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Jaggannath Yatra

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HSGC Cordially invites you with family & friends for

SHRI JAGANNATH RATHA YATRA

July 2nd Saturday, 2011

At- Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



9:30 am Vighneshwar
Puja, Jagannath Puja,
Vastu Puja, Havan
3:00pm : Sri Jagannath
Puja Archana Rath Puja
Pahandi, Chera Pahanrah,
RATH YATRA, Deep Daan,
Sringar, Bhajans,
Devdasi Dance Vote of
Thanks ; Aarti, Dinner

Ratha Sponsorship \$101, Archana \$21.00. BHAHUDA YATRA July 10th Sun. 10am
For details please call Temple 528-3714, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Kiran Dayal 474-4051
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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

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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
Ashtoththaram (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. 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>

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 or

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/Homam

For more details please contact

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 June 4

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
June 11 Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.
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



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



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

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

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

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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

July 2011

July 1st Fri. Jagannathji Netrotsava Puja 10:30am
 July 2nd Sat. Navgrah Puja 2 pm Sponsorship \$51.00
 July 2nd Sat. Rath Yatra Celebration 4pm
 July 2nd Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
 July 9th Sat. Murgan Anniversary Celebration 10am
 Sponsorship Abhishekam \$101, Archana \$21.
 July 10th Sun. Bahuda Yatra (Jagannathji) 10am
 July 15th Fri. 108 Satya Narayan Puja GURU PURNIMA 6:30pm
 Sponsorships \$501,\$101 ;Sponsored by- Raneshwar & Manju Gupta & family
 July 17th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored by- Jyoti & Bhal Desai Family
 July 18th Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponship\$101.00
 July 20th Wed. Naag Panchami Puja 6:30pm
 July 23rd Sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
 July 23rd Sat. Mata ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by – Sangita & Balkishan Sharma
 July 24th Sun. Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
 July 25th Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship \$101.00
 July 25th Mon. Adi Karthigai

Lord Murugan 7th Anniversary Celebration

July 9, Sat. 10am to 1pm

10am Lord Ganapathy (Ganesh) Pooja 10:30 Abishekahm to Lord Murugan, Sri Valli and Sri Deivayani
 11:30 Bhajan ;12:30 Archana Mangala Theepa Pooja including Ashtottar (108 Names) for Lord Murugan ; 1:00 Arthi and Prasad, followed by Lunch .
 Sponsorship for Abhishekam \$101.00,Archana \$21.00.
 For details please call 513 528-3714.

August 2011

Aug 1st Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
 Aug. 3rd Wed. Naagar Panchami
 Aug. 6th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
 Aug 6th Sat. Inugural of Yagna Shala (Hindu Marriage Centre) Ganesh Puja 9:30am; Purnahuti/Arti 12:30
 Aug. 7th Sun. Chandi Havan 9am to 1pm Sponsored by- 42 Gham Kadva Patidar Samaj .
 Aug. 8th Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
 Aug 12th Fri. Vara Mahalakshmi Vratam 6pm
 Aug. 13th Sat. Upakarma(Rig, Yajur 8am, 9am ,10am Sponsorship \$51.00
 Aug. 13th Sat. Balbhadra Janmadin Puja 11am
 Aug. 13th Sat. Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00
 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut.
 Aug. 14th Sun. 1008 Gayatri japa & Homa 9:30am
 Aug. 15th Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
 Aug. 19th Fri. Naag Panchami (Gujrat)
 Aug. 19th Fri. Mata Ki Chouki 5-9pm Sponsored by- Rita and Pawan Kumar , Sanjeev and Sulbha Midha & Family
 Aug. 20th Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Manju Tiwari & Friends
 Aug. 21st Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am
 Aug. 21st Sun. Shri Krishna Janmashtami Puja 5:30pm to Midnight . Event Sponsors Needed.
 Aug. 22nd Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
 Aug. 27th Sat. Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
 Aug. 28th Sun. Nand Mahotsava 10:30am Sponsored by –ShreeNathji Devotees
 Aug. 29th Mon. Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
 Aug. 31st Wed. Hartalika Teej /Kewada Teej/Swarna Gauri Vratam, 6:30pm
 Aug 31 Wed. Upakarma(Samveda)9am

SHRAWAN SOMWAAR (Monday) SHIVA-ABHISHEK :July 18th,25th , Aug 1,8,15, 22 ,29

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

*Bilva patra Archana (Depends on Availability of Bilva patra)

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Sep. 11th Sunday Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 10:00am details to follow ---

Sep. 17th Sat. Mela details to follow

108 Satya Narayan Puja on GURU PURNIMA (Full Moon)



July 15th Friday , 2011, 6:30 pm

Program: - 6:30pm to 7:30pm Puja & Satya Narayan Katha

7:30pm to 8:00pm Bhajans /Keertan

8:00pm Aarati/ Mahaprasad (Dinner)

Sponsorship - Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00, Yajaman \$101.00

PLACE: - HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI

4920 Klatte Rd.Cincinnati OH-45244

We need 108 sponsors / Yajmans to sit in puja.

For details & to reserve your place Please call- Temple 513-528-3714,
Kiran Dayal 513- 474-4051

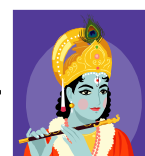
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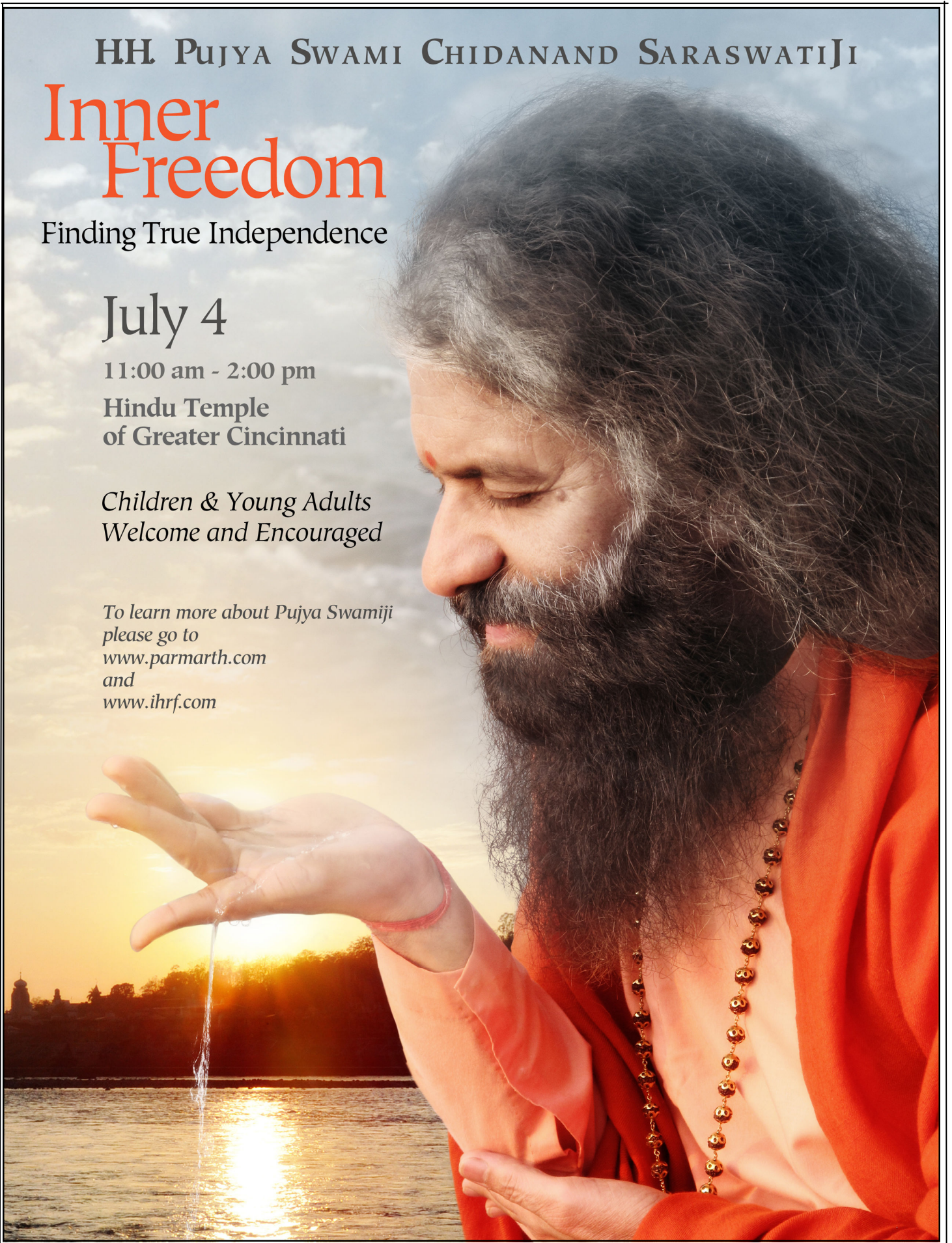
July 4

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hindu Temple
of Greater Cincinnati

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A 100 Abuses

It is said that the son born to Lord Krishna's paternal aunt looked like a monster. He had four arms and three eyes. His voice was akin to an ass braying. A voice from the sky (Aakaashvani) proclaimed that the child's third eye would vanish when he saw the person who would eventually slay him. Further the voice said that the two extra arms would fall off when the child was placed in the lap of the said person. The child Shishupala as he was called was placed in the laps of many, but nothing happened. Months later, Krishna visited his aunt. As soon as the maidservant brought the baby to Krishna, his third eye vanished! The moment she put the baby into Krishna's lap, the extra arms fell off. The mother was exhilarated to see her son look like a normal child! But the exhilaration was only momentary. Soon she realized that it was Krishna who would one day slay Shishupala. So she asked Krishna for a boon. She said, "Krishna my dear, promise me that for my sake, you shall pardon the mistakes of this son of mine." Krishna smiled knowingly and said, "For your sake, dearest Aunt, I shall pardon his misdeeds, a hundred times."

When Shishupala grew up, his wedding was fixed with princess Rukmini, but on the day of the wedding, Rukmini eloped with Krishna and married Him. For that reason, Shishupala hated Krishna and always thought of ways and means to avenge his disgrace.

When Yudhistara did the Ashvamedha yajna, there was a great assembly of eminent people. The elders of the family, Bheeshma Pitamaha, Guru Drona and many kings and sages were present. The officiating priests asked Yudhistara whom he would like to honour first of all, in this great assembly of sages and kings. On the suggestion of Sahadeva (the youngest pandava) they decided to honour Krishna first of all. So the "Agra Thamboolam" (the first offering of pan supari or betel leaves and areca nut) was given to Lord Krishna. Dharmaraja Yudhistara washed Krishna's feet and as was the custom, sprinkled the water in which Krishna's feet had been washed, on the heads of his brothers and wife Draupadi. Shishupala was livid with rage. He started abusing Krishna, saying that Krishna was a thief who stole butter; who robbed the cow-herd girls of their clothes and outraged their modesty and misbehaved with them. Why should Krishna be the recipient of so much reverence?

Krishna listened quietly while Shishupala raised hue and cry about the issue. All of a sudden Krishna said, "Shishupala, I promised your mother, that I would pardon you a hundred times. I have overlooked ninety nine abuses. If you go any further, I shall have to kill you." Shishupala abused him again. It is commonly believed that at this time, Krishna threw His Sudarshan Chakra at Shishupala and beheaded him.

But, Bhagwan Baba tells us that it was actually not the Sudarshan Chakra. Enraged by the vituperative abuses hurled by Shishupala, Krishna hurled the plate bearing the Agra Thamboolam towards Shishupala and that severed his head from his body!

Dharmaraja Yudhistara was very happy that Krishna had slain the wicked Shishupala. But within a few seconds, his happiness gave way to shock and bewilderment when he noticed that the blood from the severed head of Shishupala was falling on Krishna's sacred feet. He was even more dumbstruck to witness that the Atma-jyoti (life flame) from Shishupala's body emerged and then merged into Lord Krishna.

A totally confused Dharmaraja asked Narada how such an evil person like Shishupala could have such a glorious end; one that the great sages yearn for and perform life times of penance to achieve. Narada explained thus, "Hatred and vilification pertain to and are confined to only the body. The Atma is beyond their reach. The blood of Shishupala was saturated by the constant repetition of the name of Krishna. Even if each repetition was saturated with hatred and envy it still amounted to Nama-smarana. Shishupala had Krishna in his mind at all times whether he was sleeping or waking, eating or talking. Because of this ceaseless remembrance of the Lord, Shishupala's soul merged into Him."

Give thousand chances to your enemy to become your friend, But don't give a single chance to your friend to become your enemy '



KID'S DAY CAMP

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

With 23 children (aged 5-12 years), we had a fun-filled day of camp on this soggy Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati. The day started with introductions, Surya Namaskar and several yoga postures/stretching activities. A brief presentation on the SAC (Support A Child) program in India helped the kids to appreciate the fortunate life in the US and think about the not-so-fortunate children in India, who need our continuous support and encouragement. Gayatri Jap (*om buhr bhuva swaha tat savitur varenyam bhargo devasya dheemahi dhiyo yonaha prachodayat*) was followed by the introduction of deities in the temple, chanting of ganapati-mantra (*vakra tunda maha kaaya soorya koti sama prabha nir vighnam kuro may deva sarva karyeshu sarvada*), Pooja and prasada.

Lunch was a good mid-day break and the group was divided in two for some quiet time during the story-telling (free story books to all participants) and reflections. A short music/bhajan time with Pramila Ji led to the long-awaited games (Kabaddi was the most-popular game with girls defeating the boys, 2-1) and the day concluded with Rangoli and coloring during the Arts/Craft session. We would like to thank all the core and parent volunteers without whom the camp would not have been possible.

Vinit Rastogi and Anisha Singh



LIVING LIFE WITH TRUST

Living life without a safety net can be just what we need to step outside of ourselves and make choices we need the most. As we create the life of our dreams, we often reach a crossroad where the choices seem to involve the risk of facing the unknown versus the safety and comfort of all that we have come to trust. We may feel like a tightrope walker, carefully tettering along a narrow path to our goals, sometimes feeling that we are doing so without a net. Knowing we have some backup may help us work up the courage to take those first steps, until we are secure in knowing that we have the skills to work without one. But when we live our lives from a place of balance and trust in the universe, we may not see the source of our support, but we can know that it is there.

If we refuse to act until we can see the net, we may be allowing the net to become a trap as it creates a barrier between us and freedom to pursue our goals. Change is inherent in life, so even when we have learnt to trust, we can be taken by surprise at any moment. Remove fear from the equation and then, without even wondering what is going on below, we can devote our full attention to the dream that awaits us.

We attract support into our lives when we are willing to take those first tentative steps, trusting that the universe will provide us exactly what we need. In that process we can decide that whatever comes from our actions is only for our highest and best experience of growth. It may come in the form of a soft landing, an unexpected rescue or an eye-opening experience gleaned only in the process of falling. So rather than allowing our lives to be dictated by fear of the unknown, or trying to avoid falling, we can appreciate that sometimes we experience life fully when we are willing to trust and fall. And in doing so, we may just find that we have the wings to fly.

When we believe that there is a reason for everything, we are stepping out with the safety net of the universe, and we know we will make the best from whatever comes our way





INAUGURAL PUJA OF YAGNA SHALA HINDU MARRIAGE CENTER



Saturday, August 6th, 2011

9:30am - Shri Ganesh Puja
10:00am - Punyah Vachan, Kalash Aaradhan
10:30am - Vastu Shanti Homa, Navgrah Puja, Asta Dikpal Puja
11:30am - Sarvadev Gaytri Havan
12:30pm - Purnahuti, Aarti

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YAGNA SHALA

Another dream comes true....Yagna Shala is ready !!!

Inauguration Puja on Saturday, Aug 6th: See details on left

Yagna Shala is now available for Marriages and Homams etc.

Stop by and see it next time you go to the Temple.

It will be a popular area for weddings and other events in summer and fall so make sure you rent it well in time to avoid disappointment.



INTERFAITH WEDDING at Xavier University

On Thursday, April 14'11, Xavier University held a very interesting, celebratory, mock wedding that spanned cultural religious traditions from Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Christian Faiths.

It included several Hindu traditions such as Henna application for the bride, groomsmen playing drums and dancing and exchanging of garlands by "Bride and Groom". Our own Pandit Kailash ji read passages from or texts which are read during Hindu wedding ceremonies. Officiants of other Faiths did the same. It was a ceremony enjoyed by all. It also taught everyone how different faiths conduct their wedding rituals.

It encouraged the audience to understand and respect different Faiths.



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Interfaith Wedding

From left to right: Christian Officiant Amy Wetterau, Jewish Officiant Rabbi Abie Ingber, groom Marco Kisula, bride Katie Gray, Hindu Officiant Kailash Sharma, Muslim Officiant Dr. Saleem Farid.

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Managing Editor

On Thursday, April 14, senior Katie Gray and graduate student Marco Kisula got married in a celebratory mock wedding that spanned cultural and religious traditions from the Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths.

The ceremony was hosted by the Office of Interfaith Community Engagement and co-sponsored by the International Student Society and the Co-Curricular Funding Board. It began with a henna ceremony, a Hindu and Muslim tradition in which the bride receives henna

groomsmen playing drums and tambourines, a Muslim ritual.

During the ceremony, Kisula and Gray stood under the traditional Jewish chuppah, or wedding canopy, and officiants read vows and passages from the sacred texts in each tradition. The ceremony also included an exchange of flower garlands, a Hindu tradition symbolizing acceptance, as well as the Christian exchange of rings. It concluded with the Jewish breaking of the glass after which the audience yelled, "Mazel Tov", a Hebrew expression of congratulations.

Approximately 200 people at

"My whole life I've never been to a wedding other than a Christian one. But the world's not all Christian. We are going to be exposed to different faiths. It really was a fantastic event and we hope other people see the value it has."

- Katie Gray, bride

Important Announcements

**Next General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 7th at 2:30 pm
At the TEMPLE**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING SESSION

This session was held on June 5th and very well attended. The training was conducted by trained professionals from YWCA / AIW. Volunteers asked many questions and brought the understanding of the issue to a new level. The interest in this issue is to be commended. Many people have already been helped under this program. The fact is that the problem exists in our community. We cannot walk away from it. If anybody needs help or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

You are not alone !!!! Your inquiry will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

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For the first time, The Hindu Temple joins forces with the Association of Indian Physicians to bring community education programs relevant to the Indian community of Tristate area. We bring you the first program in the series of presentations.

A community education program for you presented by AIP

“Hepatitis – What you need to know”

Speaker: Ravi Ravinuthala, MD

Gastroenterologist

Date: August 7, 2011 Sunday

Time: 1 pm

Venue: Temple lower level

Lunch will be provided

Presented by Association of Indian Physicians of Cincinnati

INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

Several community organizations such as AID and are collaborating on a simple and impactful celebration on Monday, **August 15 at 7 pm in the VOA Park, West Chester**. If interest in performing a patriotic-themed cultural item, pl contact Srinivas Mirle at [513-894-8954](tel:513-894-8954). More details will be available at [http:// cincinnati.aidindia.org](http://cincinnati.aidindia.org)

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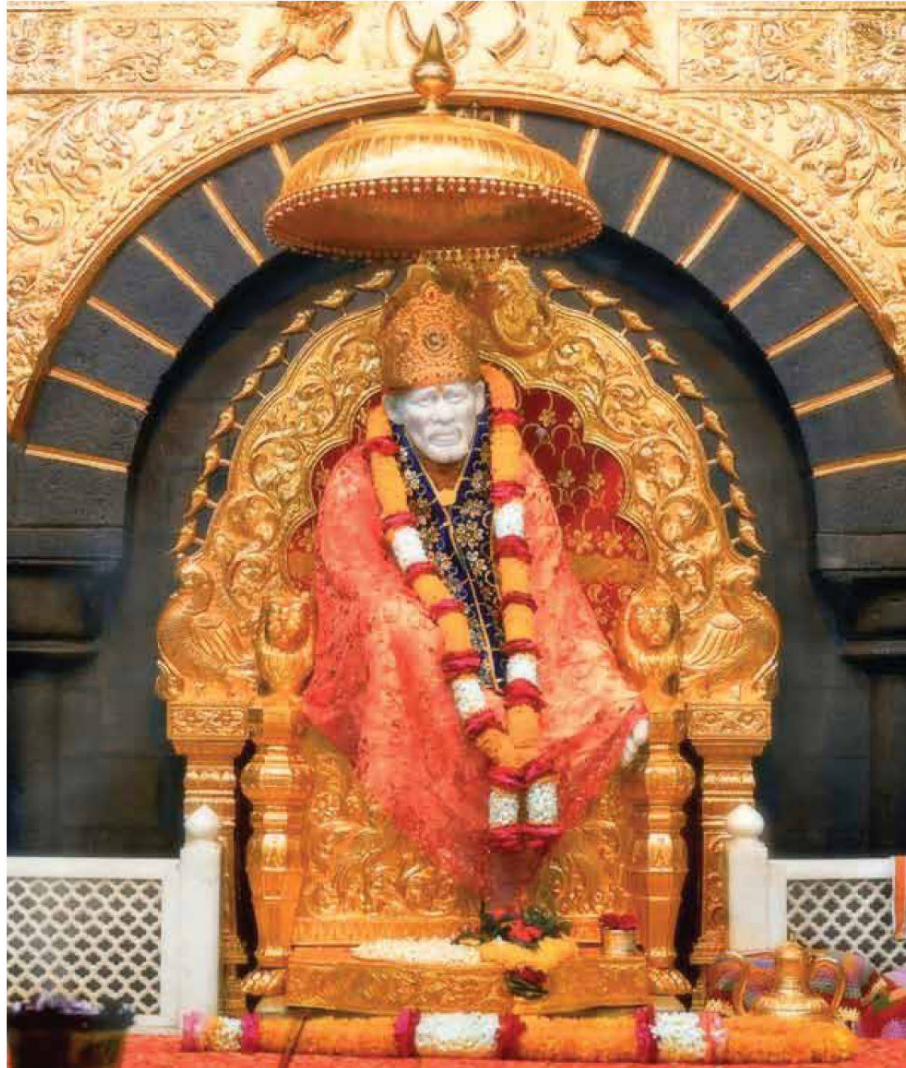
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Temple Priest - (513) 528-3714

Library of Hinduism At The Temple

A Library of Hinduism is being established at the temple in memory of late Mrs. Suryakantham Pappu, wife of Dr. Rama Rao Pappu, Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at Miami University. Dr. Pappu and family have given the seed money for this project. He plans to donate 400 of his books initially to establish the library. When completed the Library will have collections over 2000 books on (a) Indian History and Culture, (b) Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas etc, (c) Buddhism, (d) Jainism, (e) World Religions, (f) Philosophy of Religion, (g) Death and Dying, (h) Children's books, etc. Additional funding will be sought from the community to buy computers, books, DVDs, CDS and other necessities. This library which is first of its kind to be located in our Hindu Temple, will also provide educational resources and opportunities for adults and children in our community by arranging lectures, holding conferences, seminars and courses on Hinduism. The following committee has been formed to initiate and direct the activities and functions of this library. Rama Rao Pappu, J. K. Bhattacharjee, Koti Sreekrishna, Bobba Choudary, Ravi Choppalli, Manoo Patel and Laxmi Shanker Srivastava More details of the projects will appear in the next issues of Aradhana. People interested in supporting this project can contact us at CincinnatiTempleLibrary@yahoo.com or call Dr. Laxmi Shanker Srivastava at (513) 474 -0533 or Dr. J. K. Bhattacharjee at (513) 523 - 8958. Inauguration of the Library is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th, 2011. Details will follow.

Front Row: L-R Choudhary Bobba, Dr. J.K. Bhattacharjee, Dr. Rama Rao Pappu, Laxmi Srivastava

Back Row: L-R Ravi Choppalli,(I/C IT), Koti Sreekrishna, Manoo Patel



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 June 30th, 2011

Balance \$ 20,000 by Aug 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
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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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Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of July

Happy Anniversary *

Rajkumar & Shakuntala Agarwal, Pradeep & Arpana Ambe, Rajappa & Chandra Asthagiri, Sharad & Arti Buddhev, Ramesh & Niranjana Candadai, Param & Lalitha Hariharan, Jagmohan & Shashi Khanna, Shankar & Nithya Krishnan Vishwanathan

Happy Birthday**

Poonam Agarwal, Rajkumar Agarwal, Deepak Bhandari, Sonia Bhati, Kishore Bobba, Sheela Bodalia, Ranga Brahmandam, Pratima Dayal, Mitul Desai, Geetika Gupta, Viswamitra Halekote, Rohan Hemani, Neerja Jindal, Pawan Kedia, Amit Khemchandani, Ami Kothari, Nishir Kumar, Reena Kumar, Sreyas Mahadevan, Vikranth Mirle, Jagdish Nawani, Vithal Nemade, Hansaben Patel, Minal Patel, Sonika Patel, Asha Sundaram Ramarathnam, Srinath Ramarathnam, Karthik Rathuri, Suresh Saxena, Sydney Saxena, Ashish Sharma, Madhu Sharma, Kailas Sheth, Ravi Sheth, Shalini Sreekrishna, Santhanam Srinivasan, Sunil Srivastava, Nalini Vala, Lola White, Chakreshwar 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.

Shri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration

(Birthday of Lord Krishna)

August 21st Sunday 2011
5.30PM to 12AM



5:30pm Shri Krishna Puja & Abhishek*

6:15 pm Archana **

6:30pm Procession

8:00 pm Aarti & Prasad /Dinner

9:30 pm Bhajans /Keertan / Pravachan (Shree Krishna Leela)

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

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

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HSGC – Executive Council
Meeting Minutes– May 1, 2011

Present: Krutarth Jain(President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Geeta Mehan (Communications/Editor) , Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee), Dilip Patel (Maintenance Committee)

Absent: Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee),

Minutes:

Asit Saha provided a detailed plan for the Naach-Sitare competition.

The policy regarding rental of downstairs hall is being restated by the EC. If the Pooja being performed is a “public” Pooja with participation and food open to all, then there will be no additional charge for the downstairs facility. In all other circumstances, the downstairs facility will need to be rented separately. These charges will be separate from the Pooja charges for conducting a “private” Pooja.

The policy for signboards rental is as follows. There are 2 signboards in the temple. The charge for placing an advertisement on these boards is \$15 per month. Also, the posters should be approved by an EC member of the priests. The size of the poster cannot exceed 11” x 7”. Kiran Dayal will state the policy clearly and publish it in Aradhana.

The temple has collected \$500 for the Japan Earthquake fund. The funds will be counted again on the anniversary and be provided to a relevant agency subsequently.

The EC received an update from Homa Yavar of AIW (Alliance if Immigrant Women). This organization helps victims of domestic abuse. The temple is collaborating with AIW to provide such aid to needy members of our community. AIW had a booth in last year’s mela. So far, 19 cases from our community have been handled through this organization. Next month, training for the volunteers from the temple will be organized.

The EC authorized Raneshwar Gupta to obtain new quotes for the health insurance for the temple staff (priests).

The next general body meeting (GBM) will be held on Sunday, August 7th, 2011.

The tiles for the steps will be fixed by the contractor at the earliest, subject to the weather cooperating. The repair work will be done by the contractor at discounted rates.

For the repair work of the roof, four bids from reputed contractors are being sought. The best solution with overall best price will be selected. The insurance company will pay \$7,500 for this repair work.

The temple will issue a letter to the food sponsors for tax purposes.

Temple priest Pundit Srinath ji will be going to India on leave from June 3rd to August 5th. Hi elder brother, Pundit Srinivas ji, will be at the temple during this absence to cover the duties for 2 weeks.

The annual HMEC conference will be Columbus, OH in last weekend of September 2011. There will be participation from 180 temples from across USA. HSGC will send 2 EC members for this conference and 2 youth members.

The black-topping work for the road will be taken up this year. Raneshwar Gupta is raising funds for this purpose.

The EC contract for Yagya Shala construction has been given. Tentatively, the inaugural Havan is being scheduled on August 6th.

A rough drawing for the temple library has been prepared. The temple has a donor for this project.

The new door for the south wing will be installed. A contractor has been selected and awarded the work.

SAVE THE DATE ; HARMONY 2011

Harmony 2011 features 'Ritu - Seasons', a 90-minute cross-cultural dance program with ethnically diverse performers from the Cincinnati area. Three styles of Indian Classical Dance, yoga, modern dance, salsa and ballet are performed in harmony with novel choreography. More than 35 performers, led by the award-winning NrityArapana School of Performing Arts, are participating.

Harmony 2011 is a reprise of the 2004 house-full performances of “Ritu – Seasons”, now with the lyrics based on “Ritu Samhara” by Kalidasa, one of the greatest poets of all time.

Harmony 2011 is presented by the Cincinnati chapter of AID (Association for India's Development).

- **FREE admission; donations to “AID” welcome**
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- ☐ Information about the concert: <http://cincinnati.aidindia.org/>

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CHANDI MAHA YAGANA



AUG. 7th 2011
9am to 1pm
9am Shri Ganesh Puja , Umiya Mata Puja
10am Yagna Shala Parvesh , Chandi Yagna
12:15 Purnahuti
1pm Aarti , followed by Mahaprasad (Lunch)

Event is sponsored by - 42 Gham Kadva Patidar Samaj

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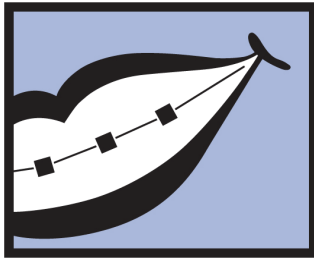
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