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ARADHANA

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A Publication of the **Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati**
Devdham of North America

Happy Holi



Lord Krishna

Community Dinner

Community Dinner has been cancelled until further notice. For more information contact:

Priests 528-3714 Debnath ji 528-3714
Bharat Vala 891-2240 Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Sunder Kand Path is held on every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30 A. M. .

Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 4.

Balaji Abhishekam is held on every 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30AM. Detail on page 4

Murugan Abhishekam Please see details on Page 4

Shiv Mahima Stotra is held on every Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

Shri Hanuman Chalisa is held on every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

Vishnu Sahasranama Prayana is held on every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please see details on Page 4.

Satya Narayan Puja will be held every month on Purnima (Full Moon) Day.

Significance of Garbha Griha in Temple

By Pundit B.C. Sharma

'Garbha Griha' is a small square shaped sanctuary named as 'womb room' housing the main image or the Deity. It is connected with adjoining pillared mandap. This whole sanctuary as a whole is called "a viman". Inside the viman is a dark chamber which is called 'Garbha Griha'. The ceiling over it is usually shaped like an umbrella or like a lotus flower having eight petals known as 'The Aashta Dal Kamal'.

The developed different distinct regional variations can be visible in different provinces of India like in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, and U.P. but the overall effect of harmony and majesty is maintained in the same way all over India. The sanctuary of the Sun Temple of Kanark which is badly damaged is one of the largest and the most famous in India.

The 'Garbha Griha' and 'Kalashas' are the most important features of the temple. The temple is not perfect and complete without each of them. The 'Kalash' is called 'Naadi' and 'Garbha Griha' is the womb house. The distance between the 'Kalash' and the womb room spot is measured, and based on the concept of 'Taal Maan'. The proportional length, breadth, and height of the womb house is planned and designed. The 'Pranas' are infused during the 'Murti Sthapna' function by Acharyas and the priests, in the deities seated within the 'girbha griha'.

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Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for the next issue is March 3rd, 2006

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2006

President:
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Ramesh Sondhi 232-6454

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Renu Kotwal 583-9589

Puja & Religious Activities:

Swarna Choudhary 232-2343

Property Management & Maintenance:

Arvind Patel 791-0855

Cultural Activities:

Ramesh Dayal 474-4051

Religious Education & Youth Activities:

Manju Gupta 232-3331

Long Range Planning:

Jitu Patel 459-8900

Youth Member:

Surabhi Sharma 232-9991

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads
Second Sunday : Children Program
Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path
Fourth Sunday : Shri Ganesh

Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday : Open (please suggest)

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, Philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please call Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343.

SPONSORS FOR SUNDAY PUJA

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pujas as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata puja, graduation, and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple and calling Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343

2006 POOJA COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

Swarna Choudhary (Chairperson):	232-2343
B.C. Sharma (Priest)	751-2974
K.C. Sharma (Priest)	528-4921
Sri. Debnath Sivachar (Priest)	528-4831
Sunita Garg	232-5333
Kiran Dayal	474-4051
Sunila Kumar	528-6189
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Kalpna Srivastava	233-9184
Jyoti Desai	745-0876
Rani Dhamija	984-5777
Padma Veluri	859-344-9211
Anuradha Kulkarni	271-2749
Sangita Patel	791-0855
Anju Saha	474-3922
Uma Sanguai	793-9384
Bhaskara Rao	867-8591
Karthik	290-1814
Murlee	573-0550
Purabi Dey	688-1721
Madhu Sharma	232-9991
Meena Sondhi	232-6454
Amita Gupta	336-8782

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
2. **Outside pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only. To **schedule** please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
3. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Puja Committee chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-6454

Important Notice: Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday puja
3. Your temple needs your support

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533

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Pundit B C Sharma 751-2974
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Attny:

Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 241-0400

Temple Mgr.:

Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Accountant: Open

Editor: Renu Kotwal 583-9589

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renukotwal@hotmail.com

TEMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday
& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Suprabhatam
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.	Daily puja of Temple Deity
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Sponsored Puja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M.	Bhajan
12:15 - 12:45 P.M.	Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.	Birthday and Anniversary puja and announcement
1:00 P.M.	Aarti

SHIVA MAHIMA STOTRA

Monday Evenings, 7 PM

HANUMAN CHALISA

Tuesday Evenings, 7 PM

VISHNU SAHASRANAM PARAYAN

Thursday : 7:00 PM

SRI VENKATESHWARA PUJA

Friday Evenings, 7 PM

MURAGAN ABHISHEKAM

Every 2nd Saturday

SUNDARKAND PATH

Every 3rd Sunday of the February
10:30 -1:00 PM

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

March, 2006

3/01/06	Wed.	Phalgun Shukla
3/07/06	Tue.	Holastak begins
3/10/06	Fri.	Amalaki Ekadashi
3/11/06	Sat.	Shri Murugan Pooja
3/12/06	Sun.	Pradosh
3/14/06	Tue.	Holi Festival
		Holika Dahan
		Ponguniotram
		Purnima (Full Moon)
3/15/06	Wed.	Rang Holi
		Phalgun/Chaitra
		Krishna
3/18/06	Sat.	Holi Celebration
		Chaturthi Vrat
3/19/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
3/22/06	Wed.	Ashtami
3/25/06	Sat.	Shri Balaji Pooja
		Papmochini
		Ekadashi
3/26/06	Sun.	Ganesh Pooja
3/27/06	Mon.	Pradosh
3/29/06	Wed.	Amavasya (New Moon)
3/30/06	Thurs.	Yugadi, Gudi Padwa
		Vikramsamvatsar 2063
		Vasant Navratri begins
3/31/06	Fri.	Chaitra Shukla 2

April, 2006

04/01/06	Sat.	Akhand Ramayan Path begins; Chaitra Shukla
04/02/06	Sun.	Akhand Ramayan Path Ends
04/05/06	Wed.	Durga Ashtami Havan
04/06/06	Thurs.	Shri Rama Navami Celebration
04/08/06	Sat.	Shri Murugan Pooja, Kamda Ekadashi
04/09/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
04/11/06	Tue.	Pradosh, Mahavir Jayanti

Puja Committee Announcement:

- A group of dedicated devotees for each deity are nominated to help puja committee to coordinate and celebrate different puja activities. Their names and phone numbers are listed on page 2. Special thanks to all hard working devotees. If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities, please call Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343 or any of the Puja Committee members on page 2.
- To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Puja Committee Chairperson Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	---
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$11.00	---
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebration	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	---	\$101.00
Griha Pravesh	---	\$101.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$101.00	---
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nam-Karan	\$51.00	\$101.00
Navagraha Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00	---
(Only During Off Winter Season)		
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Seemantham	\$51.00	\$101.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	-----	\$101.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$71.00	\$101.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (thread changing)	\$21.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/	\$151.00	\$251.00
Thread Ceremony		
Vahan Pooja	\$31.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Wedding	\$251.00	\$351.00

PUJA RATE CHANGE BEGINNING Oct. 1, 2005:

1. Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.
2. Pujas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of pujas performed.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates for pujas not on the list and requiring less than 4 hours of priest's time will normally be \$51 if performed inside the temple and \$101 if performed outside of temple (e.g. at home). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	1/2 day
M-Th. (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Fri., Sat & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>		\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two.

8:00 AM - 2 PM **OR** 4PM - 11 PM

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/pujas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact puja Committee chairperson only.

Sundar Kand Path

On every 3rd Sunday of the month
at 10:30 A.M.

For details, please call Swarna Choudhury at 232 2343
or the Priests at 528-3714

Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month
4 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00

For Details please call Swarna Choudhury 232-2343, Devna-
thanji 528-4831, or Temple 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month

**This puja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.**

Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana

Visnu Sahasranama Parayana (chanting) now takes place every
Thursday at 7 pm in the temple. Please join us for the chanting.

**For more information, please contact one of the
following:**

Srinivas Mirle	894-8954	Shailaja Setty	761-7619
Jaya Reddy	231-3120	Suri Hanumanthanna	
		661-8733	

Koti Sreekrishna 954-4179.

ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 A.M. To sponsor
please call:

Andh Kondu	481-4119	Bhavani Megeda	779-4582
Sudha Avasarala	573-6010	Padma Veluri	859-344-9211
Sri Debnath Sivachar	528-4831		

Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham 2nd Sat. 4.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

**Sponsors are needed for poojas (\$21) & abhishekams
(\$101).**

Please contact Sri Debnath Sivachar (528-4831)

BALVIHAR at the temple is starting a children's library
which will be open every Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30
P.M. Children can borrow the books from the library. Dona-
tions of books, CDs, DVDs or money are welcome. For
further information contact Manju Gupta at 232-3331.

CHESS-Children's Hindu Education And SatSang

Classes are held every Sunday from 11:00 AM at
the Temple on Lower Level. Everyone should come
by 10:50 A.M. The class starts at 11:00 A.M.

Schedule:

11:00 - 11:05 : Starting Prarthana (5min.)

11:05 - 11:15 : Surya Namaskar (10 min.)

11:15 - 11:30 : 2 shlokas with meaning (15 min.)

Before starting shlokas 1 min. meditation.

11:30 - 11:45 : Games (15 min.)

11:45 - 12:15 : Story and Snack time (30 min.)

12:15 - 12:35 : Kotiji's class (20 min.)

12:45 -- Everyone should go for Aarti.

The class is divided into two groups for shlokas.

One Group is 4 years to 8 years.

One groups is 8 years to 12 years.

*Please enroll your child now for the year 2006. To
get application form and general instruction call
Manju Gupta, Chairperson at 232-3331*

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONTACT
Manju Gupta Chairperson 232 - 3331

Email guptama2003@yahoo.com

*ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THERE IS A SPECIAL
PROGRAM UPSTAIRS FROM 12:30 TO 1:00 PM*

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati presents

WHAT: Holi / Baisakhi / Basant Celebration &
Cultural Program

WHEN: Saturday, March 18th 2006 from 4-6
P.M.

WHERE: Hindu Temple, Klatte Road, Cincin-
nati

Will accept the first 20 entries only, so hurry up
and send the following details:

Name of participant(s)

Brief description of item being performed

Name of choreographers (for dances only)

Please provide this information by March 10th to
any of the cultural committee members:-

Jyoti Desai: 513-745-0876

Gajra Arya: gajarmooli@yahoo.com, 859-341-
9439

Kiran Dayal: 513-474-4051

Boxed dinner will be available for a nominal
donation.

Upcoming Events

Shri Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (Full Moon)
Tue. March 14th, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Need Sponsors for Puja.
Sponsorship \$51.00, coconut, flowers, fruits and prasad
Please call Swarna Choudhary at 232-2343
or the temple at 528-3714, for details.

Holika Dahan

On
March 14th Tuesday
at 7:30pm after Aarti

Please note The Hanuman Chalisa Path will begin at 6:30 P.M.

HOLI CELEBRATION

on
Sat. March 18th. Details to follow

Vasant Navratri Puja & Kalash Sthapana

On March 30th Thursday at 6 P.M.
During Navratri, from March 30th to April 5th, everyday
there will be Chandi Path
(Durga Sapt Shati) & Durga Ji Pujan.
Sponsors needed for path & Puja with donation of \$51.00.
For details please call Swarna Choudhary at 232-2343, or
Acharya Kailash Sharma 304-0126, or Temple 528-3714

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH BEGINS on April 1st 2006 (Saturday) at 11:00 A.M.

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH Ends on Sunday, April 2nd, 2006 at 12: 30 P.M.

This event is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal & their family.

We need volunteers to read RAMAYAN. To give your name, phone number and time schedule, call either of the following:
Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343

SHRI DURGA ASHTAMI HAVAN

On April 5th, Wednesday at 7: 00 P.M.
We need sponsors. For details please call:
Swarna Choudhary 232-2343
Kailash Sharma 652-5382 or Temple at 528-3714.

Satya Narayan Katha on Purnima

April 13th from 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
Sponsorship (\$51.00), coconut, flowers, fruits and prasad
Please call Swarna Choudhary at 232-2343

Shri Hanuman Jayanti

**On April 13th Thursday
5:30pm –8:0pm**

5:30to 6:00 Shri Hanuman Ji Puja
6:00 to 8:00 Sunder Kand Path

8:00 Aarti & Prasad followed by dinner.

We need sponsor for this event. Please call Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Dr. Umakant Patel 985-0084, Kailash Sharma 652-5382, and Temple 528-3714.

Tamil New year Celebration

On April 16th Sunday
10am to 1pm

Shri Murugan Abhishekam
Murugan devotees to sponsor abhishekam please call
Swarna Chaudhary at 232-2343, or M.Devnathan at 528-4831 or the Temple at 528-3714..

Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti

**On April 23rd Sunday
10:30am to 1 pm**

Shri Nathji devotees sponsor this event. For details please call any of the following: Mina Mehta 574-6763, Nutan Shah 755-1789, Jyoti Desai 745-0876, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Temple 528-3714.

SHRI RAM NAVAMI PUJA

on April 6TH, Thursday at 6:30 P.M.

We need sponsors. Please call Swarna Chaudhary either of the following for more information:
Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343; Temple 528-3714.

PRAVACHAN

BY

Acharya Kailash Sharma

Every First and Second Sunday of the Month

12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

First Sunday

UPANISHAD

Second Sunday

BHAGWAD GITA

Shri Navgrah Abhishek & Pooja

March 4th, 2006 at 4:00 P.M.

Please call temple priests at 528-3714, or Swarna Choudhary at 232-2343 for information .

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YEAR 2006**

Marriage Anniversaries (March)*

Mr. & Mrs. V. Rao & Vidya Bhamidipati
Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh & Ritu Bhola
Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh & Sheela Bodalia
Mr. & Mrs. Babu & Sadhna Gupta
Mr. & Mrs. Bharat & Manisha Kalyan
Mr. & Mrs. Kumar & Shanti Nagarajan
Mr. & Mrs. Tushar & Rasila Parikh
Mr. & Mrs. Bipin & Kailas B. Sheth
Mr. & Mrs. Prabhudeva & Shubha Sirurmah
Mr. & Mrs. Manish & Anisha Srivastava



Birthday Anniversaries (March)**

Summi Ahuja
Babu Ambaji
Haridas Balakrishna
Neel Bekel
Pratima Bekel
Harish Bhardwaj
Jyoti Bhatnagar
Rajesh Bhola
Ritu Bhola
Sitadevi Bobba
Sree Pranavi Brahnamdam
Maya Candadai
Amit Chandra
Yogesh Chavda
Shruti Chopra
Ranjan Choudhury
Ravindra Dasari
Sudhendra Galgali
Chandan Gupta
Kartikeyan Jeyaraman Shanthi
Manisha Kalyan
Dinesh Kamath
Nandkumar Khemchandani
Vandana Marda
Vijay Natarajan
Meena Padya
Pinal Ishwar Patel
Ragini Patel
Suchitra Raghavan
Rishi Ranjan
Pratima Ghanto Sahu
Uma Saligram
Uma Sangvai
Abhimanyu Saraff
Rahul Shankar
Bharat Sharma
Davinder Sharma
Gopika Sharma
Kunal Sharma
Mohit Sharma
Anuradha Shultes

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Pooja Vijayarath
Ranga Srinivas
Vidya Sundaram
Anjali Sinha
Rajbir Minhas
Arjun Minhas
Mohini Minhas



- (celebrated on the first Sunday of each month)
- ** (celebrated on second Sunday of each month in temple)



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Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
Executive Council meeting (EC)
January 8, 2006

Members Present: Raj Bodalia, Asit Saha, Ramesh Sondhi, Rameshwar Dayal, Swarna Choudhury, Renu Kotwal, Surbhi Sharma, Anil Jindal, Prem Garg

Others Present: Vijay Sharma (Past President)

1- President opened the meeting by welcoming every one and asked the past president for comments. Mr. Vijay Sharma stated that the Executive Council (EC) should work together. Past year is gone and we should think about the future. He asked every one to forget the past and move on into the New Year. He stated that no issue is pending for the new EC. All construction has been completed. One construction Bill is pending which shall be paid very soon. Mr. Sharma was then recognized by EC for his outstanding service to the Hindu Temple. He then left the meeting.

2- President again welcomed and thanked every one for attending the meeting. He stressed the need for unity and working together. EC members may have disagreements; however, outside the meeting room we should speak with one voice. If we work together it will be good for the temple for which we volunteer our time.

Mission and Objectives for 2006 were discussed.

Our mission is: **“We want to make our Temple one of the best in North America. Together we can do it.”**

3—Minutes of General body Meeting held on December 4, 2005 were approved as modified.

4—Budget –Income projections and estimated budget were discussed. After discussion the estimated budget was approved.

5—Puja Committee- A number of items were discussed (vacation policy and sick leave for priests, gift shop, food storage room keys, temple cleaning). Immediate need is to hire another priest due to the unexpected departure of Sh. Krishna Swami Ji. EC approved the continuation of last year’s Priest selection committee with the addition of new Puja Committee chair person.

Puja Committee chair person discussed some of her ideas with EC. She will seek input from some other people, develop guidelines and bring to next EC meeting for further discussion /approval.

6—Youth member discussed her ideas such as : Supervised trips of Young people to other temples, helping in the temple to prevent children from running, showing videos of Hindu Epics at lunch, and getting play ground ready for spring.

7—fund drives in 2006 will focus on specific projects.

8—Holi Celebration has been scheduled for March 18, 2006.

9—Every Effort will be made to deliver Aradhana News letter by the first week of the month.

10—Next General Body Meeting will be held on April 2, 2006 At the Hindu Temple at 11:00 AM.

All members are encouraged to attend.

11—All EC meetings will be held on First Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM, unless it is a long week end. In that case the meeting will shift to second Sunday of the month at the same time.

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CALENDAR 2006

By Meena Mehta

Devotees and members of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati must have received their Calendar-2006 in the mail. If not, you can get it at the temple by asking Panditaji or a person in the gift shop. Theme for this calendar is the 'Temples of India'. The selected temple for each month is the sacred, very famous and most popular Dham (Center) of the particular deity and each temple is with its own story. As you must have noticed, the temples shown each month have special festivals of the presiding deity, during that month. For instance, Kashi Vishvanath Temple is shown for the month of February when all Hindus will be celebrating the MahaShivratri Festival all over the world including at our temple. The temples depicted in the calendar are from all over India. They are all most sacred, from ancient to modern era and all are associated with the history, geography, religion, culture and architecture of its time. There is a story of a Bhakta or a Saint of that time associated with each temple, as you probably have read in the calendar it by now! All these temples are important places of pilgrimage and very popular with travelers even today.

Also for each month there is an advertisement from the various businesses from our community to promote the calendar project. On behalf of HSGC I thank them a lot for supporting this 'educational' cause and hope for their continued support. I also would like to thank **Aachary Kailashji, Kiran Dayal, Janak Dave and Ashvin Mehta** for their invaluable help and hope for the same in the future. Please forgive us for any mistakes and misprints.

I hope you have saved your 2005 calendar, as you would do your 2006. These are little more than regular calendars with days, dates, colorful pictures, festivals and celebrations. Our calendars are multidimensional packages of educational material for us as well as for our children and may come handy for our grandchildren. Any suggestions for next year's calendar?... Let me know at 513-574- 6763.

Recognition Corner

I would like to recognize Nandkumar Khemchandani for his dedicated service to our temple. He has entered almost all donation checks into the Temple database. This was essential to send out the year end donation letters for Tax purpose. Entering checks in the database is a tedious and time consuming process and also requires serious accurateness. This year alone, his family has spent over 62 hours to enter over 2500 checks. The HSGC would like to thank him for his continued and committed volunteer service.

Raj Bodalia

President EC HSGC

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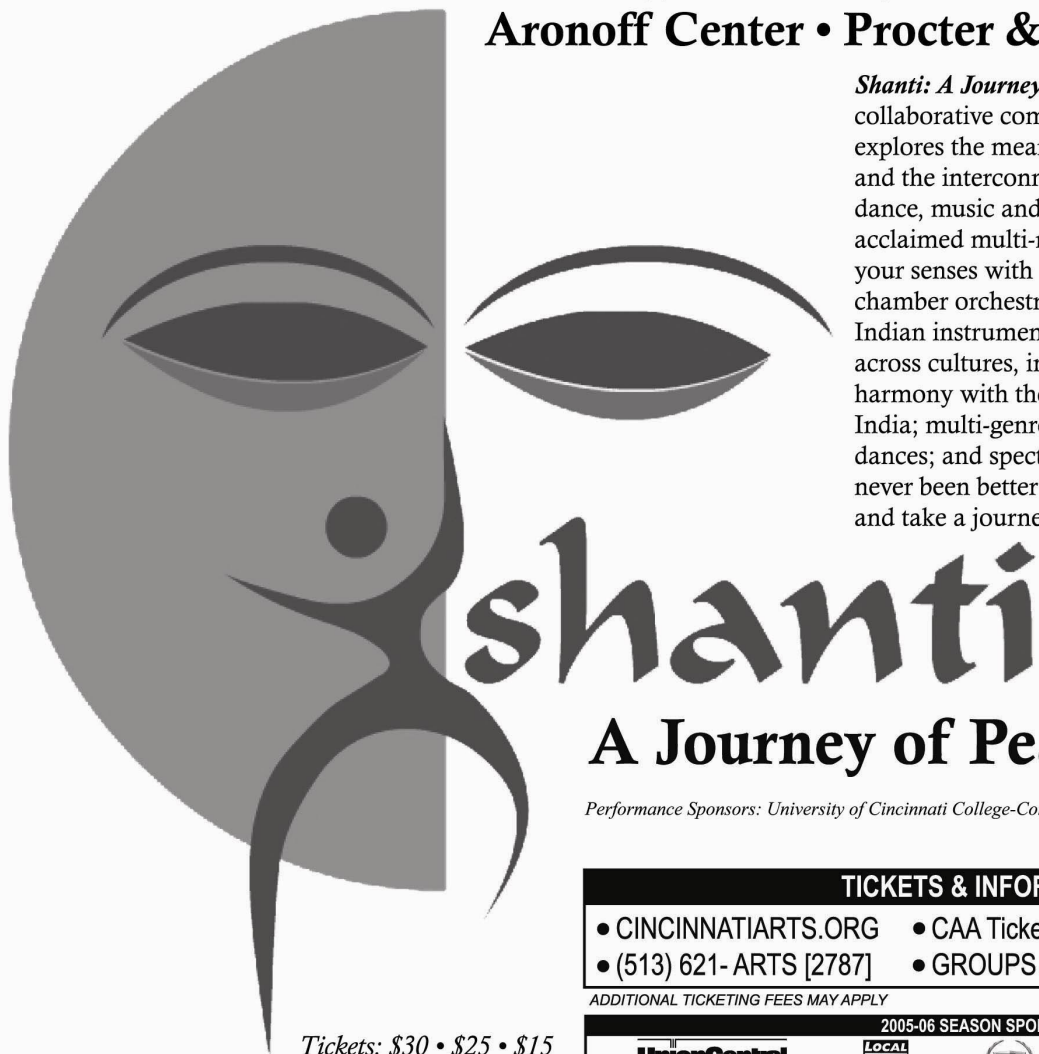
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