management Committee:

- ❖ **A Structure** to assist growth and prosperity amongst our Oshwal Ladies, who currently sell foodstuff from home, is being considered and a blue print of this should be out soon for members to give their thoughts on.
- ❖ **New LED lights** have been trialed at Oshwal Centre and plans are underway to re wire the halls and install LED lighting which is environmentally friendly and will save on electricity usage.
- ❖ We are in the process of formulating the modalities of a **disabled sticker** to be displayed on the car for ease of access to the disabled car parking facilities.
- ❖ Day Centre for the aging Oshwals and those requiring special care. We already have a great Seniors Lounge, it now needs a little more work and we can have a great day centre where the elderly members may come and spend the day reading, relaxing, eating, resting, etc....
- ❖ A permanent Jainism Exhibition at Mahajanwadi to give anyone interested in learning about Jainism a chance to do so.
- ❖ Developing a social connect between the youth and the middle aged Oshwals and getting more youth to involve themselves in Community affairs.

- ❖ Sports Coaching for young Oshwals – We have been in discussion with coaches (foreign and local) in various sports such as football and cricket with the aim of doing subsidized holiday clinics for the young Oshwal to excel in sports.
- ❖ Elderly and Technology – In the spirit of working with our sister organizations, VOC is partnering with OYL to have youth conducting training for the elderly on usage of internet, Smart phones etc. Plans for this are at an advanced stage and we look to have our first training session in May with the aim of turning the Oshwal Community into a totally Digital Community.
- ❖ Encouraging the purchase of a software called Qlik which will enable us to use census data to generate reports that will help in data analysis of the Community for future planning.
- ❖ Consolidation and updating of Census data – As our census was carried out in 2011 many changes have happened and the current committee has plans to begin a drive to update this data so that we have the most accurate and up to date data on our Oshwals. Discussion has already been had with the UK Oshwal teams on best practices to achieve this.



WE would like to thank every one of our Oshwal members who have helped to make us a better and happier community and there is a lot that needs to be done to progress on all fronts going forward. When one does community work there are always a few who may feel that it was not to their satisfaction or somethings may not have worked as planned and in this case we say “Michammi Dukhadam” with the spirit of continual improvement.

We want to assure you that what we do is in the interest of the Community and it shall always be with that in mind “To progress and grow ourselves into one big happy

33rd Anniversary of Shree Munisuvrat Swami Jinalay

The VOC celebrated the 33rd Anniversary of Shree Munisuvrat Swami Jinalay on 5th February 2016. At 7.30am Snatra Pooja was done and followed by Sattarpedhi Pooja. At 10.3am the dhaja (flag) was hoisted by family of Dr Sarojben and Kantibhai Gudhka.

After the flag hoisting, the remainder of the Pooja was continued and it finished at 12.30pm. Prabhaavnaa of Coconuts was done and about 375 devotees attended this function. The Pooja was conducted by Nutanben Kiran Shah, Rinaben Chuni Shah, Manharbhai Shah and Hiteshbhai Doshi, tablaas were played by Aaryan Pratmesh Shah. The family that hoisted the Dhaja did Aarti at night. There was lunch for the sponsor family and organizers.



SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE VALENTINE'S PICNIC

The Senior Social Committee organized a Valentine's Picnic that attracted about 250 members on 19th February, 2017.

The picnic, sponsored by Mr. Ramesh Samat Bid and family was held at the Thika Gymkhana. Mr. Devan Bimal Shah of Broadway Bakeries assisted in the organization of the grounds, tents and workers for the picnic.

The seniors were given a chance to play different games and the winners were:

- Best dressed couple: Nirmalbhai and Divyaben
- Best dressed ladies for Valentine: Ranjanben Kishore and Shantuben from Thika

- Winners of the coloring contest were Indiraben Mulchand and Suryaben Hasmukh.
- The team that won the water game were given the funnels. And the baton relay team were given plastic bowls.
- All the 24 participants of the face painting were each given tokens



Coming Up



SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY
 Ref. No 031/2017 Tuesday 7th March 2017

SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SUR SANGEET AUR RANGGON KI MALA
 AN EXTRA ORDINARY MUSICAL PROGRAM

Sponsored By
 an anonymous donor



Nitin Varsani & group
 Sunday 26th March 2017
 9.45 a.m.
 Auditorium, Oshwal Centre

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED THEREAFTER!

Tokens available from VOC office
 and Senior's Lounge, Mahajanwadi.

For further details please contact:
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Bindi R. Shah
 Hon. Secretary

AGM
 Annual General Meeting to commence from Tuesday 28th March, 2017

Elections will be held on Sunday 2nd April, 2017

SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY
 Ref. No 030/2017 Wednesday 1st March 2017

SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

EASTER HOLIDAY BAMBURI BEACH, MOMBASA



ACCOMMODATION	AT BAMBURI BEACH HOTEL FOR 4 NIGHTS/ 5DAYS ON AN ALL INCLUSIVE BASIS
TRANSPORT	INCLUDES TRANSPORT TO AND FROM NAIROBI TO BAMBURI BEACH HOTEL, NORTH COAST, MOMBASA , BY COACH
REFRESHMENTS	WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE COACH
TOUR COST	KSH 32,000/= PER PERSON SHARING

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE AND RESERVATION WILL BE DONE ON FIRST COME FIRST BASIS

DEPARTURE FROM NAIROBI WILL BE ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017 AT NIGHT AND DEPARTURE FROM MOMBASA WILL BE ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2017 MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST

BOOKING WILL BE CONFIRMED UPON PAYMENT TO VOC OFFICE, OSHWAL CENTRE (PLEASE BRING A COPY OF ID CARD/ALIEN'S CARD/PASSPORT). THE SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE RESERVES. THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION

LAST DATE OF RESERVATION: FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017



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