

**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**

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Exit North Vasco Road, left on Scenic Ave,  
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## NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

It is a great pleasure to share the wonderful participation from thousands of devotees in various HCCC programs covering areas of Religious, Youth and Education, Human Services and Cultural.

HCCC is looking forward to increased youth participation in various programs. With parent's consent and encouragement, we would like to add e-mail addresses of youth in our system, so we can keep them informed of the temple programs through e-mail on weekly basis.

HCCC's Master Planning Committee is in the process of preparing an application to Livermore City to seek permission to build additional facilities covering an area of twelve acres of land. To serve south bay devotees better, HCCC management will be working very closely with a new non-profit organization, South Bay Hindu Center (SBHC) for acquiring land in south bay to build a temple.

HCCC conducted mini-health fair benefiting several hundreds of devotees, awarded few scholarships to local high school students, and gave grants to local non-profit organizations during the Grant-in Aid function.

Several thousands of devotees had participated in the religious programs covering festivals such as Sri Ramanavami, Meenakshi Kalyanam, Utsava Murthy Samprokshana, Hanuman Jayanthi, Vasavi Jayanthi, and Panguni Uthram. Several devotees are participating in Utsava Murthy program by inviting Lord Balaji, Goddess Mahalakshmi, and Goddess Bhoodevi utsavamurthies to their residences.

Youth and children have participated in Sri Ramanavami Children's program and Graduation pooja. Many devotees attended Mohiniattam cultural program.

All of the above events would not have been successful without the volunteer services of hundreds of devotees and dedication of event coordinators. We would like to thank devotees, sponsors, and volunteers for their services at HCCC facilities. Please visit temple web-site for the latest information. We invite you to register for volunteering on-line at [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org).

We will update you on HCCC's long term vision and goals from time to time during the year. We look forward to your continued support to HCCC.

Srinivasa Malladi

Chairman of the Board, HCCC

### From Editor's Desk

Dear Devotees,

Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore had been publishing Paschima Vani News Letter from several years now. We believe that the news letter and temple's web site are serving your information needs. We added more content to this edition and increased the number of pages.

Your feedback and suggestions will help us to serve your infor-

mation needs better. Please email your comments to [Janakiram.Kaki@gmail.com](mailto:Janakiram.Kaki@gmail.com).

Visit temple's web site <http://livermoretemple.org> and join the mailing list to receive an electronic copy of Paschima Vani News Letter. Thanks to Kulvinder Kaur for her efforts in designing this newsletter.

Janakiram Kaki *Publicity Chair, EC, HCCC*

## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 1st Tues	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
July 3rd Thu	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
July 4th Fri	Independence Day		Temple opens From 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Weekend Timings)
July 5th Sat	1st Sat of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
July 8th Tues	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
July 11th Friday	Swathi	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
July 12th Sat	22nd Anniversary Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
July 13th Sun	22nd Anniversary Day 2		Detailed Program at the End
	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
July 15th Tues	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Dakshinayana Punyakalam		Sun Enters Kataka 20:27
July 17th Thu	Guru Poornima	6:30 PM 6:30PM	Samohika Satyanarayana Pooja in Temple Hall Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
July 19th Sat	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana
	Sravana		
July 20th Sun	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for Lord Shiva
July 21st Mon	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
July 26th Sat	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji
July 27th Sun	Aadi Krittika	11:30 AM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Kartikeya Swamy & Mayura Vahana Seva for Lord Kartikeya Swamy
	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
July 28th Mon	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
July 29th Tues	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 30th Wed	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
July 31st Thu	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
	Solar Eclipse Not Visible in USA		
Aug 2nd Sat	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Aug 3rd Sun	Aadi Pooram	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Andal Abhisheka, Nachiyar Thirumozhi, Sathumurai & Andal Thiru Veedhi Utsavam
Aug 6th Wed	Shasti	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Aug 7th Thu	Swathi	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Aug 8th Fri	Pavitrotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 9th Sat	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
	Pavitrotsavam Day 2		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 10th Sun	Pavitrotsavam Day 3		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 12th Tues	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Aug 13th Wed	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
<b>21 Days Maha Ganapathi</b> Atharva Sheersha Abhisheka Starts @ 6:30PM on weekdays; Chanting (21 times)			
		6:30 PM	Weekday Chanting schedule - (21 times)
		4:30 PM	Weekend and Labor Day (Sept 1st) Chanting schedule - (21 times)
Aug 14th Thu	Sri Kanaka Durga Devi Utsava Murti Samprokshana. This is a 4-day program.		Detailed Program at the End
Aug 15th Fri	Rigveda Upakarma	8:30 AM	Upakarma in Assembly Hall
	Vara Lakshmi Vratam	10:00 AM	Maha Lakshmi Abhishekam and Sathumurai
		7:00 PM	Vara Lakshmi Vratam by Ladies
	Sri Vaikhanasa Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Sri Vaikhanasa Pooja
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
	Sravana	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
Aug 16th Sat	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
			Partial Lunar Eclipse. Not visible in the USA.
Aug 17th Sun	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva
	Raghavendra Aradhana	11:00 AM	Sri Raghavendra Swami Pooja in A. Hall

**PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS**

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Aug 19th Tues	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Aug 23rd Sat	4th Saturday of the Month Krittika Sri Krishna Janmastami	12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana Detailed Program at the End
Aug 24th Sun	Rohini	5:00 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Aug 26th Tues	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Aug 27th Wed	Punarvasu Pradosham	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka Shiva Abhisheka
Aug 28th Thu	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Aug 30th Sat	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM	SahasraKalasha Abhisheka for Lord Balaji
Aug 31st Sun	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Sept 1st Mon	Sama Upakarma Labor Day	9:00 AM	Sama Upakarma in A.Hall Temple Open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Sept 2nd Tues	Swarna Gowri Vratham	6:30 PM	Gowri Vratham by Ladies Last day of 21-day Maha Ganapathi abhisheka
Sept 3rd Wed	Ganesha Chathurthi		Detailed Program at the end
Sept 4th Thu	Swathi	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Sept 5th Fri	Shasti	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Sept 6th Sat	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Sept 7th Sun	Ganesha Visarjanam	12:00 Noon	Ganesha Visarjanam - departure from Temple
Sept 10th Wed	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Sept 12th Fri	Pradosham Sravana	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Sept 13th Sat	2nd Saturday of the month	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Sept 14th Sun	Anantha Chathurdasi Yajur Upakarma Poornima	9:30 AM 7 & 9 AM 5:00 PM	Dwara Nagaraja Abhisheka 2 Batches in A.Hall Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Sept 15th Mon	Mahalaya Paksha Begins		
Sept 17th Wed	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Sept 19th Fri	Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Sept 20th Sat	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Rajatha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
Sept 21st Sun	Rohini 3rd Sunday of the Month	5:00 PM 11:00 AM	Sri Krishna Pooja Bilwa Dala Archana for Lord Shiva
Sept 23rd Tues	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Sept 24th Wed	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Bhoga murthy Abhisheka
Sept 26th Fri	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Sept 27th Sat	4th Saturday of the Month Masa Shivaratri	12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
Sept 28th Sun	Last Sunday of the Month Mahalaya Amavasya	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka Keeping of Golu
Sept 29th Mon	SharanNavaratri Begins		Detailed Program at the end
Oct 1st Wed	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Oct 3rd Fri	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
Oct 4th Sat	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 2	11:00 AM	Detailed Program at the End Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Oct 5th Sun	Vishnu Brahmotsavam Day 3 Shasti	5:00 PM	Detailed Program at the End Sri Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Oct 6th Mon	Moola Nakshatra	7:00 PM	Saraswati Pooja by Children on occasion of Navaratri
Oct 8th Wed	Maha Navami	6:00 PM	Chandi Homam in Main Temple Hall

## 2008 NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

DATES	PARVATI	KANAKA DURGA	DASHA BHUJA DURGA	MAHA LAKSHMI	DURGA PUJA IN A. HALL
Sep 29th Monday	10:30 AM Abhisheka 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Turmeric Alamkaram 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	10:30 AM Navaratra Kalasha Sthapana 9:30 AM Durga Abhisheka 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 6:30 PM ChandiPath		
Sep 30th Tuesday	10:30 AM Abhisheka 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Vibhuti Alamkaram 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30 PM ChandiPath		
Oct 1st Wednesday	10:30 AM Abhisheka 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Indrani Alamkaram ( Devi Sitting on Elephant ) 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30 PM ChandiPath		
Oct 2nd Tuesday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Rajatha Alamkaram ( Silver ) 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Archana 6:30 PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	
Oct 3rd Friday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Pushpa Alamkaram ( Poolangi ) 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Archana 6:30 PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	
Oct 4th Saturday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Shakambari Alamkaram ( Vegetables and fruits ) 4:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Archana 6:00 pm Bodhan 6:30 PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	
Oct 5th Sunday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana  Mahishasura Mardhini Alamkaram 4:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Puja 10:00 AM Durga Shasthi Pooja 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 12:00 Noon Arati 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad 6:30 PM ChandiPath 9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali	10:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	6:00 PM Durga Adhivas 6:30 PM ChandiPath 8:00 PM Pushpanjali 8:30 PM Arathi
Oct 6th Monday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Saraswati Alamkaram 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana		10:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30 AM Maha Saptami Pooja 11:45 AM Pushpanjali 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad 1:00 PM Arathi 6:30 PM ChandiPath 8:00 PM Pushpanjali 8:30 PM Aarti
Oct 7th Tuesday		11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana Annappurna Alamkaram 6:30 PM Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali	9:30AM Bhoodevi Abhisheka and Archana	9:30 AM Maha Ashtami Pooja 11:35 AM Durga Sandhi Pooja 12:23 PM Sandhi Pooja Samarpan 12:30 PM Pushpanjali 1:00 PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 6:30 PM ChandiPath 8:00 PM Pushpanjali 8:30 PM Sandhya Aarti
Oct 8th Wednesday		6:00 PM Abhisheka Kamakshi Alamkaram  7:30 PM Lalita Kumkuma Archana by Sumangalis	9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali		10:00 AM Maha Navami Pooja 11:45 AM Pushpanjali 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 1:00 PM Kumari Pooja 3:00 PM Maha Navami Homam 4:00 PM Shanti Path & Tilakadan 7:00 PM Pushpanjali 7:30 PM Arathi 8:00 PM Dhunchi Nritya
Oct 9th Thursday			9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali		10:30 AM Maha Dasami Pooja 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 12:00 Noon Bhog Prasad & Arathi 12:30 PM Darpan Visarjan & Aparajita Pooja 6:30 PM Sindhur Dan 7:00 PM Asheervad and Maha Prasad 7:00 PM Shantijal

<b>22nd Anniversary Celebrations-2008</b>		
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>July 12th Sat</b>	10:00 AM	Lord Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka
	6:30 PM	Lord Balaji Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva
<b>July 13th Sun</b>	10:00 AM	Shiva Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka
	6:30 PM	Shiva Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva
<b>Pavitrotsavam</b>		
<b>Aug 8th Fri</b>	6:00 PM	Sankalpam, Deeksha and Amkuranpanam
<b>Aug 9th Sat</b>	7:00 AM	Suprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu
	7:30 AM	Lord Balaji Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Archana and Arathi
	11:00 AM	Lord Balaji Utsava Murthy Abhishekam
	12:00 Noon	Pavitra Adhivasa and Homam
	3:30 PM	Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana by Sponsors
	5:00 PM	Pavitra Mantapa Alamkaram and Meru Pooja
	6:00 PM	Maha Shanti Homa
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>Aug 10th Sun</b>	8:00 AM	Suprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu
	8:30 AM	Nitya Homa
	9:30 AM	Pavitra Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Special Alamkaram, Pavitra Samarpana and Satmura
	12:00 Noon	Maha Poornahuti
	4:00 PM	Shanti Kalyanam, Deeksha Visarjanam and Asheervachanam
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>Sri Krishna Janma Ashtami Weekend Function</b>		
<b>Aug 23th Sat</b>	6:30 PM	Geeta Recital
	7:00 PM	Children s Program on Sri Krishna Leela
	9:00 PM	Bhajans
	11:30 PM	Sri Krishna Janma Kala Pooja, Arati & Prasadam
<b>Ganesha Chaturthi</b>		
Sept 3rd Wed	8:00 AM	Shiva, Balaji and Durga Suprabhatam
	8:30 AM	Shiva Abhishekam
	9:00 AM	Ganesha Abhishekam; Pushpa Alankaram (flowers)
	11:30 AM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
	12:45 PM	Aarti, Therthaprasadam
	4:00 PM	Sahasramodaka Ganapathi Homa
	6:00 PM	Mooshika Vahana Seva
	7:00 PM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Pooja, Aarti, Mantrapushpa & Astavadhana Seva
	9:00 PM	Theerthaprasad
9:30 PM	Ekanta Seva	
Temple follows Weekend timings on September 3rd. Note the special Alankarams for Lord Ganesha from Sept 3rd thru Sept 7th.		
Sept 4th Thu	6:00 PM	Chandana Alankaram for Ganesha (sandal paste)
Sept 5th Fri	6:00 PM	Rajata Alankaram for Ganesha (silver)
Sept 6th Sat	9:00 AM	Navaneetha Alankaram for Ganesha ( butter)
Sept 7th Sun	8:00 AM	Shiva Balaji Suprabhatam
	8:30 AM	Shiva Abhishekam
9:00 AM	Ganesha Abhishekam and Suvarna Alankaram (gold)	
12 Noon	Ganesh Visarjanam - departure from Temple	
Please contact front office for Immersion location		

<b>Sri Kanaka Durga Utsava Murti Samprokshana</b>		
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Aug 14th Thu</b>	10 AM to 1 PM	Ganapathi Pooja, Punyaahavaachanam, Sankalpam, Rutvikvarana, Yaagashala Pravesham.
	6 PM to 9 PM	Deekshadharana, Ankura Aaropana, Jala and Ksheeraadhivaasam, Theerthaprasadam.
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>Aug 15th Fri</b>	8 AM to 1 PM	Shiva, Balaji and Durga Suprabhatam, Kalasha Sthaapana, Agni Prathistaapana, Aavaahitha Devatha Homam.
	3 PM to 9 PM	Srichakra Navaavarana Archana (Tripurasundari Pooja) followed by Dhanya and Vastradhivaasam, Theerthaprasadam.
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>Aug 16th Sat</b>	8 AM to 1 PM	Shiva, Balaji and Durga Suprabhatam, Ashtottara Shatakalasha Abhishekam (108), Durga Moola Mantra Homam.
	9:00 AM	Shiva, Balaji and Navagraha Abhishekam
	4 PM to 8 PM	Durga Saptashati Paaraayanam, Vanadurga Homa followed by Sheyya and Pushpaadhivasam, Theerthaprasadam.
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>Aug 17th Sun</b>	9 AM to 2 PM	Shiva, Balaji and Durga Suprabhatam, Nitya Pooja, Mahashanthi Homa
	12:07 PM	Samprokshana Praana Prathishta at the time of Shatabhisha Nakshatra Yukta Tulaabhijit Lagnam (12:07 pm), Netronmeelanam, Moolamurti and Utsava Murti Kumbha Abhishekam, Mahapoornahuti, Archana, Theerthaprasadam, Annadaanam.
	5 PM to 8 PM	Utsava Vighraha Thiruveedhi Seva on Mayoora Vahana, Ashtaavadhanam, Aarati, Mantrapushpam followed by UNJAL SEVA, Asheervachanam, Maha Mangalharati.
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
Mandala Puja and Archana for 41 Days from August 18th to September 27th		
<b>Aug 18 - Sep 26</b>	6:30 PM	Durga Trishati Archana
<b>Sep 27th Sat</b>	4PM to 7 PM	Ganapathi Pooja, Utsava Murti Abhishekam, Alankara, Archana, Durga Moola Mantra Homa, Poornahuti, Theerthaprasadam.
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Need Volunteers

The HCCC is a non-profit organization and is run by many dedicated volunteers. We require a number of volunteers to help with the activities of temple. Please spread the message among your friend's circle as well. Interested people in volunteering, please contact Manashi Bagchi [manashibagchi@yahoo.com](mailto:manashibagchi@yahoo.com).

### Dravya Usage

The HCCC spends significant amount of money to periodically flush the pipes with hot water to prevent clogging. The source of the problem is the Dravyas such as milk, yogurt, honey, and fruit juices used for Abhishekam with chanting of Vedic verses by the priests. The Dravyas are lead into the City drain from the temple's drainage system. The temple management is exploring ways to solve the problem at the source. It is imperative on our part to minimize Dravyas. There is overwhelming support from our priests and devotees to minimize the impact of the problem with a cost effective solution. The solution to the problem will be publicized well in advance before it is implemented. The priests will be trained on the methods. Please be assured that the deities will not be "starved" of Dravyas during Abhisheka.

The HCCC is grateful to devotees who bring the Dravyas for Abhishekam. We want them to continue to do so but in limited quantities. Please write an e-mail to any one of these members with your suggestions to alleviate the clogging problems:

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[krishychander@yahoo.com](mailto:krishychander@yahoo.com)

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### Health Fair

Health Fair will be held on Saturday September 27, 2008 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at temple Assembly Hall. Free medical advice will be provided in the areas such as Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Diseases of Stomach, Intestine & Liver, Lung Diseases, Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, Childhood Diseases, Women's Health, Psychiatry, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics, Skin Diseases, Nutrition & Diet Urology/Nephrology, Eye Diseases, Chiropractic services, Alternative Medicine & Dental Hygiene. Free evaluation of Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol, Bone Density, and Bone Marrow Donor registration will be provided.

For more information, email Human Services Chair [anand\\_gundu@yahoo.com](mailto:anand_gundu@yahoo.com) or call the temple at 925-449-6255.



#### ARTIST DAY

on Sunday, July 27th, 2008  
from 3pm to 6pm

#### TAMIL COMPOSERS DAY

on Sunday, Aug 31st, 2008  
from 3pm to 6pm

#### GURU VANDANA

on Sunday, Sept 28, 2008  
from 11am to 1pm

#### SWATI THIRUNAL DAY

on Sunday, Sept 28, 2008  
from 2pm to 5pm

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit temple website for latest information.*



### Temple Ambience

You, the devotees of the Shiva-Vishnu Temple, have proudly maintained the ambience within this authentic Hindu Temple in Livermore, California all these years the temple has been in existence. You drive long distances and come to temple for Darshan and offer prayers. You will agree that the temple atmosphere must be conducive to pray, meditate, or to find solace in Him. It has been observed that the noise level within the temple has increased significantly. The main sources of the noise inside the temple are social conversations in small groups, cell phone usage, and unattended children playing in groups. Baby strollers inside the temple bring with them the dust from the streets in the same way as footwear. It is your temple and we request all the devotees to observe silence within the temple, leave strollers outside the temple, turn off cell phones in the temple, and train and educate the children on the need for maintaining silence within the temple. We need your cooperation to maintain the holy, peaceful and good atmosphere within the temple. The temple staff, priests, and volunteers are authorized to remind those who do not comply with the policies.

### Kanaka Durga Utsava Murti Samprokshana

Kanaka Durga Utsava Murti Samprokshana celebrations will take place from Thursday, August 14 to Sunday August 17, 2008.

See <http://livermoretemple.org> for more details.

## KEY EVENTS CELEBRATED

### MEENAKSHI KALYANAM



Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Kalyana Urchavam was celebrated at the temple on April 19, 2008. There was an excellent participation from devotees throughout the day starting from Utsava

Murti Abhisekam, seer varisai, Thiru Kalyanam (wedding of Lord Sundareswarar to Goddess Meenakshi), and Nandhi Vahana procession. Over 450 devotees sat down for Kalyana Bhojanam that evening far exceeding the original estimate. Our accolades to the event coordinator, Mrs. Jayanthi Swaminath and her team



for their dedication and hard work in planning and executing the event in an immaculate manner. The same Nadaswaram Vidhwans who performed for Sri Rama Navami the previous weekend provided excellent ambience to this day's Meenakshi Kalyanam as well.

### AWARDS TO STUDENTS



Anand Gundu, Chairperson Human Services has handed awards to Ms. Miriam Moses of Granada High School and Dr. Kamala Shankar, vice-chairperson, HCCC, gave away the award to Ms. Sage

Curtis. Sri Prasuna Reddy, President, Mrs Padmaja Madhusudan, Dr. Avinash Ramchandani, and Human Services volunteers were also present.

Miriam is a motivated student, earning a 4.271 GPA, made it to list of top 16 out of 535 students at Granada High School. Miraim organized a book drive for local children and globally with a fundraiser for schools in Uganda. She is the co-founder and co-president of Club Infinity, a campus club promoting community service. Miriam was a founder of Students Talking About Respect (STAR), an organization promoting respect at Granada High School.

Ms. Sage Curtis is an outstanding student and has earned a 3.841 GPA. Besides academic achievements, Sage has participated in community service as volunteer. She was an Editor-in Chief of her school newspaper and a member of California Youth Leadership alumni group. Sage exemplifies her commitment to cultural awareness by writing feature articles in her school newspaper that address cultural issues on the school campus. Sage hopes to become a journalist or novelist.

### MOHINIATTAM



HCCC in co-operation with Organization of Hindu Malayalees (OHM) – NorCal and Bay Area Malayalee Association (BAMA) organized Mohiniattam, a dance recital by Srimathi Sunanda Nair on June 8th at Temple Assembly Hall.

Sunanda Nair is a renowned Mohiniattam Danseuse who lives in Houston. Sunanda being well-versed in Mohiniattam took the audience to different heights of emotions by performing items tuned to Lord Ganapathy to start with and Lord Krishna and went on to perform Asta Nayika, Omana thingal, and Ashtapadhi.

Mohiniattam, an ancient dance form of Kerala was a refreshing change for the Bay Area audience. Mohiniattam epitomizes the best exposition of Lasya. Sree Krishna's divine form and Love is portrayed in this dance form. The sublime love created by the almighty is the main theme in this beautiful dance form. Maharaja Swathi Thirunal and Poet Vallothol codified and revived Mohiniaattam and brought it to its present stage. Now Mohiniattam has its distinct identity among the classical dance styles of India.

## SRI RAMANAVAMI CHILDREN PROGRAM



As part of the Sri Ramanavami Celebrations, Youth & Education conducted the Youth Cultural Program from on April 12, 2008 from 2 to 4 pm. It was well attended by children and youth alike. All the participants were given a Hanuman DVD that was liked very much. Y & E committee would like to thank all its volunteers who helped with this event. Y & E like to thank Vijaya Aasuri and Veeru Uppala for procuring the DVDs and coordinating the Ramanavami Celebrations.

## SRI RAMANAVAMI



The annual Sri Rama Navami Celebrations were held on Sunday April 13, 2008. It was a grand success in many respects.

More than 5000 devotees participated in several events through out the day including Nmakarana homa, Edurukola Utsavam, Kalyana Utsavam , Sri Rama Pattabishekam, and Hanumad Vahana procession. Live Nadaswaram made the day's celebrations more vibrant.

More than 2000 devotees sat down for Kalyana Bhojanam that evening. Our thanks to the key coordinator Mrs. Vijaya Aasuri. The able team of BATA volunteers, staff and management of temple, scores of other volunteers, and devotees made this a memorable event.



## GRANTS-IN-AID 2008



Human Services committee has granted awards to following fifteen organizations in recognition of their services as part of the Grants-in-Aid 2008 initiative.

Jackson Avenue Elementary, Asha for Education, North South Foundation, Senior Support Program, Tri Valley Youth Court, St Vincent De Paul Society, Del Arroyo 4H Club, Sankara Nethralaya OM Trust, Assistance League Amador Valley, Yoga Bharathi, Tri-Valley Haven, Life ElderCare Inc, Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, and Kruti Dhata Inc.

Mr. John Marchand, Vice Mayor of City of Livermore is the chief guest. Chief Steve Sweeney, Chief of Police and Mr. Doug Horner, City council member are guests of honor. The ceremony started off with the lighting of the lamp by the Vice Mayor followed by an Invocation by Dr Kamala Shankar and Mrs. Padmaja Madhusudan.

The entertainment program enthralled the guests, we had Violin, Tabla instrument played by the youth of the temple, while Mrs. Shweta Dixit's school presented a great group dances. After the performances we had an Audio Visual presentation about the Human Services activities of HCCC by Mrs. Savitha Setlur and Dr Kamala Shankar giving all the activities undertaken by them.

Anand Gundu, chairperson then invited chief guest, guests of honor, Chairman, Vice-Chairperson, and the President of HCCC on to the Stage. The children greeted them with the bouquets. Here are the some excerpts from the comments of recipients.

"We are so appreciative of HCCC's generous grant on behalf of frail, homebound seniors."

"Barbara and I enjoyed HCCC's hospitality very much. The entertainment and food were wonderful as was the power point presentation of all that HCCC does for the community."

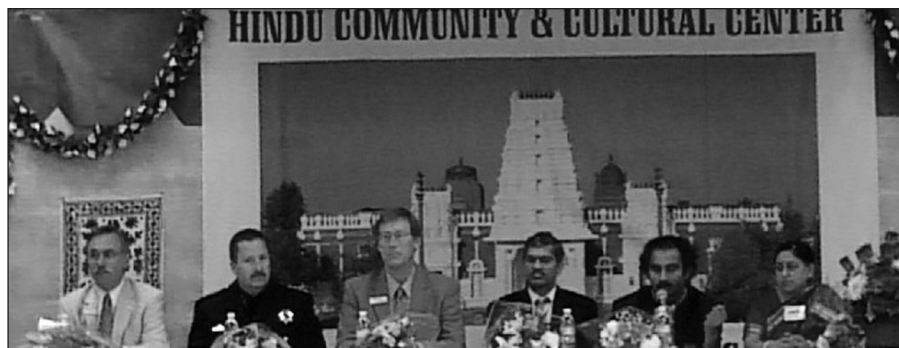
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“Your support means a great deal to us during the state’s budget crunch when many programs are threatened. We are most grateful to know that with your help, music will continue to ring through the halls of our school.”- Recipient of the grant



**ANNAMACHARYA DAY 2008**



On June 29, 2008, Annamacharya Day was celebrated on the eve of 600th birth anniversary of legendary Annamacharya in the temple Assembly Hall. It was a very well attended event with participation from music students, devotees, music teachers, and children. Cultural committee would like to thank Sri Rajagopal for the wonderful presentation of the artists and very well taken pictures of the event. Cultural committee would like to thank Dr. Kamala Shankar for her efforts in inviting the artists personally to come and participate in the event.

## NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION SPELLING AND MATH BEE

HCCC's Y&E in association with North South Foundation conducted the Annual Spelling and Math Bee competition on April 5, 2008. Over 100 children participated in this competition. This event was coordinated by Anand Gundu and Shiva Gundu. Y & E would like to thank Rama Tiruveedhula, Jyothi Gundu, Mrs. Parvathi, Sridhar Gummadi, Chetan Mruthunjaya, Kiran Dasari, Aliya Deri (National Winner), and Robert Alvarez (San Ramon school teacher) without whom the event would not have been successful. The medals (gold, silver, and bronze) to the winners were handed over by Shri. T.K Subramanian.

Math Bee Level 1	
Gold	Pranav Pusarla
Silver	Praveen Ravisankar
Bronze	Adarsh Ravinknar

Math Bee Level 2	
Gold	Raj Borra
Silver	Anuj Kotecha
Bronze	Monisha Suresh

Math Bee Level 3	
Gold	Jay Shah
Silver	Varun Mohan
Bronze	Akshay Ravikumar

Junior Spelling Bee	
Gold	Vinay Prasad
Silver	Sairisheek Muttukuru
Bronze	Surya Auroprem

Senior Spelling Bee	
Gold	Akshayaraj Aitha
Silver	Ramya Auroprem
Bronze	Kshithij Shrinath



## GRADUATION SARASWATHI PUJA

Y & E has been organizing Graduation Saraswathi Pooja every year. This year it was performed on June 7, 2008. Y&E would like to thank the coordinator Smt. Padmaja Madhusudan and Dr. Kamala Shankar for conducting this event flaw-less. Y&E would like to thank our volunteers, Anand Gundu, Rajagopal Kowligi and Sunitha Krishnakumar and our new youth volunteers Rohin and Rishi. Just as we had a PhD graduate participated in this event last year, we had a MA graduate participated this year along with parents.



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