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INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE

TO: Members of the Samaj

Namaste KKPS member,

It is my honor and special privilege to invite everyone to the 11th biennial convention of Kutch Kadva Patidar Samaj, USA on July 7th, 2017, to be held in Parsippany, New Jersey.

This year's convention will start on Friday July 7th, at 4:00 PM and end on Sunday July 9th at 10 AM with memorable goodbyes and ideas for the future to grow with. Registration, dinner and ras-garba will be held on Friday, July 7th, 2017 starting at 4:00 PM. Saturday, July 8th will include a picnic, with games and competitions followed by cultural programs in the evening. **For details please refer to the Program Outline.** This is such an important, once every two-year event that no one should miss! Remember, it is your participation and enthusiasm that can make this Milan a success and thus even more enjoyable.

This year's accommodations for all attendees will be made at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, 199 Smith Rd, Parsippany, NJ 07054. To avoid any last-minute disappointments, please make reservations early online at www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/KKPS2016 or by calling the hotel at (888) 627-8148, and mention the "KKPS Group" to get the \$109.00 + tax per night rate. All reservations should be made no later than June 9th, 2017. After that date, the group rate of \$109.00 + tax per night is not guaranteed.

Every attending member of the Family and visitors should register by mailing in the registration form. Please clearly mention the number of members attending the convention. This will allow us to better organize the programs and facilities more appropriately. Again, we urge your utmost cooperation in this matter by **registering by May 31st, 2017.**

For those of you who are designated for various tasks, responsibilities and supportive functions please make sure that you are available via phone till the Milan, and in person on the evening of July 7th, if you have not been contacted, and if you wish to serve on any of the organizing committees, please feel free to call an executive committee member and let him/her know of your interest. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be available at the time of the registration on the day of the convention.

To participate in the Cultural Program, please contact Alpa Nakrani at 814-360-4054 or alpatel6@gmail.com with the following information. Type & Duration of Performance and Names of the Participants.

As you know, our organization has no membership fees, no dues and no formal charges and is run based strictly on donations and to a degree on cost based advertisement funds. The estimated cost for organizing this convention including hall arrangement, refreshment, dinner and other associated expenses is expected to be about \$60,000 thus it becomes very essential that we all share this cost by whatever means feasible. Placing your compliments in the Souvenir book is a great way to help offset the cost. To avoid incurring a deficit after the convention, this year's registration fee is \$50.00 per attending member **(except for children under 3 years of age)**. This nominal charge/fee along with the funds raised from the Souvenir book compliments, will cover all of the expenses.