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HAPPY HOLI NAVRATRI



Website www.cincinnatitemple.com Email: hindusociety@fuse.net Phone: (513) 528-3714

CHAITRA NAVRATRI PUJA

MARCH 23rd to 30th 2012

March 23rd Fri 6:00 pm KALASH STHAPANA March 24th to 30th CHANDI PATH & DEVI PUJA Everyday 9:30 am to 11:00am and 5.00pm to 6:00pm March 30th Friday 6:00 pm Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

Sponsorship for Chandi path \$51.00, Havan \$51.00. all days of Navratri \$251.00



AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH (Shri Ramcharit Manas)

MARCH 24th - 25th Saturday & Sunday 11:00am to 12:30 pm next day (24hours)

Sponsorship: \$251.00: Akhand Ramayan Path

\$101.00: Sunderkand Path, Shri Ram Janma, Shri Ram Vivah, \$21.00: Archana .

We need volunteers to read Ramayana.

Please call Temple (513)528-3714. Kiran Dayal 474 - 4051, to give your name & time.

Event is sponsored by: Rameshwar, Kiran Dayal & their family.



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March 31st Sat. 4-8pm Sponsored by – MATA DEVOTEES



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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

1:00 P.M.— Aarti

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

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SERVICES	IN	OUTSIDE
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	_
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	_
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	_	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	_	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/Sita	1) \$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)-	\$101.00	
(Only During Off Winter Season)		
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/	\$151.00	\$251.00
Thread Ceremony		
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. <u>Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>

CHECK-OUT

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	of the two:	

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00 PM 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 <u>or to rent a temple hall (lower level)</u> 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 else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

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 <u>\$ 10.</u> 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 / Pooia

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



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Kiran Dayal 474-4051 Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD **SRI VENKATESWARA**

4th Saturday of each month, from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda:481-4119: Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353 Suseela Paturi:481-8591: Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733 Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:488-2986

1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or **Kiran Dayal 474-4051**



Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

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

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

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 Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

EDITOR'S NOTE

Namaskar to All our Readers,

I would like to start off by saying Thank You to all the readers of the Aradhana who praised and encouraged my first edition of Aradhana last month!

We celebrated Goddess Saraswati Puja with great devotion and elaborate festivities on the Vasant Panchami. More than 400 devotees (including kids) offered Pushanjali to the Goddess. Another

attraction that day was the celebration of "Vidyarambha" (initiation of reading and writing by children) ceremony. Children were given paper & pencil, some brought traditional blackboards and chalk. All the priests & volunteer parents helped kids to write "OM" in Sanskrit, spelling of Saraswati and their name in native alphabets.

Another highlight of January was the Bhajan Sandhya. Even the bad weather didn't stop the singers from reaching the temple. It was organized very well and had great participation. We had great music on the instruments side and from the singers as well. It gives a great opportunity to perform to the local singers in the community.

We not only had 2 successful events in Jan, but we have a packed schedule for March. The Holi Program has a new item this year. Come one, Come All... Enjoy, Participate and Get Blessed.

I would like to repeat my appeal to everyone to "Adopt a Temple Event" this year. (Please see Editorial section of Feb 2012 Aradhana for explanation)

Please don't forget to send your feedback about the content that you would like to see in the Aradhana Magazine. We do publish different kinds of articles but we want to know what interests you most. Please email your feedback directly to me at Sandeep.Guptas@gmail.com.

Sandeep Gupta



MARCH 2012 EVENTS

March	1 st	Thurs	Holashtak Begins
March	3 rd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
March	8 th	Thurs	Holika Dahan (Holi Fire)7:30pm
March	8 th	Thurs	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut
March	9 th	Friday	Rang (Colors) Holi
March	10 th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
March	10 th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101.00
March	10 th	Sat.	Holi Cultural Program 4pm
March	11 th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
March	18 th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
March	23 rd	Fri	Yugadi/ Gudi Padwa/Chaitra Navratri Begins Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm
March	24 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 9am to 11am Sponshorship \$51
March	24 th	Sat.	Akhand Ramayan path starts 11am
March	25 th	Sun	Akhand Ramayan Path Ends 12:30pm Sponsored By – Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal family
March	30 th	Fri	Durga Ashtami havan 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51
March	31	Sat.	Ram Navami SITA RAM KALYANAM 10am Sponsored By - TARANGINI
March	31 st	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4 - 8pm Sponsored by - Mata Devotees

APRIL 2012 EVENTS

April	1 st	Sunday	Ganesh Puja & atarvashirsh path 11am . Sponsored by -CCI
April	4 th	Wed	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) Actual day
April	6 th	Fri	Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 5:30pm Sponsored By – Amit ,Juhi Shukla, Kirti ,Manju Tewari
April	6 th	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut.
April	7 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
April	13 th	Fri	Vaishakhi/ Tamil /Malyalam new year
April	14 th	Sat	1008 gayatri jaap 9:30 am
April	15 th	Sun	Tamil/Malyalam New Year Celebration, Muragan Abhishek 10am Sponsorship \$101,\$21 Sponsored By – Muragan Devotees (No murgan Abhishek on 2 nd Sat. April 14 th)
April	17 th	Tue	Vallabhacharya Jayanti
April	22 nd	Sun	Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration 11am Sponsored by – Shrinath Ji Devotees
April	24 th	Tue	Parshu Ram Jayanti
April	25 th	Wed	Ramanujacharya Jayanti
April	26	Thur	Shankaracharya Jayanti / Matsya Jayanti
April	28 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishek 10am Sponsoreship \$51.00, \$11
April	29 th	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am



***Entry Submission:** We are accepting entries until we have 20 group entries

****and 5 solo.**

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Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati cordially invites you with family and friends in celebration of

SHRI RAM NAVAMI SITA RAMA KAI YANAM

(Wedding of Shri SITA RAM)

MARCH 31st 2012 10am to 1pm



Place:- Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati 4920 Klatte Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45244

Sponsorships: \$1016.00 Grand Sponsors, \$116.00 Sponsors, \$21.00 Archana **Event Sponsored by- TARANGINI** (Telgu Association of Greater Cincinnati)

For more details please contact:- info@tarangini.org, Kiran Dayal 474-4051

HOLIKA DAHAN (Holi fire)

March 8th Thursday 7:30pm



SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI CELEBRATION

April 6th Friday 2012

5:30pm Shri Hanuman Puja & Hanuman Chalisa path

6:30pm Sunderkand Path

8:00pm Aarti & Maha Prasad (dinner)

Event Sponsored by :- Amit & Juhi Shukla, Kirti & Manju Tewari,

Raj & Shakuntala Agarwal, Manish & Tapsya Chaturvedi, Vikram & Sangita Singh

Sponsorship: \$101.00 Puja & Path, \$21.00 Archana.



"BHAJAN SANDHYA" PROGRAM AT THE CINCINNATI HINDU TEMPLE

Submitted by: Khush Karamchandani (513-259-4016)

The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati had organized the second Bhajan Sandhya program on January 21, 2012. We had a very good response from the community and more than 25 local tri-state bhajan singers sang melodious bhajans to offer devotion on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. On behalf of the HSGC, thanks to Tandoor India Restaurant for being the sponsor.

This program was recorded and will be available by request or at the temple web site. In the past, the HSGC has performed similar programs at the temple, devotees homes and outside temples. Anyone interested in organizing a bhajan program please contact puja committee chairperson, Kiran Dayal at (513) 474-4051. Acharya Kailash Sharma, with the support of local musicians and singers can customize a program to suit the occasion or religious event at your home or any venue local or out-of-town.





















"BHAJAN SANDHYA" continued...









UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Namaskar.

The month of January and beginning of February has been very eventful. We are off to a very good year. We had some well-attended functions including New Year Pooja, Saraswati Pooja and Bhajan Sandhya.

We started a year long lecture series by Dr. Anil Srivastava on spirituality. The lecture was well attended. The audience found it very uplifting. The Bhajan Sandhya program was an evening full of devotional songs. In the beginning of February, we started the yoga classes.

In the January EC meeting, we confirmed the appointment of Acharya Kailash Sharma as the chief priest of the temple. We are very fortunate to have a chief priest of his caliber. Congratulations, Kailash ji!

We completed some major restoration and repair work of the building. It has been a major expense for the temple, but it was absolutely essential as the building was leaking in multiple places and the supporting structure was showing signs of rotting. However, this has depleted the general funds very significantly.

Some exciting events are coming up soon. A major fund raising event is being organized. A group of dedicated devotees is organizing a Gazal concert by a prominent artist, Shri Sharad Gupta. This program will be in support of the Marg project. The program is on March 17th. I would request all the devotees to come out in large numbers and attend this program. We need all the support that we can get. This initiative is a splendid example of involvement by the community. It shows that not all initiatives need to come from the temple and the executive committee.

The EC members and all volunteers are busy with multiple activities. We are looking forward to a grand Holi celebration as well as Akhand Ramayan Path in March. We will continue the momentum that we have gathered so far. We are committed to making the temple a vibrant, open, progressive and fun place. We need your active involvement and support in every possible way. Please make generous financial contributions to the temple to help us sustain these activities and programs.

Sincerely,

Deepak Dixit President, HSGC

TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL THYAGARAJA-PURANDARADASA FESTIVAL April 21 (Saturday), 2012







At the Cincinnati Hindu Temple

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Sri Rama Pooja

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Group Pancharatna Singing

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Individual Singing

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM- 3:30 PM- Individual Singing Continued

If you wish to participate in Pancharathna Group-Singing or individual singing, please call Usha Raghavan 513-489-9655, Koti Sreekrishna 513-290-3064

Lecture Series on Hindu Philosophy

We started off with the year-long lecture series at the temple by Dr. Anil Srivastava on January 22nd, 2012. The second lecture was held on February 12th. The lecture series will conclude in January, 2013 to coincide with the 150th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. We are off to a wonderful start and lectures have been very enlightening.

This is the start of the an initiative at the temple to provide opportunities to our community to get to know more about our philosophy, history, culture, yoga, and various other aspects of our glorious heritage. This lecture series will be followed by other interesting lecture series by very knowledgeable scholars in our own community as well as other visiting scholars and swamijis.

Dr. Anil Srivastava who by profession is an engineer and an active member of Hindu Community of Greater Cincinnati, OH has agreed to volunteer his services and give a series of 'Pravachan' with one 'Pravachan' each month in the Year, 2012. The idea is that all Hindus who go to temples, worship different Deities, have different concepts of Gods should also understand how deep is our religion and Hindu philosophy and how much wealth of knowledge is there in our scriptures.

The remaining lectures will be held on the following dates.

March 4th, April 1st, May 27th, June 3rd, July 22nd, August 26th, September 9th, October 4th, November 4th, and December 2nd.

Time: The 'pravachan' will be for half an hour, starting at 12:15 PM and ending at 12:45 PM.

Please try to maintain strict silence and discipline during the 'Pravachan'. You will like this series and also grasp some concepts that might encourage and guide you further in achieving and maintaining peace and happiness in everybody's life. The discipline should include arriving at the temple for 'Pravachan' in time, refraining from sounding the bell, and keeping your cell phones on mute during the 'Pravachan.'

MEET SOME OF YOUR 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Deepak Dixit, President

Deepak Dixit has served the temple as the secretary of the executive committee for last two years. He has lived in the Cincinnati area since 1990. His wife Leena is also very active in the temple. They have two sons, Amit and Ajit. Deepak works as the practice director of program and project management at Ascendum Solutions, a global IT service firm based in Blue Ash. He is an electronics engineer from Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata. Deepak is very thankful for the opportunity to serve the temple and the Hindu community in Cincinnati.



Pradeep Gupta, Secretary

Pradeep and his wife Pramila moved from Boston to Cincinnati in May of 2010. Pradeep and Pramila live in West Chester and both have been involved with Temple activities for many years. They have two college bound sons who live in New Jersey and Boston areas.



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Asit B. Saha, Chair Cultural Activities

I came to Cincinnati 1990 and get involved in several community organizations including HSGC serving several positions of the EC since then. I have two master degrees in science and started own company, Pegasus Technical Services, Inc. in 1996 that employs more than 50 employees. I married to a beautiful bengali girl and have two daughters.

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Vinit Rastogi, PhD, Chair Religious Education and Youth Activities

Vinit Rastogi moved to the US in 1996 after completing PhD in Biochemistry from Tata Insitiute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India. He is currently a senior scientist in Research and Development at the Procter and Gamble Company. He enjoys volunteering in

programmes that support youth growth and education. He lives in Mason, Ohio with his wife and two kids.



Sandeep Gupta, Chair Communications/Aradhana Editor

Sandeep Gupta came to Boston, US in 1996 and then moved to Cincinnati in 1999. He works as an IT Manager for Sogeti USA, the biggest IT consulting company here in the Tri-state area. He and his wife, Amita Gupta, have been volunteering at the temple for the last 7 years in different capacities. Most recently, Amita was the Pooja Committee Chairperson and Sandeep was the editor of the Garbha Griha Souvenir. Both their boys, Krish & Arjun ,enjoy volunteering and participating in different activities at the Temple.

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC)

4920 Klatte Rd., Gincinnati, OH 45244
Tel: (513) 528 – 3714

INVITATION

HSGC proudly presents one-of-a-kind concert to benefit the temple marg project. Your participation and generous contributions are highly appreciated.

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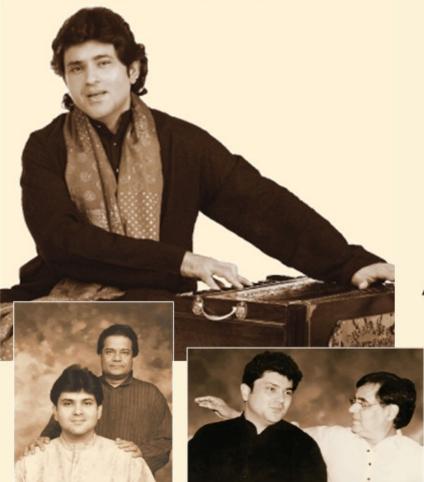
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HSGC – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes-January 8, 2012

Present: Deepak Dixit (President), Pradeep Gupta (Secretary), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Jeetu Patel (Long Range Planning), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education Committee), Manish Srivastava (Fundraising Committee), Sandeep Gupta (Editor-Aradhana), and Rakesh Patel (Maintenance Committee), and Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager), later Mr. Krutarth Jain (past president) also joined the meeting.

- The first meeting of the newly elected HSGC Executive Committee was held on January 8, 2012 at 10:00am with welcome by our incoming President Deepak Dixit and followed by Introduction of all EC members.
- Laxmi Srivastava spoke about the history of the temple since its conception with the status of the major on-going projects.
 - He talked about the road project and stated the need for a minimum of 2 exits for future expansions.
- He offered a walk along the Marg during March/April EC meeting to show the progress and other things associated with the Temple property.
 - He is anticipating that the temple will get the money committed for the Marg Project within 2 years.
- EC Members discussed and agreed to the following core values:
- * Common Purpose / Shared Goals
- * Mutual Respect
- * Consensus / Unified Voice
- * Advance Planning

- * Roadmap driven with short term, mid term, and long term goals
- * Enhanced Coordination

- * Prioritization of Issues
- * Commitment
- 4. New initiatives soon be starting in the temple:
- * Yoga Classes starting in February 2012 * Gita and Philosophical Pravachan (Lecture) will start in January 2012
- Inventory of Temple property will be conducted and Pooja and Maintenance Committees will oversee this activity in their respective areas/ responsibilities
- Additional program will be initiated with emphasis on youth and children
- Rakesh Patel reported that he has about 50-60 youth volunteers available at his disposal who can support temple activities if need-
- 8. Deepak informed that there were unanticipated expenses of over \$60K for building maintenance due to a number of water leaks; this was first major maintenance performed in last 15 years.
- The Temple had given access to the Clermont County for doing public works in last fall as per the agreement with the County. The County will re-store the landscape.
- 10. Temple Financials:
- * Temple annual budget is about 500K * In 2011, the expenses matched the revenue
- * Major source of revenue has been various religious events at the temple. We need to increase revenue in order to support new initiatives and to have sufficient funds. Manish will follow up on many ideas discussed for fund raising. It was also discussed that Kroger Card should be given wider publicity.
- * We will solicit donations that will go into common pool. The EC will appropriately allocate monies to projects depending upon the prioritization. EC was informed of various special project subcommittees. EC Members will meet with all such subcommittees and review their plans, funds, and progress.
- 11. EC identified the following projects with immediate actions:
- * Education facility
- * Ceiling tiles for ground floor
- * Urgent building maintenance issues
- * Front Door

- * Ground floor remodeling
- * Garden/Landscaping
- * Library
- 12. Following project/s have been identified as mid-term- project/s:
- * Elevator
- 13. Following project/s have been identified as long-term- project/s:
- * Marg Project Work in Progress
- 14. EC will establish policy in communication through Aradhana, website, emails, regular mails, as well as postings throughout temple property. EC will seek to consolidate all address and email lists. The editor of Aradhana will be in charge of any outgoing formal communications through these channels.
- 15. It was agreed that all EC members must be present on all major Temple activities/programs
- 16. There will be a Temple Information Desk at all major Temple events
- 17. EC members agreed with the proposal by Sandeep Gupta that Aradhana should be self sustained such as revenue from advertisements.

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EC Meeting Minutes

- 18. Deepak spoke on the status of web based document management system to bring all Temple documentation at one place. The system has been installed and ready to implement. Deepak will send information about this system to all EC members. This document management system will be accessible to all authorized personnel, provide back-up and be safe from damage or corrupt. All EC members will have standardized email addresses that will be passed on to the subsequent EC members.
- 19. At the end, the 2012 EC Members were introduced to the Temple devotees after Sunderkand Paath with blessings by temple priests.
- 20. Next meeting will be on February 5, 2012 at 10:30am.

YOGASADHANA

HSGC is pleased to announce that we will be offering authentic Yoga lessons at the temple from a qualified Yoga instructor. Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar is a qualified Ayurvedic doctor as well as a certified Yoga instructor. Please email your interest and questions in joining this program to the following email addresses. She will reply back to your questions.

Shantala Gangatirkar - gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com

You may also send email to: Deepak Dixit - dndixit@hotmail.com

Dr Gangatirkar will start with "Essentials of Yoga" and upon successful completion of this course, will provide advanced classes for various conditions such as backache, bronchial asthma, arthritis, hypertension, diabetes etc.

Schedule

The classes have started on Saturday, February 4th 2012 and will continue on each Saturday. The classes will be held at the temple (lower level) from 10 am to 11 am.

Fees

Fees for the class will be \$10/calendar month for ages 18 and up (adults). For ages 5 to 18, the fees will be \$5/calendar month (children). The first calendar month will be free on a trial basis.

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Happy Birthday**

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Vaidya Mrs. Shantala Gangatirkar, BAMS



Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar is a graduate in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) from Pune, Maharashtra.

She was introduced to Yoga in her childhood by her mother who happens to be a yoga teacher In India.

During her second year of college as a part of the subject 'Preventive and Social medicine', she did the systematic study of yogic sciences in depth. After graduation she completed the certification as a yoga teacher from SVYASA (Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana), Bangalore. Since then she has used yoga therapy in her clinical practice successfully at Madiwala, Bangalore for 4 years.

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- Kriyas
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- Meditation
- Relaxation techniques





Instructions for the class

- Bring Yoga mat, Napkin
- 2. Appropriate attire is desired
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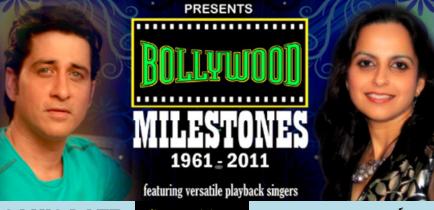
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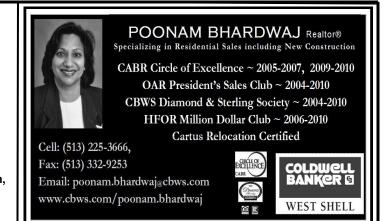
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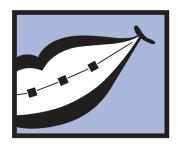




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