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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

I am thankful for the honor bestowed upon me, to serve the Hindu Community & Cultural Center (HCCC) as the Chairman of its Board of Directors (BoD). The well experienced members of Executive Committee (EC) will be lead by Shri Srinivas Pyda as President. I seek the blessing of GOD and request your kind support to serve the Hindu community of Greater San Francisco Bay Area at large.

I take this opportunity to thank the immediate past BoD Chairman Shri Srinivas Malladi, past EC President Shri Prasuna Dornadula, and past BoD Corporate Sectary Shri Sridar Pootheri for their services in leading HCCC. I sincerely appreciate the contributions and thank the out going members of the BoD Shri Krishna Chander, Shri Ben Venkatas & Shri Shankar Narashiman for their services to HCCC. Furthermore, I would like to thank the following outgoing EC Members for their earnest services to HCCC, Smt. Manashi Bagchi, Smt. Archana Ranganathan, Shri Gopi Reddy, Shri Srinivas Mallireddy, Shri Anand Gundu, and Shri HK Narayan. On behalf of the current HCCC Board of Directors & the Executive Committee, I wish the outgoing members of the BoD & EC the very best in all their endeavors.

The new incoming members to the BoD are Smt. Raghavamma Gullapalli, Shri N Seshagiri and Shri Srinivas Pyda. The new members to the EC are Smt. Padmaja Madhusudan, Smt. Rema Ramani, Shri Prabhakar Bhanoori, Shri Bala Mani, Shri Debasis Bagchi, Shri Upendra Reddy, Shri Chittaranjan Mallipedi, Shri Boda Rao and Shri Ravishankar Jonnalagadda. I wish the new members every success in their service to HCCC.

This quarter, the BOD and Master Plan Committee (MPC) started working together to accomplish much needed improvements to HCCC, including new facilities for MahaKumbhAbhishekum (MKA2010) slated from June 16th, 2010. The BoD and the MPC are working cooperatively on a fast track to accomplish the following for MKA 2010; [1] Relocation of Kitchen with storage [2] Additional bath rooms [3] Administrative building along with class rooms [4] Paved parking in Dakshina Bhoomi with curb improvements to Arrowhead Ave [5] Kanaka Durga shrine regularization by the city [6] Graded parking in Poorva Bhoomi for overflow parking. The BoD has directed the MPC to move forward & start the process of collecting inputs from all the players. A special session of the Steering Committee has been scheduled for July 12th, 2009, to come up with an action plan to expedite the securing of a "Condition Use Permit [CUP]" from the City of Livermore and hopefully construction can start before the end of this year, such that essential structures & infrastructure improvements needed for MKA2010 are completed by June 1st, 2010. I request your cooperation, support & trust to accomplish the enhancements to HCCC in a timely manner.

In the past quarter, religious functions like the birth anniversary (Jayanthi) of Lord Shri Rama, Lord Shri Hanuman, Lord Shri Narashima and Shri Vasavi Devi & Gurus like Shri Basava, Shri Shankara and Shri Ramanuja, were celebrated in the steeped traditions prescribed in our scriptures. Yearly functions like Vaikasi Vishakam and Jyestha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji were also celebrated in the past quarter. Community Events like Senior Day, Health Fair, and Graduation Saraswathi Puja for Students, Annamacharya Jayanthi and Nadhaswaram concerts filled the assembly hall to serve the devotees at large. The EC team is already preparing for all the functions coming in the next two quarters of this year starting with the temple's anniversary to 2010 New Year events. Kindly participate in the celebrations, volunteer and donate as you wish to serve the community.

Looking forward to a great year

Service to God and Community at large

Best Wishes.

Dr. Peraiah Sudanagunta (MD, FACS and MPA)

Chairman of the Board, HCCC

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 1st Wednesday	Swati	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
July 2nd Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
July 4th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month , Independence Day	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
	Pradosham	5:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 6th Monday	Guru Poornima	6:30PM	Samohika Satyanarayana Pooja in Temple Hall
		6:30PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
July 9th Thursday	Sravana	6:30PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
July 10th Friday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
July 11th Saturday	23rd Anniversary Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
July 12th Sunday	23rd Anniversary Day 2		Detailed Program at the End
July 15th Wednesday	Dakshinayana Punyakalam		Sun Enters Kataka 26:37
July 17th Friday	Krittika	6:30PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
July 18th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
	Rohini	5:00PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Ekadasi	5:00PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
July 19th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
	Pradosham	5:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 20th Monday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
July 21st Tuesday	Punarvasu Total Solar Eclipse (NOT VISIBLE IN USA)	6:30PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
July 24th Friday	Aadi Pooram	9:30AM 6:30PM	Andal Abhisheka Utsavam, Nachiyar Thirumozhi and Satumorai
	Pavitrotsavam Day 1,2 & 3		Detailed Program at the End
July 26th Sunday	Shashti	5:00PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
July 28th Tuesday	Swati	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasima Swamy Abhisheka
July 31st Friday	Varalakshmi Vratam		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 1st Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
	Ekadasi	5:00PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Aug 2nd Sunday	Pradosham	5:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	21 Days Ganesha Abhisheka Starts	5:00 PM	
Aug 4th Tuesday	Poornima	6:30PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Aug 5th Wednesday	Rig -Yajur Upakarma	6:30AM & 8:00AM	Two Batches in A.Hall
	Sravana	6:30PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
	Vaikhanasa Jayanthi	11:00AM	Vikhanasa Maharshi Pooja
Aug 8th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 11:30AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Aug 9th Sunday	Raghavendra Swami Aradhana in A.Hall	11:00AM	Raghavendra Swamy Abhisheka and Archana
	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	5:00PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Aug 13th Thursday	Sri Krishna Janmashtami	6:00PM 7:30PM 11:30PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka Bhagavat Geeta Parayana Sri Krishna Janma Kala Pooja
Aug 14th Friday	Aadi Krittika Mayura Vahana Seva for Lord Kartikeya Swamy	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Kartikeya Swamy &
Aug 15th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
	Rohini	5:00PM	Sri Krishnan Pooja
	Sri Krishna Janmashtami (Weekend Function)		Detailed Program at the End

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Aug 16th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month Ekadasi	10:30AM 5:00PM	Shiva Sahasrana Archana Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Aug 17th Monday	Pradosham Punarvasu	6:30PM 6:30PM	Shiva Abhisheka Sri Rama Abhisheka
Aug 18th Tuesday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Aug 22nd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Swarna Gowri Vratam	12:00Noon 6:00PM	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Swarna Gowri Vratam by Ladies
Aug 23rd Sunday	Sama Upakarma Ganesha Chathurthi		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 25th Tuesday	Shukla Shashti Swati	6:30PM 6:30PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Aug 29th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
Aug 30th Sunday	Ganesha Nimajjanam in SFO Pier 39 Last Sunday of the Month Ekadasi	16:30 5:00PM	For Timings &Details contact Front office Kala Bhairava Abhisheka Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Sep 1st Tuesday	Pradosham	6:30Pm	Shiva Abhisheka
Sep 2nd Wednesday	Anantha Chathurdasi Sravana	11:00AM 6:30PM	Dwara Nagaraja Abhisheka Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Sep 3rd Thursday	Poomima	6:30PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Sep 4th Friday	Mahalaya Paksha Begins		
Sep 5th Saturday	1st Saturday of the month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Sep 9th Wednesday	Saturn Enters Kanya		
Sep 7th Monday	Labour Day Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30PM	Temple opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM (Weekend Timings) Ganesha Abhisheka
Sep 10th Thursday	Krittika	6:30PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Sep 11th Friday	Rohini	6:30PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Sep 12th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 11:30AM 4:00 PM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji Shani Homa
Sep 14th Monday	Ekadasi Punarvasu	6:30PM 6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Sri Rama Abhisheka
Sep 16th Wednesday	Pradosham & Masa Shivaratri	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Sep 17th Thursday	Mahalaya Amavasya		
Sep 18th Friday	Keeping of Kolu Sri Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
Sep 19th Saturday	Sharad Navaratri Begins 3rd Saturday of the Month Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 2	11:00AM	Detailed Program at the End Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Sep 20th Sunday	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 3 3rd Sunday of the Month	10:30AM	Sahasranama Archana for Lord Shiva
Sep 21st Monday	Swati	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka & Archana
Sep 23rd Wednesday	Shukla Shashti	6:30PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Sep 25th Friday	Moola Nakshatra		Saraswati Pooja in Main Temple by Kids
Sep 26th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Durga Ashtami	12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Sep 27th Sunday	MahaNavami Last Sunday of the Month	16:30	Chandi Homa Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Sep 28th Monday	Vijaya Dasami Asthanam	6:30PM	Asthana Seva for Lord Shiva & Lord Balaji in Main Temple Hall
Sep 29th Tuesday	Ekadasi & Sravana	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka & Sahasranama Archana
Oct 1st Thursday	Pradosham	6:30PM	Shiva Abhisheka

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Oct 3rd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Oct 6th Tuesday	Sankatahara Chaturthi Karva Chouth	6:30PM 6:30PM	Ganesha Abhisheka Karva Chouth Pooja by Ladies
Oct 7th Wednesday	Krittika	6:30PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 8th Thursday	Rohini	6:30PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Oct 10th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 11:30AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Oct 11th Sunday	Punarvasu	5:00PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Oct 13th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 15th Thursday	Pradosham	6:30PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 16th Friday	Masa Shiva ratri	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Oct 17th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon 6:00PM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji Lakshmi Kubera Pooja in Main Temple Hall Detailed Program at the End
Oct 18th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month Gujrati New Year Skanda Shashti Begins	10:30AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana Detailed Program at the End
Oct 19th Monday	Swati Kartika Somavara	6:30PM 6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka & Archana Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 23rd Friday	Skanda Shasti		
Oct 24th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Vishnu Pushpa Yaga	12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Detailed Program at the End
Oct 25th Sunday	Skanda Shashti Weekend Function Last Sunday of the Month	4:30PM	Detailed Program at the End Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 26th Monday	Kartika Somavara Sravana	6:30PM 6:30PM	Shiva Abhisheka Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Oct 29th Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 30th Friday	Pradosham Tulasi Vivaham	6:30PM 6:30PM	Shiva Abhisheka Tulasi Kalyanam
Oct 31st Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30Am	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji

23rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS-2009

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
July 11th Sat	10:00AM	Lord Balaji Ashtottara shata Kalasha Abhisheka
	6:30PM	Lord Balaji Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara
July 12th Sun	10:00AM	Lord Shiva Ashtottara shata Kalasha Abhisheka
	6:30PM	Lord Shiva Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkaram

PAVITROTSAVAM July 24, 25, & 26th 09

July 24th Fri	6:00PM	Sankalpam ,Deeksha and Amkuranpanam
July 25th Sat	7:00AM	Suprabatham for Lord Shiva and Vishnu
	8:00AM	Lord Balaji Abhisheka
	9:00 AM	Poolangi Seva for Lord Balaji
	10:00AM	Archana and Arathi
	11:00AM	Lord Balaji Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
	12:00Noon	Pavitra Adhivasa and Homam
	3:30PM	Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana
	5:00PM	Pavitra Mantapa Alamkaram and Meru Pooja
	6:00PM	Maha Shanti Homa
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva

PAVITROTSAVAM July 24, 25, & 26th 09

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
July 26th Sun	8:00AM	Suprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu
	8:30AM	Nitya Homa
	9:30AM	Pavitra Abhisheka
	11:00AM	Special Alamkaram , Pavitra Samarpanam and Satmura
	12:00Noon	Maha Poornahuti
	4:00PM	Shanti Kalyanam , Deeksha Visarjanam and Asheervachanam
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva

SRI VARALAKSHMI VRATAM

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
July 31st Fri	10:00AM	Sri Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka
	12:00Noon	Theertha Prasadam
	7:00PM	Sankalpam
	7:30PM	Sri Varalakshmi Pooja by devotees
	9:00PM	Ekanta Seva

Sri Krishna Janmashtami (Weekend Function)

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Aug 15th Sat	6:30PM	Geeta Recital
	7:00PM	Children's Program on Sri Krishna Leela
	9:00PM	Bhajans
	11:30PM	Sri Krishna Janma Kala Pooja ,Arati, and Prasadam

GANESHA CHATHURTHI PROGRAM

Aug 23rd Sun	8:00AM	Shiva And Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30AM	Shiva ,Muruga and Hanuman Abhishekas
	9:00AM	Ganesha Abhisheka and Pushpa Alamkaram
	11:30AM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vratam
	12:45PM	Arathi ,Theertha Prasadam
	4:00PM	Sahasra Modaka Homa and Poornahuti
	6:00PM	Mooshika Vahana Seva
	7:00PM	Sayamkala Archana
	7:30PM	Arati ,Mantrapushpam, Astavadana Seva, Theertha Prasadam
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva

SRI VISHNU BRAHMOTSAVAM

Sep 18th Fri	7:00PM	Samkalpam ,Deeksha and Amkurarpanam
	9:00PM	Dhwaja Arohana
	9:30PM	Ekanta Seva
Sep 19th Sat	8:00AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30AM	Agni Prathishta
	9:00AM	Nava Kumbha Sthapana
	9:30AM	Nitya Homa, Bali and Sathumurai
	10:00AM	Balaji Abhisheka
	11:00AM	Seshavahana Seva
	12:30PM	Sathumurai, Theertha Prasadam
	1:00PM	Dwiguna Aradhana and Alaya Bali
	5:00PM	Garuda Vahana seva for Balaji
	6:00PM	Sayamkala Archana and Naivedyam
Sep 20th Sun	7:00PM	Nitya Homam
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva
	8:00AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Shiva, Ganesha, Karthikeya and Hanuman Abhisheka
	9:00AM	Nitya Homa ,Bali and Sathumurai
	10:00AM	Hanumad Vahana Seva
	11:00AM	Choorna Abhisheka
1:00PM	Avabrida Snamam	
2:00PM	Poornahuti	
5:00PM	Pallaki Utsavam for Lord Balaji with Sridevi & Bhudevi	
7:00PM	Mouna Bali	

KALI POOJA ON OCT 17TH 2009

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Sep 20th Sun	7:30PM	Dhwaja Avarohana and Rashtira Asheervachanam
	8:30PM	Ekanta Seva
Oct 17th Sat	8:00PM	Deepa Danam
	9:00PM	Sankalpam
	9:30PM	Sri Kali Pooja
	11:30PM	Arathi , Puhpanjali
	12:00AM	Bhog Prasad
	12:30AM	Kali Homam
1:30AM	Shanti Jal & Asheervadam	

SKANDA SHASTI CELEBRATIONS

Oct 18th Sun	5:30PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 19th Mon	5:30PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 20th Tue	5:30PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 21st Wed	5:30PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 22nd Thu	5:30PM	Murugan Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 23rd Fri	10:00AM	Kavadi Pooja and Procession
	11:00AM	Murugan Abhisheka, Archana, Theertham, and Prasadam
Oct 24th Sat	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
	3:00PM	Murugan Abhisheka And Kalyanotsavam
Oct 25th Sun	10:00AM	Kavadi Pooja and Tiru Veedhi Utsavam
	11:30AM	Murugan Abhisheka
	1:30PM	Pushpa Alamkaram, Archana, Arathi, Theertha and Prasadam
	4:30PM	Subramanya Homa
	6:00 PM	MayuraVahana Seva for Lord Murugan (Peacock Vahanam)
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva

SRI VISHNU PUSHPA YAGAM

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

2009 NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

DATES	PARVATI	KANAKA DURGA	DASHA BHUJA DURGA	MAHA LAKSHMI	DURGA PUJA IN A. HALL
Sept 19th Saturday	10:30AM Abhisheka 6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Turmeric Alamkaram	9:30AM Durga Navaratra Kalasha Sthapana & Durga Abhisheka 11:30AM Pushpanjali 6:30PM ChandiPath		
Sept 20th Sunday	10:30AM Abhisheka 6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Vibhuti Alamkaram	9:30AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30PM ChandiPath		

2009 NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED

DATES	PARVATI	KANAKA DURGA	DASHA BHUJA DURGA	MAHA LAKSHMI	DURGA PUJA IN A. HALL
Sep 21st Monday	10:30AM Abhisheka 6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Pushpa Alamkaram (Poolangi)	9:30AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30PM ChandiPath		
Sep 22nd Tuesday		11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Rajatha Alamkaram (Silver)	9:30AM Durga Archana 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	
Sep 23rd Wednesday		11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Indrani Alamkaram (Devi Sitting on Elephant)	9:30AM Durga Archana 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	
Sep 24th Thursday		11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Annapoorna Alamkaram	9:30AM Durga Sashti Bodhan Puja and Archana 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	6:00 PM Durga Adhibas 8:00PM Pushpanjali & Aarati
Sep 25th Friday		11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Saraswati Alamkaram	9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30AM Maha Saptami Pooja 11:45 AM Pushpanjali 12:30PM Arathi and Bhog Prasad 8:00PM Pushpanjali & Aarati
Sep 26th Saturday		11:00AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 6:30PM Abhisheka and Archana Mahishasura Mardhini Alamkaram	9:30AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30AM Maha Ashtami Pooja 10:48 AM Durga Sandhi Puja Starts (108 Lamps) 11:30 AM Durga Sandhi Puja Samarpan 12:00 noon Pushpanjali 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad 8:00PM Pushpanjali & Arathi
Sep 27th Sunday		12:00Noon Abhisheka Shakambari Alamkaram (Vegetables and fruits) 6:00PM Archana Lalita Kumkuma Archana will be performed by 6:00 PM Sumangalis	9:30AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali	9:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30AM Maha Navami Pooja 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 12:30PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 1:15PM Kumari Pooja 2:30PM Maha Navami Durga Havan 4:00PM Shanti Path & Tilakadan 7:00PM Pushpanjali & Arathi 8:00PM Dhunchi Nritya
Sep 28th Monday			9:30AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali		10:30AM Maha Dasami Pooja 11:30AM Pushpanjali 12:00 Darpan Bisarjan & Aparajita Puja 12:30PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 6:30 PM Sindhur Daan 7:00 PM Shanti Path and Tiolak Dan 7:30 PM Asheervad and Maha Prasad 8:00 PM Shantijal

Need Volunteers

The HCCC is a non-profit organization and is run by many dedicated volunteers like you. Many new volunteers have joined the crew and have supported temple events. We need many more volunteers for help in the areas of publicity, cultural, religious, maintenance, administration, fund raising, youth & education, and many more areas.

If you are interested or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Manashi Bagchi at manashibagchi@yahoo.com or the temple office. If you are interested in volunteering for temple publicity activities, please contact Janakiram.Kaki@gmail.com to know more.

Hundi Donations

When you visit the temple, please place 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 address book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kumbhabhishekam (reconsecration) is the process of infusing divinity and spiritual power into the Vigrahas (images of the deities) of a temple. This is a special event that is done once every 12 years. The Kumbhabhishekam will be performed for all the deities and religious structures of the Shiva-Vishnu Temple during this period. The priests will transfer the divine power from the deities into the Kalasas (or Kumbhams - metal pots holding water). The priests will perform Homams in the Yagasala during this period to re infuse the spiritual power into the Vigrahas with Vedic chanting and religious rites, while Shilpis (traditional Indian artisans) renovate the inner sanctums with repairs and strengthening of structures supporting the Vigrahas.

As a grand finale to this 5-day event, during the Muhurtham (auspicious time) the Priests will transfer the divine power back to the deities by performing an abhishekam (salutary bathing) to the Vigrahas and Vimanas (pinnacles) on the roof (hence the term Kumbha + Abhishekam). In addition to religious ceremonies and procedures, the Kumbhabhishekam festivities will include cultural and educational events. For many of us, it is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in an event of great spiritual and religious significance. For every practicing Hindu, and minds inquisitive about Hinduism, this is an opportunity to witness and experience first-hand the faith, practice, and process of prayer, worship and celebration during a pinnacle event in the temple's 23 year history.

Our Shiva-Vishnu temple was inaugurated in July 1986 and has subsequently had a Maha kumbhabhishekam in July 1998. The next Maha kumbhabhishekam is due in June 2010. The following paragraphs describe what was done as a part of the initial Kumbhabhishekam and the first Maha kumbhabhishekam, and what is planned for 2010.

Kumbhabhishekam, July 1986: Shiva-Vishnu temple was inaugurated on 13th July 1986 following an elaborate Kumbhabhishekam ceremony that lasted for five days. Prior to that function, for a number of years, a team of artisans (Shilpis), under the guidance of our temple architect (Sri Muthiah Stapathi) had built the shrines for the deities and brought the stone idols sculpted by other shilpis in India. Kumbhabhishekam involves a series of religious rituals conducted in specially created yagashalas where divine power is captured in holy water kept in kumbhas. A number of senior priests had come from India and other temples in the United States to perform the religious ceremonies. At appropriate time during the ceremonies, the Stapathi opened the eyes of the stone vigrahas with a diamond-pointed tool. Subsequently, his team of shilpis installed the idols on their pedestals with a special bonding agent called ashtabandhanam, a special organic cement made with eight organic ingredients. Prior to installation of the idols on the pedestals, the devotees got an opportunity to deposit navaratna stones (nine semi precious stones) in the foundation, an act considered very auspicious for the devotees. Then on the final day, the sacred water from the vessels in the kumbhas in the yagashala was poured over the deities and the vimanas (the sanctum towers) by the priests, instilling divine power in them. Those present that day, witnessed showering of flowers from helicopters that flew over the temple, at the right time.

Maha kumbhabhishekam, July 1998: Twelve years after the Kumbhabhishekam, the first Maha kumbhabhishekam was performed. This was also an occasion when needed renovations and repairs were done within the temple. During these twelve years, a number of new vigrahas, such as the Navagrahas, Dasabhuja Durga, Kalabhairava and Hanuman had been installed in the temple. Also, other improvements to the temple had been made: the Rajagopuram and the dwajasthambha (flag poles), were built. Nandi and Garuda were installed. All of these were consecrated at this auspicious time. During this ceremony, to enable maintenance and restoration work to be carried out in the shrines, the priests first transferred the energy of the temple deities into brass kumbhas which were then installed in the yagashala. The new vigrahas and kalashas were sanctified by purificatory rituals with water, milk and other ingredients, followed by netronmelana (eye-opening ceremony) for the new vigrahas, homas, and the ritual offering of prasadam. The shilpis then renovated the shrines with ashtabandhana, and installed the new vigrahas. After the installation was completed, the priests carried the kumbhas in procession and performed the Maha kumbhabhishekam by pouring the sacred water from the kumbhas on the Gopurams and the vigrahas, as the priests chanted special mantras. With this, the divine energy was transferred back to the moola vigrahas of the temple as well as to the new vigrahas. The priests subsequently performed the main arathi and invoked divine blessings on devotees.

Maha kumbhabhishekam, June 2010: The Maha kumbhabhishekam will be performed from June 16th to 20th, 2010. The temple management has got the team in place to start on the repairs, restoration work, ashtabandhanam for moola vigrahas, abharanas, and souvenir. A team of shilpis will be brought from India to repair portions of the architectural work that are damaged from exposure to severe climate changes. During the Maha kumbhabhishekam, the shilpis will build the yagashalas and re-install the vigrahas with new ashtabandhana (bonding cement). The temple and the other structures will be washed, water-proofed and repainted. The shrines, where none other than the temple priests can normally enter, will be available for cleaning – many devotees will be lining up to get an opportunity to clean the shrines. Senior priests will be brought from India and from other temples in the United States to perform the religious ceremonies of the Maha kumbhabhishekam.

Hindu Temple In The South Bay

There is a lot to be gained by lighting a lamp with another lamp. Our beloved Shiva-Vishnu Temple in Livermore ("Livermore Temple") is an inspiration to establish a complementary facility in the south bay. Building the Livermore Temple has been a rewarding journey since the time the Livermore land has purchased in 1981, through the opening of the temple in 1986 to the present. HCCC, facilities are magnificent and served the religious, spiritual, cultural, and human services needs of a diverse group of people. The silicon-valley boom of the 1990's has resulted in a demographical shift with a large Hindu community and well-wishers in the South San Francisco Bay area making it desirable to establish a temple similar to the Livermore Temple in the South Bay. A small group of steering committee members, who are all long-time volunteers at HCCC, have now formed a tax-exempt, non-profit, corporation called the South Bay Hindu Center (SBHC) with the goal of traditions set at our Livermore temple. The Steering Committee of HCCC has blessed this concept and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed HCCC and SBHC. Under the terms of this MoU, HCCC will loan up to a maximum of \$500,000 to SBHC. This would be an interest-free secured loan and is repayable in a period of five years. Furthermore, all assets of SBHC will be transferred to HCCC upon reaching the milestone of the Kumbhabhishekam of the South Bay temple. SBHC currently has five Board members including the Chairperson of HCCC or his/her designee. The four Board members of SBHC are D.V. Giri, Muthuraman Iyer, Jagannadham Akella and S. Visweswaran who continue to be dedicated volunteers of both SBHC and HCCC. Vish Akella, K. B. Chandrasekhar and R.V. Guha are also serving as advisory Board members of SBHC. Pandit Dr. R. Srinivasacharyulu, retired chief priest of the Livermore Temple, has graciously agreed to serve as an advisor on religious matters. SBHC also has the services of many volunteers who actively support and volunteer at HCCC thus making the relationship between SBHC and HCCC, both complementary and synergistic. The "light" from the two lamps will become one to shine brighter in the hearts and minds of many!



D. V. Giri, Chairperson, SBHC



Dr. Peraiah Sudanagunta, Chairperson, HCCC

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KEY EVENTS CELEBRATED

HCCC Awards Scholarships to Livermore School District

This year, HCCC handed in three scholarship awards three deserving students of Livermore School District. HCCC recognizes the talented students on annual basis as part of its Human Services.

Dr Kamala Shankar, Board of Director HCCC, gave first award to Dhanya of Livermore High School. Dhanya is a motivated student who earned a 4.303 GPA and ranked 12 out of her class of 437. In addition to her academic achievements, she has contributed to her community in many ways. Dhanya has volunteered with HCCC in many capacities including serving as co-founder of Youth Forum and Youth Ambassador. She has also involved herself with Interact, a community service club dedicated to projects both locally and globally. Another way Dhanya has chosen to support her community is tutoring her peers in Algebra and Geometry, and as a Youth Court advocate for minors who committed misdemeanors. She will attend UC Berkeley in the Fall and hopes to be involved with many different groups to become a leader and advocate for the principles she believes in.

Anand Gundu, dedicated volunteer of Human Services of HCCC, gave the second award to Sunandini of Granada High School. Sunandini is a motivated student who attends Granada High School, earning a 3.25 GPA. Sunandini is a volunteer in many community programs; participating in the Summer Reading Program, Community Clean Up Days, St. John the Baptist Church Health Fairs, Veterans Affairs, and the Hindu Community Center. At school, she tutored students whose first language was not English. Being multi-lingual helped her make connections with students who might otherwise has a more difficult time. Sunandini hopes to become a doctor and so has served as an intern at Valley Care Medical Center in the Emergency Room and Urgent Care through her ROP classes where she also earned certificates in First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Sunandini has been involved in several campus clubs and sports teams. She hopes to continue her involvement as she pursues her academic goals.

The third award was given away by Sri Jegan Thambiah, Executive Committee Member of HCCC to Raphael King of Del Valle High School. Raphael is committed to furthering his education with plans to attend Las Positas in the fall and eventually attend graduate school with a focus in Business. He plans to pursue acceptance to University of California, Berkeley, his dream college choice. His career goal is to become an investment banker. His interests include sports such as basketball and baseball. Raphael believes respect for others and acceptance of our diverse population is a way to learn to embrace people of all backgrounds. With Raphael's work ethic and determination, he is sure to accomplish this and any other goals he sets for himself.

HCCC Helps The Pencil Project

The Pencil Project is a non-profit program aimed towards collecting pencils and stationeries and shipping them to poor communities, schools, and children. The founder of the Pencil Project is Maria Vick, who started the project in 1998 after visiting Africa. After watching many of their peers start clubs and programs at their school, Gayathri and Rajeswari were inspired to start a project that would bring educational success among every child throughout the world. During the summer of 2007, they started The Pencil Project in Fremont, California. Gayathri and Rajeswari contacted Mrs. Vick and she immediately assigned them with five anticipating schools with over 2000 poor children in Lagos, Nigeria.

After receiving Mrs. Vick's request, Gayathri and Rajeswari received a tax exempt letter from their school and took their first steps towards accomplishment. They had the opportunity to collect pencils from local communities such as schools, churches, and libraries. The children and adults at these communities were very kind and generous towards providing their time and effort into supporting the Pencil Project by donating their spare pencils and stationeries. However, the children were most willing to help because they realized that, across the globe, there were children, their own age, who are not receiving adequate education merely because of their lack of school supplies.

The challenge for Gayathri and Rajeswari was to find sponsors of money for the shipment, publicity, and other expenses. They walked into over 700 businesses in and around Fremont. Budget cuts in businesses they visited didn't help the cause. But they kept trying harder and harder. As a result, they have been able to get contributions from businesses such as Target, Staples, Safeway, Little Caesars, Food Maxx, Half Price Books, and Visual Image Salon. They collected over 18,000 new pencils, 5,000 erasers, 3,000 sharpeners, and 6,000 used pencils. They also raised over \$7,500 in-kind and cash during the course of the project. Towards the end of May 2008, they shipped the collection to Lagos.

Gayathri and Rajeswari were thrilled to learn that HCCC is providing grants for non-profit organizations. Strongly believing that their project will be chosen, Gayathri and Rajeswari enthusiastically applied for the HCCC grant. On April 2, 2009, Gayathri and Rajeswari were rejoiced about receiving the grant for their project. That day, they were confident to the full extent that they will be able to successfully complete their second mission with The Pencil Project. They received the HCCC grant on April 19, 2009 at the ceremony that was held at the Livermore Shiva Vishnu temple. For a minute, they were speechless once their project was called because they were immensely content that this grant will entirely aid them towards the completion of their second mission. The HCCC grant is going to help them towards the shipment, publicity, supplies, and other expenses of their second Pencil Project. Gayathri and Rajeswari hoped to make a difference one pencil at a time and HCCC has helped them climb their steps into achieving this

Second Annual Seniors Day

On June 13th, 2009, the Livermore Shiva-Vishnu Temple's Hindu Community and Cultural Center organized the 2nd Annual Senior's Day celebration. The event gathered over 60 seniors and over 100 audience members. Through an afternoon of entertainment, this day honored seniors for their contributions to society, their wisdom and intellect, as well as the care they have given their children. The occasion began with a slokam and bhajan by Smt. Kalpakam Srinivasan, followed by an invocation to Mother India, "Sare Jahanse Achan," which was performed by many seniors. Dressed in orange, white, and green, they paid respects to their homeland.



Several speeches were given by seniors discussing their life experiences in the United States, their advice to their grandchildren and colleagues, and their beliefs on how to live a positive and healthy life. The content of these speeches ranged from discussions of how to understand one's children or grandchildren to one woman's battle with cancer and eventual solace through the Livermore Shiva-Vishnu temple.



Senior's Day also consisted of a number of dances and skits performed by artists and children. Two of the most notable dances were performed by a former Kuchipudi teacher named Smt. Geetha Narayan who described her will to conquer her many surgeries and to continue dancing. Another performance was given by the students of Kalaimamani Smt. Ranganayaki Jayaraman, a renowned dance teacher from Triplicane, Chennai. These students performed a kummi kolattam dance which made many seniors reminisce on their childhood. Also, several children performed skits for the seniors: in one, the children spoke entirely in Sanskrit (skit prepared by Smt. Srikali Varanasi & Sri. Goutam Vedanthi, HCCC Y&E Sanskrit Class Coordinators), in another (skit prepared by Smt. Geetha Bhaskar) children depicted a story discussing the importance of grandparents. In a moral story titled "The Monkey and the Capseller," (skit prepared by Mrs. Parvathi) children acted as monkeys and ended the play by saving the caps they had stolen for their grandparents. All of these skits were meant to bring together the younger and older generations, while bringing laughter to the audience. Finally, Senior's Day ended with an hour long game session. At the age of 92, senior Alamelu Mami, enthusiastically participated in the musical chairs game and many other activities.



Master of Ceremonies were two seniors Sri. TK.Subramaniam and Smt. Parvathi Sivaswamy. Some of the main HCCC volunteers who conducted this program are Smt. Archana Ranganathan, Smt. Dharini Baskaran, Sri. Anand Gundu, Smt. Savitha Setlur, Smt. Padmaja Madhusudan, Smt. Vidhya, Smt. Vanlila and Smt. Kamala Shankar.

The seniors program occurs during the first Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm as part of the temple's Human Services activities. At these monthly events, many seniors get together and enjoy each others' company. In a country where many seniors are often left out of the family unity or find it difficult to come to terms with their identity, the Livermore temple opens its arms through these monthly events for seniors and by honoring them during the Annual Senior's Day celebrations.

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The Hindu Community & Cultural Center Aid 2009 Ceremony



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*The Pencil Project speech at the HCCC Aid 2009 Ceremony
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*The Pencil Project speech at the HCCC Aid 2009 Ceremony
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PICTURE GALLERY



Artists who performed during Annual Seniors Day



Participants of Annual Seniors Day



Volunteers of Annual Seniors Day



Children Enacting a Play on Annual Seniors Day



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