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MATA KI CHOUKI

Sponsored by Jindal Family

OCTOBER 1st

4pm Devi Durga Puja

5pm First aarti

5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten

7:30 KANYA PUJA

8PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Chunni sponsorship available , \$5001,\$2501,\$1001,\$501\$251,\$101,\$51,\$31

Please call Rani Dhamija to reserve your chunni 984-5777



Shree Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

September 11th Sunday 2011

10am to 1pm

10:00 am Procession

11:00 am Ganesh Puja /Atharvashirsh Path

12:00 Bhajans

1:00 Aarti /Prasad /Lunch

Sponsorship Puja \$101, \$31, Archana \$21

Event sponsored by – TRIVENI MITRA MANDAL Cincinnati

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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	\$301	\$151
(except holidays)		
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351

Sunday after 3PM only — \$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM

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

INDIAN HERITAGE CLASS

2011-2012 Session begins Sept 11th

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati runs Indian heritage class for kids at the temple premises every first and third Sunday of the month.

Objective- To make the Hindu-American kids proud of their Indian heritage and Hindu religion

Goals- To educate the kids about India, Indian values/culture, Hindu festivals and their significance, Hindu Gods/Goddesses, Mythology Stories and how to apply the principles of Hinduism in current times.

Age- 5 years and older

Where- Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati; 4920 Klatte Rd , Cincinnati, OH-45244

Phone- 513 528 3714

When- 1ST and 3rd Sunday of the month from September to May (Due to Labor day weekend, the session will begin on **Sep 11th**)

Time- 11.30 am to 1.00 pm **Cost-** \$10/yr/child

Enrollment- To enroll your child, please email Anisha Singh at singhanisha@hotmail.com. Enrollment is mandatory.

September 2011

MONTH	DATE	DAY	EVENTS / DETAILS
Sep.	1 st	Thurs.	Ganesh Chaturthi Puja (Actual day) 10am and 6pm
Sep.	3 rd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
Sep.	10 th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa , 9:30am
Sep.	10 th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam ,sponsorship\$101.00
Sep.	10 th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chowki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Sharma Family
Sep.	11 th	Sun.	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration ,Sponsored by – Triveni
Sep	12 th	Mon.	Purnima ,Satya Naryan Puja , Sponsorship\$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Sep.	12 th	Mon.	Shraddha begins
Sep	17 th	Sat.	Mela (Taste of India) 12noon to 8pm
Sep.	18 th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path
Sep.	22 nd	Thurs.	Matri Navami (Shraddha for mother)
Sep.	24 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam ,sponsorship \$51.00
Sep.	25 th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersha Path 11am
Sep.	27 th	Tues.	Shraddha ends, Group Shraddha puja (Shraddha for all ancestors) 6pm Sponsorship \$51.00, Samagri will be provided
Sep.	28 th	Wed.	Navratri Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm
Sep	29 th to oct 5 th	Thurs	During Navratri CHANDI PATH & Puja 9:30am to 11:30 .Sponsorship \$51.00 per day \$251.00 For all nine days.

October 2011

Month	Date	Day	Events / Details
Oct	1 st	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8p Sponsored by- Jindal family Chunni sponsorship available , \$251,\$101,\$51,\$31 Please call Rani Dhamija to reserve your chunni 984-5777
Oct.	1 st	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3:00pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Oct.	3 rd	Tues	Durga Ashtami Havan 6:30pmSponsorship \$51
Oct.	6 th	Thurs	Vijaya Dashmi havan 6:00pm
Oct.	8 th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am
Oct.	9 th	Sun.	Bijoy Celebration 11am Sponsored By -Agrani
Oct.	11 th	Tue	Sharad Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut
Oct.	15 th	Sat.	Karwa Chouth Puja 4pm
Oct.	16 th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Oct.	21,22,23,	Fri,sat,sun,	Garbha Griha Pratishtha Mahotsava , details are in flyer
Oct.	25 th	Tue	Dhan Teras
Oct.	26 th	Wed.	Deewali Maha Laxmi Puja 6:30pm
Oct.	27 th	Thurs	Gujrat New Year
Oct.	28	Fri	Bhai Dooj / Yama Dwitiya
Oct.	30 th	Sun	Maha Laxmi puja 11am , Sponsored by 42 gham patidar Samaj

The Hindu society of Greater Cincinnati

Cordially invites you with family and friends to

GARBHA-GRIHA PRTISHATA MAHOTSAVA PURNA KUMBHABHISHEK

Oct. 21st, 22nd, 23rd 2011



Please join us along with family and friends in this once in a lifetime opportunity and be part of the historical event. The three day grand ceremony planned for the occasion is unique in its scope and grandeur. Sixteen gold plated GARBHA GRIHA over each deity will be mesmerizing experience for all of us. We greatly encourage and welcome your participation in the following programs.

FRIDAY OCT. 21st 9:00am to 12:30pm

9:00 am Daily Puja 9:30 Anugya / SwastiVachan , Sankalp
10:00 Maha Ganpati Puja 10:30 Punyah Vachan,Acharya Varan ,Raksha Bandhan
11am Vastu Shanti Puja /Havan, Navgrah Puja Dikpal Puja 12:pm Aarti Prasad , (Lunch)

Friday 5 – 9pm MATA KI CHOUKI

5pm Devi Durga Puja 6pm First aarti 6:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten
8:30 KANYA PUJA 9PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Sat, 22nd 9am 12:30pm

9am Daily Puja 10am Ganesh Puja
10:30 Pradhan Kalash Mandal Aaradhana , Sarva Dev Kalasha Aaradhana ,
11:30 All Utsava Murti Abhishekam, Alankaram , & Puja 12:30 Aarti , Prasad & Lunch

Sat. 22nd 4-8pm

4pm Suvasinee Puja (Devi Durga is worshipped by married women)
5pm Shri Hanuman Puja, 108 Sunderkand Path Parayan , (108 Sponsors needed)
7:30 Aarti & Prasad followed by dinner

Sunday 23rd 8:30 am to 1pm

8:30am Daily Puja , Mandal Aaradhana
9 :00am Yagna Shala Pravesh & Sarva Dev Gayatri Havan
10am Procession Kalash Yatra
10:30 Purna Kumbhabhishek (outside) Dhawaja (Flag) Puja, Pushpa Varsha
Grabha Griha Kumbhabhishek (inside)
12:30 Bhajans , Vote of thanks
1:00pm Maha Mangal Aarti & Prasad (lunch)

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Sponsorships : GARBHA-GRIHA PRATISHATA MAHOTSAVA

1. \$5001 All three days puja, also includes blessed Saree for Mata ki Chouki
2. \$3501 Kumbhabhishek also includes all puja except 5 & Mata ki Chouki
3. \$2001 Pushpa Versa also includes 6,7,8,9,11
4. \$1001 Dhawaja Puja also includes 6, 7,8,9,11.
5. \$501 Maha Mangal Aarti also includes 9 & 11
6. \$101 Utasav Murti Abhishek,
7. \$51 Hanuman Puja.
8. \$51 Sunder Kand path
9. \$51 Sarva Dev Gayatri Havan
10. \$31 Suvasinee Puja
11. \$21 Kalash Yatra

Mata Ki Chouki Sponsorship

\$1001.00 Saree \$501.00 Saree \$251.00 Saree \$101.00 Sarees
\$ 51.00 Dupattas, Chunris Suhag Things. \$ 31.00 Suhag Things.

Sponsors for Mata Ki Chowki will receive blessed SAREES, Dupattas or Suhaag Things

For more details please call Temple 513 528-3714, Rameshwar Dayal 474-4051, Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382, Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma 528 0901, Pundit Srinath Bhattar 528 3714

Devotees may sponsor one or more items for this event

Coconuts 101	Rice 50lb
Sarees for each deity	Jewelry for each deity
Ghee 50lb	Havan Samgri 100 pack
Paan Leaves 100	Mango leaves
Saffron 1 box	Oil
Milk, 10 gallons,	Yogurt 10 pack,
Flowers	Garlands for each deity
Fruits 5 types	Dry nuts Almond 100lb Cashews 100lb Raisins 50lb

Garbha Griha Pratishtha Mahotsava Souvenir

Plans are underway to publish a Souvenir Book to commemorate the occasion. There is still time for you to contribute in one or more of the following ways

Please volunteer your time, ideas and suggestion. We need volunteers to help with typing, editing, photographing, soliciting publishable articles, pictures, etc.

Contribute and encourage your children to contribute short articles, essays and poems in English for publication in the souvenir book. They should be on Hindu religion, our cultural heritage or other aspects of Hindu religion. Manuscripts should be WORD processed double spaced with one inch margin all around and should not exceed two standard pages in length.

We plan to include a few very short spiritual or inspirational quotes in the major Indian languages with their English translation. Please submit them with information on the name of the language /script, their sources and their English translation. Script other than Roman should be in good hand writing ready for reproduction.

Resources permitting, a few pictures may be included in the publication. Please volunteer good pictures of the old temple pooja, temple celebrations, pravachans, deities etc. We also need a list of swami jis and religious teachers who have visited the temple.

Sponsor and volunteer to solicit sponsorship from others: a page (or a part thereof) of greetings to the community. Make your or your business's presence known to the community. The insertion rates are

Full page \$201 ½ page \$125

¼ page \$ 75 1/8 page \$51

Please send materials, message of greetings for publication by email to Anisha Singh singhanisha@hotmail.com or Sandeep Gupta to_sandeep@hotmail.com. By October 10, 2011.

Please send check to Mr. Rameshwar Dayal, 1568 Rockhurst Ln, Cincinnati, OH 452555 : Memo Souvenir 2011

A Group Shraddha Puja On Amavasya , Sep. 27th Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00pm

Sponsorship \$51.00. Please call ahead if you are planning to join.

For more details call Temple 513-528-3714, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Kiran Dayal 474-4051

Temple will provide all Puja Samagri.

Please do not bring loose Groceries to donate, in order to keep the quality and usefulness in future.

Significance of Shraddha

The dark fortnight of Ashwin Month is known as Mahalaya Paksha/ Pitrapaksha or the fortnight especially sacred for offering oblations to the departed ancestors. The last day of this period, the new moon day (Amavasya), is considered as the most important day in the year for performing obsequies and rites (or in simple terms offerings to our dearly departed ancestors). This year it falls on the Oct. 7th 2010.

In the Garuda Purana Preta khanda II 10.50-55 Lord Visnu says to Sri Garudaji " On the day of Amavasya (new moon day) the ancestors stand at the door of their descendents in order to receive their food. They remain there till sunset. When they do not receive their food they fall in despair and out of suffering heave long sighs and go back cursing the descendents. Therefore, one should carefully perform shraddha (offer food) to your ancestors on the new moon day (Amavasya).

The final day of Pitru Paksha is the Mahalaya Amavasya (the dark night before new moon)- Sep. 27th 2011 This takes place when the Sun and Moon conjunct in Virgo. All the ancestors are prayed to on this day. The belief is that they all come down to earth from their abode to join the world of living for a day. If you want to remember your departed loved ones, this is a good time to do so. If you do not know the Tithi of their death date, then you could do it on the Amavasya day. Feed the poor, give donation and celebrate their life with a feast in their memory- usually a vegetarian and Sattvic food. Honor their memory and remember them with fondness. The Shraddh performed during Pitru Paksha are not funeral ceremonies. They are Yagyas for the Pitru, worship of the ancestors as deities. They are different from the worship of the God. Shraddh is mainly performed for three generations of Pitrus, namely the father, the grandfather, and the great grandfather. When performed for all the ancestors, performer's family gets benefit from it.

NAVRATRI POOJA

Sep. 28th to Oct. 6th



Sep 28th Wed. 6:30pm Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja **

Oct. 1st 4pm Mata Ki Chauki *(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship)

During Navratri everyday** Chandi path (Durga saptshti) 9:30 am to 12pm

Sep 30th Fri. 6:30pm **Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam weekdays 5:30pm

Oct. 4th Tues **Shri Chandi Havan /Ashtami Puja 6:30pm

Oct 6th Thurs. ** Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas/Vidyarambha)5:30pm

Oct 6th Thurs. **Vijaya Dashami Puja /Havan 6:30pm

Sponsorship. **\$51.00 for each puja . * Chunri sponsorship \$31.00, \$51.00, \$101.00 and above *

Please call Rani Dhamija 984-5777 to reserve your Chunri. Chunri will be given back to sponsor family as a blessing. For more details please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714.

Positive Thinking in These Stressful Times : From those who did not ever give up!!!

I will not say I failed 1000 times; I will say that I discovered 1000 ways that can cause failure....Thomas A. Edison

If we cannot love the person that we see, how can we love God whom we cannot see.....Mother Teresa

In a day when you don't come across any problems, you can be sure that you are traveling in the wrong direction.Swami Vivekananda

Significance of Havan



I have always been intrigued by the fact, that our Vedas prescribed doing Havan as the only true Puja. Our Rishis, who were great scholars, scientists, astrologers, mathematicians & doctors, why considered Havan as the only way to worship or please God. Why swami Dayanand ji insisted on performing Havan twice a day. Our ancestors always performed Yajna on every religious or auspicious ceremonies. Does Havan provide any benefit to society or is it just another ritual? Is there a logical reasoning, which our Rishis knew? Does it actually pleases God? Then the question arises " who is God "?

Swami dayanand ji, in his book Satyaarth Prakash mentions one hundred names of God. Names of God are basically the qualities of God. All those qualities are actually functions of mother Nature. Nature can be named after every one of those hundred names. So is God the same as Nature and is Nature the same as God? If Nature is not God, then Nature is sure a power of God. With the help of Nature, God is the Creator (Brahma), the Maintainer (Vishnu) and the Destroyer (Shiva). The other qualities are basically the subsidiaries of the Trimurti Parmeshwar. Then the true worship of God will be to help Nature to do its job. Does Havan help Nature? YES it does. In addition to spiritual aspects, there is science & chemistry behind Havan. Havan, not only benefits the persons who are participating in the Havan & the persons who are present, but it benefits the whole mankind & other forms of life & vegetation on this planet. It helps Nature (GOD) to do its job & protects HIS creation. It helps to correct the pollution which we are creating. Our Rishis probably knew that the man will become so selfish that it will pollute & try to do everything possible to destroy the very planet he lives on. So they devised a mean to correct it, THE Havan. I have come up with some of the significance & benefits of performing Havan. Of course the list is not complete

- ☐ It is a family / community affair. It strengthens the bond of love & affection among participants.
- ☐ At the end of every Mantra, we say Idam na mum . which simply means that all our material possessions are not only for me but are to be shared with others. That provides us with a sacrificial sense of attainment.
- ☐ Chanting of Mantras & praising GOD brings humility & help get rid of selfishness & vanity.
- ☐ It cleans air inside & outside. Fire breaks up the substances into vapor/gaseous phase (sublimation). Producing buoyancy & other aerodynamic effects to clean inside & outside air pollution. The conventional spray cans only neutralizes the odor & also pollute environment, whereas Havan replaces the stale inside air with fresh air.
- ☐ Combustion is a process in which a fuel is oxidized by the atmospheric oxygen & giving rise to thermal energy & producing heat which was inherent in the particular fuel. Each combustible substance has a unique calorific value, an amount of heat it will produce when burnt. Fossil fuels (gasoline, coal, natural gas etc.) will produce more heat than cellulose fuels (wood etc.). Calorific values of fossil fuels range from 10,000 cal/gm & can produce as much heat as 4,000 – 5000 °F. whereas typical firewood which has a lower calorific values, will produce much smaller amount of heat, 1500 – 2000 °F. Combustion reduces the fuel into its basic ingredients. These ingredients will react with atmospheric gases to produce oxides of Carbon & Nitrogen. At lower temperatures & with ample supply of Oxygen, Havan will only produce Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) & water vapor . The shape of Havan Kund, an upside down Pyramid, provides ample supply of Oxygen from the wider four sides, hence very little Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced, which is a known pollutant. During Havan we arrange Havan Kund with small amount of Samidhas (wood) & offer Aahutis (oblations, Samigri, a mixture of various herbs) after reciting a Mantra. This is a process of slow combustion, assuring lower temperatures.
- On the other hand, the fossil fuels, by nature of their high calorific values & rapid combustion, will produce high levels of CO & several oxides of Nitrogen. All of which are undesirable pollutants. In gasoline engines, we intentionally suffocate combustion to cause explosion to produce mechanical energy & in the process produce very large amounts of CO & CO₂ which cannot be readily absorbed by surrounding vegetation & hence causes green house effect.
- ☐ Natures Eco System. Dead branches of wood will fall on the ground, trees & plants will eventually die. If the ground is covered with this debris, the seeds will not germinate & new plants & trees cannot come up for lack of sunlight. The nature have a solution to clear the ground. The lightning will burn this debris & dead trees. If that ground is residential, it will burn homes & mansions, which always happen in California. That is why our Rishis emphasized that the Samidhas for Havan should only be dry branches of dead trees & must be picked up from ground. This way we help nature & also protect our homes.
- ☐ Photosynthesis is a process in which healthy plants absorb CO₂ & water vapor from atmosphere in presence of sunlight & Chlorophyll & produce sugars & release Oxygen.
- ☐ $6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Sunlight} + \text{Chlorophyll} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ (glucose i.e. food for plants) + 6O_2
- ☐ $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 112,000 \text{ calories} = \text{HCHO}$ (Formaldehyde) + O_2 ; A small amount of CO₂ is also reduced to Formaldehyde due to photochemical reaction. Formaldehyde in presence of water vapor acts as a disinfectant & antiseptic.
- ☐ Sandhya Kaal - Photosynthesis is at its maximum during sunrise & just before sunset, when the sky is red. That is why our rishis recommended to perform Havan during these times. Maximum amount of CO₂ is absorbed & hence maximum amount of Oxygen is released at these times.
- ☐ Some types of woods & herbs used in Havan also have medicinal values. Rishies recommended to use Mango & peepal tree woods. They are known to have medicinal value & are disinfectant. These cannot be consumed orally, but can be burnt & inhaled.

So Havan is multi dimensional – spiritual & scientific. The huge industrial complexes, rapid urbanization, deforestation, air & water pollution, ozone-depletion, radioactive wastes etc., have disturbed and destabilized the natural harmony of human, animal and plant life cycles. The ecological imbalance caused by these criminal acts of the so called 'civilized man' has resulted in a disastrous threat, not only to the human survival but, also to life as a whole on our planet. In these times it has become an absolute necessity to perform Havan, which is cost-effective, environmentally safe & eco friendly.

" Heal the environment and the healed environment will heal you"

By Pramod Verma

LIBRARY OF HINDUISM: A MUCH NEEDED RESOURCE AT THE TEMPLE

The Library of Hinduism in the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati was inaugurated on Sunday, August 14, 2011. A new library room facility is being renovated with the initial financial donation and books from Professor Rama Rao Pappu in memory of his late wife, Surya Kantham Pappu. Rama Rao Pappu, Professor of Philosophy and Affiliate in Comparative Religion Department will donate approximately 1000 books on Indian Philosophy, Hinduism,

Buddhism, Jainism, Vegetarianism among other subjects. The Library will add additional selected books, videos, CDs, Computers and other resources for use by children and adults. There will be an Open House at a later date when the books and resources are well organized.

The Hinduism Library will be a much needed, valuable resource and service to be provided by our Temple for the benefit of local devotees and families living in the Tri-State region. In the serene and spiritual environment of the Temple, the Hinduism Library will complement the Puja-related rituals (*bhakti-marga*) performed at the Temple with various religious texts, scholarly books and other resources (*jnana-marga*) for basic knowledge and benefit of the devotees. The Library Committee will organize various discussions, seminars, invited lectures, short courses and conferences among other activities including use of the Library books to meet the needs of the community members. Individuals interested in scholarly religious teaching and learning and willing to voluntary for specific discourses are encouraged to contact the Library Committee members.

Anyone interested to receive more information regarding planned activities and the use of the Library resources should contact Rama Rao Pappu (pappuss@muohio.edu, 513-523-2944) or Koti Sreekrishna (tatachar@aol.com, 513-290-3064), coordinators of the Library activities. *Prof. Pappu and Dr. Sreekrishna are also available for individual religious dialogs and religious counseling during family "stress" such as death of an immediate family member.*



Professor Rama Rao Pappu teaches courses in Indian Philosophy, Hinduism and Buddhism at Miami University. He has published a number of books on Indian Philosophy.

He is well known as the Founder-Director of International Congress of Vedanta and a past President of the International Society for Indian and Comparative Philosophy



Koti Sreekrishna Ph.D. is a senior scientist in the Global Biotechnology Division of the Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. His religious knowledge is deep and wide. He was able to recite complete Bhagavad Gita from memory at the age of 9. He has recently coauthored *The New Bhagavad Gita* and translated "*Purusha Suktam*". He has conducted many readings and discussion sessions on Bhagavad Gita at the Temple and written many religion-related articles. He has also assisted temple priests during special Puja and Havan and has been named "Adjunct Priest". He has also served on the Executive Committee of the HSGC.

Anyone interested to make donation for additional scholarly books and improvement of the Library facilities should contact Dr. Laxmi Srivastava (laxmi-rivatava@yahoo.com, 513-474-0533). Your check may be written in favor of "HSGC" - Write in your memo "Hinduism Library". You may give check personally to Dr. L.S. Srivastava or mail to Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati, 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244; Or put in the Temple Hundi .

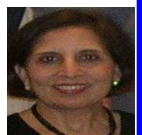
Thought for the Day

Make yourself so adaptable that you can adjust easily with anyone and any situation,

but make your attitude so positive that nobody and no situation can mess with it

Heart is the only machine that works without repairing for years: Keep it happy always whether it is yours or others.

"No one is rich enough to buy back yesterday. But if you have the character to do better things today, you would be the richest person tomorrow."





24th GANDHI FOOD DRIVE, 2011

September 1—October 31

Annual opportunity to donate cash or food to Freestore Foodbank: tri-state's largest provider of emergency food to poor people

Overall Collection Goal: \$10,000

Average Goal per family: \$30

Every \$ of collected cash or canned food--goes to Freestore Foodbank

All donations are tax-deductible

You can make your contribution three ways:

- **CHECK (or Cash)**
 - Make your check payable to Freestore Foodbank
 - Mail your check to:
 - Vinay Kumar, 466 Windfern Forest Ln, Cincinnati, OH 45244
- **UNITED WAY Program (employer sponsored)**
 - Get the United Way "2011 Pledge Form" (new form needed every year)
 - At bottom of Part 3, write FreeStore code # (168 for 2011), FreeStore, and (\$)
- **CANNED FOOD**
 - Please bring canned food to V. Kumar's residence
 - Give wholesome vegetarian food only

Coordinator: Vinay Kumar (513) 528-6189 E-mail: kumar@nku.edu

Volunteers: J. K. Bhattacharjee 513-523-8958; Vimla Majeti 513-777-5440; Rohini Venkatesh 513-984-2613

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DONATION/PLEDGE FOR THE 24th GANDHI FOOD DRIVE, 2011

Please make your check payable to Freestore Foodbank.

Check \$15 \$20 \$30 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 Other\$

United Way Yes, I plan to pledge \$..... for FreeStore/FoodBank (2011 code: # 168).

Volunteer Yes, I would like to help as a volunteer.

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Address.....

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kumar@nku.edu

NAVRATRI 2011

HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI & ANKUR GUJARATI SAMAJ
JOINTLY CELEBRATES NAVRATRI



WITH BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL RAAS RAMZAT GROUP
APURVA (SaReGaMa & K for Kishore Fame), Rupali & Asha

PLACE: THE CINCINNATI GARDENS ARENA
2250 SEYMOUR AVENUE, Cincinnati, OH 45212

DATES/TIME: FRIDAY, SEPT 30 7:30PM TO 1:00AM
SATURDAY, OCT 1 7:30PM TO 1:00AM
FRIDAY, OCT 7 7:30PM TO 1:00AM
SATURDAY, OCT 8 7:30PM TO 1:00AM

TICKETS: ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HINDU TEMPLE

MINIMUM DONATION: \$12/DAY ONE WEEKEND PASS: \$20 CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER FREE
SPONSORSHIP: \$101 (2 PASSES ONE WEEKEND) OR \$ 251 (2 PASSES/BOTH WEEKENDS)

FOR THE REMAINING NAVRATRI NIGHTS AT THE HINDU TEMPLE WITH RAAS RAMZAT GROUP

DATES: SEPTEMBER 28, 29 – OCTOBER 2,3,4,5,6 **TIME:** 8:00PM TO 9:30PM
PLACE: HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI
TICKETS: NO CHARGE

NAVRATRI HAVANS AT THE TEMPLE:

TUESDAY OCT 4: ASHTAMI / NAVACHANDI HAVAN TIME: 6:30PM TO 7:30PM FOLLOWED BY RAAS GARBA
THURSDAY OCT 6, VIJAYADASHMI HAVAN 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY RAAS GARBA WITH RAAS RAMZAT GROUP

NAVRATRI AT ANKUR SAMAJ: 9502 HIGHLAND AVE, CINCINNATI.

SEPT 28, 29 - OCT 2,3,4,5,6 RAAS GARBA 8:00PM TO 9:30PM
THURSDAY OCT 6, VIJAYADASHMI HAVAN 6:00 TO 7:30PM FOLLOWED BY RAAS GARBA
FRIDAY, OCT 14, SHARAD PURNIMA 7:00PM TO 11:00PM
FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT: THE HINDU TEMPLE AT (513) 528-3714 Or ANKUR SAMAJ (513)563-2007



HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI is organizing a

MELAA



at the Temple

4920 KLATTE RD, CINCINNATI 45244

Date : Sept 17, 2011

Time : 12:00 Noon to 8 PM

EVENTS INCLUDE;

RIDES SHOPPING DANCES
GAMES FOOD SONGS
PONY RIDES

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CULTURAL DANCE PROGRAM

Dance Program - First Session 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Dance Program - Second Session 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

!!!! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !!!!

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MUSIC - DANCING

****TASTE OF INDIA****

FOOD FUN SHOPPING





NAVRATRI FASTING

The Hindu festival of Navratri, which extends for nine days, is celebrated with gusto in different regions of the country. In the eastern state of West Bengal, the festival takes the shape of Durga Puja, when the devotees of the deity celebrate the triumph of good over evil. Durga is worshipped as Goddess Shakti. In north India, Maharashtra and Gujarat, people observe a seven day fast during Navratri and break their fast on Ashtmi (the eighth day of the festival) by worshipping young girls. However, some people observe fast until the Ashtami and break their fast only on Navami (the ninth day).

The devotees, who have observed fast, would get up early in the morning, take bath and offer prayers to the deity. People follow a specific diet for Navratri, if they haven't observed a nirahar (waterless) fast. . Singhare ka atta (kuttu ka atta) is used to prepare rotis or puris, for the fast. One may drink tea, coffee milk, juice on Navratri. Dishes made of sago and potato is generally consumed by the people, when they observe fast on Navratri. Sendha namak (rock salt) is used instead of common salt, for cooking on the festival. Fruits and nuts can be eaten.

Ashtami (Eighth day) is celebrated by worshipping young girls. The ritual of offering prasada to the young girls is called Kanjak Puja. As per the tradition, puris (deep fried Indian bread), halwa (sweet dish made of suji) and Bengal gram curry are served to the young girls, called upon by the people who have observed fast. After seeking the blessings of the young girls (kanjakayen), the devotees break their fast by consuming the prasada (puri, halwa and sabzi) that they have prepared for them.

SPECIAL NAVRATRI RECIPES

KADDU

1/2 kg Kaddu (pumpkin/ sitaphal), peeled and cubed ; 1/2 tsp Turmeric Powder ; 2-3 Green Chillies, chopped ; Salt to taste ; 1/4 tsp Garam Masala Powder ; 1/2 tsp Coriander Powder ; 1 tsp Sugar ; 1/2 tsp Amchoor (dried mango powder) ; 1/2 tsp Methi Dana (fenugreek seeds) ; A pinch of Hing (asafoetida) ; 1 tbsp Oil. **Method** : Heat oil in a pan and add methi dana and when it changes color, add hing, green chillies and sauté for 1 minute. Now add kaddu pieces, turmeric, coriander powders, and salt and mix it well. Add 1 tsp water and cook on a lower heat till kaddu turns tender. Add sugar, amchoor and garam masala powder and mix well. Cook on low heat for 2 minutes and continue cooking till all the water evaporates.

Sabudana Vadas : 1 cup Sabudana ; 1/2 cup Peanuts (roasted & crushed coarsely) ; 1 Potato (boiled, peeled & mashed) ; 7-8 Green Chillies (crushed) ; Salt to taste ; cilantro or mint ; Oil to deep fry. **Method** : Wash sago thoroughly and drain excess water. Soak it for 2-3 hours. Add all ingredients to it except oil. Mix well into a paste. Heat oil in a deep frying pan. Moisten hands and make small flat. Slide the rounds in the heated oil on medium flame. Fry till they are crisp and light brown . Makes about 10 vadaas and Serve with peanut chutney.

Kottu Pakora

1 cup Kottu ka Atta (buckwheat flour) ; 3 medium-sized Potatoes (boiled whole till half-cooked) ; 1/2 tsp Salt ; 1/2 tsp Black Pepper ; 1/4 cup Cilantro leaves, finely chopped ; 1/4 tsp Baking Powder ; oil for frying . **Method** : Combine the flour, salt, pepper and coriander in bowl and mix well. Add water and beat into a smooth batter. Cover and keep aside for about 20 minutes. When the potatoes are cool, peel & slice into diagonal slices. Heat enough oil for deep-frying in a kadhai over moderate heat. Put few slices of potato into the batter and cover them completely. One at a time, lower each slice of batter-coated potato into the hot oil. Fry on both sides until reddish gray and crisp. Serve hot while they are crisp.

Sabudana Khichree : Ingreds: Sago(Sabudana) 1 1/2 Cups; Peanuts 1/4 cup; Green chillies 4-5; Potato; One medium; Ghee or oil 3 Tablespoons; Curry leaves 1 sprig; Cummin Seeds 1 Teaspoon; Salt to taste; Lemon Juice 1 Teaspoon; Fresh Coconut scraped 2 Tablespoons(optional); some cilantro chopped up. **Method** : Wash Sabudana 2-3 times and then soak in one cup water for -4 hours. Sabudana grains should be separate and moist. Roast some peanuts on a griddle or deep fry. Chop green chillies (fine) and potatoes(Cubed). Heat oil in a pan and add cumin seed, curry leaves and green chillies. After a couple of minutes add the potato cubes. Saute. Add salt and a little water. Cover and simmer till potatoes are done. Add sabudana, peanuts and coconut. Sprinkle a little water and lemon juice. Mix well. Sprinkle cilantro and serve.

Sabudana Kheer : Sabudana 1/2 Cup, Milk 4 cups; sugar 1/4 cup; pinch of elaichi powder; almonds and raisins to your liking; kewra essence 1 tsp (optional); pinch of saffron . **Method** : Wash and soak sabudana in 1 1/2 cup water for half an hour. Drain and keep aside. Bring milk to boil and add sabudana. Simmer for 4-5 mins until thick. Add sugar and elaichi powder and nuts etc. Chill and serve.

Rajgiri Ka Thepla : Sabudana Rajgiri Atta 2 cups; sendha namak(Rock Salt) to taste; ginger 1 inch piece grated; til 1 tea spoon; yoghurt 2 table spoon; 2 medium potatoes boiled and mashed; cilantro; 2 green chillies chopped fine . **Method** : Mix all ingredients and knead into dough. Set aside for half an hour. Make 10-12 balls and roll out like chappatis. Heat Tava and shallow fry on both sides. Serve hot with yoghurt

Among the several forms of **Raas**, the most popular one is "**Dandiya Raas**", which is performed during Navratri. In fact, it holds a significant place in Navratri celebrations especially in Gujarat and many other states. Dandiya Raas is performed in the honor of Goddess Durga. It is the dramatization of a mock fight between the Goddess and Mahishasura - the mighty demon-king. The sticks of the dance represent the sword of Durga. Women normally perform it in a graceful and rhythmic manner in a circle as they rotate around the 'mandvi'.

Traditionally, Dandiya Raas is performed after aarti (ritual of worshipping the deity). Hence, Dandiya Raas is an important part of the merriment. The special characteristic of the dance is the colorful costume worn by the dancers and the colorful sticks carried by both, men and women colorful choli, ghagra and bandhani dupattas glittering with mirror work and heavy jewellery and men in their traditional colorful kedis. .

The colorful sticks, used as prop of Dandiya Raas, are usually made of bamboo. The dancers strike the sticks with their partners and dance in circular motion, to the rhythm of the music played in the background. Out of the two circles made To perform

Dandiya Raas, one of the circles revolves clockwise, while the other revolves anti clockwise.

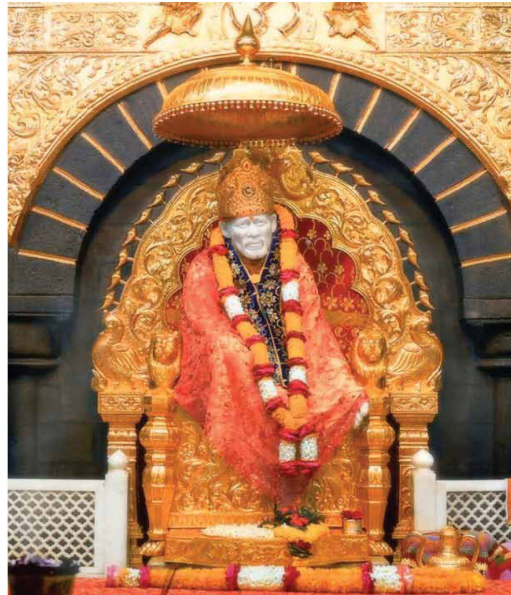


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CLERMONT COUNTY PERMIT CENTRAL

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Printed: 7/12/2011

Permit Number: B 76153	Project Location: 4920 KLATTE RD	Date Permitted: 7/12/2011
	Project Name: HINDU SOCIETY WMSC	Approval Expires: 7/11/2012
Project Description: SITE DEVELOPMENT	Code/Regulation: N/A	
Township/Village: GENERAL CONSTRUCTION	Use Group: N/A	
Parcel Number: UNION TOWNSHIP (WC LSD)	Construction Type: N/A	
	Occupant Load: N/A	
	Square Footage: 0 Sq Ft	
	Declared Value: \$ 50,000	

Owner's Name and Address:
HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINTI INC
4720 KLATTE ROAD
CINCINNATI, OH 45244

Primary Applicant's Name and Address:
ROBERTS ENGINEERING (DESIGN)2
602 LILA AVENUE
MILFORD, OH 45150-


Please know that Additional Applications and Permits may be Required before Final Completion and Occupancy can be Approved by this Department.

Plan Review Comments: (If any)

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**CLEARING AND GRUBBING ONLY - NO
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The scope of work for this Construction Permit is for the following:
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 Fire Protection Sign Construction
 (Obtain Additional Permits from the General Health District for Food Service & Plumbing)

Approval By: 
 Raymond Sebastian, Chief Building Official

THIS PERMIT MUST BE POSTED AT THE JOB SITE

It is the responsibility of the Owner/Applicant to call Clermont County Permit Central to schedule all required inspections.
 Please note that construction must begin within 6 months and be completed within 1 year of the date permitted.

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JUL-12-2011 TUE 01:40 PM Clermont Permit Central

Important Announcements

Check out this website for Free Hindi Lessons and a lot more

<http://www.books-india.com/bi%20htmls/hindi%20lessons%20menu.html>

DIWALI FUNCTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 29TH, 2011 (ANKUR +HSGC)

Details to follow in October issue of Aradhana

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

GENERAL BODY MEETING

Next GBM will be on Oct 2nd, 2011 at 12 noon at the Temple.

INDIAN HERITAGE CLASS FOR KIDS

**2011-2012 Session begins Sept 11th
See details on Page 4**

The Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati runs Indian heritage class for kids at the temple premises every first and third Sunday of the month.

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/>

SPECIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE*

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of September

Happy Anniversary *

Rajeev & Shelley Chopra, Dipankar & Madhumita Das, Ram & Murti Jindal, Pisharath & Veena Krishnan, Naresh & Latha Subramanian, Subodh & Meena Wadhwa, Vasu & Raj Chakravarthy

Happy Birthday**

Vidhya Balasubramaniam, Neil Batra, V. Rao Bhamidipati, Milan Bhandari, Papa Rohit Chakravarthy, Mohini Bhardwaj, Poonam Bhardwaj, Som Bhatara, Jagdish Bhati, Simran Bholra, Sharad Buddhdev, Ramesh Candadai, Ashish Chatterjee, Ragini Chatterjee, Sneha Chavdai, Helma Cholera, Sarita Dasari, Archish Desai, Mona Desai, Rahmi Gupta, Vaishali Gupta, Lalitha Hariharan, Param Hariharan, Krutarth Jain, Disha Kalyan, Ansh Khare, Keshav Kode, Rohit Kohli, Tushar Manek, Vishakha Manek, Bahar Mittal, Alok Narayana, Rajan Odayar, Sahir Patel, Nivedita Ramji, Srinivas Reddy, Archit Sahay, Srinivas Sahu, Nitin Sekar, Aditi Sharma, Anurag Sharma, Kailash Sharma, Bipin Sheth, Indu Shrivastava, Rakhi Shrivastava, Vikas Shrivastava, Bipin Shroff, Supriya Srinivas, Narayan Srivastava, Anjali Sudhi, Srinivasan Venkataramani, Sadhana Verma, Shubhana Verma, Gayathri Vijayasathy, Halekoti Viswamitra, Kusumlata Wadekar, Gauri Wadhwa, Seema Navalkar, Preeti Parikh, Mahesh Patel, Shibal Mukerjee

*(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.

CHANDI YAGNA : 42 GHAM KADVA PATIDAR SAMAJ



YAGNA SHALA INAUGURATION



HSGC – Executive Council
Meeting Minutes– July 11, 2011

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

Additional Attendees: Rameshwar Dayal (Co-chair, Fundraising Committee)

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

Minutes:

Krutarth Jain will contact Vijay Kumar to evaluate real estate taxes to see if HSGC could obtain a waiver.

Ramesh Dayal reported that the Garbha Grihas (individual temple of each deity) have been completed. The Garbha Grihas are currently undergoing gold plating. July 31st is the target completion date. Shipping may commence in 1st week of August.

Garbha Griha inauguration ceremony is tentatively scheduled for October 21 through October 23. It will be a 3 day event at the temple.

The executive committee is planning to honor major donors and committee members of special projects. The event will be marked by a Kumbha Abhishekam. Also, a list of major donors to the temple will be published in the future.

Ramesh Dayal proposed that this event should be used as a major fund-raising. The EC expects the community to donate generously for major upcoming project. The two projects identified as the recipients of funds raised on this auspicious occasion are the Elevator project and Front Entrance project (for coats and footwear storage).

Kiran Dayal reported that special Singhasans will be made for each Utsav Murti. The EC agreed to authorize Raj Bodalia to release the money for this purpose.

Security cameras are being readjusted and fixed. The cameras will be monitored by ADT. The EC has decided to create a formal calling tree structure in the event of any emergency.

For security reasons, window treatments will be obtained for all windows.

The circle in front of the temple will be re-landscaped due to contributions by a temple devotee.

Flags of the United States, India, state of Ohio, and the temple flag will be hoisted in front of the temple.

Yagya Shala update: A policy document has been created for the rental and use of the Yagya Shala. A subcommittee consisting of Raneshwar Gupta, Laxmi Srivastava, and Kiran Dayal will look into the issue of combining Yagya Shala rental along with Temple downstairs hall. Raj Bodalia is also part of this committee as he is the chairperson of all special projects.

Temple Library update: Seed money for the library has been received. Construction of the library has started. General funds will not be used for this purpose.

Marg project update: So far, close to \$42,000 have been raised for the project. There will be 4 bids solicited for clearing the area of the trees, shrubs etc. from the area marked for the road. The best bid will be granted the work to clear the road.

Tiles update: The tiles from front area of the temple have been cleared. New tiles will be installed by mid-August.

Dr. Koti Srikrishna has been appointed as an adjunct priest in the temple. This is a very valuable addition to the temple as the temple can benefit considerably from his deep knowledge and wisdom.

Kroger Card update: The EC has decided that all money raised through this program will go to the maintenance projects.

Aradhana printing: Asit Saha will solicit bids and review all bids.

Naach-Sitare update: The program was a huge success. It was very well attended. The program resulted in a total profit of about \$3,000 for the temple after deducting all expenses. The Cultural Committee has received several suggestions for improvement. These suggestions will be very carefully looked into and appropriate improvements will be made to the program next year.

Hindu Mandir Executive Conference: This year, the conference is being held in Columbus, OH. HSGC is a co-sponsor for this event. Several EC members will attend this function.

Temple Roof and Masonry Maintenance update: Serious problems have been detected in the temple roof, masonry, and shikhar area. There was no maintenance done for these since original construction. The issues have been evaluated by two top rated companies. Based on their recommendations, a course of action is being prepared. The initial estimate is about \$55,000 to carry out all recommended action.

There will be a blood donation drive in the temple on September 11. The EC approved organization of this blood camp.

The EC approved use of the downstairs hall for holding an Interfaith Group meeting in March, 2012.

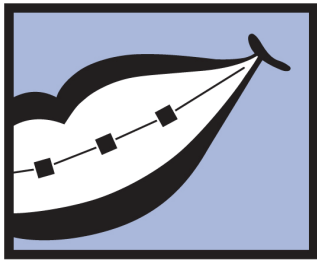
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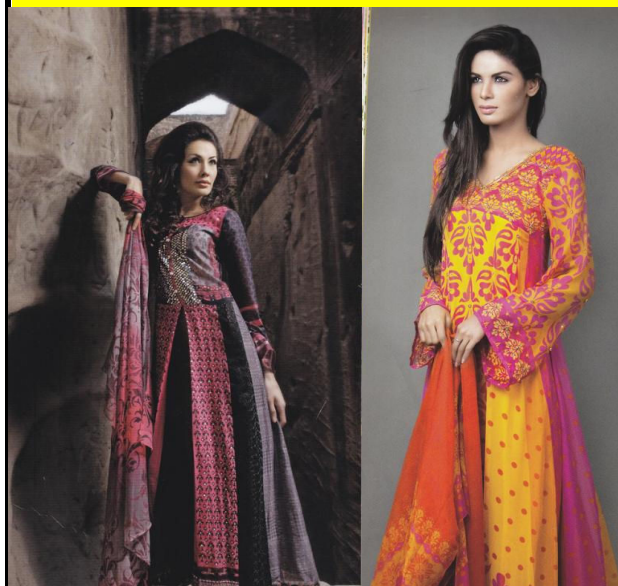
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