



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

DIRECTIONS

From Freeway 580 in Livermore:
Exit North Vasco Road, left on Scenic Ave,
Left on Arrowhead Avenue

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SHIVA-VISHNU TEMPLE

OM NAMAH SHIVAYA

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OM NAMO NARAYANAYA

ASHTOTHARA ARCHANA SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS			
Shiva	Ganesha	Balaji	Other Deities
10:45 am	10:15 am (Saturdays only)		10:30 am
11:30 am	11:15 am	11:00 am	11:45 am
12:30 pm	12:15 pm	12 noon	12:45 pm
	1:15 pm	1:30 pm	1:45 pm
2:00 pm	2:15 pm	2:30 pm	2:45 pm
3:00 pm	3:15 pm	3:30 pm	3:45 pm
4:00 pm	4:15 pm	4:30 pm	4:45 pm
5:00 pm	5:15 pm	5:30 pm	5:45 pm
6:00 pm	6:15 am	6:30 pm	6:45 pm
7:00 pm	7:15 pm		7:30 pm
7:45 pm	7:45 pm	7:45 pm	

Notes:

1. Suggested donation for any Ashtothara Archana is \$7.
2. Devotees can purchase the archana tickets from the Front or Trailer office, before or after performing archanas.
3. Registered Devotees can pay for archanas through the Temple website, from their homes using their credit cards and bring the receipts.
4. Devotees may bring some flowers and fruits for Archana.
5. More wait time may be required on the days of special functions or special operating circumstances.

PLEASE COME, VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

HCCC would like to request to their devotees humbly to donate their valuable time and help the existing volunteers to run the temple smoothly. We are very thankful to all the devotees and the volunteers for giving their valuable time for the temple functions. In the near future we have many big events coming up which will be chronologically listed in this news letter and the contact numbers for the respective coordinators and the EC members will be given so please join us in making those events successful and please bring all your families and friends and let us all work together to make us all proud of our temple, and teach our youngsters our excellent Hindu tradition. We need more help and time from all our devotees to make all our dream for the temple to come true. If you would like to volunteer for HCCC please send email to Volunteer4HCCC@gmail.com with your contact info and choice of area you would like to help (such as, Front desk, Religious Events, Cooking food, Packing food, Distributing food, Library, Human Services). Thanks in advance to all the volunteers of present and future.

- Manashi Bagchi, Volunteer coordination Chairperson

PLEASE NOTE

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All the past issues of this newsletter are available at the Temple Website in PDF format.

If you would like to be informed of all Temple Events, you can receive a weekly email with links to Temple web pages. To subscribe to this, visit the Temple website www.LivermoreTemple.org and enter your email address in the box provided at the left hand side of the page and click on "Join Mailing List" button that is right below the box.

If you are already a registered devotee, please make sure that you have given an active email address in your registration to receive this weekly email. You may be already receiving this email in your spam/junk mail box. To get this email in your "inbox", please follow the instructions given in the web page "Add us to your address book" linked below the box mentioned in the previous paragraph.

If you would like to contribute an article to this news letter, please contact Publicity Chair at SridarKP@gmail.com

- Sridar K Poothari, Publicity Chair.

HEALTH ADVISORY CENTER

Local Doctors are volunteering their valuable time to our Health Advisory Center in order to provide free health care for Temple Devotees. The Health Advisory Center located in the Trailer office on North side of the Temple where the main office is located. A typical schedule for a month looks like the one given below for the months of June and July of 2006.

Date	Day	Name of Doctor	Type
June 3, 2006	1st Saturday	Dr. Lalitha Thambiyah	Physician
June 11, 2006	Sunday	Dr. Renu Gupta	Dentist
June 17, 2006	3rd Saturday	Dr. Renuka Yeldandi	Physician
July 1, 2006	1st Saturday	Dr. Jijibhoy James Patel	Cardiologist
July 9, 2006	Sunday	Dr. Hema Patel	Dentist
July 15, 2006	3rd Saturday	Dr. Lakshmi Palagummi	Physician

- Basic health screening advisory services covering basic diagnostics such as Blood Pressure, Heart Beat, Visual Inspection of Ear, Nose and Throat and similar check ups which does not require any kind of special equipment.
- All medical experts are California licensed physicians and are volunteering their time for this cause.
- No cost and no Insurance requirements for any devotee. Donations Welcome.
- No appointment is needed; however, please make sure to be at the Health Center between 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM to avoid any uncertainties on busy days.
- Health Center is located in the trailer office on Temple premises.
- For further information, please contact Lakshmi Achar at 925-449-9058



PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 1st Sat	1st Sat of the Month	11:00AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
	Shukla Sashti	12:00Noon	Vastra Samarpanam for Lord Balaji
		6:30PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
July 4th Tue	Independence Day Temple will be open from	9:00AM to 8:00PM	(Weekend Timings)
July 5th Wed	Swathi	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam
July 6th Thur	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam
July 8th Sat	2nd Sat of the Month	10:00AM	Balaji Sahasra kalasha Abhishekam
		11:00AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
July 8th & 9th	Temple 20th Anniversary celebrations		Detailed Program on page 6
July 8th Sat	Pradosham	6:30PM	Shiva Abhishekam
July 10th Mon	Poornima	6:30PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayanam
July 12th Wed	Sravana	6:30PM	Sri Balaji Sahasranama Archana
July 13th Thur	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
July 15th Sat	3rd Sat of the Month	11:00AM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Shiva
		11:00AM	Thiruppavadaï seva for Balaji
July 16th Sun	3rd Sun of the Month	11:00AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva
			Dakshinayana Punyakala Starts
July 20th Thur	Aadi Krittika	6:30PM	Ashtotharashata Kalasha Abhishekam for Kartikeya Swamy
	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam
July 21st Fri	Rohini	6:30PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
July 22nd Sat	4th Sat of the Month	12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
	Pradosham & Masa Shivaratri	6:30PM	108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Shiva
July 24th Mon	Punarvasu	6:30PM	Sri Rama abhishekam
July 28th Fri	Aadi Pooram		Detailed Program on page 6
July 30th Sun	Shukla Sashti	6:30PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Aug 2nd Wed	Swathi	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Aug 4th Fri	Varalakshmi Vatham	10:00AM	Maha Lakshmi Abhishekam & Sathmurai
		7:30PM	VaraLakshmi Vratam by ladies
	Pavitrotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program on page 6
Aug 5th Sat	1st Sat of the Month	11:00AM	Vastra Samarpanam for Lord balaji
			Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
	Pavitrotsavam Day 2		
Aug 6th Sun	Pavitrotsavam Day 3		
	Pradosham	6:30PM	Shiva Abhishekam
21 Day Ganesha	Abhishekam Starts - Ganesha Atharva Sheersha	(GAS*)	Chanting for 21 Times at 6:30PM
Aug 7th Mon		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 8th Tue	Rig & Yajurveda Upakarma	7 & 9 AM	Two Batches in Assembly Hall
	Vaikhanasa Jayanthi	6:30PM	Sri Vaikhanasa Jayanthi Pooja
	Poornima	6:30PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama parayana
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 9th Wed		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 10th Thu	Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana		Week end Function in A.Hall on Sat Aug 12th
		6:30PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 11th Fri	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 12th Sat	2nd Sat of the Month	10:00AM	Balaji Sahasra kalasha Abhishekam
		11:00AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
	Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana	11:00AM	Week end Function in Assmby Hall
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 13th Sun		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 14th Mon		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 15th Tue	Sri Krishna Janmashtami		Detailed program on page 6
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 16th Wed	Gokulastami	6:30PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Krittika	6:30PM	Sri Karthikeya Abhishekam and Archana
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 17th Thu	Rohini	6:30PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 18th Fri	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam
		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 19th Sat	3rd Sat of the Month	11:00AM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Shiva
		11:00AM	Tiruppavadaï seva for Balaji

Durga Puja (Assembly Hall) Ekotaa.org

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Sept 28 Thur	10:30 am	Durga Sashthi Puja
	11:00 am	Bodhan
	11:30 am	Pushpanjali
	12 Noon	Arati
	12:30 pm	Bhog Prasad
	6:30 pm	Adhibas
	7:00 pm	Chandi Path
	8:00 pm	Pushpanjali
	8:30 pm	Arathi
Sept 29 Fri	10:30 am	Durga Saptami Puja
	11:45 am	Pushpanjali
	12:15 pm	Bhog Prasad
	12:30 pm	Arathi
	6:00 pm	Chandi Path
	7:00 pm	Pushpanjali & Arathi
	8:00 pm	Mata Jagaran
Sept 30 Sat	9:15 am	Maha Ashtami Puja
	10:05 am	Maha Sandhi
	12:00 Noon	Pushpanjali
	12:30 pm	Anna Bhog & Arati
	1:00 pm	Kumari Puja
	6:00 pm	Chandi Path
	7:15 pm	Pushpanjali & Arathi
	8:00 pm	Dhunuchi Nritya
Oct 1 Sun	10:30 am	Maha Nabami Puja
	11:45 am	Pushpanjali
	12:30 pm	Aarathi & Bhog Prasad
	12:45 pm	Maha Nabami Homam
	2:00 pm	Shanti Path & Tilakdan
	7:00 pm	Pushpanjali
	7:30 pm	Arati
	8:00 pm	Dhunuchi Nritya
Oct 2 Mon	10:45 am	Durga Dasami Puja
	11:30 am	Pushpanjali
	11:45 am	Darpan Vsarjana, Aparajita Puja
	12:30 pm	Bhogprasad & Arati
	7:00 pm	Sindur Dan
	7:30 pm	Maha Prasad, Ashirbad & Shantijal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 22nd & July 23rd - Summer Youth Camp
– cosponsored with HSS.
- Aug 26th 2006 - Ganesha Chaturthi Childrens program
Includes individual puja by kids, clay Ganesha making, and other Ganesha MASK contest various activities, sloka recitation.
- Friday Sept 29th 2006
– Saraswathi - Aksharabhyasa - Navarathri time
- Annual Childrens & Youth Day November 2006
– THEME Guru/ Shishya

Watch the Temple website for the information and registration procedures

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Aug 20th Sun	Sri Krishna Janmastami 3rd Sun of the Month Pradosham Punarvasu	6:30 PM 11:00AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Weekend Function Detailed Program in page GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva Shiva Abhisheka Sri Rama abhisheka
Aug 21st Mon	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam 108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Shiva GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 22nd Tue		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 23rd Wed		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 24th Thu		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 25th Fri		6:30 PM	GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 26th Sat	4th Sat of the Month Sama Veda Upakarma Swarna Gowri Vratam	12:00Noon 9:00 AM 6:00PM 6:30 PM	Pushpa Seva for Balaji Upon Devotees Request Gowri Pooja by ladies GAS* (21 times) Poorvaka Abhishekam
Aug 27th Sun	Ganesha Chathurthi		Detailed program on page 6
Aug 29th Tue	Shukla Sashti Swathi	6:30PM 6:30PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam
Sept 2nd Sat	1st Sat of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastara Samarpanam for Lord Balaji
Sept 3rd Sun	Ganesha Visarjanam		Visarjana in San Francisco Pier 39
Sept 4th Mon	Ekadasi	6:30PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam
Sept 5th Tue	Labor day Pradosham	Temple will 6:30PM	be open from 9:00AM to 8:00PM Shiva Abhisheka
Sept 6th Wed	Sravana Anantha Chathurdasi Poornima	6:30PM 11:00AM 6:30PM	Sri Balaji Sahasranama Archana Dwara Anantha Abhisheka Sri Lalita Sahasranama parayana
Sept 7th Thu	Lunar Eclipse		Not Visible here
Sept 8th Fri	Mahalaya paksha begins		
Sept 9th Sat	2nd Sat of the Month	10:00AM 11:00AM	Balaji Sahasra kalasha Abhisheka Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Sept 10th Sun	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30PM	Ganesha Abhishekam
Sept 12th Tue	Krittika	6:30PM	Sri Karthikeya Abhishekam and Archana
Sept 13th Wed	Rohini	6:30PM	Sri Krishna pooja
Sept 16th Sat	3rd Sat of the Month	11:00AM 11:00AM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Shiva Tiruppavada seva for Balaji
Sept 17th Sun	Punarvasu 3rd Sun of the Month Ekadasi	6:30Pm 11:00AM 6:30Pm	Sri Rama Abhishekam Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam
Sept 19th Tue	Pradosham	6:30Pm	Shiva Abhishekam
Sept 20th Wed	Masa Shivaratri	6:30Pm	108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Shiva
Sept 21st Thu	Mahalaya Amavasya		Keeping of Kolu
Sept 22nd Fri	Navaratra begins Solar Eclipse		Detailed Program in page ??? Not Visible here
Sept 23rd Sat	4th Sat of the Month	12:00Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Sept 25th Mon	Swathi	6:30PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam
Sept 28th Thu	Shukla Sashti	6:30PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Sept 29th Fri	Moola Nakshatram	6:30PM	Saraswati pooja
Sept 30th Sat	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program in page ???
Oct 1st Sun	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 2 Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 3 Maha Navami,Chandi Homa Vijaya Dasami	6:30PM 7:00PM	Chandi Homa in Temple Aparajita Pooja and Asthana Utsavam

Note:

Kalyana Utsavam for any of Balaji, Karthikeya, Rama and Shiva may be performed at Temple for a suggested donation of \$251 in any Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Please contact Temple manager to schedule availability.

VEDA SAARA SHIVA STOTRAM

Sri. Sankara Bagawadpada

pashuunaM patiM paapanaashaM pareshaM
gajendrasya kruittiM vasaanaM vareNyam |
jaTaajuuTamadhye sphuradgaangavaariM
mahaadevamekaM smaraami smaraarim || 1||

I dwell in my mind on the Overlord of Gods, the lord of all souls, the destroyer of sins, the supreme Lord, the wearer of elephant's hide, one how is sought after, one in whose thicket of matted hair the stream of Ganges shines and one who is the enemy of cupid.

maheshaM sureshaM suraaraatinaashaM
vibhuM vishvanaathaM vibhuutyangabhuushham |
viruupaakshmindvrka-vahni trinetraM
sadaanandamiiDe prabhuM panchavaktram. || 2||

I adore the great Lord, the lord of Gods, the destroyer of the foes of Gods, the all pervasive God of the Universe whose body is adorned with the holy ash, and who has an odd number of eyes viz. the three eyes represented by moon, sun and fire. (I adore) the Lord of five faces who is ever blissful.

giriishaM gaNeshaM gale niilavarNaM
gavendraadhiruuDhaM guNaatiitaruupam |
bhavaM bhaasvaraM bhasmanaa bhuushhitaangaM
bhavaaniikalatraM bhaje panchavaktram.h || 3||

I worship the Lord of mountains, the leader of pramatha ganas in Kailasa, whose neck is dark in color. He is mounted on a lordly bull and his form is beyond the pale of the three gunas (sattva, rajas and tamas). (I worship) that source of all, the lustrous one whose limbs are decked with holy ash and who has "Bhavani" as his consort, and is possessed of five faces.

shivaakaanta shambho shashaankaardhamaule
maheshaana shuulin jaTaajuuTadhaarin |
tvameko jagadvyaapako vishvaruupa:
prasiida prabho puurNaruupam || 4||

Please, be pleased, O Lord of Parvathi, O Shambhu, with the crescent moon on his head, O the great Isana, the trident bearer with matted hair, Thou alone art omnipresent and Thou art seen in manifold forms in all plentitude.

HCCC CHAIR



Devotees performing Samoohika Satyanarayana Puja in the morning session



Temple Priests paying respects to the retiring Chief Priest



Retirement committee member Sri S. Visweswaran Presenting the photo framed messages prepared by many devotees

Dear Devotees:

On June 11, 2006 HCCC honored Sri. Acharlu garu and his wife Lakshmi garu with a retirement party, which was attended by many past and present HCCC elected office bearers, well-wishers and devotees. The day started with an auspicious Samoohika Satyanarayana Vrata Puja conducted under the guidance of Sri. Acharlu garu. More than 100 devotee families took part in performing the Vrata Puja. In the afternoon, both Acharlu garu and his wife were honored at the temple by our learned priests in the traditional manner, by way of offering a poorna kumbham, archanas to all deities, and finally the presentation of a gold Kankanam to our retiring priest. In the evening a dinner party was arranged for invited guests.

Short speeches were made by devotees about their interactions with Acharlu garu, and from their talks few "common observations" have emerged about Sri. Acharlu garu and his 20 years service at the HCCC. 1) Acharlu garu and his wife have rendered 20 years of un-selfish service to the temple 2) He has established an un-paralleled Vaikhanasa agama tradition which is uniquely tailored to meet the expectations of all our diverse devotee population 3) He and his wife are humble people 4) He has been an Acharya (teacher, mentor and leader) for our junior priests in the strict agama sense and finally 5) He mastered the art to navigate his way through and negotiate (what he felt is best for the temple) with the (changing) elected HCCC board and executive members year after year!!



IN'S COLUMN

My fellow elected officials and I would like to request you and the devotees, to join us one more time in thanking Acharlu garu for the memorable services he provided to our organization and the temple in particular. Let me assure you on behalf of my fellow elected colleagues and I, that we will make every endeavor to maintain the high religious standards set by Sri. Acharlu garu in the future also.

HCCC is in the process of undertaking facility improvements and new construction projects to meet the needs of our ever-growing devotee population. The Master plan committee (MPC) is working on a comprehensive plan for the temple facilities expansion.

In order to undertake improvements and/or new construction projects we need money. I want to take this opportunity to make an appeal to you to donate money very generously earmarked for new construction projects. If we as a community come together and work collectively then it will be easier for the HCCC to sustain the momentum created by Acharlu garu through his services for the past 20 years and to achieve the future organizational goals.

HCCC is organizing a musical concert on July 8, 2006, as a fund raiser. Details are posted on the temple web site. Please make it convenient to attend the concert and show your support for the temple.

Om Namah Shivaya and Om Namo Venkatesaya.
Jagannadham Akella, Chair Person, HCCC Livermore

Retirement committee member Sri S. Visweswaran reading a write up outlining 20 years of service of retiring Chief Priest (other committee members standing along side; the plaque marking the 20 years of service to HCCC, that was later presented can be seen in a chair at the front)



All the priests of our Temple along with the retiring Chief Priest



Devotees with retiring Chief Priest at the evening function



Retirement Committee Chairman Sri Srinivasa Malladi presenting Gold Kangana to the hands of retiring Chief Priest

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS	
20th Anniversary Celebrations-2006			
July 8 Sat	10:00 am	Balaji Sahasra kalasha Abhishekam	
July 9 Sun	6:30 pm	Balaji Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva	
	9:30 am	Shiva Abhishekam	
	3:30 pm	Shiva Kalyana Utsavam	
	6:30 pm	Shiva unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkaram Seva Dhwaja Arohana, Bali, Arathi, Mantra Pushpam	
ANDAL AADI POORAM			
July 28 Fri	10:00 am	Abhishekam and Sathumurai	
	6:00 pm	Special Abhishekam and Alamkaram	
	7:00 pm	Thiru Veedhi Utsavam	
	8:30 pm	Nachiyar Thirumozhi, Sathumurai, Theertha & Prasadam	
PAVITROTSAVAM - AUGUST 4, 5 AND 6			
Aug 4 Fri	6:00 pm	Samkalpam, Deeksha and Amkurarpanam	
Aug 5 Sat	7:00 am	Suprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu	
	7:30 am	Balaji Abhishekam	
	9:30 am	Archana and Arathi	
	10:00 am	Balaji Utsava Murthy Abhishekam	
	12 Noon	Pavitra Adivasa and Homam	
	3:30 pm	Sahasranama Archana by Sponsors	
	5:00 pm	Pavitra Mantapa Alamkaram and Meru Pooja	
	6:00 pm	Maha Shanti Pooja	
	8:00 pm	Ekanta Seva	
	Aug 6 Sun	8:00 am	Balaji Suprabatham
8:30 am		Nitya Homam	
9:30 am		Pavitra Abhishekam	
11:00 am		Special Alamkaram, pavitra samarpana and Satmura	
12 Noon		Maha Poornahuti	
4:00 pm		Shanti Kalyanam, Deeksha Visarjanam and Asheervachanam	
SRI KRISHNA JANMASTAMI CELEBRATIONS			
Aug 15 Tue	6:00 pm	Sri Krishna Abhishekam and Pooja	
	7:30 pm	Bhagavat Geeta parayanam	
	11:30 pm	Sri Krishna Janma Kala pooja	
SRI KRISHNA JANMASTAMI WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS			
Aug 19 Sat	6:30 pm	Geeta Recital	
	7:00 pm	Children's program on Sri Krishna Leela	
	9:00 pm	Bhajans by Rattan and Uma Naidu	
	10:00 pm	Bhajans by Meenu Puri and Vikas Singh	
	11:30 pm	Sri Krishna Janam kala Pooja, Arathi and Prasadam Dinner will be served in the Assembly Hall from 7 PM to 11 PM	
GANESHA CHATHURTHI			
Aug 27 Sun	9:30 am	Ganesha Abhishekam	
	11:00 am	Vara Siddhi Vinayaka Vrata	
	4:00 pm	Ganapathi Sahasra Modaka Homa	
	6:00 pm	Mooshika Vahana Seva	
	6:30 pm	Ganapathi Atharva Sheersha Poorvaka Abhishekam	
	7:30 pm	Vara Siddhi Vinayaka Pooja	
	8:00 pm	Arathi Mantra pushpam and Astavadana Seva	
	9:30 pm	Balaji Ekanta Seva	
	Aug 28 Mon		Rajatha Alamkaram
	Aug 29 Tue		Vibhuti Alamkaram
Aug 30 Wed		Chandana Alamkaram	
Aug 31 Thu		Navaneeta Alamkaram	
Sept 1 Fri		Shakambari Alamkaram	
Sept 2 Sat		Swarna Alamkaram	

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paraatmaanamekaM jagadbijamaadyaM
niriihaM niraakaaramOmkaaravedyam |
yato jaayate paalyate yena vishvam
tamiishaM bhaje liiyate yatra vishvam || 5||

I worship that one Supreme Spirit, the Isa the first source of the Universe who is free from desire, void of form and is knowable by meditating on Omkara (pranava). He is the One whence the Universe comes into being, by whom it is protected and in whom it gets back.

na bhuumir na chaapO na vahnir na vaayur na
chaakaashamaaste na tandraa na nidraa |
na chOshNam na shiitaM na desho na vesho
na yasyaasti muurtis trimuurtiM tamiiDe || 6||

I adore that Triad (in the form of Brahma, Vishnu and Rudra) but who in fact has no form, who is not the earth or water or fire or wind or space, who is neither indolence nor sleep, neither heat nor cold nor any place or make-believe.

ajaM shaashvataM kaarNaM kaaraNaanaaM
shivaM kevalaM bhaasakaM bhaasakaanaam |
turiiyaM tama: paaramaadyantahiinaM
prapadye paraM paavanaM dvaitahinam || 7||

I seek refuge under the Supreme Shiva, who was not cause by anything else, eternal, the primal cause of all causes, the matchless, illuminator of all luminaries, one who is beyond the three states of existence (the wakeful, dream and deep sleep), who is beyond the pale of ignorance, who has no beginning or end and who is the pure one without a second.

namaste namaste vibhO vishvamuurte
namaste namaste chidaanandamuurte |
namaste namaste tapOyOgagamyam
namaste namaste shruti Gyaanagamyam || 8||

Obeisance to Thee, obeisance to Thee, O Lord whose form is the whole Universe; obeisance to Thee, obeisance to Thee, the very embodiment of Consciousness-bliss; obeisance to Thee, obeisance to Thee, who is knowable by means of penance and meditation; obeisance to Thee, obeisance to Thee, who is knowable by the path of knowledge outlined in the Vedic Scripture.

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
20th Anniversary Celebrations-2006		
SRI VISHNU BRAHMOTSAVAM		
Sept 29 Fri	7:00 pm	Samkalpam, Deeksha, Amkuranpanam
Sept 30 Sat	7:00 am	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabhatham
	8:00 am	Agni Pratishta
	9:00 am	Nitya Homa ,Bali and Satmura
	9:30 am	Nava Kumbha Sthapana
	10:00 am	Balaji Abhishekam
	12:30 pm	Sathumurai ,Theertha Prasada
	1:00 pm	Dwiguna Aradhana, Dwiguna Nivedana & Alaya Bali
	5:00 pm	Sesha Vahana Utsava with Vaikuntanatha Alamkaram
	7:00 pm	Sayamkala Archana, Bali & Sathumurai
Oct 1 Sun	8:00 am	Suprabhatham
	8:30 am	Nitya Homa, Bali & Sathumurai
	9:30 am	Garudotsavam
	10:30 am	Choorana Abhishekam
	11:30 am	Avabrida Snamam
	12:30 pm	Poornahuti
	5:00 pm	Hanumad Vahana Utsavam
	6:00 pm	Mouna bali
	7:00 pm	Dhwaja Avarohanam
	7:30 pm	Rashtra Asheervachanam

SPELLING BEE



Spelling BEE was a co-sponsored event with North-South Foundation, held on 4-22-06, enclosed is a statement from Anand

Gundu who was the co-ordinator for this program.

The event started of by the lighting of the Lamp by Y&E Chair, we had about 66 kids who participated in either Math or Spelling Bee's or both. All the events went on as scheduled, the highlight of the program was a good inspirational speech by Y&E Chair, and hype up the kids & parents for the award ceremony .The slokam recited by her " Vidya Dhadhadi Vinayam" was most appropriate. Here the parents and the volunteers of NSF did a great Job as well .

Graduation Saraswati Puja was conducted on 6-10-06, Pandit Nageshwara Sastry performed the puja and engaged the kids. One of the Graduating seniors Mekala Raman rendered beautiful Kirthanams on Goddesses Saraswati. Several Youth High School and College students gave motivational speech. It was a short and sweet program, Kids really enjoyed their goody bags.

AN ILLUMINATING STORY

There is a story of a person, a Kathavachak, doing Katha in a Durbar all the year round. The king got interested in getting himself freed from Samsara. He said, "He must be able to free me from this Samsara, I have got no peace of mind. Perhaps he will give me knowledge." On the next day he said to the man, the Kathavachak, "I want knowledge. Give me the secret of getting out of this Samsaric bondage." The Kathavachak trembled in fear. He was in a dilemma. He did not know what to do. The king said, "If you do not free me from Samsara, your job will go and your head also along with it." The Kathavachak went to his house, dejected.

He had a wise daughter, who was perhaps a Yogabhrashta. She asked him, "Why are you so gloomy?" He replied, "My child, my last days have come. The king is asking me to do the impossible. The king asks me to give him that knowledge which will free him from Samsara. What do I know? I do not have that knowledge myself. I am doing Katha only, and that too to run this household. The king will take my head if I do not give him the knowledge tomorrow." The girl said, "Do not worry. You go and tell the king that the answer will be given." He said, "All right", for a dying man catches any straw in order to save his life. The girl aged

eight or ten years said, "Take me to the palace tomorrow, when you go."

The father went to the palace with the girl the next day. She asked him to start the Katha as usual. But hardly had he proceeded with his Katha for fifteen minutes, when the silence of the Durbar was broken by a loud wailing noise. All people were wondering who was crying. The girl was crying at the top of her voice, "Please release me, please release me." She was fastening herself tightly to a pillar. All people tried to disentangle her from the pillar, but could not; she was holding the pillar tightly and crying, "Release me, release me." The king got angry and he asked, "What a silly girl you are! What do you mean? You are yourself catching hold of the pillar and you are asking us to remove you." Immediately the girl burst into laughter. The king asked, "Why are you laughing?" The girl replied, "I am laughing, because that is exactly what you are asking my father to do. You are catching hold of the palace, you are attached to the palace, to your property, your status, and you want him to release you from something which you yourself are clinging to." The king was satisfied with the answer of the girl. He learned a lesson.

A man does not get released by another. He has to release himself.

OBITUARY - SMT. SARASVATHI KRISHNAMURTHI (1921 - 2006)

Smt. Sarasvathi Krishnamurthi was associated with HCCC from the inception in many ways. In the formative years of the temple, she provided a generous contribution for the purchase of the land, donated a number of Abharana items of gold and jewelry for the deities of the temple. She was always willing to help in making Neivedyams and prasadams for ongoing festivals and functions including preparation of laddus prasadams for Balaji functions. She was also helping regularly

in making garlands for the deities. An ardent devotee of the temple, she would not miss any religious festival and conducted prayers for the wellbeing of mankind as a whole. Apart from being a generous donor and well-wisher of the Shiva - Vishnu temple, she also donated for relief of disasters such as earthquake and tsunami. HCCC management offers its condolences for the family of Smt. Saravathi Krishnamurthi.

May her soul rest in peace. God bless her.

2006 NAVARATHRI CELEBRATIONS

DATES	PARVATHI	KANAKA DURGA	DASABHUJA DURGA (TEMPLE)	MAHALAKSHMI / BHOODEVI
Sep 21st	10:30 am Abhishekam 6:30 pm Sahasranama Archana	6:30 pm Abhishekam & Sahasranama Archana	9:30 am Navaratra Kalasha Sthapana & Durga Abhishekam 11:30 am Pushpanjali 6:30 pm Chandi Path	
Sep 23rd & Sep 24th	10:30 am Abhishekam 6:30 pm Sahasranama Archana	6:30 pm Abhishekam & Sahasranama Archana	9:30 am Durga Abhishekam & Puja 6:30 pm Chandi Path	
Sep 25th, Sep 26th & Sep 27th		6:30 pm Abhishekam & Sahasranama Archana	9:30 am Durga Puja 6:30 pm Chandi Path	10:30 am Lakshmi Abhishekam & Archana
Sep 28th & Sep 29th		6:30 pm Abhishekam & Sahasranama Archana	9:30 am Durga Puja 6:30 pm Chandi Path	10:30 am Bhoodevi Abhishekam & Archana
Oct 1st		6:30 pm Abhishekam & Sahasranama Archana	9:30 am Durga Puja	10:30 am Bhoodevi Abhishekam & Archana
Oct 1st	7:00PM Aparajita Puja and Vijaya Dasami Asthana Utsavam in Temple			
Oct 1st			9:30 am Durga Puja 6:30 pm Chandi Homa 9:00 pm Poornahuthi, Puja & arathi.	Abhishekam & Archana



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