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Greetings – DG Lion John Relph & PCC Lion Tim Cheung

Door Prizes – 1st Batch

Cirque du Soleil by Olga, Dmitriy & Violet

Classical Dance by Nritya Kala Mandir

Door Prizes – 2nd Batch

Bachata Performance by Thomas and Sara

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Dance Performance by Bollywish

Acrobatic Trio for Freedom by Olga, Dmitriy & Violet

Keynote Speaker and Cheque presentation

Cine Blitz Dance by Reign Yash Dance Academy

Salsa Performance by Thomas and Sara

Greetings by Mayor

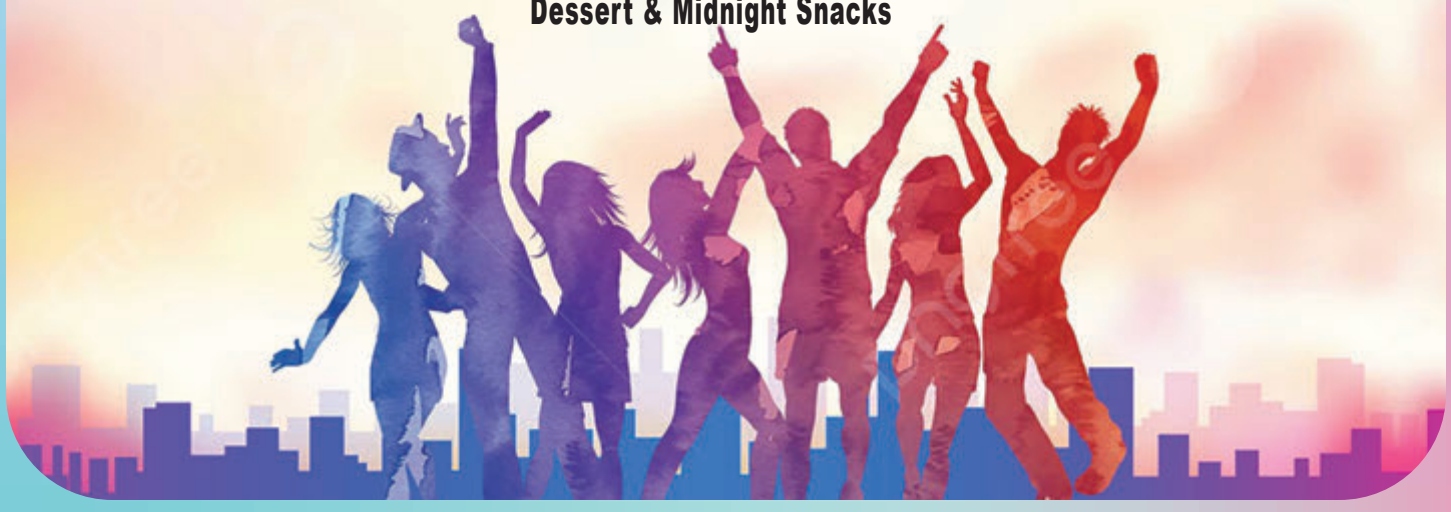
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Dessert & Midnight Snacks



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Message from the President of Markham Elite Lions Club



Dear Sponsors, Friends and Family,

As the President of Markham Elite Lions Club, it is my honor to invite you to our Fundraising Gala Dinner on May 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM onwards. This special evening is dedicated to celebrating Mother's Day while supporting an extraordinary cause — raising funds for the Maternity Ward of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Mothers are the heart of every family and community, and this event is our way of giving back to them by contributing to a facility that provides care and comfort during one of the most precious moments in their lives.

We need your support to make this initiative a success. We warmly invite sponsors, businesses, friends, and families to join hands with us in this noble cause. Your generous contributions, sponsorships, or donations will make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless mothers and their newborns.

Let's come together to celebrate motherhood and extend our support to this essential cause. Together, we can make a difference!

For more details or sponsorship opportunities please reach out to us.

Warm regards,

Sandi Sethi

President, Markham Elite Lions Club

Thank you!

MARKHAM ELITE LIONS CLUB

for choosing Markham Stouffville Hospital as the benficiary of your 2024 fundraising gala.

Your commitment and generosity is key to ensuring excellent care for the thousands of patients and families who rely on our hospital every year.

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Good evening,

On behalf of Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, thank you for attending the Markham Elite Lions Club Gala. Oak Valley Health's Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) is honoured to be the recipient of your fundraising efforts.

We appreciate your support because government can't fund all of the hospital's priority needs. That's why events like this are so vital and will make a difference in the lives of patients and their families.

This Mother's Day weekend, your generosity will help fund a new fleet of birthing beds in MSH's Stollery Family Centre for Childbirth & Children. Our hospital delivers more than 3,200 babies each year—that's about eight new arrivals per day! Updating this crucial piece of equipment ensures that MSH can support every expectant parent in our growing community. Thank you for equipping our hospital with the best resources possible for our tiniest patients.

I would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to the dedicated event committee, led by Lion Sandi Sethi. Your commitment to bringing the community together to support our hospital will build a stronger and healthier tomorrow for generations to come.

Thank you for helping us bring a lifetime of care closer to home.

Enjoy the evening and thanks again,

Suzette Strong

Suzette Strong
Chief Executive Officer
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Mother's Day Celebration

We thank you for your selfless dedication and commitment to supporting various worthy and noble causes in our city. The well-being of our community is connected to the actions of kind-hearted individuals who care and give their time to helping others. We thank you for your incredible compassion and generosity.

Best wishes for a successful event and happy Mother's day to all.

May 11, 2024

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May 10, 2025

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCARPITTI

On behalf of Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am pleased to extend our best wishes to everyone attending ***Markham Elite Lions Club's Annual Fundraising Gala.***

I would like to extend our congratulations and appreciation to the entire team on hosting your annual fundraising gala. Your dedication to serving our community and supporting those in need is truly commendable. This year's fundraising efforts in support of the Markham Stouffville Hospital's maternity ward will have a meaningful and lasting impact on families and newborns in our city, ensuring they receive the best possible care.

The work you do is invaluable and we are grateful for the time, energy and passion each team member puts into making a difference. Through your generosity and commitment, you continue to uplift and strengthen our community, providing essential resources where they are needed most.

Markham is fortunate to have the Markham Elite Lions Club as a pillar of support and compassion. Thank you for all that you do and congratulations again on a wonderful event! We look forward to seeing the positive impact of your efforts for years to come.

Sincerely,

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



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It is a great honour for me to be able to be a part of this special fundraising gala, in support of the Maternity Ward of Markham Stouffville Hospital, hosted by the Markham Elite Lions Club. It is our obligation as Lions to serve our communities because wherever there is a need there is a Lion.

This fundraising gala is a testament to the work that has been done to foster excellence which aligns with the mission of the Markham Elite Lions Club and Lions Clubs International. Your support will enable the hospital to continue the good work they do for our community, and I encourage your continued support.

On behalf of Markham Elite Lions Club, Lions Clubs International and District A16 I thank you for all you have done to make this gala a success and to help raise awareness of all the good work being done by members of our communities.

Yours in Lionism

Lion John Relph

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A welcome message from
Past Council Chairperson Tim Cheung
May 10, 2025

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Markham Elite Lions Club Fundraising Gala in support to the Maternity Ward of Markham Stouffville Hospital tonight.

You have gathered this evening to celebrate the successes of Markham Elite Lions Club for their many excellent service projects that they have done for the community. Your presence here also showed the great support you gave to the Markham Elite Lions for them to continue their service journey in making the community better every day.

I was proud to have the opportunity to serve along side with many Markham Elite Lions as the Guiding Lion of their Club for the first two years after their club charter. Their dedication to service to the community, planting trees for a greener environment, supporting local food banks for the needy, and collecting eyeglasses for recycling, are just some great examples of service projects that they do under their club motto: “Born to Serve”.

Thank you to the Markham Elite Lions Club for your contributions to the community and to Lionism!



I wish you all a wonderful evening.



PCC Tim Cheung



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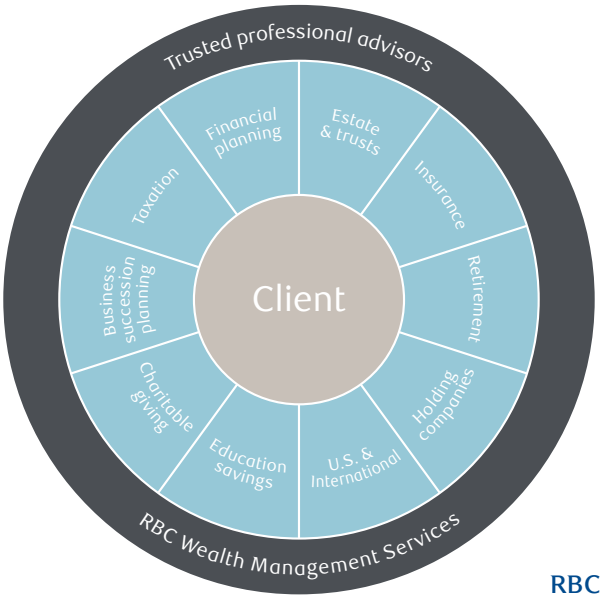
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Aman Bhatti after starting his career in Dubai he moved to Canada in 2010. He holds a Master's in Business Management. He joined TD at Financial advisor were he completed all necessary designations. He provided clients with expectational service and was region top Financial advisor with TD and won TD champion 2 times during his role as Financial advisor. He promoted to Financial Planner in 2014 due to his excellency in client satisfaction.

He got into wealth management as relationship manager with ICICI bank (International banking group) in Dubai were after working successfully with High net worth clients. Were is demonstrate great care for understanding clients needs and help them set up financial goals with plan to achieve them. He then joined HSBC Dubai as Senior Relationship manager were he was able to help Ultra high net worth clients with there complex personal and Business investment and planning needs.

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OUR STORY



Markham Elite Lions Club (MELC), chartered on August 17, 2022, proudly embodies the ethos of service reflected in our motto: "Born to Serve." With a dedicated team of Lions, MELC is committed to addressing community needs through selfless service and impactful initiatives.

Driven by unwavering dedication, MELC actively partners with local food banks to ensure essential provisions reach those in need. Our efforts include ongoing support for the South Asian Women's Shelter and Share & Care Food Bank.

In a significant contribution to global vision care, MELC spearheaded an eyeglasses donation drive, successfully collecting approximately 1,500 pairs of eyeglasses annually for distribution around the world.

Our commitment also extends to environmental conservation, with active participation in tree planting events and park clean-up projects, underscoring our holistic approach to community service and sustainability.

MELC proudly supports vital health-related causes including breast cancer awareness, diabetes research, and the enhancement of maternity care facilities. These efforts reflect our deep-rooted commitment to health, well-being, and charitable outreach.

At its core, the journey of the Markham Elite Lions Club is one of service, community empowerment, and creating meaningful change. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and the unwavering dedication of our members.

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It's a mother's love that knows no bounds, no expectations, and no limitations.
A mother's role is multifaceted. She is a caregiver, a teacher, a mentor, a friend, and a guiding light. She is the one who wipes away our tears, soothes our fears. She is the one who always encourages us.

A mother's impact on our lives is immeasurable. She shapes our values, our beliefs, and our character. She teaches us life skills, such as empathy, kindness, and compassion. She inspires us to be our best selves, to pursue our passions, and to never give up on our dreams.

Mothers deserve to be celebrated every day, not just on Mother's Day. They deserve our gratitude, our appreciation, and our love. We can celebrate mothers by:

- Spending some quality time
- Listening to their experiences
- Showing them appreciation and gratitude
- loving them unconditionally.

Mothers are the backbone of our families and our societies. They are the one who inspire us to reach for the stars. Let us cherish our mothers, appreciate their sacrifices, and celebrate their love and devotion.

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Markham Elite Lions Club is dedicated to empowering charitable organizations that are actively engaged in the fight against diabetes such as Diabetes Canada.

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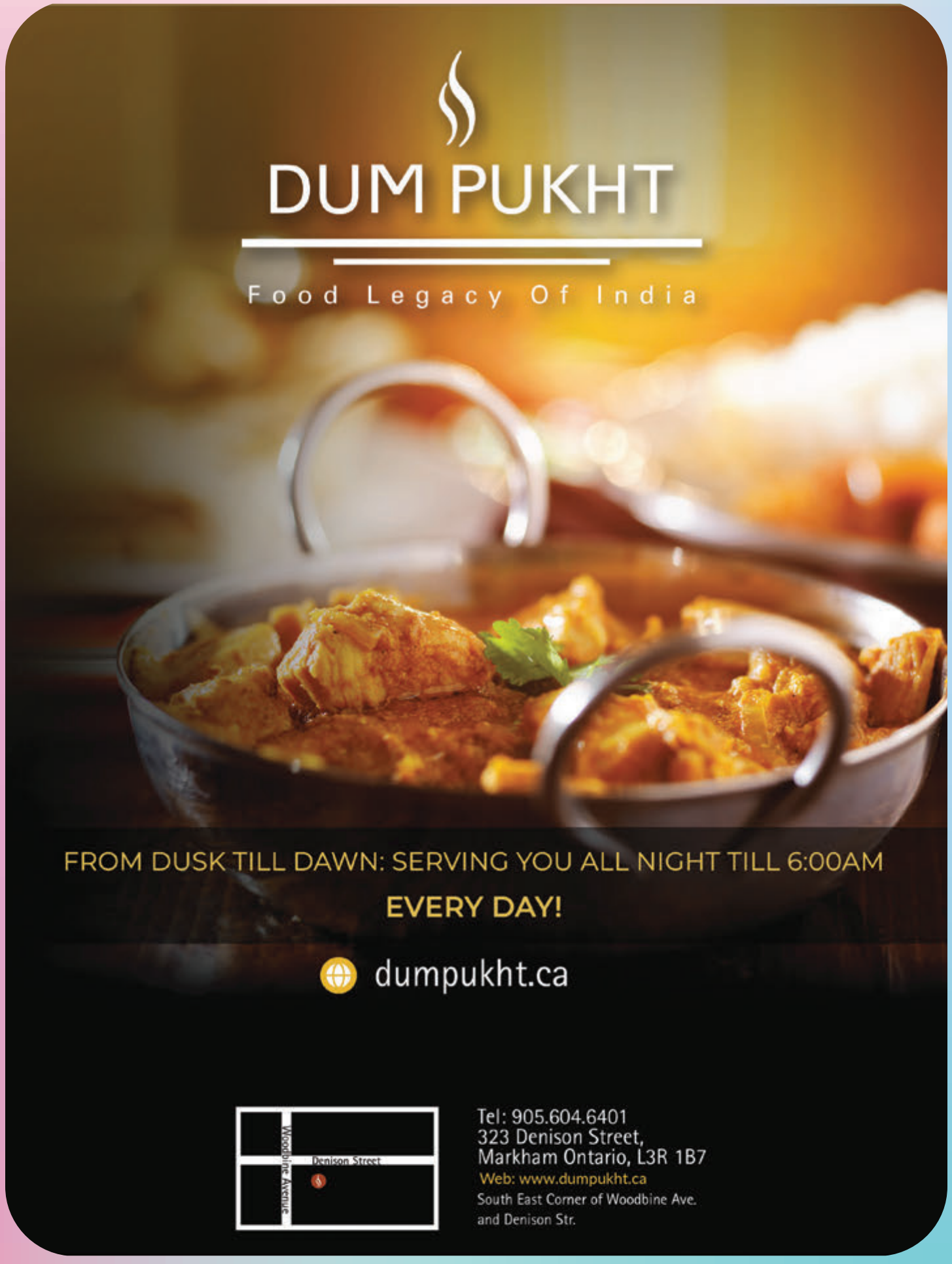
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In the modern world of unrelenting noise, constant distractions, and overstimulation, many are rediscovering ancient practices that return them to a place of inner silence and stillness. Among these is *Primordial Sound Meditation*—a time-honored, deeply personalized technique that utilizes the vibrational power of sound to guide practitioners back to their essence, their *source*.



What is Primordial Sound Meditation?

Primordial Sound Meditation (PSM) is a mantra-based meditation technique rooted in the Vedic tradition of India, revived and popularized for contemporary seekers by Deepak Chopra and Dr. David Simon of the Chopra Center. Unlike generic mantras used in some meditation forms, PSM provides each practitioner with a personalized mantra based on the vibration the universe was making at the exact time and place of their birth. This mantra, known as the *primordial sound*, acts as a spiritual fingerprint—unique, sacred, and deeply resonant.

The Role of the Mantra

At the heart of PSM lies the *mantra*, a specific sound or vibration repeated silently during meditation. The mantra is not intended to have a literal meaning but functions as a vehicle to draw the mind inward. When repeated effortlessly, the mantra helps the practitioner move beyond the busy mind and enter a state of restful awareness.

By gently repeating the primordial sound, the meditator transcends thought and connects with a field of pure consciousness—a state of silent alertness where the sense of separation dissolves and one begins to experience unity with the universe.

How It Connects Us to Our Source

The "source" in spiritual teachings refers to the universal field of intelligence, creativity, and stillness—the origin of all existence. In Vedantic philosophy, it is known as *pure consciousness*, the state before thought, form, or identity arises.

Primordial Sound Meditation facilitates this connection in several profound ways:

- **Resonance with Universal Rhythms:** The mantra assigned in PSM is derived from the cosmic vibrations at your birth. As you repeat it, you reattune your mind and body to the original rhythm you were born into—like rejoining a forgotten song that your soul has always known.
- **Transcending the Ego Mind:** Regular use of the mantra helps you move beyond surface-level thoughts, fears, and identity constructs. In the deep stillness beneath the mind, you begin to experience yourself not as the roles you play, but as the silent witness—the unchanging observer that is your true self.
- **Access to Inner Intelligence:** When you settle into source-consciousness, you tap into your innate intelligence, creativity, and intuition. You no longer need to chase peace or answers in the outer world; instead, you begin to draw from the infinite well within.

Benefits Beyond the Spiritual

While the spiritual goal of connecting to the source is profound, the daily benefits of PSM are equally compelling:

- Reduction in stress and anxiety
- Improved sleep and immune function
- Heightened emotional regulation
- Increased clarity and decision-making ability
- Enhanced feelings of joy, purpose, and inner peace

Returning to the Self

Primordial Sound Meditation is not about effort, achievement, or control. It is about surrendering to silence through a sound that is uniquely yours. In that sacred space beyond thought, you remember who you truly are—not the personality shaped by society, but the infinite, eternal presence behind it.

By meditating with your primordial sound, you are not just relaxing—you are returning home.

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Thomas Zinger and Sarah Stolarsky are professional ballroom dancers from Toronto, Canada and the founders of T&S Dance Club. Their partnership has led them both to national and international achievements. They are two-time World Champions in Standard and Ten Dance, World Finalists in Adult Ten Dance, three-time Italian Open Champions, CSIT World Sports Games Standard Champions, and over 19-time Canadian Champions across Standard, Latin, and Ten Dance categories.

Beyond their competitive achievements, Thomas and Sarah are passionate about sharing their love of dance with the next generation.

Through T&S Dance Club, based in Aurora, Ontario, they train dancers as young as three years old, helping kids build confidence, discipline, and joy through the art of ballroom dance.



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10 Lines On friendship

1. Relationships are essential, and friendship is one of the most important ones.
2. We collect many things in life- money, house, car but nothing compares or measures to a strong friendship.
3. Human beings are social animals and need friends to lead a well-balanced life.
4. A good friend cares, shares, and puts your interest first.
5. A true friend is honest, trustworthy, and supportive.
6. Indian mythology is filled with stories of strong friendship bonds like Krishna and Sudama, Karan, and Duryodhan.
7. Friends are needed to bring a sense of purpose to our lives.
8. Friendship is one relationship where there are no expectations.
9. Friendship is not restricted by geographical boundaries or religious differences.
10. Friendship is the medicine for grief, suffering, and any pain.

By
Nina Sethi

The Power of Choosing the Right Friends

As we move through life, we realize there are many things beyond our control. We can't choose our parents, our genetics, or dictate the events that unfold around us. But one crucial thing
we can choose is who we allow into our lives as friends. This decision can make our lives richer and more beautiful—or, if made poorly, more stressful and disappointing

They enhance the joy of life. Sharing meaningful moments with people we care about adds depth to our everyday experiences. They support us through hard times. A friend's presence during difficult moments can make the unbearable feel a little more manageable.

The beauty of friendship lies in its mutual nature. When we invest time, care, and energy into a friendship, we often enrich not only our own life, but our friend's life as well.

It's a two-way street—offering joy, support, laughter, and personal growth.

Friendship is a selfless, devoted bond. A true friend is someone you can trust without hesitation—someone who knows your flaws and still chooses to stay. These relationships are
built on trust, honesty, and mutual respect. They often start early in life but are deepened through shared experiences and consistent care.

Centuries ago, the philosopher Aristotle identified three types of friendship:

1. Friendships of Utility – based on mutual benefit.
2. Friendships of Pleasure – based on shared enjoyment or fun.
3. Friendships of Virtue – based on mutual respect, shared values, and a desire for each other's good.

While all three can serve a purpose, Aristotle believed that only friendships of virtue are lasting. Friendships based on utility or pleasure often fade when circumstances change.

"Perfect friendship is the friendship of those who are alike in virtue." – Aristotle

A good friend is a gift you give yourself. Life is full of challenges and uncertainty, but having the right people by your side makes the journey more joyful and meaningful.

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ENVIRONMENT FACTS

As climate impacts intensify globally, the Emissions Gap Report 2024: Finds that nations must deliver dramatically stronger ambition and action in the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions or the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal will be gone within a few years. The report is the 15th edition in a series that brings together many of the world's top climate scientists to look at future trends in greenhouse gas emissions and provide potential solutions to the challenge of global warming.

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Amidst the multifaceted challenges of the climate crisis and environmental decline, MELC actively participates in initiatives like tree planting, park cleaning, and supporting Camp Kirk activities, all dedicated to advancing our shared cause.



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For more than a century, Lions have stepped up in their communities — giving, supporting and serving. Each Lion matters to the people who depend on us. And every club is doing their part to make their communities stronger, healthier and kinder places for all.

But as we strive to increase our service and extend our helping hands far and wide, the needs of our communities — and our world — are growing beyond our reach. To ensure we can be there, when and where we're needed, we must also grow.

That's why Lions are taking action now.

THE MORE WE GROW, THE MORE WE CAN GIVE.

More Lions = more service. The equation is simple, but the challenge is bold. *MISSION* **1.5** is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027. It will help us meet the growing needs of our communities. It will help us serve more people than ever before. And it will help make our clubs, our communities and our service stronger than ever.

That's why Lions are rising to the challenge.



YOU *ARE VITAL TO THIS MISSION.*

There's never been a challenge too big for Lions. Now is the time for Lions to step up. Now is the time to redefine the future of service. Now is the time to grow. And we all have role to play.

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HUNGER FACTS

According to the study, prepared by a University of Toronto based household food insecurity research program called PROOF, 18.7 percent of all families in Ontario do not have enough food to eat.

These latest figures roughly translate to 2.8 million people, including almost 700,000 children in Ontario.

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MELC INITIATIVE



At MELC, we support local food banks like Share and Care by providing essential food items and personal hygiene products. This assistance is crucial, especially now, as families across Canada are facing a 30-year high in food, rent, and gas prices. Currently, MELC is also associated with shelter homes such as South Asian Women Shelter, providing them with essential support such as everyday necessary food items, clothing, and bedding. During the winter months, MELC also provides winter clothing and accessories, along with personal hygiene items, to help those in need stay warm and maintain their well-being.

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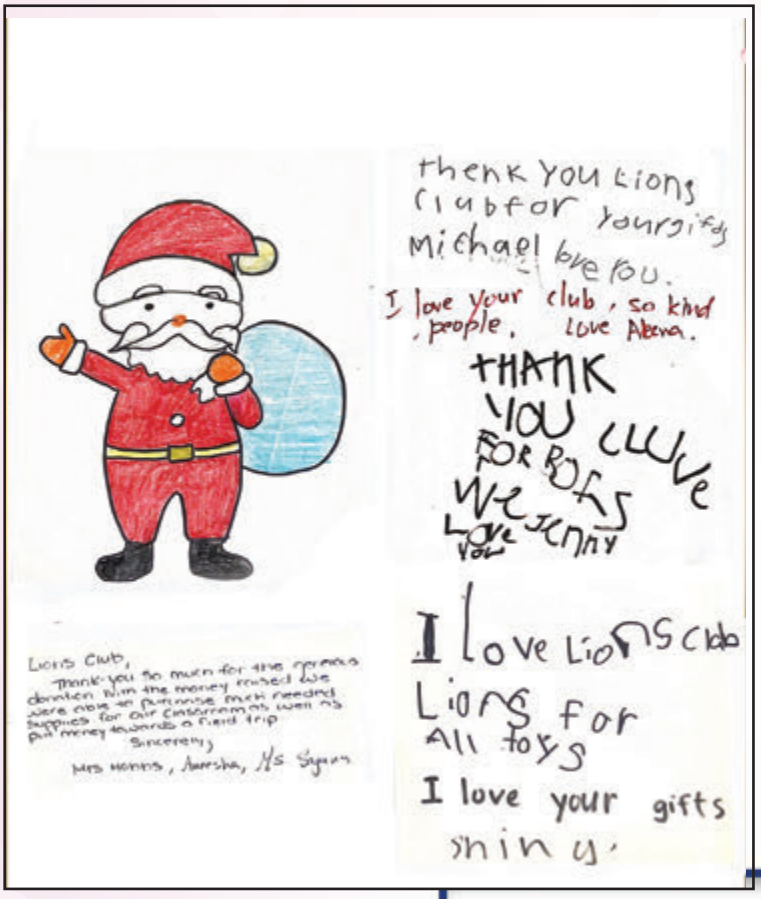
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Love & Harmony

The Keys to a More Peaceful Life & World

By Veena Chauhan

Love and harmony are more important than ever in a world filled with conflict and division. These two powerful forces have the ability to bring people together, heal wounds, and create a more peaceful and compassionate society.

The Power of Love is a fundamental human emotion that has the power to transform lives. It's the love of family and friends that gives us a sense of belonging and support. It's the love of community that brings people together and fosters a sense of unity. It's the love of humanity that inspires us to care for one another and to work towards a more just and equitable world.

The Importance of Harmony is the state of being in sync with others, of working together in perfect balance. It's the harmony of music that brings joy and beauty to our lives. It's the harmony of nature that sustains us and provides us with the resources we need to thrive. It's the harmony of human relationships that allows us to live and work together in peace and mutual respect.

Cultivating love and harmony in our lives and in the world around us is to practice empathy and compassion by putting yourself in other's shoes and trying to understand their perspectives. Listen actively and express yourself clearly and respectfully. Build relationships with those around you and work towards common goals.

From my point of view, cultivate inner peace by taking care of your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being as well appreciate diversity by celebrating the differences that make us unique and valuable.

By all these practices, we can create a more loving and harmonious world. A world where people feel valued, respected, and connected. A world where conflicts are resolved through dialogue and understanding, and a world where love and harmony govern (reign)supreme.

In my Conclusion....
Love and harmony are the foundation of a peaceful and compassionate society. By cultivating these qualities in our lives and in the world around us, we can create a brighter future for ourselves and for generations to come. Let's work together to build a world filled with love, harmony, and understanding.

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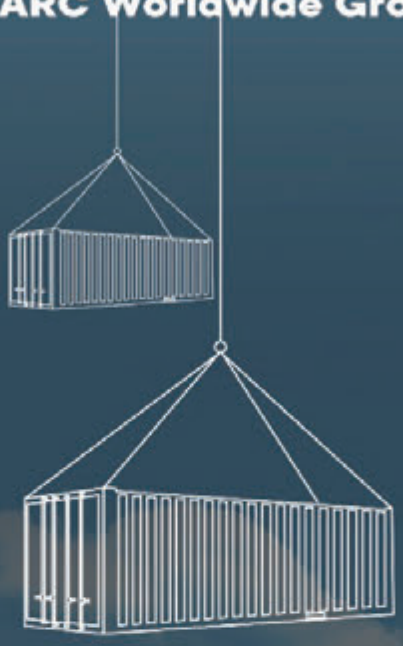


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In doing so, the Markham Stouffville Hospital, specifically the Maternity Ward, has become an unforgettable and cherished part of our family's story. Over the years, it has played a pivotal role in bringing our ten beautiful grandchildren into this world: Surina, Joesh, Jayin, Misha, Aanya, Riyan, Ajay, Jayce, Zayn, and Layla. Born between 2005 and 2021, each child arrived with their own unique journey; some through traditional births, others requiring emergency C-sections or the tender support of the NICU. Through it all, the unwavering dedication, skill, and compassion of the doctors and nurses made all the difference.

We are especially grateful for how the staff cared not only for the babies but also for the mothers by offering comfort, strength, and reassurance during such a transformative and emotional time. As grandparents, there is no greater joy than knowing your children and grandchildren are safe, loved, and in good hands. That peace of mind is a gift we will never forget.

On behalf of our whole family, Puja and Subtej, Leena and Satbir, Amit and Kanika, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Maternity Ward team. You have touched our lives in ways words can never fully express.

The Markham Stouffville Hospital will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you for being there for us, again and again, as our family grew with love, care, and excellence.



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