

**PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULES**

**Monday Through Thursday:** 9 am to 12 noon  
and 6 pm to 8 pm  
**Friday, Weekends & Holidays:** 9 am to 8 pm

# PASCHIMAVANI

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## NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

Namaste,

We are proud to report another important milestone in HCCC's history - the approval of the Master Plan Phase-1 Construction Plan. We are also glad to inform you that the City of Livermore has approved the renovation plan for the Goddess Kanaka Durga Devi facility. These achievements were possible with the efforts of many talented pro-bono volunteers, HCCC management, HCCC staff, and many generous donors.

The new modern facility is designed to improve devotee convenience and comfort.

The Temple Construction Committee, in association with Master Plan Committee, is in the process of selecting the general contractor and the construction will start in the next few months. To construct these (Phase I) facilities, we need to raise \$4,000,000. We humbly request you all to make generous donations to help complete these facilities. Please see Appeal to Donors section in the newsletter from treasurer for sponsorship and donor recognition details.

This year, due to a shortage of elected Executive Committee members, we brought in dedicated members from our diversified community, to various EC functional Chair positions. My EC team, with the help from BOD and HCCC employees, made significant achievements in the past year. Some key achievements are:

- Compliance to city zoning, CUP conditions, and county health codes
- Streamlining of the administration and operations
- Keeping of facilities clean
- Compliance with federal, state, and local laws in human resources areas
- Successful completion of the Maha Khumbhabhishekam (MKA2010)
- Raising funds through fundraising dinner event
- Organizing excellent bi-weekly cultural programs by local students & famous Artists from India
- Conducted bone marrow drives and health fairs
- Made monetary grants-in-aid to local charities
- Excellent youth participation in Sanskrit, Balajyoti, Vishnu Sahasranama classes, and spelling bee

With the continued cooperation of our devotees, we were able to live in harmony with our neighbors, by exercising self-discipline while conducting religious, human services, and cultural activities in our premises.

On behalf of Executive Committee, Board Of Directors, and HCCC employees, I congratulate all the donors, sponsors, and volunteers who helped to run the day to day activities and special functions.

May God bless us all with health, wealth, and happiness?

Raghavamma Gullapalli, *President, HCCC*

## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Devotees,

Your favorite and ever popular Calendar for the year 2011 are available in temple office for you to pick up. Generously donate when you pick up your copy on your next visit to the temple.

We are looking for volunteers to distribute the Newsletter. If you would like to help with the distribution in your area, please contact temple front office or me by email at Janakiram.kaki@gmail.com or Sathya at mssn@yahoo.com

Janakiram Kaki, *Publicity Chair – HCCC*



## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Apr 1st Friday	Masa Shivaratri	6:00PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Apr 2nd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Apr 4th Monday	Khara Nama Samvatsaram -Ugadi	6:00PM	Ugadi Asthanam(Telugu and Kannada New year- Panchanga Sravana) Vasantha Navarathri begins Murugan Abhishekam
Apr 7th Thursday	Kritika	6:00PM	Detailed Program at the end
Apr 8th Friday	Meenakshi Kalyanam Festival Begins		
Apr 8th Friday	Rohini	6:00PM	Sri Krishna Uthsavamurthy Abhisheka & Archana
Apr 9th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Apr 9th Saturday	Shashti	5:00PM	Murugan Sahasranamarchana
Apr 11th Monday	Punarvasu	6:00PM	Sri Rama Abhishekam
Apr 12th Tuesday	Sri Rama Navami Weekday Function		Detailed Program at the end
Apr 13th Wednesday	Sun enters Mesha 24-21		
Apr 14th Thursday	Ekadasi, Tamil New Year - Khara (Vishu & Baisakhi)	6:00PM	Balaja Bhoga Murthy Abhishekan
		6:30PM	Panchanga Sravana in Tamil
Apr 15th Friday	Pradosham	6:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Uttara Phalguni	6:00PM	Ayyappa Abhisheka
Apr 16th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month		Detailed program at the end
			Abhishekam for Lord Balaji
Apr 16th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	10:30AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
	Sri Rama Navami Week End Function		Detailed Program at the end
Apr 17th Sunday	Chitra Poornima Meenakshi Kalyanam		Detailed Program at the end
		6:00PM	Lalitha Sahasra Namam
Apr 18th Tuesday	Swati	6:00PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Apr 20th Wednesday	Sankatahara Chaturdhi	6:00PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Apr 23rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	10:30AM	Vastra Samarpana and Mukhavada for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Apr 24th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Apr 25th Monday	Sravana	6:00PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Apr 28th Thursday	Ekadasi	6:00PM	Balaji Bhogamurthy Abhisheka
Apr 30th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji; Rajata Kavacham for Lord Balaji
Apr 30th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Special Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Apr 30th Saturday	Pradosham & Masashivaratri	5:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
May 4th Wednesday	Krittika	6:00PM	Murugan Abhishekam
May 5th Thursday	Rohini	6:00PM	Sri Krishna Uthsavamurthy Abhisheka & Archana
May 5th Thursday	Akshaya Tritoaya, Basava Jayanthi	6:00PM	Chandana Abhisheka for Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy
May 7th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
May 7th Saturday	Jupiter enters Mesha 24-55 (Guru Paichi)		
May 7th Saturday	Sri Adi Shankara Jayanthi	5:00PM	Adi Shankara Puja
May 7th Saturday	Arudra Sri Ramanujar Jayanti	5:00PM	Ramanuja Satmurai
May 8th Sunday	Guru Peyarchi	3:00PM to 5PM	Guru Homa
May 8th Sunday	Punarvasu	5:00PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
May 8th Sunday	Shashti	5:00PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
May 12th Thursday	Vasavi Jayanthi	6:00PM	Parvathi Archana
May 13th Friday	Ekadasi	6:00PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
May 13th Friday	Uttara phalguni	6:00PM	Ayyappa abhisheka
May 14th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
May 14th Saturday	Sun entes vrushabha 21-11		
May 14th Saturday	Pradosham	5:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
May 15th Sunday	Vasavi Jayanthi Weekend Function	11:30AM	Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Puja

## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
May 15th Sunday May 15th Sunday	Vasavi Jayanthi Weekend Function Narasimha Jayanthi	1:00PM 3:00PM -5:00PM 5:00PM-7:00PM	Archana and Teertha Prasadam Narasimha Moola Manthra Homam Abhishekam, Harathi and Theertha Prasada
May 16th Monday	Vaikasi Visakam	5:30PM 6:00PM 7:30PM	Sankha Pooja Sankha Abhisheka for Lord Karthikeya Teertha Prasadam
May 16th Monday May 16th Monday May 16th Monday	Buddha Poornima Poornima Swati	6:30PM 6:00PM	Lalitasahasranama Parayana Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka and Archana
May 18th Wednesday May 20th Friday May 21st Saturday	Annamacharya Jayanthi Sankatahara Chaturdhi 3rd Saturday of the Month	6:00PM 11:00AM 12:00Noon	Ganesha Abhisheka Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji
May 21st Saturday May 22nd Sunday May 22nd Sunday May 26th Thursday May 28th Saturday	Annamacharya Jayanthi (Weekend Function) 3rd Sunday of the Month Sravana Hanumanjayanthi 4th Saturday of the Month	10:30AM 5:00PM  10:30AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM 5:00PM 5:00PM	Shivasahasranama Archana Balaji Sahasranama Archana Detailed Program in the end Shiva Vastra and Swarna Mukhavada Alamkaram Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Balaji Bhogamurthy Abhisheka Shiva Abhisheka 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
May 29th Sunday May 30th Monday May 30th Monday May 31st Tuesday June 1st Wednesday June 1st Wednesday June 4th Saturday	Ekadasi Pradosham Masa Shivaratri Memorial Day (Week-end Timings) Krittika Rohini Partial Solar Eclipse Not Visible in USA 1st Saturday of the Month	6:00PM 6:00PM  6:00PM 6:00PM  11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka Sri Krishna Uthsavamurthy Abhisheka & Archana  Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji Sri Rama Abhishekam & Archana
June 4th Saturday June 5th Sunday June 5th Sunday June 7th Tuesday June 9th Thursday June 11th Saturday	Punarvasu Rahu enters Vrischika 28-28 Kethu enters Vrushaba 28-28 Shashti Uttara Phalguni 2nd Saturday of the Month	6:00PM 6:00PM 11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM 3:00PM-5:00PM 5:00PM 5:00PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana Ayyappa Abhisheka Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Rahu, Kethu Homam Shiva Abhisheka Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
June 11th Saturday June 12th Sunday June 12th Sunday June 14th Tuesday June 14th Tuesday June 15th Wednesday	Ekadasi Pradosham Swati Sun enters Mithuna 27-47 Poornima Jyeshthabishekam	6:30PM 5:00PM-7:30PM	Lalithasahasranama Parayana Homam and Abhishekam for Utsava Murthy
June 15th Wednesday June 18th Saturday	Total Lunar Eclipse Not Visible in USA 3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji Ganesha Abhisheka
June 18th Saturday June 19th Sunday June 19th Sunday June 25th Saturday June 25th Sunday June 26th Sunday June 26th Sunday June 28th Tuesday June 28th Tuesday June 29th Wednesday June 29th Wednesday July 1st Friday July 2nd Saturday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi 3rd Sunday of the Month Sravana 4th Saturday of the Month  Last Sunday of the month Ekadasi Pradosham Krittika Masa Shivaratri Rohini Partial Solar Eclipse Not Visible in USA 1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM 11:00AM 5:00PM 10:30AM 12:00Noon 4:30PM 5:00PM 6:00PM 6:00PM 6:00PM 6:00PM  11:00AM 12:00Noon 5:00PM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana Balaji Sahasranama Archana Shiva Vastra and Swarna Mukhavada Alamkaram Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana Lord Balaji Utsava Murthy Abhisheka, Archana Shiva Abhisheka Karthikeya Abhisheka & Archana 108 Kalasa Abhisheka For Lord Shiva Sri Krishna Uthsavamurthy Abhisheka & Archana  Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji Sri Rama Abhisheka Week-end Timings
July 4th Monday July 6th Wednesday July 6th Wednesday July 9th Saturday	Punarvasu Independence Day Observed Uttara Phalguni Shashti HCCC 25th Anniversary Day -1	6:00PM 6:30PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam Murugan Sahasranama Archana Detailed Program in the end Anjaneya Abhishekam
July 9th Saturday July 10th Sunday	Swati HCCC 25th Anniversary Day -2 Ekadasi	10:00AM 10:00AM  10:00AM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka Detailed Program in the end Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka

**PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)**

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 12th Tuesday	Pradosham	6:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 14th Thursday	Guru Poornima	6:00PM	Samoothika Satyanarayana Puja
	Poornima	6:30PM	Lalitasahasranama Parayana
July 16h Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		12:00Noon	Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji
July 16h Saturday	Sun enters Karkataka 14-42		
July 16h Saturday	Dakshinayana Punyakalam		
July 16th Saturday	Sravana	5:00PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
July 17th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
July 18th Monday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	6:00PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
July 23rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	10:30AM	Shiva Vastra and Swarna Mukhavada Alamkaram
		12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
July 25th Monday	Aadi Krittika		Detailed Program in the end
July 26th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:00PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
July 26th Tuesday	Rohini	6:00PM	Sri Krishna Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
July 27th Wednesday	Pradosham	6:00PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 28th Thursday	Masa Shivaratri	6:00PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
July 29th Friday	Punarvasu	6:00PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka & Archana
July 30th Saturday		10:00AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
		10:30AM	Special Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
July 31st Sunday	Last Sunday of the month	4:30PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana

**Sri Rama Navami**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Apr 4th Mon</b>	9:00AM to 1:00PM	Srimad Ramayana Parayanam
	6:30PM to 7:30PM	Sri Rama Shasra Nama Archana
<b>Apr 9th</b>	11:00AM to 4:00PM	Sri Rama Navami Cultural Programs

**Sri Rama Navami Weekday Function**

<b>Apr 12th</b>	9:00AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji Suprabhatam
	10:00AM	Sri Rama Abhishekam
	12:00 Noon	Sri Rama Shadakshari Homa and Namakarana Samskara Homa
	1:00PM	Theertha Prasada
	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Sri Sita Rama Sankeerthanam
	6:00PM	Sri Sita Rama Kalyanotsavam
	6:30PM	Kalyana Bhojanam

**Sri Rama Navami Weekend Function**

<b>Apr 16th</b>	7:00AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji Suprabhatam
	7:30AM	Abhishekam for Lord Shiva, Lord Balaji, Lord Anjaneya
		Goddess Parvathi and Navagraha.
	9:30AM	Sri Sita Rama Edurukolu Utsavam
	11:00AM	Sri Sita Rama Kalyanotsavam
	12:00Noon	Sumuhurtam
	12:30PM	Akshataaropanam, Asheervachanam and Theertha Prasadam
	1:30PM	Sri Sita Rama Sankeerthanam
	2:00PM	Sri Rama Pattabhishekam
	4:00PM	Hanumadhvahana Seva with Rama Bhajana
6:00PM	Maha Mangala Arati	
6:00PM	Maha Prasadam ( In the Assembly Hall)	

**Meenakshi Kalyanam**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Apr 8th to Apr 15th</b>	9:30AM	Goddess Parvathi Abhishekam (Utsava Murthy Abhishekam Abhishekam On Friday April 15th only)
<b>Apr 16th Apr 17th</b>	7:30AM	Goddess Parvathi Abhishekam
	7:00AM	Suprabhatam for Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji
	7:30AM	Abhishekams for Lords Shiva, Ganapathi, Kartikeya
	8:30AM	Abhishekam Goddess Parvathi
	9:30AM	Poolangi Alamkaram for Goddess Parvati
	10:00AM	Meenakshi Sundareswara Edurukolu Utsavam
	10:30AM	Unjal Seva
	11:30AM	Sri Meenakshi Kalyanotsavam
	12:00Noon	Kanya Daanam by Lord Venkateswara
	12:30PM	Thiru Mangalya Dharanam
	12:30PM	Kalyana Bhojanam
	1:00PM	Teertha Prasadam
	4:30PM	Vrishabha Vahana Seva

**Hanuman Jayanthi**

<b>May 26th</b>	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	Sundarakanda Homam
	5:00 PM	Hanuman Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Kadaliphala, Nagavalli Dala Archana
	7:30 PM	Teertha Prasadam

**HCCC 25th Anniversary - Day 1**

<b>Jul 9th</b>	9:00AM	Shiva & Venkateshwara Suprabhatam
	10:00AM	Lord Venkateshwara Ashtothara Satha Kalasha Abhishekam and Archana: Swathi Abhishekam
	1:00PM	Theertha Prasada
	3:00PM	Hanuman Abhisheka
	5:00PM	Lord Venkateshwara Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alankara Seva

**HCCC 25th Anniversary - Day 2**

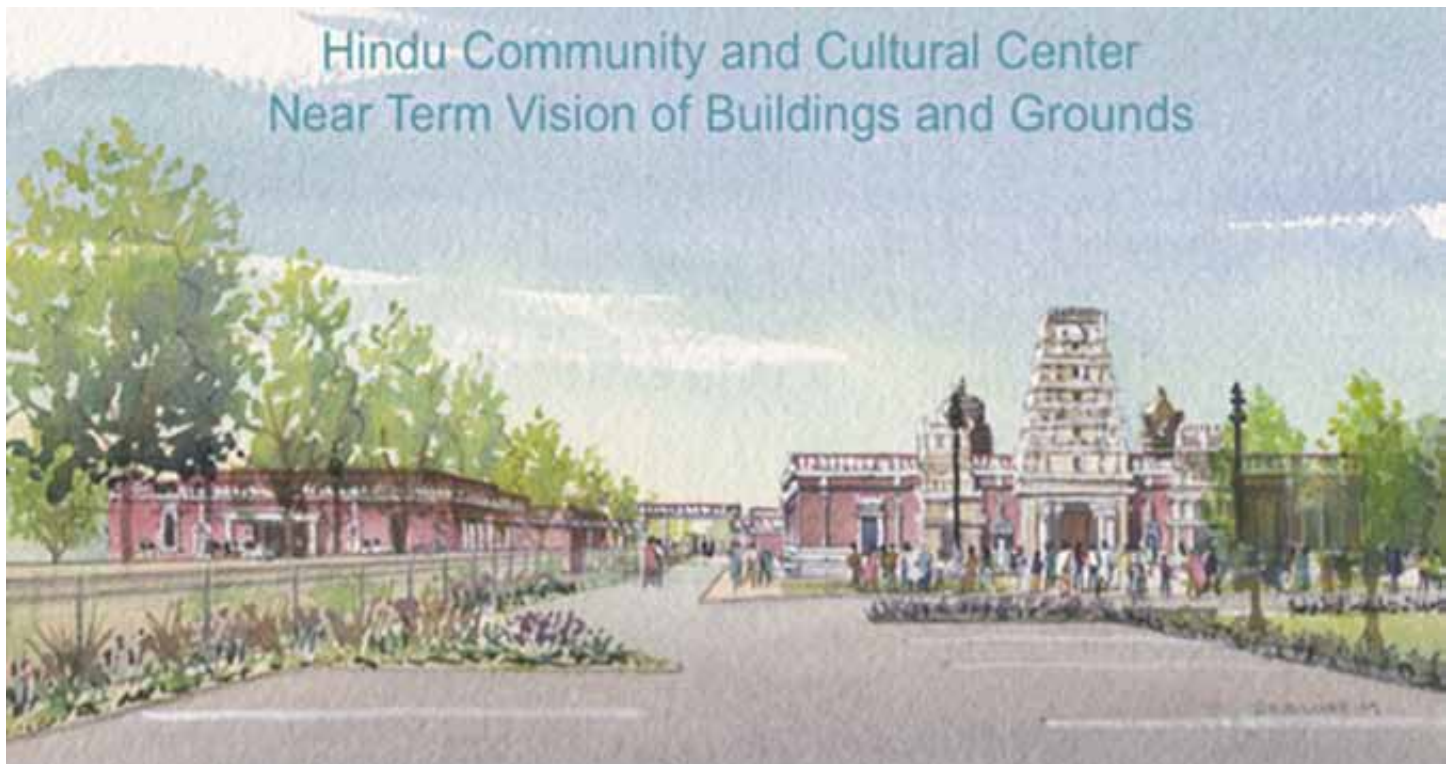
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Jul 10th	9:00AM	Shiva & Venkateshwara Suprabhatam
	9:30AM	Ashitothara Shatha Kalashaabhisheka for Lord siva
	10:00AM	Ganapathi & Murugan Abhishekam
	1:00PM	Theertha Prasada
	3:00PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
	5:00PM	Lord Shiva Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alankara Seva

**Aadi Krittika**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Jul 25th	<b>Aadi Krittika</b>	
	6:00PM	Sankalpam and 108 Kalasha Puja
	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka, Archana, Mayura Vahana Seva for Valli and Devasena
	7:30PM	Theertha Prasadam

**Announcements****Appeal to Donors**

- HCCC needs your support to complete the Master Plan Phase-1 Construction.



- Donation Recognition Opportunities for Construction.

Sponsorship	Project	Donor Recognition
\$5000+	Kitchen	Donors are listed on the donor wall –Granite Plaque as per donor policy + Pooja sponsorship according to donor policy
\$5000+	Dakshina Bhumi Parking Space	Recognized on parking isle + Weekly abhisheka sponsorship to one deity of choice for 1 year
\$10,000+	Temple Hall Pillars decoration	Donor plaque as per donor recognition policy + sponsorship for all temple functions for 1 year
\$100,000 or 4x \$25,000	Class room(s)	Name recognition in the room + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy
\$250,000 or 10x \$25,000	Library	Name recognition in the library + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy
\$1,000,000	Admin Building	Name recognition on the Admin Building+ pooja sponsorship as per donor policy

- HCCC is humbly requesting for your generous donation.

Prabhakar Bhanoori, *Treasurer, HCCC*

## Changes in HCCC Management

Elections to the vacant positions of Board Of Directors (BOD) and Executive Committee were conducted by the Election Committee early this year.

HCCC would like to thank the outgoing BOD for their contribution and congratulate the newly elected BOD. Dr. Prasuna Reddy Dornadula (Chairman BOD, Governance), Dr. Peraiah Sudanagunta (Construction, Assembly hall), and Dr. Sridar Kuttan Pootheri (Publicity, Cultural) have completed their term. HCCC also would like to thank the outgoing president Smt. Veera Raghavamma Gullapalli and the outgoing Corporate Secretary Mr. Srinivasa Reddy Malireddy for their contributions.

HCCC welcomes the newly elected BOD. Mr. Amrit Duneja, Mr. Janakiram N Kaki, and Mr. Jegan Thambaiyah have been elected for BOD. The new board elected Dr. Srinivas Pyda as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Anand Kumar Gundu as President, and Mr. Jegan Thambaiyah as Corporate Secretary for 2011-2012.

HCCC would like to thank the outgoing EC members for their contribution and congratulate the newly elected EC members. Mr. Janakiram N Kaki has completed his EC term. Mr. Amrit Duneja has resigned from EC to contest for BOD. The newly elected EC members are; Mr. Jay Doraiswami, Mr. Raj Vallabhaneni, Mr. Sainath Kala, Mrs. Suman Jain, Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. M.S. Satyanarayana, Mr. Praksh Rao Pokala, and Mr. Raghu Sethurama.

## Appeal to Devotees of Shiva-Vishnu Temple

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that we were successful in getting the CUP (Conditional Use Permit) in February 2011 for building facilities such as the augmentation of Auditorium, Administrative office building, paved parking on the south lot, additional restrooms, additional storage for Vahanas, relocation of the current kitchen to make it bigger and self-contained, and Arrowhead Avenue curb and gutter improvements on both sides of the street.

At HCCC, we constantly work to improve the facilities for our devotees and try to ensure safe and smooth ride to the temple. In the same spirit, we also work closely with our neighbors to make the neighborhood safe and enjoyable to live in. To ensure that we meet our obligations, we request all our devotees to adhere to the following DOs and DO-NOTs. We appreciate your co-operation.

### DOs:

1. Reach the temple from 580 --- Exit Vasco Road - North, Left on Scenic, after 2 STOP signs turn left on Arrowhead Ave.
2. When leaving the temple, turn left on to Arrowhead Ave and proceed towards Scenic.
3. Please Carpool with friends and family.
4. Inside the temple complex, stay quiet and have a peaceful Darshan to make the atmosphere serene for everyone.
5. Dress suitably for the occasion
6. Wash your feet before entering.
7. Leave baby strollers outside.
8. Use the Temple Hall for meditation only.
9. Leave Footwear near the temple office.
10. Eat Prasadam in the designated areas only.
11. Stay close to your children all the time.

### DO-NOTs:

1. Avoid coming through Wisteria Way. This is a residential area. So, from Hwy 580, do not take First Street Exit.
2. No street parking please. No parking on the side streets either.
3. Avoid eating on the premises.
4. Don't throw trash in the parking lots or on streets.
5. Do not shoot the pictures or video of the idols inside the shrines

## Free Health Advisory Services during April to June 2011

When: 1st and 3rd Saturday Time: 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm

Date	Name of Doctor	Specialty
May 4, 2011	See temple web site for details	See temple web site for details
May 21, 2011	Dr. Jijibhoj James Patel	Cardiologist
June 4, 2011	See temple web site for details	See temple web site for details
June 18, 2011	Dr. Suma Kote	Internist/Geriatician

\*Free service and no insurance required.

### Mini Health Fair

HCCC conducts mini health fair in the premises of Shiva-Vishnu temple on May 22, 2011 (Saturday) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. During the health fair, you can avail free of charge.

- Consult physicians with expertise in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Nutrition.
- Have your blood sugar and blood pressure measurements.
- Listen to lectures on how to maintain healthy lifestyles from eminent physicians and nutritionists.

For more information call the temple office at 925-449-6255.

### Vishnu Sahasranamam Classes

Youth & Education committee of HCCC conducts Vishnu Sahasranamam classes (free of charge) on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 11:30 am to 12:00 noon. Please come along with your children and help them learn chanting.

### Bhagawad Gita Classes

Youth & Education committee of HCCC conducts Bhagawad Gita classes (free of charge) on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm. Please come along with your children and help them learn Gita.

For more details, please email Smt. Madhu Ramesh at madhuramesh@sbcglobal.net.

### Sanskrit Classes

Youth & Education committee of HCCC conducts Sanskrit classes (free of charge) on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 09:30 am to 11:00 am in Shiva-Vishnu temple library. All family members can attend (Children - 6 to 18 years and Adults – All ages). No Prior Sanskrit knowledge is required. At least one parent or adult is advised to attend along with children. Registration is mandatory. To register, send an email to sanskritclass67@gmail.com or call 510-506-3706 for more information. Sanskrit class blog address is <http://sanskritclass.blogspot.com/>

### 2011 Vasavi Jayanthi Celebrations

All devotees are invited to come and perform the Vasavi Jayanthi Pooja on Sunday May 15, 2011 and receive the blessings of Goddess Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari. Vasavi Jayanthi is the Birthday of Sri Vasavi Matha. Please come with family and friends.

#### Program

10:30 am Gathering; Group Bhajans, Devi Songs by Children

11:00 am Pooja Start inside the temple

12:15 pm Sahasranama & Asthotra Archana

12:45 pm Mangala Arathi, Mantra Pushpam, Theertham & Prasadam

01:00 pm Lunch

For more information please visit: <http://www.VasaviSevaFoundation.org> or email: [VasaviSevaFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:VasaviSevaFoundation@gmail.com)

Contact: Srini Konakalla 408-657-0435 or Ramamurthy Setty 408-657-7488

### Program for Seniors

Human services of HCCC presents programs for seniors interested in participating in regular meetings involving various activities such as Health workshops, Vedic chanting, Knowledgeable talks by experienced seniors, basic computer usage training, fun, games, and birthday celebrations.

Seniors programs are conducted on first Saturday of every month from 2 pm to 4 pm in the meeting room in Assembly Hall or Library. To register, please contact Suman Jain at [suman1218@yahoo.com](mailto:suman1218@yahoo.com) or Dharini Baskaran at [dhbaskaran@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbaskaran@yahoo.com)

### Sri Kanaka Durga Devi

The moola murti (granite vigraha) of Sri Kanaka Durga Devi has been temporarily moved to the Bala Alayam (a temporary structure) inside main Temple where it is being worshipped. The moola murti was residing in the Garba Gruha (sanctum sanctorum) of the structure between the temple and the residence of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) at 1395 Heather Lane.

The structure will be reconstructed to comply with the Livermore City building codes. Later, the moola murti will be moved backed into the new structure (meditation hall) permanently. The present plan is to perform the Kumbhabhishekam (consecration) of the new structure soon after the construction is complete and with the blessings of Sri Kanaka Durga Devi before Dasara festivities. This location has a historical significance as the murti has been residing in this location even before the main temple was constructed.

The new structure will:

- Blend with the surrounding architecture and will have the same foot print area as the old structure.
- Have good lighting, heating & air conditioning, and enough storage space.
- Have large glass folding doors on both sides of the structure that will facilitate the devotees to view the moola murti from outside.
- Have an area in front of the Garba Gruha inside the structure so that devotees may use this space for meditation.
- Have good thermal and sound insulation.
- Have a dedicated space for feet washing.

Please watch the HCCC website [Livermoretemple.org](http://Livermoretemple.org) for updates on this project. Because of safety issues, the HCCC requests all devotees not to visit the construction site. The Hindu Community and Cultural Center sincerely thanks all devotees for their patience and dedication and let us join together and pray for the success of this project.

## Key Events Celebrated

### Tirtha Yatra by Bus Gratifies Seniors



The seniors program of the Human Services committee conducted a bus trip to tour seven significant temples in the Bay Area on the 5th of March 2011. The array of temples visited included Buddhist, Jain, and Hindu temples. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch (Langar) served at the Gurudwara in San Jose. The seniors were kept continuously entertained. All their routine medical needs were taken care of. Every participant felt the trip was a memorable experience and one of its kind. The feedback from one of the seniors hit the mark when he said “ It was an excellent trip and has reduced 30 years of my age” . There was an excellent synergy in the group amongst the seniors themselves and between the seniors and the organizing volunteers as well. The group unanimously agreed that they wish to do this again.

There is no better way to describe the trip than to hear from the participants in their own words. Here is what Dr. Rana said,

“First of all hats off and thanks to the Holy Temple then Mrs.

Suman Jain and Anand Ghandu and their associates who chalked out such a nice , knowledgeable , spiritual programme and then above all got it materialized the Bus Trip to different culture temples. You know it would have not been possible to know and see such a knowledgeable and spiritual heritage either on your own or with your family in the whole of your life without such an arranged trip. What a beautiful and advising meanings of our Shastras ,Vedas and Geeta verses which are considered to be spoken by the Deep Seers who got the intuition from the God and Lord Krishna Himself and holy persons teaching of Indian origin. I was so much impressed that I started to count down the days for the next such trip”

Another participant, Mr. Surinder Gambir said, “I had an exhilarating bus trip. Thanks to you and your team of volunteers. Everything was wonderful and done superbly and smoothly by your team. I can only imagine the amount of work done by you in planning and executing the trip. In a movie of yester years Maurice Chavalier sings a malody thank Heaven for the Little Girls. I’ll like to say thank Heavens for the grown up Girls who enchant the old adults with their superb service and compassion.”

The only negative, so to speak, aspect that was voiced towards the trip was it’s length and suggestions were made by a few to keep it a couple of hours shorter.

Here is what other senior participants have to say:

Kanu Patel – “Never seen so many temples in one day in my entire life so far!”

Balu Patel and Vinu Patel – “It was a very first trip where in one day I saw so many temples with food provided. All visitors were co-operative. Organizing team was very good. Hope we can join the next time too”.

K.R. Raghupathy - (Visitor from Chennai, India) – “Awesome trip!”

Krishna Vantal – “Trip was enjoyable all through. We were last minute individuals and are leaving to Hyderabad on March 9th. It was really a boon to have toured with all our senior friends led by a young team. Thank you!”







## Sixteenth Annual Arudra Natyanjali Festival

Arudra Darsanam refers to the Darshan of Lord Shiva and the cosmic dance on Arudra Nakashtra day (Lord Shiva's Nakashtra) at Tillai or Chidambaram in South India. The Temple was built to commemorate this occasion and is the famous Nataraja temple at Chidambaram.

Every year, Shiva-Vishnu temple of Livermore celebrates Arudra Darsanam with a grand Arudra Natyanjali festival. This year the festival was held on Sunday, January 23. Seventeen Bay area dance schools participated in this year's festival with dance performances in Bharathanatyam, Kuchipudi, and Odissi. The assembly hall was echoing with the sounds of bells with over 120 dancers dancing from 10 in the morning to 6 in the evening. The

participation was overwhelming and the students were very happy to perform and receive the blessings of Lord Nataraja. HCCC is proud and happy to provide an opportunity and a platform for the young talent of Bay Area. Students and the teachers of schools are now part of this tradition. May Lord Nataraja bless them with health and happiness for continuing this tradition and enriching our community. This is a good coordination work of cultural team and volunteers of HCCC lead by Usha Ramaswamy.

## HCCC Donates \$25,000 in 'Grant-in-Aid'

HCCC awarded \$25,000 in grants to a number of diverse charities on March 19, 2011 in the Assembly Hall of the temple. The charities benefited from these grants engage in a number of human service activities such as domestic violence shelters, child welfare and development groups, and organizations that provide family-based counseling and crisis counseling. HCCC receives several tens of applications every year. This year, the Human Services committee of HCCC reviewed 75 applications. They selected 38 most deserving organizations on a need and suitability basis and distributed funds among 38 different charities under its 'Grant-In-Aid' initiative.

HCCC consciously allocate more funds to the local charities here as they feel part of the Livermore community.

City of Livermore Vice-Mayor John Marchand attended the event to extend the local community's support to the 'Grant-In-Aid' program, which was first initiated in 1987. Mr. Marchand was joined on the dais by Jane Moorehead from the Livermore Fire Department and city Police Chief Steve Sweeney.

In addition to local charities, HCCC allocated funds to several international charities, including Udaipur-based Seva Mandir that works for the development of the rural and tribal population in Udaipur and Rajsamand districts of southern Rajasthan. The grant from HCCC would be put towards educational learning camps for local children in the 6-to-14 years age group to teach them basic English and sciences. "These camps last for up to seven weeks during which students from nearby villages reside at the camp site," said Priya Shankar, a Fulbright scholar who volunteers with the non-profit Seva Mandir.

A student at Irvington High School, Rajeshwari Ramanathan's Pencil Project, which she initiated four years ago with her sister Gayatri Ramanathan, was also a recipient of a grant from HCCC. The project involves collecting pencils, stationery and other school supplies from the community and distributing them among students who face the prospect of dropping out of school due to a shortage of supplies. "The grant from HCCC helps us meet the cost of shipping the supplies out to school children who need our help in different parts of the United States and abroad," said Rajeshwari Ramanathan. The group has helped schools in remote locations in Africa and in some parts of the United States.

## Prayers for Japan Tsunami Victims



Priests and devotees of Shiva-Vishnu temple offered prayers to the victims of recent tsunami spawned by earthquake in Japan. Hindus light a Moksha Deepam and pray the Lord for the salvation of the departed souls. The magnitude of more than 9.0 on Richter scale offshore quake - the largest in Japan's history - unleashed a 23-foot tsunami and was followed by more than 50 aftershocks for hours, many of them of more than magnitude 6.0. Several hundreds of people died in the natural disaster.



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Maha Ganpati Homam on New Year



Maha Shiva Rathri - Jyothirlinga Archana



Maha Shiva Rathri - Nrithya Seva



New year Day Alamkaram - Maha Vishnu



New Year Day Devotees



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