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NAV CHANDI MAHA-YAGNA

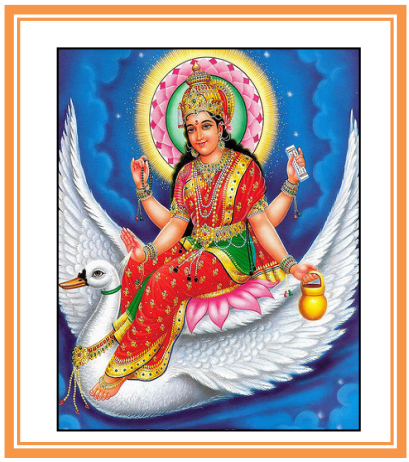
July 30th, 31st & August 1st Sunday 2010

At Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

4920 Klatte Rd. Cincinnati OH 45244

Program

July 30th Friday	5:00pm	Ganesh Puja ,PunayaVachan , Ritvik Varan, Kalash Sthapana & Aarti
July 31st Sat.	10:00am	Chnadi Path (Shri Durga Saptshati)
July 31st Sat.	5:00pm	Devi Puja , Chandi path
Aug. 1st Sunday	9:00am	Devi Puja
	10:00am	Chandi Yagna (9 Havan Kund)
	12:15pm	Purnahuti
	1:00pm	Aarti, Prasad ,Mahaprasad



Sponsored by - Shri Brahmani Mata devotees, (Dengucha Patel Family)

Sponsorship $51.00, Chandi Yagna,

For more information please contact Temple/Acharya Kailashji 513-528-3714, Amita Gupta 513-528-3714.Kiran Dyal 474-4051, Kanu bhai Patel 348-6237.

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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads

Second Saturday : 1008 Gayatri Jaap
Second Sunday : Children Program

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 contact Amita Gupta.

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, group 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 pooja committee members Amita Gupta or Meena Sondhi.

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 and announcements

Please Donate Generously

Your Temple needs
1. Sponsors for flower $50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja
3. Your support

2010 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	$101.00	$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	$101.00	$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	$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.

1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
2. 50 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.*

CHECK OUT
http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html

POOJA SAMAGRI

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.
Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows
$ 21 for any Pooja
$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Hom
For more details please contact
Amita Gupta 513-336-8782
Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDERKAND CD (sung by **Acharya Kailash Sharma**)
AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **$ 10.**
The money raised will go to temple.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja Every first Saturday of the Month Aug 7
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
Aug 14, Saturday 4.00pm **Sponsor Murugan Group.**
Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja
On Every Purnima of the Month
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 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:528-3714

1008 Gayatri Jap
Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Amita Gupta 336-8782.

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana
Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.
For more information, please contact Temple priest s: 528-3714

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm

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

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 listed below.

The membership donations are as follows:

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

Annual Individual Membership: $51.00

Annual Family Membership: $101.00

Life Membership: $1001.00 (One year spread, two checks)

*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)

Membership and Fundraising Chair is Raneshwar Gupta 513-232-3331

AUGUST 2010 EVENTS

Aug. 1st Nav Chandi Maha yagna 9 am to 1 pm . Sponsored by (Dengucha Patel Families)

Aug. 7th Navagrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51.00

Aug. 14th Naag Panchami

Aug. 14th 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am

Aug. 15th Sunderkand path 10:30am

Aug. 20th Vara Mahalakshmi Vrat 6pm Sponsorship $31.00

Aug. 21st Mata Ki Chowki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Sharma Family

Aug. 22 Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh path 11am

Aug. 24th BalBhadra Janmadin Puja 10:30am

Aug. 24th Raksha Bandhan /Rakhi

Aug. 24th Upakarma 7am, 8am & 9am Sponshorship $51.00

Aug.24th Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima) 6:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Aug. 25th Gayatri Japa /Homa 6pm Sponsorship $51.00

Aug.28th Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10:30am Sponsorship $51.00

Aug. 29th Nagpanchami (Gujarat)

Aug. 29th Jagannath Puja 11am

SHRAWAN SOMWAAR (Monday) SHIVA-ABHISHEK

July 26, Aug. 2nd, 9th ,16th ,23rd ,30th & Sep 6th

10:00am to 11:30am Shiva Abhishek & Aarti

06:15pm to 07:15pm Shiva Abhishek , *Bilva Patra Archana

07:15pm to 8:00pm Shiva Mahimnaha Path , Bhajans & Aarti

Sponsorship- Abhishek $101.00 , Archana$11.00

SEPTEMBER 2010 Events

Sep. 1st Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration 6:30pm to midnight

Sep . 4th Navgrah Puja 3:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Sep. 4th Muragan Abhishekam 4pm . Sponsorship $101.00

Sep. 5th Sunderkand Path 10:30am

Sep. 10. Hartalika Teej/Kevda Teej Puja 6:30pm

Sep. 11th Ganesh Chaturthi

Sep. 11th 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am to 1pm

Sep . 12th Nand Mahotsava Celebration 10am to 1pm Sponsored by – Srinathji Devotees

Sep. 18th Mata Ki Chauki 4pm to 8pm . Sponsored by – Sondhi , Verma, Khanna & Soni Families.

Sep. 19th Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 10am to 1pm .Sponsored by- Triveni

Sep. 23 Shraddha Begins (Mahalayarambha)

Sep. 23rd Purnima Satya Narayan Puja Sponsorship $51.00

Sep. 26th Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship $51.00

HSGC to Partner with AIW / YWCA To Address DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Immigrant Women against Domestic Violence

HSGC will be arranging a presentation on this topic . Time and venue will be announced soon

Despite the promise of America many immigrants have found it difficult to achieve the "American Dream". Little attention has been paid to immigrant women who are battered. Violence against women is universal and strikes in all cultures, race, ethnic, religious, age, and socio economic classes. However, battered immigrant women face even greater obstacles in their efforts to escape violent relationships with issues often compounded by problems associated with immigration, cultural, legal and language barriers. The Alliance for Immigrant Women (AIW) aims to raise awareness and address all these issues.

Battered immigrant women face many cultural, economic & legal barriers to seeking and receiving assistance. Abusers often use immigration related threats to assert control over their spouse's movements, emotions, relationship with the outside world, and potentially every aspect of their life. Due to language barriers, inexperience with U.S. law, and fear of deportation, immigrant women are underserved by the U.S. government, underrepresented in policy making, and vulnerable to basic human rights violations, especially domestic violence.

Alliance for Immigrant Women are making sure that addressing the needs of battered immigrants is an important part of their agenda. A great deal of education is required within both immigrant communities about the problem and potential solutions about the needs of immigrant women and their families and the barriers that keep them from seeking or receiving help.

The silence surrounding domestic violence in South Asian American communities affects the well being of children and families within these communities. South Asian community can take a unique leadership role in confronting this challenge. You can volunteer to help victims of domestic violence and support the organizations in need. Most importantly, raising awareness about domestic violence in our community. By discussing the issue with our families, friends, and religious leaders, we can make it clear that domestic violence is never acceptable. We encourage the Hindu community to join us in confronting this issue and break the silence about this disturbing problem. Victims, regardless of their immigrant status, religious preference, or socio-economic class have the right to live free of domestic violence and be treated with respect.

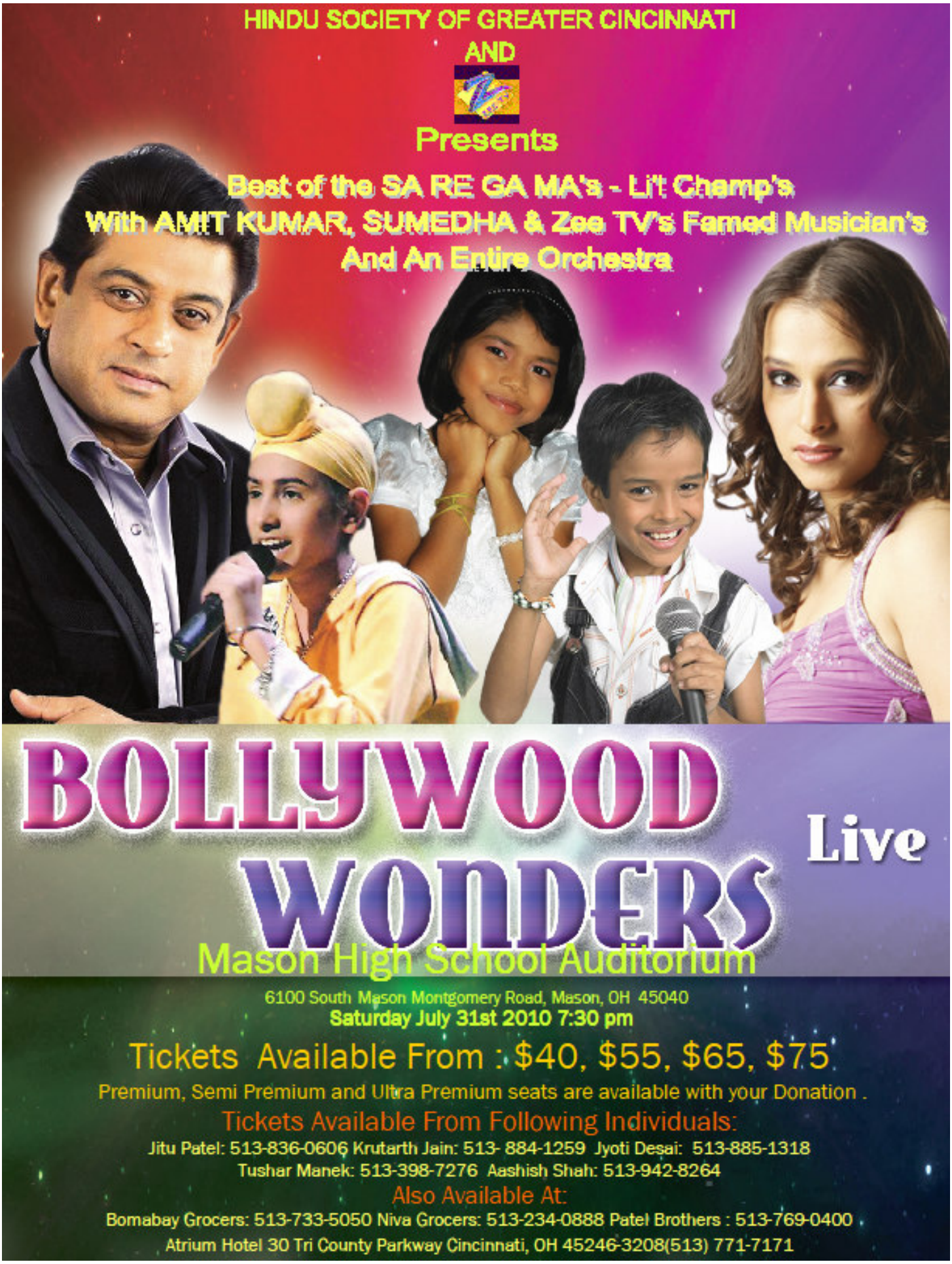
In 2001 ,the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati formed the Alliance of Battered and Abused International Women, now called the Alliance for Immigrant Women for women facing domestic violence issues. YWCA provides safe protective shelter and necessary supportive services for battered women and their children to move them toward self-sufficiency, independence and freedom from abuse. It offers short and long-term support for women and their children .

The Alliance provides outreach to immigrant communities to increase awareness about domestic violence and community resources. It provides training to service providers,law enforcement , immigrant communities to serve victims of domestic violence. It plays a pivotal leadership role in raising public awareness of domestic violence issues and available resources. It provides a strong ,completely confidential support of culturally appropriate referrals .

Participating organizations include Jewish, Hispanic, Catholic, Islamic communities, Police Departments, Hospitals, UC, Hamilton County Job Placement, YWCA,Shelters, Legal Departments and a lot more. Over twenty agencies have joined to develop prevention and interventional programs to ensure full access to all available help and resources.

The Alliance has emerged as a leader in Ohio in producing culturally and linguistically appropriate resource materials on domestic violence and developed a Cultural Resource Guidebook to aid service providers in assisting international victims of domestic violence. The Alliance provides training to a wide range of audiences, including service providers, law enforcement, immigrant community-based organizations, medical personnel, and many other groups that serve immigrant victims of domestic violence. It is an important issue and needs our attention. We need to reach out to community members who need our help. Volunteers will also be needed. If you would like to be notified of the upcoming presentation, please email me at mehangeeta@gmail.com .

Geeta Mehan 513-754-0400 Homa Yavar 513-305-7756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6100 South Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040
Saturday July 31st 2010 7:30 pm
Tickets Available From : $40, $55, $65, $75
Premium, Semi Premium and Ultra Premium seats are available with your Donation .
Tickets Available From Following Individuals:
Jitu Patel: 513-836-0606 Krutarth Jain: 513- 884-1259 Jyoti Desai: 513-885-1318
Tushar Manek: 513-398-7276 Aashish Shah: 513-942-8264
Also Available At:
Bomabay Grocers: 513-733-5050 Niva Grocers: 513-234-0888 Patel Brothers : 513-769-0400
Atrium Hotel 30 Tri County Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45246-3208(513) 771-7171

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, Choudary & Rani Bobba, Madhav & Neelima Lakkapragada.

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, Kishore Kasturi, Shampa Sharma.

*(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.

LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM

Every Saturday from 12 noon to 2pm & Every Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm

APPEAL REGARDING ROAD REPAIR

Dear Devotees,

As you are already aware, due to the severe weather we had this past winter, both sides of the Temple road conditions have deteriorated & need immediate repair and attention. This project requires patching up the holes and thick blacktop from the main gate all the way to the back of the Temple where the dumpster is on both sides of the road. We want to start this repair project as soon as possible. As you know it will require around $50,000. We want all members and devotees to share the cost. Please donate generously for this project as it is for the safety of all of us. The sooner we start the process, the cheaper the overall repair cost will be. Any checks from $100.00 to $500.00 for this project will be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to mention on the check that it is for the road project. Also, we welcome any help or advice on this issue. For any further details or questions, please contact the undersigned.

Raneshwar K. Gupta

Membership and Fundraising Chairperson 513-232-3331

KID'S DAY CAMP

Organized by Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

Date: Saturday, Aug 21, 2010 **COST : FREE**

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 & Camp Song 4) Lunch Break
5) Art and Craft 6) Games 7) Study Session 8) Kite Flying Competition

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

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

Vinit Rastogi – 513 398 3216 rastogivk@gmail.com

Radhika Iyer - 513 336 6769 radhikaiyer@cinci.rr.com

For additional information: http://cincinnatitemple.com/

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age:_____

Parents: _____ Phone:_____

Email: _____

I release HSGC from any liability

Signed by parents

Rattling the Mind – Krishna's style!

Koti Sreekrishna

Like the "Baby and Pampers" paradigm, it is commonsense to change the diaper as needed. However, when in the religious truth versus tradition context, often common sense takes back seat and people more often than not choose tradition over truth! That is as funny as tail wagging the dog. No wonder, outmoded traditions look funny and people who insist on that look crazy. Shock Treatment is often needed to wipe out the pitfalls of age old tradition! That is what Krishna did to Arjuna in Bhagavad-Gita. These are some of the "Shock Treatment Shlokas" in the Bhagavad-Gita, I am citing from **The New Bhagavad-Gita**: Timeless wisdom in the language of our times by Koti Sreekrishna and Hari Ravikumar - coming soon!

2:11You grieve for that which you should not, yet you speak words of wisdom. The wise do not grieve for the dead or for the living.

Contrast this to Arjuna's worry that the ancestors deprived of the funeral and post-death rites would land up in hell.

Krishna directly attacks the orthodox with his genial approach to handling life – focus on action rather than mere words.

2:42Those who lack proper insight take delight in the letter (and not spirit) of the Vedas and proclaim in flowery words: 'there is nothing else other than this'. *The Vedas are the foremost revealed scriptures in Hinduism.*

2:43They are filled with desires, and reaching heaven is their supreme goal. Caught in the vicious cycle of karma, they perform many elaborate rituals to attain pleasure and power.

2:44Those attached to pleasure and power are led astray by that flowery language of the Vedas; they never attain the firm intellect of a contemplative mind.

2:45The Vedas deal with the three *gunas*; free yourself from the influence of the *gunas*. Go beyond the dualities and give up the desire to acquire or accumulate. Be a master of yourself and be established in the eternal truth.

2:46What is the use for a well when there is a flood and water is flowing freely everywhere?

What is the use of all the Vedas when one has realized the ultimate truth?

4:1I taught this eternal yoga to Vivasvat; Vivasvat taught Manu and Manu taught Ikshvaku.

Vivasvat refers to the sun; Manu and Ikshvaku are his descendents, and patriarchs of the famous solar dynasty.

Krishna does not hesitate to remind Arjuna that the message of the age-less Sanatan Dharma was corrupted by age-old traditions!

4:2Thus handed down in regular succession, the *rajarshi*s knew this. But over the long lapse of time the *yoga* seems to be lost in this world.

Over time, the eternal yoga gets cluttered by tradition and complicated by excessive scholarship; thus, it is practically lost.

5:18A wise person treats everyone equally – a scholar endowed with modesty, a cow, an elephant, a dog, and one who eats a dog

A scholar is generally held in high esteem in society while a person who eats a dog is considered to be at the lowest level. The wise notice the same inner spirit in all these beings irrespective of their external characteristics (See 4:35 and 6:30).

(Advaita SHikhAmaNi Adi Shankaracharya was quizzed by Shiva appearing as a chanDAla- shows how pervasive traditional mind-set can be)

5:14God does not command people to act. God does not create activities or its associated rewards. All these arise from nature.

5:15God is not responsible for goodness or evil. People are deluded because their knowledge is clouded by ignorance.

Goodness and evil are merely results of actions that people perform. God is not responsible for this.

9:20Those versed in the 3 Vedas who relish *soma* & are cleansed of sin, honor me through *yagña*s with desire to go to heaven.

By the merit gained they reach the heaven—the domain of Indra—and enjoy celestial pleasures.

9:21Having enjoyed the wide world of heaven, they return to the earth once their merit is exhausted. Again impelled by desire for heavenly pleasures, they resort to meritorious rites enjoined in the Vedas and are thus caught in the cycle of birth and death.

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9:25Those who worship other divinities, go to the divinities they seek; those who worship their ancestors go to ancestors (they are united with them after death); those who worship elemental spirits, attain those spirits; those who worship the supreme, attain the supreme! Those who worship elemental spirits, attain those spirits;

9:30Even if a man steeped in evil takes on to my worship with undivided devotion, he must be considered as noble because he has taken the right decision.

9:31Readily, he becomes righteous and attains everlasting peace. Arjuna, know this: no devotee of mine is ever lost.

9:32Whoever takes refuge in me – even men of sinful birth, women, traders, or laborers – will attain the supreme goal.

Societies typically look down upon certain sections of people. Krishna clarifies that whoever submits to the supreme attains liberation, irrespective of their birth, gender, or occupation.

11:32-34I am death, the mighty destroyer of the world! I am engaged now in the destruction of all creation.

With or without you, all these warriors shall die, for I have already killed them.

Therefore, arise and be victorious! Fight merely to show the world your skill in archery. Do not hesitate; kill Drona, Bhishma, Jayadratha, Karna and other brave warriors whom I have already killed. Conquer your enemies and enjoy the bountiful kingdom.

Be fearless! Fight! You will win!

15:15b Realizing the supreme is the goal of all the Vedas. I am the architect of the Upanishads and the Vedas.

(I am the source of all wisdom and knowledge). (*Note: Here it is clear that Krishna was not opposed to the Vedas, unlike Mahavira and Buddha. However, he wanted people to go beyond the karma khAnDa- similar to this, Jesus did not reject Torah)*

18:17One who is free from ego and has complete understanding, even if he kills the whole world, he does not kill; he is not bound. *He is not bound because neither actions nor outcomes affect him. Infact, the whole world is destroyed during pralaya.*

18:66Giving up all forms of *dharma* take refuge in me alone. I will liberate you from all sins, do not grieve!

Here, dharma is used in the widest sense of the word. We seldom think of Albert Einstein's PSAT, SAT or ACT scores!

There are people who like to get qualified and rubber stamped by some authority that they have surrendered their ego to the supreme! These are the same people who enroll in "humility" context!

Now we can see for ourselves the importance of rattling the cage. Many have rattled the cage of Sanatana Dharma, and one of the foremost among them is Krishna. We often failed miserably in our understanding of these "rattling the cage" verses of BG. Even today, when a missionary says- "accept Jesus as savior, you are saved irrespective of your present or past status"-- we simply fail to quote the verses such as 18:66 or 9:30-32.

Also, like the Arjuna of BG1, many Hindus are stuck in caste/varNa, Astrology, Horoscopes, Gothra, Shraddham, tarpaNams, veggie-nonveggie, aNDa, onion, garlic and gooseberry debates! Unfortunately, the "Internet" is being used more often than not to nurture and promote such contentions. Even knowledgeable people often do not know the difference between Bhagavad-Gita and Garuda Purana! Next time when you are confronted with issues like this, please introspect and let the "TRUTH" prevail. I like to quote this line from Gitanjali*- "Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the-dreary desert sand of dead habit..."

*(Gitanjali by Rabindranath Tagore was awarded Nobel Prize for literature in 1913. With that Tagore made History by being the *foremost non-White person to have received Nobel Prize*)

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

Rakhi: The Thread of Love

Raksha Bandhan is a festival that is all about affection, fraternity and sublime sentiments. It is also known as Raksha Bandhan which means a 'bond of protection. This is an occasion to flourish love, care, affection and sacred bond between brothers and sisters.

The ritual begins with a prayer in front of God, then the sister ties Rakhi to her brother and wishes for his happiness and well-being. In turn, the brother acknowledge the love with a promise to stand by his sister through all the good and bad times. Sisters tie Rakhi on the wrist of their brothers amid chanting of mantras, put roli and rice on his forehead and pray for his well-being. She bestows him with gifts and blessings. In turn, brothers also wish her a good life and pledges to take care of her. He gives her a return gift. The gift symbolizes the physical acceptance of her love, reminder of their togetherness and his pledge.

May this festival always serve to strengthen the bond between siblings and within families .

Rabindranath Tagore started Rakhi Utsavas, a congregation signifying the harmonious relationship amongst the community. It was a vow for peaceful existence and commitment to all the members of society. This was Raksha Bandhan's universal outlook. In its true sense, Rakhi has a much broader perspective. The festival encompasses a true sense of peace and brotherhood. The inherent values of this festival, if truly understood by all human beings can bring the much needed relief from the violence and mistrust and spread peace in the world.

HAPPY RAKHI TO ALL

Here is a story that I read and wanted to share with all of you....Geeta

INNER HAPPINESS

"I live in Indore , in India 's heartand..On our way back from an adjacent town, my friend and I stopped at a highway dhaba. Placing our order, we stretched ourselves out on the cane chairs. A motley group of people occupied other tables.

As we glanced around desultorily, a ragged man sauntered in and sat down. He poured himself a glass of water from the steel jug. He drank two whole glasses, but ordered no food, nor did the dhaba boys ask him. When our tea and samosas arrived, he looked at the food, filled his glass again and drank it. We saw no greed in his eyes, but it was an easy guess, that the guy was hungry and had no money.

The dhaba boy told us, 'Oh! That madman comes in everyday. If he has money, he eats something; otherwise he just drinks a few glasses of water and leaves.. My boss said that since water has been given to us by the Lord, we must never stop anyone drinking it at our dhaba.'

This logic really touched me. I asked the boy to serve the man a plate of samosas. When he did so, the man looked at him. The boy pointed to us. The man looked at us but made no acknowledgement.

As he picked up the first samosa, a little girl in rags walked up and just stood there. He gave her the samosa, which she wolfed down. He picked up the second one and handed that to her, too. She grabbed it and ran away. He pushed away his empty plate, filled up his glass again, drank the water and walked away from the dhaba without a backward glance."

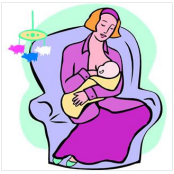
I asked myself if I were capable of a gesture like that. The most I could muster was, 'I HOPE SO'. If sharing what we have in excess is generosity, then how would we describe what the madman did? 'SELFLESS LOVE'?

It is what intellectuals talk about and madmen practice !!!!!!!!

***Happiness comes from spiritual wealth, not material wealth...**

Happiness comes from giving, not getting. If we try hard to bring happiness to others,

we cannot stop it from coming to us also. To get joy, we must give it and to keep joy, we must scatter it.



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Infant CPR skills preferred and references will be requested. Sitter will be expected to have reliable transportation.

If interested please call Kirsten at 513-807-2095 or email at kmpatton1979@yahoo.com.

Shri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration

(Birthday of lord Krishna)

September 1st Wednesday 2010
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 /Keertan / Pravachan (Shree Krishna Leela)

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

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Nag Panchami

Nāga Panchamī (Sanskrit: नाग पंचमी) is a Hindu festival celebrated by Hindus in most parts of India. It is celebrated on Panchami in Shravan month. On this day, people worship Nāga Devata (Cobras). People go to temples and snake pits and worship the snakes. They offer milk and silver jewelry to the Cobras to protect them from all evils. They also fast. This festival is to celebrate the day lord Krishna defeated the serpent Kalia. On this day swings are put up in the village and people enjoy themselves. The married girls visit their parents during this occasion.

The festival of *Nāga Panchami* is celebrated by Hindus to pay respect to Nāgas. The five Nāgas worshipped on Nag Panchami are Ananta, Vāsuki, Taxak, Karkotaka and Pingala. According to a Puranic myth Brahma's son Kashyapa had four wives. Kashyapa's first wife gave birth to Devas, second to Garudas, third to Nāgas and fourth to Daityas. (Dainik Jagran, 25 July 2006). The third wife of Kashpa was called Kadroo, who gave birth to Nāgas. So Nāgas are also known as Kadroojā. They were the rulers of *Pātāl-Loka*. There is a Sanskrit *shloka* to remember important nine Nāgas as under: (Dainik Bhaskar 30 July 2006)

अनन्तं वासुकिं शेषं पद्मनाभं च कम्बलम् । *Anantam Vāsukim Shesham Padmanābham cha Kambalam*

शंखपालं धार्तराष्ट्रं तक्षकं कालियं तथा ।। *Shankhapālam Dhārtarāshtram Taxakam Kāliyam tathā*

एतानि नवनामानि च महात्मनाम् । *Etāni navanāmāni cha mahātmanām*

Shree Ganesh Chaturthi

September 19th Sunday 2010 10:00 am to 1pm

10:00 am	Procession	11:00 am	Ganesh Puja /Atharvashirsh Path
12:00	Bhajans	1:00	Aarti /Prasad /Lunch

Sponsorship $31.00 Puja

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The Cultural Committee of Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

Presents

"Naach Sitare"

The dance competition of 2010

August 28th 2010

Place : Mason High School Auditorium

Ticket Prices: $12.00 for Ages 4&up

(All proceeds will go towards show expenses and HSGC Kitchen remodeling , Road Construction & future Cultural Center)

Timings : 4:30 PM- 9:30 PM

Dinner Break : 6.:00 PM- 7:00PM

We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event : Please Contact:

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SHRAVAN SOMVAR

Shravan is the fifth month of the Hindu Calender. This month is considered highly auspicious and powerful for worshipping Lord Shiva. It is believed that during this month Shiva grants the prayers of devotees . According to legend, the churning of the Ocean (Samudra Manthan) took place in the month of Shravan. It was on a Monday that Lord Shiva drank the poison hala hala to save the world. In order to lessen the effect of poison, the devas gave him water from the Ganges. Because of this on Shravan Somvar in Shiva Temples, the shivalinga is bathed with holy water day and night. Offerings of flowers, bel leaves and milk are made to please Lord Shiva. Devotees observe fast till sunset.It is considered highly auspicious to wear Rudraksha beads in Shravan. A twenty four hour "deep" also burns in the temples.

VRAT PROCEDURE : Here is a brief procedure of observing the Shravan Somvar Vrat. After taking bath and performing other purification rituals pray to the Lord Ganesh. After that pray to Lord Siva by chanting the Om Namashivaya Mantra. Offerings of Bilva Leaves, milk, honey and water are made to the shiva linga after that. Panchamrit can also be used to anoint the shivalinga. Fasting from sunrise to sunset is done on this day. Some people keep a strict fast whereas some people keep partial fast and consume fruits and juices during the fast. Non vegetarian foods and foods with Onion and garlic are strictly avoided. Many people take only saltless food during the fasting. Some people chant the Shiva Mantras like Om Namashivaya and Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra through out the day whereas others keep Maun Vrat. Many devotees also read Shiva Purana on this day. Many people wear only white clothes during the fast. Break the fast after praying to Lord Shiva by consuming normal food. Some people keep fasts for the whole month of Sawan and avoid eating grains during this period. It is believed if one who fasts on all Mondays of the month of Shravan all prayers from the heart would be answered.

Mata Ki Chowki

A feather in the cap for HSGC

A beautiful Puja and Mata Bhajans enthralled a packed congregation at Hindu Temple of Greater Dayton on July 10. The week before that, Columbus was held under the spell of Mata .

The "Bhajan Mandli" was none other than our very own Pandit Kailash Sharma ji, Khush Karamchandani, Ramesh and Meena Sondhi and Rajender Sharma .....

We are proud of you !!!!!!

HSGC – Executive Council : Meeting Minutes– June 02, 2010

Present: Krutarth Jain (President), Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee Co-chair), Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana),Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair), Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair), Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)

Additional Attendees: Jitubhai Patel (Fundraising Committee Member), Sapna Chellath (Cultural Committee Co-chair)

Absent: Amita Gupta (Pooja Committee Chair) Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager)

Minutes:

1. Update on temple kitchen project

a. Jitubhai reported that the kitchen is 90% complete.

b. Cost of this project is $140,000 per latest figures.

c. We need to do fundraising for the kitchen in order to help the temple be free of obligations related to the capital expenditure for the kitchen.

d Clear guidelines will need to be developed for use of the kitchen.

e. Jitubhai will manage the kitchen for one year.

f. Subsequently, a strong manager will need to be appointed for managing the kitchen.

g. Jitubhai is organizing a music concert (Amit Kumar) on July 31st to raise fund for the temple. The goal is to raise $30,000 to $40,000 through this concert.

h. An additional major source of funds will be the Navratri program. Due to the large attendance (more than 1,000 people), a large venue will be needed for this event. It has been proposed to rent space at The Cincinnati Mall in Forest park for 2 weekends.

1i. The Navratri program can result in a net gain of $15,000 to $20,000.

j. Jitubhai will need a letter from the temple to authorize him to arrange these events on behalf of the temple.

2. Culture Center

a. There is a strong need for having a culture center at the temple to stage large events. Such facility will minimize the need for taking major temple events outside the temple premises. The goal of HSGC is to maximize the attendance at the temple and make it a focal point of the religious and associated cultural activities.

b. This project will be a separate project.

c. A pre-requisite for such a center will be an access road from the Barg Salt Road. It will be a project needing $200,000.

d. There are two options related to construction of the culture center. A full service, state of the art culture center will be a very expensive undertaking with cost upwards of $6 million.

e. An alternative option is to construct a scaled-down version that could be constructed in the range of $500,000. It will be a multi-purpose, all-season facility large enough to accommodate major events.

f. Proposed dimensions for this hall are 200ft x 100 ft and a height of 18 ft. It will be attached to the temple.

g. Jeetubhai has been assigned to head the development of this hall.

h. The members of the executive committee unanimously thanked Jeetubhai for his initiative and support for the temple.

3. The Diwali celebrations will be jointly held with the Ankur Gujrati Samaj.

4. Sulbha Midha will be the coordinator for the Diwali event from HSGC.

5. Religious services at the hospitals: Bethesda North Hospital contacted the temple in order to get a contact at the temple to provide information regarding Hindu religious services. Krutarth Jain and Amita Gupta will contact other major hospitals in the tri-state area to provide such information to them.

6. Kiran Ji reported that the temple anniversary was very successful. The temple collected $35,000 during this event, while incurring expenses of $8,000.

7. Chidananda Swamiji Visit: Swamiji is visiting Louisville, KY. Tushar Manek is coordinating his visit to the temple, sometime in July. It will not cost any expense to the temple. Tushar has agreed to cover food expense for 300 people. Anisha Singh will coordinate sponsorship for additional food if it becomes necessary.

8. Patron and Life Member Day: Like last year, the executive committee is planning to organize an event to thank the patrons and life members. Raneshwar Ji, Meena Mehta Ji, Jitubhai will discuss the event and determine a date for this event.

9. Dance Competition on August 28th: 9. Dance Competition on August 28th: Sulbha Midha reported that the dance competition will be held at Mason High School. The venue costs about $3500. So far, $1200 .worth of sponsorships have been received . we are expecting more fund raising through additional Tickets and sponsorship , we will be providing dinner also.

10. Tickets for this event will be about $10-$12 per person. It is expected to have an attendance of at least 500 people.

11. Hindu Awareness Day: It will be celebrated in the temple on September 25th. For last 3 years, VHP of America has partnered with the temple to organize this event. Several Bal Vihar groups will present programs in this function. Bal Ji will work to get this declared as the Hindu Awareness Day in the Clermont County.

12. General Body Meeting: This meeting will be on last Sunday of June, 2010. All chairs of the executive committee will present reports for their respective areas on this day.

13. Children's Day Camp: The VHP of America will hold a children's day camp at the temple on August 21st. Over 50 children attended this event last year. The executive committee has authorized expense of up to $500 to buy religious books to gift the children attending this event.

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MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

14. Rath Yatra: Preparations for this event will be handled by Krutarth Jain.
15. Hindu Mandir Executive Council meeting: This event is organized to provide a common platform to all Hindu mandirs in North America. Krutarth Jain will attend this meeting on behalf of HSGC, to be held in Houston, TX. The executive committee approved a $200 registration fees for this event.
16. Prasad Ji has asked for creation of a reimbursement form that will carry some explanation of the incurred expenses. Krutarth Jain will create a form and publish it in Aradhana. All committee chairs will be notified of the procedure for approval of the expenses.
17. The executive committee will obtain a signed Conflict of Interest policy statement from each committee member.
18. The Kroger / Meijer card program will be prominently featured in Aradhana. A new message will need to be crafted to garner more attention from the readers of Aradhana.
19. Achievements by community members: The executive committee will approve publishing of major accomplishment by the members of the Hindu community in the HSGC area on a case by case basis.
20. Blacktopping project: Raneshwar Ji reported that a separate account will need to be created for the blacktopping project. He will also do fundraising for this project.
21. Maintenance Fund: The executive committee decided that a separate fund for emergency repairs is not needed. Such expenses could be covered through the general funds.
22. Shiv Ji stated that he will create a project called "Beautify the Temple" that will focus on beautification of the temple such as landscaping. He will assume the responsibility for this project.
23. Temple Calendar: Meena and Ashwin Mehta will be responsible for the temple calendar. The executive committee is debating whether to charge for the calendar.
24. Geeta Ji made the executive committee aware of a foundation called AWIO that helps victims of domestic violence. There are many women in the Hindu community who face these situations. This is a silent issue facing our community. Geeta Ji will represent HSGC in this organization and try to provide and coordinate help for women from the Hindu community needing such help.
25. Cremation Committee: Tushar Manek will take lead in this committee that will try to provide guidance on cremation needs of the Hindu community.

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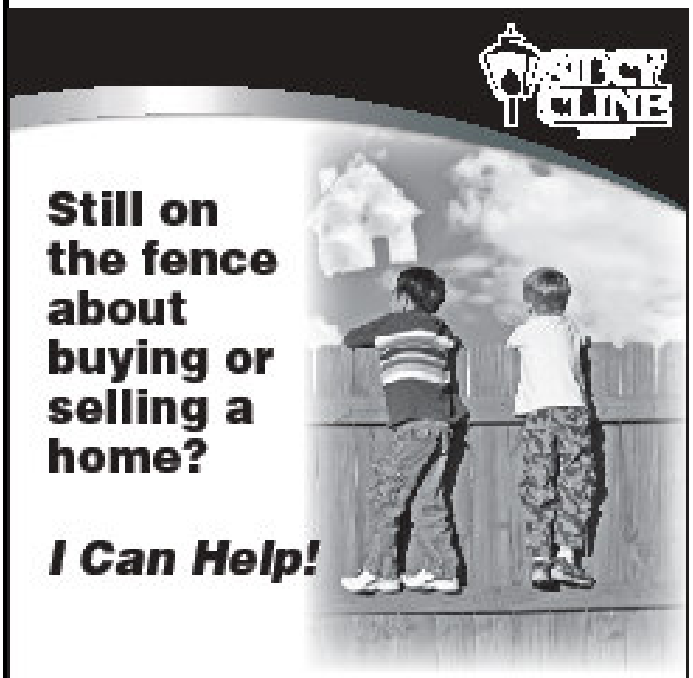

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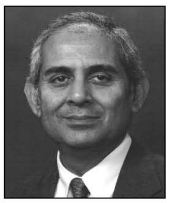

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