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and 6 pm to 8 pm  
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### Mahâ Kumbhâbhishekam 2010

JUNE 16-20, 2010

Hindu Community and Cultural Center  
Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore, California

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

It gives me great pleasure to update you all with some of the progress at HCCC. By the grace of God, the Master Plan Committee headed by Sri Nagaraj Rao & Sri Amrit Duneja along with Sri Govinda Rao and team have done a stupendous work in putting together a Master Plan and have submitted to the city of Livermore for approval. Once the approval from the city is received, we will be on a fast track development, hopefully before the upcoming Mahakumbhaabhishekam in June 2010. I would personally thank every steering committee member of HCCC who has given inputs to the plan and has rightly blessed the plans for the future.

The Mahakumbhabhishekam team (MKA2010) headed by Sri Prakash Pokala have made great progress in the last couple of months. Starting with the kick off grand cultural concert in May 2009, the team has plans to raise funds and awareness among the devotees at large with the mega event next year. Maha Rudra Homa, Sri Lalitha & Sri Lakshmi Laksha Archana, Sri Dhanavantri Homa and a black tie dinner event are some of the upcoming functions from the MKA2010 team.

President Srinivas Pyda and the executive team (EC) toil hard to keep the day to day operation going smoothly. You may be glad to know that Lieutenant Governor Garamendi visited our Temple addressing the youth.

The Board members have worked hard in the past few months to keep the rigors of HCCC on the policies and procedures. I thank each one of the BOD members for their support. Dr. Kamala Shankar as responsible Corporate Sectary has kept me abreast of the schedule and meetings minutes, Sri Vinay Kallesh has been great support as the Vice Chairman of the board. Sri Sridar Poothari, Sri Srinivas Malladi, Sri Seshagiri, Sri Prasuna Reddy & Smt. Veera Raghavamma have supported well both as a board members & as Reps to the EC team.

I request each of you to come visit the temple regularly, participate in the pujas and support the various projects undertaken at HCCC with generous donations to service the community at large. Please do not hesitate to reach me or any of the office bearers.

I pray that the Gods of Shiva - Vishnu temple provide their blessing to your family & friends with good health, happiness and true knowledge of peace.

God Bless us all,  
Peraiah Sudanagunta, *Chairman HCCC, Inc.*

### From Editor's Desk

Dear Devotees,

In the past 3 months, many functions have been organized by the EC, BOD, and volunteers. Due to the space limitations, we have included several pictures in the picture gallery section. In this issue, we included articles on subjects of interest to the devotee community.

There will be many events in coming months that will enable Maha Kumbha Abhishekam (MKA) in 2010 to be a grand success. Please participate in the event and generously donate for MKA cause.

Janakiram Kaki, *Publicity Chair, EC, HCCC*

## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Oct 1st Thursday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 3rd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month(Laksha archana)	07:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatam Detailed Program at the End
	Poornima	5:00 PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Oct 7th Tuesday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
	Karva Chouth	6:30 PM	Karva Chouth Pooja by Ladies
Oct 7th Wednesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 8th Thursday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Oct 10th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Oct 11th Sunday	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Oct 13th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 15th Thursday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 16th Friday	Masa Shiva ratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Oct 17th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji Detailed Program at the End
Oct 18th Sunday	Kali Pooja 3rd Sunday of the Month Gujrati New Year Skanda Shashti Begins	10:30 AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana  Detailed Program at the End
Oct 19th Monday	Swati Kartika Somavara	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka & Archana Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 23rd Friday	Skanda Shasti		
Oct 24th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Vishnu Pushpa Yaga	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Detailed Program at the End
Oct 25th Sunday	Skanda Shashti Weekend Function Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Detailed Program at the End Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 26th Monday	Kartika Somavara Sravana	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Oct 29th Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 30th Friday	Pradosham Tulasi Vivaham	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Tulasi Kalyanam
Oct 31st Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
Nov 1st Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS		
Nov 2nd Monday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Nov 2nd Monday	Shiva Annabhishekham	9:30 AM	Shiva Annabhishekham
Nov 2nd Monday	Kartika Somavara	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekham
Nov 3rd Tuesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Nov 4th Wednesday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Nov 5th Thursday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhishekam
Nov 7th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Nov 7th Saturday	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhishekam
Nov 8th Sunday	Weekend Function	9:30 AM	Shiva Annabhishekham
Nov 9th Monday	Kartika Somavara Kala Bhairava Jayanthi	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekham Kala Bhairava Abhishekam
Nov 12th Thursday	Ekadasi Uttara Phalguni	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Ayyappa Swamy Abhishekam
Nov 13th Friday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Nov 14th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month Masa Shivaratri	11:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva

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DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Nov 15th Sunday	Swati Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Begins	5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasima Swamy Abhisheka Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Begins
Nov 21st Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
Nov 22nd Sunday	Shashti Sravana 3rd Sunday of the Month	5:00 PM 5:00 PM 10:30 AM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana Balaji Sahasranama Archana Shiva Sahasrana Archana
Nov 26th Thursday	THANKSGIVING DAY	Holiday Schedule	Temple Operates on Weekend Schedule. 9 AM to 8 PM.
Nov 27th Friday	Geetha Jayanthi Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Geetha Jayanthi Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Nov 28th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Geetha Jayanthi Weekend Function	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Detailed Program at the End
Nov 29th Sunday	Pradosham Last Sunday of the Month	5:00 PM 4:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Dec 1st Tuesday	Annamalai Deepam Kartikamasa Krittika Star Sudarshana Homam Krittika	6:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Annamalai Deepam Detailed Program at the End Murugan Abhishekam
Dec 2nd Wednesday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Dec 4th Friday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi Punarvasu	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka Rama Abhishekam
Dec 5th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Dec 11th Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Dec 12th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Dec 13th Sunday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Dec 14th Monday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Dec 15th Tuesday	Hanuman Jayanti Dhanurmasa Pooja Begins	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Detailed Program at the End Andal Abhishekam Begins Everyday by 10.00AM
Dec 19th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji Guru Homa
Dec 20th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month Sravana	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Shiva Sahasrana Archana Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Dec 22nd Tuesday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Dec 25th Friday	Christmas Ayyapa Mandala Pooja Ends		
Dec 26th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Dec 27th Sunday	Vaikunta Ekadasi	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatam Detailed Program at the End
Dec 28th Monday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Murugan Abhishekam
Dec 29th Tuesday	Pradosham Rohini	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Sri Krishna Pooja
Dec 30th Wednesday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasranamarchana
Dec 31st Thursday	Arudra Darisanam Weekend Schedule	9:30 AM 4 - 7:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka No Archana - Alankaram In progress
Jan 1st Friday	<b>New Year Day 2010</b>		<b>Special Schedule Temple Open 7:00 AM : Single Line Darsanam Start 8:30 AM</b>
	Punarvasu	7:00 AM 7:30 AM 7:30 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatam Shiva ,Parvati, Lakshmi,Rama and Andal Abhishekam MahaGanapati Homam

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Jan 1st Friday		8:00 AM 8:00 PM	Nitya Pooja Harathi to all Deities Ekantha Seva
Jan 2nd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Jan 3rd Sunday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	5:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Jan 5th Saturday	Uttara phalguni	6:30 PM	Ayyappa abhisheka
Jan 8th Friday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Jan 9th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Jan 10th Sunday	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jan 11th Monday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Jan 12th Thursday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Jan 14th Thursday	Makara Sankranthi, Thai Pongal Uttarayan Punya kala Ayyappa makara deepa pooja	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Pooja
Jan 16th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji
Jan 16th Saturday		3:00 PM	Andal(Godha) Kalayanam Detail [program at the end]
	Shravana	5:00 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Jan 17th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Sahasrana Archana
Jan 18th Monday	MLK Day		Temple Opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM
Jan 20th Wednesday	Vasantha Panchami Saraswati Puja	6:30 PM 10:30 AM	Lalita Sahasranama Archana Detailed Program at the End
Jan 21st Thursday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Jan 22nd Friday	Ratha Sapatami	10:30 AM	Surya Namaskara Followed by Sri Aruna Parayana
Jan 23rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Jan 25th Monday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Murugan Abhishekam
Jan 26th Thursday	Bheshma Ekadasi Rohini	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Sri Krishna Pooja
Jan 27th Wednesday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Jan 28th Thursday	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Rama Abhishekam
Jan 29th Friday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasranamarchana
Jan 30th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
Jan 31st Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana

### Vishnu Laksha archana

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Sat Oct 3rd</b>	7:00 AM	Shiva Vishnu Suprabatham
	7:45 AM	Balaji,Siva,Navgraha, and Anjaneya Abhisheka
	9:30 AM	Laksha Archana Begins
	1:30 PM	Lunch Break
	3:00 PM	Laksha Archana Continues
	6:00 PM	Arathi and Teertha Prasadam
	8:30 PM	Ekantha Seva

### Siva Laksha Archana

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Sun Oct 4th</b>	7:00 AM	Shiva Vishnu Suprabatham
	7:45 AM	Siva,Ganesha, and Kartikeya Abhisheka
	9:30 AM	Laksha Archana Begins
	1:30 PM	Lunch Break
	3:00 PM	Laksha Archana Continues
	6:00 PM	Arathi and Teertha Prasadam
	8:30 PM	Ekantha Seva

**The Laksha Archana involves all priests performing Sahsra Archana multiple times until 1 Laksha is covered**

### Deepavali Program

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Sat Oct 17th</b>	10:30 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
	12:00	Archana Teertha Prasadam
	5:00 PM	Lakshmi Kubera Pooja in the Main Temple Hall

### Kali Pooja in Assembly Hall

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Sat Oct 17th</b>	8:00 PM	Deepa Danam
	9:00 PM	Sankalpam
	9:30 PM	Sri Kali Pooja
	11:30 PM	Arathi , Pushpanjali
	12:00 AM	Bhog Prasad
	12:30 AM	Kali Homam
	1:30 AM	Shanti Jal & Asheervadam

**Above is Evening Through Late Night Schedule**

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**Skanda Shasti Celebraions**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Oct 18th Sun</b>	11:30 AM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
<b>Oct 19th Mon</b>	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
<b>Oct 20th Tue</b>	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
<b>Oct 21st Wed</b>	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
<b>Oct 22nd Thu</b>	6:00 PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
<b>Oct 23rd Fri</b>		Skanda Shasti
	10:00 AM	Kavadi Pooja And Procession
	11:30 AM	Murugan Abhisheka , Archana , Theertham And Prasadam
<b>Oct 24th Sat</b>	7:30 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
	11:00 AM	Murugan Abhisheka And Kalyanotsavam
<b>Oct 25th Sun</b>	10:00 AM	Kavadi Pooja And Tiru Veedhi Utsavam
	11:30 AM	Murugan Abhisheka
	1:30 PM	Pushpa Alamkaram , Archana , Arathi , Theerta, And Prasadam
	4:30 PM	Subramanya Homa
	6:00 PM	Mayuravahana Seva For Lord Murugan (Peacock Vahanam )
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva

**SRI VISHNU PUSHPA YAGAM**

<b>Oct 24th Sat</b>	8:00 AM	Suprabatham
	9:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Pushpa Yaga Starts
	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Yaga Homa
	1:00 PM	Poornahuti
	1:30 PM	Theertha Prasada Viniyogam

**Gita Jayanthi In Assembly Hall** (Weekend function)

<b>Nov 28th Sat</b>	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

**Kritika Masa Kritika Star Sudarshana Homam**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Dec 1st Tue</b>	6:00 PM	Sankalpam
	6:30 PM	Sudarshana Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Chakrabja Mandala Puja
	8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

**Hanuman Jayanthi**

<b>Dec 15th Tue</b>	10:00 AM- 5 :00 PM	Sundara Kanda Homam and Valmiki Ramayana
	6:30 PM	Hanuman Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Sahsra kathilabala & Nagavalli thala Archana
	8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

**Vaikunta Ekadasi**

<b>Dec 27th Wed</b>	8:00 AM	
	8:30 AM	Suprabhatham
	8:30 AM	Balaji Moola Murthy Abhisheka
	8:00 AM	Siva, Ganesha, Kartikeya, Anjaneya and Andal Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Dwara Pooja
	11:30 AM	Dwara Pravesham for Devotees
	3:00 PM	Lord Venkatesha Sahsranamam Homam and Poornahuti
	5:00 PM	Archana and Teertha Prasadam
7:45 PM	Ekanta Seva	

**Sri Andal Kalyanam**

<b>Jan 16th Wed (2010)</b>	3:00 PM	
	4:00 PM	Edukola Utsavam
	5:30 PM	Kalyana Utsavam
	6:30 PM	TiruVeedhi Utsavam
		TiruKalyana Bhajanam for all Devotees

**Saraswati Puja Celebration**

<b>Jan 20th Fri (2010)</b>	10:30 AM	
	11:30 AM	Saraswati Puja
	12:00 Noon	Pushpanjali
	12:15 PM	Bhoj Prasad
	12:30 PM	Aarti
	7:00 PM	Hatekahari (Aksharabhyasam)
	7:30 PM	Sandha (Sandhya) Aarti
	8:00 PM	Aksharabhyasam
		Shanti Jal and Prasad

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Children's Day**

On the birthday of Chacha Nehru, Children's day will be observed on November 14. There will be lot of activities to engage children. Please participate in the program with your children and enjoy the proceedings.

**Appeal**

In order to maintain the sanctity and discipline inside the Temple, the management request all devotees to cooperate by observing the following:

- ❁ Come in clothes suitable for the occasion.
- ❁ Use the Temple Hall for Meditation.
- ❁ Eat Prasadam in designated areas.
- ❁ Wash your feet before entering temple.
- ❁ Leave baby strollers outside.
- ❁ Leave footwear near the Temple office.
- ❁ Do not shoot the pictures or video of the idols inside the Shrines.
- ❁ Stay close to your children.

## Dhanvanthari Homam

Maha Kumbha Abhishekam committee presents Dhanvanthari Homam, Yoga and Ayurveda clinic on Dec 6, 2009.

Event	Timings
Dhanvanthari Homam	08:00 AM Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatham 08:30 AM -10:00 AM Homam 10:00 AM Purnahuthi
Yoga & Ayurveda	10:30 AM – 11:30AM Yoga Program 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Ayurveda Seminars /Clinic <b>Lunch follows</b>

**Suggested donation: Grand sponsor \$251, Annadaana \$251, Homa \$28.**

**For registration or more information email to:**

anand\_gundu@yahoo.com with Subject Dhanvanthari Homam or contact event coordinator Anand Gundu at 209-832-9539 or temple manager at 925-449-6255.

## KEY EVENTS CELEBRATED

### Lt. Governor of California Visited Shiva-Vishnu Temple



On Aug 23, 2009, Temple had a distinguished guest Mr. John Garamendi, Lt. Governor of California along with his wife. Governor Garamendi took time from his busy schedule and spent 90 minutes at the Temple. Lt. Governor Garamendi was received by Sri. Nagaraja Rao, chairman of Master Planning Committee and Sri Ben Venkatesh, former board member of the Temple. Lt. Governor was given traditional welcome by our priests Pt. Sridharan and Pt. Ramaseshu along with members of HCCC management. Lt. Governor and his wife were taken inside of the temple and were given a guided tour of shrines and deities in the Temple. At the conclusion of the tour, a group of children welcomed Lt. Governor with flower bouquets in the Temple Assembly Hall. Sri Nagaraja

Rao and Sri Ben Venkatesh gave an introductory talk and introduced the Temple management team to Lt. Governor.

President Dr. Srinivasa Pyda felicitated Lt. Governor with a Shawl in a traditional way. Dr. Kamala Shankar felicitated Mrs. Garamendi by spreading Sesa-Vastra around her shoulders.

Governor Garamendi addressed the audience and youth during the Yoga Camp. Sri Ben Venkatesh gave vote of thanks thanking him for taking time off his busy schedule and come visit the historic Hindu Temple in Livermore. Governor and his wife socialized with the people present.



## Sri Vishnu Brahmotsavam

The three day annual Vishnu Brahmotsvam function was celebrated in the temple from September 18 to 20. This is one of the very well attended functions of the temple. Many devotees sponsored pujas.

On the first day, the proceedings started with Samkalpam followed by Deeksha, Amkurarpanam, Dhwaja Pata Prathista & Dhwaja Aarohanam, and Ekanta Seva for Balaji. The second day started with Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatham. The pujas following suprabhatham are, Agni Pratishta, Nava Kumbha Sthapana, Nitya Homa ,Bali and Sathumurai, Balaji Abhishekam, Sesa Vahana Seva with Saraswathi Alamkaram, Tomala Seva, Sathumurai, Theertha Prasada, Dwiguna Aradhana, Alaya Bali., Garuda Vahana Seva, Sayamkala Archana, Bali & Sathumurai, Nithya Homam, and Balaji Ekanta Seva. The last day events included Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatham, Shiva, Ganesha, Karthikeya, and Hanuman Abhisheka, Nitya Homa ,Bali and Sathumurai, Hanumad Vahana Seva, Choorna Abhishekam, Avabrida Snamam, Poornahuti, Pallaki Uthsavam with Sridevi & Bhoo Devi, Mouna Bali, Rashtra Asheervachanam, Balaji Ekanta Seva.



## Walk To Temple



A group of four devotees, Shanthu Gummaraju, Nanarao Ravipati, Nageswara Rao Velinedi, and Chandra Guntupalli, have undertaken a 15 mile walk from San Ramon to the temple in Livermore to get the blessings of Shiva and Balaji. Two other devotees, Kalyan Adavi and Uday Dhanikonda rode the bike and reached temple to join their fellow devotees. The temple management received them at the temple to recognize their dedication.

## Youth & Education Events

On February 14, Y&E committee conducted Children's program on occasion of Shiva Brahmotsavam. Over 60 children participated in the program with performances of dance, Bhajans, Slokas on Lord Shiva. Board Members felicitated Archana Ranganathan for her contribution as chair person for Y&E over the years. The participation in Y & E activities increased over the years. She continues to serve HCCC as part of various functional committees.



On April 4, Y& E conducted a children program as part of Sri Ramanavami celebrations. Over 35 children participated in reciting Slokas and performing dances in praise of Lord Rama. Children were presented mementos for their participation.

On June 20, Y & E conducted Graduation Saraswathi Puja. The Puja was very well attended by over 80 participants graduating from high schools and colleges. We also had participants with post graduate degrees. The Puja was conducted by Pt. Subramanya Sharma. Priya Shankar and Shobhana Gangadharan performed Natya Seva with a Bharatnatyam. Sujaya Tranquebar from Vijaya Kusum's music school sang melodious Bhajans on Goddess Sarswathi. Shri T K Subramanian's address motivated children to win Nobel prize and Field medals. Graduates Punal, Varsha, Dhanya and Rohan shared

some of their experiences and gave some valuable pointers to the group.

On August 29, Y&E conducted Ganesh Chaturthi children program. Over 215 children participated in the Puja conducted by Pt Nageshwara Shastri. Invocation was performed by Niyantri group & followed by Bhajans by children. Pt Nageshwara Shastri had the complete attention of all the children who followed the instructions with devotion. Children performed Puja to Lord Ganesh with devotion. They recited Ganesh Ashtotaram with devotion. The priest at the end of the Puja blessed all the children.

On September 13, Y & E conducted Sankrit camp. Sri Gautam conducted the camp with participation from over 40 children in the workshop. The participants learnt simple words to be used in day to day routine. At end of the camp, there was a quiz to test their learning. Parents attended the camp with the same enthusiasm as the children.



## Karnatik Musical Concert

On July 26, the Cultural Committee of HCCC hosted Karnatik music concert by Sangeetha Paramacharya Sri T.K Govinda Rao, the Vidwan of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham and Saphthagiri Sangita Vidwanmani of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam. It was very well attended by hundreds of devotees who enjoyed the melody of eminent artist.

Shri T. K. Govinda Rao, one of the senior-most vocalists of Indian Classical Karnatak Music, is popularly known as a faithful representative of the Musiri style of Bhava-laden rendering because of his rigorous GURUKULAVASA spread over fifteen years followed by twelve years of close association with his Guru, Padmabhushan, Sangita Kalanidhi Sri Musiri Subrahmanya Iyer, the doyen of Karnatak Music. As a vocalist and teacher, over the last five decades, he has given hundreds of concerts and has taught hundreds of students all over the world and has tuned many popular compositions of various Dasaas and Periyaswami Thooran rendered by the women trinity of Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi, Smt. D.K. Pattammal and Smt. M.L.Vasantakumari and his disciples Bombay Sisters and others.

To promote, preserve and propagate the time-tested traditions of Karnatak Music, he has edited, compiled, and published all of the authentically available compositions of great composers such as Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar, Syama Sastri, Swati Tirunal and most recently "Varna Sagaram". He is currently working on "Compositions of Purandara Dasa" which will have about 1600 padas. All of these publications are in Roman-English diacritical scripts, Devanagari scripts, applicable regional languages, with meanings in English and Roman SRGM notations for every composition. This immeasurable

Encyclopedic work is his great contribution to the world of music. Various titles, Sangit Natak Academy Awards, Asthana Vidwan of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham Saphthagiri Sangita Vidwanmani of Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam and most recently Sangeetha Paramacharya have been conferred on him for his contributions to the field of Karnatak music.

## Guru Shishya Day



Guru is a recognized leader in a field. In Hinduism, the guru has always been honored and respected for ability to impart knowledge. These gurus often dedicate their lives to teaching ancient traditions to new generations. On Guru Shishya Day, students pay their respects to their gurus by showcasing their talents and learning in language, dance, and music. This year Guru Shishya Day was conducted on July 25 at HCCC temple. Seventeen schools participated in the celebration with over ninety participants. The afternoon showcased the talents of numerous young boys and girls and proved that teachers in the United States truly can impart various Hindu or Indian art forms with authenticity. The program began with an invocation from Pundit Subramanya Sharma. Priya Shankar and Kamala Shankar were the emcees of the event. The event consisted of a several performances such as Kathak dance, the melodies of

Carnatic vocal and violin music, Bharatanatyam dance, and student's expertise in South Asian languages. After each performance, two seniors, Mrs. Parvathi and Mrs. Subbaraman handed out certificates to the artists. Sri T.K. Subramaniam and Sri Rajagopal Kowligi captured the brightest moments of the performances. Through events like Guru Shishya Day, HCCC has been able to keep the temple as the forerunner of cultural integrity and student encouragement in our community.





## INVITED ARTICLES

### Susrutha – The Sage, Surgeon, and Samhita

Dr. Dharwar Parimalachar

Susrutha, the father of clinical surgery and plastic surgery during medieval times in India, was the son of well known Sage Viswamitra. He was most revered and celebrated amongst the sages of his times, because of his vast knowledge and unique understanding of the depth of human illness. He devised many innovative surgical interventions which were greatly appreciated and acclaimed, and became popular in later times.

He wrote his famous treatise, "Susrutha Samhita", an extraordinary encyclopedia. It is known for its originality, content, pioneering surgical principles, processes and procedures, description of surgical treatment. In olden times, any other life sciences being non-existent, plants and herbs were the only means of treatment for diseases. Susrutha propounded the concept "Amanthram Aksharam Naasthi, Naasthi Moolam Anaushadham" meaning that every herbal root, plant, or leaf had some value for human health. The 'Samhita', thus, is an ancient treasure for modern ages, in which the sage has revealed a profound spiritual philosophy of remedies for illness in simple yet pragmatic terms. Accuracy, precision, and perfection find an important place in Susrutha's writings and teachings.

He was a great inspiration to the contemporary world of medicine. In his 'Samhita', he explains the interface of healing through a combined practice of using both Ayurveda and surgery and how the two systems inter-relate. Even his definition of health as a state of complete physical and mental well being and not merely absence of disease, is in tune with the definition of health by World Health Organization. The "Samhita" was later translated into Arabic in the 18th Century A.D.

One of Susrutha's well known procedures was the surgical repair of the nose. Cutting the nose was a common form of punishment those days (for example Lakshmana cutting off the nose of Soorphanaka in Ramayana). Susrutha's method of treatment, plastic surgery of the cut-nose (Rhinoplasty), was so well accepted that even later, British Physicians travelled to India to learn more about the pedicle grafting performed by natives here.

As a medical teacher, he ordained his students to practice surgery on inanimate objects such as cadavers, fruits such as Water Melons, vegetables, clay pots, and reeds to acquire expertise before treating human beings. Susrutha designed his own surgical instruments based on jaws of animals and birds. He used horse hair and fibers of barks for stitching wounds. He advocated strongly that, no matter what surgical instruments one used, the hand is the most important and the best instrument. He dealt with such conditions as war injuries, amputations, bladder stones, fractures, cataracts, caesarian sections, and even brain surgery, using the basic concepts of asepsis and anesthesia. He emphasized that proficiency in one field can only be attained through a good knowledge of other areas as well.

Medical historians date the period of Susrutha around 600 B.C, long before Christ. It is indeed amazing that some of his surgical principles which had good scientific foundation are admired even today. Susrutha is known to have lived on the banks of the holy river Ganges, close to present day Banaras. He acquired proficiency through training from Dhanvantari

Through his "Samhita", Sage Susrutha left an indelible mark and imprint on the medical world for many long centuries to come. Our deepest adoration and salutations to him and his works.

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