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**Happy New Year  
2014**



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## NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 2014



**11am Ganpati Havan /Homam**

**12:30pm Aarti**

**Sponsorship \$51.00**

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

**Event Sponsors Needed.**

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# TEMPLE INFORMATION

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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

## 2013 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
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### TREASURER Co- Chair

Raj Bodalia 583-0184

## Temple Manager's Committees

**LaxmiS.Srivastava, Temple Mgr. 474-0533**

**Deepak Dixit ,co-Temple Mgr, 348-5496**

**Raj Bodalia, ,Chair Special Activities583-0184**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>1.Office Manager</b><br>Mohan Chopra                  | <b>9. I/C Temple Web site</b><br>Bharat Vala |
| <b>2. I/C Swami Lectures</b><br>Vinay Kumar              | Sudhakar Vinod                               |
| Meena Mehta  | <b>10. I/C Temple Calendar</b>               |
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| Meena Mehta  | Sharma                                       |
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| <b>5. E-mail .Data</b><br>Pradeep Goyal                  | Kedarnath Nambori                            |
| Nandkumar Khemchandani                                   | Dilip Patel                                  |
| <b>6. Gift Shop</b><br>Meena Sondhi                      | Vijay Kumar Sharma                           |
| Madhu Sharma   | <b>12. Temple Photographers</b>              |
| <b>7.Security (ADT)</b><br>Meena Mehta                   | Ram Kumar                                    |
| Vinay Kumar  | Naba Mishra                                  |
| Ramesh Sondhi  | VG Ramaswamy                                 |
| Kailash Sharma   | <b>13. Mela Committee</b>                    |
| <b>8. Financial Data</b><br>Amar Sharma                  | Anil Jindal                                  |
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|  | Krutarth Jain                                |

### 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<br>TEMPLE | OUTSIDE<br>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) Kaikaryam (Seva)                                   | \$101.00     | ---               |
| Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-<br>(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/<br>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<br>(except holidays) | \$301          | \$151    |
| Friday, Saturday & Holidays           | \$501          | \$351    |
| <b>Sunday after 3PM only</b>          | <b>— \$351</b> |          |

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As a New Year dawns, we pray to Lord Ganesh to remove obstacles. These obstacles are Ignorance, Kaam, Krodha, Lobh, Moh, Ahankara. To bestow wisdom that we may have the power to live unselfish lives ; lead a life of service .

In a way, it is just another day...even if we look at it as just another day, we should start each day with a positive outlook and In deep gratitude for all our blessings.

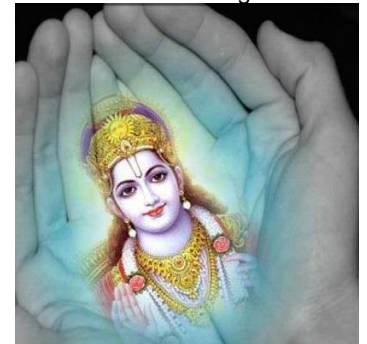
New Year resolutions are significant since they make us reflect on where we need to improve. Such introspections should inspire us to look deep within and search for our inner light and let it shine through. Let us put meaning in our lives. Think beautiful thoughts. Do good deeds. Touch lives with love and kindness.

Spread love wherever you go and with whoever you come in contact  
Be good. Do good.

**Have a fabulous, fulfilling 2014**

**May God Bless us all and show us the way**

**Geeta Mehan**





## January / February Events at the Temple

### JAN 2014

|      |      |      |   |
|------|------|------|---|
| Jan  | 1st  | Wed. | New Year Ganapati Havan/Homam 11am Sponsorship \$51.00  |
| Jan  | 4th  | Sat. | Navgrah Puja 3-4pm Sponsorship\$51  |
| Jan  | 4th  | Sat. | Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm<br>Sponsored by -Dr. Prem Shankar, Kiran Verma & their family.                                   |
| Jan  | 4th  | Sat. | Sai Bhajans 6 -7:30pm   |
| Jan  | 5th  | Sun. | Satsang By- Acharya Kailashji 12pm to 1pm   |
| Jan  | 8th  | Wed  | Purshottam Naam Stotra Path 6pm   |
| Jan. | 11th | Sat. | Vaikuntha Ekadashi Celebration 10:30am  |
| 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 Sponsorship \$101,Archana \$21                         |
| Jan. | 19th | Sun  | Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm  |
| Jan  | 25th | Sat. | Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am<br>Sponsorship\$51, Archana \$11  |
| Jan. | 26th | Sun  | Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha path 11am  |

### Feb 2014

|     |      |       |   |
|-----|------|-------|---|
| Feb | 1st  | Sat   | Navgrah Puja 3-4pm Sponsorship\$51  |
| Feb | 1st  | Sat   | Sai Bhajans 6 -7:30pm   |
| Feb | 2nd  | Sun   | Satsang By- Acharya Kailashji 12pm to 1pm   |
| Feb | 4th  | Tues  | Vasant Panchami(actual Day)10am Puja  |
| Feb | 8th  | Sat   | 1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am  |
| Feb | 8th  | Sat   | Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sposnsorship \$101,Archana \$21   |
| Feb | 9th  | Sun   | Vasant Panchami Celebration 11-1pm<br>Sponsored by- Agrani  |
| Feb | 12th | Wed   | Purshottam Naam Stotra Path 6pm   |
| Feb | 14th | Fri   | Satya Narayan puja 6:30pm <b>Sponsorship \$51</b> Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut. |
| Feb | 16th | Sun   | Sunderkand Path 10:30am to 1pm  |
| Feb | 18th | Tue   | Chaturthi Puja 6pm  |
| Feb | 22nd | Sat   | Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am<br>Sponsorship\$51, Archana \$11   |
| Feb | 23rd | Sun   | Ganesh Puja & Atarvashirsha Path 11am   |
| Feb | 27th | Thurs | Maha Shivratri 5:00pm to all-night<br>Sponsorship \$ 251,\$101, \$21 , Temple open All day all night .                      |



# 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.

# Satsang

(Discourse)

By



Acharya Kailashji

January 5th & Feb 2nd

12pm to 1pm

# 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



**THE HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO**

# **BHAJAN SANDHYA**

**(AN EVENING OF BHAJANS AND DEVOTION)**

**For the celebration of - LOHDI/MAKAR SANKRANTI**



**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2014  
**PLACE:** 4920 Klatte Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244  
**Time:** 4:00 to 7:00 PM Bhajan  
7:00PM Aarti followed by Maha Prasad Dinner.  
7:30 Lohri Fire With Folk songs

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 15<sup>th</sup> of January to Acharya Kailashji at

[acharyaksharma@yahoo.com](mailto:acharyaksharma@yahoo.com).

Bhajan should be with a group, not solo.

Please bring copies of your bhajans.

**WE NEED SPONSORS: Yajman \$ 251, Sponsors \$ 101**

Contact: Temple (513) 528-3714, Acharya Kailashji (513)652-5382,  
Khush Karamchandani (513)259-4016 , Kamlesh Kothari. 791-5559  
Sangita Patel 791-0855, Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Rani Dhamija 513  
984-5777



# Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday Feb. 9th 2014

10:30am to 1pm



10:30 am to 1:00 Pm

10:30 to 11:30 Saraswati Puja

11:30 to 11:45 Vidyarambha Puja ( For Children)

11:45 to 12:00 Pushpanjali Offerings

12:00 to 1:00 Bhajans , Pravachan & Aarti Prasad ( Lunch)

Event is sponsored by- Agrani Bengali Association .

For Details Please call Sangita Patel 791-0855, Purbi Day 688-1721, Temple: 513-528-3714.

## “Pravachan”:

**4th Sunday of each Month** in 2014

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 .

## Hinduism 101

Koti Sreekrishna

([tatachar@aol.com](mailto: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-Q-U-Y of H-I-N-D-U-I-S-M)



# MAHA SHIVA-RATRI

CELEBRATION

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2014

Temple open all day and night 9am to 6am



## DAY TIME PUJA

9am to 11am SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored \*  
(1<sup>st</sup> Session)

11:30am 1:30pm SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored\*  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Session)

2pm to 4pm open session for public (3<sup>rd</sup> Session)

To avoid evening crowd we request devotees to come  
between 2pm to 4pm in 3<sup>rd</sup> Session or 9:30pm.

ARCHANA THALI \*\*WILL BE PROVIDED WITH  
GANGAJAL & MILK..

## NIGHT TIME PUJA

### First Puja

5 pm to 6 pm Shivabhishek

6 :00 to 7:30 Archana Thali offering (Archana)\*\*

7: 00 to 7:45 Shiv Mahimnah Path, Bhajans

8: 00 pm Aarti Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

### Second Puja

9:30pm to 10:30pm Shivabhishek \*

10:30pm to 11:30pm Shiva Shahashranam Path, Shiva Mahimnah Path

11:30pm Aarti & Prasad

### Third Puja

12:30am to 1:30 am Shivabhishek \*

1:30am to 2:00 am Shiv Mahimnah Path Arti & Prasad

### Fourth Puja

2:30am to 3:30am Shivabhishek \*

3:30am to 4:00am Shiva Mahimnah Path, Arti & Prasad

4:30am to 6pm Morning Abhishekam (Murgan Group)

We Need sponsors. \* Shivabhishek: \$101.00. ,All Night 4 times Puja: \$251.00, Archana Thali:\*\* \$11.00 with Ganga Jal & Milk

Devotees are requested to bring only very small amount of milk for offering due to large collection of milk,  
Please donate money instead of milk or bring dry nuts for Prasad.

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# MARG PROJECT SUCCESS REPORT

I personally and the committee members of the Marg Project wants to thank you all for big timely financial support and encouragement which has brought us at a place where we are today. We all are proud of our "Dream Project" success in such a short time. Now we are open for a bigger expansion which we planned long time back. It opens door for bigger expansion such as badly needed Retirement Homes, Community Center, Library & Yoga Center and Small First Aid Hospital. This will create a "Hindu Village". For your information more than 70% of the project is completed even bad weather interfered at critical times. I request every one to visit the road from Barg Salt Road side and also from temple side. By April, 2014 black top etc. will be done and it will be ready for a beautiful, peaceful drive. DEV SAROVER lake is already adopted and will be read by June 2014. It will be another scenic, useful addition to our temple.

I am happy to inform that some of the supporters have already paid the full amount ahead of time...THANKS. A temporary sign will be placed to recognize them. We encourage others to pay before Dec. 31st, 2013 to take advantage of the tax deduction and also help us pay the monthly instalments to the bank on time. We are fortunate to take advantage of the historically low interest rates. It has saved us a lot of money.

Another good news is that we have extended our road in the other direction which will be used for Retirement Homes. It has given us six more spots for adoption. Please help us by letting others know about this. These can be adopted as before for \$35,000 payable in three years.

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Laxmi Shankar Srivastava (Chair, Long Range Planning) (513) 474-0533 ; Vithal Nemade (Project Manager) 513-234-8373 [nemadev@gmail.com](mailto:nemadev@gmail.com) ; Manish Srivastava (Chair, Fundraising) [mansriva@hotmail.com](mailto:mansriva@hotmail.com) 513-503-2825

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### 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. This can be used for Marg Project Donations too.

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## MURUGAN KALYANAM 2013



### Gandhi Fundraiser Check Handover

Gandhi Food drive collection (\$9000) was handed over to the Freestore Foodbank official at the temple





## HSGC Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council

**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2013      **At:** 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244  
**Time meeting was called to order:** approx. 10:45 am to 12:50

**Members / Attendance :** Jitu Patel (President); Murali Muraleetharan (Secretary); Amar Sharma (Treasurer) Sangita Patel (Pooja Chair); Geeta Mehan (Communications/Editor); Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning); Asit Saha (Cultural Activities); Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education /Youth); Rakesh Patel (Property Mgmt/ maintenance); Ramesh Dayal; Dr. Ganesh; Raj Bodalia

### **Minutes of the meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and of the General Body meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2013**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the EC on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and of the General Body meeting 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 and some modifications of the platforms within the temple premises and of 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 EC with details of the Hindu Day Camp and it was discussed in detail.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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)

Signed: Murali M. Muraleetharan (Secretary)

## HSGC Minutes of Meeting Of Executive Council

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2013      **At:** 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244  
**Time:** 10:45 am to 1pm

**Members / Attendance :** Jitu Patel (President); Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President); Amar Sharma (Treasurer) Sangita Patel (Pooja Chair); Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning) Manish Srivastava (Membership & fundraising); Asit Saha (Cultural Activities) Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education & Youth); Rakesh Patel (Property Management /Maintenance) Mohan Chopra; Raj Bodalia

### **Minutes of the meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the EC on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was reviewed and accepted.

### **Telephone system & Security system**

The Council discussed operational details and the financial implications of the proposed systems and decided on certain follow up actions.

### **Income Expenditure for the First Quarter ending March 31, 2013**

Amar Sharma distributed the Income/ Expenditure Statement for Month ending April 30, 2013. EC discussed the statement in detail especially certain categories of expenses and accepted it.

### **Pooja Committee**

It was confirmed that checks for poojas should only be made in name of HSGC for acceptance.

### **Marg Project**

Details of the funds raised for the project, including commitments and the timings of cash flows were discussed in detail by the Council.

### **Bank Facilities**

The sub-committee pursuing bank facilities for the different projects informed the Council of the different options being pursued including amortization periods and the different interest rates options.

### **Naach Sitare / Mela**

The date or the event was finalized as September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **Flag Hoisting and Boy Scout**

Event details including timings of various activities were discussed including follow up actions.

Signed: Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President)



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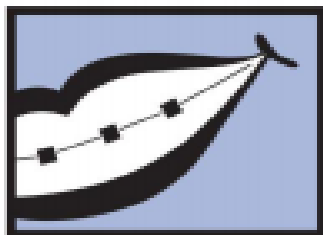
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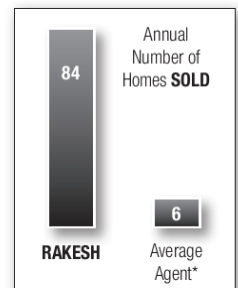
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