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Shravan Somvar, Naag Panchami



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## INAUGURAL PUJA OF YAGNA SHALA HINDU MARRIAGE CENTER



Saturday, August 6th, 2011

9:30am - Shri Ganesh Puja

10:00am - Punyaha 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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**or email [yagnashalahsgc@yahoo.com](mailto:yagnashalahsgc@yahoo.com)**

### YAGNA SHALA

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

Yagna Shala will be a popular area for weddings, homams and other events in summer and fall. To avoid disappointment, make sure you rent it well in time. Stop by and see it next time you go to the Temple.

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Raj Bodalia Chair, Special Activities

### 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
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

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

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 Shlv Mahlman 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

## 108 Satya Narayana Puja Guru Purnima on July 15, 2011





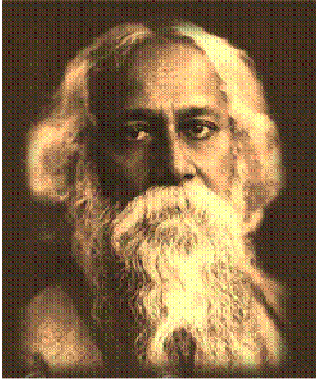
## August 2011

MONTH	DATE	DAY	EVENTS / DETAILS
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
Aug.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
Aug.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Inaugural Puja of Yagana Shala 9:30am
Aug	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Chandi Yagna 9am Sponsored -42 Gham Kadva Patidar Samaj
Aug.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
Aug.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri.	Vara Mahalakshmi Vrata 6:30pm Sposorship\$31.00
Aug	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Upakarma 8am, 9am ,10am Sponsorship \$51.00
Aug	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Balbhadra Janmadin Puja 11am
Aug	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 puja samgri will be provided, Please bring fruits, prasad, and 1 coconut.
Aug.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	1008 Gayatri japa & Homa 9:30am GAYATRI JAYANTI
Aug	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Mata Ki Chowki 3pm to 7pm Sponsored by-
Aug.	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
Aug.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Naag Panchmi Puja 10am
Aug	19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri.	Mata Ki Chouki 5-9pm Sponsored by-
Aug.	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Sulbha & Sanjeev Midha, Rita & Pavan Kumar Mata Ki Chowki 4 -8pm Sponsored by – Manju &Kirti Tewari,Shakuntala &Raj Agrawal, Rekha & Kavi Shankar, Satya & Raj Singh ,Sharda & Chandan Srivastava, Rachana & Lalit Agrawal, Smita & Ambarish Srivastava.
Aug.	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am.
Aug	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Shri Krishna Janmashtami Puja 5:30pm to Midnight. Sponsors needed
Aug.	22	Mon.	Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
Aug.	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
Aug.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Nand Mahotsava 10:30am Sponsored by –ShreeNathji Devotees
Aug.	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shrawan Somvaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship 101.00
Aug.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Wed.	Hartalika Teej /Kewada Teej/Swarna Gauri Vratam, 6:30pm

## September 2011

MONTH	DATE	DAY	EVENTS / DETAILS
Sep.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs.	Ganesh Chaturthi Puja ( Actual day) 10am and 6pm
Sep.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
Sep.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa , 9:30am
Sep.	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam ,sponsorship\$101.00
Sep.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chowki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Sharma Family
Sep.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration ,Sposored by –Triveni
Sep	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon.	Purnima ,Satya Naryan Puja , Sponsorship\$51.00
Sep.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon.	Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Sep.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon.	Shraddha begins
Sep	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mela (Taste of India) 12noon to 8pm
Sep.	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Sunderkand Path
Sep.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs.	Matri Navami
Sep.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam ,sponsorship \$51.00
Sep.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersha Path 11am
Sep.	27 <sup>th</sup>	Tues.	Shraddha ends, Group Shraddha puja 6pm \$51.00
Sep.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	Navratri Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm
Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chowki 4-8pm
Oct.	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Karwa Chouth Puja 4pm
Oct.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	Deewali MahaLaxmi Puja 6:30pm

## Thought For The Day



Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet of God, First fill your own house with Fragrance of love....

Go not to temple to light candles before the alter of God, First remove the darkness of sin from your heart.....

Go not to temple to bow down your head in prayer, First learn to bow in humility before your fellowmen....

Go not to the temple to pray on bended knees, First bend down to lift someone who is down-trodden....

Go not to the temple to ask for forgiveness for your sins, First forgive from your heart those who have sinned against you.

**By Rabindranath Tagore**

## Ratha Yatra Celebration July 2, 2011







## **Krishna Janmashtami**

By (Anil Srivastava)



This whole universe including human form is nothing but the manifestation of three gunas (sat, raj and tam) of 'nature' also known as 'Prakriti' that acts under the perfect laws of supreme 'Brahm'. 'Brahm' has infinite attributes and power. "Brahm" is different from 'Brahma'. 'Brahm' in 'Sat-gun' is considered as 'Vishnu' (sustainer), in 'Raj-gun' as 'Brahma' (creator) and in 'Tam-gun' as 'Shiva' (destroyer). 'Brahm' is eternal. So, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are also eternal and worshipped by all the Hindus. Since Vishnu is the 'sustainer' of the universe, Hindus believe that he incarnates himself in different Yugas in different forms to sustain the values and virtues of 'Dharma' and destroy 'Adharma'. Sant Tulsidas wrote in 'Sri Ramcharitmanas'

Jab jab hoi dharam kai hani, barhahin asur adham abhimani!

Tab tab prabhu dhari vividh shareera, harahi kripanidhi sajjan peera!!

Whenever righteousness declines and number of arrogant demons increases, at that time supreme God, assuming various divine bodies, incarnates himself on this earth to remove sufferings of the virtuous men.

We all know that Vishnu descended as Bhagwan Ram in Treta-yug (more than 864,000 years ago) and established righteousness by killing many demons and finally 'Ravan' the most powerful demon of that period. He became an ideal example for the society and taught the lesson of right behavior and established the values of 'Dharma'. Similarly, Hindus believe that Lord Vishnu at the end of 'Dwapar-yuga' manifested himself as 'Lord Krishna' more than 5,000 years ago. In Srimad Bhagwadgita, Lord Krishna declares:

yada yada hi dharmasya, glanir bhavati bharata!

abhyutthanam adharmasya, tadatmanam srjamy aham!!

Whenever and wherever there is extreme decline in pious and religious activities and rise of irreligious activities predominates, I incarnate myself.

This was again the period of disappearance of true religion and predominance of irreligious activities. The earth was suffering with the atrocities of his maternal uncle, Kansa. It was the eighth day (Ashtami) of Sravana (the month of Bhadrapada Krishna-paksha) and presence of a very auspicious 'Rohini nakshatra' (star) when Lord Krishna descended on a densely dark and heavily rainy night to end the rule and atrocities of his maternal uncle, Kansa. Most of us have read and know the story of 'Krishn-Janma' in Kansa's prison in Mathura and his 'Baal-Lilas' starting from Gokul and killing many demons from the very childhood including 'Kansa'. The birth of Lord Krishna is in itself a transcendental phenomenon that overwhelms everybody with its supra mundane happenings.

Hindus celebrate 'Krishn-Janmashtami' with full joy. Some devotees fast for the whole day and break it at midnight after the Krishn-Janma. The festivities in temples all over the world begin in the late evening with bhajans, keertan, and reaches to its peak at midnight when Sri Krishna descends. The priests blow Conch, devotees dance in joy chanting various hymns and rocking the cradle of Sri Krishna with love. The idol of lord is bathed with Panchamrit (milk, ghee, oil, honey and Ganga-jal) by the temple priests and is distributed as Prasad to the devotees along with other sweets.

It's a festival of joy and celebration. Being a Hindu, it's our responsibility to follow the path of dharma and religion. We should remember that this Human life is achieved by our unaccountable good karma. In this human form, we have been given divine virtues and we should not forget our purpose of this life that is 'self-realization'. Lord Krishna declares in Chapter 4, Shloka 9 of Srimad Bhagwadgita:

janma karma ca me divyam evam yo vetti tattvatah!

tyaktva deham punar janma naiti mam eti so 'tjuna!!

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O' Arjuna, one who knows the transcendental nature of my appearance and

activities does not, upon leaving the body, take his birth again in this material world, but attains my eternal abode.

What a great declaration with full confidence? Only supreme 'Brahm' can make such declaration to human beings and only that individual who has attained 'self-realization' can experience the transcendental nature of Gods appearance. Lord Krishna shared love amongst all and bestowed the knowledge of Karma, Gyan and Bhakti-Yog and the path of 'self realization.' We all should follow the path of righteousness and dharma and preachings of Sri Krishna in Srimad Bhagwadgita.

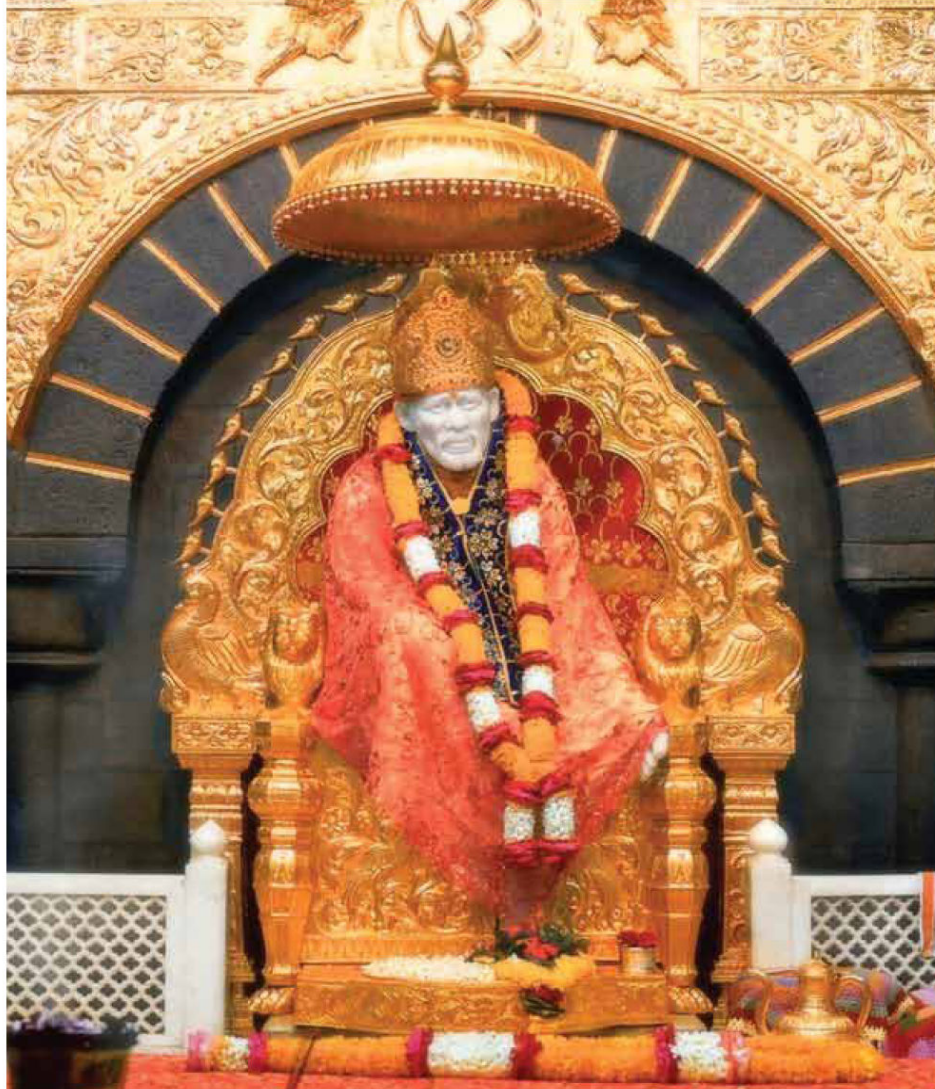


# Marg Project in Progress

A new addition to our projects

**Please Support Generously this Project**

## #8 Sai Marg



### How to donate:

- 1) Check - HSGC
- 2) Memo - (#8) Sai Marg
- 3) Mail to Raj Bodalia  
6493 Ships Cove, Loveland OH 45140

### For more details contact:

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Temple Priest - (513) 528-3714

## **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 August 30th, 2011

Balance \$ 20,000 by Oct 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

**Make Chexks Payable to HSGC and mail to**

**Raj Bodalia**

**I/C Special Projects Funds**

**6493 Ships Cove**

**Loveland, OH 45140**

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

## **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Donate Generously**





## Gandhi Food Drive: 1988-2010

### A Message of Farewell and Appreciation from Y. Datta

After living in Cincinnati since 1974, we have now decided to move permanently to Florida some-times in September. So, it is with a great sense of sadness and nostalgia, that I am writing this open letter to the Indian community of Greater Cincinnati. Starting with the current year 2011, I will no longer be able to run the Gandhi Food Drive (GFD). However, I am very happy to say that Vinay Kumar, who has been associated with the GFD from its very inception, has very graciously agreed to keep the GFD going.

In 1988 Dr. J.K. Bhattacharjee and I started the Gandhi Food Drive. It was Janki Venkayya, a leading social activist in the Dayton area, who provided the inspiration for this project. Our first drive began in the old Hindu Temple on M.L. King Drive. Starting with the year 2000 we added another source of cash: corporate-sponsored donations to the United Way program. It is important to emphasize that our donations have come almost exclusively from members of the Indian community. Over the 23 year-period 1988-2010 we collected over **\$145,000**. A yearly summary of our receipts appears at the end of this message.

The GFD and I owe a debt of gratitude to many individuals and institutions. First, and foremost, is my co-founder, Dr. Bhattacharjee, who has been a pillar of strength for the GFD. Second, I can't say enough about the heroic efforts of Vimala Majeti, who pulled in close to \$5,700. Third, I am very thankful to Usha Gandhi, Vinay Kumar, and Rohini Venkatesh—GFD coordinators—who collected a lot of food and/or cash over these years. Fourth, there are numerous individuals who acted as volunteers to bring in donations for the GFD. Fifth, special thanks for *Agrani*, the Bengali society: the only Indian social group that has made a significant contribution year after year. Sixth, I am grateful to all the individual donors for their generous contribution. Finally, last, but not the least, is the institutional support provided by the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati; the Hindu Temple has virtually been a “home” for the GFD for so many years.

The entire proceeds of our collection were handed over yearly to the 40-year old *Freestore Foodbank*. It is the largest emergency food and services provider to the poor and the needy in the Tri-State area serving 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, distributing over 12 million pounds of food annually.

### History of Cash and Food Collection: 1988-2010

Year	Cash	Food	Total	Comments	Year	Cash	V. Majeti	Food	UnitedWay	Total	Comments
1988		\$700	\$700	<i>Estimated</i>	2000	\$6,176		\$600	\$3,952	\$10,728	<i>Food estimated</i>
1989		\$1,000	\$1,000	<i>Estimated</i>	2001	\$6,110		\$859	\$2,421	\$9,390	
1990	\$636	\$1,420	\$2,056		2002	\$4,116		\$500	\$2,500	\$7,116	<i>Uway estimated</i>
1991	\$1,229	\$2,746	\$3,975		2003	\$5,646		\$500	\$2,366	\$8,512	<i>Food estimated</i>
1992	\$2,925	\$2,600	\$5,525		2004	\$4,074		\$462	\$3,597	\$8,133	
1993	\$3,366	\$2,316	\$5,682		2005	\$3,354		\$320	\$5,085	\$8,759	
1994	\$4,288	\$1,767	\$6,055		2006	\$3,649		\$463	\$4,070	\$8,182	
1995	\$4,561	\$1,780	\$6,341		2007	\$4,218	\$1,162	\$593	\$2,355	\$8,328	
1996	\$4,258	\$1,500	\$5,758	<i>Food estimated</i>	2008	\$4,068	\$1,516	\$500	\$1,695	\$7,779	<i>Food estimated</i>
1997	\$6,627	\$848	\$7,475		2009	\$4,005	\$1,486	\$358	\$1,440	\$7,289	
1998	\$5,000	\$467	\$5,467	<i>Cash estimated</i>	2010	\$3,598	\$1,506	\$468	\$1,400	\$6,972	
1999	\$3,655	\$500	\$4,155	<i>Food estimated</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,559</b>	<b>\$5,670</b>	<b>\$23,267</b>	<b>\$30,881</b>	<b>\$145,377</b>	

## 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
- **4 PM, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2011**
- Patricia Corbett Theater, CCM, University of Cincinnati
- Information about the concert: <http://cincinnati.aidindia.org/>



## **Mondays, or Somvar, in the month of [Shravan](#) (July – August)**

This period is considered highly auspicious for praying to Lord Shiva. It is believed that the worship of Shiva during Shravan month is 108 times more powerful than worshipping during normal days. Millions of devout Hindus observe the [Shravan Somwar Vrat](#) – fasting and performing Pujas on Mondays in Sawan Month. It is believed that those who observe Somwar vrat will have their desires fulfilled and will be blessed with wisdom.

### **Here is a brief procedure to observe Shravan Somvar Vrat**

After the morning bath and other purification rituals.

- Lord Ganesha is first prayed to.
- Next, Lord Shiva is prayed to by chanting Om Namah Shivaya.
- The offerings that are made are Bilva leaves, white flowers, water, honey and milk.
- If you have Shivling at home you can do abhishek with water, honey or milk.
- Fasting on the day is from sunrise to sunset.



You can chant [Maha Mritunjaya Mantra](#) or [Om Namah Shivaya](#) on the day.

- Those who observe fast on Mondays in some regions wear only white clothes.
- Those observe partial fast eat fruits.
- Some devotees read the Shiva Purana on the day.
- Those people who live along the banks of Ganga use water from Ganga to perform abhishek on the Shivling.
- The fast is broken in the evening after praying to Lord Shiva. Some devotees visit a Shiva Shrine during the period. Some devotees opt for a 24-hour fast and they break the fast on the next day morning. In some areas, fasting on Mondays is observed by unmarried women to get a good husband. It must be noted that Monday is dedicated to Lord Shiva and there are devout Hindus who observe vrat on all Mondays in a year.

## **General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday August 7th 2011 at 2:30 pm**

The meeting will be held at the temple right after Sunday lunch in the temple basement. The agenda for the meetings will be as follows:

1. Opening remarks by the President
1. 2. Report by the Secretary
2. 3. Report by the Treasurer (General Account and Special Project Accounts)
3. 4. Report by Chairs of all subcommittees (Pooja, Cultural, Religious Education, Fundraising, Maintenance, Special Projects, Long-range Planning, Aradhana Editor and Report by the Temple Manager)
4. 5. Question/Answer Session

All HSGC members are encouraged to attend the GBM to review the work of the executive committee and provide constructive comments and support. The last meeting was very poorly attended. The executive committee believes that the temple belongs to the larger Hindu community in Cincinnati. The temple will prosper and thrive only with active participation by the community. Please join us for this meeting. Your participation is vital!

Deepak Dixit  
HSGC Secretary



## “Jana Gana Mana” The National Anthem of India

India will celebrate her 64<sup>th</sup> independence anniversary from British rule on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. On this morning, we will look proudly towards the tri color, flying with all its glory on the Red Fort, official buildings, in schools, and homes in India. We will sing our national anthem “Jana Gana Mana” with heart full of joy and pride. The tri color will not only fly in the skies of the India’s soil but also in all nations of the world which people of the Indian origin call their second home.

On this proud occasion, I would like to remember Sri Rabindranath Tagore, the great poet and noble laureate who is the lyricist and composer of “Jana Gana Mana”. It was sung for the first time in Kolkata (Calcutta) on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1911 in the assembly of Indian National Congress. On Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 1950, the government of India adopted it as the national anthem. Sri Tagore is the only poet in the world who has written and composed the national anthem for two nations: India and Bangladesh. The national anthem of Bangladesh “Amar Sonar Bangla” was adopted as the national anthem of Bangladesh in 1972 after its independence from Pakistan.

Sri Rabindranath Tagore, also known as Gurudev, was born in a prominent Bengali family on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1861 in Jorasankao, Kolkata. He was the first Asian Indian Scholar to receive the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913 for his book of poems, *Gitanjali*, which contains highly spiritual poems, translated into English by Gurudev himself. He was awarded knighthood by the British crown, which he returned in protest to The Jalian-wala Bagh incidence, where over hundreds of unarmed Indian freedom fighters were massacred by British army.

Gurudev’s contribution to the literary world in the form of art, paintings, essays, songs, dramas, poems, short stories, and novels is enormous. He wrote over 2,000 poems, collectively known as Rabindranath Sangeet. His poems are sung in every household in the state of West Bengal and are an integral part of Bengali culture.

Vishva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, India was founded by Sri Rabindranath Tagore in 1921 with the primary aim to find unity in our diverse and rich culture via literature, art, and music. He wanted to promote world peace through friendship and brotherhood. The present chancellor of Vishva Bharati University is the Prime Minister of India, Sri Manmohan Singh. Some of the renowned alumni are former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Amratya Sen (Noble Laureate in Economics), Satyajit Ray (Filmmaker/Writer), Mahashweta Devi (Writer), Gaytri Devi (Maharani of Jaipur) and many more prominent figures.

This year marks his 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and all over the world people are taking this opportunity to celebrate and remember the rich inheritance he has left behind.

I want to leave you with one of his beautiful verses from Gitanjali: “I have got my leave. Bid me farewell, my brothers I bow to you all and take my departure. Here I give back the keys to my door-and I give up all claims to my house. I only ask for last kind words from you. We were neighbors for long, but I received more than I could give. Now the day has dawned and the lamp that lit my dark corner is out. A summons has come and I am ready for my journey.” (First Scribner Poetry Edition, 1997 )

People of India shall be forever in debt to Gurudev for the rich legacy he has left behind. We should all collectively live to fulfill his dream and thus, pay our homage to the great soul, Gurudev.

Article contributed by Kalpana Srivastava

## GAYATRI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Aug.14<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:30am 1008 Gaytri Japa

12:00 Gaytri Yagna/Homa

1:00 pm Aarti & Prasad (lunch)

Sponsorship \$51.00

Food & Prasad is sponsored by – Dr. Pappu Rao.

Everyone please come and join us in chanting of powerful Mantra 1008 times.



**LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM**

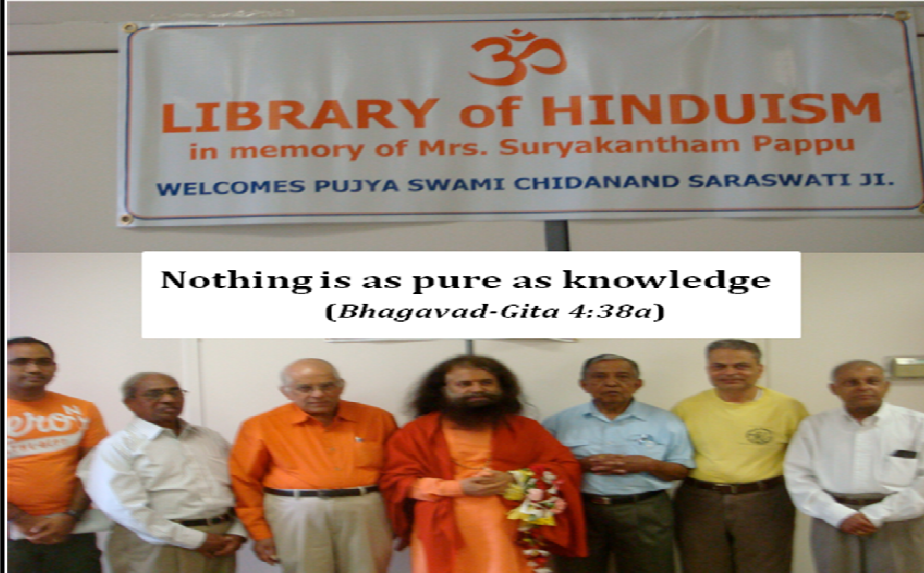
**Every Saturday from 12 noon to 2pm & Every Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm**



## MUNJI BLESSES THE LIBRARY OF HINDUISM

(Shown in the picture are the Library committee members with Muniji)

Swami Chidananda Saraswati, Paramarth Niketan, Rishikesh has given his blessings to the Library of Hinduism which is being established in memory of  
**Mrs. Suryakantham Pappu.**



## Library Inauguration

at 3:00 PM on Sunday,

**August 14, 2011**

All are cordially invited to attend the function.

**Prof. William Jackson,**

Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana & Purdue University will inaugurate the library. He will also deliver the

**Inaugural Address.**

NAV KUNDEEY

CHANDI MAHA YAGANA



AUG. 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

Flower Garlands for Jagannathji deities is sponsored by – Jagannath devotees , anyone wants to give seva for Garlands please call Swarna Choudhury 232-2343.



# Shri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration

(Birthday of lord Krishna)

August 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2011  
5.30PM to 12AM



5:30pm Shri Krishna Puja & Abhishek\*  
6:15 pm Archana \*\*  
8:00 pm Aarti & Prasad /Dinner  
11:45 \*\*\*Shri Krishna Janmotsav Puja / Aarti & Prasad  
Sponsorship For Puja \* \$101.00, Archana\*\* \$21.00 , \*\*\*Janmotsava Puja \$251.00,  
For Details please call ,Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.Temple 513-528-3714  
Event Sponsors needed

## Nand Mahotsav

August 28<sup>th</sup> 2011, Sunday

10am to 1:30pm



### Program

Palna Darshan: Badhai Ho Badhai Ho

Badhai by Brijvashis to Nandbaba & Yashodamaiya

Lord Shiva comes for Bal Krishna Darshan

Children Program ; Dahi-Handi by Children

Bhajan and Kirtans

Thal, Arati and Mahaprasad

**Sponsored by ShriNathji Devotees**

## Important Announcements

***Page 16, 17 and 18 for the Message from the President and status of HSGC finance and special project accounts.***

### Guide Lines for Accepting Books for Library of Hinduism

- As stated earlier, we will get the Library going with seed money and books donated by Dr. Pappu. As of yet, we are not in a position to accept any additional books donated by the community. We are currently resolving space and other logistics' issues. We will keep you informed when we are able to accommodate additional books.
- Within next few months, a well thought out criteria will be published to accommodate as many books as possible.
- At this point, your generous monetary donations will help to furnish the library. Checks can be made payable to HSGC . Memo : Library of Hinduism.

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)

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE\***

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

**TEMPLE EXPENSES FOR JUNE 2011**

(GENERAL ACCOUNT)

Items	TOTAL \$ Jan 2011	TOTAL \$ Feb 2011	TOTAL \$ Mar 2011	TOTAL \$ Apr 2011	TOTAL \$ May 2011	TOTAL \$ Jun 2011	YTD
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Aradhana Publication	1870.57	1890.26	1909.61	7239.68	2210.68	1923.97	<b>17,045</b>
Bank Charges (safe deposit vault)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Calendar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Canopy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
<b>Festival Expense</b>							<b>0</b>
Anniversary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	951.00	260.00	<b>1,211</b>
Diwali	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Mela	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Navratri	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Ram Kalyanam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Rath Yatra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Murugan Abhishekam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Cultural Activities	919.08	324.97	0.00	700.00	190.67	3533.00	<b>5,668</b>
Gift Shop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Flowers	294.65	1617.36	716.25	167.96	1617.96	130.45	<b>4,545</b>
Havan Shala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Kroger Card	0.00	5000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>5,000</b>
Mortgage	4407.68	4410.00	4410.00	4410.00	4410.00	4410.00	<b>26,458</b>
Office Expenses	836.00	1871.47	243.50	0.00	1584.34	69.99	<b>4,605</b>
Property Insurance	897.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	897.00	0.00	<b>1,794</b>
Property Tax	0.00	5024.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>5,025</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>							<b>0</b>
Grass Cutting & Lawn Care	66.50	0.00	791.90	0.00	388.78	823.78	<b>2,071</b>
Pest Control	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.32	54.32	54.32	<b>328</b>
Repair & Maintenance - Unassigned	359.99	2133.09	275.50	1637.75	2324.98	4163.03	<b>10,894</b>
Snow Removal	600.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>1,400</b>
Temple Cleaning	1400.00	1400.00	1400.00	1400.00	1400.00	2800.00	<b>9,800</b>
Security ADT	1006.66	0.00	240.02	200.00	1006.66	0.00	<b>2,453</b>
Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00	1101.00	0.00	151.00	<b>1,252</b>
<b>Supplies</b>							<b>0</b>
Food	625.00	4076.14	0.00	5186.78	1700.00	0.00	<b>11,588</b>
Pooja	0.00	2563.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>2,564</b>
Temple Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.92	<b>170</b>
<b>Utilities</b>							<b>0</b>
Garbage Removal	104.91	105.57	106.10	107.37	108.13	109.27	<b>641</b>
Gas & Electric	1925.92	8369.14	6215.33	4682.33	3287.03	1529.09	<b>26,009</b>
Telephone Bill	148.76	149.11	149.11	149.11	149.03	149.75	<b>895</b>
Water & Sewer	0.00	158.88	0.00	124.69	0.00	134.45	<b>418</b>
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>							<b>0</b>
Bonus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1803.00	0.00	<b>1,803</b>
City Income Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Federal Income Tax	741.72	741.72	741.70	741.70	1296.12	1296.12	<b>5,559</b>
Health Care	2660.80	0.00	2661.16	2660.98	2660.98	2660.98	<b>13,305</b>
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Life Insurance	0.00	274.00	109.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>383</b>
Net Pay	3639.34	3639.34	3639.35	3639.36	4935.64	4556.46	<b>24,049</b>
State Income Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Zoning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,560</b>	<b>44,604</b>	<b>23,664</b>	<b>34,203</b>	<b>32,976</b>	<b>28,926</b>	<b>186,932</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>22,560</b>	<b>67,164</b>	<b>90,827</b>	<b>125,030</b>	<b>158,007</b>	<b>186,932</b>	



### Expenses Jan-June 2011

Items	TOTAL \$ Jan 2011	TOTAL \$ Feb 2011	TOTAL \$ Mar 2011	TOTAL \$ April 2011	TOTAL \$ May 2011	TOTAL \$ Jun 2011	YTD
Gen Donations	9851.55	7208.97	8068.33	6583.00	10112.05	6424.69	48,249
<b>Pooja Income</b>							0
Archana	832.00	626.00	894.00	0.00	677.00	945.00	3,974
Mata ki Chowki	3997.00	0.00	1943.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,940
Outside Pooja	3186.00	4512.00	4633.00	0.00	4503.00	4182.00	21,016
Satyanarayana Katha	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Special Pooja & Archana	4325.00	2863.00	4366.00	0.00	3281.00	3765.00	18,600
Advertisement Aradhana	0.00	230.00	625.00	171.00	11183.00	300.00	12,509
Calendar Sale	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
<b>Festivals Income</b>							0
New Year Celebration	2403.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,403
Anniversary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11835.00	11,835
Chitragupta Yagna	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Diwali	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Ganesh Chaturthi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Hanuman Jayanti	3818.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	981.00	0.00	4,799
Janmasthami	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Maha Shivratri	0.00	0.00	6724.60	0.00	251.00	0.00	6,976
Mela	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Nand Mahotsav	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Navaratri	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	520.00	0.00	520
Ram Navmi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1998.00	0.00	1,998
Ramayan Path	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1582.00	0.00	1,582
Rath Yatra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Saraswati Pooja	0.00	0.00	1014.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,015
Venkateshwara (Balaji) Kalyanam	0.00	667.00	782.00	0.00	225.00	419.00	2,093
Murugan Abhishekam	0.00	1621.00	524.00	0.00	4052.00	599.00	6,796
Gift Shop	10.00	103.00	194.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	313
Hall Rent	0.00	853.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	677.00	1,530
Kroger Card	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	956.00	2230.31	3,186
Flowers	4457.00	35.00	2252.00	131.00	326.00	0.00	7,201
Bhajan Sandhya	0.00	939.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	939
Cultural Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>32,880</b>	<b>19,668</b>	<b>32,020</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>40,653</b>	<b>31,377</b>	<b>163,483</b>
Year to Date	32,880	52,548	84,568	91,453	132,106	163,483	

Expece	22,560	44,604	23,664	34,203	32,976	28,926	\$186,933
	10,320	-24,936	8,356	-27,318	7,677	2,451	<b>-\$23,450</b>

### A Message from the President

Dear Devotees,

I hope this message finds you all well. It's been a very exciting first half of the year. HSGC exceeded expectations on religious festivals, cultural events like *Holi* and *Naach Sitare* and in inviting guest speakers. These events were attended and appreciated in large numbers. Recently, we have added a much needed Commercial Kitchen and *Yagnashala* to meet your requirements and enhance our services. We are also on schedule to finish *Girbha Griha* (individual domes over each of the deities), a religious library/class room and site clearing for a future road to connect the temple to Barg Salt Rd. (see pg. 8 & 9). We are truly thankful for the dedication of our volunteers and donors in making this happen. Funds raised for these projects are maintained as separate accounts (see pg.18). While we are making promising progress, we have a long way to go in order to raise funds for necessary projects like elevator installation and road/parking repairs as well as many other long-term projects.

Our operating funds, which pay for day-to-day services, come from a general account (see pg. 16 & 17). Main sources of income for this fund are your general donations and donations from *pooja* activities. Our expenses for the first two quarters of 2011 were \$23,450 more than our income. This is because the expenses are always higher in first half of the year. This seems alarming but compared to last two years we are following the same pattern. Normally, we break even in Autumn with the help of some of major festivals and fundraising events which occur in the second half of the year. Every year HSGC not only balances the expense but also adds to our reserve for emergency funds. This reserve also helps HSGC to stay ahead on payments of our outstanding mortgage of \$499,665.

We will be using part of the emergency fund for some urgent repair work. Our building is more than 15 years old and now we are looking at the scheduled maintenance which adds up to a significant cost. We must start reroofing at the damaged roof areas and masonry restoration to seal and clean masonry joints on exterior walls to stop water leakage. This will consume a major portion of our emergency fund. I'm sure you feel as strongly as I do – our Temple is not merely stone and mortar, but a monument to our collective faith, and an outward sign of our inner devotion. **I urge all of you to continue your generous support and make an extra effort to donate openhandedly to absorb these urgent repair costs.**

Yours sincerely,

**Krutarth Jain, President, Executive Council, HSGC**

(July 17, 2011)



## **HSGC – Executive Council, Meeting Minutes– June 5, 2011**

**Present:** Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee), Dilip Patel (Maintenance Committee)

**Absent:** Krutarth Jain (President), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee)

**Additional Attendees:** Swarna Choudhary (Pooja Committee Co-chair), Rameshwar Dayal (Fundraising Committee Co-chair)

### **Minutes:**

1. EC agreed to have the main function/s of the month published on the front page of Aradhana and also immediately after the upcoming events. So page 6-7 will provide details of the main events of the month.
2. Pooja committee reported that the temple anniversary event was a successful event. Over \$20K were collected during this celebration.
3. The Naach-Sitare program preparations were reviewed. All EC members were requested to be present for this event.
4. Update on temple roof – Laxmi Srivastava and Krutarth Jain are working with two top contractors to get an assessment. Krutarth Jain will update the EC on the progress within a month.
5. Tiles update: The contractor, who did the original work, agreed to redo the work free of charge. However, the contractor has been facing too many unforeseen events leading to his lack of availability. The tiles need to be fixed before the Rath Yatra on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Laxmi Srivastava will look at the available options.
6. Date for visit by Steve Chabot – Two potential dates will be identified.
7. The EC authorized Pooja Committee to pay special dakshina to Pundit Srinivas Bhattar for officiating temple services for 2 weeks.
8. Update on the library – Construction for the library will start on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It will complete within 15 days of the start. There will be two parts of the construction. One will consist of constructing a bathroom and the other will consist of constructing the actual space for the library. This construction will have no financial burden on the temple. The library will be functional by August 14<sup>th</sup>.
9. Scholarship fund: Some donors have expressed interest in establishing a scholarship to recognize talented students in the community. Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam and Deepak Dixit will coordinate it with the prospective donors.
10. The EC has decided to discontinue sending birthday greeting cards sent by the temple.
11. Update on flowers/garland expense: A vendor has expressed interest in providing the garlands at a lower cost. However, it involves some upfront investment. The EC has asked Prasad Megada to find out the details and present findings in the next EC meeting.
12. Health Insurance cost: Deepak Dixit will get the details of the current cost from Jagadish Karande.
13. In order to keep capital expenses under control, the EC has decided that for all capital purchases, there needs to be a prior approval by the EC.
14. Prasad Megada will contact Jagadish Karande to identify the details on how the housing allowance for the priests is computed and treated.

### **Special Projects Balance (06/30/11)**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Total - Raised</b>
Amazon (MM)	119
Barge Salt Run - Marg (LS)*	22,954
Bricks (LS)	11,202
Cultural Center (JP)*	17,588
Elevator (KJ)*	501
Garbha Graha (RD)*	130,244
Jagannathji Jewelry (SC)	1,339
Kitchen (JP)**	501
Kroger Giving (RG)	3,609
Library (LS)*	9,756
Musical Program (LS)	300
Road Repair (RG)*	10,091
Saree Sale (PC-Chair)	3,877
Scholarship (KG)	2,000
Seed Money (LS)	6,771
Swamiji Fund (LS)	1,718
Tree Special (RD)**	1,407
Yagna Shala (LS)**	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$223,978</b>

### **Project Chair**

JP - Jitubhai Patel  
 KG - Kirti Ghia  
 KJ - Krutarth Jain  
 LJ - Laxmi Srivastava  
 PC - Pooja Committee Chair - Kiran Dayal  
 RD - Ramesh Dayal  
 RG - Raneshwar Gupta  
 SC - Swarna Chaudhary

\*Capital improvement projects

\*\* Already built. Account is maintained for outstanding balances and maintenance.

All other accounts are to raise fund to support activities at temple and contribute to the ongoing maintenance.

These fundraising projects are managed by project chairs and accounts are recorded by Mr. Raj Bodalia.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of August

## Happy Anniversary \*

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

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

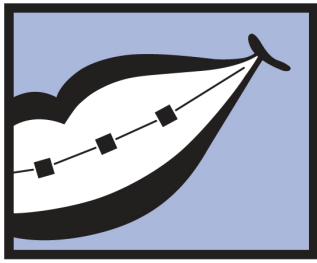
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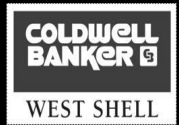
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