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Greetings Members,

We are glad to inform you that, Uttarayan was a huge success. The food was amazing and the weather was just perfect for an outdoor event like Makarsankranti. Nathaniel Hawthorne once said, "There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings..." the same way, members/non-members who attended the event had a blast flying kites in such a beautiful weather! Like Makarsankranti, we're hoping to make every event a great success.

SKI-TRIP:

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, we are planning a ski trip to BOREAL MOUNTAIN RESORT. Our mission is to provide exceptional service so you can concentrate on bringing family and friends together to create a memorable ski trip. For further information regarding Ski trip please contact Raj Kadakia at rkadakia@yahoo.com.

Next event on schedule is Dhuleti. Surprised? The GCA Board members have thought of something different for Dhuleti this coming March. Our GCA customs to celebrate Holi is to have Holi Garba, however, this year we're planning to celebrate Holi with colors, good music and good food. To help coordinate the event better, please RSVP at gcabayarea@yahoo.com.

DHULETI EVENT:

Date: Saturday, March 19th, 2011

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Location: Ceramic Tech Inc., 46211 Research Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539.

We have a few positions open in the GCA board. If you are interested in participating and serving in more actively in GCA activities please send an email to gcabayarea@yahoo.com. We will welcome your help with any aspects of event management or organizational management.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any additional questions. Have a lovely month of February, Happy Valentine's day!

Regards,
GCA Board.

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“Love is not love that alters when it alteration finds.”
-Shakespeare

“If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you’ve made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand.”
-Unknown

“You don’t marry someone you can live with - you marry the person who you cannot live without.”
-Unknown

“Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction.”
-Saint-Exupery

“A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.”
-Ingrid Bergman

“I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.”
-Henry Ward Beecher

“True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen.”
-La Rochefoucauld

“Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all.”
-St. Augustine

“To love another person is to see the face of God.”
-Les Miserables

“Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition.”
-Alexander Smith

“Sympathy constitutes friendship; but in love there is a sort of antipathy, or opposing passion. Each strives to be the other, and both together make up one whole.”
-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

“The richest love is that which submits to the arbitration of time.”
-Lawrence Durrell

“Very small degree of hope is sufficient to cause the birth of love.”
-Stendhal

“There is no remedy for love but to love more.”
-Thoreau

“Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.”
-Dr. Karl Menninger

“To love and win is the best thing. To love and lose, the next best.”
-William M. Thackeray

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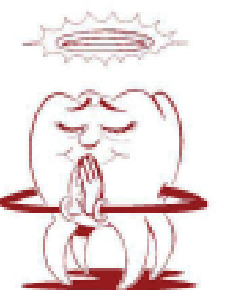
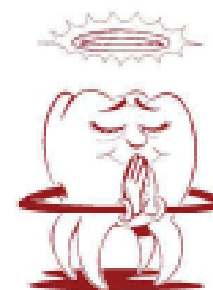
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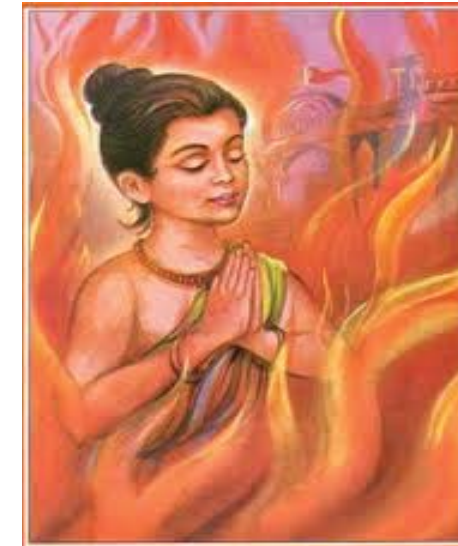
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Holi - Dhuleti

Dhuleti Holi, the Hindu festival marked by colors, fun and gaiety, falls on the day after full moon day in the month of Phalgun (February – March). Dhuleti 2011 date is March 20 and is the day when people play with Holi colors. The first day of the festival is the Holika Dahan or lighting of bonfire and it is on March 19.

The evolution of the term Holi makes it that it derives its name from Holika, king Hiranyakashipu who commanded Prahlad refused to do so. Instead he



an interesting study in itself. Legend has the sister of the mythical megalomaniac everyone to worship him. But his little son became a devotee of Vishnu, the Hindu God.

Hiranyakashipu ordered his sister Holika to walk through fire unharmed, Prahlad, however, chanted the names of God and was saved from the fire. Holika perished because she did not she entered the fire alone.

lika to kill Prahlad and she, possessing the picked up the child and walked into a fire names of God and was saved from the fire. know that her powers were only effective if

This myth has a strong association with a practice of hurling cow dung into the Holika.

the festival of Holi, and even today there is fire and shouting obscenities at it, as if at

Holi is also celebrated in memory of the immortal love of Lord Krishna and Radha. The young Krishna would complain to his mother Yashoda about why Radha was so fair and he so dark. Yashoda advised him to apply colour on Radha's face and see how her complexion would change. In the legends of Krishna as a youth he is depicted playing all sorts of pranks with the gopis or cowgirls. One prank was to throw colored powder all over them. So at Holi, images of Krishna and his consort Radha are often carried through the streets. Holi is celebrated with eclat in the villages around Mathura, the birth-place of Krishna.

Holi as a festival seems to have started several centuries before Christ as can be inferred from its mentions in the religious works of Jaimini's Purvamimamsa-Sutras and Kathaka-Grhya-Sutra.

The next day is Dhuleti or Parva. People visit homes of relatives, friends neighbors and play Holi with colors. Gulal made up of colors likes pink, magenta, red, yellow and green are an indispensable part of Dhuleti Holi. Tesu, or 'flame of the forest,' the flower of the Palash tree is another important material used. Dried Tesu flowers when mixed water creates a beautiful saffron-reddish color. It is said that Krishna played Holi with a pichkaris (a brass syringe which sprays water)



