

Jai Jinendra,

In the past several months, there have been quite a few events in our community worth celebrating. From adopting a Middle School in Staten Island struck by Hurricane Sandy, to encouraging the community to learn more about and go to the 2013 Convention, to adding new tools and resources to better serve our community. *Click on the menu items above for easier navigation.* 

In service, JAINA Central

# **Committee Updates**

## World Community Services Committee Donates \$28,000 to Middle School in NY



Staten Island, NY, Jan 29, 2013 – The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) presents a \$28,000 check to IS 2 Egbert Intermediate School in Staten Island, NY which was impacted by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. **JAINA will sponsor their computer lab.** 

This donation will go towards the rebuilding of their computer lab, more specifically the purchase of computers, hardware, and other maintenance equipment. Providing humanitarian services locally and globally is the focus...

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## Convention Committee - Now in Phase 1 of Registration

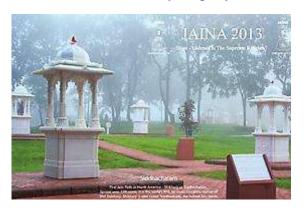


Coordinating an international JAINA Convention for 6,000+ community members is no easy task. Over the past 11 months, this year's Convention Committee has been hard at work, putting together an innovative lineup of sessions with the overall theme of "The Global Impact." Between 15 different committees and non-committee related tasks, over 2,000 volunteer hours have been invested in orchestrating this year's 2013 JAINA Convention. Over 2,200 people have registered for the convention so far.

Have you registered for the convention yet?

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#### JAINA Calendar: Did you get yours?



JAINA is **delighted to present to you the JAINA 2013 Calendar**. This year's calendar continues its Yatra of the rich history of the Jain Temple Art and Architecture. These pictures of 12 architecturally and historically important Jain Temples and Jain Tirths dispersed throughout India depict the richness and vastness of Jain culture across the India sub-continent.

[If you are a member of JAINA and have NOT yet received your calendar, please **contact us immediately** so we can confirm that we have your correct contact information and it has been sent to you.]

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## **Spreading Jain Awareness**

"Writers Circle" spreading Jain Perspectives



Most people have not heard about Jainism, even though our community is 100,000+ strong. Have you ever told someone that you are "Jain" only to receive a puzzled look followed by, "What's that? Is that like Buddhism or is that like Hinduism?" The JAINA "Writer's Circle" was created with one goal – to share Jain perspectives as it relates to a variety of socially relevant issues. If you are interested in contributing to future articles, please email: <a href="mailto:jainawriterscircle@gmail.com">jainawriterscircle@gmail.com</a> and if you think **spreading the awareness of Jainism is important**, please take a look at the links below and share a thoughtful response.

The Washington Post article 1

The Huffington Post <u>article 1</u> and <u>article 2</u>

#### Jain Scout Emblem Awards with the Boy Scouts of America!



(Watch video by clicking above)

Do you know a Jain youth or young person who is interested in developing leadership skills which will serve them in a variety of capacities throughout their whole lives? If so, learn more about becoming a "Jain Scout" - a successful way to train our youths to become good law abiding citizen, as well as live in peace and harmony with dignity within the community at large.

Be sure to click on the image to the left for a video, explore our <u>brochure</u> to learn about the specific awards earned, and much more...

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