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Janamashtmi, or the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna -- the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu. It falls on the eighth day of the waning moon in the month of Shravan in August/ September. Lord Krishna is believed to have been born at midnight on this day. The day is marked by fasting, feasting, ras lila and singing hymns.

Lord Krishna is one of the most loved and adored Gods of Hindu religion. His Childhood / Bal Leela depicts various episodes between the period of his birth till the age of ten. Lord Krishna right from the time of his birth displayed the signs of his divine being.

As the legend goes, Lord Krishna was born on a stormy night in Mathura in a prison cell. Inorder to save infant Krishna from his cruel uncle, the parents exchange their kid with the daughter of Yashooda and Nanda, the cowherd lord.

In most homes and temples the idol of infant Krishna is bathed at midnight and is placed in a cradle. This spectacle is called Jhanki. The cradle is rocked in an attempt to relive the time Lord Krishna was born admist chanting of prayers, hymns and blowing of conch shells.Krishna's childhood are recreated especially the scenes of stealing butter and curds from earthenware pots by Krishna. Pots or matkas are suspended high above the ground and young men and children form human pyramids to try and reach these pots and eventually break them.Killing Kamsa,then Putna, taming the serpent Kalia, holding up Mountain Goverdhan to the battle of Mahabharata are all fascinating. But the greatest gift to humanity is the Bhagwat Gita or The Divine Song delivered by Lord Krishna to Arjuna before the start of the battle between the Pandavas and Kauravas .



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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday: Upanishads

1008 Gayatri Jaap Second Saturday: Second Sunday: ChildrenProgram Third Sunday: **Sunder Kand Path** Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh

Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday: Jagannath Puja

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 Amita Gupta at 513 - 336-8782

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja 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 pooja, 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 & calling Amita Gupta (513) 336-8782 or Meena Sondhi 513-831-9788

TEMPLE 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 pooja of Temple Deities
11:00 - 11:30 A.M	Sponsored Pooja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M	Bhajan
12:15 -12:45 P.M.	Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.	Birthday and Anniversary pooja

1:00 P.M.

Please Donate Generously for your Temple

Aarti

and announcement

Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week

2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

3. Your temple needs your support

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5 E-mail .Data

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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES |

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	_
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	_
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	_	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	_	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$121.00	
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja		\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	
Regular Archana	\$11.00	_
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	_	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00	
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday	\$301	\$151
(except holidays)		
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
Sunday after 3PM only	-	\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas 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 Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

- 1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 2. **Outside poojas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
- 3. To **schedule any poojas** please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
- 4. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson.
- 5. **Cancellations** of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

SPECIAL POOJA RATE

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.

- Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
- 2. 40 Cents/Miles for Travel expense to the Priest to per form pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. <u>Rates of Poojas</u> out of <u>Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>



You may have noticed this box near the Parking Lot. Please donate generously. Share your blessings with those that need them. Open your hearts to the less fortunate.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month Aug 1, 3 to 5:30 pm Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details please call

Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month

Aug 15, Saturday 4.00pm Sponsored by Murugan Group.

Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month Aug 5, Wed at 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month: Aug 30, 10:30AM
This pooja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar: 204-8037 Mangal Nemade: 234-8373 Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple Priests:528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On Aug 22, 4th Saturday of each month, from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:
Anand Konda:481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353
Suseela Paturi:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733
Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:528-3714

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Temple priests: 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the temple.

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm
To sponsor pooja please call Amita Gupta: 336-8782
Temple priests: 528-3714

Aug Events



Shri Krishna Janamashtami

August 14th, Friday 6.30PM to 12AM

6:30pm Shri Krishna Puja & Abhishek*

7:15 pm Archana ** 7:30pm Procession

8:30 pm Aarti & Prasad / Dinner

9:30 pm Bhajans / Pravachan / Sri Krishna Leela)

11:45 ***Janmotasav Puja / Aarti & Prasad

Sponsorship For Puja * \$101.00, Archana** \$21.00, ***Janmotsava Puja \$251.00,



Murugan Abhishek

Aug 15 4.30pm-6.30pm

4:30 Lord Kanapathy (Ganesh) Pooja

4:45 Abishekahm to Lord Murugan, Sri V alli and Sri Deivayani

5:15 Bhajan 6:15 Archana

6:30 Mangala Theepa Pooja including Ashtanama Archana (108 Names) for Lord Murugan

7:00-8:00 Arthi and Prasad, followed by dinner.



Shree Ganesh Chaturthi

Aug 30th Sunday 10am-1pm

10:00 am Procession
11:00 am Ganesh Puja Atharvashirsh
1:00 Aarti / Prasad / Lunch
Sponsorship \$31.00 Puja
Sponsor TRIVENI MITRA MANDAL
Contact : Jyoti Divekar 204-8037.

Thought For The Day

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its trouble.

It empties today of it's strength.

Upcoming Events at the Temple

August 1st, Saturday -- Mata Ki Chowki 4PM to 8PM sponsored by - Mantro, Minhas and Pathak Families.

August 1st, Saturday -- Navgrah Pooja 3PM Sponsorship \$51.00

August 2nd, Sunday-- Shri Jaganathji Pooja 11AM

August 2nd, Sunday -- Satsang/pravachan. Bhaktiyoga in Ramayana. by - Acharaya Kailash Sharma, 12noon - 12.45PM

August 5th, Wednesday -- Balbhadra Janamdin Puja, 10AM

August 5th, Wednesday -- Rig/Yajur Upakarma, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM. (Changing of sacred thread) sponsorship \$51.

August 5th, Wednesday -- Satyanarayan Puja, 6.30PM, sponsorship \$51

August 6th, Thursday -- Gayatri Japa/Homa/Havan, 6.30PM

August 8th, Saturday -- 1008 Gayatri Jap, 9.30AM to 1PM

August 9th, Sunday -- Sunderkand Path 10.30AM Sponsored by-Raneshwar & Manju Gupta

August 14th, Friday -- Shri Krishna Janamashtami 6.30PM to 12AM

August 15th, Saturday -- Murugan Abhishekam. August 16th, Sunday -- Nand Mahotsav 10.30AM to 1PM.

Augsut 22nd, Saturday -- Shri Venkateshwara Kalyanotsavam, 10.30AM to 12.30PM sponsorship \$51

August 22nd, Saturday -- Hartalika Teej/Kevada Teej, Shiv Parvati Puja 5.30PM

August 30th, Sunday -- Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration, 10.30AM to 1PM

September Events:

September 4th, Friday -- Shraddha begins.

September 4th, Friday -- Satayanarayan pooja, 6.30PM Sponsorship \$51.00

September 5th, Saturday -- Navgrah pooja, 3PM Sponsorship \$51.00

September 12th, Saturday -- 1008 Gayatri Jap, 9.30AM to 1PM

September 12th, Saturday -- Murugan Abhishek, 4.30PM Sponsorship \$101.00

September 12th, Saturday -- Mela, Taste of India 12noon to 8pm

September 13th, Sunday - - General Body Meeting at 11:30 am

September 19th, Saturday -- Navratri Begins, Kalash Sthapana. 10am

September 19th, Saturday -- Mata Ki Chowki, 4PM to 8PM Sponsored by- Jindal family.

September 20th, Sunday -- Sunderkand Path, 10.30AM

September 26th, Saturday -- Balaji Abhishek, 10.30AM Sponsorship \$51.00

Group Shraddha Puja On Amavasya, September 18th Friday 5:30 to 6:30pm

Sponsorship \$51.00. Please call ahead if you are planning to join.

For more details call Temple 513-528-3714,

Amita Gupta 513 336 8782 Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple will provide all Puja Samagri

<u>NAVRATRI POOJA</u>

Sep 19-Sept 28 **Sponsorship \$51.00 for each puja.

Sep. 19th 10:00am Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja **

Sep. 19th 4pm Mata Ki Chauki *(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship) Please contact Rani Dhamija 984-5777 or Amita Gupta 336-8782

During Navratri everyday** Chandi path (Durga saptshati) 9:30 am to 12 noon

Sep. 20th & 27th Sunday. **Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam 4pm, weekdays 5:30 to 6:30

Weekly Puja 6:30 to 7:30 . Navratri Garba, Sunday to Thursday (Weekdays) 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Sep. 26th Sat. **Shri Chandi Yagna /Ashtami Puja 4pm to 6:30pm

Sep 28th Mon Vijaya Dashami Puja /havan 6:30pm



NAVIRATIRI 2009

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AT

CINCINNATI GARDENS ARENA WITH PANORAMA ENTERTAINMENT

From 1916 to 2816 Sentember





PROGRAM

DATES/TIME:

SATURDAY, SEPT 19 FRIDAY, SEPT 25 SATURDAY, SEPT 26

7:30PM TO 1:00AM 7:30PM TO 1:00AM 7:30PM TO 1:00AM PLACE: THE CINCINNATI GARDENS ARENA 2250 SEYMOUR AVENUE CINCINNATI OHIO 45212

TICKETS: ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HINDU TEMPLE

MINIMUM DONATION: \$10/DAY

ONE WEEKEND PASS: \$16

CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER FREE SPONSORSHIP:

\$101 (2 PASSES ONE WEEKEND) OR \$ 251 (2 PASSES/BOTH WEEKENDS)

FOR THE REMAINING NAVRATRI NIGHTS THE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOW:

DATES: SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28

PLACE: HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI

PLACE: ANKUR GUJARATI SAMAJ

TIME: 7:30PM TO 9:30PM TIME: 8:00PM TO 9:30PM

TICKETS: NO CHARGE

NAVRATRI HAVANS AT THE TEMPLE:

SATURDAY, SEPT 26: ASHTAMI / NAVACHANDI HAVAN TIME: 4:00PM TO 6:30PM

MONDAY, SEPT 28, VIJAYADASHMI HAVAN 6:00PM TO 7:30PM; RAAS GARBA 7:30PM TO 9:30PM

NAVCHANDI PATH: EVERYDAY FROM 10:00AM TO 12;00NOON AT THE TEMPLE

NAVRATRI HAVAN AT ANKUR SAMAJ:

SUNDAY, SEPT 27; VIJAYADASHMI HAVAN 7:00PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER & RAAS GARBA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

MEENA MEHTA: 574-6763, JITUBHAI PATEL: 459-8900, JYOTI DESAI: 745-0876, RAJ BODALIA: 583-0184, ARVIND PATEL: 791-0855 KHUSH KARAMCHANDANI: 683-9454, BHARTI NOTICEWALA: 563-2007, AASHISH SHAH: 942-8264

KID'S DAY CAMP

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

is organizing

FREE KID'S DAY CAMP

Date: Saturday, Aug 29, 2009

Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati, 4920 Klatte Rd,

Cincinnati, OH 45244 Phone-513 528 3714

Time: 11 am to 5 pm

10:30 am - registration

Age: 5 years to 12 years

Younger children need to be with the parent

Activities:

- 1) Yoga/Surya namaskar
- 2) Pooja
- 3) Story Telling and Camp Song
- 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Art and Craft
- 6) Games
- 7) Havan by children

Lunch: Parents to bring a cover dish and soft drinks to share

Coordinators Anisha Singh - 513 503 2824 singhanisha@hotmail.com

Vineet Rastogi – 513 398 3216 agarwagu@yahoo.com

Name:	Age:	-
Name:	Age:	
Parents:		
release HSGC from any liabilit		
Signed by parents		



The Culture Committee will be holding a DANCE COMPETITION

On Sat 12th Sept 2009 at the Hindu Temple



Performances will be judged within two age groups: 5-11 years, 12-18 years & above 18 **Rules**:

- 1. With each age group, there will be 2 categories: Solo dance and Group dance.
- 2. Only 4 entries per category will be accepted with an age group.

Dancers can not participate in more than two dances (only one performance per category). Deadline for submitting entries is Aug. 25th. Details to follow.

For info and submitting entries, contact Jivotidesai 1@vahoo.com or rasilaparikh@hotmail.com

Competition Rules

Each item should not be more than 5 min.

Please provide good quality audio cassette or CD. Tape/CD should be labeled and it should indicate the name or dance of the group.

A short synopsis of the dance item should be provided.

Solo items will be judged on the following: Expression Rhythm Costume Presentation

Groups items will be judged on all of the above, plus co-ordination

Each individual and each group will be allowed to perform only one item. However, an individual can perform one solo item and participate in one group item.

We will try to accommodate as many entries as possible on the final day.

Name of dance/Group:	Category (please circle): Solo/Group
Phone/email:	Name of Person in Charge:
Phone/email:	Choreographer (optional):



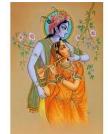
RAKSHA BANDHAN



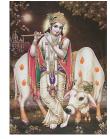
This much loved festival is celebrated on the full moon day of the Hindu month of Shravana in India. "Raksha" means protection, "bandhan" means bound or binding.

The festival of Raksha Bandhan is entirely dedicated to the love and affection shared between a brother and a sister. On this day, sisters pray for long life of their brothers and ask God to bless them with his blessings. Brothers, in turn, give them enticing rakhi gifts and promise to care life long. This custom has been there since time immemorial. Various other believes are associated with Rakhi and therefore, people follow certain custom and tradition to celebrate this festival.

This frail of thread of Rakhi is considered as stronger than iron chains as it binds the most beautiful relationship in an inseparable bond of love and trust. Rakhi festival also has a social significance because it underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmonious coexistence with each other.







- Why do you worry without cause? Whom do you fear without reason? Who can kill you? The soul is neither born, nor does it die.
- Whatever happened, happened for the good; whatever is happening, is happening for the good; whatever will happen, will also happen for the good.
- You need not have any regrets for the past. You need not worry for the future. The present is happening...
- What did you lose that you cry about? What did you bring with you, which you think you have lost? What did you produce, which you think got destroyed? You did not bring anything - whatever you have, you received from here. Whatever you have given, you have given only here. Whatever you took, you took from God. Whatever you gave, you gave to him. You came empty handed, you will leave empty handed. What is yours today, belonged to someone else yesterday, and will belong to someone else the day after tomorrow. You are mistakenly enjoying the thought that this is yours. It is this false happiness that is the cause of your sorrows.
- Change is the law of the universe.

- What you think of as death, is indeed life. In one instance you can be a millionaire, and in the other instance you can be steeped in poverty. Yours and mine, big and small - erase these ideas from your mind. Then everything is yours and you belong to everyone.
- This body is not yours, neither are you of the body. The body is made of fire, water, air, earth and ether, and will disappear into these elements. But the soul is permanent - so who are you?
- Dedicate your being to God. He is the one to be ultimately relied upon. Those who know of his support are forever free from fear, worry and sorrow.
- Whatever you do, do it as a dedication to God without attachment to the results. This will bring you the tremendous experience of bliss and life-freedom(Jeevan Mukti) forever.

Bhagavad-Gita is real not symbolic. The Bhagavad Gita ("Song of God") is the essence of the Vedas and Upanishads. It is a universal scripture applicable to people of all temperaments, for all times. It is a book with sublime thoughts and practical instructions on Yoga, Devotion, Vedanta and Action.

The Bhagavad Gita has influenced many great thinkers over the years.

Modern scientist based on excavations have proved that personality name Krishna existed 5000 year ago, and the city Dwarka was an historical place. Kurukshetra is a historical place that exist today.

The Pandavas represent the fives senses, Krishna the liberated soul and Arjuna the conditioned soul.



HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

Is organizing



MELA

AT THE TEMPLE 4920 KLATTE ROAD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 12:00 (NOON) TO 8:00 P.M.

EVENTS INCLUDE;

RIDES GAMES SHOPPING

DANCES

FOOD

SONGS

PONY RIDES

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CULTURAL DANCE PROGRAM DANCE COMPETITION

Dance Program - First Session 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Dance Program - Second Session 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Prize Distribution 7:00 PM
!!!! FON FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !!!!
!!!! AND A GOOD TIME FOR ALL !!!!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of August

Happy Anniversary

Ambikaipakan & Usha Gayatri, Ambrish & Manju Bansal, Harish & Poonam Bhardwaj, Shivanand & Jyoti Divekar, Sandeep & Chandan Gupta, Raneshwar & Manju Gupta, Anil & Vineeta Jindal, Srinivas & Anupama Mirle, Srinivas & Pratima Sahu, Koti & Shalini Sreekrishna and Choudary & Rani Bobba

Happy Birthday

Ajay Amberkar, Geetha Arudi, Chandra Asthagiri, Gautam Bajaj, Premila Bajaj, Murali Bhandari, Seema Bhati, Neha Chandra, Aarti Chopra, Harlal Choudhury, Swarna Lata Choudhury, Lakshmi Dasari, Sourabh Goyal, Rajesh Gulati, Rupali Jain, Navin Jayram, Anil Jindal, Vineeta Jindal, Anuradha Kovilam, Oormila Kovilam, Arvind Kumar, Arun Mehta, Shanti Nagarajan, Suneethi Nayak, Ispa Parikh, Nisha Patel, Vimalaben Patel, Tim Rall, Ragesh Rao, Ravin Rindani, Babulal Shah, Kavita Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Tanuja Singh, Shweta Srivastava, Naresh Subramanian, Aavinash Tadepalli, Praneeth Ulavala and Prathima Venkatesan

*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple.)

Note: In the April Aradhana, Birthdays and Anniversaries

**(Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple.)

were listed as "May" instead of "April"....sorry about that

If you would like to include your name in the above lists, please call Raj or Shakuntala at 513-733-1537.

Minutes of EC Meeting, May 31, 2009

PRESENT: Meena Mehta, Krutarth Jain, Siva Sivaganesan, Amar Sharma, Amita Gupta, Geeta Mehan, Jyoti Desai, Raneshwar Gupta, Laxmi Srivastava, Shiv Sharma, Anisha Singh.

Hindu Heritage Class

Anisha Singh informed about that the current schedule of classes is not convenient to keep up, and proposed to hold the classes on 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. EC agreed and approved her proposal.

Attorney Fee

Laxmi Srivastava explained the need for funds to cover attorney fees related to zoning issues. He explained that already a substantial amount of funds is available in the bricks fund and community center funds. EC approved an amount not exceeding \$40,000 for the attorney fees.

Audio facilities

EC discussed the current situation with the audio system and its incremental updates. EC voted in favor of putting a hold on any new updates and appointing a new committee comprising Raneeshwar Gupta and Krutarth Jain to study the needs of audio equipment on the main floor and to recommend a state of the art system. The committee agreed to report to EC on its findings.

12th Anniversary

Amita Gupta briefed the committee about the just concluded anniversary festival, and detailed the many aspects of the success of the event, most importantly the fact that scores of devotees attended the event and enjoyed it thoroughly. She thanked the devotees and the pooja committee and the volunteers for their support and hard work. EC wholeheartedly applauded the work of the pooja committee led by Amita Gupta for making the event a big success.

Patrons' Day

A revised date of October 10 was set for the event recognizing the patrons of the temple.

Diwali Celebration

A revised date of Oct. 24 was set for Diwali celebration.



Community Corner

Independence Day, Aug 15
Harmony 2009, October 10, 6 pm,
Kresge Auditorium, Univ. of Cincinnati
featuring renowned rock-folk fusion music group,
Indian Ocean (Ad on Page 15)



Association for India's Development (AID) is a non-profit, 501 (c)3 voluntary organization that supports a wide variety of social service and sustainable development projects addressing problems such as literacy, health care, rural credit, vocational training, women's empowerment and children's welfare.

From its inception in 1991, AID has grown to support over 250 projects all over India. Today, it has over 5000 members and 500 active volunteers. We now have 43 chapters across the USA, and a few in India, Canada and Australia. AID volunteers visit and receive regular feedback from funded projects, and newsletters are regularly mailed to all members.

AID's Cincinnati chapter was started in 1997 and is a registered student organization at University of Cincinnati. Though initially a small chapter, it has now grown into a full-fledged active chapter with 10 projects supported across India. While AID-Cinti is generally associated with fundraisers like Harmony and Glittering Horizons, it has annual community events like Taste of India to encourage cross-cultural understanding and the celebration of diversity. AID volunteers and friends also do "Shramdaan" in the ballpark to raise funds during REDS games.

AID is a secular organization and reflects that sentiment in the projects supported. While some of the projects are highlighted here, please visit 'projects' at http://cincinnati.aidindia.org/ for more detailed information.

Salt water in **the tsunami wasted fields** urged AID to support organic farming as an alternate way to sustainable development. AID is working with an NGO Tamil Nadu Organic Farmers Movement located in Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu by supporting Revathy, an expert in organic farming, to help the farmers get back their livelihood.

With **global warming** at our door step, India is reeling under drastic changes in climate and water availability. **Rain water harvesting** and Afforestation projects are underway across AID chapters. AID-Cinti has its own project in Andhra Pradesh.

Other projects supported by AID-Cincinnati:

- Vocational training in the areas of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Energy & Engineering, Home
- Science, and Health Care imparted to middle school children in Tumkur, Karnataka with Yuva (NGO).
- Livelihood development, community control of natural resource and panchayat raj implementation Hangal taluk, with SPS (Samaja Parivartan Samudaya, Haveri, Karnataka)
- Livelihood development, Self-help groups, middle and high school, adolescent teams to help implement primary health care schemes with KJKS, Midnapur, West Bengal
- Infrastructure for primary and middle school with MSK, Midnapur, West Bengal
- Fighting corruption and empowering people for realizing their due rights, with Fifth Pillar, Chennai

We invite the Cincinnati community to bring forth proposals close to their hearts to AID meetings and be part of the project selection, monitoring, fundraising, and community building aspects of AID. As part of the local community, AID regularly helps in area soup kitchens, walks for breast cancer and March of Dimes etc. Last year, AID volunteers ran the Cincinnati flying pig marathon to spread awareness about AID and to raise funds for projects. SEE AD ON PAGE 15

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