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Mahavir Jayanti

Happy Mothers Day

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(Individual Temple for Each deity)

Garbha Griha is main part of the temple and Temple is incomplete without it

Garbha Griha Picture with Arch & Chhatra

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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 Kiran Dayal.

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 Kiran Dayal 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 (except holidays)	$301	$151
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

USE OF KITCHEN **$ 51**

Use of Paper Supplies (PS) **$ 101**

Use of Kitchen and PS **$125**

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 please contact Pooja Committee : Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja ***or to rent a temple hall (lower level)*** please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051 *or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331*

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, 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

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.*

C H E C K O U T
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 May 7
Sponsors needed for Pooja $51.00
For Details call
Kiran Dayal at 474-4051;Temple priests:528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month
May 14 Sat 4pm **Sponsor Murugan Group.**
Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm
Sponsorship $ 51.00
To sponsor pooja call Kiran Dayal 474-4051
Temple priests: 528-3714

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
Kiran Dayal :474-4051 Temple Priests:528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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:488-2986

1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Kiran Dayal 474-4051

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Temple Priests 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting. Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051;

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

May 2011

May 1st Sun. Vallabhacharya Jayanti 10:30am to 1pm Sponsored by- Shrinathji Devotees
May 7th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51.00
May 8th Sun. Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) Celebration Moved to June 5th Sunday .
May 14th Sat. 1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am
May 15th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am
May 17th Tue. Purnima Satya narayan puja Sponsorship $51.00 , 6:30pm
Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, And 1 coconut.
May 21st Sat. Temple's 14th Anniversary Celebration 9:30am to 8pm
May.21st Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4pm to 8pm
May 22nd Sun. Temple's 14th Anniversary Celebration 10am to 1pm
May 28th sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam $51.00 10am
May 29th Sun. Jagannnath Puja 11am .

June 2011

June 1st wed. Vat Savitri Vrat (Amavasya)
June 4th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51
June 5th Sunday, 11am Mahavir Jayanti ; Sponsored by Jain Centre
June 11th Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
June 11th Sat. Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship $101.00
June 12 th Sun. Graduation Havan 11am
June 12th, Sunday 11:45am, **Vedantic Discourse on Bhagwat Geeta** by Swamini Gangananda,
Chinmaya Mission, Bombay (90 minutes)
She will be holding 90 minute sessions in people's homes from June 13 –19. If you are interested in having it at your home on one of those days, please contact Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Geeta Mehan 754-0400
June 15th Wed. Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima) Sponsorship $51.00
Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, And 1 coconut.
June 15th Wed. Vat Savitri Vrat (Purnima)
June 15th Wed. Snan Purnima Jagannnath Puja 10:30am
June 18th Sat. Mata Ki Chowki 4-8pm Sponsored by - Shephali & Akash Aggrawal & Friends
June 19th Sun. Sunderkand Path Sponsored By - Bhupendra & kalpana Joshi
June 25th Sat. Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship $51.00
June 26th Sun. Ganesh Puja & Atharvasheersh Path 11am

JAGANNATH RATH YATRA CELEBRATION July 2nd Saturday Details to follow --

Looking for a Co- Chair

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping with Aradhana for a few hours a month, please contact Geeta Mehan. It would be good service to the Temple. Call me and I will tell you more details of the kind of help I am looking for at this time.
Geeta Mehan Ph No 513-754-0400

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati cordially invites you with family & friends
On the occasion of Temple's

14th Anniversary Celebration

May 21st, 22nd 2011 at 4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati,OH 45244

Sat. 21st May

8:30am Nitya Puja
9:30 am Anugya, Swastivachan, Shri Ganesh Puja, Punayah-Vachan, Ritvik Varan, Raksha-Bandhan,
10:30am Kalash Sthapana, Mandal, Aaradhana,
11:30am Utsava Murti Abhisheka
12:45pm Aarti & Prasad. (Lunch)

Saturday 21st May MATA KI CHOWKI

4:00pm Devi Durga Puja
5:00pm First Devi Durga aarti
5:15pm Mata Bhajans
7:30pm Kanya Puja
8:00pm Bhog , Aarti Followed by Dinner

Sunday 22nd May

09:00am Nitya (Daily)Puja
10:00am Sarvadev Gayatri Homa /Havan
11:00am Kalash Yatra (Procession)
11:30am Dhwaja Puja & Arohan
12:15pm Special Archana for all the Deities Appreciation of Priests & Volunteers
1:00pm Aarti & Prasad (Lunch).

Sponsorships:

$1001.00 All Two days pujas
$ 501.00 Dhwaj Puja/Aarohan, Sarva dev Gayatri Havan, Kalash Yatra,
$ 501.00 Special Archana, Sarvadev Gayatri Havan, Kalash Yatra.
$ 101.00 Utsava Murti Abhishek, Kalash yatra
$ 51.00 Sarvadev Gayatri Havan.
$ 21.00 Kalash Yatra.

Sponsors for Mata Ki Chowki will receive blessed SAREES, dupattas or suhag things.
$501.00, $251.00, $101.00 -Sarees $51.00 Dupattas, Chunris $31.00 - Suhag Things.

Devotees are requested to sponsor one or more items listed below, for various pujas. All items are needed by May 15th Sunday.

Coconuts 50 ct.
Havan Samgri - 50 pack
Ghee - 25lb
Dry fruits - 100lb.
Almonds, Cashew, Raisins
Camphor 250gram
Rice 50lb
Milk 5 gallons
Yogurt 5pack
Fruits 5 Varieties
Saffron 2 Box
Mango leaves
Pan leaves 50
Sarees for each deity
Betel Nut (Supari) Whole 50
Kumkum 500gram , Jewelry for each deity.

For pooja details please contact Temple 513-528-3714, Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Pt Kailash Sharma 652-5382.

MAHAVIR JAYANTI

On Mahavir Jayanthi, Jain temples are decorated with flags. In the morning the statue of Mahavira is given a ceremonial bath called the abhishek. Lord Mahavira is an ideal in Jainism who taught the world the essence of life. He taught all of us the right way of living the life. Lectures are held to preach the path of virtue. Donations are collected to save the cows from slaughter and to help poor people by providing them food. Pilgrims from all parts of the country visit the ancient Jain Temples at Pawapuri, Kundalpur and Parsvanath on this day.Lord Mahavir was a great teacher who taught humanity the true path of happiness. His teachings on complete nonviolence and the importance of austerity showed the path to achieving salvation and spirituality.

This year Mahavir Jayanti falls on Saturday April 16 : **Sunday June 5th 2011 Ashtaprakari Puja. At Temple**

HOLI FUNCTION : March 26

HOLI CULTURAL FUNCTION

All those who attended the Holi Function last month know what an enjoyable and successful event it was !!!!!!!

There was enthusiastic participation from a record number of children. It was enjoyed by children and adults. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated food:

Shiela and Raj Bodalia Pizzas

Gayatri and Balasubramaniam Chholey

Asha and Mohan Chopra Potatoes

Kiran and Rameshwar Dayal Potatoes

Manju and Raneshwar Gupta Bhel Puri

Geeta and Arun Mehan Barfi

Sulbha and Sanjeev Midha Chhole and Aloo Bondas

Amita and Darshan Kumar Drinks

Bijoli and Asit Saha Sweets and Rasgullas

Madhu and Vijay Sharma Samosas

Poonam and Parveen Varma Drinks

My sincere apology if I missed anyone who brought snacks.

There was plenty of help on that day to serve and sell these snacks. We raised $ 727 which will go towards the road repair project. All food was donated so there was no cost to the Temple. Without these helpers, none of this would be possible. All the names cannot be mentioned individually , but I want to give my sincere thanks for their time and help.

Raneshwar Gupta

HSGC – Executive Council

Meeting Minutes– March 6, 2011

Present: Krutarth Jain(President), Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee), Dilip Patel (Maintenance Committee)

Additional Attendees: Swarna Choudhary (Co-chair, Pooja Committee)

Absent: Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana)

Minutes:

1. Ramesh Dayal and Laxmi Srivastava received EC approval for publishing color photos of the Garbha Griha and the Marg project, respectively.
2. The EC agreed to review salary structure of the priests. A special EC meeting will be held on March 20th to discuss it further.
3. The EC has agreed to create a Vedic library in the temple. Dr Pappu of Miami University has offered to donate his collection of books to the temple. He is also providing seed money to start this library, which will be started in his late wife's name. The temple will obtain a professional drawing and associated cost estimate for this project.
4. The temple is placing a lot of emphasis on providing additional community services. Towards this, the following services are being considered or are being offered:
   - A..The temple is planning to start a religious counseling service. It will be provided by respected scholars in our community. Initially, it will consist of Dr Pappu and Koti Srikrishna.
   - B.Geeta Mehan is providing counseling for women facing abuse or violence in collaboration with AIW/YWCA. Some additional guidelines need to be developed to handle such situations.
5. The EC also decided that each committee will be responsible for maintaining its own income and expenses.
6. Expense approvals:
   - A. EC members can spend up to $1,500 without prior EC or president's approval.
   - B. Only emergency / maintenance expenses do not need pre-approval. An example of this is the recent installation of garbage disposal.
   - C. In the future, all projects will have clear specifications, clear bids, and a thorough evaluation by the chairperson of the specific project.
   - D. The supplies inventory will be tracked from now on.
   - E. The Pooja committee will also update inventory of all items including precious metals.
7. The EC also looked at ways to contain costs. Some of the items considered are:
   - A. Stop mailing of birthday and anniversary cards
   - B. Get advertisement for the calendar and consider printing on lower quality paper
   - C. Reconsider Patron's Day as it incurs a substantial cost
   - D. Manage the cost of flowers by considering local suppliers and/or collect monies from the sponsors. However, the cost of the flowers has been found to be fully funded.
   - E. Reduce expenses associated with Diwali sweets
   - F.. Raneshwar Gupta will look into the health insurance costs
8. Consider raffles for additional fund raising. Raneshwar Gupta will present more ideas in this respect in next EC meeting.
9. A policy will be created to provide and articulate benefits of HSGC membership.
10. The EC has decided to publish the special accounts once every 6 months or on an as-needed basis.
11. For the Marg project, the area is being surveyed. It will be cleared and soil will be tested for construction.
12. There are plans to use to the Yagya Shala as a regional marriage center. A special activity chairperson may be named, who will be responsible for creating booklets, mailing for the Yagya Shala and marriage center. Raj Bodalia has been proposed as the chairperson for this center.
13. It has been proposed that a wellness center be established in the temple. Dr Hari Haran, who visited the temple last year, will be back in the temple on May 11. He will conduct 3-4 lectures and session on managing diabetes and blood pressure. It will be part of the wellness center initiative.
14. A separate unit in the basement will created that will help in conducting the yoga center as well as other activities such as children's activities, library, meditation, and wellness center.
15. Co-chairs for all committees will be named.
16. Major events will be given displayed prominently in Aradhana provided details of such events are provided for publication two months in advance.
17. Every committee will document their processes. The processes will get compiled in a handbook for the benefit of future committees.

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18. Besides the subcommittee documentation, policies will be created for general areas such as evacuation, fire and burglary, permissions etc.
19. Congresswoman Jean Schmidt will be invited to the temple to help her understand our beliefs and practices. The tentative dates of her visit are March 6th or 13th or April 3rd.
20. Our priest Srinath ji recently received his green card. His family will join him soon.
21. YWCA/AIW – This organization helps women in various ways. Geeta Mehan is HSGC's liaison with this organization. So far, we have helped 6 cases of domestic violence from our community. Under this program, we have also provided assistance in the form of jobs assistance.
22. Two new major functions are being added to the temple calendar starting this year. These new major events in the temple are Lohdi and Bhajan Sandhya.
23. The temple website will be cleaned up. We will try to get paid advertisements for the website. The website will also be checked for correctness of information.
24. A pay committee has been constituted to look into the overall salary structure as well as roles and responsibilities.

Happy Mothers Day

The concept of Mothers Day is still a new one in India but is catching up in popularity . Indians have adopted many things from the West...celebrating Mothers is one of the best 'adoptions". Actually, celebrating Mothers is not an entirely new concept in India as people have been celebrating Mother Durga and Kali Ma.
Taittiriyopanishad : Matrudevo Bhava, Pitrudevo Bhava, Acharyadevo Bhava
Honor your Mother, Father and Teacher/Guru and look upon them as God.
Mothers are our greatest supporters and cheerleaders through life. They teach us to trust and value ourselves . They encourage us through hard times and celebrate with us in our good times. They make us feel extraordinary when we achieve ordinary things. Although life is constantly changing, a mothers love is constant and unchanging.
We can never thank our Mothers enough, but we can honor them and love them and make them feel like a very valuable part of our lives—-past, present and always.
When a child came home in the rain, brother asked why he did not take an umbrella. Sister said he should have waited for the rain to stop. Dad was angry that he would catch a cold. But Mom, while drying the child's hair said …"Stupid rain, why couldn't you wait till my child got home!!!!"
May it be a blessed Mothers Day for all ...behind every great community, are great Mothers...May God guide all mothers through Motherhood.

Geeta Mehan

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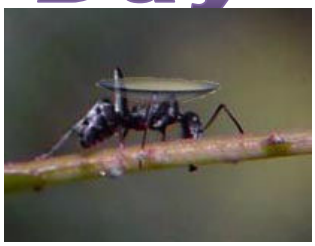
Thought For The Day



The Ant and the Contact Lens: a true story

Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. "Great", she thought. "Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry."
She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there.

She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the bible verse "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth."

She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it

The story doesn't end there. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would do all of us some good to say, **"God, I don't know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will."**

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Yes, I do love GOD. He is my source of existence . Without Him, I am nothing, but with God on my side to give me strength, I can do anything and everything.

Important Announcements

Vedantic Discourse on Bhagwat Geeta by Swamini Gangananda,

Chinmaya Mission, Bombay (90 minutes) June 12 at 11:45am at Temple

She will be holding 90 minute sessions in people's homes from June 13 –19. If you are interested in having it at your home on one of those days, please contact Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Geeta Mehan 754-0400

BLOOD DONORS

The next time you visit any Hoxworth Center to donate blood, please mention that you are donating for/on behalf of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati. Your donation will be tracked towards collective contribution from Hindu community.

Humanitarian aid for Earthquake victims in Japan

(HSGC) has partnered with the **American Red Cross** to raise donations to meet the immediate needs of survivors in Japan. We are encouraging all of you to donate **by check payable to "American Red Cross" and indicate "Japan Relief fund from HSGC" in "memo/for"**. American Red Cross will provide receipts at the address listed on your checks. Drop checks at temple or send checks to Hindu Temple. **Once again to show generosity of Hindu community.**
For more information call: Krutarth Jain 884-1259, Asit B. Saha 489-5720or or Temple at 528-3714.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE*

Looking for committee members : Please contact Raj Bodalia, Chairperson (513) 583-0184 or rbodalia@hotmail.com . *Presently responsible for Wellness Center and Regional Marriage Center.

NO PARIKRAMA/PRADAKSHINA

Temple Garbha Griha is under construction . During this period Parikrama/Pradakshina is NOT allowed. Please pardon us for any inconvenience. Garbha Griha Committee & EC.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PANDIT SRINATH BHATTAR
(our temple panditji) 513-488-2986

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.
It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, & they can become your blessings.

BE A PART OF THE TEMPLE HISTORY : ADOPT A PART OF THE NEW ROAD

Good news, we finally got the permit to build a road from the Barg Salt Road gate to the temple parking lot. First, it will help to give us a better access to the temple providing an access from a bigger two lane road. No more worries on how to pass on Klatte Road when two cars are coming. Second, most important is that it will give us a good chance to develop other projects such as retirement homes, Religious Cultural and Educational Center. This center will have a main hall to provide enough space for big functions like Navaratri Festival, Musical Concerts and Religious National conferences. The proposed road has been divided into 20 equal parts. Each part will be identified by a light pole bearing the name of the family, any deity name or any organization name etc.

Guide Lines on How to Adopt the Road

Anyone who is interested in adopting the road must pay at least
$ 15,000 (fifteen thousands) by April 30th , 2011,
Balance $ 20,000 by June 30th, 2011.
Selection of the road (numbered 1 thru 20) will be on first come first basis.
Plaque will read some thing like "Mr. X" -------Marg
Adopted by"X" Family or Group or Group of devotees.

For adopting the road and more information, please contact one of the following:
Laxmi Shanker Srivastava – (513) 474-0533.
Krutarth Jain (513) 884-1259
Raneshwar Gupta (513) 232-3331

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Let's recognize the members of the Long Range Planning Committee who worked very hard for more than a year with Robert Enginnering Co. to achieve this.
Laxmi Shanker Srivastava - Chairperson ; Vitthal Nemade , PE ; Munoo Patel , PE ; Jitu Patel
Krutarth Jain ; Bobba Choudary ; Raneshwar Gupta
LOOK AT THE MAP ON PAGE 12 AND SEE WHICH PART OF THE ROAD YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RIGHT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME !!!!!

Section 1, 2, 3 and 5, 6 and 7 are already spoken for.

MARG PROJECT UPDATE

1) **Lord Hanuman Marg**
2) **Lord Ganesh Marg**
3) **Lord Venkateshwar Marg**
4) **Lord Murgan Marg**
5) **Srivastava Family Marg**
6) **Tagore Marg**
7) **Dr. Sanat Bhatt Marg**

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Marg Project in Progress

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See Aradhana for guide lines on how to adopt a part of the road.

You can support above projects by contacting the people underneath each project.

For more details contact:
Laxmi S. Srivastava - (513) 476-0039
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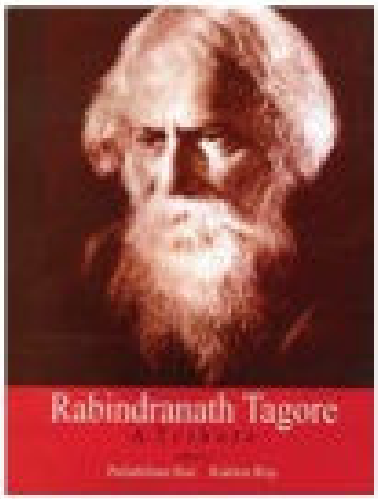

#6 Asit Saha
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Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of May

Happy Anniversary *

Mickey Ahuja & Sumita, Murali Bhandari & Vijaya, Indrakanti Chakravarthi & Usha, Yogesh Chavda & Sneha, Harlal Choudhury & Swarna Lata, Subir Das & Indu, Maheshwar Dayal & Neena, Hiremagalur Jayram & Shantha, Steve Jindal & Neerja, Dinesh Kamath & Sarojini, Khush Karamchandani & Mina, Pawan Kedia & Veena, Rohit Kohli & Payal, Tushar Kothari & Ami, G. Narayan & Manjula, Subramaniam Narayan & Annapuni, Jitu Patel & Kusum, Sri Ram Ramaniwasan & Preethi, Balu Sekar & Jayasri, Vinod Sirimalle & Sheela, Laxmi Srivastava & Prem L, Venkat Venkatasubramania & Vyjayanthi

Happy Birthday**

Christopher Adley, Ishwar Narayan Balakrishna, Nakul Bhardwaj, Kiran Bhatia, Amita Buddhdev, Reena Buddhdev, Sobhik Das, Vasundhara Dasari, Ollie Ghosh, Akhilesh Gupta, Avinash Halekote, Anisha Jindal, Amarender Karra, Saritha Karra,

Amita Khemchandani, Manisha Kode, Sanchi Kohli,Riya Koul, Kumar Nagarajan, Krithka Narayan, Subramaniam Narayan, Arvind Patel, Manisha Patel, Nilisha Patel, Sangita Patel, Sonila Patel, Meera Ramamoorthy, Niranjan Ramji, Sumedha Rao, Karima Samadi, Suma Saraff, Eshwar Sekar, Samantha Sekar, Jyoti Sharma, Rishabh Sharma, Shalabh Singhal, Vikas Sondhi, Koti Sreekrishna,

Vadin Vijayasarthy, Anish Wadhwa, Sudhir Radhakrishnan, Nita Patel, Arva Chaturvedi, Prem Garg, Abhijeet Goyal, Ashok Krishna-murthy, Arjun Krishnan, Deepa Kudalkar, Chitra Shanmugham –Meyer, Arva Chaturvedi

*(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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For Information, please contact

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ASIT SAHA — HSGC Cultural Chair absaha09@gmail.com

AMITAVA DAS——-HSGC Cultural CO-Chair hsgccultural@gmail.com

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PERFORMING ARTS FORM FOR HSGC NAACH SITARE DANCE COMPETITION

Name of Applicant/contact person	
HSGC Membership Status:	**____ Member ____ Non-Member**
NaachSitare Registration Fees: The fee is nonrefundable. Please send your check by May 20, 2011 payable to HSGC and mail it to: **Amitava Das** **7808 Cloveridge Court** **Cincinnati, OH 45244**	**____$10/Solo ____ $20/Group**
Phone Number(s): Please include all and indicate primary	
E-Mail Address:	
Type of performance:	**-** **_____ Classical ____ Non-Classical**
Performance Categories:	**Solo:** **____ Minor (Ages 6-8yrs)** **____ Juniors (Ages 8-12 yrs** **____ Seniors (13-18 yrs)** **____ Adults (Ages19 & Older)** **Group:** **____ Minors (Ages 5-8yrs)** **____ Juniors(Ages 9-12 yrs)** **____ Seniors(Ages13 -18yrs)** **____ Adults (Ages 18 & Older)**
Name of song/songs/movie	
Duration of the program:	
Technical requirements: Microphones , background lighting	
Names of participants: Please indicate choreographers, directors etc. Please include separate sheet if needed.	

(Disclaimer: HSGC is not responsible for any personal injury to participants or damages to their belongings. Participant will be liable of any damage that may cause to property (rental property) due to their negligence. Cultural Committee, HSGC reserves all rights to revise the rules within a short notice to participants before the event.)

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Rules and Regulations: NAACH SITARE

Teams and Dance Forms:

Only Classical, Folk and Indian Film dances in a team format are allowed.

Each team must have a minimum of 3 participants as specified in the dance specific rules unless it is a solo entry.

Group Dance:

Minors (Ages 5-8yrs) =4 entries-

Juniors(Ages 9-12 yrs)=6 entries

Seniors(Ages13 -18yrs)=6 entries-

Adults (Ages 18 & Older)=6 entries-

Solo Dance:

Minor (Ages 6-8yrs) =4 entries

Juniors (Ages 8-12 yrs)= 4entries

Seniors (13-18 yrs) =4 entries-

Adults (Ages19 & Older) =4 entries-

Participants cannot take part in more than one group dance competition item but can do solo performance.

Timings and Scheduling:

Each dance item shall be limited to 6 minutes. If the time limit is exceeded, 10 points per minute will be deducted from the competitive team final score.

Only 2 minutes are allowed for stage preparation (includes general introductions) before the dance performance, and only one minute allowed after performance to clean the stage.

Props and Lighting:

No special effects: steam, disco balls, smoke, etc. are allowed. Props hanging from the ceiling will not be allowed.

Each team should have a representative overseeing curtain opening, closing and audio playback

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Evaluation and Scoring:

A panel of 5 professional judges will evaluate all items.

Entry and exit limited to 2 minutes only.

Highest and lowest total scores in each competition will not be counted.

The scoring decisions will be made using the following.

Entry ----------25 point

Exit/Conclusion----------25 points

Lyrics (appropriate song) ---------- ------25 points

Prop----------25 points

Costume/Jewelry----------50 points

Originality/Innovation---------- 50 points

Action (facial expression) ---------- 50 points

Stage Coverage, Coordination & Synchronization----------100 points

Choreography, Rhythm----------100 points

Overall Impression----------50points

TOTAL----------500 points

Participation requirements:

Entries will be taken on first come first basis.

The committee keeps the right to select items depending on the time, logistics and to have maximum community participation.

Repetition of the same songs will not be permitted to keep the program entertaining.

No exceptions will be made.

Judges:

Professional judges will be selected by the committee. Judges shall refrain from discussion.

All judges should be in receipt of the rules and regulations For fairness, a judge should disclose participants of immediate family members in the competition item. The judge's decision is final. No grievance will be entertained.

Awards:

Trophy shall be given to the 1st and 2nd placed teams in different category, depending on total # of performances .

Certificate of participation will be given to all participants.

One trophy shall be given to the Best Costume.

One prize shall be given to the best choreographer.

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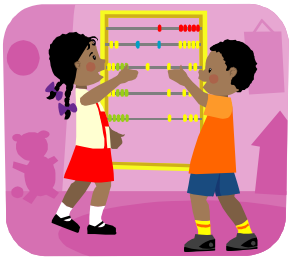
KID'S DAY CAMP



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Coordinators:

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Tentative schedule:

June 1st Wednesday:
6.00 - 8.00 PM - INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP (for all Groups)

June 2nd Thursday & June 3rd Friday:
Group A - Diabetes: 10.00 - 12.00 PM
Group B - Blood Pressure and Heart Condition: 12.00 - 2.00 PM
Group C - Pain related (Joint Pains, Arthritis, Body Pain, Migraine, Nervous Disorders, etc): 6.00-8.00 PM
Group D - Depression, Stress, General Relaxation: 2.00 - 4.00 PM
Group E - Weight Loss, Workplace Relationships, and Special Needs including Eye Vision: 4.00-6.00 PM

Each group will be required to listen to specific music therapy for their related group.

Fees: $30 for both days or $20 for one day (To receive full benefits, it is preferable to attend both days.)

June 4th Saturday
10.00 - 6.00 PM (Vedic Astrology Birth Chart Consultation - One on One Discussion - Sign Ups ONLY)

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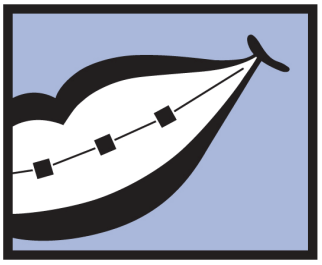

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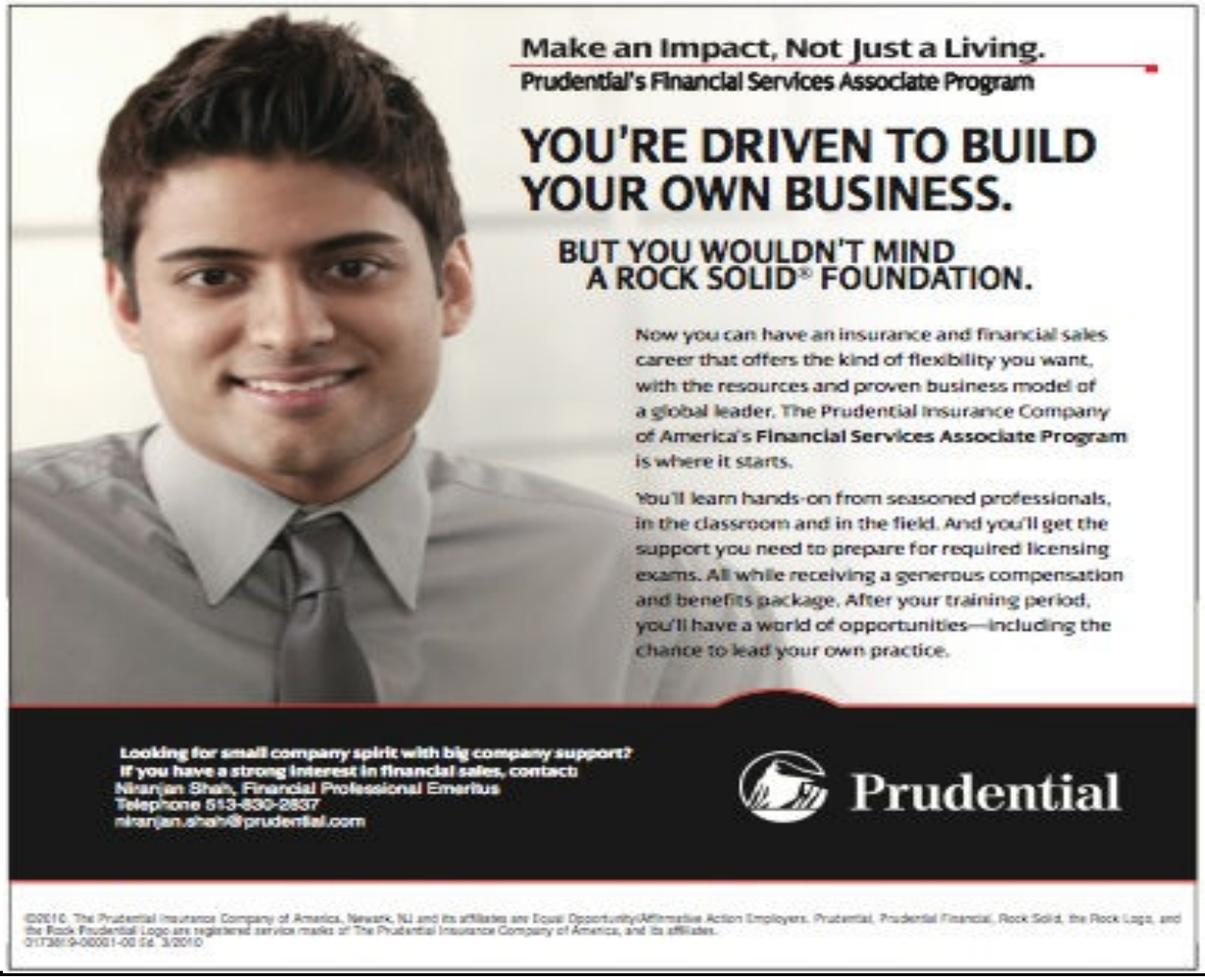

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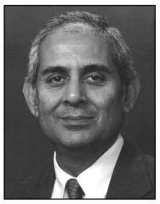

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