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## Message from the Chairman & the President

Dear Devotees,

We wish you all a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year 2003. As we welcome the New Year, let's take a moment to summarize Temple happenings for the past year and our plans going forward. The HCCC Executive Committee and Board of Directors have been working very hard to get things done on several projects. The construction committee worked hard to get the Dakshina Bhoomi leveled and paved to be a usable temporary parking lot. We expect a large number of devotees to attend the temple on New Year's day and other major festivals this year and we hope this helps us in the parking situation. The transformer was moved away from the Fire lane and the fire lane is nearing completion.

This past year, we have successfully completed the 16th Anniversary, Pavithrotshavam, Asthabandhana for Karthikeya, Navagrahas, Shiva, Anjaneya with Laghu Samprokshana. Several devotees, SC, EC and BOD members participated in all these events. In addition, several religious programs including Janmashtami, Ganesha Chaturthi, Dussera, Shiva & Venkateswara Brahmostavas, Vishwa Shanti Maha Yagnam for 41-days, Gita Jayanthi were completed successfully. For the first time, a large number of fellow Bengali community members celebrated Durga Pooja at the temple, which was well attended. In 2002, we had started Sahasra Sankhabhisheka for Lord Karthikeya and the program is going very well.

Recently, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of HCCC's Incorporation and the donor recognition program. Many volunteers including members from Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Steering Committee participated to make those events happen. Livermore Mayor, Consul General of India, Alameda County Supervisor, and a representative from Congresswoman Ellen Tasucher's office attended the program, which was very successful. You will find a separate article on this elsewhere in this issue.

The temple website has been modified substantially to serve you better. Now, you can sponsor for temple poojas from your home. Thanks to the Information Systems Chairperson and his efforts, the welcome page of the temple website has lot more information that you would like to see. Please visit the temple website www.livermoretemple.org to get the latest information on the temple programs. Also we have more phone lines at the temple to receive your calls and serve you better. Security alarm system, electrical and telephone wiring have been completed inside the trailer office. A similar security system was completed for the Balaji shrine.

A record number of devotees are signing up for the Annadana Program and the Sramadana program. These programs have both been very successful.

The Human Services committee has been conducting many programs. They have taken several initiatives to distribute clothes and food to the local community and to India. They have also conducted blood test drive at the temple for bone marrow in order to find a donor for a Leukemia patient. Yoga classes have also been started in the assembly hall.

The temple administrative office moved to the new trailer office which is near completion. HCCC hired two additional administrative staffers so that we can serve the temple devotees better. The inside of the temple and the Assembly Hall premises are being cleaned regularly to ensure proper maintenance.

We have a new policy to control the noise levels at the temple to avoid inconvenience to the neighbors. That new policy is being observed by the temple employees. This helps us in maintaining a good relationship with our neighbors. To help us in this effort, kindly carpool when you visit the Temple on New Year's day and other major festivals. Please follow any information posted in the Temple website on parking, follow all posted parking signs at the temple and on all neighboring streets.

## January 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm	7:30 to 9:00 am	3:00 to 4:30 pm			/AYA OM NAMO 10:30 to 12 noon	
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## February 2003

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RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm	7:30 to 9:00 am	3:00 to 4:30 pm			/AYA OM NAMC 10:30 to 12 noon	9:00 to 10:30 am
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## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Jan 1st/Wednesday		New Year's Day	Temple open 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
	Hanumath Jayanthi	8:00 - 9:30 AM	Hanuman Abhisheka, 1008 Naga Valli Dala & Kadaliphala Archana
	Pooja schedule	8:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka, Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	J	8:15 - 9:15 AM	Archanas in all shrines
		8:30 AM	Maha Ganapathi Homa
		8:30 - 9:15 AM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
		8:30 - 9:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka & Archana
		9:15 - 9:30 AM	Harati & Satmura
		9:30 AM	Regular Darshan in all shrines
15 Dec 2002-13 Jan 2003	Dhanur Masa Pooja	11:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka (except Jan 1st at 8:00 AM)
Jan 4th/Saturday	, and the second	12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastra Samarpana
·	Cultural Program	3:00 PM	Classical Carnatic Vocal concert by Hemmige V. Srivatsan,
	Ü		accompanied by Ajay Narasimha (Violin),
			Vadiraja Bhatt (Mridangam) & Mahadevan Arunachalam (Morsing)
			Venue: Temple Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
Jan 8th/Wednesday Shasti		6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasra Nama Archana
Jan 11th/Saturday		10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka
Jan 12th/Sunday		3:30 PM	Shiva Kalyana Utsavam
		5:00 PM	Andal Kalyanam
Jan 13th/Monday	Ekadasi		Vaikunta Ekadasi (detailed program below)
	Krittika	6:30 PM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Jan 14th/Tuesday			Makara Sankranthi,Thai Pongal, Uttarayana Punyakala
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Shri Krishna Pooja
	Makara Deepa Pooja	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Makara Deepa Pooja, Bhajans
Jan 15th/Wednesday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra Nama Archana
Jan 17th/Friday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Jan 18th/Saturday		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
	Thai Poosam	11:30 AM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
		3:00 PM	Karthikeya Tiru Veedhi Utsavam (procession)
Jan 19th/Sunday		11:00 AM	Nagavalli Dala Archana for Shiva
Jan 21st/Tuesday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Jan 25th/Saturday	G	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
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Jan 26th/Sunday	rl l ·	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Jan 27th/Monday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jan 30th/Thursday Masa Shiva	iratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
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Jan 13th/Monday		9:00 AM	Suprabatham
	<u> </u>	10:00 AM	Bhoga Srinivasa Murthi Abhisheka
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		7:00 PM	Balaji Moola Murthi Abhisheka
		9:30 PM	Archana & Satmura
		10:00 - 10.30 PM	Vaikunta Dwara Pooja
Esh 1st/Caturdey		11:00 PM 12:00 Noon	Ekanta Seva & Rastra Ashirvada
Feb 1st/Saturday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Vastra Samarpana Balaji Sahasra Nama Ambana
Fob 6th/Thursday	Vasanth Panchami	10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana Saraswati Pooja
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		12:00 Noon	Pushpanjali Bhog Prasad
		12:30 PM	Arati
		6:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasra Nama Archana
Feb 7th/Friday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasra Nama Archana
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Feb 8th/Saturday	Ratha Saptami Vasanth Panchami (weekend function in Assembly Hall)	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM 3:45 PM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Balaji Surya Namaskara (Aruna Prashna Parayanam) Saraswati Pooja Pushpanjali Bhog Prasad Arati Visarjana
Feb 9th/Sunday	Krittika	3:30 PM 6:30 PM	Karthikeya Kalyana Utsavam Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Feb 10th/Monday	Madhva Navami Rohini	6:30 PM	Shri Krishna Pooja
Feb 12th/Wednesday	Bheeshma Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthi Abhisheka
Feb 14th/Friday	Pradosham Punarvasu	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra Nama Archana Sri Rama Abhisheka
Feb 15th/Saturday	Cultural Program	11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji Vocal concert by Geeta Ravi. Other details will be given later. Venue: Temple Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
Feb 16th/Sunday	Poornima	11:00 AM 6:30 PM	Nagavalli Dala Sahasra Nama Archana for Shiva Lalitha Sahasra Nama Parayana
Feb 19th/Wednesday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Feb 21st/Friday	Swati	6:30 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Feb 21st-23rd/Fri-Sun	Shiva Brahmotsavam		See detailed program below
Feb 23rd/Sunday	m l	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Feb 26th/Wednesday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthi Abhisheka
Feb 28th/Friday	Maha Shivarathri Sravanam	From 6:00 AM 6:30 PM	See detailed program below Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana

## Shiva Brahmotsavam program

#### FEB 21ST/FRIDAY

7:00 PM Anujna, Ganapathi Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Deeksha Kankana Dharanam, Panchagavya Shuddi, Ankurarpana, Dhwaja Pataka Pooja, Nandeeshwara Abhisheka,Bali,Dwaja Arohana, Arati ,Mantrapushpam

	FEB ZZND/SATUKDAY		
9:00 AM	Shiva Suprabatham		
9:30 AM	Shiva Abhishekam		
11:00 AM	Nava Kumbha Sthapana,Agni Pratista,Vastu Pooja,		
	Vastu Homa,Bali		
5:00 PM	Rudra Homa, Sadyojatadi homa, Parivara Devata Homa,		
	Laghu Poornahuti, Arati		
7:30 PM	Nitya Pooja, Aradhana, Bali, Arati and Mantra Pushpam		
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10:00 AM	Maha Ganapathi Abhisheka
11:00 AM	Nitya Pooja, Nitya Homa, Bali, Avabruda Snanam,
	Maha Poornahuti, Maha Mangala Arati
11:30 AM	Karthikeya Abhisheka
3:30 PM	Brahmotsava Shiva Kalyana Utsavam
5:00 PM	Nandi Vahana Utsavam, Dwaja Avarohana, Deeksha
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### Maha Shivarathri program

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	FEB 28TH/FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Shiva Suprabatham
6:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka - 1st Yaama
10:00 AM	Shiva Abhisheka - 2nd Yaama
1:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka - 3rd Yaama
3:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka - 4th Yaama
5:00 PM	Linga Akruti Deepa Pooja
6:00 PM	Mahanyasa Parayanam
	Ekadasa Vara Abhisheka - 5th Yaama
	Arati, Astavadana Seva, Mantra Pushpam
12:00 AM	Shiva Abhisheka - 6th Yaama
3:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka - 7th Yaama
5:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka - 8th Yaama

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## BALAJYOTHI - The Learning with Fun Program



Picture from Balajyothi classes

Education is the basis of knowledge. Learning about one's cultural roots and heritage forms one's identity. One such program about learning about culture and its emphasis on our well being is the Balajyothi program offered by the Youth and Education committee. This program is focused on children ages 3 and up, and their parents. We have students aged 3 to 40!

This program, which started more than a year ago, is in its successful second year. Classes are held from 1 PM-2 PM on the first, third and fifth Saturday of every month at the HCCC Learning Center/Library. The concept of Balajyothi is to educate children through stories of Gods and Goddesses. We also teach Bhajans and Slokas along with their meanings. The stories from the Puranas

are compiled into class material with pictures suitable for the participants making it more interesting and fun filled.

In the class, we exchange ideas about the stories related to the Deities or Gods, the symbolic aspect they represent, how they help in ensuring that good wins over had, and the values of good living. Children are well supported by Balaiyothi teachers who encourage them to share their

that good wins over bad, and the values of good living. Children are well supported by Balajyothi teachers who encourage them to share their ideas and talk about their thoughts. The class challenges all ages. It is a fun filled interactive one hour class in which both the parents and the children are involved in learning.

Balajyothi recently concluded the third Quarter of its program by a successful Vishnu Dasavatara Session. We ended the session by having a



Reading hour at Y&E Library

grand group Sri Krishna Puja at the temple, in which the children participated in the hands-on Puja Ceremony. They were delighted to conduct the puja themselves under the guidance of the temple priest and one of our learned Balajyothi teachers, Sri Murali Krishna Kalvapudi. After the Puja, we had a graduation ceremony where students were awarded Certificates and token gifts.

After the successful completion of Dasavataras, we started the fourth quarter with the Devi Avataras, in which we talked about the Avataras of different Devis. The students were very happy to learn about the Devi Avataras during Navaratri. It helped them to understand better the significance of festivals such as Navaratri and Deepavali.

Our goal for Balajyothi is to kindle an interest in

children in learning about the Hindu culture and heritage and the significance of gods and goddesses in the Hindu religion. We are starting a new session in January 2003. The theme is "Untold stories of Lord Krishna". Most of us know very little of all aspects of Krishna's life. There is more to Lord Krishna than commonly known stories of his birth, his association with Pandavas etc. We will be learning more of his Leelas and his Supreme Message to mankind.

We have an open admission policy. There is no fee. New students of are allowed to join us at any point of time and continue with ongoing classes. For more information about the program or to enroll, please contact Balajyothi Coordinators, Sujata Raju at sujataraju@yahoo.com or Anita Murthy at anjaleeya@yahoo.com.

To learn more about Youth and Education activities, check the Youth and Education page at www.livermoretemple.org . If you would like to volunteer, please contact Program Coordinator, Sandhya Kode at skodev@yahoo.com.

## 25th Anniversary Celebrations of HCCC's Incorporation



Opening of bus shelter by Mayor

The 25th anniversary of HCCC's incorporation was celebrated on Saturday, December 7th 2002. On this occasion, two other significant programs were also held that day, a Bus Shelter donation program and a Donor Recognition program.

Bus Shelter: The HCCC donated a bus shelter, located on Bluebell Drive (near the Springtown branch Library), to the City of Livermore. Mayor Marshall Kamena formally inaugurated the bus shelter at 10:00 AM on Dec. 7th, in the presence of Mr. Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor, Mr. Virendra Sood, General Manager, Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) and many HCCC members.

Donor Recognition Plaques: At the entrance to the Temple Assembly hall, all donors were recognized by updation of the existing donor recognition plaques and new plaques as appropriate. Mr. H.H.S

Viswanathan, Consul General of India, San Francisco, formally inaugurated these donor plaques.

25th Anniversary of Incorporation: The Mayor of Livermore formally inaugurated the 25th Anniversary of Incorporation celebrations and declared the events open to the public. On this occasion, there were poster, photo and video exhibits in the Assembly Hall that captured the 25 years of history of the Temple and its people since inception. The Mayor was very impressed and spoke of his personal association with the temple's presence in the Livermore area from the very beginning. Other dignitaries who spoke at this event included Mr. Scott Haggerty, Mr. Virendra Sood , Mr. HHS Viswanathan and Mr. Greg Bedard from the office of US Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, representing California's 10th Congressional District.

At this event, the HCCC had also invited the local police and fire departments to participate and donated \$1000 each to the Livermore Police Officers Association and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department



Invitees outside the Assembly Hall



Function in the Assembly Hall

## Community outreach: Leo Croce Elementary School, Livermore



HCCC has established a milestone relationship with a key neighbor, the Leo Croce Elementary School, located on Scenic Avenue. The school had been very helpful to the Shiva Vishnu Temple, allowing us to use their parking lot in times of special needs. As a means of reciprocating their efforts and maintaining a long-term relationship, the Public Relations committee met with the school principal, Janet Loughran-Smith and understood the school's needs in the Science Lab & Library (for additional microscopes and accelerated reading texts). As a token of our goodwill and appreciation, HCCC President Vishnu Reddy, PR Chairperson Krishna Chander, G.S.Satya, T.K.Subramanian met the school staff, students and parents during their Spirit Assembly on Thursday, December 19th 2002 and handed them a check for \$2000. A thankful school staff expressed their desire to tour the temple in the near future.

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### Diwali Celebrations & Annual Fundraising Dinner



Performances by Youth during the program

We had a very successful Diwali celebrations and Annual Fund Raising event on Saturday, November 2nd, 2002 in the Temple Assembly Hall, with generous contributions from the devotees. The multicultural youth program organized by the Bay Area Telugu Association was well appreciated by all the attendees. Praveen and Ritee Chadda presented an excellent live music entertainment program. The dinner and setup were sponsored by Suraj Indian Cuisine & Sarovar Indian Cuisine respectively. We would like to thank all the devotees, volunteers, sponsors who have participated in making the event a grand success.

Thank you "FUNDRAISING TEAM 2002". Some pictures from the event are shown in this page.



Performances by Youth during the program



Performers as a group

### Abharanas & Vastras available during Shiva Brahmotsavam

During the weekend of Shiva Brahmotsavam (Feb 22,23), Abharanas and Vastras will be available against donations for these items. For more info, contact Raghavamma Gullapalli at (925) 580-2600 or email Vicepresident@livermoretemple.org.

#### Financial Statement

Due to unavoidable circumstances, we were not able to give a financial summary for this edition. The inconvenience is regretted. The appropriate financial statement will be made available soon.

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HCCC has purchased all the vastras required by the temple for the rest of the year. Those who want to sponsor a vastra, please contact the Vice president, or the temple manager for further details. We had Vastra and Abharana Sale during some festival and event days.

The Cultural Committee Chair had organized several programs so far. We celebrated Annamacharya Day and also conducted Divyanama Samkirthana, and then we had religious discourses by Velukkudi Krishnan, Swami Bodhanada, Swami Omkarananda and Swami Chidatmananda. We had a vocal concert by Asha Ramesh and Veena concert by Srikanth Chary, to name a few.

We have started working on several fundraising programs. We had a very successful Diwali celebrations & Annual Fundraising Dinner program. We also have annual Abhisheka sponsor Program and Annual Pooja sponsor program. Please call the temple for more information on these and see how can benefit from them. You may also contribute to the various other programs.

There is an important program which has been started, called the Endowment Fund. Current economic conditions provide a perfect example of the potential for sudden and unforeseen revenue shortfall from operations that may put the HCCC operations in jeopardy. In addition, fund raising in this tough economic environment is difficult. Therefore, the objective of Endowment fund is -- HCCC must remain a viable entity that can ride through any difficult periods by maintaining a steady state of an acceptable baseline of services to the devotee community. The proposal to establish and administer "The HCCC Endowment Trust Fund" is consistent with the current HCCC bylaws and provides a mechanism for funding the long term and future viability of the organization.

The need for action is urgent. Large and small donors would like to see some of the funds that they donate provide for the long term needs of the HCCC rather than continually being used up for monthly operating expenses. Any devotee can contribute to this fund with a minimum of \$5000 and no maximum limit. Your contribution will go into this fund and the principal will never be used. For details, please contact Fundraising Committee Chairperson at the Temple telephone number or email vrvenkat@yahoo.com.

We need all the support that we can get from you all in order to reach our goals. HCCC thanks you for your continued support.

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Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Jammula President Ramarao Yendluri Chairman



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