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Message from the Chairman & the President

Dear Devotees and well wishers,

We are honored and privileged to serve as the Chairman and the President of HCCC for the year 2003. Together, we are grateful to the outgoing Chairman and President, Sri. Ramarao Yendluri and Sri. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy respectively, who served with distinction and integrity and whose team accomplished a great deal in construction, fund-raising, human services, religious, cultural and other activities.

We appreciate the services of the outgoing members of the Executive Committee, Suresh Upadhyayula, Jamal Sarma, Peraiah Sudanagunta and Milind Korde (nominated), and the Board of Directors Raman Rao, Amrit Duneja and Ramarao Yendluri for their individual contributions and successful completion of their elected terms.

A special mention and recognition is due to Smt. Subadra Subramanian for her valuable service to HCCC. She has decided to resign from the Board for personal and family reasons and the newly elected Board has nominated Sri. Lingagoud Memula to serve for one year. We extend a warm welcome to him.

The last few months was the time for our annual elections. We thank the election committee members Chittaranjan Mallipeddi, Katyayini Satya and Ramu Malaiyandi for their dedicated efforts in conducting the elections and facilitating this transition.

One of the measures of the strength of a public institution comes at the time of change of administration. A number of Temple organizations have experienced significant problems during the last few years during transition of power. HCCC has carried out the transition in an organized manner for many years now. We hope this will continue in future setting a standard for other Temples to emulate.

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center has made significant progress in the last year in all its activities, and with the cooperation of everybody, this year's team will be able to meet the challenge of reaching higher levels of governance. We believe that we are providing excellent religious services at the Temple and should seek to do likewise at devotees' homes. We find that the focus on religious services makes it difficult to attract our children and the younger generation to the Temple. We need to attract them through children's classes and cultural programs. All this requires more space in the Temple, which highlights the importance of the master plan for the development of the acquired land adjacent to the Temple.

With growing staff at the Temple, there is a need to streamline our HR function. We need to review the bylaws and consider revising those that have become outdated. And finally, we need to continue to improve the services we provide to the ever-increasing number of devotees. You will be hearing from us more on these goals in the coming issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and we always look forward to hearing from you. We look forward to your continued support.

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March 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
30 Trayodasi 07:32 P.Bhadra Whole Day Masa Shivaratri	● 31 Chaturdasi 09:16 P.Bhadra 06:35					1 Chaturdasi 17:41 Dhanishta 20:32
● 2 Amavasya 18:38 Satabhisha 22:06	3 PHALGUNA Prathama 20:01 P. Bhadra 24:04	4 Dwitiya 21:51 U. Bhadra 26:28	5 Tritiya 24:05 Revati 29:15	6 Chaturthi 26:38 Aswini Whole Day	7 Panchami 29:20 Aswini 08:18	8 Shasti Whole Day Bharani 11:27
9 Shasti 07:57 Krittika 14:28	10 Saptami 10:15 Rohini 17:07	11 Ashtami 11:59 Mrugasira 19:12	12 Navami 12:58 Arudra 20:32	13 Dasami 13:07 Punarvasu 21:01	14 Ekadasi 12:24 Pushya 20:40 KARADAIYAR NOMBU Sun enters Meena 13:46	15 Dwadasi 10:52 Ashlesha 19:32 Pradosham
16 Trayodasi 08:42 Chaturdasi 29:49 Makha 17:46	○ 17 Poomima 26:33 P. Phalguni 15:30 HOLI PANGUNI UTTIRAM	18 Prathama 23:06 U. Phalguni 12:56	19 Dwitiya 19:37 Hasta 10:13	20 Tritiya 16:16 Chitra 07:31 Swati 29:04 Sankatahara Chaturthi	21 Chaturthi 13:10 Visakha 26:58	22 Panchami 10:27 Anuradha 25:20
23 Shasti 08:12 Jyeshtha 24:12	24 Saptami 06:28 Ashtami 29:22 Moola 23:37	25 Navami 28:49 P. Ashadha 23:36	26 Dasami 28:48 U. Ashadha 24:06	27 Ekadasi 29:16 Sravana 25:06	28 Dwadasi Whole Day Dhanishta 26:32	29 Dwadasi 06:11 Satabhisha 28:22 Pradosham

April 2003

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RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
		1 Amavasya 11:20 U. Bhadra 09:09	2 CHAITRA Prathama 13:41 Revati 11:59 UGADI (Swabhanu) VASANTHA NAVARATRI BEGINS, UGADI ASTHANAM	3 Dwitiya 16:14 Aswini 15:02	4 Tritiya 18:54 Bharani 18:11	5 Chaturthi 21:31 Krittika 21:17
6 Panchami 24:55 Rohini 25:11	7 Shasti 26:53 Mrugasira 27:41	8 Saptami 28:14 Arudra 29:35	9 Ashtami 28:50 Punarvasu 30:46	10 Navami 28:34 Pushya Whole Day SRI RAMA NAVAMI	11 Dasami 27:27 Pushya 06:46 Ashlesha 30:37	12 Ekadasi 25:32 Magha 29:19
13 Dwadasi 22:56 P. Phalguni 27:22 SRI RAMA NAVAMI Week end Function Sun enters Mesha 23:17	14 Trayodasi 19:49 U. Phalguni 24:54 Pradosham TAMIL NEW YEARS DAY (Swabhanu), BAISAKHI	○ 15 Chaturdasi 16:18 Hasta 22:06	16 Poomima 12:37 Chitra 19:09 CHITRA POORNIMA	17 Prathama 08:47 Dwitiya 29:08 Swati 16:13	18 Tritiya 25:47 Visakha 13:27	19 Chaturthi 22:52 Anuradha 11:01 Sankatahara Chaturthi
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PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Mar 1st/Saturday	(First Saturday of the month)	12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastra Samarpana
Mar 8th/Saturday	(Second Saturday of the month)	10:30 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka
	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Mar 9th/Sunday	Shiva Kalyanam	3:30 PM	Shiva Kalyana Utsavam
	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Mar 10th/Monday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Mar 13th/Thursday	Punarvasu	6:30PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Sahasra Nama Archana
Mar 14th/Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
	Karadayar Nombu	6:30 PM	Maha Lakshmi Pooja (tying Sacred Thread)
Mar 15th/Saturday	(Third Saturday of the month)	11:00 AM	Tiruppavada Seva For Balaji
	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra Nama Archana
Mar 16th/Sunday		11:00 AM	Nagavalli Dala Sahasra Nama Archana for Shiva
Mar 17th/Monday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana
	Panguni Uttiram		Program given below
Mar 20th/Thursday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Sri Ganesha Abhisheka
Mar 22nd/Saturday	(Fourth Saturday of the month)	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Mar 27th/Thursday	Ekadasi and Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka and Sahasra Nama Archana
Mar 30th/Sunday	Masa Shivarathri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
	(Last Sunday of the month)	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
PANGUNI UTTIRAM	(in MAHA LAKSHMI SANNADHI)		
March 17th/Monday		6:30 PM	Maha Lakshmi Sahasra Nama Archana
		7:30 PM	Gadya Traya Parayana, Satmura, Sethe Seva
		9:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
Apr 2nd/Wednesday	Ugadi (SWABHANU)	6:30 PM	Asthana Utsavam and Panchanga Sravanam in Telugu ,Kannada and English
Apr 5th/Saturday	(First Saturday of the month)	12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastra Samarpana
	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Apr 6th/Sunday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Apr 7th/Monday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasra Nama Archana
Apr 9th/Wednesday	Punarvasu	11:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Archana
		6:30 PM	Sita Rama Jayanthi
Apr 10th/Thursday	Sri Rama Navami		Detailed program given later
Apr 12th/Saturday	(Second Saturday of the month)	10:00 AM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Balaji
	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Apr 13th/Sunday		3:30 PM	Karthikeya Kalyana Utsavam
	Sri Rama Navami - Weekend function		Detailed program given later
Apr 14th/Monday	Tamil New Year's Day	6:30 PM	Panchanga Sravanam inTamil
	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra nama Archana
Apr 16th/Wednesday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana
Apr 17th/Thursday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Apr 19th/Saturday	(Third Saturday of the month)	12:00 Noon	Tiruppavada Seva for Balaji
	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Apr 20th/Sunday		11:00 AM	Nagavalli Dala Sahasra Nama Archana for Shiva
	Meenakshi Kalyanam	3:30 PM	Meenakshi Sundareshwarar Kalyanam
Apr 24th/Thursday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
Apr 26th/Saturday	(Fourth Saturday of the month)	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Apr 27th/Sunday	(Last Sunday of the month)	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Apr 29th/Tuesday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for shiva

SRI RAMA NAVAMI CELEBRATIONS

APRIL 2, WEDNESDAY TO APRIL 10, THURSDAY

8:00 am - 12:00 noon:..... Srimad Ramayana Parayana, Archana and Arati

6:15 pm Sri Rama SahasraNama Archana

APRIL 3, THURSDAY TO APRIL 9, WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Srimad Ramayana Pravachan in different languages by our Temple Priests

Apr 3rd /Thursday:Pandit Sri Srinivas Acharyulu in English

Apr 4th/Friday:Pandit Sri Venkata Sastry in Telugu

Apr 5th/Saturday:Pandit Sri Nageshwara Sastry in Kannada

Apr 6th/Sunday:.....Pandit Sri Srinivas Acharyulu in Telugu

Apr 7th/Monday:Pandit Sri Monomohon Mukherjee in Hindi

Apr 8th/Tuesday:.....Pandit Sri Kannan in Tamil

Apr 9th/Wednesday:Pandit Sri Chandra Shekara Gurukkal in Tamil

Apr 10th/Thursday.....Sri Rama Navami

10:00 AM to 1:00pm..... Sri Rama Shadakshari Homa

NamaKarana Homa

Namakarana Samskara

Harati - Asheervachana

7:00 PM..... Sri Seeta Rama Kalyana Utsavam

9:30 PM..... Ekanta Seva

APRIL 13th SRI RAMA NAVAMI (Weekend Function)

8:00 amSuprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu

8:30 amAbhisheka for Shiva, Kartikeya, Ganesha and Anjaneya

10:00amSri Rama and Seetadevi Edurkola Utsavam

11:00 amSri Seeta Rama Kalyanam

12:00 noon Sumuhurtam

12:30 pm Akshata Aaropana and Asheervachanam

3:00 pm Sri Rama Pattabhisheka

6:00 pm Hanumad Vahana Utsavam

7:00 pm Maha Mangala Arati

8:00 pm Ekanta Seva

HCCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS FOR 2003**POSITIONCHAIRPERSON**

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HCCC YOUTH & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HCCC Youth and Education wishes you a very Happy New Year. Our new session of our HCCC programs started off on a promising and successful note.

Our Library cataloging is moving at a fast pace and it would be few more months before we could start issuing books. In addition, we have been receiving books in large volumes from India and donors and to catalog and stack all of them does need effort and time. Our cataloging volunteers are working very hard to complete the task as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, you are welcome to visit the library. Come, read and enjoy the vast culture and knowledge of our ancient texts and thoughts of our Spiritual leaders. Also, we have a new librarian, Ms. Sarala who will be working on the weekends. Please stop by our library and say Hello to her.

Balajyothi classes had a wonderful start of a new session beginning this January 5th. We would soon be incorporating new Audio Visual programs in our classes. Our volunteers are working on the AV project. We would soon be having more exciting and fun classes with lot of eye-capturing images to enhance the classes.

The current topic of discussion for this quarter is Stories of Krishna and Vishnu, which is an excellent class to learn about the Life of Lord Krishna. The main motive for this quarter will be to discuss Lord Krishna's deeds and his goodwill for the upliftment of the human race and what we can impart into our lives.

In the first Week of February, the HCCC Balajyothi Program had an extended celebration of Sankranti Festival. As the cultural celebrations, the kids in our Balajyothi class had a Kite-making class. While the participants make small kites as a hands-on project and as a take home gift, the parents along with the volunteers helped to make big Kites to fly. The exciting part of the whole class was to fly the kites. With the weather being perfect with fair winds, it was joyful to watch the kids having great fun flying their kites.

Other classes offered by our programs are progressing very well. GeethaJyothi classes led by Sri Murali Krishna Kalvapudi and Sri Vamsi Mudumba are one of the best classes for teens and adults. These teachers are well versed in Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and the Bhagavat Geetha. The class structure includes Isavasya Upanishad, Bhagavat Geetha and Vishnu Sahasra Nama. This class meets on every Saturday between 12 and 1 pm in the Library room.

Sri Murali Krishna also teaches Sundara Kanda Parayanam, a segment of Ramayana. Sundara Kanda recited as a parayanam (joint chanting or in the class) will remove all evils and confer all the dharmic wishes on us. Some slokas are said to have "Bija" aksharas (root letters). This Kanda as a whole is considered to have great Mantra Shakti and Sabda Shakti. This class is aimed at understanding the inner meaning of the text and to incorporate the teachings into our lives. Traditionally, if anyone wishes for something and recites Sundara Kanda, the wish will be fulfilled. This has been proven time and again. This class also meets between 12 pm and 1 pm at the HCCC center.

New Vishnu Sahasra Nama classes just began this New Year. The entire stotram chanting is learnt along with Guruparampara and Sri Lakshmi Ashtotharam. This class is held between 1 pm and 2 pm at the HCCC center and is being led by Sri Vamsi Mudumba. It is a good opportunity for new students interested in joining this chanting class to learn Vishnu Shastra Nama from the start. Sri Vamsi recites the slokas and talks about their meanings and what they imply and functions as a word.

Stotra Patanam is another sloka class, this is conducted by Pandit Nageswara Sastry. This class is dedicated to chanting of the magnificent Mahishasura Mardini Stotram, taught along with its meanings. This class meets on the Sundays between 1 and 2 pm.

The whole effort of HCCC Y&E programs is to bring back the glories of the ancient rich cultural studies to our newer generation. This is possible only with the dedication of time and ideas. We would appreciate it if you could donate your valuable time, money, books and/or advice.

If you are interested in any of the programs above, please email any of our coordinators for more information.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2002

Revenues:	\$ 2,083,900
Budgeted Expenses:.....	\$ 1,464,500
Assets acquired:	\$ 141,400
Unbudgeted Expenses:	\$ 149,700
Construction Expenses:	\$ 559,300
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,314,900

EGO IS OUR ENEMY

Many are the reasons for Human's ego. Often, it is our wealth or scholarship or power that makes us proud. But we should realize that this ego is in fact, our enemy. Because of our ego, we engage in wrong actions. We even falsely think that no one is greater than we are. But it happens that we undergo suffering by our bad Karma resulting from such thinking. We can avoid this, only if we let go of our ego.

Bhagavatpada Adi Sankara has said:

MAKURU DHANA JANA YOVVANA GARVAM
HARATI NIMESHAT KALAH SARVAM

We, according to Adi Sankara, should never be proud because of wealth, youth or scholarship, as time will take away all. They are never permanent. Sages like Adi Sankara, Ramanuja, Madhwa, Ramana and Ramakrishna Paramahansa however erudite they were, had not the least trace of ego. That's why they have been praised as Mahapurushas. It thus follows that we humans under no pretext should entertain ego, but lead a humble life.

Pandit Nageshwara Sastry



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