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OM NAMAH SHIVAYA

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Shaping the future of this Livermore Temple

Dear Devotees,

The Shiva Vishnu Temple thanks all the devotees for making New Year's Day a grand success. It was a warm day by mid afternoon and we had scores of devotees thronging to get a "darshan" of the Gods and Goddesses in the temple. The devotees patiently went through the temple and assembly hall lines, and the dedicated staff and volunteers handled the various services tirelessly. You, the devotees, made a success of this yearly event.

Responding to the needs of the Bay Area communities, we did a pilot run by taking an Utsava Murti to the South Bay last year. Based on the enthusiastic support, we are planning more such, where Utsava Murtis can visit the homes and communities of our devotees in the Bay Area. Following the "Samprokshana" of the Utsava Murtis for Sri Vishnu, Sri Devi and Sri Bhoo Devi, we anticipate future events to start around May 2008.

As this Paschim Vani reaches your hands, HCCC will be celebrating Sri Rama Navami on 13th, April 2008. This is the second most popular program at the Shiva Vishnu Temple, after New Year's Day. Please come and participate in this function and obtain blessings from Lord Rama parivar.

Our revenues for 2007 have been very good, thanks largely to the donations we received from the many devotees who have been generous in their giving. We do have miles to go to make some of the Visions for the Future to materialize. We will work tirelessly in these efforts, with your cooperation, support and suggestions.

Now, a word about how we govern ourselves. The members of the HCCC are the Steering Committee members. From among themselves, they elect a set of Directors and Executive Committee persons annually, for specific time periods. These elected members volunteer their time, energy and resources to the betterment of the organization. Come join this process and become one of us in the temple. Stop by our offices to learn how to shape the future of this Hindu temple in the Bay Area.

May Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu Bless us all.

Krishna Chander

Chairman of the Board, HCCC

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR VALUED ASSET

We Need Everyone

Please communicate with the front office if you would like to volunteer your time in the activities related to Cultural Events, Human Services, Youth & Education, Publicity, Maintenance and Anna daana Programs. Please provide your Name, Phone Number, and E-Mail Address at the front desk and let us know how you want to serve the Temple.

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Apr 1st Tuesday	Ekadasi & Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka & Sahasranama Archana
Apr 3rd Thursday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Apr 4th Friday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Apr 5th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Apr 6th Sunday	Ugadi , Vasantha Navaratri Starts	5:00 PM	Panchanga Sravana in Telugu & Kannada; Ugadi Asthanam
Apr 8th Tuesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka & Archana
Apr 9th Wednesday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Apr 10th Thursday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Apr 12th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Moolamurthy Abhisheka & Archana, Utsavamurthy Abhisheka
Apr 13th Sunday	Sri Rama Navami	7:00 AM	Detailed Program at the End
	Tamil New Year	9:00 AM	Panchanga Sravanam in Tamil
Apr 15th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Muthy Abhisheka
Apr 17th Thursday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Apr 19th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
	Chitra Poornima	8:00 AM	Detailed Program at the End
		5:00 PM	Lalita Sahasranama Archana
Apr 20th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilva dala Archana for Lord Shiva
	Swati	5:00 PM	Lakshmi Narasimha swamy Abhisheka & Archana
Apr 23rd Wednesday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Apr 26th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Apr 27th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Apr 28th Monday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
May 1st Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
May 2nd Friday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
May 3rd Saturday	1st Saturday of the month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpanam for Lord Balaji
	Masa Shivaratri	5:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
May 6th Tuesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka & Archana
May 7th Wednesday	Akshaya Tritiya	6:30 PM	Chandana Abhisheka for Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
May 8th Thursday	Sri Ramanuja Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Sri Ramanuja Satmurai
May 9th Friday	Sri Adi Shankara Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Sri Adi Shankara Bhagavatpada Archana
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
May 10th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Tomala Seva for Balaji
	Shasti	5:00 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
May 13th Tuesday	Vasavi Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Sri Kanyaka Parameshwari Pooja & Archana
May 15th Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
May 16th Friday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
May 17th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
May 18th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilva dala Archana for Lord Shiva
	Narasimha Jayanthi	3:00 PM	Sri Narasimha Swamy Moola Mantra Homa
		5:00 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka & Sahasranama Archana
	Vasavi Jayanthi (weekend function)	11:30 AM	Kanyaka Parameshwari Abhisheka & Archana
		1:00 PM	Arati & Theertha Prasadam
	Poornima	5:00 PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayanam
May 19th Monday	Vaikasi Vishakam	5:30 PM	Shankha Pooja
		6:30 PM	Shankha Abhisheka for Lord Karthikeya Swamy
May 23rd Friday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
May 24th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
May 25th Sunday	Annamacharya Jayanthi		(weekend Function)

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DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
May 25th Sunday	Sravana	5:00 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
May 26th Monday	Memorial Day		Temple Opens from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
May 29th Thursday	Hanuman Jayanthi	9:30 AM	Sundara Kanda Homam
		6:30 PM	Hanuman Abhisheka
		7:30 PM	Sahasra Nagavalli & Sahasra Kadali Phala Archana
		8:30 PM	Ekantha Seva
May 30th Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
May 31st Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Balaji
Jun 1st Sunday	Pradosham & Masa Shivaratri	5:00 PM	108 kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Jun 2nd Monday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Jun 3rd Tuesday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Jun 6th Friday	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Jun 7th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Jun 8th Sunday	Shasti	5:00 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Jun 13th Friday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jun 14th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		11:00 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	Swati	5:00 PM	Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Jun 15th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilva Dala Archana for Shiva
	Pradosham	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Jun 17th Tuesday	Jyeshtha Abhisheka	6:00 PM	Jyeshtha Abhisheka Homa
		7:00 PM	Jyeshtha Abhisheka for Balaji Utsava Murthy
		8:30 PM	Ekantha Seva
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita sahasranama Parayanam
Jun 21st Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
	Sankatahara Chathurthi	5:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Jun 22nd Sunday	Sravana	5:00 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Jun 28th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
Jun 29th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jun 30th Monday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Jul 12th Saturday	Temple 22nd Anniversary Day 1		
Jul 13th Sunday	Temple 22nd Anniversary Day 2		
Jul 27th Sunday	Aadi Krittikka		

MINI HEALTH AND DENTAL FAIR ON 8TH MARCH 2008

HCCC Human services, based on the devotee feedback, planned to conduct health fairs semi-annually. The first mini health and dental fair for this year was held on 8th March, 2008. Dentists, orthopedic physicians, audiologists and general physicians participated in the fair. For the first time we had a state of the art heart scanning machine brought into the fair for screening the entire nervous system. The response for this scan was overwhelming and the physicians had to give rain checks for those who could not be scanned at the fair, so that visitors could get the scan done free of charge at the doctors office. The foot & ankle and audiology booths were another good attraction for visitors. The pediatric dentists and the adult dentist's doctors were also giving away stuff to the people visiting their booths and giving very useful tips on keeping up their oral hygiene. The Alameda diabetic in charge demonstrated the causes for diabetes and explained ways of preventing diabetes. The afternoon session consisted of seminars on Nutrition, diabetes, foot and ankle and pediatric dentistry. The seminars were well appreciated by all those who attended as they were extremely informative.

In all about 65 people took advantage of the health fair. About 40 people signed up for the bone marrow registrations which were done in association with National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) volunteers. Our temple is one of the locations where NMDP collected huge number of registrations.

SRI RAMA NAVAMI CELEBRATIONS		
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Apr 6th Sun	8:00AM -12:00 Noon	Srimad Ramayana Parayana Starts
Apr 13th Sun	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
Apr 12th Sat	5:00 PM	Punarvasu Sri Rama Moola Murthy and Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
MEENAKSHI SUNDARESHWARA TIRUKALYAN AM		
Apr 19th Sat	8:00 AM	Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka
	9:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka, Navagraha Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Shiva Parvati Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
	12:00 Noon	Alamkaram
	12:45 PM	Seer Giving Ceremony
	1:00 PM	Unjal
	3:00 PM	Sri Meenakshi Ambal Kannika Danam by Lord Maha Vishnu
	3:30 PM	Homam, Poornahuti
	5:30 PM	Vrishabha Vahana Tiru veedhi Utsavam
	7:00 PM	Kalyana Bhojanam

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DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
April 13th Sun	7:00 AM	Suprabatham
	7:30 AM	Abhisheka for Shiva,Ganesha, Rama, Kartikeya and Anjaneya
	8:00 AM	Sri Rama Shadakshari Homa and Namakarana Samskara Homa
	9:00 AM	Sita Rama Edurukola Utsavam
	10:30 AM	Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam
	12:00 Noon	Sumuhurtam
	12:30 PM	Akshataropanam , Asheervachanam and Theertha Prasadam
	1:30 PM	Sri Sita Rama Sankeertanam
	3:00 PM	Sri Rama Pattabhishekam
	6:00 PM	Hanumanta Vahana Utsavam
	7:00 PM	Maha Mangala Arati
	7:15 PM	Kalyana Bhojanam in A.Hall
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva for Balaji



HUMAN SERVICES ACTIVITIES

Mini Health and Dental Fair was conducted on March 8th from 11 AM to 2 PM. And there were seminars and Q& A by leading health care professionals from 2 PM to 4 PM on the following subjects: Diabetes, Pediatric Dental care, Foot and Ankle disorders, Nutrition

Grants in Aid Program will be on April 12th 11 AM to 1 PM. This is an annual event where donations are given to some deserving non-profit organizations by the temple.

Open Heart Kitchen –Livermore, a non-profit meal service dedicated to providing nutritious meals for the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin area. This meal service provides a hot meal 5 days a week for those families in need. This service organization appreciated HCCC Human services donation during their RoundUp donor thanks program. Human Services thanks all the devotees for their contribution to Human services fund and look forward for their continued support.

Thanks,

Anand Gundu, Human Services Chair

IMPORTANT

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THANK YOU

Thank you for participation in New Year Annadana Program. The funds raised during the annadana program were used to construct the dining area patio between temple and assembly hall.

HCCC COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT – DICTIONARIES FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS (DISTRIBUTED ON 3RD MARCH 2008)

We, at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center and Youth & Education were delighted to be able to sponsor the Dictionary for Young Scholars project in Livermore , 5th year in a row. All elementary schools in the Livermore School District were included. The project was funded by The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore and HCCC. Representatives from both the Rotarian Foundation and HCCC visited the 3rd grade in each school for a personal presentation of the dictionaries. Each third grader received a personal gift copy of MacMillan Dictionary. The inside cover of the dictionary contained a personalized name plaque. The children were briefed on the purpose of HCCC's visit and the of the dictionary project. The children then learned about how the Rotary Club and Livermore Hindu Temple were involved in making the dictionary project a reality. The teachers helped distribute the dictionaries to all the children. The representatives of HCCC helped affix the name sticker to all the dictionaries. They really enjoyed the chance to share a few words with children on the word " Temple ". In fact, there were a few children who even looked up the word " Temple " in the Dictionary! Sri. T.K Subramanian, Human Services chairperson, Sri. Anand Gundu and the BoD Y&E and HS liaison, Dr. Kamala Shankar represented the temple and each one of them felt that the it was a remarkable experience.

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THE OCCASION OF SHIVARATHRI AND SHIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM ON 1ST MARCH 2008

On 1st March 2008, Youth and Education (Y&E) conducted Youth Music Festival on the occasion of Shivarathri and Shiva Brahmotsavam. About 70 children participated. Y&E thanks all its dedicated volunteers. A special thanks to Satish for help with packing snack boxes and to Dhanya Madhusudan for being the MC for the event.

UPCOMING YOUTH & EDUCATION EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NSF SPELLING AND MATH BEE ON 5TH APRIL 2008

North South Foundation and HCCC Youth and Education are planning to conduct the Annual Spelling and Math Bee on 5th April 2008. For information about the contest and registration, please visit <http://www.northsouth.org/>

Y AND E SRI RAMANAVAMI PROGRAM ON 12TH APRIL 2008

The next program Youth & Education program is planning to conduct is the Sri Ramanavami children's program. Watch out for the flyer! For more information, please visit www.livermoretemple.org

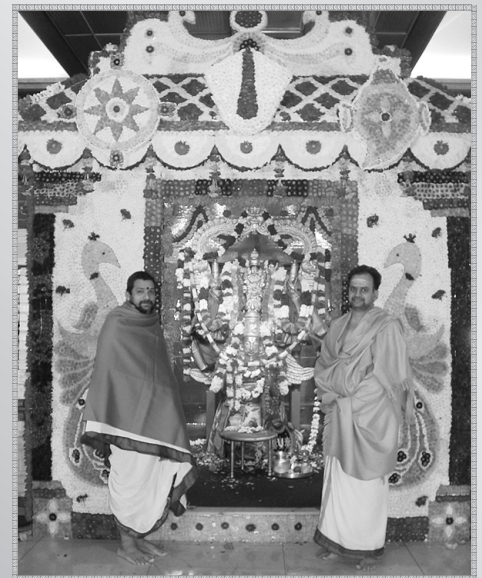
HCCC ANNUAL ELECTIONS

HCCC annual elections took place in February for 8 Executive Committee vacancies and three board vacancies, as per rules of HCCC By-laws. Election committee chairman Sri Prakash Pokala organized all the steps of election process and make the whole process very smooth and successful. Congratulations and welcome to newly joined **Board members** Sri Prasuna Dornadula, Sri Sridar K Pootheri, and Sri Peraiah Sudangunta, and **Executive Committee** are Sri Jegan Thambaih, Smt Vijayalakshmi Neelamraju, Smt. Samrajyalakshmi Palagummi, Sri Sreeram Madabhushi, Sri Srinivas Lingutla, and Smt. Revathi Santhanam. HCCC thanks retiring board members Sri Jagannadham Akella, Sri Amrit Duneja, and Sri Sambasiva Rao Gullapalli for serving 3-year board membership and Sri Shankar Bathwal for 2 year Executive Committee.

TEMPLE EVENTS IN PICTURES



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SENIOR'S DAY ON 16TH MARCH 2008

Human Services for the first time conducted the senior's day on 16th March 2008. The purpose of this day was to bring all our seniors together and start regular on going programs for them. Smt. Savitha Setlur accepted to be the coordinator; she has taken up the task of coming up with ideas for future programs for the seniors, based on the feedback collected at the end of the day.

The seniors were welcomed with garlands and seated. The program started with a prayer and Dr. Kamala Shankar compered the morning program. After the prayer we had skit by the children Vasudha and Varun who described the seniors as role models. Following the skit, Yogabharati conducted an energizing yoga session. They demonstrated lots of postures and breathing exercises which could be done even while sitting. The audience really enjoyed the yoga session and wished they could continue for some more time. This was then followed by speeches: growing old the Hindu way by Mr. Seshadri, what HCCC is all about by Prof. Narsimhan, the importance of meditation by Smt. Subadra Subramaniam, the importance of seniors by Dr. D.V.Giri, my temple experiences by Smt. Vanleela, an emotional speech by Smt. Katyayini on her experiences with her mother which was very touching, programs offered by the cities for seniors by Mr. Kulkarni, Mr. Anmol Nirankari enthralled the audience with some motivational talk and giving tips to keep healthy and avoiding medication. Dr. Shankar however cautioned that it does not mean people should stop taking medicines; they should continue with their medication but consult with their doctors before doing anything different. Just before lunch was served, Punal Bavsar, Varsha Narasimhan, Fiza and Priya Shankar spoke about how Mrs. Parvathy was a role model for them. Their speech was titled "Sweet Old Ladies and Sandwicheed Daughters".

The morning session ended with the Yoga Bharati teachers performing a relaxing dance with great audience involvement to increase the appetite. The speeches were punctuated with a quiz by Smt. Savitha Setlur. The audience received a prize for every correct answer.

We had a very sumptuous and healthy lunch, after which Mr. Milind educated the audience about Medicare issues in the US. This was followed by a table recital by Navneedh Maudgalya. Then students of Sri Srikanth Chari played several classical pieces on the veena. Mr. Anand Gundu took this opportunity to honors three seniors who are very active in temple even today - Dr. Dharwar and Smt Parvathy and the assistant manager, Mr. Mohan Reddy. All the participants received a set of Bhagawad Geeta Cassette which were donated by Sri Amrit Duneja, Ethereal Melodies CD donated by Kamala Shankar and idols donated by New India Bazaar.



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