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Happy Geeta Jayanti
Happy Holidays



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Geeta Jayanti Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 22nd 2013

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



10:00 am Shri Krishna Puja
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Pravachan on Geeta
1:00 pm Geeta Path (Whole Geeta Recital)
12:30 pm Aarti & Prasad

Devotees may consider sponsoring Geeta path (Recital) in memory of their loved one. It is very auspicious to recite or listen the whole Geeta on the occasion of Geeta Jayanti.

Geeta 18:70-71: Whoever earnestly studies this sacred dialogue of ours –I consider that person to have honored me by making an effort to understand my words. Even the one who simply listens to these words in good faith, is liberated and attains the happier worlds of the righteous.

Please call for more details : Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382, Koti Sreekrishna 290-3064, Kiran Dayal 474-4051 Sangita Patel 791-0855, Temple 528-3714

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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

Fourth 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

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Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week

2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

3. Your support

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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
Nischithartham (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.

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 (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
Sunday after 3PM only	— \$351	

Note: For half day select one of the two:

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

USE OF KITCHEN \$ 51

Use of Paper Supplies (PS) \$ 101

Use of Kitchen and PS \$125

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required.

This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Pooja please contact Pooja Committee : 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.
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

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 2nd Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



DIWALI CELEBRATION

Last month, on Sunday, Nov 3rd, the Temple held an extremely successful Diwali Function. We made up 1600 boxes of sweets and 300 bags of candies for all of the devotees who were in attendance. We also distributed 1800 packets of sparklers to kids and adults to celebrate this occasion. Everybody enjoyed this celebration to its fullest. It reminded me of the exciting times we had celebrating Diwali back home. The majority of the people there, were younger adults with small children. The children were especially excited to receive their bag of candies and sparklers. The excitement of this successful function is so hard to describe that you really had to be there to appreciate it.

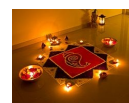
There were neither traffic nor parking problems due to the fact that we had, both, police and parking security managing the large flow of traffic to and from the Temple. This was very helpful because of the change from daylight savings time making darkness arrive earlier.

I would encourage those of you who are not members of our Temple to seriously consider becoming a member of HSGC. Simply contact the Temple for membership information. We welcome everybody to come & attend our religious functions of the Temple. Once you become a member, we encourage you to volunteer your time and energy, because organizing events, like Diwali, requires many people & lots of time to make it successful.

I need to thank the numerous volunteers who put together an extremely memorable Diwali. I can't start naming all the individuals who volunteered for fear of missing someone. Your dedication & hard work is greatly appreciated by all. Without all of the many volunteers, it would not be possible to continue to have these types of celebrations.

Bless all of us with the spirit of the Goddess Lakshmi, for good Health and Wealth.

Raneshwar Gupta



December and January Events at the Temple

Dec. 2013

Dec.	1st	Sun.	108 Hanuman Chalisa Sponsored by Satish & Usha Agrawal family
Dec.	7th	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3-4pm Sponsorship\$51
Dec	7th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6-7:30pm
Dec	14th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Dec	14th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishek 4:30pm
Dec	15th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am to 1pm Sponsored by- Deepa Bhatt & Family.
Dec	17th	Tues	Satya Narayan puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Dec.	22nd	Sun.	Geeta Jayanti Celebration Geeta Path 10:30am
Dec.	28th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am
Dec.	29th	Sun	Jagannatha Puja 11am Sponsored by Jagannath Devotees

Jan. 2014

Jan	1st	Wed.	New Year Ganpati Havan/Homam 11am Sponsorship \$51.00
Jan	4th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3-4pm Sponsorship\$51
Jan	4th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6 -7:30pm
Jan	8th	Wed	Purshottam Naam Stotra Path 6pm
Jan	11th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Jan	12th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am to 1pm
Jan	13th	Mon	Lohdi (Actual day)
Jan	13th	Mon	Dhanurmas Ends
Jan	14th	Tues	Makar Sankranti ,Uttarayan,Thai Pongal
Jan.	15th	Wed.	Satya Narayan puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Jan.	18th	Sat.	Bhajan Sandhya 4-7pm Lohdi Celebration
Jan	19th	Sun	Makar Sankranti/Thai Pongal Celebration Murgan Abhishekam 10am Sposnsorship \$101,Archana \$21
Jan.	19th	Sun	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm
Jan	25th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51, Archana \$11
Jan.	26th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Athrvashirsha path 11am



108 HANUMAN CHALISA PATH

Dec. 1st Sunday .

8am to 1pm

Importance of Hanuman Chalisa

Hanuman Chalisa is a very powerful devotional work that has been left to posterity by Goswami Tulsidas. **Hanuman Chalisa** has been found to be highly effective in controlling the evil effects of Saturn transit or Saturn's major/ minor periods. Those who are under such influences will get benefitted by chanting the Chalisa for 108 times on Saturdays. **Hanuman**

Chalisa praises Lord Hanuman the Foremost Devotee of Lord Rama. Shri Hanuman is the epitome of Selfless Service, Courage, Humble disposition, and Bhakti all rolled into one. Venerating that noble Devotee of Rama is sure to benefit us.

We will recite 108 times HANUMAN CHALISA from 8am to 1pm followed by Aarti prasad & Lunch.

Event Sponsor Satish & Usha Agrawal family.

Kartik Somvar Shivabhishek



Dec. 2nd

6:30pm Abhishek ; 7pm Shiv Mahimah Path , Archana , Aarti

“Pravachan”: 4th Sunday of each Month

in 2013 Enrich your personal lives.

Will cover many scriptures

Bhagwad Gita, Upanishads,

Darshan, and Vedic Scriptures.

12:15 PM to 12:45 PM. 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’: 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
- (A-F-I-O-U-Y of H-I-N-D-U-I-S-M)

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 1st Wednesday 2014



11am Ganpati Havan /Homam

12:30pm Aarti

Sponsorship \$51.00

Temple open 9am to 8pm Evening Aarti 7:30pm

Event Sponsors Needed.

MATA KI CHAUKI

JAN.4th Sat. 2014

4pm to 8pm



4pm Devi Durga Puja

5pm First aarti

5:30 Mata Bhajans /Bheten

8:00pm , BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Sponsored by- Dr. Prem Shankar, Kiran Verma
& their family.

VAIKUNTHA EKADASHI CELEBRATION

Jan 11th Sat.2014

10:30am to 1:00pm



Sponsorship \$51, \$21,

For details please call Temple 518 3714 , Sri Srinath Bhattar 488- 2986.

PRAYER

One of the best ways to assist your evolution into higher consciousness and stabilize your sixth sense so that you become an evolved being is to pray. Prayer immediately raises your personal vibration and ushers more light into your body, opens your heart chakra, which in turn activates your sixth sense and connects you with your Higher Self.

Prayer isn't complicated or difficult. It is simply the practice of communicating on an intimate heart-to-heart level with your Creator. When you pray you ask your personal ego to step aside and you surrender your personal energy over to a Higher Power, asking it to work through you, to bring about balance and healing. Prayer allows Divine power to do for you what your own personal power and resources operating on a five sensory level can't.

Just in case you don't already know this, in blind study after blind study, research shows that prayer works, so even science confirms that prayer is probably a good idea.

Prayer heals. Prayer calms. Prayer strengthens. Prayer balances and restores order.

Prayer attracts solutions that we could never even imagine possible, which is what we call miracles. Prayer is a direct link and keeps us plugged into our source.

Some people wonder if there is a correct way to pray. I believe the answer to this is, "Yes, there is. Your way." Prayer is such a personal and intimate connection with Divine Source that the right way to pray is in whatever way you personally intuitively feel moved to pray. After all, prayer, like everything else soulful, is an art, and your prayer is your art. It is spiritually logging on to Divine Wisdom, the ultimate resource for needed support and guidance.

Like everything else that connects us to our sixth sense, prayer is most effective when practiced. That means we should pray all the time, until it becomes automatic.

Pray when you first wake up in the morning. Pray when you take a shower. Pray before you drink your morning coffee and when you drive to work.

Pray for direction, for the easiest and best way to get through your day. Pray for inspiration, and for your health. Pray for success in your projects and for patience when those around you get on your nerves. Pray for forgiveness and an open heart.

Pray for the answer to your problems and where to find your car keys. Pray for creative inspiration and for better health. Pray to release the past and to open your mind and heart to a better future. Pray for the willingness to let go of the old and outdated and reach out for something new.

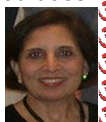
Pray for understanding. Pray for faith. Pray for peace. Pray for a happy heart in spite of everything.

That's just for starters. You can then begin to pray for others, and their well-being. Pray for your family, your job, & your co-workers. Pray for your enemies & your competition. Most of all, pray for the world and world peace. In fact, pray for everything you can think of. When you pray you instantly raise your personal vibration to a higher & more harmonious energy pattern.

This higher vibration has a healing effect on your physical and emotional body. It calms your anxiety, soothes your nerves, and eases your tension. It has helped relieve high blood pressure, lift depression, & cure sickness, although the scientists aren't sure how.

In fact prayer has even been known to cause miracles! Prayer is basic training for anyone who wants to become a six-sensory being. It not only opens you up to receiving assistance from a higher power, it also relieves you of the stress of "figuring things out" for yourself. Prayer simply turns things over to Divine Source for solution and takes the pressure off of you. One of the hallmarks of a six sensory being is the absence of worry over how things will work out.

There are no instructions when it comes to prayer. Pray whenever you feel like it, about anything you feel like, and in whatever way you feel like. Don't worry if you are doing it right. God knows better than you, what you mean and need. The point of prayer is not so much what you pray for, or how, because we are often confused when we pray, but that in praying we are allowing the Divine Spirit to enter into our hearts and into our lives to straighten things out. The beauty of prayer is that with it God does straighten things out and always better than we could have asked for or imagined.



Marg Progress Report : TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR MARG PROJECT

Our "dream project" is expected to complete by the end of November, 2013. It is the end of this project but it opens the flood gate for long our long awaited future majors projects such as Community Center, Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Small Hospital, Yoga Center, Library, Parking lot and many more for which we have been waiting for more than decades. In a true sense it will be a small "Hindu Village " out of India.

The committee has decided to install temporary signs for those Marg Projects units which will be fully paid by the end of the November, 2013. We encourage everyone to pay as soon as possible as we have to pay back a loan to the bank which we took in September, 2013 to take advantage of historically low interest rate.

Beside, 20 original spots of our current road we have 6 more spot of our Marg Project as we have extended the road.

Out of these 6 new spots, 2 are already committed and hope soon rest will be adopted. Credit goes to EC Members & many others who have supported this project.

SIX (6) NEW ADDITIONAL SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MARG PROJECT

Leave a legacy behind for as long as temple exists. It is good way to show your family support to the temple, you love the most. Also something for your children and grandchildren they will be proud of your contribution. It is a last chance to leave something behind.

How to adopt: It is simple once you decide to adopt please let us know.

Then you have to decide how to name, such as in family name, parents name etc. It is up to you.

You can pay your donation of \$ 35,000 in next three years.

All donations are tax free.

Please contact any EC Member, Priest (513) 528-3714) or Laxmi Shanker Srivastava (513) 474-0533; ithal Nemade — 513-234-8373 nemadev@gmail.com, Project Manager



VERY INTERESTING

OUR FORE-FATHERS were great visionaries . They had deep knowledge of this universe .

Hope you have heard about the Hanuman Chalisa? In Hanuman Chalisa, it is said :

"Yug sahastra yojan per Bhaanu [the Sun]!
Leelyo taahi madhur phal janu!!

1 Yug = 12000 years

1 Sahastra = 1000

1 Yojan = 8 Miles

Yug x Sahastra x Yojan = par Bhanu

12000 x 1000 x 8 miles = 96000000 miles

.....
1 mile = 1.6kms

96000000 miles = 96000000 x 1.6kms =

1536000000 kms to the Sun .

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NASA has said that, it is the exact distance between Earth and Sun (Bhanu).

That proves Hanuman ji tried to jump to Sun, thinking it to be a sweet fruit (Madhu phal)..

It is really interesting how accurate and meaningful our ancient scriptures are.. Unfortunately barely is it recognized, interpreted accurately or realized by any in today's time...



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7:00PM Aarti followed by Maha Prasad Dinner.
7:30 Lohdi Fire

The Bhajan Program will be given by local Tri-State Singers. Devotees may sing one or two bhajans depending on time availability. All singers are requested to submit their names by 15th of January to Acharya Kailashji at - acharyaksharma@yahoo.com. Bhajan should be with a group, not solo. Please bring copies of your bhajans.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM **A week-end course on December 7 and 8** (10:30 – 1:00 and 2:30 – 4:30 pm) By Professor Rama Rao Pappu



As part of the continuing activities of our Temple's Library of Hinduism and Education Center, Prof. Rama Rao Pappu will be offering a week-end Course entitled "Introduction to (Indian) Buddhism," on December 7 and 8, 2013. The class will meet each day between 10:30 – 1:00 pm. and 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(If the syllabus cannot be finished by Sunday, and if there is interest in Continuing the class, an extra session will be conducted on December 14).

The course will discuss questions like the relationship between Hinduism and Buddhism, Buddhist ethics and metaphysics, the three phases of development of Indian Buddhism (Pali, Madhyamika, Vijñānavāda). Comparative and

Contrasting perspectives between Hindu and Buddhist thought will be presented throughout the course.

The course will be conducted at an elementary level. All are welcome.

Course enrollment is by registration only. There is no registration fee, but as always, donations to the temple are welcome. Because of the limited capacity in our temple's seminar room, admission is by first-come first-served basis. For further information and registration, please contact Prof. Rama Rao Pappu, pappuss@miamioh.edu or Tel: 513-523-2944.

UNITED WAY AND HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI **IMPORTANT NEWS**

In Greater Cincinnati area most of the companies are in the midst of raising funds for United Way from their employees. Beginning last year, I have been allocating 70% of the money I donate via United Way to organization "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati". (I am glad this one was added to United Way list of Non=Profit Organizations). But I have found that awareness about this in our community is not there.. None of my friends or colleagues in office knew that they could do this. It will be great if you can send this to Temple's distribution list and encourage them to contribute to "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati" via United Way donations. On an average, folks in my office (I work for Citigroup, around 100 full time Indian employees.). Donate \$150—\$200 to United Way and even if 50-70% of that is allocated to "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati" that will help raise substantial amount for the organization.

Regards
Sushil V. Tundalwar Ph No 513-612-0934

CALENDAR 2014

Calendar 2014 are ready and will be available **after December 15th 2013.**

We request all HSGC members to pick up your copy of the calendar from Pandit ji at the front desk in the Temple.

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Thanks to the generosity of the HSGC members and the Indian community in the Tri-State and Oxford, OH area, this year the total cash collected was \$8123. The total collection (including three contributions that were made through the United Way campaign), is to be handed over to the officials of the Freestore Foodbank . This Organization is the largest emergency food and services provider to the homeless, unemployed and working poor families in the tri-state area.

Every year since 1988 GFD has collected cash and canned food for Freestore Foodbank . Over the years the Indian community has donated cash and food worth nearly \$167,000 to the Freestore Foodbank.

A Short Story

There is a story about a sea captain who in his retirement skippered a boat taking day-trippers to Shetland Islands.

On one trip the boat was full of young people. They laughed at the old captain when they saw him saying a prayer before they sailed out, because the day was fine and the sea was calm.

However they weren't long at sea when a storm suddenly blew up and the boat began to roll and pitch violently. The terrified passengers came to the captain and asked him to join them in prayer.

But he replied, "I say my prayers when it is calm. When it is rough, I attend to my ship."

Here is a lesson for us: If we cannot seek God in quiet moments of our lives, we are not likely to find Him when trouble strikes. We are more likely to panic. But if we have learnt to seek Him and trust Him in quiet moments, then most certainly we will find Him when the going gets rough.

It reminds me of Sant Kabir's Doha :

Dukh mein sumiran sab karein, Sukh mein karein na koi

Jo sukh mein sumiran karein, to dukh kahe ko hoi !



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For questions, contact Raneshwar Gupta at 232-3331/477-9372c

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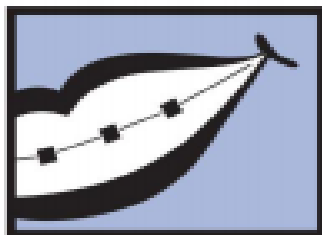
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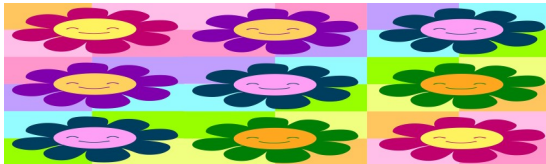
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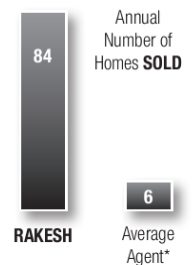
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