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Happy New Year to all Shree Kshatriya
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Christmas Party Review



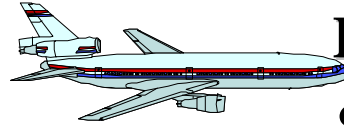
The Children's Christmas party was held on Saturday 23rd December 2006 and was well attended. Mr LOONEY BALOONEY, a professional entertainer was there to entertain the children with games and activities.

Around 65 children attended. They played Pass the Parcel, Musical Chairs and other games and all had great fun.

Then came the time for jolly Santa Claus to give out gifts to all the children. Later, they all tucked into their favourite Pizzas, cakes, crisps and drinks. When it was time to leave, everyone left with a gift and smile on their faces.

This year the childrens party was organised by SKY and we think they did a grand job decorating, buying and wrapping presents, food, etc. SKA would also like to thank Rajesh Amratlal Khatri who for many years has volunteered to be Santa Claus. A very big thanks to all those who helped with this event.

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Bon Voyage & Welcome

London – India – London

- Mrs Prabhaven & Mr Harivadan Kantilal Kabawala with Pritesh & Neelam
- Mrs Chandrakala & Mr Chandrakant Laxmidas Adenwala with Seema
- Mrs Kalpana & Mr Ashok Nagindas Kapadia with Seema and Samit
- Mrs Pushpa & Mr Vinod Natvarlal Khatri with Dhanesh
- Mrs Kokila & Mrs Jitendra Thakorlal Ambaram with Praneal, Vijay & Deepa
- Mrs Kalavati & Devidas Govind Billimora
- Mrs Chandan & Mr Arun Manilal Kapadia
- Mrs Jayaben & Mr Jayantilal Kantilal Parmar
- Mr Raj & Mr Jitendra Pravinchandra Khatri
- Rajendra Dhirajlal Balsara with Jigna
- Mrs Deepa & Mr Mitesh Navin Khatri
- Mrs Indiraben & Mr Ishwar Laxmidas Khatri
- Mrs Nita & Mr Nilesh Ishwar Khatri with Roshni & Krishiv
- Mrs Pangauri Harkishandas Khatri
- Mrs Bindu & Mr Nitin Uttamlal Khatri with Karishma
- Mrs Bharti & Mr Harivadan Dhansukhlal Gohil
- Mrs Nirmala & Mr Mahendra Jagmohan Gohil
- Mrs Champaben & Mr Kantilal Motiram Jadav
- Mrs Nirmala and Mr Dhirajlal Maganlal Kapadia

- Ravi Devidas Billimora – London – Washington - London

- Mrs Anila & Mr Dilip Ratilal Motiram with Martin, Jatin, Kevin and Dylan
Mrs Falguni & Mr Kamlesh Ratilal Motiram with Monica and Sanjay

- London – Egypt - London

- Mrs Veena & Navin Jamnadas Khatri with Deena - India – Bangkok - Singapore – Bali - Melbourne - South New Zealand - New York

- Mrs Anila & Mr Dilip Ratilal Motiram - London – Singapore – New Zealand

Mrs Padmaben & Mr Chandrakant Pursottam Pokkawala London – Egypt -

NOTE: Please inform the Editor of any visitors and guests you have from abroad so we can publish them in the newsletter for the benefit of our members.

Punctuation ...

An English professor wrote the words :
"A woman without her man is nothing"
on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All the males in the class wrote :
"A woman, without her man, is nothing".

All the females in the class wrote :
"A woman : without her, man is nothing"
Punctuation is a powerful thing !

Open your hands

"More than any other part of the body, our hands reveal our inner state."

Today, be aware of how you hold your hands when you're not actively doing something with them. With the stress of our daily lives, many of us find our hands typically clenched in fists. This is proof of the tension we hold in our bodies. And ponder this: how can we receive the abundance of life if our hands are not open to receive it?

When you become aware that your hands are closed tight, stretch your fingers and spread them wide in the shape of a starfish. Deep breathing will also help you relax into the moment.

"What is always speaking silently is the body."

Change of address:

Phone number correction:

**Mrs Urmila &
Chandraprakash Vallabhbhai Khatri**
Whetstone, London N20 0HT

Phone Numbers additions:

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Shop: 020 8960 7190

Gita Girish Motiwala
Stanmore
Middlesex HA7 1HZ

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Mr Jayesh Kishore Parmar**
Harrow, Middx HA2 9RN

**Mrs Ruxmani &
Mr Gulabdas Bhukhandas Kapadia**
Beckenham
Kent BR3 5HY

**Mrs Rakhee &
Mr Rakesh Harivadan Kabawala**
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Middx HA7 2HT

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Ramesh Laxmidas Khatri**
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New SKA Secretary

Jitendra Thakorlal has resigned as the Secretary of SKA, but will continue his work in the committee. The new Secretary of SKA will now be **Kiran Narhari Kapadia**.

SKA Committee requires new members

SKA is looking for two Co-op members. Co-op members are not part of the Executive Committee so they are not required to take up official posts but they still contribute to the meetings. Co-op members do not vote if voting is required on any issues.

SKA needs your help. Please call
Kiran Kapadia

Social Evening

2nd February & 2nd March

The Social Evening in January was very poorly attended with only about 10 non-SKA Committee members present. Was this due to most people going to India, or still recovering from New Years celebrations or was it because there was no food provided?

Next Social Evening will be on the **Friday 2nd February**. For a change people are asked to bring their own food along and we can have a sort of indoor picnic – with a bit of sharing and trying out each others tasty recipes.

The next social evening will be on **Friday 2nd March**. Food will be available as usual. Many members feel there is too much food wastage or not enough and we need to find a solution. We are therefore proposing all those who will be attending the social evening contact **Bharat Vakharia** by Wednesday 28th February so the appropriate amount of food is made.

To encourage people to call there will be a additional charge of £1 per person for the food on the day for those who had not informed Bharatbhai.

Drinks will be on sale as usual.

Call **Bharat Vakharia**

૨૦૦૭ ની હાર્દિક શુભેચ્છાઓ

સર્વે જ્ઞાતિજનોને સાલ ૨૦૦૭ ના હાર્દિક અભિનંદન. આ વર્ષ આપ બધા માટે સફળ નીવડે એવી અમારી શુભેચ્છા. આશા કરીએ કે પરિવાર સાથે નાતાલની રજાઓનો ખાસ પીને ખુબ આનંદ માણ્યો હશે. સેલમાં કેટલી ખરીદી કરી?

બાળકોની નાતાલની પાર્ટી ૨૩ ડીસેમ્બર ૨૦૦૬ ના રોજે મંડળના હોલમાં રાખવામાં આવી હતી, જેમાં સારી એવી સંખ્યામાં (૬૫) બાળકોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. શ્રી લુની બલુનીએ બાળકોને મનોરંજન કરાવ્યું હતું. તે સાથે બાળકો મ્યુઝીકલ ચેર તથા પાર્સલ, પાર્સલ પણ રમ્યા હતા. ફાધર ક્રિસમસે સ્વંય આવી બાળકોને ભેટ આપી ખુશ કર્યા હતા. અંતમાં પીઝા ખાધ બાળકો ઘરે ગયા હતા. આ વર્ષની પાર્ટી સ્કાય દ્વારા આયોજીત કરવામાં આવી હતી તો તે બદલ તેમનો આભાર માનીએ છીએ. ફાધર ક્રિસમસ તરીકેની ભુમિકા ભજવવા માટે શ્રી રાજેશ ખત્રીનો ખાસ આભાર.

તે સિવાય જે કોઈ ભાઈ બહેનોએ મદદ કરી હતી એમનો ધણોજ આભાર.

નવા મંત્રી

આ સાથે જણાવવાનું કે શ્રી જીતેન્દ્ર ઠાકોરલાલે સેક્રેટરી પદ પરથી રાજીનામું આપ્યું છે. તેઓ કારોબારી કમિટીમાં પોતાનું કાર્ય ચાલું રાખશે. શ્રી કિરણ નરહરી કાપડીઆ હવે સંસ્થાના નવા મંત્રી છે.

મહાશિવરાત્રીનો સત્સંગ

સમય : બપોરે ૩ થી સાંજે ૭.

મહાશિવરાત્રી નો સત્સંગ તા. ૧૮ ફેબ્રુઆરી ૨૦૦૭ ના રોજે બપોરે ૩ વાગે મંડળના હોલમાં રાખવામાં આવ્યો છે. આશા કરીએ કે આ સત્સંગ, ભજનના કાર્યક્રમમાં મોટી સંખ્યામાં જ્ઞાતિજનો હાજરી આપશે.

સત્સંગ બાદ મહા પ્રસાદની વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવેલી છે.

સોશિયલ ઈવનીંગ

ગત સોશિયલ ઈવનીંગ માં ઘણીજ ઓછી સંખ્યામાં જ્ઞાતિજનોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. આવતી સોશિયલ ઈવનીંગ તા. ૨ ફેબ્રુઆરી ૨૦૦૭ ના રોજે છે જેમાં જ્ઞાતિજનો ઘરેથી ખાવાનું લેતા આવે એવી નમ્ર વિનંતી. બધા સાથે મળી ઉજાણી કરીશું.

માર્ચ મહિનાની સોશિયલ ઈવનીંગ ૨ તારીખે છે જેમાં રાબેતા મુજબ ખાવાની વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવેલી છે. જે કોઈ આવવાનું હોય તે મહેરબાની કરીને શ્રી ભરત વખારીઆને ૨ દિવસ પહેલા ફોન કરીને જણાવે જેથી ભોજનના પ્રબંધ કરવામાં સહાયતા થાય. જે કોઈ ફોન કર્યા વગર આવશે તેને વ્યક્તિ દીઠ ૬૧ ચાર્જ કરવામાં આવશે. તો માર્ચની સોશિયલ ઈવનીંગમાં આવવાનું અને શ્રી ભરતભાઈ ને ફોન કરવાનું ભુલતા નહીં.

પુત્ર-પુત્રી જન્મ : અભિનંદન

શ્રીમતી દીપા અને શ્રી જીતેશ ધીરજલાલ કાપડીઆ, પુત્રી બિજલ તા. ૪ ડીસેમ્બર ૨૦૦૬. તેમના તરફથી સંસ્થાને ૬૨૫ ની ઉદાર ભેટ મળી જે બદલ તેમનો હાર્દિક આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

શ્રીમતી ડીમ્પલ અને શ્રી જય પ્રવીણચંદ્ર ખત્રી પુત્ર રાચન તા. ૫ ડીસેમ્બર ૨૦૦૬. તેમના તરફથી સંસ્થાને ૬૨૧ ની ઉદાર ભેટ મળી જે બદલ તેમનો હાર્દિક આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

શ્રીમતી ઈશા અને શ્રી દીપેશ શશીકાંત ખત્રી પુત્ર પ્રણયતા. ૧૧ જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૦૭. તેમના તરફથી સંસ્થાને ૬૨૧ ની ઉદાર ભેટ મળી જે બદલ તેમનો હાર્દિક આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

લગ્ન : અભિનંદન : આભાર

સ્વ. શ્રીમતી જસવંતી અને શ્રીમાન ધીરજલાલ નરોત્તમદાસ બલસારાના સુપુત્ર રાજેન્દ્રના શુભ લગ્ન શ્રીમતી વિધાગોરી અને શ્રીમાન હીરાલાલ ભગવાનદાસ સોલંકી (સુવા, ફીજી) ની સુપુત્રી ઉર્વશી સાથે તા. ૩૦ ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૦૬ ના રોજ નવસારી, ભારત માં થયા હતા.

આ શુભ પ્રસંગે શ્રીમતી અને શ્રીમાન રાજેન્દ્ર બલસારા તરફથી ૬૫૧ ની ઉદાર ભેટ મળી જે બદલ તેમનો હાર્દિક આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

કો-ઓપ્ટ સદસ્ય

કારોબારી સમિતિને ૨ કો ઓપ્ટ સદસ્યોની જરૂર છે. તો જો કોઈ પણ જ્ઞાતિજને ઈચ્છા હોય તો સંસ્થાના મંત્રી કિરણ કાપડીઆનો સંપર્ક સાંધે.

૨૫ કુંડ ગાયત્રી યજ્ઞ

સમય : રવિવાર ૭ જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૦૭

વસંત પંચમીના શુભ અવસરે ગાયત્રી પરિવાર યુ.કે તરફથી ૨૫ કુંડ ગાયત્રી યજ્ઞનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. બપોરે ૧:૩૦ વાગે પ્રાર્થનાથી યજ્ઞની શરૂઆત થઈ હતી અને ગાયત્રી મંત્ર અને આરતી સાથે સાંજે ૬:૩૦ વાગે યજ્ઞ પરિપુર્ણ થયો હતો. ૨૫૦ ભક્તો, જેમાં ૫૦ ખત્રીઓ પણ હતા, મહાપ્રસાદ લઈ ઘરે ગયા હતા.

સ્નુકર અને પુલ ટુર્નામેન્ટ

ફેબ્રુઆરી અને માર્ચ મહિનામાં સ્નુકર અને પુલ ટુર્નામેન્ટનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવેલું છે. વધુ માહિતી માટે અંગ્રેજી વિભાગ વાંચશો.

કાવ્ય-દીવો 'શ્રી યોગેશ્વરજીના બાળગીતો'

નાનો દીવો નાના ઘરને કેવો તેજ કરે?

જુઓ જરા, આ મુંગે મોઢે સેવા શાંત કરે.

નથી સુરજના જેવી શક્તિ તો પણ ભારે એની ભક્તિ

ચંદ્ર તથા તારલિયાથીએ, મોંઘો આજઠરે

અમાસની અંધારી રાતે, ઘરમાં તેજ કરે.. નાનો દીવો..

શાંત થશે સેવા કરતાં એ, બુઝાશે કોઈ હાથે કે,

એવી રીતે જીવન જો આ ક્યાંયે તેજ ધરે,

ધન્ય થાય તો કોઈને જો એથીપ્રાણ મળે.. નાનો દીવો..





Wedding

Congratulations to:

RAJENDRA son of Late Mrs. Jaswanti &
Mr Dhirajlal Narottamdas Balsara to
URVASHI daughter of Mrs. Vidyagauri
& Mr Hiralal Bhagwandas Solanki (Suva, Fiji)
on 30th December 2006 in Navsari, India

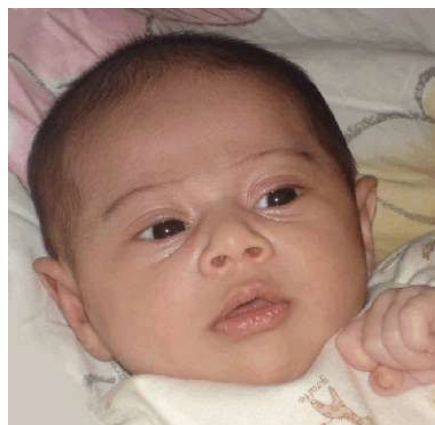
*SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Rajendra Balsara
for their kind donation of £51.00.*

New Baby

Congratulations to

Mrs Dipa and Mr Jitesh Dhirajlal Kapadia on the birth of
their baby Girl **Bijal** on 4th December 2006.

*SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Jitesh Kapadia for their
kind donation of £25.00.*



New Baby

Congratulations to

Mrs Dimple and Mr Jai Pravinchandra Khatri on the birth of their
baby Boy **Ryan** on 5th December 2006.

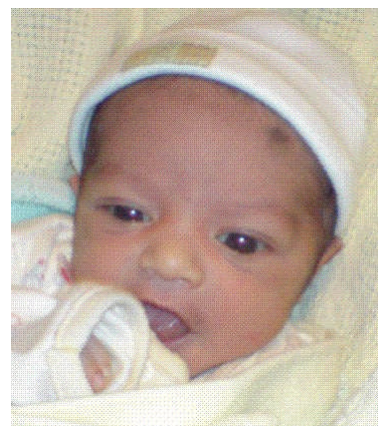
*SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Jai Khatri for their kind
donation of £21.00.*

New Baby

Congratulations to

Mrs Isha and Mr Deepesh Shashikant Khatri on the birth of their
baby Boy **Pranay** on 11th January 2007

*SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Deepesh Khatri for their kind
donation of £21.00.*



Sports

Snooker & Pool Tournament

The events played :

Snooker - 18th February, 25th February, 4th March

Pool - 25th March

Start Time: 11:30am

Venue: CHISWICK SNOOKER CLUB

111 Power Road, Chiswick, London W4 5PY



Participation Fee:

Adults & over 16yrs – £6 each. For 10 to under 16's – FREE

Application for Snooker to be received by 16th February 2007 at the latest.

Application for Pool should be received by 23rd March and that the draw will take place on the 24th March.

We are pleased to announce that the ever popular snooker and Pool competition for the year 2007 has now been finalised. The Snooker tournament draw will be held on Saturday 17th February and the competition will commence in earnest on Sunday 18th February 2007.

The closing date for receiving application to participate in Snooker is 16th February 2007 and for Pool 23rd March. Once your name is entered into the draw and if you are not present within 1 hour of the commencement time, you will be liable for the entrance fee and you will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

A minimum of 8 players are required to hold the said competition and in the event that this is not fulfilled the tournament will be cancelled.

For further information and for you to confirm your participation, please contact:

Bhavin S Khatri

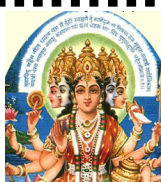
Gayatri Yagna.

On 7th January 2007, to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchmi Sri Vedmata Gayatri Pariwar UK organised a 24 Kundi Gayatri yagna at Dartford Technology College at Dartford, Kent.

The hall and the 24 Yagna Kund were arranged and performed by Volunteers from Gayatri Pariwar UK.

The Yagna was started at 1.30p.m. with a prayer and vidhi to invite the Gods and Goddesses. After some bhajans and lectures, Deep Yagna by 700 lamps were lighted in yagnashala. Then yagna ahuti was performed with chanting the Gayatri mantra followed by the Aarti and Darshana. The Yagna was concluded at 6.30p.m.

There were around 250 people who attended and participated in this auspicious occasion, of which about 50 members were from Khatri community. Mahaprasad was then served.



Meaning of the Gayatri Mantra

Bhur Bhuva Svaha Tat Savitur Varenyam
Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi Dhiyo yonah Prachodayat

The Gayatri Mantra may be translated in many ways. One such translation is as follows:

(Om) Om **(Dheemahi)** We meditate **(Bhargo)** upon the spiritual Effulgence **(Varenyam Devasya)** of THAT Adorable supreme Divine Reality **(Savitur)** the Source **(Bhur, Bhuva, Svaha)** of the physical, the Astral and the Heavenly Spheres of Existence. **(Tat)** may THAT Supreme Divine Being **(Prachodayat)** enlighten **(Yo)** which **(Nah)** our **(Dhiyo)** Intellect (so that we may realise the Supreme Truth).

Maha Shivratri Satsang 2007



On Sunday 18th February
from 3pm to 6pm at the SKA Hall.

We are pleased to announce the date for this religious event as 18th February. Please come to the Satsang, listen and sing along to the beautiful bhajans.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Significance of Shivaratri

The festival of Maha Shivaratri is the most important festival for the millions of devotees of Lord Shiva. It is said that a devotee who performs sincere worship of Lord Shiva on the auspicious day of Shivratri is absolved of sins and attains moksha or salvation.

Shiva Bhajans

These bhajans are simple soulful songs that splurges you in the love for almighty and makes you extremely devotional. Usher in the festive mood this Mahashivratri by chanting some melodious Shiva Bhajans. A collection of Shivaratri Bhajans are available on this page. Read, learn and pass these harmonic Bhajans to all Shiva devotees.

Kabhi Ram Banke, Kabhi Shyam Banke
Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: O my Lord, please come to me, sometimes taking the Divine form of Rama and at other times in the Divine form of Shyama, please come to me!

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Tum Rama roop me aana
Tum Rama roop me aana
Sita saath leke Dhanusha haath leke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: Please come to me in the Divine form of Rama holding bow and arrows in your hands and along with your consort Sita devi.

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Tum Shyam roop me aana
Tum Shyam roop me aana

Radha saath leke murali haath leke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: Lord, please come to me in the Divine form of Shyama (Krishna) holding the flute in your hands together with your sweetheart Radha.

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Tum Shivaki roop me aana
Tum Shivaki roop me aana

Gauri saath leke damaru haath leke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: O my Lord, please come in the Divine form of Shiva holding 'damaru' (musical cymbal) in your hands and accompanied your divine consort Gauri.

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Tum Vishnu roop me aana
Tum Vishnu roop me aana

Lakshmi saath leke Chakra haath leke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: O Lord, please come in the Divine form of Vishnu holding the disc in your hands and together with your spouse, Lakshmi Devi.

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Tum Ganpati roop me aana
Tum Ganpati roop me aana

Riddhi saath leke Siddhi haath leke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: O Lord, please come on the Divine form of Ganesha, along with our wives, Riddhi by your side and holding the hand of Siddhi.

Kabhi Ram banke kabhi Shyam banke
Chale aana Prabhuji chale aana

Meaning: O Lord please come by, sometimes as Rama and at other times as Shyama, please do come and bless me with Divine vision.



Newsletter January 2007

SKY's 10th Birthday!!!

Yes folks, its scary stuff – BUT SKY has been around for an amazing 10 years now, and what a decade it has been - Full of parties, coach trips, performances and many memorable nights. So what better way than to celebrate, than to have a big party sharty! Either end of March or First week of April, watch this space; we will be planning a glamorous night for the family at a nice venue. However tickets will be limited.



There may not have been a performance at the Children in Need party, but it will be back with a BANG at our birthday party....Something else to look forward to. We would like every single member of the SKY committee over the years to be involved, so please come forward and save us the hassle of hunting you down.

An important note! Nishma Kapadia (co-op)

Election year has arrived and SKY is looking for new people to join up. Please consider what you could contribute towards keeping this committee going. We need you all to pull together if you want to see SKY to continue, as without volunteers SKY will no longer exist.

I know what you are all thinking. I don't have the time? I have far more important things to worry about? It's too much work? Honestly I went through the exact same thoughts before I joined. But it's actually not that bad.

I managed to commit to sky alongside my final year of university and now I am working full time. I cannot stress enough how fulfilling it has been to be apart of SKY. Over the past term we organised a number of events the most close to my heart was the Children in Need. Just seeing how much we raised made me very proud of our committee and our community and made all the time we spent organising very worthwhile. SKY is a lot of fun. Yes there are meetings to attend but surprisingly not that many. When event time is approaching everyone pulls together and any jobs are divided evenly to what you can manage. The reason I've taken this opportunity to tell you this, is so you can really consider what difference you could make. SKY has been around running for a decade and it would be a shame if it fell apart soon after.

If you are interested or just have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any SKY member.