

# आराधना

# Gradhana

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FOOD

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#### Naach Sitare Dance Program



Cultural Dance Program - 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM Awards & Certificates - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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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 and Major Hindu 9am to 8pm (Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi,

Ganesh Chaturthi, Deewali) Sunday: 9am - 7pm (Nov to March)

9am - 8pm (April to October)

#### **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

Attorney: Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt

(513) 241-0400 Accountant: Open

#### 2013 POOJA COMMITTEE & **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS**

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2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

3. Your support

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#### Pooja Information

#### **RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES**

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	) \$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

#### Full day Half day

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

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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 : Sangita Patel 513-791-0855 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 Sangita Patel 53-791-0855 or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Sangita Patel 513-791-0855, 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.
- To schedule any poojas please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
- If you would like to bring food and prasad in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson .
- **Cancellations** of pooia should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

#### 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.
- 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.

#### **CHECK-OUT**

http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-inbhagavad-gita.html

#### POOJA SAMAGRI

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.

> Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows \$ 21 for any Pooja

\$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Homam For more details please contact

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855



#### 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

Sangita Patel 791-0855 : Temple priests: 528-3714



#### **Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja**

Every second Sat of the Month Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Pandit Bhattar 488-2986. Murali Annamali 827-5450, Yasotha Subarajan 754-0578 Priests: 529-3714; Sangita Patel 791-0855



#### Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Sangita Patel 791-0855

#### Shri Ganesh Puja & 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 & To Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar 204-8037, Mangal Nemade 234-8373

Sangita Patel 791-0855; Temple Priests:528-3714

#### **SAI BHAJAN**

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm For more details please call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500, Rajan 331-2058.





#### 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 Sangita Patel 791-0855



#### **Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram**

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



#### **Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path**

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Sangita Patel 791-0855 or Temple Priests 528-3714

#### **Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana**

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

#### **Weekly Venkateswar Pooja**

Every Friday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Sangita Patel 791-0855 Temple priests: 528-3714

#### PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month 6pm to 7:30pm details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



#### **THANK YOU** TEMPLE FLAGS PROJECT

Dear Temple Patrons,

Thank You for your donations and support for the "Temple Flag Project."

committee for their help during the project.

The Flags were raised on the auspicious occasion of the temple anniversary on May 20, 2013.

**Aman Kumar** 



Thank You Aman for a job well done and for all the work that went

into it

Thank you to the temple

Sincerely,



#### **JULY 2013**

July	6th	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
July	6th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
July	9th	Tue.	Jagannath Netrotsava 10:30am
July	10th	Wed	Purushottam Naam Stotra Parayan 6pm
July	10th	Wed.	Jagannath Rath Yatra puja 10am
July	13th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
July	13th	Sat.	Ratha Yatra Celebration 4pm Sponsorship\$101, \$21
July	14th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored by Jyoti & Bhal Desai, Minal Patel, Jitu & Usha Patel Please note- schedule changed in this month from 3rd Sunday to 2nd sun . no Sunderkand path on 21st July.
July	20th	Sat.	Murgan Anniversary Rathotsavam Celebration 10am Please note-Schedule Changed No Murgan Abheshek on 2nd Sat. July 13th
July	21st	Sun	Jagannath Bahuda Yatra 10am
July	22nd	Mon	Guru Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm  sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut.
July	27th	Sat.	108 Satya Narayan Puja Guru Purnima Celebration 5:30pm. Sponsorship \$501, \$101,
July	27th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am sponsorship\$51
July	28th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path11am
July	29th	Mon	Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am and 6:15pm Sponsorship \$101, Abhishekam

#### WHAT IS GURU PURNIMA

The full moon day in the Hindu month of Ashad (July-August) is observed as the auspicious day of Guru Purnima, a day sacred to the memory of the great sage Vyasa. All Hindus are indebted to this ancient saint who edited the four Vedas, wrote the 18 Puranas, the Mahabharata and the Srimad Bhagavata. Vyasa even taught Dattatreya, who is regarded as the Guru of Gurus.

On this day, all spiritual aspirants and devotees worship Vyasa in honor of his divine personage and all disciples perform a 'puja' of their respective spiritual preceptor or 'Gurudevs'.

The period 'Chaturmas' ("four months") begins from this day. In the past, wandering spiritual masters & their disciples used to settle down at a place to study and discourse on the Brahma Sutras composed by Vyasa, and engage themselves in Vedantic discussions.

#### The Role of the Guru

Swami Sivananda asks: "Do you realize now the sacred significance and the supreme importance of the Guru's role in the evolution of man? It was not without reason that the India of the past carefully tended and kept alive the lamp of Guru-Tattva. It is therefore not without reason that India, year after year, age after age, commemorates anew this ancient concept of the Guru, adores it and pays homage to it again and again, and thereby re-affirms its belief and allegiance to it. For, the true Indian knows that the Guru is the only guarantee for the individual to transcend the bondage of sorrow and death, and experience the Consciousness of the Reality."

Dhyaana moolam guror murtih; Pooja moolam guror padam; Mantra moolam guror vakyam; Moksha moolam guror kripa

"The Guru's form should be meditated upon; the feet of the Guru should be worshipped; his words are to be treated as a sacred Mantra; his Grace ensures final liberation".

#### August 2013

Aug	3rd	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Aug	3rd	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Aug.	4th	Sun.	Hindola Utsava Srinathji 10:30am Sponsored-By Shrinathji devotees. Schedule changed from Aug 11th to Aug 4th
Aug	5th	Mon	Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am and 6:15pm Sponsorship \$101, Abhishekam
Aug	17th	Sat	Murgan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101, \$21 Schedule Changed from 2nd Sat. to 3rd Sat. <b>NO</b> Abhshekam on 10th
Aug	11th	Sun	NavChandi Yagna (Umiya Mata). 11am Sponsored by -42Gham Samaj Schedule changed from Aug 4th to Aug 11th
Aug	12th	Mon	Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am and 6:15pm Sponsorship \$101, Abhishekam
Aug.	14th	Wed	Purushottam Naam Stotra Parayan 6pm
Aug.	16th	Fri.	Vara Maha Lakshami Vrata 6:30pm Sponsorship \$31
Aug.	18th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored By- Rita & Jayesh Patel
Aug	19th	Mon.	Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am and 6:15pm Sponsorship \$101, Abhishekam
Aug	20th	Tue.	Upakarma 7am , 8am, 9am, Sponsorship\$51
Aug.	20th	Tue.	Balbhadra Janmadin puja 11am
Aug.	21st	Wed.	Gayatri Jayanti
Aug.	20th	Tue	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Aug.	24th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Aug.	25th	Sun.	1008Gayatri Jaap/ Gayatri Yagna 9:30am to 1pm. Sponsors Needed
Aug.	28th	Wed	Shri Krishana Janmashtami 6:30pm to Midnight.  Event Sponsored by- Curries Restaurant

# SHRAWAN SOMVAR SHIV-ABHISHEK PUJA July 29<sup>th</sup> , Aug.5<sup>th</sup>, 12th, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & Sep. 2nd

10:00am to 11:30am Shiva Abhishek & Aarti;

 $06{:}15pm\ to\ 07{:}05pm\ Shiva\ Abhishek$  , \*Bilva Patra Archana 07:05pm to 8:00pm Shiva Mahimnaha Path , Bhajans & Aarti

Sponsorship- Abhishek \$101.00 , Archana\$11.00

\*Bilva patra Archana (Depends on Availability of Bilva patra) For details please call Sangita patel 791-0855, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382,

Janak Dave 859-371-9645. Temple 528-3714.



#### Sep Highlights

Sep 7th Sat. Mela

Sep 8th Sun Nand Mahotsava 10:30am

Sep 15th Sun Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Sponsored by Triveni

Sep 19th Thursday to Oct. 4th Friday Pitri Paksha / Shraddha



**THANK YOU, MANAGEMENT** 

#### LORD MURUGUN CHARIOT FESTIVAL

#### HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI SATURDAY JULY 20, 2013 9 AM - 1 PM





9:00 AM	Murugan Suprabhatham
9:30 AM	MOOLAVAR SPECIAL POOSAI
10:00 AM	Utsava Moorthy poosai with Punyaha vaachanam
10:45 AM	UTSAVA MOORTHY URVALAM (PROCESSION) IN THE TEMPLE INTERIOR AND TO CHARIOT (THER)
11:15 AM	THER POOSAI AND RATHAROHANAM
11:30 AM	THER URVALAM INCLUDING ALL ARCHANA
1:00 PM	Maha Mangala Aarathi with Shatthumorai followed by lunch maha prasada <b>POOJA SPONSORSHIPS</b>

MURUGAN SUPRABHATHAM \$21

MOOLAVAR AND UTSAVAMOORTHY POOSAI \$51

THER POOSAI AND RATHAROHANAM \$101

THER FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP \$151

(INCLUDES ITEMS 2, 3 & INTERIOR URVALAM)

THER ARCHANA \$21

Need sponsors for Poojas and Prasad. For more Information, please call Priests at 513-528-3714; Murali at 513-827-5450 ;Yasotha at 513-575-6877

"Pravachan": 4th Sunday of each Month in 2013



Enrich your personal lives.
Will cover many scriptures
Bhagwad Gita, Upanishads, Darshan, and Vedic Scriptures.

<u>12:15 PM to 12:45 PM.</u> The idea is that all Hindus who go to temples, worship different Deities,

have different concepts of Gods should also grasp the concept of **Unity in Multiplicity**. Gain an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of Hindu philosophy.

Dates for the remaining 'Pravachans' : July 28; Sep 29; Nov 24; Dec 29

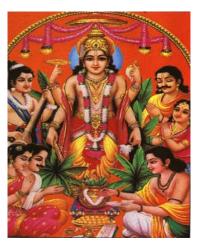
#### Hinduism 101

Koti Sreekrishna (tatachar@aol.com; 513-290-3064) Third Sundays 11.30 am -12.30 pm During The Children's Hindu Heritage Class (HSGC Temple)



- Origin of Major World Religions
- Hinduism: Foundations (Vedas and Upanishads)
- Bhagavad-Gita
- Hindu Sects
- Hindu Scriptures
- •Essential Features of Hinduism

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#### ShriNathaji Hondola (Jhoola) Utsav August 4th 2013, Sunday





Program: 10:30am to 1pm; 10:30am Shriji Pooja

11:30am Hindola Darshan; 11:30 am Hindola Kirtan & Bhajan

1pm Aarati Followed by Mahaprasad/lunch

Sponsored by ShriNathaji devotees for

Detail please call Temple @528 3714, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Meena Mehta, Jyoti Desai, Pushpa Shah, Meena Shah, Vasumati Shah. MinalbenPatel.

Please note schedule has been changed from Temple calendar Aug 11to Aug.4th

#### NAV KUNDEEYA CHANDI MAHA YAGNA

(Umiya Mata)



AUG. 11th 2013 10am to 1pm 10:30am Shri Ganesh Puja , Umiya Mata Puja 11:30am Yagna Shala Parvesh , Chandi Yagna 12:30 Purnahuti

1pm Aarti, followed by Mahaprasad (Lunch)

#### **Event is sponsored by - 42 Gham Samaj**

Please note schedule has been changed from temple calendar Aug 4th to Aug 11th

#### 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 Shrawan 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



#### Graduation Havan / Vat Savitri Vrat























The moment I have realized God sitting in the temple of every human body, the moment I stand in reverence before every human being and see God in him - that moment I am free from bondage, everything that binds vanishes, and I am free.

Swami Vivekananda

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **Basics of Domestic Violence**

Free training for those working or volunteering with domestic violence cases

July 14, 2013

1:30-3:30

# West Chester Library Community Room C

9363 Centre Pointe Drive
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Class participants will learn the Specific challenges and barriers faced by immigrants What is DV? Red Flags

This training is necessary for those volunteering with domestic violence cases. We encourage you to invite others that have an interest to attend.

Please RSVP by July 9, 2013, to either

Lynn Melzer <u>AsianCommunityAlliance@gmail.com</u> or

Geeta Mehan at mehangeeta@gmail.com - 513-754-0400

## DOES MONEY BRING HAPPINESS? Professor S. S. Rama Rao Pappu, Miami University

Does money bring you happiness? Of course we all say "Yes". Without money, I cannot pay my mortgage, buy my food, send my kids to college, go on my India travels, etc. all of which we consider ingredients in our conception of happiness. You are right. This is confirmed in a "scientific" study by Michael Norton and Elizabeth Dunn in their book "Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending."

How much money do we need to be happy? The researchers found that people



Earning \$50,000 to \$75,000" responded they are happy. Norton and Dunn continue: Suppose your salary has doubled next year. Instead of \$50,000, you are now making \$100,000. You must be now doubly happy. Right? No, Wrong, say the researchers. Their respondents said that they are only slightly happier (about 10% more) than they were before their salary raises. The reason is simple. Because your salary has doubled, you move from a 5 room home to a 10 room home and you double up everything you own. It is obvious that a person living in a 10 room house is not twice as happy as the person living in a 5 room house. As the saying goes: The child with the most toys but has no time to play is not as happy as the kid with few toys but has the time to play with them. One of the arguments of the researchers is that if you want to increase your happiness, don't spend that extra income on yourself, but on others, on charitable institutions which help others. The authors also found that when the subjects were given \$20 either to spend on themselves or to give away to others, most of them felt happier to give it away than keep it themselves. Unfortunately, we have any number of financial advisors who tell us how to make money, but seldom we find an advisor who tell us what to do with our honey, how we can increase our happiness with the money that we already have. To continue the argument, consider the following three scenarios. Suppose you have won an all-expenses paid First Class travel and vacation packet to go to Hawaii. Also the Sweep-stakes people said that it is also possible for you to take another person with you, if you are welling to downgrade your travel to economy class, and from a 5 star to a 3 star hotel. Suppose you took the

second option and invited one of your office workers to join you. Will your happiness be any less? No. You are more happy for sharing that vacation packet with an office worker wbo never went on a vacation than going alone by yourself in First Class. Also suppose, the person you are taking with you is not an office worker, but your spouse, your child, or someone nearer to you. Your happiness in sharing is *considerably* increased, not decreased, because you are sharing it with a close one. Now, who is closest to you? The Supreme Being. As our common Hindu prayer says: *tvameva mata ca pita tvameva, tvam eva bandhu cha sakha tvamea etc.* "Oh Supreme One, you are my mother, you are my father, you are my relative, you are my friend." What follows? Giving generously to our temple does not decrease your happiness, but increases your happiness. In giving to the temple our happiness increases, not because the Supreme One makes you richer, which may happen, but sharing your wealth with the Temple, the abode of the Supreme One, itself increases your happiness.

#### Rules and Regulations for Naach Sitare

Participation requirements: Entries will be taken on first come first basis.

- The committee keeps the right to select items depending on the time, logistics and to have maximum community participation.
- Repetition of same songs will not be permitted to keep program entertaining.
- No exceptions will be made.
- No specific age group for group performance.
- One participant can participate in one solo and one group dance at the most.
- Each team must have a minimum of 3 participants for group dance.

<u>Solo Dance</u>: A total of up to 20 solo entries will be taken. Auditions may be required. Preference will be given to different dance styles.

<u>Group Dance</u>: A total of up to 20 group entries will be taken, preference will be given to groups with more number of participants and new dance styles.

#### **Timings and Scheduling:**

- Each dance item will be limited 6 minutes. If the time limit is exceeded, team will not qualify for awards.
- Only 2 minutes are allowed for stage preparation (includes general introductions) before the dance performance, and only 1 minute allowed after performance to clean the stage.

#### Props and Lighting:

- Props hanging from the ceiling will not be allowed.
- Each team should have a representative overseeing audio playback & other arrangements

#### Judges:

- Professional judges will be selected by the committee.
- Judges will refrain from discussion.
- All judges will be in receipt of the rules and regulations.
- For fairness, judges will disclose participants of immediate family members in the competition item.
- The judge's decision will be final.
- No grievances will be entertained.

#### <u>Awards</u>:

- Best Solo Performance (ages 6-9 / 9-14 / 14-19 / 19+)
- Best Group Performance
- Best Costume/Jewelry (solo/group)
- Best Originality/Innovation (solo/group)
- Best Action /Facial Expression (solo/group)
- Best Choreography (Solo/Group)
- Best Synchronized Group
- Best Song/Songs Selection (Solo/Group)



#### PARTICIPATION FORM FOR HSGC NAACH SITARE DANCE COMPETITION - 2013

Name of Applicant/Contact Person	
HSGC Membership Status:  Naach Sitare Registration Fee: The fee is	Member Non-Member
nonrefundable. Please send your check by August 15th, 2013 payable to HSGC and mail it to:	
Kamini Jain	
10299 Ryans Way	
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241 Phone Number(s): Please include all and indicate	\$10/Solo\$20/Group
primary	
E-Mail Address:	
Dance Styles: (Circle One)	Solo:
Kathak, Kathakali, Mohiniattam, Bharatnatyam, Odissi,	Minor (Ages 6-9 yrs)
Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Sattriya, Bhangra, Lavani, Garba, Dekhni, Bollywood Dance, Breakdance, Salsa, Hip Hop	Juniors (Ages 10-14 yrs)
Dance, Quickstep, Cha-Cha-Cha, Rumba, Samba, Swing	Seniors (Ages 15-19 yrs)
Dance, Ballet Dance, Step Dance, Tap Dance, Folk.	Adults (Ages 19+ yrs)
Description:	Group: Minor (up to age 10) Juniors (up to age14) Seniors (up to age 19) Adults (20 and above)
Name of song/songs:	
Duration of the program:	
Names of participants:	Directors/Choreographers:
	Participants:

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

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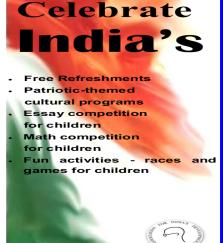
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# Marg Bhoomi Puja See more pictures at cincinnatitemple.com

















#### Minutes of EC Meeting: April 7, 2013

At: 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244; Meeting time: 10:45 am -12: 50pm Members Attending: Jitu Patel, Murali Muraleetharan, Amar Sharma, Sangita Patel, Geeta Mehan, Laxmi Srivastava, Asit Saha, Vinit Rastogi, Rakesh Patel, Ramesh Dayal' Dr. Ganesh, Raj Bodalia

Minutes of the meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and of the GBM on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 were reviewed and accepted. Income Expenditure for the First Quarter ending March 31, 2013

Amar Sharma distributed the Income and Expenditure Statement for the First Quarter ending March 31, 2013. The EC discussed the statement in detail and accepted it.

#### **Temple Manager**

The need for a temple manager and the related cost and benefits were discussed. It was agreed to recruit and appoint a manager for the temple within a reasonable time frame work.

#### Temple Lighting

Ramesh Dayal and Dr. Ganesh presented a plan of the proposed addition of certain lighting in the main temple area & some modifications of the platforms within the temple premises & the domes outside. The proposal was discussed and the EC requested additional details including costs before making a decision.

#### Membership forms and directory

The Council agreed to discuss at the meeting in April 2013.

#### **Hindu Day Camp**

Vineet Rastogi updated the EC with details of the Hindu Day.

#### Marg Project and the Bank Facilities

Laxmi Srivastava, Raj Bodalia and Murali gave an update of the Marg Project and the status of the bank facilities and answered questions from the Council. It was noted that the members in attendance at the duly convened General Body Meeting held on March 17th, 2013, gave their unanimous approval of the various projects which are under way and the seeking of bank facilities to complete them

The Council also discussed the authorized signatories for documentations relating to the Marg Project and Banking Facilities. It was resolved that any two of the following are authorized to sign such documentations pertaining to the banking facilities relating to the Marg and any other projects. Jitu Patel (President), Laxmi Srivastava (Chairman, Long Range Planning), Murali Muraleetharan (Secretary)

#### **HSGC General Body Meeting**

March 17, 2013; At: 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

Time: 2:05 pm to 3:30pm

**Executive Members Attendance**: Jitu Patel, Murali Muraleetharan, Sangita Patel, Laxmi Srivastava, Rakesh Patel ,Asit Saha

**Welcome:** The Secretary welcomed all in attendance & called the meeting to order.

#### President's Speech

The President, in his speech gave an account of the evolution of the temple to it's current status. He made a presentation of the various projects which are under way and /or being considered as necessary, more specifically: Refinancing the existing mortgage; Road / Marg construction; Parking Lot expansion; Temple Entrance: Multi – Use Hall

The attendees were also provided with actual and forecasted Summary Financial Statements for calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Questions & Answers: President's speech was followed by a session of questions & answers.

General Body Votes: The members in attendance gave their unanimous approval of the various projects which are under way and the seeking of bank facilities to complete them.

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Category	1/1/2013- 4/30/2013
NCOME	
Aradhana Advertisement	5,280.00
Flower Donation	7,626.00
Food Donation	3,482.00
General Donation	20,931.3
Gift Shop	605.0
Puja Income	
Archana	3,061.0
Maha Shivratri	12,294.0
Mataki Chawki	13,842.0
Murugan Abhishekam	5,895.0
New Year Havan	2,295.0
Outside Puja	9,901.0
Satyanarayana Katha	712.0
Special Puja & Archana	22,850.0
Venkateshwara Kalyanam	1,602.0
TOTAL Puja Income	72,452.0
Rental Income	1,076.0
TOTAL INCOME	111,452.3
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Dr. Pappu's Class in Session

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Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2013 through 4/30/2013	
Category	1/1/2013- 4/30/2013
Repair & Maintenance	
Grass Cutting	300.00
Miscelleneous	9,509.5
Pest Control	227.93
Security System	2,765.34
Snow Removal	2,300.00
Temple Cleaning	5,768.09
TOTAL Repair & Maintenance	20,870.87
Supplies	
Paper Products - Kitchen	5,268.09
Puja	1,001.50
Temple	242.29
TOTAL Supplies	6,511.88
Utilities	
Garbage Removal	598.43
Gas & Electric	17,657.14
Telephone Bill	587.02
Water & Sewer	285.7
TOTAL Utilities	19,128.30
Wages & Salary	
Federal Income Tax	5,035.40
Health Care	16,203.63
Life Insurance	383.00
Net Pay	14,478.84
State Income Tax	396.00
TOTAL Wages & Salary	36,496.87
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TOTAL EXPENSES	144,933.02
VERALL TOTAL	-33,480.63

#### **Balance in Specific Projects**

Projects	Am	ount	
Barge Salt Run - Marg	\$	166,200	
Mukut	\$	32,729	
Garbha Graha	\$	17,422	
Bricks	\$	13,795	
Venkatesh Jwellery	\$	7,229	
Scholarship	\$	6,000	
Garden	\$	4,001	
Elevator	\$	3,910	
Jagannathji Jwellery	\$	3,229	
Kroger Giving	\$	2,520	
Swamiji Fund	\$	1,718	
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Kitchen	\$	501	
Musical Program	\$	300	
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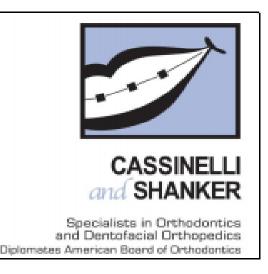
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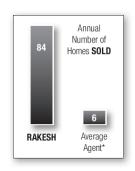
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