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From The President's Desk

Dear Devotees:

End of the year 2009 is nearing. Therefore, it is time to look back and evaluate ourselves and our activities and make plans for next year.

The year 2009 was a good year in many aspects. With the grace of God, your devotion and dedication each year turns out to be better than the previous year and I hope, the next will be even better than this year.

Let me take this opportunity to give you a "Bird's Eye View" of our activities, progress, improvements, various projects and the people who planned, managed, volunteered and participated this year.

Many thanks to our Panditajis for their guidance, teachings and involvement in poojas and other religious activities.

All those countless number of volunteers working behind the doors, curtains and computers, we would not have made it without your selfless Seva all these years. Thanks a million, you good and 'silent' people. We did not forget you. We will be declaring a "Volunteer Day" soon. Thanks to all sister organizations for participating and supporting us for our common goal.

Many thanks to the Executive Council Members for their leadership and expertise, their taking charge of projects, their prompt and educated responses in every matter but most importantly for their commitment and time. 2009 EC members were representatives of the cross section of our community, socially and professionally, as well as in age and experience. Together we took care of all activities and events, countless number of poojas, Prasad, Sunday lunch-Prasad, cultural programs, Aradhana with a cosmetic touch, meetings, notes and records, almost finalizing patrons & life members list, accounting, banking, maintaining the property, keeping up the supply, gardening, cleaning and many more. And above all, we tried to keep everyone "Happy" which was the most difficult job.

We are proud that, this year in March, we revived 'Sunday School' and coined a term "Indian Heritage Classes" and about fifty children attend the classes. Children enjoyed summer camp at the temple. We have been digitalizing our original architectural drawings. In fund raising, the Kroger Card campaign is going well but we did not get good response from the community for the Meijer Card. We all shop there, bags and bags of groceries and lose their contribution to our temple. I wonder why the community does not want to take this advantage to raise donation for temple. Is applying on line the problem? Come to us we will be happy to do it for you. 'Vastu Shatra' has become an attractive subject for builders and architect; we had a seminar on the subject at the temple.

The 68th mayor of Cincinnati, Mayor Mark Mallory, was an honorable guest for the Hindu Awareness Day celebration at the temple. It was a historical moment for us!

This mid year we have created a new \$5000:00 donation, category called Elite Members and donation can be spread out over two years and guess what, we already have our first inaugural Elite Member!

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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</div> <div>TEMPLE SCHEDULE</div> <div>Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon</div> <div>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>Saturday, Sunday</div> <div>& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS</div> <div>9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Suprabhatam</div> <div>9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Daily pooja of Temple Deities</div> <div>11 :00 - 11:30 A.M Sponsored Pooja</div> <div>11 : 30 - 12:15 A.M Bhajan</div> <div>12 : 15 -12:45 P.M. Religious discourse</div> <div>12:45-1:00 P.M. Birthday and Anniversary pooja and announcement</div> <div>1 : 00 P.M. Aarti</div> <div>Please Donate Generously</div> <div>Your Temple needs</div> <div>1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week</div> <div>2. 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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

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.

1. 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 perform pooja at your home.

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

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

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

FOR ALL TEMPLE RENTALS



CALL



TEMPLE RENTAL COMMITTEE

Pooja Comm. Chair: Amita Gupta, 513-336-8782

Secratory: Siva Sivaganeshan, 513-563-2901

Fund Raising Chair: Raneshwar Gupta, 513-232-3331

Property Management: Shiva Sharma 513-459-9520

Panditji 513-528-3714

Community Member: Open

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

DONORS DAY

Monthly Navgrah Pooja Every first Saturday of the Month Dec 5
Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00
For Details call
Amita Gupta:336-8782; Temple priests:528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja
Every second Saturday of the Month
Dec 12, Saturday 4.00pm Sponsor Murugan Group.
Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month
Dec 2nd, 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 Dec 27, 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 Dec 26

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:528-371

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

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

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

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

At the Patrons and life Members honoring program on Saturday the 14th Nov. the HSGC President Meena Mehta, declared the SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER as a "DONORS' Day" and shall be celebrated every year.



HSGC General Body Meeting EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION 2010

The last General Body Meeting for 2009 will be held on second Sunday December 13, 2009 at 11.00 am followed by

General election for Executive Council 2010
at 12:00 noon

Agenda For GB Meeting:

President's Report	Secretary's Report,
Treasurer's Report	Other Matters

Following are Election Committee Commissioners

Mohan Chopra:	859-331-2416
Anand Narayana :	513-793-8199
Siva Sivaganeshan :	513-563-2901



DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 2nd Wed. Shri Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Dec. 5th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Dec. 6th Sun. Satsang /Pravachan By- Acharya Kailash Sharma
Dec. 12th Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am to 1pm
Dec.12th Sat. Shri Muragan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101.00
Dhanur Maasam Begins Thursday Dec. 15th (Sun is in Dhanu Raasi)
Dec. 20th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored By- Raj Bodalia & Family.
Dec. 26th Sat. Shri Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10:30am Sponsorship \$51.00
Shri Vaikuntha Ekadashi Sun. Dec. 27th 10am
Shri Ganesh Puja & Atharva Sheersha Path Sun Dec. 27th 11am to 1pm
Dec. 31st. Thurs. Shri Satya Narayan Puja 6:00pm Sponsorship \$51.00
For more details or to sponsors any above Puja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051. Temple 528-3714.

January 2010 EVENTS

Jan. 1st Fri. New year Ganesh Puja & Havan (Homa) 11am
Sponsorship for Havan : \$101 and \$31 Regular Archana: \$21

Jan 2nd Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Jan 2nd Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Dr. Prem & Kiran Verma &Family.
Jan. 9th 1008 Sat. Gayatri japa 9:30am –1pm
Jan. 10th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored by- Arvind & Sangita Patel.
Note:- Sunderkand path is moved to 2nd Sunday Due to Makar Sankranti Celebration on 3rd Sunday.

Jan. 17th Sun. Makar Sankranti /Thai Pongal Celebration , Muragan Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$101.00
Jan 23rd Sat. Sri Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10:30am Sponsorship \$51.00
Jan . 24th Sun. Vasant Panchami Celebration 11am Sponsored by- Agrani
Jan. 31st. Sun. Shri Jagannath Puja 11am
Jan. 29th Fri. Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Membership Directory Form on Page 13 is not the same as Temple Membership Form.

Membership Directory is in the process of being compiled and will be published in February or March of 2010....depending on how soon the signed forms are received back.

Volunteers are also needed to accomplish this task. If you can devote even a couple of hours a week, we would love to hear from you.

Advertisements can be booked now in order to ensure a spot. Once the project gains momentum, space cannot be guaranteed.

If you are a creative, undiscovered artist, we would welcome ideas for the Cover of the Directory.

This form can also be downloaded from the Temple Website.

For further information, you may contact

Geeta Mehan 754-0400

OR

Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Minutes of EC Meeting, August 9, 2009

PRESENT: Krutarth Jain, Siva Sivaganesan, Amar Sharma, Geeta Mehan, Raneshwar Gupta, Laxmi Srivastava, Shiv Sharma, Anisha Singh.

Priest Shrinath Ji Immigrant Visa

Laxmi Srivastava proposed that EC cover the cost of extending the current R1 visa and that of applying for permanent residency, for Priest Shrinathji. Anisha Singh seconded it. The EC voted in favor of the proposal and approved a sum of up to \$2,500 to cover the cost of both applications.

Adding 4 pages to Aradhana

Geeta Mehan proposed that four more pages to be added to Aradhana so that various events such as upcoming Pooja details, contributions from Hindu Cultural Class can be adequately covered. Laxmi Srivastava seconded it. It was suggested that the extra cost can be covered with additional sponsorship. The EC approved the proposal.

Hindu Mandir Meeting

Meena Mehta was unable to attend the Hindu Mandir Meeting on Sept. 13, 2009.

Siva Sivaganesan proposed Krutarth Jain be asked to attend the meeting on behalf of EC.

Laxmi Srivastava seconded it. Krutarth Jain agreed to the proposal, and EC approved it.

Membership Directory

Geeta Mahan proposed that a membership directory for HSGC be created and published. She told the cost can be covered through sponsorship and the spoke of its benefits to the community. Raneshwar Gupta seconded it. EC voted in favor, and appointed a Directory Committee consisting of Geeta Mehan and Raneshwar Gupta to work on the project and report to EC.

Mela Plans

Laxmi Srivastava proposed to form a Mela Committee to plan and manage the annual Mela

event at the temple, on a long term basis. He spoke of the great amount of work involved in organizing the Mela, the need for continuity in the service of volunteers working on this, and explained that such a committee needs to be in place on a long-term basis, rather than year to year, to take charge of the organization of Mela. He proposed the following as members of such a committee: Chair of Fund Raising as Chair, Vice President, Chair of Cultural Committee, Anil Jindal, and Jyoti Desai. The proposal was seconded by Siva Sivaganesan. The EC, after discussion, approved the proposal.

Volunteers

A proposal to identify and recognize volunteers who regularly do crucial service to help with the daily function of the temple was proposed by Laxmi Srivastava, and seconded by Siva Sivaganesan. The EC voted in favor, and appointed a Committee consisting of Laxmi Srivastava, Vijay Sharma, and Long Range Planning Committee Chair (if different), to work on this important task.

Minutes of EC Meeting, October 4, 2009

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

Presidents Plus Council

Krutarth Jain proposed, and Anisha Singh seconded:

i) To approve the following non-binding concept, with the understanding that for this to be effective, EC will need to re-visit this issue in the future when more details become available and vote to approve it, and that will need to be followed by an approval of the same by the HSGC General Body at a General Body meeting:

ii) and to approve the formation of a committee to work out the details and report back to EC.

The Concept:

Forming a new committee called Presidents Plus Council; consisting of the last 3 EC Presidents, the current EC President, a life member, an elite member and a patron of HSGC elected from the community; to function independently of the EC, and to be responsible for the following for-profit non-religious activities:

a) Major Construction b) Fund Raising c) Legal Issues d) Public relation e) Maintain various records

The EC voted in favor of approving the proposal.

Inter Faith Group Meeting

Laxmi Srivastava proposed to invite Interfaith Group to hold their meeting at the temple on April 21st 2010. This meeting is a part of their four-day long meeting, and the meeting in the temple will feature a lecture on the topic of Artistic Expression of Hindu Deities. Meena Mehta seconded it. EC voted in favor of the proposal.

Membership Directory

Raneshwar Gupta proposed that a form be sent to all devotees in the mailing list to ask their consent to publish their contact information in the directory, and that only the names of those who have given their consent in writing be published in the directory. Meena Mehta seconded it. The EC voted in favor of the proposal.

Election Commission

Meena Mehta proposed to appoint Siva Sivaganesan to the Election Commission, and Krutarth Jain seconded it. The EC voted in favor of the proposal.

Priest Srinathji's Leave

Priest Srinathji asked for leave for four weeks starting on Nov. 2nd. He informed the Pooja Committee Chair that he would make up the extra 10 days, in addition to the leave already available to him, by working on 10 Wednesdays –Wednesdays being his regular off days. Pooja Committee Chair was in favor of approving the request. Meena Mehta proposed to approve the request, and Siva Sivaganesan seconded it. The Committee voted in favor of the proposal by email.

Minutes of EC Meeting, September, 2009

PRESENT: Meena Mehta, Amar Sharma, Geeta Mehan, Raneshwar Gupta, Shiv Sharma, Amita Gupta

As there was no quorum at the meeting, the following items were discussed and the voting of was done via email.

Priest Shri Chakreswar Sharma's Immigrant Visa

Laxmi Srivastava informed the committee that the expense involved in applying for visa extension and immigration has exceeded the amount previously approved by the EC, and proposed to approve \$3,500.00 to cover the expense in place of the earlier approved amount of \$2,500. Siva Sivaganesan seconded it, and the EC voted in favor of the proposal.

Re-Scheduling Patrons' Recognition Day

Meena Mehta proposed to re-schedule the Patrons' day to Nov. 14 due to time constraints in planning and announcing. Siva Sivaganesan seconded it. The EC voted in favor of the proposal.

General Body Meetings

Siva Sivaganesan proposed to hold a General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 13, along with the Election of next EC Committee for 2010, and to cancel the scheduled General Body Meeting on Oct. 11, as another one is scheduled on Nov. 8. Meena Mehta seconded it, and the EC voted in favor of the proposal.

Several short and long term projects were on our table. Among those were: the security camera system which is installed, the canopy on the outside staircase which is completed, Yagna Shala project which is already being funded and we are anxiously waiting for the zoning permit for it and soon, you will hear more about Garbha Graha too! Kitchen expansion and sponsor's tree are our next projects.

To facilitate the renting of the lower floor, we have a Rental Committee now, please make a note of it. We have been celebrating Mela and Navratri for several years and this year we have put together formal committees for both the festivals. For your information there is new Cremation Committee to serve the community.

On Nov. 14th we honored our patrons and Life Members for the first time in the history of HSGC and added a new chapter. And declared the 2nd Sat. of Nov. a "Donors' Day" which shall be celebrated every year.

Our daily, weekly, biweekly and monthly poojas and paths were held at regular pace. In special poojas, Havans, Makar-sankranti, Shivaratri, Holi, Mata ki Choukis, Ganesh Chaturthy, Ram-Sita Kalyanam, RathaYatra, Mela, Janmashtami, Nand-Motsav, Navratri, Diwali, Annakut and many other celebrations and festivals including four cultural programs were performed. Overwhelming number of devotees participated and thus supported and promoted our culture, religion and heritage. Monthly 1008 Gayatri Japa is an addition this year.

This year our temple completed its 12th symbolic, year. We celebrated our 12th anniversary grandly, performing symbolic KUMBHA Abhishek and Shri MahaLaxmi Yanga. It was a three-day festival full of devotion and spirituality and on the last day afternoon the devoted performers from the community staged a colorful cultural program.

Since the last two years we celebrate Navratri at Cincinnati Gardens Arena for the weekends with live music from Bollywood and more than thousand people participate each night. About two thousand devotees came to the temple for blessing on Diwali day and kids enjoyed the fireworks and goody bags.

HSGC and our Temple are standing tall on four pillars: Devotion, Dedication, Determination and Donation. What ever you can spare from these four "D"s please give it to us we will gladly accept it and greatly appreciate it and use it judiciously. It will make us, the HSGC and the Temple, stand stronger and longer

Please..."Donate generously and Volunteer heartedly".

My husband Ashvin and I have been involved with and have been volunteering at the temple from day one. I have been on the Executive council for the past three years, first two years as an Editor of Aradhana and this year as the President. Constitutionally, my three year term as an elected Executive Member including the President will be concluding at the end of the year but our volunteer work will continue. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you, the temple and the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati. If I have missed 'things' here, please forgive me for that, it was not intentional.

I wish the best of luck to the executive council of 2010.

Sincerely,

Meena Mehta: President

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC please join today and participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities. This year HSGC has inaugurated a new, ELITE Membership* at midlevel as seen below.

The membership donations are as follows:

Receive 'Aradhana' Annually: \$21.00 (Suggested donation)

Annual Individual Membership: \$51.00

Annual Family Membership: \$101.00

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*Elite Membership: \$5001.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Patron: \$10,000.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Membership Forms are available at the Gift Shop in the Temple.

Please also use the form to update your address. If you know someone who has moved out of town let us know. We would appreciate it. For more information please call temple at

(513) 528-3714 or Any member of Executive Council (See pg 2 for all names and phone numbers)

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Both these ways Meijer will directly reward the HSGC.

Please go ahead and enroll in this program and donate to your Temple without any cost to you at all. So let us take advantage of this program.

Raneshwar Gupta at 513:232:3331 and Meena Mehta at 513:574:6763.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As we come to the close of the year 2009, it is a time for honest soul searching. Most importantly, ask yourself....Am I a better human being today than I was at the start of the year? If you answered "Yes", you have achieved spiritual growth. You are to be commended. Good job and stay on the path in the next year.

The Temple thanks all the hundreds of hours that the Volunteers spend on keeping the Temple activities running smoothly .It is a time to thank the President, Meena Mehta for doing an outstanding job with sincerity and devotion. She will continue to serve in many other capacities. She will be handing over the baton to Mr. Krutarth Jain who served as Vice President this year.

The Executive Council spends countless hours to keep operations running well and the balance sheet in the green.

Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Nand Kumar Khemchandani who diligently work on the Mailing List for Aradhana and update it ever month.

Big thanks to are also due to Bharat Vala for maintaining the Temple Website month after month. It takes a lot of time and effort and is an invaluable contribution.

Another vote of thanks goes to Mr. Dilip Patel and Mrs. Hetal Patel for providing photographs of various events throughout the year.

Also behind the scenes is Mr. Raj Kumar Aggarwal who works hard to stay on top of all the Birthdays and Anniversaries... thank you very much.

Make sure you thank all the above people when you see them for an otherwise thankless job.

Wish you all HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Geeta Mehan





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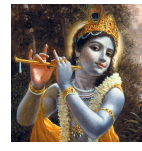


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MESSAGE FROM LORD KRISHNA



“ This is God. Today I will be handling All of your problems for you. I do Not need your help. So, have a nice day.

I love you. And, remember.....If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do Not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFKTD (something for Krishna to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours. And once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now. ”

A miracle is not the suspension of Natural Law...It is the operation of a Higher Law.

The purpose of coming to the Temple is not only to perform rituals but also to strengthen our faith in the Lord.To trust God like a child trusts his/her Mother and Father. Remember, when we are down, God is up to something. When problems come knocking at your door, simply say,
“ God, could you get that for me please? ”

When things do not appear to change and hope seems hard to find,
Just close your eyes and remember to take one day at a time.
And then you'll see how things change for the best.
All you need to do is your part, and He shall do the rest.

Geeta Mehan



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT For Executive Council 2010

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2009, and the elections for the 2010 Executive Council will be conducted during the General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 12.00 Noon. The Election Commission invites nominations for the following positions:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Nominations are also invited for the positions of Chairpersons for the following committees:

Religious Education and Youth Activities

Puja and Religious Activities

Communications

Membership and Fund Raising

Property Management & Maintenance

Cultural

Long Range Planning

In addition, the

Youth Group is requested to nominate a Youth representative

(22 year Max) to serve on the Executive Council.

This nomination must be endorsed by at least ten youth members

RULES

The nominations must be filed by December 12, 2009, 12.00 PM (mid-night) . All nominations must include the following information:

-Candidate's name and Phone number.

Name and Phone number of the person proposing.

Name and Phone number of the person seconding.

Nominations can be submitted on plain paper , or phoned in to any member of the Election Commission.

All candidates must be dues-paying members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec, 1, 2009. For the position of the President and Long range Planning, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society of the Greater Cincinnati in an executive capacity for at least one year .

HSGC Election Commission :

Mr. Mohan Chopra, Chairperson, 859-331-2416

Mr. Anand Narayana, 513 793 8100

Mr. Siva Sivaganesan 513-563 2901

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Income and Expenses

1/1/2009 through 10/31/2009

Income	Total '09
Category	
400 General Donation	103,793
420 Puja Income	
<i>Archana</i>	10,096
<i>Mataki Chawki</i>	38,407
<i>Outside Puja</i>	32,403
<i>Satyanarayana Katha</i>	8,171
<i>Special Puja & Archana</i>	42,322
430 Advertisement Aradhana	14,177
499 Calendar Sale	80
440 Festivals Income	
<i>Anniversary</i>	43,131
<i>Ganesh Chaturthi</i>	5,025
<i>Hanuman Jayanti</i>	926
<i>Janmasthanmi</i>	1,887
<i>Maha Shivratri</i>	7,633
<i>Mela</i>	10,035
<i>Nand Mahotsav</i>	542
<i>Navratri</i>	16,012
<i>Ram Navmi</i>	897
<i>Rath Yatra</i>	5,098
499 Gift Shop	100
Kroger Card	13,244
499 Flower	6,616
Total Income	360,595

Expense

Aradhana Publication	18,399
Bank Charges (safe deposit vault)	93
Calender	5,380
Canopy	9,950
Festival Expense	
<i>Anniversary</i>	8,672
<i>Diwali</i>	3,325
<i>Mela</i>	8,394
<i>Navratri</i>	4,561
<i>Ram Kalyanam</i>	450
<i>Rath Yatra</i>	93
Flowers	7,934
Havan Shala	120
Kroger Card	18,000
Mortgage	41,696
Office Expense	3,403
Property Insurance	3,939
Property Tax	8,999
Repair & Maintenance	
<i>Grass Cutting</i>	3,705
<i>Pest Control</i>	562
<i>Repair & Maintenance- Unassigned</i>	40,414
<i>Snow Removal</i>	2,793
<i>Temple Cleaning</i>	14,567
Security ADT	4,027
Membership	251
Supplies	
<i>Food</i>	7,776
<i>Pooja</i>	2,326
<i>Temple</i>	16,281
Utilities	
<i>Garbage Removal</i>	1,058
<i>Gas & Electric</i>	31,977
<i>Telephone Bill</i>	1,500
<i>Water & Sewer</i>	665
Wages & Salary	
<i>Bonus</i>	3,600
<i>City Income Tax</i>	
<i>Federal Income Tax</i>	8,457
<i>Health Care</i>	21,498
<i>Housing Allowance</i>	
<i>Life Insurance</i>	383
<i>Net Pay</i>	34,423
<i>State Income Tax</i>	603
Zoning	3,178
Total Expense	343,451
Income less Expenses	17,144

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of December

Happy Anniversary

Sudhir & Vandana Bhardwaj, Manish & Tapasya Chaturvedi, Prabir Roy & Ashwinw Chaudhury, Archish Desai, Sharad & Jasleen Goel, Debashis & Barnali Gupta, Prashant & Shyamala Jagtap, Krishna & Jayanti Kool, Ravin & Hardi Rindani, Kiran & Suma Saraff and Jagjit & Raj Bala Yadav

Happy Birthday

Mickey Ahuja, Roopa Amberkar, Rajappa Asthagiri, Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam, S. Batra, Meeta Bhardwaj, Lakshmi Brahmamdam, Tapasya Chaturvedi, Mahadevan Devanathan, Maria Georgjersky, Saptarshi Ghosh, Dhruv Goyal, Sanchi Gupta, Tanvi Jagtap, Sonali Jain, Arjun Jindal, Sonam Jindal, Gital Karamchandani, Hema Karamchandani, Payal Kohli, Jayanti Kool, Gopi Kovilam, Nithya Krishnan, Pisharath Krishnan, Smrithi Mahadevan, Neena Nayak, Anand Narayana, Ria Parikh, Rohan Parikh, Babubhai Patel, P. Ramamoorthy, Latha Rao, Raina Rindani, Manmohan Sharma, Ruchi Sharma, Shachi Shukla, Shivank Singh, Vinod Sirimalle, Akhila Sonti, Nishant Sreekrishna, Manish Srivastava, Ashok Tandon, Rupal Upadhyaya, Shankar Vishwanathan, Niket Yadav and Raj Yadav

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

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

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

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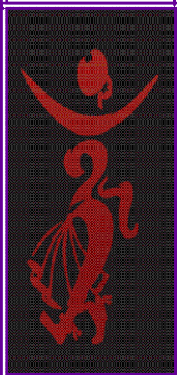
The Indian Heritage class is held every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm at the temple.

From November 1st, the Ramayana series has been started for the kids. The Ramayana series is being taught in 7 parts over 7 classes. Each class includes one kand (section) followed by games related to the kand. On Nov 1st, the kids learned about Bal Kand (Ram's youth) and played 'Taboo' game related to Bal kand. On Nov 15th, the kids learned about Ayodhya kand (banishment to the forest) and played 'Pictionary' game related to Ayodhya kand.

The Indian Heritage class is open to all kids over 4 years of age. The suggested donation is \$10/year.

If you have any questions, please contact Anisha Singh at singhanisha@hotmail.com.





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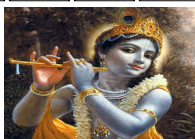


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