

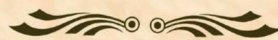
Mahatma Gandhi Memorial of North Texas (MGMNT)

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Rendering of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza,
Irving, TX



“You must be the Change you wish to see in the World” - Gandhi



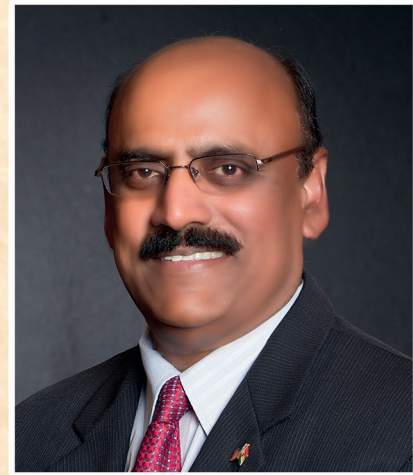
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Dr. PRASAD THOTAKURA

More than 200,000 vibrant Indian American community members of Dallas-Fort Worth area comprising of Doctors, Engineers, IT Entrepreneurs, Professors, Mid and Small scale business owners, Young Professionals and NRI Students are very excited about Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza in the City of Irving.

MAHATMA GANDHI (1869-1948), is an iconic world figure of all time for Peace and Non-violence. Mahatma Gandhi influenced many world leaders like Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Albert Einstein, President Obama, Steve Jobs etc.,



On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday (October 2), presenting Mahatma Gandhi Memorial as a Gift to the City of Irving symbolizes the Peace and Friendship. This gesture of friendship will strengthen the bondage and brings the communities together.

For the Mahatma Gandhi memorial Unveiling ceremony, the families of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela besides many Corporate CEOs, Policy makers from India and USA are invited.

Mahatma Gandhi memorial is a unique land mark for Dallas community. Not only thousands of Indian Americans but also people from all regions, religions, races like Indian Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Jewish Americans are part of our organizing committee and working hand-in-hand to make the project successful. Ground Breaking Ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial was completed on May 3rd, 2014. Hon. Nikki Randhawa Haley, the first Indian American Governor of South Carolina State, attended as a Chief Guest of honor besides many other dignitaries.

Memorialization of Mahatma Gandhi includes some of the annual Community activities like....

1. Recognizing and rewarding YOUTH who excel in academic and extra-curricular activities.
2. Involving YOUTH and SENIOR CITIZENS with the City related community service projects.
3. Providing food to the needy in the area.
4. Supporting Police and Fire Rescue Departments of the City.
5. Participating in Clean and Green environmental activities in the area.
6. Volunteering at different events hosted by the City and Mainstream.
7. Presenting outstanding achievement awards in various fields to deserving people on October 2nd of every year, Mahatma Gandhi Birthday.
8. Promoting Gandhi Principles and Philosophy by hosting lectures series at various educational institutions.

RAO KALVALA

Along with Dr. Prasad Thotakura, the Chairman of MGMNT, it is my great privilege and honor to initiate the project about 4 years ago to Memorialize Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza in Irving will be a prominent landmark, great pride and honor for our community, and will be an inspiration for our coming generations. Mahatma Gandhi Memorial is our community investment and asset that symbolizes our pride and respect for Mahatma.

In August 2010, the project approval process with City of Irving, started with concept sketches followed by site selection, Architecture & Engineering design, construction plan, and cost estimation.

In June, 2011, Mahatma Gandhi statue was arrived from Andhra Pradesh, India and was stored in Taj Grocers and Atlantic Foods warehouse.

- The statue is made of Bronze metal, and powder coated with weather resistant material
- The statue weighs about 1500lbs, 7ft tall and 30 in wide.

The approval process took normal course with the exception of development of new policy by City of Irving for memorial. We presented set of drawings and completed all formalities -

- Topography and utilities survey
- Soil Test at 25 ft depth
- Architectural & Engineering drawings – Total of 14 drawings
- Site Plan, Floor Plan, Grading plan. Drainage Plan, Erosion Control Plan, Elevations, Wall Sections & Details, Engraving Details, Structural Notes, Foundation Plan, Foundation Details, Electrical Plan, Landscape Plan, and Irrigation Plan
- Texas Accessible standards compliance certification
- Approval from Las Colinas Association

Finally the project was approved by City of Irving in January, 2014.

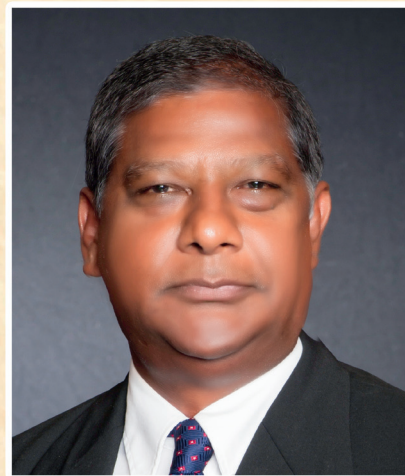
The construction process started in May, 2014, and construction committee was created with a representation from DFW community and MGMNT Board of Directors. The construction committee is represented by-

Mr. Rao Kalvala (chair), Mr. Piysuh Patel, Mr. Thakor Seth, Mr. Manhar Meghani, Mr. Dilip Patel, and Mr. Mark Tinwala.

Project Salient features include, 20 Bell-bottom Piers at 20-ft depth, Circular beam, Granite panels (walls & pedestal), LED lights, Curved pathways, 5-trees, Pathway & tree lighting, Onco Electric power source, Half-acre lawn sod, Engraved Granite panels –Gandhi Biography, Quotes by Mahatma Gandhi, Quotes by World Leaders on Mahatma Gandhi, Facts about Mahatma Gandhi, Groundbreaking & Unveiling Ceremony details, Project initiation details, MGMNT Committees, Donors names.

The project Architecture provided by Mr. Murali Tekkalakota, Engineering Drawings provided by A&L Engineering and construction completed by Alsar Construction.

Special thanks to Dr. Prasad Thotakura for his relentless support, City of Irving Parks & Recreation, MGMNT Board, and DFW Community.



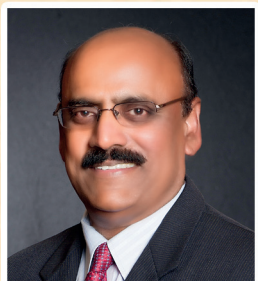


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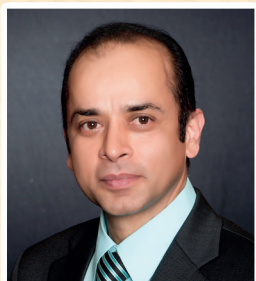


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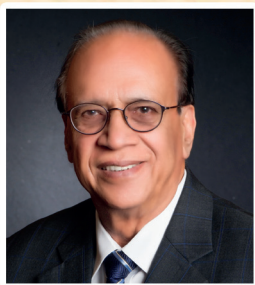


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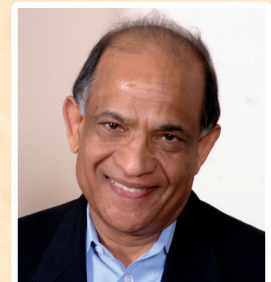
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NDABA MANDELA

Grandson of Nelson Mandela, Co-Founder & Chairman of Africa Rising Foundation. Nelson Mandela had a “long walk to freedom,” yet his footprints still remain. Following in the footsteps of his beloved and iconic grandfather, Ndaba Mandela has taken the torch – and ran with it. Today, Nelson Mandela’s legacy lives on

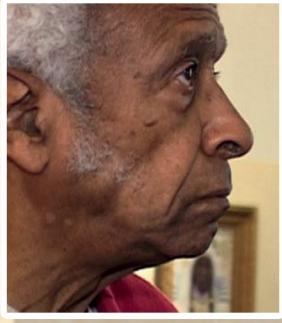
as Ndaba continues to keep its beacon of hope bright, fueling its fiery message that one person can make a difference. Thankfully for all, the legacy lives, as Ndaba was recently named one of the “28 Men of Change” by BET. Today, Ndaba is showing the world, through his actions and orations, that Nelson Mandela’s voice and message of freedom still carries and rings true – sounded by a child that became a man under the warm embrace and expert tutelage of one of history’s greatest teachers. Currently, Ndaba is organizing the 95th celebration of Nelson Mandela day and was also instrumental in creating the International Day of Happiness at the United Nations. He continues to keep Mandela on the world’s mind.

SATISH DHUPELIA

Satish Dhupelia is an ex teacher who taught at Port Shepstone High school, Gandhi Desai and Clairwood Secondary. Whilst teaching he was actively involved in sport and coached Volleyball and was a member of the Natal High Schools Sports Association and held posts as a branch member of the Teachers association of SA. He resigned after 14 years of teaching to pursue his interest



in television Production. He has produced programmes on ETV, SABC and BBC and has shot news for Worldwide Television News (WTN) an international News gathering agency As the Great Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, he is involved in the running of Satyagraha – a news paper devoted to promoting Gandhian ideals, is a trustee on the Phoenix Settlement Trust which looks after the settlement where Gandhi lived in Durban, and is actively involved in the Gandhi Salt march which is an annual event in Durban. He is on the advisory committee of the Gandhi Development Trust. He has been extensively involved in the media industry, having edited both Satyagraha and East Coast Times, contributed as a columnist for years to a group of newspapers, hosted a talk show on Hindvani Community Radio and Radio Al Ansaar, created websites, and produced television programmes and corporate presentations.



REV. JEROME G. LeDOUX, S.V.D.

Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana February 26, 1930. Elementary education at Sacred Heart School, Lake Charles 1936-43 high school at St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis Mississippi 1943-47. Two years novitiate (Spiritual Training) in Techny, Illinois 1947-49 college, Two years at Divine Word Seminary in Epworth,

Iowa 1949-51 college, Two years at St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 1951-53, Four years of Theology at St. Augustine Seminary 1953-57, ordained to the priesthood May 11, 1957 in St. Augustine Seminary Chapel. Studied in Rome 1957-1961. Doctoral degree in Church Law. Master's degree in Sacred Theology. Taught moral Theology and Church Law at St. Augustine major seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 1961-1967. Taught Theology at Xavier University 1969-1980. Pastor of St. Martin De Porres Church in Prairie View, Texas 1981-1984. Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Baton Rouge 1984-1988. Pastor of St. Augustine Church in New Orleans 1990-2006. Pastor of our Mother of Mercy Church in Fort Worth TX since June 1, 2006.

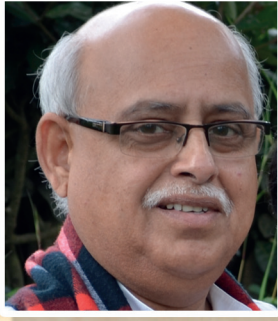


BETH VAN DUYNE, Mayor

A 25-year Irving resident, Beth Van Duyne was honored to be elected Mayor of the City of Irving in 2011, having served as a city council representative from 2004-2010. She fought hard against tax and fee increases, championed the movement against more apartment complexes and promoted smart development



backed by legitimate investors. Beth is a dedicated volunteer, experienced professional, involved homeowner and devoted mother of two. Throughout her 20-year career, she has had the opportunity to work with small startup companies, mid-size private companies and Fortune 500 corporations like Verizon, American Airlines and SAP. She also founded and ran her own consulting business, working with executives to develop strategic business plans, negotiation strategies, grassroots coalition building, and federal and state legislative policy strategies. Beth is experienced in testifying and advocating at the local, state and federal levels for energy, economic development, transportation and water resources and funding.



PRASAD GOLLANAPALLI

Prasad Gollanapalli holds a Masters Degree in 'Gandhian Thought' and a Degree of Master of Philosophy in 'Gandhian Thought and Peace Making', in addition to Masters degrees in Commerce and Law. He is a Gandhian scholar and an active member of the Gandhian organizations and Sarvodaya Movement in India. He is

Secretary, of Sarva Seva Sangh (All India Sarvodaya Mandal), the apex Gandhian organization in India and the General Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Sarvodaya Mandal, Hyderabad. He is a Convenor of Programs for Ashram Pratishthan, Sevagram (Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in Wardha, Maharashtra). He conducts Training and Orientation Programs for District, State Sarvodaya Mandal functionaries, Gandhian Constructive Work Organizations, Universities and other organizations in India. These Programs are mostly organized in Sevagram Ashram which was established by Mahatma Gandhi where he lived for over a decade and at other Ashrams, Universities, Institutions in different parts of India. He teaches courses on Gandhian Philosophy, Peace, Nonviolence, sustainable development, Servant Leadership etc. in Indian and American Universities.

SPECIAL GUESTS

We welcome and sincerely thank the following special guests at our banquet:

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Dr. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad, Kendra Sahitya Academy Winner

Mrs. Chandra Valluri, Indian Embassy, Washington DC

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Dr. M.N.Raju, Chairman, MNR Educational Trust, Hyderabad

Dr. Aluri Venkata Siva Kumari, Secretary, Lions Club, Chennai

Mr. T. Srinivasa Reddy, International award winning photo journalist

Mr. Burra Siva Vara Prasad, Sculptor - Mahatma Gandhi Statue

Mr. Kamadhenuvu Prasada Rao, Co-Sculptor - Mahatma Gandhi Statue



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Program:

- 5.00 PM - 6.30 PM : Photography and Social Hour
6.30 PM - 8:30 PM : Messaged from Special Dignitaries City of Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne and Family members of Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr.,
8:30 PM - 9.00 PM : Sponsors Recognition
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM : Dinner and Entertainment

Note:

1. In honor of Mahatma Gandhi, this will be no Alcohol and no Meat served dinner.
2. For some reason if you cannot attend the banquet, please inform us so that we can donate your seats to youth members.
3. Dress code: Formal or Desi attire