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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

Hindu Community and Cultural Center has been playing an important role in fulfilling the religious, cultural, and spiritual needs of Hindu community. The devotee participation has been increasing continuously. To cater to the needs of the devotees we have increased the number of events. Several new events are planned for the rest of the year.

Cultural Committee added four new events; Artist Day, Tamil Composers Day, Guru Vandana Day, and Swati Thirunal Day. For the first time, we organized Walk-A-Thon in which the devotees made temple Pradakshinams. This event has received very good response from devotees and sponsoring organizations. Veena concert by internationally renowned artist Smt. Geeta Bennett followed the Walk-A-Thon event. This is a coordinated effort by multiple committees; Fund Raising, Youth & Education, Publicity, IT, Human Services, and Religious Committees.

Volunteers are pivotal to the success of the temple events. This year the Volunteer Committee organized a program to recognize the contributions of volunteers and service providers. Human Services committee has conducted a Health Fair on Sep 27.

New Durga family idols are arriving shortly for Durga Puja Celebrations, scheduled from Oct 5 to Oct 12. We added Kumari Puja (Puja for little girls) and Shantijal after Vijaya Dashami (Oct 9). A cultural program will also be held on Oct 11.

We introduced a program where in devotees invited Balaji Utsava Murti to their homes. It received overwhelming response and we plan to add Ganesha Utsava Murthi into this program

This year, the New Year Day Anna Daana Program was a success. We plan to repeat it for 2009 New Year day as well. We request the same support from the devotees.

Temple operational committees made great progress in fixing the issues raised by the City, PG&E, and neighbors which helped MPC in their efforts to seek approvals from the city.

New priest, Pdt. V.V.S Sharma joined temple recently. Pdt. Rama Sheshu is joining soon. Our priests did a very good job in performing the annual Pavitrotsavam, Ganesha Chaturthi, Sri Krishna Janamashtami, and Kanaka Durga Samprokshana festivals. Devotee attendance during these functions was very impressive. We expect similar participation in the upcoming Vishnu Brahmotsavam function to be held from Oct 3 to Oct 5. Our priests, administration, and temple management are getting ready for the busiest quarter of the year. The key events are Durga Puja, Vishnu Brahmotsavam, Anadal Kalayam, the grand New Year Celebrations (2009), and Bhoomi Puja for Maha Kumbhabishekam Celebrations (2010). Temple Vastra sale will be in October. Please visit temple website for the latest updates.

Popular HCCC Calendar for 2009 is under preparation and we expect to get you this in Dec 2008.

We are constantly exploring ways to serve you well.

Om Namah Shivaya and Om Namo Venkatesaya.

Prasuna Reddy Dornadula,
President, HCCC Livermore, CA.

From Editor's Desk

Dear Devotees,

This edition of Newsletter is the last issue for the year 2008. We are introducing two editions of Newsletter from this issue onwards. On-line edition will be a full color edition that you can access from temple's web site <http://livermoretemple.org>. Limited copies of print edition will be available in color. Plenty of black and white print copies will continue to be available. For color copies, please contact temple office when you visit temple. Black and white copies will be available in the brochure stands in the temple.

If you wish to write articles for publication in the Newsletter on the subjects of interest to devotees of HCCC, please email your articles to Publicity Chair @ Janakiram.kaki@gmail.com.

We would like to hear from you on how well this newsletter is serving your information needs. Please email your comments, suggestions, and feedback to Janakiram.kaki@gmail.com.

Janakiram Kaki, *Publicity Chair, EC, HCCC*

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Sept 29th(Mon) to Oct 8th(Wed)	Navarathri Celebrations		See Important Announcements for details
Oct 1st Wednesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Oct 3rd Friday	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
Oct 4th Saturday	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 2		Detailed Program at the End
		11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Oct 5th Sunday	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 3		Detailed Program at the End
	Shasti	5:00 PM	Sri Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Oct 6th Monday	Moola Nakshatra	7:00 PM	Saraswati Pooja by Childrens on occasion of Navaratri
Oct 7th Tuesday	Durga Ashtami	9:00 AM	Durga Pooja in A.Hall and Kanaka Durga Devi Temple
Oct 8th Wednesday	Maha Navami	6:30 PM	Chandi Homam in Main Temple Hall
Oct 9th Thursday	Vijaya Dashami	6:30 PM	Asthana Pooja in the Main Temple Hall
Oct 10th Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 11th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	Pradosham	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 13th Monday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama parayana
Oct 17th Friday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
	Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Karva Chouth	5:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Karva Chouth Pooja by Ladies
Oct 18th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tiruppavadai seva for Lord Balaji
Oct 19th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00AM	BilwaDala Archana for Lord Shiva
Oct 20th Monday	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Oct 24th Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 25th Saturday	4th Saturday of the month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa seva for Lord Balaji
	Pradosham	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 26th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
	Masa Shivaratri	5:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Oct 27th Monday	Deepavali	10:30 AM	Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka
		12:00 Noon	Theertha Prasadam
		7:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Kubera Pooja by devotees in Main Temple Hall
	Kali Pooja in A.Hall	8:00 PM onwards	Detailed Program at the End
Oct 29th Wednesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
	SkandaShasti Begins	6:00 PM	Detailed Program at the End
	Gujarati New Year		
Oct 30th Thursday	Skanda Shastii 2nd Day	6:00 PM	Detailed Program at the End
Oct 31st Friday	Skanda Shasti 3rd Day	6:00 PM	Detailed Program at the End
Nov 1st Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
	Skanda Shasti 4th day (weekend timing)	5:00 PM	Detailed program at the End
Nov 2nd Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS		3am => 2am
	Skanda Shasti 5th day (weekend timing)	5:00 PM	Detailed program at the End
Nov 3rd Monday	Skanda Shasti	10:00 AM onwards	Detailed Program at the End
	Kartika Somavara	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Nov 4th, Tuesday		4:00 PM	Temple reopens in the evening at 4 PM
	Murugan Kalyana Utsavam	4:30 PM	Detailed Program at the End
Nov 5th Wednesday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Nov 8th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva

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DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
	Vishnu Pushpa Yaaga	11:00 AM onwards	Detailed Program at the End
Nov 9th Sunday	Skanda Shasti (Weekend Function)	10: 00 AM onwards	Detailed Program at the End
	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
	Tulasi Vivaham	5:00 PM	
Nov 10th Monday	Pradosham & Kartika Somavara	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Nov 12th Wednesday	Shiva Annabhishekam	9:30 AM	
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
	Kartika Poornima	6:30 PM	Samooohika Satyanarayana Pooja (in main Temple)
Nov 13th Thursday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Murugan Abhisheka & Archana
	Krittika Deepam		
Nov 14th Friday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Nov 15th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
	Sankatahara Chathurthi	5:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
	Sun Enters Vrischika	5:00 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Begins
Nov 16th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Bilva Dala Archana for Lord Shiva
	Shiva Annabhishekam	11:00 AM	Weekend function
Nov 17th Monday	Kartika Somavara	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Nov 19th Wednesday	Kala Bhairava Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Nov 22nd Saturday	4th Saturday of the month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Nov 24th Monday	Kartika Somavara & Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Nov 25th Tuesday	Masa Shivarathri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
	Swathi	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Nov 27th Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	Holiday Schedule	Temple operates on weekend schedule: 9 AM to 8 PM
Nov 28th Friday	Day After Thanksgiving Day	Holiday Schedule	Temple operates on weekend schedule: 9 AM to 8 PM
Nov 29th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
Nov 30th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Dec 3rd Wednesday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Dec 6th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Dec 8th Monday	Moksha Ekadasi (Gita Jayanti)	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Dec 10th Wednesday	Kritika Masa		
	- Kritika Star Sudarshana Homam	6:00 PM	Detailed Program at the end
	Kritika	6:30 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Annamalai Deepam	6:30 PM	
Dec 11th Thursday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayanam
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Sarvalaya Deepam	6:30 PM	
Dec 13th Saturday	Gita Jayanthi weekend Function		Detailed Program at the end
	2nd Saturday of the month	11:00 AM	Mutangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Dec 14th Sunday	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Dec 15th Monday	Dhanurmasa Puja Begins	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka every day by 10:00 AM
	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Dec 20th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
Dec 21st Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilva dala Archana for Lord Shiva

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DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Dec 24th Wednesday	Swathi Pradosham Ayyappa Mandala Puja Ends	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka Shiva Abhisheka
Dec 25th Thursday	Christmas Day Masa Shivaratri	Holiday Schedule 6:30 PM	Temple operates in weekend schedule of 9 AM to 8 PM 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Dec 26th Friday	Hanuman Jayanthi	10:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Sundara Kanda Homam Hanuman Abhisheka Sahasra Nagavallidala and Sahasra kadali phala Archana Ekanta Seva
Dec 27th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Dec 28th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Dec 30th Tuesday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Dec 31st, Wednesday	Weekend Schedule	4 PM - 7 PM 8:00 PM	No Archana (Alankaram in Progress) Ekanta Seva
Jan 1st Thursday	New Year's Day 2009	Special Schedule 7:00 AM 7:30 AM 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 8:00 PM	Temple Opens 7 AM; Single Line Darshan starts 8:30 AM Shiva & Vishnu Suprabatham Shiva Abhisheka / Andal Abhishekam Maha Ganapathi Homam Nitya Pooja, Arathi to all Deities Single Line Darshan Starts Ekanta Seva
Jan 2nd Friday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Jan 3rd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Jan 6th Tuesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
Jan 7th Wednesday	Vaikunta Ekadasi		Detailed Program at the End
Jan 8th Thursday	Pradosham Rohini	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Sri Krishna Puja
Jan 10th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month Poornima Arudra Darshana	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM 9:30 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala seva for Lord Balaji Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana Shiva Abhisheka
Jan 12th, Monday	Dhanur Masa Puja Ends		
Jan 13th Tuesday	Makara Sankranthi, Thai Pongal Uttarayan Punya kala Ayyappa makara deepa pooja Sankatahara Chaturthi	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Ayyappa Pooja Ganesha Abhisheka
Jan 17th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 3:00PM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tiruppavada seva for Lord Balaji Detailed Program at the End
Jan 18th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month Swati	11:00 AM 5:00PM	Bilwa Dala archana for Lord Shiva Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Jan 21st Wednesday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jan 23rd Friday	Pradosham & Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
Jan 24th Saturday	4th Saturday of the month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Jan 25th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Jan 26th Monday	MLK Day Sravana	5:00 PM	Temple Opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Jan 30th Friday	Vasantha Panchami Saraswati Puja	6:30 PM 10:30 AM	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Detailed Program at the End
Jan 31st Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji

Sri Vishnu Brahmotsavam

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Oct 3rd Fri	6:30 PM	Sankalpam, Deeksha and Ankurapanam
	9:00 PM	Dhwaja Pata Prathishta and Dwaja Aarohanam
	9:30 PM	Ekanta Seva
Oct 4th Sat	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Agni Prathishta
	9:00 AM	Nava Kumbha Sthapana
	9:30 AM	Nitya Homa, Bali and Satumurai
	10:00 AM	Lord Balaji Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Sesha Vahana Seva for Lord Balaji
	12:00 Noon	Tomala Seva
	12:30 PM	Satumurai, Theertha Prasadam
	1:00 PM	Dwiguna Aradhana and Alaya Bali
	5:00 PM	Garuda Vahana Seva
Oct 5th Sun	6:00 PM	Sayamkala Archana, Bali and Satumurai
	7:00 PM	Nithya Homam
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Shiva, Ganesha, Karthikeya, Hanuman Abhisheka
	9:00 AM	Nitya Homa, Bali and Satumurai
	10:00 AM	Hanumanta Vahana Seva
	11:00 AM	Choorana Abhisheka
	12:00 Noon	Avabrida Snanam
	1:00 PM	Poornahuti
5:00 PM	Pallaki Utsavam with Sri Sridevi and Sri Bhoo Devi	
7:00 PM	Mouna Bali	
7:30 PM	Rashtra Asheervachanam	
8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva	

Kali Puja in Assembly Hall

Oct 27th Mon	8:00 PM	Deepa Danam
	9:00 PM	Sankalpam
	9:30 PM	Sri Kali Pooja
	11:30 PM	Arathi, Puhpanjali
	12:00 AM	Bhog Prasad
	12:30 AM	Kali Homam
	1:30 AM	Shanti Jal & Asheervadam
		Above is Evening thru Late Night Schedule

Skanda Shasti Celebrations

Oct 29th Wed	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 30th Thu	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 31st Fri	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Nov 1st Sat	5:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka (weekend schedule)
	6:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Nov 2nd Sun	5:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka (weekend schedule)
	6:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Nov 3rd Mon		SKANDA SHASTI
	10:00 AM	Kavadi Pooja and Procession
	11:30 AM	Abhisheka
	1:30 PM	Archana, Theertham and Prasadam
	7:30 PM	Sahasranama Archana
	4:00 PM	Murugan Kalyana Utsavam (Temple reopens in the evening at 4 PM)

Skanda Shasti Celebrations Continued

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Nov 9th Sun	10:00 AM	Kavadi Pooja and Tiru Veedhi Utsavam
	11:30 AM	Murugan Abhisheka
	1:30 PM	Pushpa Alamkaram, Archana, Arathi, Theertha and Prasadam
	4:30 PM	Subramanya Homa
	6:00 PM	MayuraVahana Seva for Lord Murugan (Peacock Vahanam)

Sri Vishnu Pushpa Yagam

Nov 8th Sat	8:00 AM	Suprabatham
	9:00 AM	Lord Balaji Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	11:00 AM	Pushpa Yaga Starts
	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Yaga Homa
	1:00 PM	Poornahuti
	1:30 PM	Theertha Prasada Viniyogam

Kritika Masa Kritika Star Sudarshana Homam

Dec 10th Wed	6:00 PM	Sankalpam
	6:30 PM	Sudarshana Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Chakrabja Mandala Puja
	8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

Gita Jayanthi In Assembly Hall (Weekend function)

Dec 13th Sat	9:30 AM	Gita Parayan
	10:30 AM	Children's Performances on Bhagwad Gita
	2:00 PM	Bhajans
	3:00 PM	Meditation
	4:00 PM	Bhajans
	5:00 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja, Aarthi and Theertha Prasada

Vaikunta Ekadasi

Jan 7th 2009 Wednesday	6:00 AM	Suprabatham
	6:30 AM	Balaji Moola Murthy Abhisheka
	6:30 AM	Andal Abhisheka
	8:00 AM	Dwara Pooja
	8:30 AM	Dwara Pravesham for Devotees
	6:00 PM	Lord Venkatesha SatyaNarayana Home & Poornahuti
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva

Sri Andal Kalyanam

Jan 17th 2009 Saturday	3:00 PM	Edukola Utsavam
	4:00 PM	Kalyana Utsavam
	5:30 PM	TiruVeedhi Utsavam
	6:30 PM	TiruKalyana Bhajanam for all Devotees

Saraswati Puja Celebration

Jan 30th 2009 Friday	10:30 AM	Saraswati Puja
	11:30 AM	Pushpanjali
	12:00 Noon	Bhoj Prasad
	12:15 PM	Aarti
	12:30 PM	Hatekahari (Aksharabhyasam)
	7:00 PM	Sandha (Sandhya) Aarti
	7:30 PM	Aksharabhyasam
	8:00 PM	Shanti Jal and Prasad

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hundi Donations

When you visit the temple, please offer your donations only in Hundi. Please do not throw or place cash (bills/coins) on or near idols.

Delivery of Newsletter

To ensure delivery of temple Newsletter to your inbox (not your spam or bulk folders), please add svtl@livermoretemple.org to your addressbook.

Need Volunteers

The HCCC is a non-profit organization and is run by many dedicated volunteers. Many new volunteers have joined the crew and have supported temple events. We need many more volunteers to help with the activities of temple in the areas of publicity, cultural, religious, maintenance, administration, fund raising, youth & education, and many more areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact volunteer coordinator Manashi Bagchi at manashibagchi@yahoo.com or temple office.

Dravya Usage

In the last edition of Newsletter we appealed to all devotees to bring limited quantities of the Dravyas (milk, yogurt, honey, and fruit juices) for Abhishekam. Many devotees responded to our appeal and HCCC would like to thank devotees for their co-operation and understanding. However, the problem of excessive Dravyas clogging drainage is not completely eliminated. Please continue to bring in the Dravyas in limited quantities.

Abhishekas During Navaratri Celebrations

You can sponsor Abhishekas and Archanas to goddesses Parvati, Lakshmi, and Andal during Navaratri celebrations and seek their blessings. The times and dates of Abhishekas and Archanas are as follows:

At Parvati Shrine – **Oct 1 from 10:30 a.m**

At Lakshmi shrine – **Oct 2 to Oct 4 from 10:30 a.m**

At Andal Shrine – **Oct 5 to Oct 7 from 10:30 a.m**

Navaratri Celebrations

Sri Kanaka Durga Shrine

September 29 (Monday) – October 8 (Wednesday), 2008

Please take this opportunity to visit the shrine and enjoy the beautiful Alankara (decoration) for the Deity



Sri Kanaka Durga Devi

Alankara For Sri Kanaka Durga Devi

September 29	Haridra (in Turmeric)
September 30	Vibhooti (in Holy Ash)
October 1	Indrani (as Goddess sitting on an elephant)
October 2	Rajatha (in Silver color)
October 3	Pushpa (in Flowers)
October 4	Shakambari (in Vegetables)
October 5	Mahishasura Mardhini (as Slayer of demon Mahishasura)
October 6	Saraswathi (as Goddess of learning)
October 7	Annapoorna (as Goddess providing food)
October 8	Kamakshi (as Goddess with beautiful eyes)

Sep 29, Mon to Oct 3, Fri	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana
Oct 4, Sat	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana
Oct 5, Sun	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana

Oct 6, Mon Saptami Day	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana
Oct 7, Tue Ashtami Day	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana
Oct 8, Wed Navami Day	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Abhisheka, Alankara, and Archana

KEY EVENTS CELEBRATED

Saxophone Concert



Shyam Murali, Rangashree Varadarajan, and Murali Bala

HCCC hosted a Carnatic Saxophone concert by Shyam Murali from Plano, Texas. He was accompanied on violin by Ms. Rangashree Varadarajan and Murali Bala on the Thavil. This event was during the Kanaka Durga Prathistapana celebrations. The artist Shyam Murali is a 12th grade student. He has learnt under Padmashree Dr. Kadri Gopalnath and Prasant Radhakrishnan. Rangashree Varadarajan, the bay area artist is a seasoned violinist and has had extensive training under Smt. Anuradha Sridhar. Murali Bala, a disciple of Srimushnam Raja Rao, is a trained Mridangist who accompanies Shyam on the Thavil.

The program started with a brisk Navaragamalika Varnam. The Violin and Thavil added a lot of pleasure to the ears. Many popular songs were sung; Ramanee Samanamevaru (Kharaharapriya Raagam, Rupaka Talam), Vinayaka Ninnuvina (Hamsadhwani Raagam), Swaminatha Paripalaya (Nattai Raagam), Manavyalakim (Nalinakanti Raagam), Sarasa Sama (Kapi Narayani Raagam), Adamodi Gala (Charukesi Raagam), and Bhuvaneswariya (Mohana Kalyani Raagam). The concert concluded with a short Mangalam. The program was very well attended and the young artist got an excellent support from the audience.

Walk-A-Thon 2008



Mr. Srinivas receiving Vastras for completing 108 laps first

HCCC has organized Walk-A-Thon on Sep 20, 2008 for the first time inside the temple compound. About 140 people registered in the Walk-A-Thon jointly organized by Fundraising, Youth & Education, and Human Services committees. Mr.Srinivas, Mrs. Raghavamma, Ms.Sumitra Lavu, and Mrs.Lakshmi have walked 25 miles each by completing 108 laps (Pradakshinams). They were presented Vastras for this feat. Many of the participants have completed 25 (5.9 miles) to 50 (11.8 miles) laps (Pradakshinams). Three youngsters have completed 108 Pradakshinams inside the temple. It was a feast to watch the participation from members of all age groups. People have reported for registration by 8.00 AM. Walk-A-Thon was started by a Puja performed by Pdt. Subrahmanya Sharma. Dr. Kamala Shankar flagged off the march. Every one was inspired by the presence and volunteering of an elderly woman Mrs.Parvathi Amma. HCCC would like to express thanks to Raghunath Dendukuri (a first time volunteer and a core committee member for the event) for his contribution, untiring effort, and the Upma breakfast he and his wife Uma brought for the volunteers before 8.00 AM.

The registration desk was managed by Archana Ranganathan so efficiently that there was hardly any waiting time for the registrants. Her contribution in the design of the flyer and ordering of caps is outstanding. Many volunteers extended help at the registration desk, taking pictures of the event, and distribution of water bottles.

Walk-A-Thon event execution is an excellent example of dedication and collaborative effort of the HCCC management (particularly Fundraising Chair, Human Services Chair, Youth & Education Chair, and Board Liaison for Y & E and HS), temple staff, and a number of volunteers.

"Dosa Place" Restaurant has donated food for this event. The grand finale of the event was a world class Veena Concert by Geeta Bennett. Very rare compositions and rare Raagas were sung. The energy in the song written by Subramania Bharathi on Sri Durga, the deep devotion of Saint Thyagaraja, the purity of Muthu Swami Dikshit, sublime notes from the Dasas, the high notes from Swathi Thirunal and grand Mangalam mesmerized the audience. Indeed it was a rare treat at HCCC.



Participants making Pradakshinams (laps)

Sanskrit Summer Camp

Youth & Education committee organized Sanskrit summer camp on August 9 and September 13 at the Shiva-Vishnu temple premises. The focus of the camp was to train people to speak Sanskrit. Over 40 children and their parents attended the camp. The camp was conducted by Srikali Varanasi and Goutam Vedanthi. One of the participants of the camp summarized his experiences in the camp "The Sanskrit Camp of 2008 was a very successful experience. The students learned by interacting and participating in class. First of all, the teacher this year was extremely clear while teaching and he covered all the vital topics in this process. Without straying from the topic of Sanskrit he managed to interest all the students. Thanks to the teacher's teaching ability, even students who despised the idea of attending the class ended up having fun and learning the language. "

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated at the temple from August 13 to September 7. The celebration started with Ganapathi Atharva Sheersha Abhishekam on August 13. The lead priests for this year's Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations were Pdt. Nageshwara Sastry and Pdt. Chintapalli Venkateshwara Sharma. Mrs. Lakshmi Narayana Murthi and Mrs. Meena Kapadia made the 28 inches tall Ganesha clay idol. The Ganesha idol was beautifully decorated. On the day of Ganesh Chaturthi (Sep 3), the temple opened at 8.00 AM. Even though it was a working day, about 1500 devotees visited the temple to receive the blessings of Lord Ganesha.



Children with "Ganesha Claus"

Volunteers, temple staff, and management have coordinated parking and food supply very well. In the afternoon, the popular Ganesh procession on Mooshika Vahanam was very well received. Following Ganesh Chaturthi day, the three day special Alankaram rituals were held from Sep 4 through Sept 6. On Sep 7, the Lord Ganesha Nimajjana ritual began. The Ganesha idol was taken in a van to Pier 39, San Francisco. Ninety one devotees traveled by a bus organized by the temple to witness and participate in Nimajjana event. At Pier 39, the devotees took the idol in a boat near the Golden Gate Bridge to immerse the idol in the San Francisco bay with full religious rituals. Theertha Prasadam was then served on the boat to the devotees. HCCC would like to thank Mrs. Lakshmi Narayana Murthi, the grand



Lord Ganesha Idol at temple with priests and devotees

sponsors, other sponsors, devotees, all the volunteers, and the event coordinator for the meticulous planning of the event. HCCC would like to congratulate the volunteers and the event coordinator for the meticulous planning and organizing the entire 26 day celebrations.

On Aug 30, over 120 children along with their family performed Ganesh Puja lead by Pdt. Nageshwara Sastry. The children were pleasantly surprised by a visit of "Ganesha Claus" enacted by Dr. Kamala Shankar. They were happy to receive the blessings from "Ganesha Claus".



Temple priests performing Homa



Devotees Transporting Ganesha idol to the boat



Devotees lowering Lord Ganesha's Idol in to bay waters

Kanaka Durga Samprokshanam



Goddess Kanaka Durga Procession in traditional style

The Kanakadurga Utsava Murti Samprokshana program took place from August 14 to August 17. The program was sponsored by 193 devotees and well attended by several hundreds of devotees. About 60 devotees took Deeksha and participated closely in the function. The priests of Livermore temple have excelled one more time with their chanting of mantras while performing various rituals and homas for the four days and created a resounding effect and giving serene feeling to everyone. The sanctification of Utsava Murti occurred on Sunday, August 17 at 12:07 PM with the goddess



A rare opportunity to worship sacred Gomaata (cow)

viewing the holy cow and children. The program ended with Veda Parayana and procession of the Goddess on the peacock. The 41 days of Mandala Puja and Archana was concluded on Sep 27 with Durga Abhishekam, Mula Mantra Homa, and Purnahuti.

Volunteers Appreciation Day

Volunteer Appreciation Day is an annual event organized at the temple by the volunteer chair, Dr. Manashi Bagchi and several volunteers. Temple takes this opportunity to thank and appreciate all the volunteers for their hard work, devotion, and valuable time spent by them for the temple work in conducting religious events, human services, cultural events, and many other events. It was very well attended by volunteers, their family, and members of Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Steering Committee members. HCCC volunteers are one of the key resources to make all events run smooth and make the HCCC devotees happy and enable them enjoy their time at the temple.



Manashi Bagchi with volunteers and temple management

HCCC temple served dinner and treated to a nice cultural program by Surpal. All the



Srinivasa Malladi and Kamala Shankar chatting with some of the guests

participating volunteers, EC, and BOD members were presented with a beautiful idol of lord Ganesha as souvenir to mark this event. Chairman, Sri Srinivasa Malladi, presented vote of thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work.



Volunteers treating themselves for a nice dinner



Three devotees who undertook the pilgrimage walk

Pilgrimage Walk from San Ramon to Livermore Temple

On Sep 6, 2008, a pilgrimage walk was undertaken by three devotees (Shantharam Gummaraju, Kalyan Chakravarthi Adavi, and Uday Dhanikonda) carrying Lord Ganesha from San Ramon to Livermore temple beating all odds and challenges such as security restrictions and closed roads on their way.

Mr. Anand Gundu met these three devotees in the temple. They compared feelings from their walk with those of people who walk through Sapta Giri to Tirumala. In fact one of the devotees did this walk as an alternative to his Tirumala walk.

Donation to Veteran Hospital of Livermore



Anand Kumar Gundu with VA hospital staff

Human Services wing of HCCC has been facilitating donation to the Veterans Hospital in Livermore for the last few years. Keeping the tradition, this year too, HCCC donated items from the wish list that included CD boom boxes, personal hygiene items, and fleece blankets. The staff and recipients of the donations expressed their gratitude for the items. Some of them were so thrilled about their new fleece blanket and wished it was cooler to use it right away. HCCC continues to serve the humanity guided by their motto "Service to mankind is service to god ". Human Services appreciates all the devotees for their contributions to such causes and wish to thank them.

The HCCC team was represented by Dr Kamala Shankar (BOD), Dr Suma Kote, and Mr TK Subramanian and Mr. Anand Gundu, Chairman of Human Services.

Seniors Debate Program

A debate program for seniors was conducted in July 2008 at the temple by Human Services committee. The topic for the debate was "It is better to live with children in the US vs. living alone in India". Several seniors attended and participated in the debate sharing their views and experiences with fellow seniors. Some excerpts from the speeches are:

"...In the year 2001, the wheel of my life took a sharp turn and I was faced with a circumstance of coming to America to live with my son. The mind refused to accept the change. Everything seemed to be the opposite from what it was in India, the language, the culture, the food habits, the attire and the lifestyle as a whole."

"I started to turn all the oppositeness to my convenience. There was a mutual joy in living with the son and daughter-in-law. I started enjoying taking care of my grand-children, raising them, feeding them, playing with them, taking them back and forth to school and so on. This freed my son and daughter-in-law from the worries of home while they were at work."

"By the Grace of God, I live close to the Shiva Vishnu temple in Livermore. I started coming regularly to the temple, every Saturday, to take part in various activities including special pujas, talks by renowned saints, festivals and volunteering in the library. This gave me a lot of contentment. "

"At this point I feel that it is a win-win situation for me to live here. Why not spend the rest of my life with children and grandchildren, turning everything available into a convenience?"

Tamil Composers Day



Facilitation of Smt. & Sri. Brahmanandam

Tamil composer's day event was conducted on Aug 31, 2008 at the temple assembly hall. Many musicians participated in this event. Noted musician Sri Brahmanadam spoke very eloquently and shared information about several Tamil composers. He sang with great Vidhwath, only musicians of such caliber can do. Many artists including child and young artists participated in the program.



Young musicians performing

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Temple priests performing Puja before Nimajjanam



Devotee decorating place with beautiful Rangoli during Kanakadurga Samprokshanam



Seniors debating



Volunteers distributing water bottles for the participants



Artists participated in the Tamil Composers Day event



Surprise visit by Ganesha Claus

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Sri Durga Puja Sunday October 5, 2008 thru Sunday October 12, 2008

Sun, October 5, 2008

6:00 pm	Ma Durga Adhibas
6:30 pm	Chandipath
8:00 pm	Pushpanjali
8:30 pm	Arati

Mon, October 6, 2008, Saptami Day

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga and Kanaka Durga (in shrines)
10:30 am	Maha Saptami Puja
11:45 am	Pushpanjali
12:30 pm	Bhog Prasad
1:00 pm	Arati
6:30 pm	Chandipath
8:00 pm	Pushpanjali & Arati

Tue, October 7, 2008, Ashtami Day

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga and Kanaka Durga (in shrines)
10:30 am	Maha Ashtami Puja
11:35 am	Durga Sandhi Puja
12:23 pm	Sandhi Puja Samarpan
12:30 pm	Pushpanjali (with 108 lamps & flowers)
1:00 pm	Bhog Prasad & Arati
6:30 pm	Chandipath
8:00 pm	Pushpanjali & Sandhya Arati

Wed, October 8, 2008, Navami Day

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga and Kanaka Durga (in Shrines)
10:30 am	Maha Navami Puja
11:45 am	Pushpanjali
12:30 pm	Bhog Prasad & Arati
1:00 pm	KUMARI PUJA
3:00 pm	Maha Navami Homa (Havan)
4:00 pm	Shanti Path & Tilakdan
7:00 pm	Pushpanjali & Arati
8:00 pm	Dhunuchi Nritya

Thur, October 9, 2008, Navami Day

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga and Kanaka Durga (in Shrines)
10:30 am	Maha Dashami Puja
11:30 am	Pushpanjali
12:00 pm	Bhog Prasad & Arati
12:30 pm	Darpan Bisarjan & Aparajita Puja
6:30 pm	Sindhur Daan
7:00 pm	Shanti Path & Tilakdan and Asheervad & Maha Prasad
8:00 pm	Shanthijal

Fri, October 10, 2008, Weekend Function

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga & Kanaka Durga (in Shrines)
12:00 pm	Bhog Prasad & Arati
5:30 pm	Cultural Program
7:00 pm	Adhik Puja
7:30 pm	Pushpanjali and Arati
8:00 pm	Mata (Devi) Jagaran

Sat, October 11, 2008, Weekend Function

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga & Kanaka Durga (in Shrines)
10:30 am	Durga Puja
12:00 pm	Pushpanjali, Bhog Prasad & Arati
1:00 pm	KUMARI PUJA
4:00 PM	Cultural Program
7:00 pm	Pushpanjali, Bhog Prasad & Arati & Shanti Path & Tilakdan
8:00 pm	Dhunuchi Nritya

Sun, October 12, 2008, Weekend Function

9:00 am	Nitya Puja, Dasha Bhujia Durga & Kanaka Durga (in Shrines)
10:30 am	Durga Puja
12:00 pm	Pushpanjali, Bhog Prasad & Arati
1:00 pm	Shantijal and Ashirvad
2:00 pm	Children's Program



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