

HARI Times...

SITA-RAMA * RADHE-SHYAM

OCT-NOV 2005

TEMPLE PRIEST:

Rev. Seetharamaswamy (Punditji)

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Mr. Subodh Patil 731-9398

Mr. Ashok Shukla 737-1919

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NAVARATRI MAHOTSAV

From Tuesday, October 4, 2005

To Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Garbaa & Raas

Daily 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Followed by Aarti and Prasad

Navaratri Kolu: Friday, October 7, 2005 at 6:00 pm

DUSHERRA CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 15, 2005

Durga Puja: 5:00 pm

Followed By Aarti and Dinner Prasad

Dinner-Prasad Sponsored by

Madhuben & Bhupendrabhai Patel

KARVA CHAETH

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Puja: Starting 6:30 pm

Dinner Participation

Catered dinner available upon request: \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 12 and \$8.00 for youth and adults. Must RSVP by October 18 to either Santosh Chadha at 732-2490 or Rani Gupta at 732-5971

DIWALI PUJA & ANNAKUT

Saturday, November 5, 2005

Diwali Puja: 4:30 pm

Followed by Children's Variety Program, General Body Meeting and 2006-Elections

Aarti and Dinner Prasad: 7:00 pm

Dinner-Prasad Sponsored by HARI Devotees

COMMUNITY CORNER

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI premises	Priti Patel
Hall Rental Requests	Priti Patel or Sринi Subramanian
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Alka Amin 540-5380
HARI Times Editors	Hiten Amin 732-0513 Ashok Shukla

HARI RENTALS
Saturday, November 12, 2005
Saturday, November 19, 2005
Saturday, November 26, 2005

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS DATES

October 2005		
3	Mon	Amawasya - Sarva Pitru
4	Tue	Navaratri begins (till 10/11)
12	Wed	Vijaya Dashami
13	Thurs	Ekadashi - Papakunsha
16	Sun	Purnima - Sharad
20	Thurs	Karva Chautha
28	Fri	Ekadashi - Rama
30	Sun	Dhanteras
November 2005		
1	Tue	Amawasya - Diwali
2	Wed	Vikram Samvat 2062
3	Thurs	Bhai Duj
12	Sat	Ekadashi - Dev Uthani
15	Tue	Purnima
27	Sun	Ekadashi - Utpatti

Temple Needs: Temple needs the following items. Please consider specific donation (\$) to procure the items of your interest.

WHAT?	HOW MUCH? (APPROXIMATE)	CONTACT?
Guide Posts to stream line the traffic inside the temple	\$250.00 per post, 8 posts	Sunil Desai, 792-4661
Park Benches for outside the temple facility	\$200.00 per bench, 6 benches	Sunil Desai, 792-4661
Vacuum Cleaners	\$350.00 per cleaner, 2 cleaners	Priti Patel, 732-2345

Project Updates: Various projects update

PROJECT TITLE	UPDATE	PROJECT COORDINATOR
Landscaping	Phase-I of outside cleaning is completed. For one year, nothing should be planted. The process of getting quotes for Phase-II has started.	Ramesh Bhatia, 560-1405
Stage Project	Technical clearance for the installation was obtained. Procurement of the folding stage is in process - expected completion by October 2005.	Harish Doshi, 840-1090
HARI Trust Fund	The "Sri Hanuman and the Peepal Tree" sculpture will be installed during the middle of Oct 2005.	Ray Kathiresan, 790-0786
HVAC Units	Installation of two new HVAC units is complete.	Sunil Desai, 792-4661

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY :

Children's Day will be celebrated at HARI on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Entertainment program by children will be from 10:00 am to noon, followed by aarti and lunch-prasad. Please call Mrs. Radhika Seetharamaswamy (HARI Temple Priest's wife) at 774-7750 for your children's participation.

KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS:

These are testing times by the Mother Nature. Coming out of Tsunami, we have now Hurricane Katrina at hand. We are joining hands with Asian Indian Americans of Central Pennsylvania (AIACPA), in raising funds for "Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts." As a community, we are collecting funds for "American Red Cross" and encouraging you to send your donations through HARI or AIACPA. **We will deliver 100% of Katrina-donations received to Red Cross.** Please, make your check payable to "American Red Cross" and mail it to one of the following addresses:

HARI

Attn: Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts
301 Steigerwalt Hollow Road
New Cumberland, PA 17070

AIACPA

Attn: Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts
5602 Pinehurst Way
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

HARI SENIOR FORUM:

For several years now we have been contemplating of establishing a **HARI Senior Forum**. This year few devotees have expressed similar desire and agreed to join our efforts in starting such a forum at HARI. We would like to receive your feedback and requesting you to contact R B Patel (545-4061) or Ashok Shukla (737-1919) with your opinion, suggestions, and/or ideas on forming such a center at HARI. Depending upon the feedback, the future plans will be drawn and proposed to the BOT.

DEITY CLOTHES:

Long-term storage of HARI deity clothes is becoming a space issue. Therefore, we want to give the first option to the families, who donated these clothes to take it back home to cherish in their puja rooms. Please, contact Dr. Neelima Parikh (728-9801) before October 28, 2005. The remaining clothes will be on sale on the Diwali – Annual Day, Saturday November 5, 2005. Having the clothes worn by the deities at home bring prosperity and happiness to the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- Thanks to Hardik & Pragna Patel for donating basketball hoop for the temple youths.
- Thanks to Umesh Patel (Quality Inn, Enola) for his time and help in purchase and installation of two new heat pumps for the temple.

HARI PRIEST:

As we had informed HARI devotees through HARI Times, temple Priest Seetharamaswamy (Punditiji) will leave USA in March 2006 due to immigration requirements. The "Priest Search Committee," under Ashok Shukla has started the search process and the committee is now reviewing resumes and interviewing the applicants. The committee is expected to recommend a candidate to the Board of Trustees by December 2005. If you would like to receive more information or would like to recommend a good candidate to the committee, please contact Ashok Shukla at (717) 737-1919.

A MESSAGE FROM HARI COMMITTEE

We are very happy to inform you that a “**HARI Office Process**” has been successfully implemented. Hundi (donation box) clearance, bank deposits, payments, and general correspondences are now performed on a weekly basis. Accounting and database updates are now performed in the HARI office on a daily basis. All the documents are kept in the temple filing system. Our objective is to increase devotee-satisfaction, enhance the effectiveness of temple operations, and reduce the burden on the volunteers at the same time.

This year, our **paid membership** is at a peak of **533**. Thanks for your enthusiastic participation and support. We also have received several positive comments from devotees on extended Priest services at homes.

We want to thank the executive committee members and the volunteers for a successful “Anand Bazaar” raising more than \$1,200.00. HARI trust Fund Steering Committee is busy in developing Investment Guidelines and Strategies. Under the leadership of Neelima Parikh, the “Long Term Self Sufficiency – Operation” Committee had reviewed the policy and procedures and made recommendations.

At present, we have two HARI Youth Representatives: Suril Amin and Sumeet Khetarpal attending Board meetings and learning the temple management.

As we are approaching our festive season, please recommend qualified HARI General Body Members to the Nominating Committee as announced in the Aug-Sep HARI Times, for the upcoming 2006 Executive Committee and three Trustees.

This year our “**Diwali – Annual Day**” on **Saturday, Nov 5th 2005** will be a special day, celebrating the **30th Year of HARI**. Please plan to attend and enjoy the function and seek the blessings of Lord Rama for “**Good Health, Peace, and Prosperity.**”

Yours in service

Priti Patel
President, Executive Committee

Ray Kathiresan
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Our Solemn Sympathy

To the family and relatives of Amita Shah who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Chandrakantaben B. Shah on July 16, 2005 in India.

To the families and relatives of siblings Chandrakant Patel and Dharmista Patel who lost their beloved father Mr. Motibhai R. Patel on July 23, 2005.

To the families and relatives of siblings Ashok Shukla and Renukaben Pathak who lost their beloved brother Mr. Bhaskarbai Shukla on July 25, 2005 in India.

To the families and relatives of siblings Leena Parekh, Subodh Magia, and Arun Magia who lost their beloved father Mr. Himatlal Magia on August 13th, 2005.

To the family and relatives of Usha Bhargave who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Laxmi Deshpande (Jiji) on September 20, 2005.

... May The Departed Souls Attain Param Sadgati ...

2005 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of HARI Bye-laws and the amended (09-08-2002) addendum to Policies and Practices, the BOT has appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee that will come up with a slate of Officers of the 2006-Executive Committee and three (3) Trustees to serve from 2006 through 2008.

Subodh Patil	(717) 731-9398	Committee Chair
Priti Patel	(717) 732-2345	Current HARI President
Dasa Gangadhar	(717) 763-8545	General Body representative
Anil Godhania	(717) 764-9023	General Body representative
Umesh Patel	(717) 732-9892	General Body representative

Nominees must be paid-members of HARI as of September 15, 2005 and must commit to continue their paid-membership throughout their term in office. A list of all HARI members as of September 15, 2005 is posted on the premises for devotees' reference. Please send in your nominations to the Secretary/Treasurer on or before Saturday, October 22, 2005 for the following positions:

1. Senior Vice-President (one year term, one position)
2. Secretary (one year term, one position)
3. Treasurer (one year term, one position)
4. Vice-President (one year term, five positions)
5. Board of Trustee (three-year term, three positions)

In accordance with our tradition, the Senior Vice-President of the current year will assume the duties of the President next year.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The annual General Body meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005 beginning at 4:30 pm at HARI temple. All members are requested to attend the meeting. Agenda is as follows:

- ❖ Diwali puja and Annakut darshan
- ❖ Variety program by community children
- ❖ HARI Trust Fund update
- ❖ Elections of 2006-Executive Committee
- ❖ Elections of three Board of Trustees members (2006-2008)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to HARI members Rashmi and Kundan Vasant, proud grandparents of Zenya, born on Sunday, August 28, 2005 to parents Mehul & Reha Kamdar.

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Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West
Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd
Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right

Satyanarayan Katha

Monday, October 17 at 7:15 pm
Tuesday, November 15 at 7:15 pm

Satyanarayan Puja is performed on a full moon (Purnima) day to seek Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth. The puja is performed with total devotion, offering fruits, flower, ghee, milk, yogurt, butter, wheat flour, sugar, and honey to Lord Satyanarayan. After the puja, the story of Lord Satyanarayan is read and the Prasad is distributed to all attendees. The puja thus performed brings in fulfillment of one's wishes and prosperity.

Temple hours due to eclipse: Due to the lunar eclipse on Monday, October 17 from 7:34 am to 8:34 am, HARI Temple will open at 10:00 am on October 17, 2005.

Jain Swadhayay / Puja

Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:00 pm
Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2:00 pm

Monthly Havan

Sunday, October 9 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 13 at 5:30 pm

HARI observes a monthly HAVAN on the second Sunday of each month, followed by Aarti and Prasad. Devotees are invited to attend the Havan with their friends and family members. Devotees who wish to sponsor the monthly Havan and/or Prasad at the monthly Havan are requested to contact any of the HARI committee members.