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THE HINDU TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

2007 Officers and Board of Trustees	2007 Committee	Chairperson	Co-Chair
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We apologize for any printing errors or omissions in this issue.

TEMPLE HOURS : Monday – Friday 8 – 10 AM and 6 – 9 PM • Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 1 PM and 6 – 9 PM

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Website: www.thehindutemple.org E-mail: info@thehindutemple.org

Chairman's Message

Dear Devotees,

Hari Om! I am very thankful to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Temple Chairman for the third year. Let me begin the year 2007 by wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year. With the help of the 2006 Board of Trustees, officers, and volunteers, we have made great progress in several areas such as celebrating all religious and cultural events in grand styles, increasing youth involvement, conducting health fairs for our members, and reviving senior citizen's activities. We will continue to make further progress in all these areas. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all former committee members, outgoing Board members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

By now, all of you know that our major task is to work with full speed on the Temple Expansion and Renovation Project. So far we have completed development of two plans. Option A is to expand the existing building. Option B is to make a new temple at the existing site. All of you have been kept informed on a very regular basis during Sunday prayers and through Newsletters regarding these two options.

It should be noted that the response from the December 10, 2006 General Body Meeting was very supportive to pursue Option-B. The next step will be to think of starting the site plan approval process. Before we do that the 2007 Board, Long Range Planning and Finance/Fund Raising Committees will discuss in detail regarding cost of the project, timing, fund raising, maintenance of it, and so on. Then we will come up with a strategy and action plan.

The project is big and it is going to cost lot of money. It goes without saying that we will need financial support from all our devotees to make this dream come true.

May the Lord guide us all, grant us wisdom, and shower His blessings upon all of us. I look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Jai Ram Ji Ki
Manoj Sachdeva

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Sunday	Prayer	10:00 am – 12:30 pm		
	Bal Vihar Class	1 – 2:30 pm	Sharada Kumar	(734) 663-8912
	Children's Bhajan/Shloka Class	10:45 – 11:30 am	Shasthriji	(734) 981-8730
	Yoga Class	8 – 9 am	Sundar	(269) 267-4918
Monday	Shiva Abhishakam	7 – 8 pm	Shasthriji	(734) 981-8730
Tuesday	Bharata Natyam Dance Class	7 – 8 pm	Sudha Chandrasekhar	(248) 399-0993
	Hanuman Pooja	7:15 – 8 pm		
Wednesday	Gita Class	8 – 9 pm	Sharada Kumar	(734) 663-8912
	Gujarati Class	7 – 8 pm	Jayesh Patel	(734) 451-2199
Thursday	Veda Class	7 – 8 pm	Shasthriji & Panditji	(734) 981-8730
	Yoga Class		Sundar	(269) 267-4918
Friday	Durga Pooja	7 – 8 pm	Shasthriji	(734) 981-8730
Saturday	Vishnu Sahasranam Parayan & Abhishek	10 – 11 am	Panditji	(734) 981-8730
	Yoga Class	9 – 10 am	Sundar	(269) 267-4918

JUST FOR KIDS: Children's Bhajan / Shloka Class

- Conducted by Shasthriji on Sundays 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
- Please meet in the Temple Library (in the lobby).
- For children 16 and under.

JUST FOR SENIORS: Senior Activities

- Held the second Saturday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm of each month. Please check the bulletin board in the lobby for upcoming events and details.
- For seniors 55 and older.



Upcoming Event in the months of March & April

- Holi/Dhuleti Sunday, March 4, at 10:30 AM
- Thyagaraja Arathana Saturday, March 17 –All Day
- Ugadi & Gudi Padvo Monday, March 19
- Ram Navami (Actual) Tuesday, March 27
- Akhand Ramayan & Ram Navami Sat. March 31 & Sun. April 1
- Hanuman Jayanti (Actual) Monday, April 2
- Hanuman Jayanti Celebration Saturday, April 7 at 11 AM
- Annual Health Fair Sunday, April 22 from 9 AM to 1 PM

Please check the temple calendar, Website and Bulletin Board for detail on each event.

MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

AT HINDU TEMPLE OF CANTON

TEMPLE OPEN ALL DAY: 8 AM TO 10 PM

MORNING SHIVA POOJA AT 9 AM

EVENING SHIVA POOJA – 6:00 TO 7:00 PM

WHILE POOJA IS BEING PERFORMED, ALL DEVOTEES ARE REQUESTED
TO OBSERVE SILENCE AND PLEASE REMAIN SEATED.

ALL DEVOTEES CAN PARTICIPATE IN SHIV ABHISEK.

CAR POOLING DURING EVENING HOURS WILL BE

HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

BELA PATEL————— 734 479-2162

ALL THREE PRIESTS—————734 981-8730

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Ramayan Pravachan (in Hindi/English)

You are cordially invited to attend 3 days Ramayan Pravachan (Lecture) by:
Swami Chidghananand Parivrajak from the International Brahmishi Mission

Program Details:

Friday 23rd Feb, 2007———— 7pm-9pm

Saturday 24th Feb, 2007—— 7pm-9pm

Sunday 25th Feb, 2007———— 10:30am-11:00am

Place: Hindu Temple of Canton, MI

For more information, please contact:

Dave Aurora 248 647-5703 Manohar Bahl 248 646-1009

Ram lachhman 734 287-5167 Gurcharan Puri 248 352-3966

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HINDU TEMPLE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please note this year The Hindu Temple will give a total of six (6), \$1,000 each, scholarships to graduating seniors from Plymouth-Canton Public High Schools. It is open for the entire Plymouth-Canton Communities. The program details and application form are available at the temple and schools counselor offices or you can download from the temple Website.

For further information, contact D. Prakash at 734 451-0109

Announcement of
Fifth Annual Community Health Fair- 2007
hosted in co-operative efforts with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital,
The Hindu Temple – Canton, MI ,
and Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI)
Date: April 22nd, 2007 Place: The Hindu Temple

For more information please contact the following

Jatin Desai (734)459-8583 Dr.Chandralekha Pujara (248) 681-7022

Also refer to Temple website for updates and more information



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR & HEALTH CLINIC

When: Saturday, April 28, 2007

Where: Hindu Temple, Canton

Program:

11 am to Noon————— Education Seminar

Noon to 12:30 pm————— Lunch

12:30 pm to 4:00 pm————— Breast Health Clinic

This seminar and clinic is open to all Asian women. It is free for all. Women of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Stay in tune with the temple Website and Bulletin Board for more details

Please Contact Jatin Desai for further information @ (734) 459-8583

Hindu Temple Year 2007 Events

Event	Actual Date	Celebration Date
Makar Sankranti	Sunday, January 14	Sunday, January 14
Maha Shivaratri	Friday, February 16	Friday, February 16
Holi/Dhuleti	Saturday, March 3	Sunday, March 4
Ugadi & Gudi Padvo	Monday, March 19	Monday, March 19
Ram Navami/Aknand Rmayan	Tuesday, March 27	Saturday, March 31 thru Sunday, April 1
Hanuman Jayanti	Monday, April 2	Saturday, April 7
Murti Pratishtha Anniversary	Sunday, May 13	Sunday, May 13
Guru Purnima/Saraswati Havan	Sunday, July 29	Sunday, July 29
India Independence	Wednesday, August 15	Saturday, August 18
Raksha Bandhan	Tuesday, August 28	Tuesday, August 28
Krishna Janamashtami	Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday, September 4
Ganesh Chaturthi	Saturday, September 15	Saturday, September 15
Navaratri/Raas/Garba	Friday, October 12 thru Sunday, October 20	Friday, October 12 thru Saturday, October 20
Durgatthami/Chandi Havan	Friday, October 19	Saturday, October 20
Vijaya Dashami/Dashehra	Sunday, October 21	Sunday, October 21
karva Chauth	Monday, October 29	Monday, October 29
Rangoli Program	Saturday, November 3	
Dhan Teras/Laksmi Puja	Wednesday, November 7	Wednesday, November 7
Deiwali/Mahalakshmi Puja	Friday, November 9	Friday, November 9
New Year/Annakoot/Goverthan Puja	Saturday, November 10	Saturday, November 10
Mahalakshmi Satyanarayan Puja	Sunday, November 11	
Tulsi Vivah	Saturday, November 24	Saturday, November 24
Kartik Purnima Satyanarayan Puja	Saturday, November 24	Saturday, November 24
Annual General Body Meeting	Sunday, December 2	
Temple Anniversay	Saturday, December 25	Saturday, December 25

The Hindu Temple General Body Meeting Minutes December 10, 2006

Attendees:

See records for attendance sheets. 129 Members attended the meeting..

The following items were on agenda of this meeting. The information is summarized as follows:

1. Welcome – Manoj Sachdeva called meeting to order and presided as chairman of the meeting. He welcomed members to the meeting.

2. 2006 Financial Report

Urmil Salvi and Somil Shah presented the details of 2006 financial performance to budget.

2007 Budget as approved by Board of Trustees was presented to General Body for approval. Board advised to seek data from Bhartiya Temple for Bhoomi Pooja for benchmarking purpose only. The motion to approve the budget I made by Jatin Desai and Balkisan Kacholiya seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Chairman's report and building Expansion Plan.

This was presented by Manoj Sachdeva.

All the events were successful. He thanked the whole team including volunteers.

- Health fair with MAPI/Oakwood, Breast Cancer clinic with EMU and Health Screen with U of M were highlighted.
- He chimed in with appreciation for successful "Seniors Activities."
- Balvihar activity along with Fund raising effort by youth and a Guitar Concert in the month of May got the special mention.
- 2006 Fund Raising Dinner raised the record commitment of approximately \$ 135,000
- Discussed about Option A and B. Option A to expand the current building and Option B to build a new temple at the current location. Through out the year, updates have been provided on Option A and Option B through newsletters and during Sunday Prayers
- Presented Option B to as recommended by Board of Trustees for review and concurrence of general Body. The next steps are approval process from city and county.

4. Question and Answer session.

It is summarized as follows.

From Hema Ramanathan-

When do we start Temple expansion and do we have money and what Temple is doing to involve more youth?

Response from Suresh Shah and Manoj Sachdeva-

- Next step is to get approval from county and city. Temple has retained a lawyer and is working through him with neighbors. Finance is important but secondary at present. Youth activity / Formation Youth committee suggestion welcomed to enhance youth participation.

Comments from Dr. Chandrakant Pujara

He concurs with the need for Temple Expansion at present site. He thanked members for giving him an opportunity to work as Board of Trustees.

Comments form Dhaval Vaishnav

He voiced a full-blown support for the expansion plan. He thanked Board members for all the hard work.

Question from Manu Patel

How are you planning to have neighbor friendly temple?

Response from Suresh Shah and Manoj Sachdeva preached patience with the process. They reiterated the fact that Temple has retained the services of very qualified and competent attorney who has worked for the BSS Temple and has also experience in dealing with county and city. The Expanded Temple will have Theatre wall to mute the noise complaints from neighbors.

Question from Madhu Kapila

How long before approval for expansion? Where are we in the process?

Response from Suresh Shah and Manoj Sachdeva suggested that by February 2007 Temple could expect City and County approval.

The Temple has to do prepare Landscaping drawing, Rendering and must meet minimum engineering drawing requirements to file application.

Response from General Body was very supportive to move forward with the next steps of getting approval from the City and County.

Jatin Desai

The Hindu Temple Sponsors Soup kitchen and our future generation actively participated in this effort:



Once again our temple sponsored a soup kitchen in Detroit and our kids actively participated in serving meals to less fortunate and homeless people. Everyone was served a hot meal with dignity and smile. As per these experiences from our own kids, this really sent out good vibrations and made everyone feel much better because they were able to help less fortunate people. They really understood the meaning of helping others and have much higher appreciation of what they have.

Below you can read some experiences from these kids in their own words:

After going to soup kitchen for a couple of years, I am very glad I helped the people I did and I have noticed how lucky we are for the things we have.- Bhavin Patel

Helping at the soup kitchen was a very good experience for me. I saw many different people, some of them were living in burnt out homes and under bridges. It showed me that I shouldn't take what I have for granted because there are many people who have nothing. – Yash Patel

I have learned many things in my experience going to the soup kitchen. It has taught me to never take what you have for granted. There were a lot of people who came with absolutely nothing. Their faces had showed all of the hardships they have been through. While we have a warm and comfortable house, warm and nice meals –there are many people who do not even have one decent meal. – Puja Patel

The soup kitchen was a good learning experience for me. It makes me happy to see the people laughing, talking and eating. If I had a million dollars, I would give it to the poor. I will continue to go to the soup kitchen to help the less fortunate. I am very lucky to have a good life.- Kushal Shah

I felt good serving people that were homeless. I also felt sad seeing so many people at the soup kitchen. We should have many more soup kitchen to help homeless people. – Nikesh Patel

Going to the soup kitchen was a great opportunity to see how poor people live with so little food and no shelter. I feel sad just looking at them. I have learned that you should not just waste your food. I saw a lot of poor people. – Nisha Patel

I had a great experience at the soup kitchen. When everyone started coming in I felt happy that I could serve them food. It was really nice to see them happy after their meal. Although they are less fortunate than us they were just as happy as everyone else. My time at the soup kitchen was exciting, fun, and I am glad I got to help many people. – Surina Shah

Working at the soup kitchen was a great experience. I felt really sad just looking at everyone eating their food so fast and saving it in paper bags for a later time. It was also sad to see how many people didn't have extra clothes, or warm clothes during this time of year. This experience will change me by not asking for stuff I really do not need because those people don't even have what I have right now. I would love to do this again. – Sarrina Patel

Soup Kitchen was an amazing experience. I felt really good helping people who in turn appreciated the food we distributed to them. We should have more charities like the Soup Kitchen.” SONALI H. PATEL

“I thought helping out with the Soup Kitchen was a real interesting experience for me. I am glad to help out because helping the poor is helping my brothers and sisters.” ALISHA H. PATEL

“Soup Kitchen was like a dream because it happened and finished so quickly it was really a blast. When I was there actually serving the people I thought about how thankful I should be and how thankful I was.” SHIVANI H. PATEL

NEWS- We should be all proud of it!

Our temple members, Shri. Balkisan and Smt. Aruna Kacholiya were invited to Governor Jennifer Granholm's Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service in East Lansing on December 31, 2006. Shri. Balkisan Kacholiya spoke on "Views of Hinduism on the Importance of Charity and Helping the Needy"... Here is his 3-minute speech from this function:

My dear brothers and sisters,

NAMASTE! Governor Granholm, elected officials and all invited guests, it gives me great pleasure to be here with you religious souls on this warm New Year's Eve. I bring greetings to you from the Hindu community of this great state of Michigan!

Hindu scriptures are written in the Sanskrit language, so I will translate for you quotes about charity and helping the needy from the Vedas, which are akin to the old testaments, and the Gita, which is akin to the Bible.

Vedas proclaim and I quote..."God patiently serves the living beings without selfishness. Those who follow this quality of God always enjoy the eternal bliss"... Atharvved 10/8/44. While discussing societal arrangements, Vedas observe that the wealth gets unevenly distributed in the society (Rigved 10/117/8), and it becomes moral duty of the haves to help the less fortunate ones. Continuing... God declares and I quote ..." In this world, the labor of only those people succeeds who faithfully donate for public charity and endeavor for public welfare." ... Rigved 10/151/2

Then in the Gita, God Krishna makes it known that everything in this world and clearly whatever we own belongs to him; and when we offer our mental, physical and financial services to his people, we only serve him.... Furthermore, since we are offering his goods to him, anonymous donations are considered the best...

Readings in Sanskrit from the Gita Chapter 17/20-21-22.

Speaking of the needy people; today, entire humanity is yearning for peaceful coexistence. I will conclude with this prayer in Sanskrit which has been sung in the Hindu temples and homes for the past thousands of years, but please allow me to translate it first. It means ..." May God protect us, may he enlighten us to enjoy fruits of our labor together, may we exert to accomplish great things together, and I might add in this great state of Michigan, may our spiritual search for the truth be a brilliant one, and above all may we never quarrel with each other. May God grant us peace! peace!! and peace!!!"

OM, Saha navavatu, saha nau bhunaktu, saha veeryam karvavahai.
Tejasvinavadheetamastu, ma vidvishavahai.
OM, shantih! shantih!! shantih!!!

Happy New Year to you all.

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2007 Membership Application

The Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48188
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- * This 2007 Membership Form is effective January 1 until December 31, 2007.
- * The 2007 membership fee is \$50.00. Please make your check payable to The Hindu Temple.
- * Write "2007 Membership" and your account number on the memo line of your check.
- * Please fill out this form NEATLY by printing all information in capital letters. Place one character or space per box.
- * Submit your completed application and check by mail, deposit them in the prayer hall donation box, or submit them to any temple official.
- * Family membership is limited to applicant, spouse, children, and parents living at the listed address.

Please note: **A neat and thorough application ensures our database is accurate.**
Please use a Change of Address form to report any changes to your membership data.

Today's Date _____

Is this the first time you applied for membership? Yes _____ No _____ (I've been a member before.)

If you are a returning member, what is your account number?

If you are a returning member, has your address changed? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is your old address? _____

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