

Oshwalwars



9th Edition, April 2017



Chairman's message

Dear Oshwals,

Jai Jinendra

I take this opportunity to thank every Oshwal for the wonderful support you gave my team and I last year and for re-electing us to the Management Committee again this year.

I congratulate all members of the Management Committee for being elected and special congratulations to our newly elected Trustee, Dineshbhai Meghji Dhanani.

I thank all Oshwals who attended the Annual General Meeting and the elections. It was indeed pleasing to see so many in attendance and taking part this year. May I urge one and all to always be active in the Community as this Community is YOUR Community. Together we shall move

forward and build a stronger and united Community.

The past year was a year of action, empowerment, progress, unity and most importantly- transparency. My team and I shall strive to continue on this progress and now that the elections are over, we must get down to the business of moving our Community forward as ONE.

My Management Committee has had its first meeting and we have set out our goals for the year ahead.

The various sub committees have been formed and the Office Bearers shall be meeting them over the next few weeks. We expect them to hit the ground running as there is a lot that needs to be done.

The Shree Visa Oshwal Community has so far donated foodstuff worth over Kshs. 8,649,523/- to the less fortunate members of the society. The last famine relief event took place on Sunday 30th April 2017 and I thank all the donors and volunteers for their support and time.

The Annual General Meeting of VOC was held from Tuesday 28th March to Friday, 31st March 2017.

Elections were successfully held on Sunday, 2nd April 2017 and a record number of over 2000 Oshwals turned up to vote and elect the office bearers, the management committee and one trustee (to replace Mr. Ramniklal Khetshi Shah whose term had expired). Below is the list of the elected office bearers, Management Committee Members and the trustees :

Chairman: Mr. Dhirajlal Devan Dodhia
V. 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

Mr. Dhiren Rameshchandra Bid
Mr. Dinesh Devchand Shah
Mr. Jayendra Virchand Malde
Mr. Jitendra Harakchand Shah
Mr. Kalpesh Prabhulal Shah
Mr. Kiran Ratilal Shah

Mr. Rajesh Premchand Popat Shah
Mr. Ramesh Raichand Shah
Mr. Satish Devchand Shah
Mr. Suresh Raichand Bid
Mr. Vikas Jayendra Shah
Mr. Vipool Amichand Shah

Managing Committee members:

Mr. Anil Nathalal Chandaria
Mr. Deepesh Pravinchandra
Mr. Dhirajlal Nayalal Shah

Mr. Mukesh Velji Savla
Mrs. Nimita Vinay Shah
Mr. Nitin Mansukhlal Shah
Mr. Nitin Pravin Malde

Trustees:

Mr. Dinesh Meghji Dhanani
Mr. Maganlal Motichand Chandaria
Mr. Nalin Khimji Vora





Samyag Darshan (right faith), Samyag Gnaan (right knowledge), Samyag Charitra (right conduct) and Samyag Tapa (right Austerity). The first two (Arihant & Siddha) are those who have achieved liberation (Moksha), while the next three are the means to achieve Moksha by using the right faith, knowledge, conduct and austerity.

Varsitaap came about when Lord Rushabhdev (our 1st Tirthankar), wandered around for 400 days, in silence, looking for alms. No one knew what to give him as he was the first person to have ever taken Diksha and become a Sadhu. They offered precious jewels, magical clothes, but no one offered food. Bhagwan Rushabhdev arrived in Hastinapur and King Shreyanskumar (his grandson) helped break the fast with sugarcane juice. This is still how we continue to break this fast, millions of years later.

Ayambel is a festival that comes twice a year, and teaches us the benefits of disciplining our taste buds, alongside detoxifying our bodies. It lasts for 9 days, and each day has a specific menu designed for it based on colours.

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The works on the Astro Turf pitches at Oshwal Centre are ongoing as per schedule despite the rains making working conditions difficult. The astro turf shipment should be arriving within the next 5 weeks by which time the pitches should be ready and the laying team will begin its work.





**Jayendra Malde (JM)
Aspiring MCA**

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for all those who got time out of their busy schedule to come and nominate me in the Jubilee nominations for MCA Parklands/Highridge ward. This is just the beginning and I hope you will all come out on Tuesday, 8th August 2017 to elect me as your MCA to represent you in the county level.

Thank you and God bless you all.



Kusumben is 75 years old and a home maker. A graduate with a B.A. Degree in English Literature from London University, she worked for 9 years as an Assistant Registrar at Nairobi Univesity. Painting is a dear and passionate hobby to her and she finds it therapeutic and an avenue to express her creativity.

She paints on a daily basis for about 5 hours. The paintings are on paper or canvas using acrylic paints.

The paintings are professionally framed to the highest standards and since the output is prolific, she donates them to hospitals



and community centres.

So far about 600 paintings have been donated to institutions including MP Shah Hospital, Lion Eye Hospital, Nairobi Hospital, Gertrude Garden Children's Hospital, Pandya Hospital Mombasa to name a few.

Whilst on a visit to Kenya, a UK member of parliament viewed her paintings at Oshwal Centre and requested if he could take one with him back to the UK.

Some of her more recent works can be viewed at the Senior Citizens Lounge in Mahajanwadi.

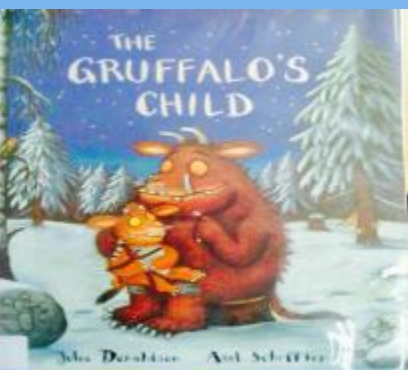




This year has a lot of exciting things in store for you! If you aren't a member yet.... what are you waiting for?

We draw your attention to our current “BlockBuster Books” table where some fabulous books have been turned into Blockbuster Movies! The books are always better aren't they? This collection also features The King of Horror's novel “IT” which is a trailer we're sure you've seen! We also have the Game of Thrones, Vampire Diaries Series and cult favourites like “Eat, Pray, Love” (Hey Julia Roberts!), Forrest Gump and John Grisham's “The Rainmaker.”

And if you're tired of sticking to the same genre and crave some additional adventure, we have a “Blind Date with a Book” section where you pick a brown paper covered book, it's revealed to you when you get it stamped and then you take it home with you and you get to experience the book that you might not have ordinarily picked. You might just pick yourself a new favourite! We also have a new batch of children's books that have recently come in! A few of these new books are: “Horrid Henry”, “The Gruffalo's Child”, “Monkey's & Apes”, “Laughing Giraffe” and “Sophie's Dance Class” for our Early Readers!



Make sure your child is a member so they get all the benefits that the Library has to offer, which will enhance their minds and spirits!

We also have some activities, workshops and talks lined up for you all - so keep an eye out for our posters! If you have some suggestions on what you'd like to see at the Library, be sure to drop us an email at library@Nairobi.org



Oshwal Centre hosted the annual African Food Manufacturing & Safety Summit (AFMASS) & Conference.

This is the regional trade event that brings together stakeholders in the food, feed and hospitality industries in sub-Saharan Africa to trade, network and learn the latest processing, packaging and food safety technologies and practices.

Among the panelists who talked in the conference were: Devan Shah (Business Dev. Executive, Broadways), Emily Macharia (Head of Public affairs Coca Cola, East & West Africa) among others.



Under an initiative taken on by Mr Rajnikant Amratlal Shah of the Operations committee a thorough maintenance and cleaning exercise has been carried out to clean and polish the soot blackened cooking pans some of which are over 20 years old.



General Meeting
Wednesday, 17th May 2017
Oshwal Centre, Auditorium
@ 8.30 pm

SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

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Tuesday 9th May 2017

SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BHUKHAR TOURNAMENT

**PLEASE REGISTER AT THE VOC OFFICE
DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN TEAMS



Sunday, 28th May 2017
9 am – 5 pm

Mahajanwadi, Limuru Road Nairobi
Ksh 800/- per person

Last date for registration 24th May 2017.

(With Lunch & Tea at 4 pm!)



Bindi R. Shah
Hon. Secretary

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