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THE HINDU TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

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We apologize for any printing errors or omissions in this issue.

TEMPLE HOURS : Monday – Friday 8 – 12 Noon and 5 – 9 PM • Saturday & Sunday 9 AM – 1 PM and 5 – 9 PM

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

New Temple Expansion Update

Dear Members and Devotees,

The Long Range Planning Committee is pleased to inform you that we are making good progress on the building expansion project. Currently we are in the process of getting the engineering drawings completed by Boss Engineering Company and our Architect Lindhout Associates. The expected completion is by the end of October 2008. Also these engineering drawings are currently being reviewed by the Canton Planning Engineering for final approval. The Wayne County raised some concerns related to drainage during and after construction. A few weeks ago a meeting was called to discuss and resolve the concern. It was attended by representatives from the City Planning engineering department, Boss Engineering, Lindhout Associates, our attorney, Bryan Amann and Suresh Shah. The concern will be resolved by providing additional engineering data and drawings.

During the month of August we visited the Bhartiya Temple to see their new temple construction site. We took some pictures and obtained very useful information from them. We would like to extend our thanks to Bhartiya Temple Committee members, Mr. Jayanti Shah and Mr. Rohit Engineer, for giving a very informative presentation and sharing their experience and project information with us.

We have awarded a contract to Venugopal Achary to make our new temple scale model (4' X 2') with true color and details of our temple drawing. It will be ready by the first week of October. Mr. Venugopal has done a very good job in making the model for the Bhartiya Temple.

Our estimated cost of the expansion project is close to \$8 million (plus/minus 5%). We need to work very hard to raise funds to meet our goals. Our Bhumi Poojan is scheduled for May 15, 16 and 17 of 2009, which will be celebrated in grand style. Between now and the Bhumi Pujan we have to focus ourself toward several Fund Raising ideas and events.

Our annual Fund Raising Dinner is planned for Saturday, November 15, 2008 at the Wayne Tree Manor Hall in Wayne. This will be our big event to raise considerable amount of funds for the New Temple Building Project. Please mark your calendar to attend this event. Bring your friends and new devotees to participate in fund raising activities.

Let us pray to almighty GOD to make our dream become a reality.

Suresh Shah
Chairman, Long Range Planning

Manoj Sachdeva
Advisor to Board (New Temple Bldg Project)



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Sunday	Prayer	10:00 am – 12:30 pm		
	Balvihar Class	1 – 2:30 pm	Sharada Kumar	734 663-8912
	Yoga Class	8 – 9 am	Rohit Patel	734 207-3520
Monday	Shiva Abhishakam	7 – 8 pm	Shastriji	734 981-8730
Tuesday	Bharata Natyam Dance Class	7 – 8 pm	Sudha Chandrasekhar	248 399-0993
	Hanuman Puja	7:15 – 8 pm		
Wednesday	Gita Class	8 – 9 pm	Sharada Kumar	734 663-8912
	Gujarati Class	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Jesal Shah	734 721-5703
Thursday				
	Yoga Class		Rohit Patel	734 207-3520
Friday	Durga Puja	7 – 8 pm	Shastriji	734 981-8730
Saturday	Vishnu Sahasranam Parayan & Abhishek	10 – 11 am	Panditji	734 981-8730
	Yoga Class	9 – 10 am	Rohit Patel	734 207-3520

JUST FOR SENIORS: Senior Activities

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

Bhajan Sandhya Program

- Every first Friday of the month: 8 PM to 9:30 PM. Contact Balkisan Kachliya at 248 477-8026 for further information.

Raga Sandhya Program

- Every third Friday of the month: 8 PM to 9:30 PM. Contact Shiva Kumat Bhat at 734 844-86444 for further information.

Hindu Temple Major Events (Year 2008)

Dear Devotees,

This news letter covers major upcoming events during the month of September, October, November and December. Please save this for your reference. The news letter will also be posted on the temple website and bulletin board.

Bhagvad Gita Pravachan (in Hindi), Yoga & Pranayam by Swami Atma Yogi Anand

- ❖ September 2nd thru 8th
- ❖ Tuesday (2nd) 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- ❖ Thursday (4th) 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- ❖ Saturday (6th) 9:00 to 10:00 AM Yoga & meditation
- ❖ Saturday (6th) 10:00 to 12:00 PM Gita Pravachan
- ❖ Sunday (7th) 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- ❖ Monday (8th) 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Shri Ganesh Chaturthi (Actual)

- ❖ September 3rd, Wednesday
- ❖ Procession starts at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Pooja at 7 PM
- ❖ No classes

Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

- ❖ September 6th, Saturday – Ganesh Pooja by children 4:30 to 6:30 PM
- ❖ September 7th, Sunday, Ganesh Chaturthi celebration
- ❖ September 13th, Saturday, Anant Chathurdashi—Ganesh Visarjan
- ❖ Contact Balkisan Kacholiya at 248- 477-8026

Navaratri Celebration

- ❖ September 30th, Tuesday thru October 8th, Wednesday
- ❖ Mataji Pooja- All nine days at 6 PM
- ❖ Darshan will close approximately 7:45 PM
- ❖ Raas/Garba timing—Fridays and Saturdays - 8 to 11 PM, Sunday and weekdays - 8 to 10 PM
- ❖ Chandi Havan—October 4th, Saturday at 10 AM
- ❖ Raas/ Garba Program is only for the current year temple members and entrance is by tickets only. Ticket rates are: \$15 per adult person for all nine days and \$5 per child 6 thru 16 years of age. You must purchase all nine tickets.

All eligible members must purchase tickets ahead of the start of the program. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.

- ❖ **Ticket Sale: Every Sunday starting August 31st thru September 28th during prayer hours and every Wednesday 7 to 9 PM starting September 3rd thru September 24th.**
- ❖ Dry Prasad and Aarati sponsorship-\$51. Contact Bela Patel at 734- 479-2162.
- ❖ Car pooling on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays will be highly appreciated.
- ❖ No classes for all nine days except Bal Vihar on October 5th, Sunday

Vijaya Dashmi

- ❖ October 9th, Thursday
- ❖ Temple will be open all day- 8 AM to 9 PM
- ❖ Aksharabhyas for children at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Archana and Darshan –7 PM to 9 PM
- ❖ No classes. Car pooling is requested.

Karva Chauth

- ❖ Pooja starts at 5 PM
- ❖ **All Diyas must be lighted in the Altar area only**

Rangoli and Fireworks for Children

- ❖ Saturday, October 25th, 3 PM to 7 PM
- ❖ Children of all ages are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring your own supplies.
- ❖ Contact Bhupendra Desai at 734 769-4814 or Bela Patel at 734-479-2162

Dhan Teras

- ❖ Sunday, October 26th
- ❖ Maha Lakshmi Satyanarayana Pooja at 4 PM
- ❖ Donation of \$51 per family to participate in the Pooja.
- ❖ All other devotees are welcome to observe the Pooja even if you are not participating.
- ❖ No classes

Kali Chaudash

- ❖ Monday, October 27th
- ❖ Pooja at 7 PM

Deepavali

- ❖ Tuesday, October 28th
- ❖ Temple open all day 8 AM to 9 PM
- ❖ Lakshmi Poojan at 7 PM
- ❖ No Classes. Car pooling requested.

New Year Day (Actual)

- ❖ **Temple open 8 AM to 9 PM**
- ❖ **Pooja at**
- ❖ **No classes**

New Year Annakut and Govardhan Pooja Celebration

- ❖ Saturday, November 1st
- ❖ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- ❖ Three Aaratis—11AM, Noon and 1 PM
- ❖ Please bring non perishable Bhog on Friday, October 31st after 6:00 PM
- ❖ Deliver perishable Bhog in the morning before 8:30 AM on Sat., Nov 1st.
- ❖ Prasad will be served continuously after the 1st Aarati
- ❖ **No classes. Car pooling is requested.**
- ❖ Temple open all day—8 AM to 9 PM
- ❖ Contact Bela Patel at 734 479-2162.

Tulsi Vivah

- ❖ Sunday, November 9th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- ❖ All are invited to attend & celebrate the auspicious Vivah.
- ❖ Aarati and Prasad at noon time

Kartik Purnima Satyanarayan Pooja

- ❖ Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Suggested donation \$101 per family
- ❖ See Shashtriji for details.

Annual fund Raising Dinner

- ❖ Saturday, November 15th at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Place: Wayne Tree Manor Banquet Hall, Wayne
- ❖ **Ticket: \$50 per person. \$30 per child ages 2 to 16 years.**
- ❖ Many of you may have question why we are not doing it in the temple and going outside. There are several reasons. Just to mention a few: Attendance of devotees during weekend is very high. It is not possible to shut down the Prayer Hall. Based on past 2-3 years of experience, it is getting very difficult to manage in the temple plus it is not very cost effective.

Chanting of Hanuman Chalisa 108 times under the guidance of Swami Chidghananand Parivrajak from International Brahm Rishi Mission

- ❖ Saturday, November 29th 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Annual General Body Meeting

- ❖ Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 AM

Temple Anniversary Celebration

- ❖ Tuesday, December 25th 10 AM to 1 PM

Holiday fun night

- ❖ Saturday, December 27th 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Significance of Temple Worship

Our country abounds in *Punya Kshetraas* (Holy Temple) and *Punya Teerthas* (Holy Bathing Places). The temples and *Teerthas* are places where sages of old dedicated their spiritual powers (*Tapas*), so that erring mortals who are incapable of observing the austerities and who are susceptible to sins may be purified and blessed when they make pilgrimages to these temples or in the *Teerthas*.

Our sculpture, music, dance, mantras and every aspect of our culture are dedicated to the Gods in the Temple and so the temples have become the repository of all that is best in our heritage. We have our history also from the inscriptions in the temples. The ancient monarchs, great devotees as they were, took pride in raising Temple of Gods and not residential palaces for themselves as proved by the fact that while most of the palaces are now either dilapidated or uninhabited, the grand temple edifices stand in glory even to this day. If our religion has survived many vicissitudes in the past, it is because of our temples and the festivals associated with them. Though schools, hospitals, banks and other social organizations may be necessary in the context of present times, these institutions cannot serve their respective purposes, in the absence of sacrifice and devotion. The one cure for all human ills is the power to endure them with faith in God's Grace.

Bhakthi (devotion) alone can give the power of endurance. Temples are the agencies for the cultivation of *Bhakthi*. Hence there is need and obligation to build and maintain temples in every place. What is the significance of making offerings to the idols installed in temples? This is done as an expression of gratitude to the Power that created all things. We will be guilty of gross ingratitude if we do not offer first to God what we eat or wear.

It is not every one who can do *Pooja* (worship) at home and make offerings to God. Offerings are made to God in the temples on behalf of the entire community. At least once a week we should go round the temple, reciting *Nama Japams* and doing *Bhajans*.

By doing so, we will derive real and lasting peace of mind. It is the offering of the objects of the five fold joys that is known as *Pachopacharas* to God namely *Gandha* (sandal paste), *Pushpa* (flowers), *Dhoopa* (Incense), *Deepa* (lamp) and *Naivedya* (food). There are also *Shodosopacharas* (16 offerings) and *Chatur Shashti Upacharas* (64 offerings). All these *Upacharas* come within the ambit of the rituals of worship.

It may be asked, Why all these elaborate rituals? Will not silent prayer do? The answer is that a true devotee acknowledges the ultimate source and the inner substance of these objects of his enjoyment and uses them only after tendering them to that source in humble gratitude. Only the best and purest should be offered to God and this will ensure that every man will seek and take delight only in such things that are fit to be offered to God. This will make our life perfect and pure.

The lesson we have to draw from all these forms of worship at the temples is that we should do our duty and enjoy the right things in the world, placing the entire responsibility for not being lured by them, on God. This is not a philosophy of inaction or idleness. It is a philosophy of action with the emphasis on the dedication of our action and enjoyment to God Almighty.

Nurani C. Shivaram



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