



president's thankyou



Another year is about to come to an end and we will welcome 2019. This is CDIA's final newsletter for 2018 and I hope you have all enjoyed reading our newsletter this year. We try our best to include as many articles as possible hence in future if members have articles for newsletter please forward them through to us.

We have again had a very busy and successful year. Some of the celebrations we have had this year are Krishna Janmashthami, Nand Utsav, Radha Ashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Jalaram Jayanti, Govardhan Pooja and our biggest function was Diwali Show. I was very impressed with the younger members of our community whom I worked with closely at Diwali time and the commitment they portrayed for the Diwali show was overwhelming. What can I say about our members, I would like to say thank you to everyone for their support during the year because without you all to host all these functions was not possible. Also thanks to the elder members of our community for your encouragement and blessings.

This year was also a memorable one for CDIA as Nanubhai was awarded with the Life Membership Award. This is the first time such an award was presented and I must say it definitely went to a very well-deserved person. Congratulations, Nanubhai and I know your loyalty will always be there for CDIA and we look forward to your continued support.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2019. Enjoy your time with friends and family.

Be kind to each other and stay safe.
Many thanks, Anita Naran



diwali 2018

CDIA hosted Diwali 2018 show on Saturday 10th November. There was a good turnout of people from both CDIA members and members of the public. The programme consisted of colourful dances and performances with both traditional and modern Indian dances. The evening finished off with a full Indian vegetarian meal and was enjoyed by all.



diwali 2018



CDIA would also like to thank all those who helped leading up to the Diwali weekend itself, sponsorship and in addition to those who helped clean up on the night and the day afterwards, it is greatly appreciated.

To our younger members who put in hours of practice for their dance items, keep up the good work. CDIA appreciates your support and also the commitment from parents.

2019 nzisa cricket tournament



Central Districts Indian Association Sports Club is proud to be hosting the 2019 New Zealand Indian Sports Association Inc. (NZISA) Cricket Tournament.

The 2-day event will be held over the 5th and 6th of January 2019 and played at Ongley Park in Palmerston North. The event will see 6 teams partaking from Indian Sports Clubs around New Zealand.

Come down and enjoy 130 over cricket format and support your teams and friends from; Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Wellington and Central Districts.

Please come and support our two Central Districts teams which has entered the competition for the first time.



2019 cdia agm

The CDIA Annual General Meeting will be held in March 2019, date and venue to be confirmed.

It is important that members take this opportunity to voice their opinions and take on new roles within the Association.

We would also like to encourage our members to take on positions within the committee and even some younger members to take on the role of producing our highly commendable CDIA Newsletter.



seasons greetings

On behalf of the CDIA Committee we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to what's to come in 2019.

*To a joyful present and a well remembered past.
Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a magnificent New Year.*



cdia life membership award presentation

As part of the recent Diwali show we officially presented Nanubhai (Paul) Patel with his Life Membership Award.

The award was presented by Dhirubhai Ranchhod and Suneal Singh. Paul is seated in the centre of the photo with Dhirubhai on his right and Suneal introducing Paul.

Below is a copy of Paul's thankyou speech.

Good evening and happy diwali to you all.

What do I say, thanks Suneal for your introduction and to Dhirubhai (John) for presenting this meaningful award to me. I have a lot to say about this award, and unfortunately, these two little words THANK YOU would not be sufficient. I see this award as an acknowledgment to everyone here this evening, as if it wasn't for you all, I would not be standing here accepting such an important recognition. It isn't just about me, but there are lots and lots of people that I wish I could thank, and it would be impossible. I'm not going to talk about my involvement with this association but I want to concentrate my words on thanks.

There is no better way to start off by thanking my family, my wife, Madhu and my daughters, Nikita and Umsha. For they have been beside me and supporting me throughout my years leading this community, and thanks for putting up with me over all these years when I know, you could have done other things. But you sacrificed your time in following and helping me through these years helping to raise the profile of this association.

This leads me on to our CDIA Executive that I have been associated with for many years: Madhu, Surekha, Santi, Mahendra, Kanu, John, Suneal and Sandeep, thanks to all of you, and no I haven't forgotten our president, Anita, who has been the backbone of my support within CDIA.

I have enjoyed my years with CDIA, as it prompted me to further spread the word of our association, not just within the city and the wider community but with the local council, councillors, mayors, parliament representatives, other ethnic cultural groups and organisations like the police, to name a few. Having had this experience I ventured further afield and went nationwide as well, raising our CDIA profile to our affiliated association, the New Zealand Indian Central Association where today I currently hold the national Vice President's position.

While all this is going in the foreground, . So has been my specialised business of more than 44 years which I have managed to run as well as my family life. And as you have heard from Suneal and John I have involved myself in a lot of community work, but it all comes back to two common denominators: sacrifice and support.

The key is the support around me from my family and CDIA. Long serving members like myself and the CDIA committee strive on outcomes of events, but what keeps us going after all the hard work that we put in arranging events is the feel good factor to see turnouts like we have this evening, which makes anyone's position as community leaders worthwhile, and you certainly do not need to receive an award, to get that feeling.



cdia life membership speech continued

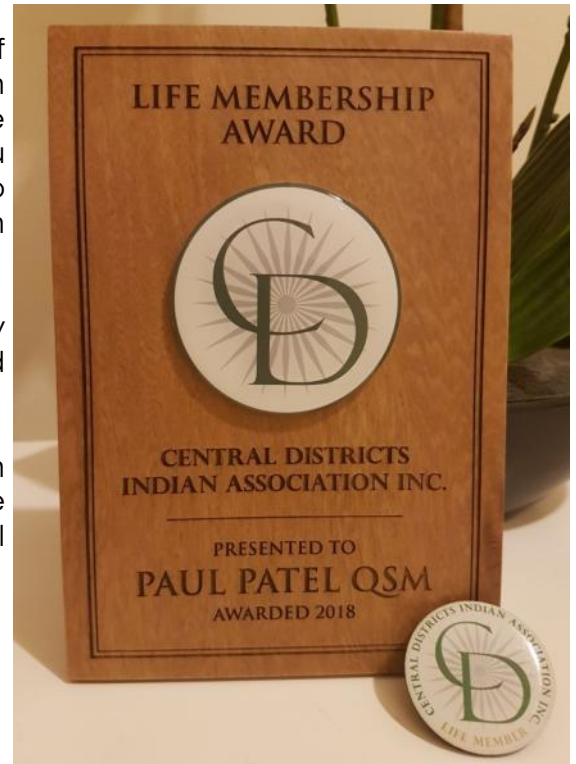
Before I conclude I would like to leave some words of encouragement to those that may want to follow in footsteps like mine or our current president's. Please don't be afraid to take on leadership positions if you are prepared to sacrifice some of your own time to give back to the community in some way, you are on your way there.

Finally, I would like to conclude this evening, by thanking CDIA for the honour that has been bestowed on me, as a Life Member of CDIA.

And you can be rest assured, that I will always remain loyal and committed to CDIA, by supporting the interests of the association, its members, the general community and NZICA for the years to follow.

Once again thank you all.

Nanubhai (Paul) Patel



Congratulations

CDIA would like to congratulate Deepal and Krutsita Patel on the arrival of their baby boy Aryan Patel, who was born on 21st September 2018.



CDIA would like to congratulate Ashokbhai and Sheilaben on becoming first-time grandparents to their grandson, Dhilan Nettin Dahya, who was born on 27th November 2018. CDIA extend their heartiest congratulations to the proud parents Darshana and Hitesh Dahya.

