

SECOND ANNUAL CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY AND WORKSHOP

All day event will provide an opportunity for children and youth between the ages of 3 and 21 to participate and volunteer in religious, cultural and other planned temple activities.

PROGRAM: November 20 2004

9:00 am	Suprabhatam Recitation at Balaji shrine
9:30 am	Book Release and Library Opening
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Puja
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch Packing by Youth
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Shloka Recitation
12:00 noon	Lunch
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Children's Activity Center
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Youth Forum
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Talent Show

Registration is free. Register early to participate in the Shloka recitation and Talent Show. You can register at the temple office or by e-mail to livermore_cyd@yahoo.com by providing necessary information of participating candidate.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT MANAGER: The Temple is looking for a motivated individual to work as Assistant Manager reporting to the Executive Administrator of HCCC. The position requires the individual to have exposure in a wide range of activities applicable to religious institutions. The individual should have excellent interpersonal skills and should develop pleasant interface with devotees. The individual will help the Executive Administrator in overseeing property maintenance, dealing with vendors and procurement, maintaining and improving the temple processes, managing small office environment, interacting with priests and supporting religious procedures as applicable for Hindu temple. It would be desirable if the individual is religious minded and enjoy working in such environment. Good computer skills in MS office and data entry and basic book keeping concepts are essential. Must have US work authorization, CA driver's license and must be willing to work weekends and holidays and be able to work flexible hours. Salary commensurate with experience as applicable to non-profit religious organizations.

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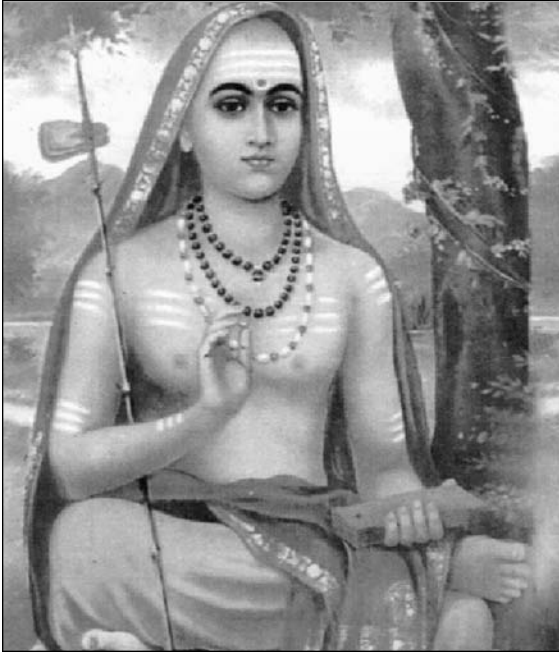
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OM NAMAH SHIVAYA

OM NAMO NARAYANAYA

SRI SANKARA BHAGVATPADA



Sri Sankara Bhagvatpadacharya, who came into this world to restore Sanatana Dharma had extraordinary accomplishments in the life span of 32 years. Born in the Kaladi in the Southern part of India, he became an ascetic at the age of eight, traveled extensively in India propagating the Veda Dharma and Advaita Philosophy, and in the process established several monastic institutions. He appointed his prime disciples Suresvara, Padmapada, Hastamalaka and Totaka--as heads of the four mathas established by him in Sringeri, Dwaraka, puri and Badri. He adorned the SarvajanaPeetha in Kashmir and went to Kedar.

Sri Sankara was a great leader, a person with boundless compassion, an ocean of mercy, a great poet and Jagadguru the World Teacher. Sri Sankara Bhagvatpada wrote enormous amount of literature in Sanskrit. Foremost among them are his treatise, ranging from commentaries of Prasthanaya Traya to stotras

such as Bhaja Govindam which have become popular the world over. Prasthanaya Traya is the collective name for the Upanishads, the Brahma Sutras and the Bhagavad Gita. They teach Advaita or Non-du-alism in aphorisms. Sri Shankara Bhagavadpada has explained them elaborately in pure sastraic norms in his Bhashyas and Prakarana Granthas. The Madhaviya Sankara Vijaya graphically describes this;

As the sun of Sri Sankara rose, the gloom and the darkness of ill-in-formed interpretations of other commentators were totally destroyed. The other commentaries of Sri Sankara are Gaudapada's Karika, Commentaries on Vishnu and Lalita Sahasranama. Sri Sankara's Upadeshasahasree, Viveka-Chudamani, Aatmabodha, Aparokshanabhuti are some of the prakarana works.

To help Upasakas, Sri Sankara wrote the Prapanchasara which is a highly authentic and the famous text on Mantra Sastra. In Adi Sankara's works we find that his treatment of poems is as majestic as the Bhashyas. The verses are lucid. Everyone who hears this Sloka becomes exhilarated. The choice of words is pleasing to the ears. This is true of his verses in both Soundaryalahari and Shivanandalahari. Adi Sankara's Yogataravali, though relatively a minor work, reveals many secrets of the Yoga Sastra. It is also on record that Sankara wrote an exposition of Veda Vyasa's commentary on the Yoga sutras of Patanjali

Sri Sankara wrote numerous devotional hymns. Some are short of 5 verses called Panjakas, some of 8 verses called ashtakas, and some very long in hundreds of verses called as stotras. These devotional hymns are dedicated to Ganesha, Subrahmanya, Shiva, Parvatidevi, Vishnu, Lakshmi, Bhairava, Rama, and Govinda and to sacred rivers like Ganga, Yamuna and Narmada. It is, therefore, imperative that all of us cherish the memory of the Universal Benefactor for all times to come.

-by Pdt. Nageshwara Sastry



Paushya / Magha

November 2004



Dhanur / Makara

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			
	1 Panchami 27:54 Mrugasira 08:04	2 Shasti Whole day Arudra 11:01	3 Shasti 06:25 Saptami Whole Day Punarvasu 13:58	4 Saptami 08:47 Pushya 16:43	5 Ashtami 10:48 Aslesha 19:05	6 Navami 12:17 Makha 20:53
7 Dasami 13:04 P.Phalguni 22:01	8 Ekadasi 13:07 U.Phalguni 22:23	9 Dwadasi 12:25 Hasta 22:02 Pradosham	10 Trayodasi 11:00 Chitra 21:00 Naraka Chaturdasi Masa Shivaratri	11 ● Chaturdasi 08:59 Amavasya Whole day, Swati 19:25, Diwali, Kedareshwara Vratam, Lakshmi Kubera Pooja, Kali Puja	12 Amavasya 06:27 Prathama 27:31, Visaka 17:25 Skanda Shasti Starts Gujarathi New Year KARTIKA	13 Dwitiya 24:23 Anuradha 15:07 Vishnu Pushpa Yaaga
14 Tritiya 21:14 Jyeshtha 12:43	15 Chaturthi 18:10 Moola 10:20 Naga chaturthi Sun enters Vrchika 14:50 Ayyappa Mandala Puja begins	16 Panchami 15:19 P. Ashadha 08:06 U.Ashadha Whole day	17 Shasti 12:49 U. Ashada 06:10 Sravana 28:41 Skanda Shasti Kavadi Function	18 Saptami 10:44 Dhanishta 27:40	19 Ashtami 09:09 Satabhisha 27:10	20 Navami 08:06 P. Phalguni 27:12
21 Dasami 07:37 U.Phalguni 27:43 Skanda Shasti (weekend function)	22 Ekadasi 07:35 Revathi 28:19	23 Dwadasi 08:07 Aswini Whole day Pradosham Tulsi Vivaha	24 Trayodasi 09:05 Aswini 06:09 Bharani Whole Day	25 ○ Chaturdasi 10:26, Bharani 07:59 Annamalai Deepam Sarvalaya Deepam Thanksgiving holiday (Weekend timings)	26 Poornima 12:08 Krittika 10:10 Day after Thanksgiving (Weekend timings)	27 Prathama 14:10 Rohini 12:39
28 Dwitiya 16:27 Mrugasira 15:22	29 Tritiya 18:56 Arudra 18:17	30 Chaturthi 21:29 Punarvasu 21:16 Sankatahara Chaturthi				



Magha / Phalguni

December 2004



Makara / Kumbha

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			
			1 Panchami 23:59 Pushya 24:12	2 Shasti 26:16 Aslesha 26:55	3 Saptami 28:08 Makha 29:15	4 Ashtami 29:25 P. Phalguni Whole day Kala Bhairava Jayanthi
5 Navami 29:58 P. Phalguni 07:00 U.Phalguni Whole Day	6 Dasami 29:41 U.Phalguni 08:01	7 Ekadasi 28:34 Hasta 08:16	8 Dwadasi 26:38 Chitra 07:43 Swati Whole day	9 Trayodasi 24:03 Swati 26:26 Visaka 28:25 Pradosham	10 Chaturdasi 20:55 Anuradha 25:54 Masa Shivaratri	11 ● Amavasya 17:27 Jyeshtha 23:05
12 Prathama 13:46 Moola 20:07 MARGASIRA	13 Dwitiya 10:03 Tritiya Whole day P.Ashadha 17:12	14 Tritiya 06:28 Chaturthi 27:17 U.Ashadha 14:31 Sun enters Dhanus 29:28	15 Panchami 24:37 Sravana 12:13 Dhanur Masa Pooja begins	16 Shasti 22:32 Dhanishta 10:27	17 Saptami 21:10 Satabhisha 09:20	18 Ashtami 20:31 P.Bhadra 08:57
19 Navami 20:35 U.Bhadra 09:17	20 Dasami 20:57 Revathi 10:12	21 Ekadasi 22:36 Aswini 11:54 Vaikunta Ekadasi Gita Jayanthi	22 Dwadasi 24:20 Bharani 13:57	23 Trayodasi 26:23 Krittika 16:21 Pradosham	24 Chaturdasi 28:40 Rohini 19:00	25 ○ Poornima Whole day Mrugasira 21:49 Ayyappa Mandala Pooja ends Christmas
26 Poornima 07:06 Prathama Whole Day Arudra 24:44 Arudra Darsan, Gita Jayanthi (weekend function)	27 Prathama 09:37 Punarvasu 27:41	28 Dwitiya 12:09 Pushya Whole day	29 Tritiya 14:36 Pushya 06:36 Aslesha Whole Day	30 Chaturthi 16:54 Pushya 09:24 Sankatahara Chaturthi	31 Panchami 18:54 Makha 11:56	

TEMPLE SERVICES ON POOJA AND HALL BOOKING

As a part of continued effort to serve the community, HCCC, Livermore provides the following services to its devotees. More details on these services can be obtained from Services@livermoretemple.org or 925-449-6255. We try hard to meet and exceed the expectation of our devotees. However, all our services strictly adhere to temple guidelines.

POOJAS AT YOUR HOME AND AT TEMPLE

We have priest staff serving a spectrum of south and north Indian devotees in the language of our choice. The following are some of the services offered.

- Weddings
- Engagements
- Upanayanam (Thread Ceremony)
- Seemantham (Baby Shower)
- Anna Prasana
- Shasti Purthi Celebrations
- GrihaPravesham (House Warming)
- Satyanarayana Puja
- Lakshmi Kubera Homam
- Other Religious Ceremonies

PROGRAM HALL AVAILABILITY AT TEMPLE

HCCC Assembly Hall (capacity 600) is equipped with an adjoining kitchen, Sound System, Dressing Room and a stage. These features are available at additional cost. Devotees can rent the hall for

- Weddings
- Engagements
- Upanayanam (Thread Ceremony)
- Seemantham (Baby Shower)
- Anna Prasana
- Shasti Purthi Celebrations
- RangaPravesham (Arangetram)
- Spiritual Discourses & Workshops
- Art & Culture Exhibitions
- Other Social and Religious Events permitted by HCCC

BHOMMAI GOLU



Keeping the 10 year tradition at our temple Shri Venky, Smt. Shyamala, and Meera set up a beautiful golu, display of Dolls and idols of Gods on Oct 13th, Amavasya Day at the Temple. Dr. Dharwar, Pdt Kannan and Pdt. Nageshwara Sastry actively participated in the setup.

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For Further information and our present programs please contact 925-449-6255 and enquire on different projects.

INSPIRATIONAL TALK BY SWAMI PRABODH CHAITANYA ON UPANISHAD



HCCC Shiva-Vishnu temple proudly presented the talk on "Inspirations from Upanishad" by Swami Prabodh Chaitanya, on Sep 11, 2004 at the Temple Assembly Hall. Swami Prabodh Chaitanya the current resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, combined his impressive knowledge of scriptures and ability to reach out to the people on the contemporary themes, to elucidate the subtle truths of Vedanta in a scientific and logical manner.

The hour long talk was peppered with simple Sanskrit shlokas and abundant humorous examples. Some of the examples generated uncontrolled laughter from devotees and they had a great chance to enjoy the pearls of wisdom from the Upanishads, in a jovial manner. This is the first of series of lectures planned from the Swamiji.

VARALAKSHMI VRATAM



VaraLakshmi Vratam Varalakshmi Vratam Celebrated on Aug 17th was a grand success with over 140 woman devotees participating in Samoohika Varalaxmi Vratam conducted by Pdt Sridhar Bhattar and assisted by all our priests. It was very impressive to see all these devotees performing vratam with full dedication in such a large group. HCCC thanks the functional coordinators Radha Reddy, Smt. Raghavamma Gulapalli, Indira Reddy and group of volunteers for excellent arrangements and conduct of the program.

DURGA PUJA & DEVI NAVARATRI



As you all might have noticed this year HCCC celebrated Devi Navaratri as well as Durga Puja with a lot of excitement. As Devi Navaratri celebrations continued for 9 days, Goddess Durga was being worshipped in special abhisekhams and alamkaranas in many forms by pdt. Nageswarasastry and his creative team. On the other side, few yards away, the same Durga Devi arrived in her Bengali attire, in a boat and with her entourage in our Assembly Hall on Oct 14th to receive the special offerings from the Durga Puja celebrations conducted by Pdt Manomohan Mukharjee and the team of volunteers. During these days while Pdt. Mukharjee reverberated the temple with Chandi path and performed pujas manifesting Durga in many forms, Pdt. Nageswara sastry on his part conducted Chandi path in Durga Shrine for all 9 days for the Goddess and pleased Devi with his devotion. Aparajita Pooja and Vijaya Dasami utsavam performed in temple were highlights of Devi Navaratra program. Sangeeta Seva to Goddess Kanaka Durga was done by singing of Navavarna Kritis and other bhakti geet by many singers on all days of Navaratri.

This year, Nepali devotees also participated in Durga pooja celebrations in the assembly hall and have performed special abhisekhams and cultural events on Oct 16th. We have seen participation from Gujarati and Oriya community as well. Some of the volunteers came in from out of state to participate in these celebrations. As we all know Durga Puja is one of the well attended celebrations at the temple and nearly 6000 devotees attended this year celebrations. This program also has been significant from cultural participation point of view with so many types of activities involving all ages from small children to grown ups, all jumping on their feet to participate in dancing and singing. A limited number of stalls erected on the eve of Vijaya Dasami day selling CDs and special food brought in a lively carnival type atmosphere. Devotees donated generously. Dr. Debasis and his team of volunteers collected so far over \$20,000 including general donations and designated donations. Congratulations to the entire team.

With the Blessings of Goddess Durga both programs were celebrated with a very high enthusiasm. This would not have been such a grand success without the untiring efforts of so many dedicated volunteers. HCCC thanks all devotees, volunteers, employees and coordinators Debasis Bagchi, Viadya Anant and Dr. Shankar who have extensively contributed to this effort.

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Nov 3rd Wednesday	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Nov 6th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00Noon 11:00 AM	Balaji Vastra Samarpana Swarna Alamkara for Shiva
Nov 8th Monday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Nov 9th Tuesday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Nov 10th Wednesday	Masa Shivaratri Naraka Chathurdasi	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka For Shiva
Nov 11th Thursday	Deepavali Kali Pooja (Assembly Hall) Kedareshwara Vratam Swati	6:30 PM	Lakshmi Kubera Pooja (Detailed program at the end) (Detailed program at the end) (Upon Devotee Request) Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Nov 12th Friday	Skanda Shasti Starts		(Detailed program at the end) Gujarathi New Year
Nov 13th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month Sri Vishnu Pushpa Yaagam	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka Muttangi Alamkara for Shiva (Detailed program at the end)
Nov 14th Sunday		3:30 PM	Shiva Kalyana Utsavam
Nov 15th Monday	Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Starts	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Pooja
Nov 17th Wednesday	Skanda Shasti Kavadi Function Shasti Sravana	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Nov 20th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Nov 21st Sunday		10:00 AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva (Week end function detailed program at the end)
Nov 22nd Monday	Skanda Shasti Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Nov 23rd Tuesday	Pradosham Tulasi Vivaham	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Tulasi Vivaha in Temple
Nov 25th Thursday	Thanksgiving holiday	6:30 PM	Temple opens from 9:00AM -8:00PM Annamalai and Sarvalaya Deepams
Nov 26th Friday	Day after Thanksgiving holiday Krittika Poornima	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Temple opens from 9:00AM -8:00PM Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Nov 27th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Rohini	12:00Noon 6:30 PM	Pushpa Seva for Balaji Sri Krishna Pooja
Nov 28th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Nov 30th Tuesday	Punarvasu Samkatakahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka Ganesha Abhisheka
Dec 4th Saturday	1st saturday of the Month	12:00Noon 11:00 AM	Balaji Vastra Samarpana Swarna Alamkara for Shiva
Dec 7th Tuesday	Kala Bhairava Jayanthi Ekadasi	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Dec 8th Wednesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Dec 9th Thursday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Dec10th Friday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka For Shiva
Dec 11th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka Muttangi Alamkara for Shiva
Dec12th Sunday		3:30 PM	Murugan Kalyanam
Dec 15th Wednesday	Sravana Dhanurmasa Pooja Begins	6:30 PM 10:30 AM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana Special Abhisheka for Bhoodevi everyday for a Month
Dec 16th Thursday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Dec18th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Dec 19th Sunday		10:00 AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva
Dec 21st Tuesday	Vaikunta Ekadasi Gita Jayanthi	10:00 AM	(Detailed program at the end) Sri Krishna Pooja
Dec 23rd Thursday	Pradosham Krittika	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Dec 24th Friday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Dec 25th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month Poornima Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Ends Chirstmas	12:00Noon 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Pushpa Seva for Balaji Lalita Sahasranama Parayana Ayyappa Mandala Pooja

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Dec 26th Sunday	Arudra Darshanam Gita Jayanthi		Arudra Natyanjali Gita jayanthi weekend function in A.Hall (Detailed Program at the End)
Dec 27th Monday	Last Sunday of the Month Punarvasu	4:30 PM 6:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka Sri Rama Abhisheka
Dec 30th Thursday	Samkathara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Jan- 01-2005	New Year's Day	6:00 AM 7:00 AM 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Temple opens from 6:00AM to 8:30PM Shiva & Vishnu Suprabhatam Shiva, Balaji & Navaratra Abhishekham Mahaganapati Homa BALaji Alankara Sahasranama Archana Darshan

SRI LAKSHMI KUBERA POOJA DETAILED PROGRAM

DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Nov 11th /Thursday	10:00AM 12:00Noon 12:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM 8:30PM 9:00PM	Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka Archana Arathi,Theertha Prasada Viniyogam Samkalpam Lakshmi Kubera Pooja Theertha Prasada Viniyogam Ekanta Seva

SRI KALI POOJA (ASSEMBLY HALL)

Nov 11th /Thursday	8:00PM 9:00PM 9:30PM 12:00AM 12:30AM 1:00AM 2:00AM	Deepa Danam Samkalpam Kali Pooja (Mid Night)Arathi and Pushpanjali Bhog Prasad Kali Homam Shanti jal and Asheervadam
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SRI VISHNU PUSHPA YAAGAM DETAILED PROGRAM

Nov 13th /Sat	7:00AM 8:00AM 11:00AM 12:00Noon 1:00PM 1:30PM	Suprabatham Abhisheka Pushpa yaaga Starts Pushpa Yaaga Homa Poornahuti Theertha Prasada Viniyogam
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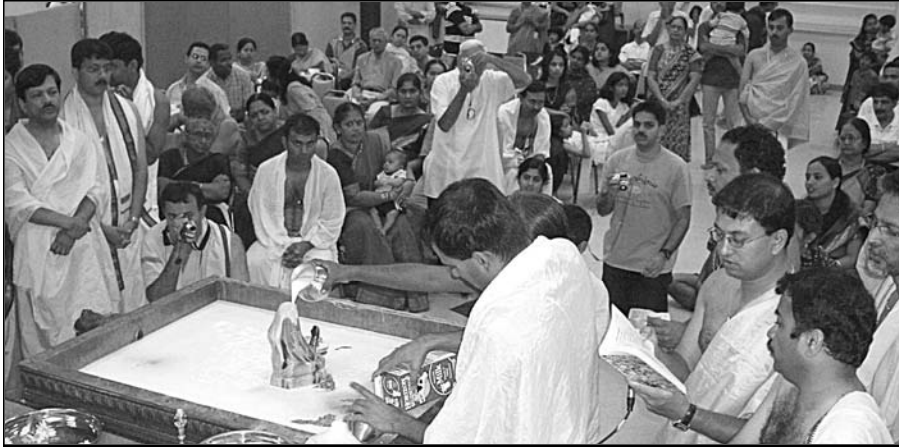
SKANDA SHASTI PROGRAM

Nov 12th -16th Every day	10:30AM 6:30PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Nov 17th /Wed	10:30AM 10:45AM 11:00AM 6:30PM	Kavadi Pooja Kavadi Procession by Devotees Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana

SKANDA SHASTI WEEKEND DETAILED PROGRAM

Nov 21st/ Sun	10:30AM 10:45AM 11:30AM 1:00PM 5:00PM	Kavadi Pooja Kavadi Procession by Devotees Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana Theertha Prasada Viniyogam Kartikeya Tiru Veedhi Utsavam (Procession)
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SRI RAGHAVENDRA SWAMY ARADHANA



With the grace of Sri Hari, Vayu and Gurugalu, the VMS - West Coast chapter celebrated Sri Raghavendra Araadhane with over 350 people attending what's known as the annual Madhva event in Livermore temple. It was yet another moment in time when all of us felt we were in Mantralaya or our hometown Araadhane celebrations.

The morning activities began with Stothra pathana including the Taratamyokta shlokas along with Vishnu Sahasra Nama, Venkatesha Stotra, and Sri Raghavendra swamigala stotra. The Rathotsava of Sri Rayara Vrindavana (wooden model) was held along with the big group of devotees singing almost the entire

taratamyokta bhajane. Elderly people visiting their kids were part of the entire three rounds of the parikrama of temple culminating in the sanctorum of the temple with the darshana of Lord Venkateshwara. The food was great, as our Sri Prasanna Krishna explained from the Bhojana sandhi of Sri Harikathamrutasara, all the devotees were treated to the best food due to the prerane of our gurugalu. Later in the day, we had Smt Meera Rao who enthralled the audience with her melodious voice and selection of songs on Sri Gurugalu. Our Sri Pandurangi explained Sri Rayara mahime and how we should follow madhva shastra and the major tenets of tatvavada along with offering our prayers to him. The program ended with taratamyokta bhajane and the reciting of Sri Gururaghavendra Mangalashataka.

We pray lord Sri Gururaghavendrant-argata Sri Sitapati Sri Moolarama to bestow his blessings on us and provide us more such opportunities to be in the midst of his devotees and in his seva.



PAVITROTSAVAM 2004



On Friday Aug 27 thby 7PM the temple hall was very busy with devotees and with resounding with the chantings of Pdt. Srinivasa Charyulu Garu initiating Pavotrotsavam celebrations on one side and Pdt. Sridhar Bhattar and his team reciting Varalakshmi Vrata slokas on the other side. Friday night events ended in an orderly manner by 10:30PM and devotees complimented the temple for continuously providing such religious services every year.

Pavitrotsavam celebrations continued until Sunday 6PM symbolically purifying the temple and relieving the devotees from all the sins. The "Meru" was well decorated on Sunday with Pavitramalas. After a brief procession around the shrines and Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu garu explained the significance

of 18 steps on Meru parvatam. This year the holy water from Manasa Sarovar Lake was used in Abhisekhams in additions to water from Ganges and oceans. We sincerely thank the two coordinators Sri Srinivasa Reddy family and Dr. Rama Sharma family who have contributed and participated actively in Pavitrotsavam celebrations.



YAJUR UPAKARMA



Yajur Upakarma a ritual to mark the beginning of Yajurveda study, was conducted on Poornima Day of Sravana masa, on Aug 29, 2004 at the temple Assembly Hall, in two batches one at 8am-9.30am, and another from 11am-12.30pm. It is believed Lord Vishnu took the Avatara of Hayagreeva and restored the Vedas to Lord Brahma, on this day. There was an impressive turnout of devotees ranging from small children to senior people. Devotees performed the sankalpam, replaced the old yajnopavitam with the new ones, and mentally chanted the Japam "kAmo kArshit manyur Akarshit". As an expression of gratitude to the Kanda rishis for revealing the Vedas to us, the Kanda Rishi homa was also performed. Subsequently the prayers were also offered to Upanishads Samhiti, Yagnyiki and Varuni and finally to Swayambhu and Sadasapati from whom the Yajur Veda came to us.

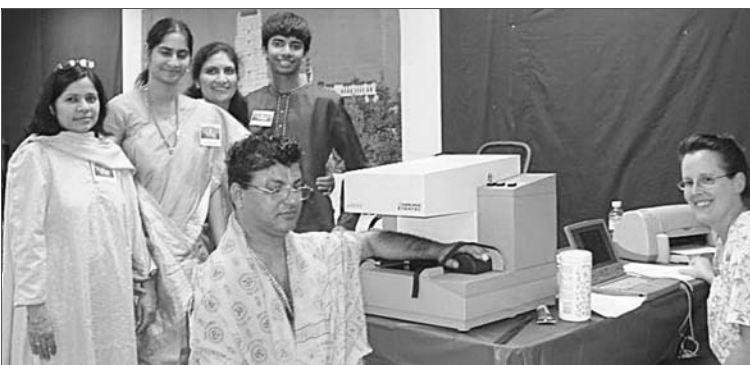
AKSHRABHYASAM FOR 100+ KIDS



Exceeding all expectations some 100+ kids showed up on October 18th, at the temple for SARASWATHI POOJA and AKSHARABHYASAM event. At 6PM on this Monday the temple was virtually empty but, by 7PM the temple was filled with devotees. The crowd assumed order as Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu, Pdt. Sampath Sridharan, Pdt. Sridhar Bhattar, Pdt. Chandramouli, Pdt. Gurukul and Pdt. Pavan Kumar together has performed a very impressive ritual of Saraswati pooja followed by initiation of alphabets (Akshrabhyasam) for a life time learning for all the children. It was a beautiful scene to see all the kids trying to write their first letters in rice while sitting in their parent's laps. Later, each kid was presented with a slate and chalk with the blessings of Chief priest and other priests.

HCCC thanks the functional coordinators Smt. Megha Joshi, Smt Kamala Shankar, Smt. Rani Mehta, Pachaka Shri Gopal Krishnamachar and lots of volunteers for conducting this program extremely well to the satisfaction of all parents.

HCCC HEALTH FAIR – 2004



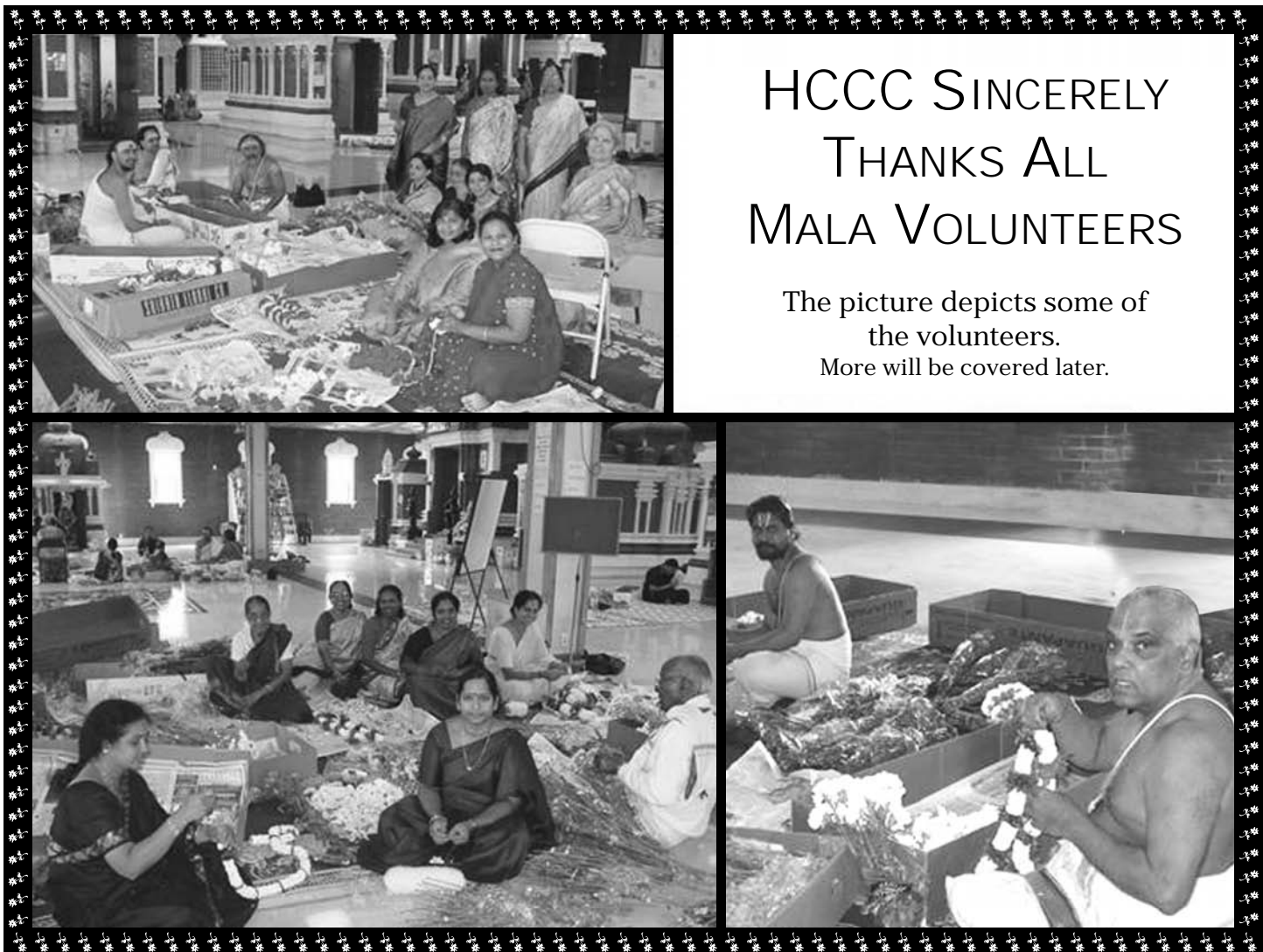
Here is another excellent piece of work by hard working Human Services Team. This team of volunteers exceeded expectations in performing community services standing out as an exemplary team for HCCC functional committees. This group has proved that although we are a religious organization we can conduct a Health Fair even better than those medical professionals. This year Health Fair was a well coordinated and well attended community service program. A spectrum of doctors, specialists, dieticians, dentists, child psychiatrists and family counselors have attended the needy visitors for a period 5 hrs and wanted to do more of this kind of service. They have suggested us to conduct such Health Fair twice a year. About 260 Cholesterol tests, over 70 bone density and lot many BP and sugar checks were performed. SAPHOP- A Stanford Medical Student Organization took care of all Cholesterol testing. These students helped us last year also. Fore, a medical group helped us in bone density evaluations. An estimated 500 visitors have benefited from the Health Fair. We sincerely thank everybody including all those doctors, Human Service volunteers and our own staff who ever supported this event. Now Health Fair became a well established tradition and annual event at HCCC.

VAIKUNTA EKADASI DETAILED PROGRAM

DATE / DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Dec 21st /Tues	9:00AM 10:00AM 1:00PM - 3:00PM 4:00PM - 6:00PM 7:00PM 9:30PM 10:00PM - 10:30PM 11:00PM	Suprabatham Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Sri Vishnu Sahasra nama Parayanam Pancha Sukta Venkateshwara Sahasranama Homa Balaji Moola Murthy Abhisheka Archana and Satmura Vaikunta Dwara Pooja Ekanta Seva and Rashtira Asheervachanam

GITA JAYANTHI WEEKEND FUNCTION

Dec 26th /Sun	10:00AM 10:30AM -11:30Noon 11:30Noon -2:00PM 2:00PM- 2:15 2:15 -2:30PM 2:30-3:30PM 3:30- 4:00PM	Gita Recital Bhajans Performances by Children Recital Vedic Hymns by Pdt. Srinivasa Charlu Rompicherla and other Priests Talk on Bhagavad Gita by Smt. Prabha Duneja Bhajans Sri Krishna Pooja ,Arathi and Prasad Lunch will be served in the Assembly Hall from 11:00AM to 3:30PM
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THANKS ALL
MALA VOLUNTEERS

The picture depicts some of
the volunteers.
More will be covered later.

SRI VARI BRAHMOTSAVAMS



the invocation way by chanting the appropriate Shlokas and Gadyams, followed by tala and Vadya by Smt Anuradha Sridhar on Violin and Sri Sriram Brahmanandam on Mrudangam. The three hour long invocation ceremony was so beautiful and melodius, making it irresistible to Gods to come and listen to the proceedings. The second day had invoking of sacrificial fire, Dwiguna Aradhana, Dwiguna Nivedana, and Shesha Vahana Utsavam. The last day had the Garuda Vahana Utsavam, Choornabhishekam (Special Abhishekam), Avabhruda Snanam (Ritual of Sacred bath) and Hanumath Vahana Uthsavam. The sight of the bejewelled Lord with his consorts

Brahmotsavam means the grand celebration or the grand sacrifice. It is considered as most auspicious festival, meant to wash the devotees of their sins and herald prosperity bringing them both materialistic and spiritual comforts. The first Brahmotsavam took place in 1998, at Shiva-Vishnu Temple Livermore, after the consecration of Dhvajasthambam. Shiva-Vishnu temple celebrates Brahmotsavam for 3 days starting with Dhwaja Aarohana hoisting of the Garuda Flag atop the Dhvajasthamba amid chanting of Vedic mantras. It ends with Avabhruda snanam the ritual of sacred bath. The first day of the Brahmotsavam the rituals consisted of Deeksha to devotees, Mrithasangraha (bringing the sacred earth), Ankurarpnam (Sowing the seeds), Dhwaja Pratishta, Dhwaja Aarohana (Hoisting the Garuda Flag), and invocation of Gods. Each God is invoked through specific Shloka (praise), tala (rhythm), raga (melody), Nritya (Dance), Vadya (Instrument). The priests Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu, Pdt. Divi Pavan Kumar and Pdt. Padmanabhacharyulu led



Lakshmi Devi and Bhoodevi, going around the fire lanes of the temple, in the beautifully decorated Vahanam left the devotees spellbouded. As per every year this year too the Brahmotsavam were celebrated with huge participation of devotees. Due to Adhika Masam this year, there were two Brahmotsavam, one in Sep 24-26 and other in Oct 14-16. A book on Brahmotsavam authored by Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu was released on Oct 16 by Sri Srinivas Rao. The author Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu clearly explains in his book the significance of Brahmotsavam and step by step process of various rituals backed up with references to authentic texts. HCCC thanks the Functional coordinators Sri. Venkat Kode and Family, Sri Venkatadri Bobba and Family for successful planning and execution of this event, to the satisfaction of all the devotees of Shiva-Vishnu Temple. HCCC extends special thanks to numerous volunteers for helping the priest in rituals, helping preparing Deeksha food.

HH SRI JAYENDRA SARASWATI BLESSES HCCC CALENDAR

Recently one of our long time devotee K. Venkateswaran, who has been instrumental in HCCC calendar Team, has visited Sankara Mutt located in Kanjeevaram and received blessings from Senior Swamiji His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswati, and Junior Swamiji His Holiness Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati. At that time he had an opportunity to have a short conversation with Senior Swamiji Sri Jayendra Saraswati and told him about our efforts to bring out the calendar based on San Francisco time. Swamiji blessed the calendar (Attached Photo of calendar) and applauded HCCC efforts to bring out accurate calendar applicable to our geographical location. He also issued us a letter (known as SRIMUKAM) that approving the Calendar process.. At the end he advised us to involve younger generation extensively in religious matters. The certificate will be displayed in HCCC meeting room.

GANESH CHATURDHI



Ganesh Chaturdhi celebrations were held at the temple from Sept 17th to 26th. It was impressive to see about 5000 devotees visiting temple and receiving blessing of Lord Ganesha during this occasion. Crowd management, parking and food supply was well streamlined not to mention our popular religious proceedings including Ganesh Procession on Mushika Vahanam. The boat ride was a highlight and some 80 devotees participated in Ganesh Visarjana ritual.

Even more significant event held on that day, the Kids Program was an outstanding success. A hall full of children participated in individual pooja program on 18th and followed Priest directions with curiosity and patience. That was a wonderful scene to see this many children sitting together performing GANESH POOJA with such an undivided attention. Later, tens of kids from very small ones to grown ups partici-



parted in making clay models of Lord Ganesha. HCCC thanks the event coordinators Shri Suresh Katta, Shri Haranath Gnana, Shri Sai Rompicherla, Shri Lakkam Raju, Shri Srinivas Malladi and Smt. Kamala Shankar for wonderful planning and arrangements for the entire 29 day event. HCCC also thanks Smt. Padmaja Madhusudhan and Smt Archana Ranganthan and so many volunteers for conducting kids events and handling numerous tasks.



KRISHNA JANMASTHAMI



Krishna Janmasthanmi was celebrated on Sep 5th Sunday afternoon. This year the program has attracted a large gathering of devotees exceeding previous year levels. several American devotees also have visited the temple. Celebrations in the temple were well managed under the leadership of Prabha Duneja and Kitchen and Assembly hall was a looking like a big food factory serving thousands of people under the leadership of Amrit Duneja. The temple religious programs were conducted again by Pdt Mukherjee and Pdt Srinivasacharyulu Garu. Geeta Pathanam was done with Bhajans by Prabha Duneja along with other devotees. Dances and Gokul scenes performed by youngsters and they continued until past midnight. That was a wonderful night of Gokulashtami with youngsters dancing and singing in high spirits



On behalf of HCCC management we thank the devotees and volunteers for celebrating this evening function in a very orderly fashion. We also congratulate them for demonstrating such an exemplary team spirit.