

# The Florida Kshatriya



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## A New Committee Begins

*By Kiran Chhaganlal, President*

I am grateful for the opportunity and honor of being appointed at our August 2009 Mahotsav the new President of our 'Kshatriya Society of Florida' for the year 2009/2010. Since I believe that we need a broad-based Executive Committee who can form a strong Team to lead our Society to further progress, it should not come as any surprise that we do now have that Team. I am delighted that within a month of the 2009 Mahotsav, our Society has a 12-Member Executive Committee (EC) up and running. Names and contact details of the EC are on page 2.

I am also pleased to announce that we have the first of our Special Projects, the new "Florida Kshatriya Directory", under way under the leadership of Vishal Chawhan.

In its first month, the Executive Committee (EC) has made a start on or introduced a number of initiatives. Some of these are:

1. The EC of our Society will conduct itself along the lines of a company board of directors, with regular meetings, a formal Agenda & formal Minutes. The EC has agreed to meet at least once a month, with meetings held at a different EC Member's residence for each meeting.

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## New Years Party



DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

PLACE: TABLA BAR & GRILL

ADDRESS: 5827 CARAVAN CT

ORLANDO, FL 32819

TIME: 7:15 PM

Please join us as we celebrate the auspicious occasion of Saal Mubarak & Diwali.

- **RSVP by October 12th 9:00pm & pay discounted price of \$15 per person.** Please remit check or cash to any of our Executive Committee Members. Or you can mail the payment to:  
*Kshatriya Society of Florida  
5700 Dot Com Court, Suite 1000  
Oviedo, FL 32765*
- After October 12<sup>th</sup>, price will be \$20 per person.
- Children of or under age of 10 are free.
- No refunds.

## LOGO COMPETITION

There will be a **LOGO COMPETITION** at the New Years Event. Everyone is welcome to participate. Create a new Kshatriya Society logo. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$30, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$20. Please bring logo designs on 8x10 paper to the New Year's Party. Winning logo will be published on our new website & on all future newsletters. All ages & all ideas welcome!

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2. In a desire to be more communicative within our Society, the EC intends to publish 4 – 5 Newsletters during its term. I am very grateful to Bhavini Chunilal for accepting the challenges and task of being our Newsletter Editor. This is the first edition, and it is clearly a work-in-progress.

3. Our Society will have its own website, (www.ksof.org) which is currently under construction. The website initiative is being led by Vishal Chunilal.

4. In order to bring about more benefits to our Members and to our Society, the ‘Kshatriya Society of Florida’ will be established with a tax exempt status. This will enable our Members and others to make donations and contributions to our Society, and get tax exemption benefits. Our Society Secretary, Chirag Kabrawala, is leading the charge here in preparing the necessary documents for filing.

5. The New Year’s Celebration Event has been organized for Monday, October 19. This, together with our Spring Picnic & Mahotsav, are our cornerstone events. In order to have a wider variety of events so as to cater for a wider array of tastes, the EC is looking to organize additional events, like a Christmas Party in early December, perhaps a day trip to an attractive location within a 2-hour bus ride of Orlando, youth-oriented activities, etc.

6. Since the Society will have administrative and ongoing costs for some of these initiatives, it is felt prudent to have an Annual Family Membership Fee of just \$25. Of course, the Society belongs to all Kshatriyas in Florida. A minimal Membership Fee will help us not dip into our reserve funds to meet some of the ongoing costs that we as a Society will incur.

7. We do have a good number of our Kshatriya Members outside of Orlando, with some in neighboring Georgia. The EC has given thought on how to better encourage their participation in more of our events.

A good number of initiatives have been commenced. The Executive Committee Members will certainly need the assistance and input from our Members. For example, Bhavini requires sub-editors for collating different segments of this Newsletter, Hitesh would appreciate help with reaching out to all the Members to encourage greater involvement, and Vishal Chawhan needs 2-3 people in putting together our next Directory. Please reach out to any of the Committee Members to assist in any way, large or small. After all, it is everyone’s Society.

I look forward to seeing you all at the ‘Saal Mubarak Party’ and throughout the course of this Committee’s term.

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## CALENDAR OF HINDU RELIGIOUS EVENTS:



Sept 19th: Navratri Begins  
Sept 27th: Durga Navami (Navratri ni nom)  
Sept 28th: Vijaya Dasami (Dasero)  
Sept 29th: Ekadashi  
Oct 3rd: Sharad Poornima  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Sanakt Chaturthi  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Rama Ekadashi  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Vagh Baras  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: Dhan Teras  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: Kali Chaudas, Deepawali  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: Amas, Govardhan Pooja  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Hindu New Year (Vikram Smavat 2066)  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Bhai Beej  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>: Laabh Panchami  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Jalaram Jayanti  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup>: Dev Prabodhini (Dev Uthi) Ekadashi  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Poornima  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Sankat Chaturthi  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: Ekadashi  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Somvati Amas  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup>: Ekadashi  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Poornima  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: Sankat Chaturthi  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: Ekadashi  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: Amas  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup>: Ekadashi  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: Poornima

Thank you to the following  
members for their generous  
donation this Mahotsav 2009:

Pradip Jamnadas, Kirti Kalidas, Rohit Kapadia,  
Kiran Chhaganlal, Kalpesh Nathoo, Bharat  
Kapadia, Ravi Solanky, Hemant Solanky, Puran  
Solanky, Chirag & Aarti Kabrawala, Jayanti K.  
Kshatriya (Mumbai), Narendra Bhagwandas Khatri  
(Toronto), Narendra Kapadia (Daughter's  
wedding), Mahendra Kapadia (Daughter's  
wedding), Rashmi Khatri (Daughter's  
engagement), Harendra Nathoo (Daughter's  
wedding), & Jekison Nathoo (birth of grandson).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>: Kauvshik Nathoo  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup>: Renuka Chawhan  
Aug 6<sup>th</sup>: Vishal Chunilal  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup>: Sunina Nathoo  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup>: Bhavinl Chunilal  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup>: Rajiv Khatri, Rajan Khatri, Jay Solanky  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup>: Aachal Kalidas  
Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Rohit Kapadia  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup>: Laxmiben Mohanlal Naran  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup>: Rajesh Narain  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup>: Chandni Rathod, Mohanlal Naran  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup>: Karishma Nathoo  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chandrakant Mohanlal  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Anita Kalidas  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: Jaywanti Chauhan, Vasantiben Nathoo  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: Rishi Kapadia  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: Ruxmaniben Kalidas, Bhavin Kapadia  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: Maneesha Jamnadas  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Kirti Kalidas, Nisha Kalidas  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup>: Harsh Chauhan  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Raj Khatri  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: Neil Narotam  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Ritisha Chhaganlal  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Kokila Kalidas  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup>: Shila Khatri  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: Kiran Nathoo  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: Raj Gohill  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Poonam Kalidas  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: Mitisha Chawhan  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>: Vishal Chawhan

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Aug 14<sup>th</sup>: Kirti & Anita Kalidas  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bharat & Vina Gohill  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Hitesh & Krupa Khatri  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Chirag & Aarti Kabrawala  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Harendra & Alka Nathoo;  
Pradip & Dipika Jamnadas  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: Kiran & Leena Chhaganlal

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Rajiv & Bhavini Nayee arrival of baby Aarya.  
Also: Narendra & Sheila Kapadia on arrival of  
baby grand-daughter Shreya.

**Please provide us your event dates so we can include  
them in the next Newsletter.**

# Mahotsav 2009

By Bhavini Chunilal, Editor

Photos Courtesy: Anita Kalidas

At our Annual Mahotsav 2009, our community was once again able to dazzle the audience with their talent! We had around 11 performances! MC's Vishal Chawhan & Bhavini Chunilal both commented, "It was a lovely evening and we are always happy to see our Community come together for this event...We hope to see greater participation from everyone in the Community next year!"

We had several guests from out of town: Jayanti Kantilal & wife Kokila Kshatriya from India, Chanda & Veena Rathod from Toronto, Canada, Preeti & Tanisha Sutaria from Dallas, Texas. We thank them for joining us and making the event all the more festive!



*Divo Dance*

It was an evening of celebration, food, and fun! The event began with Prashiv Chhaganlal singing for the first time the American National Anthem. We had a beautiful divo prathna to the song "Om Namah Shivai" by Chandni, Poonam & Trishna Khatri. After which, we had a colorful & fast kathak fusion performance to "Tum San Naina" & "Maya" by Ritisha, Trisha, & Leena Chhaganlal. Maneesha Jamnadas & Poonam Kalidas gave us a beautiful taste of our traditional Bharatnatyam dance with the song "Dhoom Tana". We also had melodious karaoke number by Harry Nathoo & Mitisha Chawhan for the first time!

We thoroughly enjoyed our young talent Prashiv Chhaganlal & Mya Khatri as they danced to a mix of new hip songs "Don" & "Move Your Body"!

Then on stage came ten of our lovely ladies for a colorful garbo called "Ori Ori Aa". In this garbo were

Renuka Chawhan, Mitisha Chawhan, Alka Nathoo, Rohini Nathoo, Trisha Chhaganlal, Leena Chhaganlal, Geeta Kapadia, Anita Kalidas, Smeeta Narain & Gita Solanky. We had another lovely musical number from Kirti Kalidas & Jeeten Jamnadas.

Next we had a fun performance to "Dance pe Chance" by Maneesha, Poonam Kalidas & Chirag Kabrawala (for the first time) with a surprise entry of the entire Jamnadas & Kalidas families! We look forward to more family items like this where everyone is involved!



*"Dance Pe Chance"*

There was a wonderful group dance to "Mahiya", "Yeh Ishq Hai" & "Yeh Mera Dil" by Trisha & Ritisha Chhaganlal, Mitisha Chawhan, Bhavini Chunilal, Dina Solanky, Preeti & Meera Rathod. Last but not least Chandni & Poonam Khatri did a creative butterfly dance to instrumental piece that wooed the audience!



Of course, the dance and entertainment program was followed by happy mingling over drinks and scrumptious food, rounding out the day perfectly.

Our heartiest thanks to all participants & volunteers who helped make Mahotsav 2009 a great success!